



THE BEELINE

Olympia Beekeeper's Association Newsletter
July/August 2010

Next Meeting: **Roosevelt Elementary School 1417 San Francisco Ave. NE**
 Monday September 13, 2010
 Class at 6:00 p.m., Meeting at 7:00p.m.

President's Notes - Summer finally arrived and once again it feels good to be a beekeeper. The first tastes of clover, blackberry, and fireweed nectar taking the place of sugar syrup have revived my enthusiasm, following on that of my bees. At the same time, their springtime pollination efforts are paying off with an abundant harvest of berries from the bushes surrounding the hives. The heat has brought with it a wave of swarming activity in the last few weeks, so if you haven't been checking your hives for swarm preparations, now is the time. A swarm's chances of surviving with such a late start are not good.

As the new OBA president, I look forward to working with you in the coming year to support your beekeeping efforts and the spread of our practice of caring for these wonderful creatures. I am inspired to see so many people with diverse backgrounds take an interest and start keeping a hive or two. It seems that backyard beekeeping is once again becoming commonplace, as noted in these recent stories from NPR and CNN:

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=128574280>

<http://ac360.blogs.cnn.com/2010/07/08/video-citizens-band-together-to-save-the-bees>

Although we will not have another full meeting until September, we will be gathering for a potluck picnic at Burfoot Park on the 31st of this month, and several members will be operating our booth at the upcoming Thurston County Fair August 4th-8th. Thanks to all those who have volunteered their time to make this happen.

I hope to see you at Burfoot next weekend. Remember to bring your orders for t-shirts and other OBA gear.

All my best to you and your bees.

Si Thacker

OBA Annual Picnic – If you haven't heard, this year's picnic will be held at Burfoot Park from 11:00 to 2:30 on July 31st. This is a potluck style picnic, so you are encouraged to bring a dish of your favorite foods to share. Please bring along some plates and silverware for your use as well. There are playground facilities for the young ones (new bees) as well as ample space for lawn chairs, etc in and around the pavilion for the rest of us (workers, drones and queens).

Here's a link to directions to Burfoot Park -

http://www.bing.com/maps/default.aspx?v=2.00&&cp=47.084527015686035~-122.87161476910114&lvl=12&sty=r&rtp=pos.47.04500770106509_-122.84263244921514_1%205%2C%20Olympia%2C%20WA%2098501_e_-pos.47.13296_-122.90067_Burfoot%20Park%2C%20WA_e_&mode=D&rtp=0~0~0~&encType=1

There is also a physical map at the end of this newsletter.

Thurston County Fair Bee Booth – It's just around the corner! The Thurston County Fair runs from August 4th – 8th and is a popular family event. The Bee Booth has proven to be one of the most popular and most-visited displays every year of its existence. The booth is manned by OBA members who are available to talk about bees, honey, pollination, queens, drones, life cycles, and just about everything else under the sun. As beekeepers, we know it is sometimes near impossible to stop us from 'talking bees.' This is a great opportunity to share our hobby/vocation with others. The children love to look for the queen in the observation hive while sampling honey sticks. There are some spaces available for OBA volunteers still remaining. The schedule for the booth is attached. Please contact Roger McMaster (360) 894-3190 or Lilla Juhl (360) 866-9257 to volunteer as soon as possible!

Thurston County Fair Entries – The Thurston County Fair also offers opportunities for beekeepers and bakers to show off your skills. Please consider entering your honey and/or your baked goods with honey. You can even enter your mead! There are blue, red and white ribbons for many categories, as well as prizes to be awarded. It's fun and makes you famous! Follow the link to the complete Fairgoers Guide!

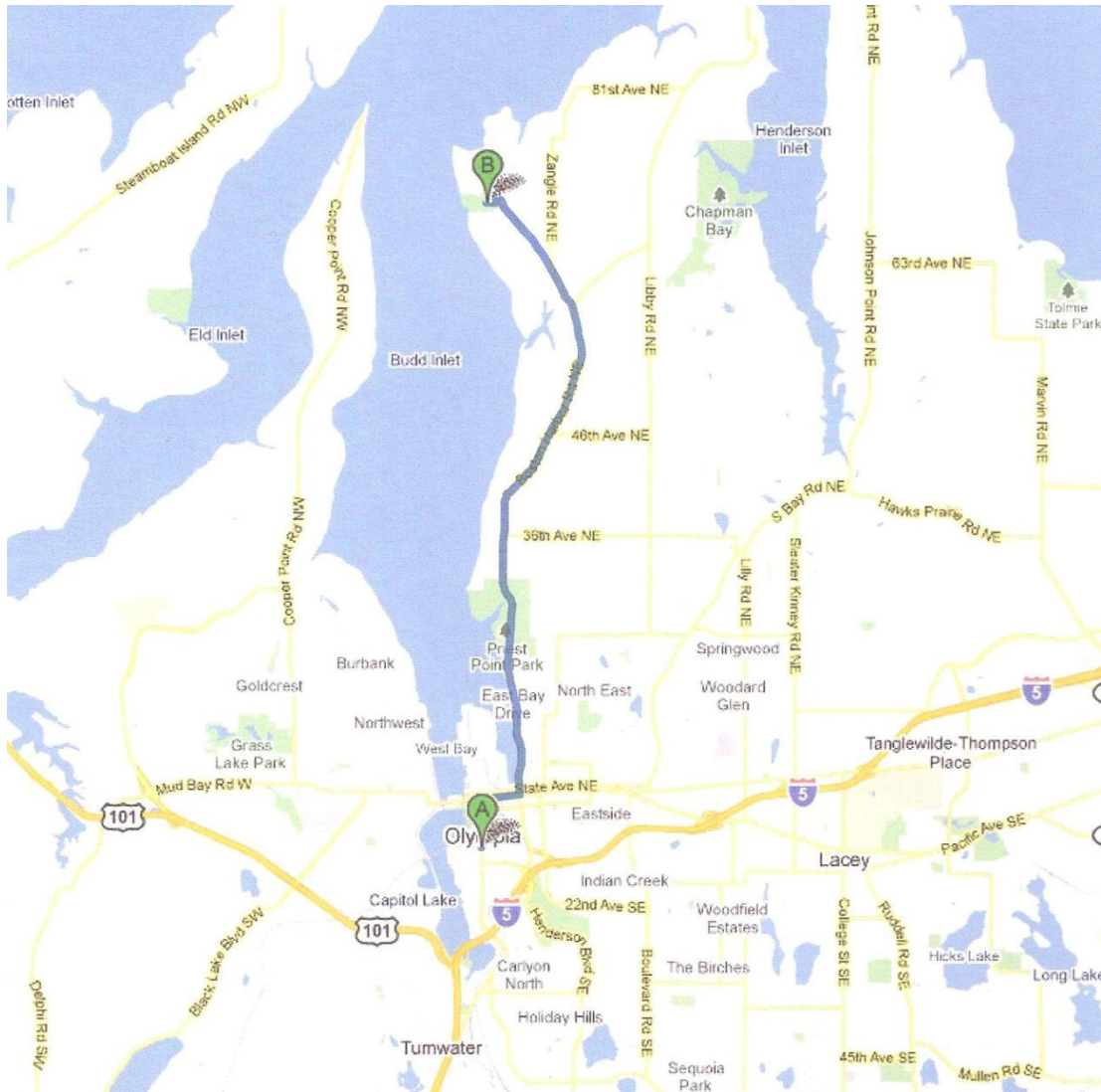
<http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/fair/default.asp>

OBA Merchandise Orders – The club is offering Official OBA merchandise for its membership. The order form is included at the end of the newsletter. If you'd like to order before the first meeting in September, fill out the order form and bring it along with your check to the picnic on the 31st.

Community Opportunities –

I live in Ken Lake and would love to have a beekeeper locate a hive in our yard. There are lots of blooming plants here. Would anyone be interested in doing that? I also emailed David Ragsdale, but you may be the best contact person. Any interested beekeepers should call me at 943-2734. Thanks, Dixie Havlak

Here's the map and directions to Burfoot Park....



(Note** the map above shows the start point as Olympia. The directions below start from I-5. However, once you get on East Bay Drive, the directions are the same.)

From I-5 – Take Exit #105 towards the Port of Olympia. You should be heading north on Plum Street. Keep heading north as the street changes to East Bay Drive after crossing 4th Ave and State Streets. **Go past Priest Point Park!** Continue driving north as the street changes name again to Boston Harbor Road. Burfoot Park is on the left before getting to Boston Harbor.

Thurston County Fair Booth Sign-up

Below is the sign up schedule for the Fair. Notice, there are a few slots open and they are going fast. So, if you want to get your name on the roster, in one of the choice vacancies still available, email me (roger@sunmo.com) with your request or call either Roger McMaster (360) 894-3190 or Lilla Juhl (360) 866-9257, quick!!

Wednesday, August 4

10 AM to 2 PM
2 PM to 6 PM
6 PM to 10 PM

Bob & Margorie Smith, John Meier
Gail Booth, Mother Johanna, Mother Irene, Mother Anastasia
Roger McMaster, _____

Thursday, August 5

10 AM to 2 PM
2 PM to 6 PM
6 PM to 10 PM

Jim & Tricia Shaw, Stephanie Estrella
Paul Mullins, _____
absolutely no one: _____

Friday, August 6

10 AM to 2 PM
2 PM to 6 PM
6 PM to 10 PM

Kathy Miles, Amanda
John O'Brien, Glenis & Joe Morrison, JD Miller
Ivor Melmore, Yvonne Dettlaff

Saturday, August 7

10 AM to 2 PM
2 PM to 6 PM
6 PM to 10 PM

Harold Nydigger, _____
Bob & Margorie Smith, _____
Jack Robertson, Ivan Rogers

Sunday, August 8

10 AM to 2 PM
2 PM to 6 PM
6 PM to 10 PM

Kellie Shrader, Jamie Hemricher
absolutely no one: _____
Ernie Schmidt, Marion & Lila Juhl

Everyone signed up should get their tickets prior to the picnic on the 31st at Burfoot Park. See ya there!!!

Olympia Bee Association Merchandise Order Form

Please Print Clearly:

Date

Name:

Phone:

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR CHOICES BELOW

Item				Qty.	Cost	Total
Mug					\$9	
	Light Khaki	White	Navy	Black	Dark Khaki	
Hat	\$15	\$15	\$18	\$18	\$18	
SHORT SLEEVE T						
Size	Logo	Qty.	White	Ash	Black	
Small	big or little		\$10	\$13	\$15	
Medium	big or little		\$10	\$13	\$15	
Large	big or little		\$10	\$13	\$15	
X Large	big or little		\$10	\$13	\$15	
XXLarge	big or little		\$12	\$15	\$17	
LONG SLEEVE T						
Size	Logo	Qty.	White		Black	
Small	big or little		\$18		\$25	
Medium	big or little		\$18		\$25	
Large	big or little		\$18		\$25	
X Large	big or little		\$18		\$25	
XXLarge	big or little		\$20		\$27	
		Shipping			Total # items ___ X \$3	
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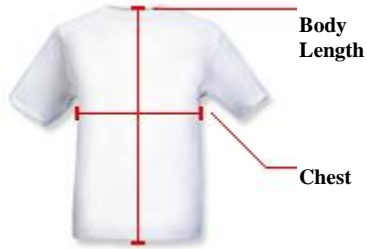
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Treasurer's Initials	
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Body Measurements (in inches)

Size	S	M	L	XL	XXL
Chest	34-36	38-40	42-44	46-48	50-52
Body Length	27	29	30	31	31.5



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