



THE BEELINE

Olympia Beekeeper's Association Newsletter

June 2011

Next Meeting: Roosevelt Elementary School 1417 San Francisco Ave. NE

Monday June 13, 2011

Beginning Beekeeping Class at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting follows at 7:00p.m.

President's Notes – Dear Members,

I will be short, and to the point this time. I have two things to share with you this month. First, please check your calendars' and try to make time to work the fair this year. I am sure that Roger will have updates for us at the next meeting. We will be looking for members that would like to go to the booth, and share their love of bees with others. I don't know anyone that has not had a great time, and felt that their time was not well spent. This is part of our work, and we try to put the well seasoned with the newer beekeepers. Don't think you need to be a walking bee master to come and help. Please give your time if you can. Thank you!

Second, this will be our last meeting at Roosevelt. We will be moving to Chinook Middle school for our September meeting. We will be gaining a real great space. Bob will be able to do at his 6 P.M. class in a room that can hold up to 60 people. We will have the cafeteria that seats 120, and will have the kitchen for water, and clean up. I hope the new digs will be easier for people to park, as well as get to. A map and directions will go out well before the September meeting. Remember to put the picnic date on your calendar for this summer. It has always been a great time, rain or shine. I hope to see you all at our last meeting of our school year.

Mark Emrich



A Thank You From Karen –

Dear Beekeeping Friends,

My sincere thanks for your generous donation to the Mark Savage Memorial Fund. I just recently learned of your contribution as the Washington State Employees Credit Union was not able to provide me a list of donors. I also want to thank the members who came to help me sort out all of Mark's supplies. Your kindness and support throughout this difficult time is much appreciated. I look forward to seeing you at bee meetings!

Warm Regards,
Karen Barale

News, Trivia, and Facts – follow the links to read!

- Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm Raised Fish Program - <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=diap&topic=elap>
- Let's not forget our wonderful fuzzy bumblebee pollinators! They are super active on my raspberries this week. Check out their info <http://www.bumblebee.org/>
- You know you're a beekeeper when - <http://outdoorplace.org/beekeeping/youknow.htm>

Predictions for Summer 2011 – From the Farmer's Almanac

June 2011

8th-11th. Fair skies continue.

12th-15th. Showery weather develops.

16th-19th. Cooler over the West under a mix of clouds and sun.

20th-23rd. Changeable.

24th-27th. Fair.

28th-30th. Mixed clouds and sun.

July 2011

1st-3rd. Fair from the Pacific Coast inland.

4th-7th. Pleasant weather continues.

8th-11th. Fair, then unsettled.

12th-15th. Fair.

16th-19th. Fair, cooler.

20th-23rd. Showers clear in Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

24th-27th. Showery weather returns.

28th-31st. Fair skies.

August 2011

1st-3rd. Becoming unsettled.

4th-7th. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms.



Minutes from May 2011 Meeting -

OBA Minutes, May 9, 2011

Meeting started at 7:05

103 attended.

- Introductions from new/prospective members.
- Members accepted minutes as printed in the newsletter.
- Treasurer: Heard from our new Treasurer: Andre'a. \$4019.04 balance in checking. \$1410.12 in saving. \$20.00 cash on hand.
- Librarian – Susan Dolvan: Spent no money. Library available. No new supplies.
- Mentor Program – Rich Kalman: He needs more volunteers. 20 mentors and 20+ seeking mentors.
- Members list – Becky Emrich: Pick up tags if you wish. Working on membership list. Jack Ayerst is currently in the hospital. He is expected to have surgery procedure in the near future. Keep Becky informed if you know a member that is in the hospital.
- Website -Mark Collins: Links to the newsletter, list of members selling honey, and equipment.
- Package Orders and Receipt – Dave Ragsdale: Thanks to Dave for picking the bees up. He thanked members for helping him unload the bees. Dave had no issues but would prefer not having members picking up bees late in the evening.
- Swarm List: Mark Emrich, updated the swarm list.
- New Location: September 12, 2011 we will start meeting at the Chinook Middle School. Cafeteria can hold 130 people. Located next to North Thurston High School.
- Brian Hollander: Our educational mascot. He has a few more educational meetings, but could use more volunteers. Please talk to him, to learn more. Brian can be reached at 360.352.7085 or bbholl55@yahoo.com
- Apprentice Class – Bob Smith: Had 36 students. Worked on Lesson 5. So far 1501 people are certified.
- Journeyman Class-Bob Smith: License Journeyman approximately 300 people certified. 1 and 3rd Monday night at the Holy Theophany Monastery.

New Business

- Thurston County Fair, Roger McMaster: Discussed the Thurston County Fair, which starts at 10am. Seeking volunteers for the fair, at 4 hour slots. August 3 -7, 2011.
- Under Mark Savage name, our club will honor him by offer a token of appreciation every year. The club plan on donating to Mark Savage memorial at WSU. Mark for years had helped with the club through his presidency, his mentors, and his educational classes.
- Several people volunteered last Sunday by cleaning out Mark Savage garage, and barn.
- Angie Warren-Ryan announcement. Two presentation first May 17, at 5 pm Olympia City Council, an Urban Agriculture discussion. Then at 7 pm the Tumwater for their urban Agriculture Ordinance discussion. Now is the time to show your support. Tumwater is discussing the number of hives allowed, and number of acres needed to have a hive.
- 7:50 break.
- 8:10 Raffle
- Harvard Ribbons had a presentation on using a pollen drawer.
- Pollen is protein for bees. Keep the pollen traps off until the hives are strong. Pollen is what causes people allergies. If you never tried pollen, you should never eat in large amounts (i.e. 1 teaspoon), start with only a few pellets. Many trap drawer designs are out there. Harvard brought a trap that he made himself. If you are capturing pollen, you want to clean out every 3-

4 days to avoid mold issues. Harvard does not install pollen traps until July, and keeps them on the hive for two to three months. Traps cut honey production 10 to 20 percent. A hive can fill out a drawer in one to three days. Always place harvested pollen first in the freezer to destroy aphids, fungi, wax moth etc. Harvard sells his traps for \$50.00 each.

- 8:45: Don't forget July 16 at Burfoot Park (Boston Harbor), is our summer picnic. From 9 to 2:30 pm.
- There will be a meeting in June, same location as always.

For Sale!

Hive top feeders - \$20.00,
Cedar bottom boards - \$10.00
Migratory cedar tops - \$10.00
Supers - 10 frame, wired and waxed with pure
beeswax foundation
Deeps - \$38.00,
Westerns - \$35.00 and Shallows - \$30.00
All equipment new, painted and assembled.
Thanks, Jack Robertson (360) 352-9512

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To submit contributions or ideas
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Bee supplies available from Mudgee Tree Farm and the Estate of Mark Savage

Contact Karen Barale

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New	Available	Cost/Each
Boardman feeder, wood and metal	3	\$ 3.00
Vereroa trap with drawer	2	\$ 22.95
Western hive body set, not made	2	\$ 10.25
Pollen trap	1	\$ 50.00
CheckMite strips - 10 pack	2	\$ 19.95
Mite-A-Thol	1#	\$ 21.95
Shielded Immersion Heather - <i>not for honey; use to keep water hot; OK in plastic pails.</i>	1	\$ 40.00
Used		
Side feeder, single	2	\$ 3.00
Side feeder, double	2	\$ 3.00
Queen Excluder, metal	1	\$ 3.00
Verora Mite trap with drawer	1	\$ 10.00
Hive tops	4	\$ 4.25
Spacers	7	\$ 1.00
Frame sets:		
top/bottom bars	9	\$ 0.40
deep side pieces	30	\$ 0.40
Western side pieces	50	\$ 0.30
Frames - no wire or foundation	6	\$ 0.30
Deep boxes, no frames	2	\$ 9.00
Jars		
Queenline glass, no tops	10	\$ 0.70
Plastic - all have new tops		
1 pound	>100	\$ 0.53
1.5 pound	>50	\$ 0.63
2 pound	>50	\$ 0.80
2 1/2 pound	>15	\$ 0.82
3 pound square	>50	\$ 0.85
Bee wax cappings	5#	?