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EJ is East Jefferson Beekeepers Association's Mascot.

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CLUB MEETING

Jefferson County Library

Sat. August 12th, 2017

Board Meeting

.....9:00a.m.....

Club meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Round Table

discussion on

Fall management

including

Mite control

THE PREZ SEZ

Dear Fellow Bee Keepers,

Article II of our Association By-Laws states that the purpose of EJBA is to assist its members, others in the community interested in bees and the public at large with continuing education in the art and science of beekeeping and specifically, to provide those interested in bees an opportunity to meet and discuss bees and beekeeping.

Our monthly meetings fulfill the latter purpose. With increasing public interest and news articles we now have an opportunity to expand our outreach efforts. I received a request from the Port Ludlow Flower and Garden Club to present a talk on bees in their February meeting and will personally oblige to assist there. More recently I received a request from Heidi at the Port Townsend School of Green to lead a workshop on bees and beekeeping at their August 23 meeting to be held at the Sinergy Center in Port Townsend. I responded that we should find a volunteer at our August meeting. I look forward to hearing from our many volunteers.

Officers and trustees for 2018 will be elected at our General Membership meeting in October. Officers include: President; Vice President; Secretary; and, Treasurer. The Board includes three Trustees in addition to the four officers. We are always looking for volunteers to sustain our Association and look forward to nominations in September. Self nominations are always in order. We will publish the nominations in our October newsletter prior to the October meeting.

Respectfully,

Dave Morris

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President: David Morris

Vice President: Frank Neal

Secretary: Nancy Morris

Treasurer: Harry Prather

Trustees:

Paul Jendrucko

Calvin Lomsdalen

Linda Pfafman

EJ BEES' WORKERS

These people have volunteered to head committees in 2017:

APPRENTICE CLASSES: Harry Prather

NEWSLETTER: Gloria Neal

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MEDIA CONTACT: Gail Moa

WEBSITE: Mike Edwards

MEETING AND ACTIVITY

CO-ORDINATORS:

Tony Goldenberg, Harry Prather, and
Gloria Neal

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

EJ Beekeepers...

With most of our major honey flows almost over for 2017, our colonies will be preparing for the winter season. They will be completing the last ripening and capping the incoming nectar.

It's a time for the beekeeper to finish harvesting the extra honey stores and performing mite and disease treatments for the good of the colony.

It will take up to 80 lbs. of honey in the brood nest to carry each colony through the cold winter months. An average deep frame holds 7 to 10 lbs of honey.

August's meeting will be another Round Table discussion on Fall management and including mite controls. Getting your bees through the winter will depend on your efforts in these two areas. Bring your questions and your knowledge on these subjects to this meeting. We can all learn from each other!

That's the buzz for August.

Gloria

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BEEZWAX by John Martin



AUGUST'S HONEY-DO LIST

- * Remove all honey supers, using bee escapes.
- * Be watching for "Robbers" this time of year. Use entrance reducers on smaller colonies.
- * When inspecting your bees, check for eggs. Eggs mean that your queen was there at least in the last 3 days. Larvae means she was there within the last week.
- * Make sure the upper brood box is full of honey. If you need to feed (late August or early September), fall feeding is 2 parts sugar to 1 part water.
- * Start mite treatments as soon as honey is removed.
- * Continue keeping a journal on your bees. It is an important part of beekeeping.

THE SHOTGUN SWARM

I love an unusual swarm story. When our long time friends and fellow beekeepers, (brothers) Steve and Joe, shared this story with us, I just had to share it with all of

Joe was working on his front deck when he noticed several bees flying about, then gradually more showed up. He didn't realize it was a swarm at that point, since he was more concerned getting his dog indoors, as his dog loves to bite and snap at bugs... the last thing Joe wanted was for him to get stung. Once inside the house, Joe could see bees all over. Looking out the front windows... bees everywhere. Checking both sides of the house, Joe realized their 60ft x 24 ft house had bees surrounding it! These bees were scattered over a very large area, but there were way more bees than a normal hive swarm. As he was on the phone describing all this to his brother, Steve.... the bees vanished... within seconds!

Going outside, Joe finally found where they had landed... on a cedar tree about 20-25 ft up. The tree is on a steep hillside, too steep to get a ladder to work, he couldn't use their tractor on the side hill and the truck would never hold in place without sliding down hill.

Joe decided to forget about the swarm since it would be near impossible to get.

The next day, the swarm was still there and Joe had an idea... he could use his shotgun to "cut" the branch. He duct taped his largest salmon net to the end of a 1x4 that was 20 Ft long. Then placed a contractor's trash bag inside the net and taped the ends to the rim of the net. Now here's the clincher!!! Joe convinced his sweet wife, Cathy, to prop up that makeshift net and stand and hold it UNDERNEATH THE SWARM!

Joe took aim at the branch and pulled the trigger.... The swarm fell directly into the net/bag. The only problem was it was so large and heavy Cathy had to lower it quickly. When it was on the ground Joe had Cathy drag it towards her which folded the bag, trapping the bees inside. He grabbed the trash bag, pulled it from the net and carried it down to where they had a new empty hive ready and waiting!. And together, The swarm was hived and is now thriving, and it was at least between 5-6 lbs of bees.

NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL TEAMWORK!

Joe and Cathy agree..."We wouldn't say it was the easiest swarm we've caught, but it was the most exciting!"





BUZZING WITH



Blake

Bee-lieve me. It's a fact!

A deep frame has 3500 cells just on one side---

Un-BEE-lievable!!-----Blake



July 27, 2017

Dear Honey Bee Friend:

The first annual [Mite-A-Thon](#) will take place Saturday, September 9 to Saturday, September 16, 2017 and we invite you to participate!

FORWARD THIS EMAIL - Local beekeeping clubs and associations are key to making Mite-A-Thon a success!

The Mite-A-Thon is a national effort to collect mite infestation data and to visualize varroa infestations in honey bee colonies across North America within a one week window. All beekeepers will be asked to participate, creating a rich distribution of sampling sites in Canada, the United States, and Mexico. Their varroa monitoring data will be uploaded to www.mitecheck.com.

OBJECTIVE: 1) Raise awareness about honey bee colony varroa infestations in North America through effective monitoring methods. 2) Management strategies will be made available for discussion within bee organizations utilizing Mite-A-Thon partner developed information and outreach materials.

PARTICIPANTS: All beekeepers are welcome to participate – we need bee associations to help lead this effort!

WHAT YOU NEED TO

DO:

Encourage your members to participate in September, through meetings, newsletters, emails, social media etc. -

<http://www.pollinator.org/miteathon>

1. Teach new beekeepers how to monitor for mites in August. <http://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/varroa/>
2. Help your members prepare their monitoring materials.
3. Support your members in making sure they are able to monitor mites effectively and report their data.

DATA COLLECTION: Participants will monitor the level of mites (number of mites per 100 bees) using a standardized protocol utilizing two common methods of assessment (powdered sugar roll or alcohol wash) and then enter data, including location, total number of hives, number of hives tested, local habitat, and the number of *varroa* mites counted from each hive. The published information will not identify individual participants.

COST: There is no cost. You can create your own test materials or kits can be purchased online. Some scholarships are available (js@pollinator.org).

CONTACT: Miteathon@pollinator.org or 415-362-1137

Learn more and stay up to date at www.pollinator.org/miteathon!

Thank you,
The Mite-A-Thon Partners

LOCAL BEE RESOURCES

TARBOO VALLEY WOODENWARE & HONEYBEES

Frank Neal- Ph. # 360-301-0686... (If stopping by, PLEASE CALL AHEAD)

REMEMBER, CLUB MEMBERS GET 5% DISCOUNT.

New Website: tarboovalleywoodenware.com

NEW email: frank@tarboovalleywoodenware.com

**CHECK OUT OUR "NEW"
ULTIMATE STYLE BOTTOM BOARDS
AND FRAME GRIPS**

**If you have a swarm story to
share,**

Please contact me at

gloria@tarboovalleywoodenware.com

Hi! I have a business making and selling beeswax candles and things. I am tapping out my current source and am looking for more wax. If you know anyone who might have wax for sale (especially large quantities), please give them my email address. You can check out my website if you

like. givingthanksgardens.com

Thank you,

Leah Hollon Paquette

Owner/Maker

Giving Thanks