



<http://ejbees.org>

EJ'S NEWS

Volume – 7
Gloria Neal- Editor

EJ is East Jefferson Beekeepers Association's Mascot.

AUGUST, 2018

THE PREZ SEZ

Dear Fellow Beekeepers,

As you may or may not know, East Jefferson Beekeepers Association is a non-profit entity incorporated in the State of Washington. Article II of our By-Laws defines our Purpose as:

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. Additionally, EJBA cooperates with the Washington State University Extension Service, other Universities, the Washington State Department of Agriculture and the Washington State Beekeepers Association to disseminate current beekeeping information.

I'd be happy to provide a full copy of our By-laws to anyone requesting same.

Last month I mentioned we were looking for assistance for Harry Prather as we prepare for 2019 beekeeping classes. I'm please to report that Mike and Beth Kelly have stepped up and volunteered to develop a Power Point presentation for each of the topics covered in the Apprentice program. Once this is completed we'll be looking for volunteers to teach specific subjects. Don't fret as Harry will be there to supervise. Mike and Beth have only been at beekeeping for two years so don't think that extensive experience is required to teach a specific subject. I'm sure you'll learn as you prepare. Hopefully we'll have a few volunteers step forward at our August meeting.

Another initiative we've discussed is to have mentors for all new beekeepers next year. This is standard practice at most beekeeping associations around the country. We've been deficient at this in the past. By our November meeting I hope to have at least 4-5 volunteers to act as mentors.

Respectfully,
Dave Morris

INDEX

Editor's notes.....Pg. 2

Board of Officers.....Pg .2

Honey-do List.....Pg. 3

Buzzing with Blake.....Pg. 4

Bee Resources.....Pg. 4

CLUB MEETING

Jefferson County Library

Sat. August 11th, 2018

Board Meeting9:00a.m.....

PROGRAM: 9:30am

ROUND TABLE

DISCUSSION

HONEY HARVESTING

AND

PROCESSING

Q and A-s

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President: David Morris

Vice President: Frank Neal

Secretary: Nancy Morris

Treasurer: Harry Prather

Trustees:

Paul Jendrucko

Micheal Cavett

John Liczwinko

Slovenia

EJ BEES' WORKERS

These people have volunteered to head committees in 2018:

APPRENTICE CLASSES: Harry Prather

NEWSLETTER: Gloria Neal

gloria@tarboovalleywoodenware.com

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...

Its been a very hot and dry month this July, and I'm surprised that the flowers are giving up some nectar! But the "girls" are still busy! They put me to shame...when it hits the 90's, I'm finding things to do inside, where there's air conditioning, while all those little "girls" are still busy, working their little wings off!

Altho springtime is a very important time, fall management for your honey bees is even more important! And most important is making sure the varroa counts are minimal.

When the queen quits laying drone eggs, (varroa prefer to breed in drone cells) the female mites, if they are still present, will inhabit the worker brood cells and feed on the developing larvae and brood. When these workers emerge they are already weakened and carrying viruses that will affect the length of their lives and other bees in the colony. Hence, the reason why so many colonies die throughout winter. We have used Mite-away in the fall on our colonies, for a number of years, and have had great success with it! Our colonies have built up strong in the spring, since we started medicating in the fall.

PLEASE, PLEASE, whatever your choice of product, make sure you medicate your bees this month, so the worker eggs that your queen is laying in the fall will be strong and healthy workers when they emerge and able to build up quickly in the spring!

That's the buzz for July!

Gloria

gloria@tarboovalleywoodenware.com

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=9XsPySG2vJk>

This is a really terrific video featuring honey bees working in scotch broom. Finally I know they do forage in it. While the entire video is likely too long to play at a meeting, I'm hopeful we could watch part of it...particularly the close ups towards the end. Patsy Simpson

BEEZWAX by John Martin



AUGUST'S HONEY-DO LIST

*** NOW is the time to be medicating your honey bees against Varroa**

*** Beekeepers across the United States lost 33 percent of their honey bee colonies during last year.**

THE NUMBER ONE CULPRIT STILL REMAINS THE VARROA MITE!

*** Inspect brood chambers for queen cells and signs of swarming. Altho swarming is not usually a problem this time of year, it has happened when a colony runs out of room or gets honey-bound.**

Make sure your colonies are queen right by checking for eggs or young brood.

*** Watch for Robbing!!!**

*** If you see a curtain of bees on the outside bottom of your hive (bearding) this is normal in hot weather as they are cooling themselves or the colony.**

*** Provide your bees with a water source, preferably with rocks to keep them from drowning.**

*** Honey supers need to come off this month..**

*** Using your sticky boards continue doing mite counts. Over 24 mites on a natural mite drop in 24 hrs is too many.**

*** If using natural alternatives for Varroa control, like DRONE Comb, be sure to take out and freeze drone comb before the drones and mites emerge.**

*** If your bees suddenly seem very aggressive, they may be struggling from robbers...Get a robber screen on and see if that settles them down!**

*** Be sure to keep a record of each colony and their strength, age of queen and other important factors, before going into winter. A journal on your bees is an important part of beekeeping and will greatly help you evaluate your plans for each colony next spring.**



BUZZING WITH



Blake

Bee-Lieve Me. It's a Fact!

Honeybees need to visit two million flowers to make one pound of Honey-----

-----BLAKE



Thanks to Gail Moa for sending this interesting website address ...

CHEMICAL FUNGICIDES ATTRACT BEES

heirloomgardener.com/news/chemical-fungicides-attract-bees-zm0zsphe?

check it out!

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.

**THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE SUPPORTED US.
WE APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS!**

NEW WEBSITE: tarboovalleywoodenware.com

NEW EMAIL: frank@tarboovalleywoodenware.com