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EJ'S NEWS

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EJ is East Jefferson Beekeepers Association's Mascot.

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CLUB MEETING

Jefferson County Library

Sat. July 14th, 2018

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

PROGRAM: 9:30am

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

wasp traps, Varroa treatments,

when to remove honey supers,

uncapping honey

Q and A-s

THE PREZ SEZ

Dear Fellow Beekeepers,

EJBA is a dues paying member of the Washington State Beekeepers Association (WASBA). WASBA is the recognized organization for beekeepers in Washington State. One of WASBA's main goals is to provide us with the materials and skills needed to teach, train, and mentor beekeepers. WASBA recently updated its educational program with four rather than three levels of coursework and experience. These include: Beginning Beekeeper Program. This is new and intended for people considering starting as a hobbyist beekeeper and wanting to know what to expect during their first year. The intent of this class is to help a person who is thinking about keeping bees in their back yard to decide if this is something that they really want to do, and if it is, to give them a basic understanding about what to expect their first year and the skills to hopefully be successful.

Apprentice Level Program. This is intended for the person who has had at least one year of hands-on beekeeping experience. The Apprentice will have practical knowledge of the basics of beekeeping and want to learn more about methods that can optimize their success with, and knowledge of, honey bees and beekeeping practices.

Journeyman Level Program. This for beekeepers having at least three years of experience in keeping bees and seriously wanting to learn more about all aspects of beekeeping with the ability to become WASBA instructors and/or increasing their apiaries to a sideliner or commercial level of beekeeping.

Master Level Program. This for the committed beekeeper who wants to be involved in independent study on beekeeping related topics with the intent of not only furthering their own knowledge but also expanding the information currently available on honey bees and beekeeping.

Harry Prather has done a yeoman's job teaching the EJBA apprentice level program and I sincerely hope that he will continue in his role as lead instructor. To effectively accomplish our key mission Harry must have more help from our wealth of experienced beekeepers. In the fall we'll be recruiting folks to assist with the Beginning and Apprentice Beekeeper Programs. The Board will be examining this further in the next few months. We'll keep you informed as we evolve our approach.

**Respectfully,
 Dave Morris**

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Micheal Cavett

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These people have volunteered to head committees in 2018:

APPRENTICE CLASSES: Harry Prather

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MEETING AND ACTIVITY

CO-ORDINATORS:

Tony Goldenberg, Harry Prather,
and Gloria Neal

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

EJ Beekeepers...

Hope you all had a happy Fourth! Now that July is here, you're "Girls" should be very busy little bees!

At our last meeting, David Heid brought up the idea of the Jefferson county fair in August. Title for this year is BUG UP! David some great ideas for the club to have an exhibit with minimal work. We just need YOU to help it all happen. Please let us know if you would be willing to help out. Your help would be gretrly appreciated! Be sure to attend July's meeting to give your imput on this!

We are planning a round table discussion for our July meeting. Bring your questions or helpful tips for beekeeping this time of year!

Since we are coming into the time of year that the wasp problems seem to escalate, we would like to revisit the wasp traps that club members have found to be successful. If you have a trap that has worked for you, bring it along and share it with the rest of us!

That's the buzz for July!

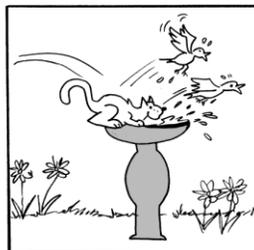
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<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=9XsPySG2vJk>

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



Anyone like to give this Lady a helping hand with these bees?

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Mary Jo Walker <maryjowalker@live.com>
To: haroldp5@yahoo.com <haroldp5@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018, 11:10:37 AM PDT
Subject: Bees in the attic

Hello Harold!

As I work on my extensive remodel here in Port Hadlock, I see an excessive amount of (what appears to be) "Bumble Bees" coming and going from my open attic. I don't want to exterminate, nor do I want to finish the house and get them trapped.

I would appreciate advice!

Thanks-

Mary Jo Walker

JULY'S HONEY-DO LIS

- *Inspect brood chambers for queen cells and signs of swarming. Make sure your colonies are queen right by checking for eggs or young brood.**
- *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.**
- *Check your honey supers to make sure to add more before they are completely filled.**
- *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!**
- *Keeping a journal on your bees is an important part of beekeeping.**

2018 APPRENTICE BEE CLASSES

Classes are now over for this year. It was a great class, with lots of participation. A number of people completed the class but decided not to take the test and graduate.

Those receiving a certificate and graduating are: Nancy Nash, James Henderson, and Beau Baker

Thanks to all who participated!

Harry



BUZZING WITH



Blake

Bee-lieve me. It's a fact!

An angry bee can fly up to 15 miles an hr, so most
healthy people could out run them

-----Blake



Thanks to Gail Moa for sending this interesting website address with ways to catch your own honey bee colonies... check it out!

<https://www.grit.com/animals/bees/catch-and-keep-wild-bees-zm0z18jazmcg?>

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.

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