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EJ'S NEWS

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CLUB MEETING at

Jefferson County Library
 Saturday, May 11th
 9:00 a.m.
 Board Meeting

9:30 a.m.
PROGRAM

BEEKEEPING CLASSES

Class for
 Saturday, May
 11th is
CANCELLED
 because of honey
 bee nucs arrivals.
 Last class of the
 year will be
 Saturday, May
 25th.

THE PREZ SEZ

Greetings Fellow Beekeepers,

Swarm season has started and one of my hives hit the sky today. My favorite time of year. Get your lures up.

Calvin Lomsdalen will not be able to make it to the May meeting so we will not be having his presentation on making nucs. We are hoping to reschedule his talk for June.

Pat Stroble will fill in and give a presentation about artificial swarms. You won't want to miss this opportunity to learn a new technique.

Rhody is coming up and Rich Thomas will briefly speak to the club about our participation and will have a sign up sheet for those wishing to participate. If you can't attend the next meeting and want to parade send an

email with the subject Rhody

to eastjeffersonbeekeepers@gmail.com

and I will forward it to Rich.

See you soon.

TonyG

May Program...
PAT STROBLE....

“Artificial swarms”

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Gloria Neal

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

EJ Beekeepers...

Swarm season is already upon us! My daughter and grandkids have already been out, capturing this year's swarms!

It's always an adventure, especially when you get an opportunity to take a couple of potential new beekeepers ...out on their first swarm adventure. That was the case for our 11 year old granddaughter...her first hive. Thanks to Craig and Savannah Sparks, Miley is the proud owner of her very own honey bee colony. And she is now an official beekeeper, since one of the "girls" initiated her with her first sting "on the job". She took it like a seasoned beekeeper, (with a little coaxing from Craig) and forgot about it after a few minutes.

The best lesson came, when on the way home, the bees started escaping out of a hole in the used, cardboard nuc. After a little excitement, I remembered a story that Tony Weller told me about his fist nuc, and the ride home, with bees escaping...

And like Tony, we turned on the air conditioning, and arrived home with not one bee or human harmed!

So remember the air conditioning, if you ever have a swarm of bees loose in the car with you!

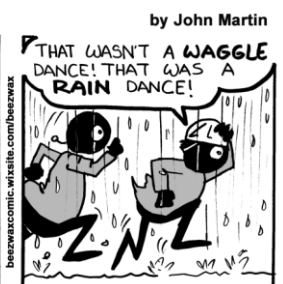
That's the buzz for May.

Gloria



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BEEZWAX



by John Martin

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SUSI'S TIPS AND TRICKS

Mays offering of useful hints for beekeepers By Susan Thomas

- Write notes on the metal hive top or on masking tape during inspection; transfer later to permanent record book
- Use thin serrated knife to sculpt irregular bee comb while bees are making new comb
- During inspections, use an empty nuc to hold frames with the queen or queen cells

If you would like to submit your own tip or trick for possible future inclusion, please send it to: richandsusi@cablespeed.com

For information on club activities or schedule changes, please check the club website for updates.

<https://www.jeffcobees.org>

FUTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES

***Jefferson County Fair**

If you would like to help make these activities happen, let us know at the club meeting or contact Rich Thomas at:

richandsusi@cablespeed.com

NOTICE TO EJ BEES ABOUT RHODY PARADE PARTICIPATION

Members of EJ Bees, their families and friends, and students involved in the Chimacum High School Bee Project are invited to walk in the Rhody Parade on Saturday, May 18, starting at 1:00 p.m.

Our bee club is sponsoring an entry that will consist of a decorated cart carrying an empty beehive accompanied by members in bee-inspection gear. We will display some bee-friendly signs, and the EJ Bees banner to identify and advertise our organization.

Club members have also crafted a number of "model" bees from pipe-cleaners and mounted them on long twigs that some of the participants can carry.

More detail and a sign-up sheet will be available at the May 11 meeting at the Jefferson County Library.

For more information, contact:

Rich Thomas at 360-379-2621 or at richandsusi@cablespeed.com

DOES ANYONE ELSE FIND THIS IRONIC?

Rich

State Insects

The non-native European Honey Bee is the state insect of:

Arkansas, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin

Not one native bee is a state insect. The closest relative of a North American native bee to make the list is the Tarantula Hawk Wasp, the state insect of New Mexico.

The May 2019 issue of the *WAS Journal* continues to bring information about the 2019 conference to be held in Ashland, Oregon. The conference takes place July 12–14 (save the dates!) with an opportunity to participate in a preconference rafting trip on the Rogue River and/or attend a play at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival 2019. It also includes add-on events (an additional fee, online registration only) on Sunday as well. The President's Message, provided below, provides more of what we can expect this year. Additional information about the conference, including registration by mail and online, is provided and also posted at
: <https://www.westernapiculturalsociety.org>.

The current issue of the journal provides a summary and link to suggested changes to the WAS Bylaws, to be voted on at the general business meeting at the conference. Please review and send any related comments, whether or not you are able to attend the conference. It also gives information regarding a new app in support of healthy colonies (see "Decoding the Songs of Bees for Improved Colony Health"), the state of the bees in portions of the region, and articles from those who have been involved in educating persons in prison systems about the bees and how to keep them.

To access the current issue of the journal go to <https://www.westernapiculturalsociety.org> and click on the journal cover pictured there. You will find the May issue available in both flip book and pdf formats.

At <https://westernapiculturalsociety.org/was-journal-archive>, you can access pdf versions of the archived journal.

MAY'S HONEY-DO LIST

* May is a good time to order new queens and split those overcrowded colonies before they decide to build swarm cells.

*If your colonies are getting crowded, you may want to divide them. If you decide to let them make their own queen, they must have eggs and young larva in the cells with a couple of frames of capped brood and PLENTY of nurse bees! They will need plenty of food, either honey or a sugar syrup feeder. Remember, it takes at least 45 days for a colony to raise a queen and have her brood finally emerging from their cells. That's a long time for a colony to be at a stand-still. I like ordering my queens so as not to disrupt the progress too much, but it is fascinating to watch a colony raise a queen. A new virgin queen will only have a window of 20 days to mate, before she becomes unable to breed.

*Check honey stores every two weeks in May through June until the starting of the main nectar flows. Raising brood and keeping the colony fed can take a lot of food. One to one for spring syrup. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT IF YOU HAVE A 2019 NUC OR PACKAGE.**

Your "girls" will need this extra food to build the wax comb.

IT TAKES 6 LBS OF HONEY FOR THEM TO BUILD 1 LB. OF WAX!

*Watch for swarm cells. Reverse your hive bodies to give your colony more room if necessary.

*If your frames have wax that is getting old and brittle, you may want to phase them out of your brood boxes and replace old wax with new foundation. After 5 years, it is suggested to replace your old combs. This is a good time to check your empty frames that need replacement, before the bees start using them.

*This is the time to add a honey super to give your bees more room, if they are an established colony. You may want to add a queen excluder under your super, especially if the comb is already drawn out.

2019 BEEKEEPING CLASSES

This Saturday was going to be our last class for the year, with the open book test to finish it up.

But because this Saturday is honey bee arrivals, we will not be having class after the regular meeting. And since the next scheduled class lands on Memorial weekend, we will not be making class up that weekend, either.

So, on June 8th we will hand out the tests, and you can take them home, and bring them back on the July 11th meeting for grading... **SOUND LIKE A PLAN ?**

Thanks for participating in our clubs' Honey bee classes!



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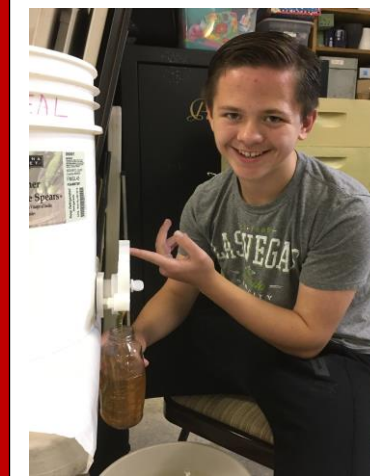


Blake

Bee-lieve me. It's a fact!

Nurse bees will feed each larvae 1200 times a day
till they are capped

Sweet!..... Blake



KEEP BUZZING WITH BLAKE

Oxalic Acid treatments for your bees

For information, call Gloria and leave a message for Blake.

buzzingwithblake@gmail.com

He will return your call....360-301-1850

TARBOO VALLEY WOODENWARE & HONEYBEES

Frank Neal- Ph. # 360-301-0686...

(If stopping by, PLEASE CALL AHEAD)

Now is the time to put your spring pollen patties on
your honey bee nucs!

\$3.00 ea.

REMEMBER, CLUB MEMBERS GET 5% DISCOUNT.

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