



BEE LINES

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You're invited to join us on Tuesday, April 13th at 7pm, for what promises to be a timely and information packed meeting.

Guest speaker Tim Bueler will be talking about Integrated Pest Management "IPM" and Honey Bee Nutrition. The IPM portion of the meeting will focus on the fundamentals of parasite and disease identification, control, and treatment techniques within the proper management of honey bee colonies.

Tim and his wife Connie are sideline beekeepers and owners of Bee Haven Honey and Pollination in Snohomish, Washington. Tim is a past Washington State Beekeepers Association Area 1 Representative and past Vice President of The Northwest District Beekeepers Association.

Meeting started at 7:07pm.

Introductions were held with the theme of what and how do you feed your bees? It was brought up during introductions that you shouldn't put holes in the lids of your feeding jars. Bees can cut their tongues off on sharp, uneven holes.

Presidents Report:

April 1st is the last day to turn in WSDA hive registrations.

The club is going to redesign the logo. The current logo is not of a good enough quality to transference to other media and a graphic design student has offered to make a new logo.

March 20th is the field trip at Bee Haven.

The club picnic will be moved back to a Sunday this year.

The club is still looking for someone to redesign the club booth for fair. The club will offer any needed assistance.

Minutes were passed.

Treasure Report:

The treasures' report was not read.

Old Business:

David handed out the gloves that members ordered.

New Business:

Rachel is giving away "Honey Tree" seeds to anyone who is interested.

Carol Schram, a WSU Snohomish County Master Gardner gave a presentation on plants and how bees are attracted to them. Carol said that bees see ultraviolet. Because of this, bees will see some plants as having a bull's-eye. They are attracted to these plants. Not all pollinating insects are attracted to the same plants though. Carol also recommended growing native plants.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Hive Decorating Contest.

Times running out, get your entries sent in today. We have some great prizes to give away.

MAQS Update.

For those of you waiting for the introduction of the new mite away quick strip (MAQS), the wait is going to continue a while longer. The Feds



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have denied approval of this new treatment on an emergency application and now the company must go through the regular channels. They still expect to have approval in time for fall treatments.

Its Official. (from the folks over at Bee Culture)
Last year was the worst honey producing year in the USA ever !

2009 was a terrible year to be in the honey business. *Bee Culture's* unofficial poll last fall came up with a crop estimate of 119 million pounds, produced by 2,223,000 colonies. The USDA on Friday released their [figures](#). Though higher than ours at 144,108,000 million pounds of honey, it is still the worst honey crop on record. Ever. USDA figures showed a colony count of 2,462,000...a couple hundred thousand higher than our guesstimate.

News letter & Web site.

OK, its coming up on two years since I took over the duties of newsletter and website editor. I am now looking for somebody to take over. I have the website setup to the point that if you can write an email you could manage the website, its really easy and I would be willing to help anyone who is willing. The newsletter is even easier and only takes about 30 minutes each month to put together. The website really needs very little doing to it and its pretty much up to you on the look and content. If you are interested just send me an email and we can go from there.

New to Beekeeping ?

If you are new, sometimes it can get a little daunting. Check out our mentor list on the website and give someone a call today if you have any questions.

Forum News.

Membership to the forum is growing nicely and it is up over 100 members, we share this forum with PSBA & SCBA. If you have not done so yet check it out.

Field Trip to Bee Haven.

We had great weather and about 25 members and family showed up. If you have not seen it they have a really nice setup and I am definatley jealous. Richard (forum member) offered up a Nuc worth of bees as a giveaway and at the end of the day we had a drawing and Summer Nemri was the lucky winner, Congratulations and Thank you Richard.