

August 7, 2008



BEE LINES

Regularly scheduled meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at [1305 Pine Avenue in Snohomish](#) in the Christ the King Lutheran Church building.

Dates to Remember

August 12: Regular August meeting.

August 21 - September 1: The Evergreenstate Fair.

October 16,17,18: The joint WSBA / OSBA Convention at the Vancouver Red Lion. This event features speakers from across the country on all subjects pertaining to bees. This is also a great opportunity to meet other beekeepers from across Washington and Oregon.

Nov. 20: Regional meeting at the Mt Vernon Royal Fork. Guest speaker will be Eric Olsen. Eric is Washington's largest beekeeper, VP of the Washington State Beekeepers Association, and chairman of the Washington State Beekeepers Advisory Board. He is a prominent figure in the effort to acquire funding for the nation wide colony health research project and has personally contributed a significant amount as seed money toward beginning testing for the presence of **nosema ceranae** in Washington bees. I guarantee that he will keep your attention. Please plan to attend.

August Beekeeping

In mid-August remove and store any surplus honey that is at least two thirds capped over in a warm bee-proof, ant-

proof place. To do so, take off the honey supers in the morning or in the evening so as to prevent robbing of the hive by other colonies of bees.

Once the honey supers have been removed the colonies may be treated for mites, foulbrood, nosema etc. on an as needed basis following instructions approved by the Dept. of Ag.

September Beekeeping

You may re-queen your colonies now if you did not do so in the spring. Unite weak colonies. To winter successfully, each colony must have the equivalent of ten fully capped frames of honey in the second hive body plus honey arches in the lower hive body, and two or more deep brood frames of pollen. If stores are insufficient, the colonies should be fed a 2:1 sugar syrup mixture. Use top feeders to prevent robbing. Start feeding early in the month, because the bees will not store the syrup and cap the cells when the weather turns cool. Feed one gallon for each deep comb of needed stores. The last gallon should contain Fumagilin. Feed pollen supplement as needed. Extract the honey now and give the wet combs back to the bees to lick clean.

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Annual July picnic

Good weather, good food, good visit with good friends along with a little auction for excitement, all coming together for a pleasant afternoon for several people with at least one thing in common -- the love of, and fascination with honey bees. I only regret that our entire membership and friends were unable to attend. On a more positive note, we did collect \$310.50 from the silent auction. Rachel brought in the new NWDBA T-shirts to everyone's delight. Many praises to Rachel for her design and for taking on the project.

August meeting agenda

Call to order and welcome:

Introductions:

Treasurers report:

Old business:

The fair--- Set up

Staffing schedule

Passes--

Hive display

Brochures

Display items

Candy?

New business:

Program:
Round table discussion.

What went right with our hives?

What went wrong?

Is it too early to be preparing for winter?
If not, what should we be doing now.?

Other topics?

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