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Presidents
Corner:

President's Corner:

**Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year !!!!**

EARLY MEETING TIME:

Arrive 5:30, hopefully eat at 6:00.

Dec 12th will be our Christmas feast and meeting. The association will provide 3 hams and 1 turkey, drinks, condiments etc. Please bring a side, salad or dessert. Come hungry, we always have lots. The meeting portion will be short and then we will have a presentation by one of our WSU entomology students.

I worked the IEBA yard this Saturday (11/29) and I am pleased at how the bees look. The hives have plenty of honey and good populations of bees. The new WSU queens and the fall nucs are also doing great. By meeting date I will have all the singles over double screens (I have to build four more). The nucs are already in double nuc deeps over screens.

We should have the honey straws back by meeting night. I will bring a few cases if anyone wants to buy one. I should know the final price by then. Shipping is always an unknown until we get the invoice.

We elect association officers this month. If you desire to serve please contact Roger Carney who is our election official.

See you at the meeting.

Inland Empire Beekeepers Association

Agenda
12/12/08

Welcome!

Reports:

The Secretary's Report – Linda
The Treasurer's Report - Julie
Fair Reports – none
WSBA Report –
Education Committee Report - none
Four Corner Bee Reports

Old Business:

Honey Straws

New Business:

Nomination and election of association officers

Meeting Adjourned

**Guest Speaker: Ms Judy Wu, WSU
or alternate**



IEBA - Meeting Minutes *November* Linda Carney, Secretary

November 14, 2008

Everyone-- hold onto your bee helmets!! Our very own **Bob Arnold** was selected as the Beekeeper of the Year for the State of Washington!!! Bob Arnold from our own Spokane area has been the main educator for our classes after the general meetings held once a month. Bob also has been the main party involved and in charge of the North Bee Yard.

And if that news was not enough to get you excited then hearing about the great food we had at this Thanksgiving meeting will be. Once again, the people of our organization proved that they could open a full range restraint. We enjoyed really good food and lots of variety. What fun we had before, during, and after our meeting.

Our meeting was called to order by President Ted Swenson. He informed us that this will be a short meeting and we could look forward to a presentation by Jerry Tate, the President of the Washington State Beekeepers Association, regarding the recent beekeeping convention.

The minutes were accepted as published in the Inland BeeMail.

Our Treasurer reported \$12,785.11 in checking with \$511.00 going to the Joy of Beekeeping. We have \$1,882.82 in savings. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

No Fair Reports
No Education Committee Report
No Old business
New Business

For the December 12th Christmas meeting 3 hams and 1 turkey will be furnished by the Association. So—there will be plenty of meat for everyone. Bring those extra good dishes and be prepared to eat. All the family will enjoy this coming celebration so please make arrangements to join in.

The budget will be discussed in the January 2009 meeting.

Our super quick meeting was adjourned.



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9 September, 2008

Bob Smith
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Dear Sir,



I have the honor and privilege to nominate Mr. Bob Arnold for the 2008 Washington State Beekeepers Association Beekeeper of the Year award.

Bob Arnold has been a beekeeper since 1972 when he built his first two hives for his garden while living in a development in California. Two years later he was up to seven hives. This was the year that he joined the local beekeepers association. He has had a long association with different beekeeper organizations located in California, Oregon, and Washington. He has been a member, president, program director, teacher, and guest lecturer at both the local and state level. Bob was president of the Oregon State Beekeepers Association for several years. He also testified before the Oregon State Legislature on honeybee topics. Bob has taught beekeeping at Portland Community College. Bob currently serves as the Area 6 representative for the Washington State Beekeepers Association. He is also the program director and principle instructor for the Inland Empire Beekeepers Association.

Since retiring in Deer Park Washington, Bob has built his hive numbers up to between 400 and 500 hives. He has also built a fabulous honey house that has an extraction room, hot room, wood shop and massive storage space. Many local beekeepers have visited Bob to see his facilities and learn from a master beekeeper. He always has a welcome smile and no matter how busy he is he will stop everything to talk about bees.

Bob Arnold is a great beekeeper and a huge asset to all beekeepers on the 'East Side' and throughout Washington. He will be a great addition to the honor role of WSBA Beekeepers of the Year.

Ted W Swenson
President, Inland Empire Beekeepers Association

Encl: Eyewitness Testimony by Mrs. Sharon Arnold

Enclosure 1

Eyewitness Testimony by Mrs. Sharon Arnold

Bob started keeping bees in 1972 while living in Aptos, CA. A friend at work thought that since Bob liked to garden he should have a beehive. Two years later when we moved to Cupertino, CA. to shortened his commute, we had 7 hives. That was interesting since we lived in a development.

It was while we were in Cupertino that Bob joined his first bee club. He really enjoyed his association with the people he met there and our hives increased in number again.

In 1978 Bob changed jobs and we moved to 3 acres just outside the town of Beaverton, Oregon. That time when we moved he had about 20 or 25 hives. It was while we were in Oregon that Bob really got involved at both the local and the state level of beekeepers.

Bob was president of the local association for 2 or 3 years. He put on programs for the club and taught beekeeping classes through the club. He also taught beekeeping through Portland Community College (Rockcreek Branch). We also opened our home to different functions within the club.

Bob was very active at the state level (OSBA) and greatly enjoyed his association with many of the members. He was president for a couple of years, represented the club before the state legislature and we even put out the newsletter for a few months when no one else could be found to do the job.

The man did all this while working 60 hr weeks at Tek, helping to raise three kids, gardening and remodeling a house for ten years. In 1986 it became clear that Tek was in trouble. So when Bob was contacted by a "head hunter" about a job in southern CA., we reluctantly decided to try

CA. again. By this time, Bob had over 200 beehives. We decided to sell the bees and the equipment and Bob would devote himself to his profession. That decision lasted less than a year. I went down to visit him once in his cute little apartment in Escondido and found him building bee boxes in the parking lot, the VW bus and the deck off the apartment. That is when I KNEW that bees were in this man's blood.

By the time we sold the house in Oregon and found another one "down south", Bob once again had 7 hives. I should mention that many of Bob's beekeeping friends were a tremendous help to me during that period of time when Bob was in California and I was in Oregon trying to sell a house and get our youngest son through his last year of high school.

We went to California thinking we would be there for only a 3-5 year span but as luck or circumstances would have it we were there for 15 years. Bob's job was very stressful and we found living there to be stressful also so the bees were Bob's way or dealing with some of that stress. There was no local association in our area and Bob missed that. He tried to start one up but that didn't fly which was a disappointment to him.

Over the years we've extracted in the kitchen with a 2-frame hand-crank, in a converted garage and in Oregon we had our first real honey house in an area of the barn that we remodeled. We were in Oregon when they instituted a licensing program for extracting facilities and we were one of the first if not the first to obtain one.

When it was time to retire, we had a big decision to make. After a lot of searching, we finally decided on Deer Park, Washington. We have relatives here and it is home to me. The problem is it isn't the best beekeeping area. Bob says every area is different and comes with it's own set of problems. I think he tackles beekeeping problems much the same way he did engineering problems. A problem to Bob is just something looking for a solution.

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One of Bob's biggest thrills is watching the bees do well. He worries about them when things aren't going well. He likes to see his students succeed and is so pleased when they do. I've seen him dead tired or sick but he never refuses a call from another beekeeper.

Bob now has a very nice honey house and is truly enjoying what he is doing. He runs between 400-500 hives and it seems to keep him very busy. We were very happy to discover both an active local bee association as well as our state club.



Honey replaces additives in French salad dressing: study

By Stephen Daniells,
From Food Production Daily

Antioxidant-rich honey may protect against spoilage in salad dressings, and naturally sweeten the condiment, researchers from Kraft Foods report.

The researchers analyzed various honey sources and investigated their potential as alternatives for chemical preservatives such as EDTA and BHA. The findings are to be published in an upcoming issue of the *Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry*.

"This research adds to a growing body of evidence of honey's potential to protect against oxidation in various food systems, in this case, emulsion-based dressings, in addition to providing a natural source of sweetening potential," wrote lead author Carolyn Rasmussen from Kraft Foods.

"This demonstrates the potential for honey to be used as a substitute for EDTA and sweetener (such as HFCS) in commercial salad dressings."

The researchers, who included scientists from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and Newly Weds Foods, analyzed the sweetening potential and antioxidant activity of 19 honeys.

The antioxidant activity, analyzed using the ORAC (oxygen radical absorbance capacity) assay, and phenolic profile, analyzed using high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), showed that the honeys from clover and blueberry were the most promising. These were then used in the formulation of salad dressings.



Bayer and Beekeepers Meet to Discuss Pesticides and Honey Bees

by Randy Oliver

Scientists from Bayer CropScience met with representatives of the national and California beekeeping associations, commercial beekeepers, bee scientists, the Almond Board, and a state agricultural official at South Lake Tahoe during the California State Beekeepers meeting on November 11,

2008. This meeting was the first in a series of workshops intended to provide open and honest discussion of pesticides and to overcome preconceived perceptions by both sides.

Key goals for improved interactions included: 1) improving trust through greater transparency from manufacturers regarding products and testing protocols, 2) establishing better communications between all parties, 3) providing improved education to applicators for bee-friendly practices, and 4) addressing regulatory and enforcement systems to ensure adherence to label directions and to establish a nationwide system of reporting, tracking, and correcting misuses.

A priority action item was appointment of a Honey Bee Advisory Board (HBAB) by the two national beekeeping associations. The HBAB will work with Bayer on setting priorities, as well as the design of tests that better address beekeeper concerns. Other immediate action items included development of models for a national database for pesticide incident reporting, and ideas for web site posting of bee information, including regular notices to appear in beekeeping trade journals.

Bayer also agreed to pull together publications and conduct a briefing concerning clothianidin, imidacloprid, and Movento at the next meeting, which will be in conjunction with the upcoming American Honey Producers Association meeting in Fresno, in January.

This first meeting was a result of an invitation from researcher Dr. Jerry Bromenshenk (The University of Montana) to Dr. David Fischer (Chief Scientist, Ecotoxicology, Bayer CropScience) to participate in a stakeholders meeting in conjunction with the California State Beekeepers Convention.

For more information, contact Dr. Bromenshenk at BeeResearch@aol.com

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FREIBURG, Germany, August 25, 2008 (ENS) - The German organization Coalition against Bayer Dangers today brought legal action against Werner Wenning, chairman of the Bayer AG Board of Management, by filing a charge against him with the public prosecutor in Freiburg.

The group accuses Bayer CropScience of "marketing dangerous pesticides and thereby accepting the mass death of bees all over the world."

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Hive Care :

December

The Bees.

Snow is on the ground, and the bees have settled into their winter cluster. Until next month, there will likely be no brood present.

The Beekeeper.

The beeyard needs not much attention except for three critical areas:

(1) be sure to keep entrances clear of snow to allow bees to make cleansing flights on warm days.

(2) many beekeepers also use an upper entrance allowing for flight, but more importantly ventilation. Condensation building up and then dripping on the cluster is deadly.

(3) Check the weight of hives by tipping up a corner. If hives are light, you can still help them out with 2:1 sugar syrup. On a warm day, add an empty super and place a couple of inverted jars of syrup right on the top bars. Work quickly so that heat loss is minimal.

Now is also the time to sit back, read a good bee book, make some candles or equipment, and plan out your upcoming beekeeping year.



**Inland Empire
Beekeepers
Association**

Next Meeting:
Friday December 12

SPECIAL MEETING TIME

5:30 PM Christmas Dinner @ 6:00 PM

The Inland Empire Beekeepers Association (IEBA) meets the 2nd Friday of every month at the Spokane County Ag Extension office by the County Fairgrounds, at 222 N. Havana. The association is affiliated with the Washington State Beekeepers Association (WSBA). IEBA membership dues are \$5.00 for an individual or \$10.00 for the entire family. This includes your receiving the *Inland Beemail*, which is published by the association every month.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

December Birthdays

Linda Carney	-- 6th
Cindy Ostendorf	-- 10th
Jerry Miller	-- 11th
Matthew Hutchens	-- 25th
Dave Zack	-- 27th
Zack Gross	-- 28th
Beverly Bailey	-- 30th

December Anniversaries

Vern & Ealaine Staack	-- 1st
Charles & Katherine Gross	-- 4th
Robert & Janice McAllister	-- 5th

Beekeeping Calendar - Bob Arnold

Watch colonies to make certain that water, snow and ice are not a problem. Clear off when necessary.

