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President's Corner:

In order to get all of our IEBA membership the forms and information for the 2009 WSU Field Day in Pullman, WA we are printing a special edition of the beemail. The forms arrived too late for the regular beemail edition. The field day is Saturday, June 13th although there are some informal events the night before. The info sheets have lots of details to include a list of all the subjects that will be presented. The WSU folks have classes set up for beginning and experienced beekeepers. This is a great event for talking with all levels of beekeepers and learn lots of ways to help your bees. It is also a family event designed for all ages.

This is a great learning event. Please come down to Pullman and have a fun beekeeping day.

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ABOUT IT

2009 WSU/WSBA Beekeeper Field Day Registration

June 12-13, 2009 WSU Pavilion, Diagnostic Lab, and apiaries

Dr. Steve Sheppard and WSBA invite all interested beekeepers to come to Pullman, WA for an informative and fun day of beekeeping activities and socializing! See the next documents for all the details, including activity plan, driving directions, and accommodation resources.

Please send your registration form with your check made out to WSBA to:

Paul Hosticka
Treasurer, WSBA
517 S. Touchet Rd.
Dayton, WA 99328

We look forward to seeing you, so please let us know that you'll be joining us as soon as possible!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____
(or your phone # if no email, in the event we need to contact you with schedule changes)

Registration Fee: \$ _____ (One person \$10, family \$20)

Total number in your party: _____

Will you be attending the Friday Wine & Cheese Social? (circle one) Yes No

WSU Honey Bee Field Day Topics June 12-13, 2009 WSU Campus Pavilion and Apiaries

Dr. W. Steve Sheppard

Friday evening beginning at 7 p.m. :

Honey bee film(s) and wine and cheese social gathering in the Livestock Pavilion

Poster set-up (all associations invited to produce a poster about their club activities/bee forage and locales—see note below)

Mead tasting – all invited to bring their local mead for tasting

Honey exchange – all participants invited to bring 2 bottles of honey for exchange table (see note below)

Saturday beginning at 8:30 a.m. :

Pests and Diseases – lab diagnosis

Identifying pests/diseases in the field

Queen rearing – timing, stock selection, mating yard/activities

Assessing colonies/splitting colonies/moving hives/transferring colony from a box hive/feral nest to frame hive

Queen pheromone demonstration/drones and workers/gloveless beekeeping – understanding the threshold concept

Bee building tour, equipment. woodenware dipping, extracting plant

Note for beekeeper participants (new interactive items for 2009):

- 1) bring two 1 lb jars of your honey for exchange table. Leave two of yours there and take away two of jars of your choice left by other beekeepers
- 2) for any interested participants that bring unpainted woodenware (boxes, lids, bottoms) – they can try out the hot dipping tank (linseed oil/beeswax) to explore a “paintless” approach. Be sure to bring some old newspaper to use to protect vehicle from drips on the trip back
- 3) All local associations are invited to produce a beekeeping/local “apicultural conditions” poster for display at the field day. Can be reclaimed at the end of the field day for use in local fairs, etc. or donated for temporary display in the WSU bee lab until the next field day.
- 4) Lunch will be provided at noon on Saturday at the Livestock Pavilion.

WSU/WSBA Beekeeping Field Day 2009

Schedule of Events:

Friday, June 12, Livestock Pavilion
7 p.m. Wine & cheese social

Saturday, June 13, Livestock Pavilion, Diagnostic Lab Building, and Apiaries
8:30 a.m.-12 noon beekeeping topics and activities
12 noon Lunch provided by WSBA
1:00 p.m.-4 p.m. more beekeeping activities
4:00 p.m. WSBA Executive Board Meeting (start-time approximate, all are welcome to attend)

Don't forget to bring your veil, boots, & coveralls. Leave your hive tool at home, thank you!

Getting There From Seattle and western Washington:

- Travel east on Interstate-90 over Snoqualmie Pass to Vantage.
- Cross the bridge over the Columbia River and take exit #137 to Highway 26.
- Take highway 26 approx. 130 miles to Colfax.
- At Colfax, turn right onto Main St. (highway 195).
- Continue on highway 195 to Pullman.
- Turn left at signs to Pullman, and then right on Davis Way (highway 270).
- Follow Davis Way until it intersects with N. Grand Ave. in downtown Pullman.

From Tacoma: Travel northeast on Highway 18 until it intersects Interstate 90. Follow "from Seattle" directions.

From Spokane:

- Take Interstate 90 to Colfax/Pullman exit (#279).
- Take the Pullman/Colfax exit (#279) to highway 195.
- Take highway 195 south through Colfax to Pullman.
- Turn left at signs to Pullman, and then right on Davis Way (highway 270).
- Follow Davis Way until it intersects with N. Grand Ave. in downtown Pullman.

Important:

Upon arriving in Pullman, go to the WSU Visitor's Center at the corner of Davis Way and Grand to purchase a Visitor's Parking Permit. The cost is \$4.80 per day. You will probably not need a permit for Saturday, but ask at the office when you purchase Friday's permit. It is very important that you get a permit and display it properly in your vehicle. Parking Regulations are rigorously enforced on campus.

Once on Campus:

The Livestock Pavilion is located just off Grimes Way, not far from the football stadium. From Grand Ave., turn east onto Stadium Way. Turn east onto Grimes Way. On your left across a soccer field, you will see two large wooden buildings. One is a giant restored barn (now the alumni center) and the other is a large former livestock pavilion (still called the livestock pavilion). Take the first left that you find on Grimes Way (Quad Services Rd.). If you would like to see maps of the campus generated by WSU, go to: <http://www.campusmap.wsu.edu/index.html>

The close-up of the campus center, to the right of the stadium, shows Grimes playfield and the Livestock Pavilion. Zoom in to see it. The Bee Diagnostic lab is just down the road to the east, past the greenhouses.

Classified Ads

Tate's Honey Farm has all of your extracting and packaging needs as well as spring packages and queens. Woodenware for all your winter projects and spring needs. Shop hours are 8:30—2:00 every Saturday at E. 8900 Maringo, Millwood. Contact us at 509-924-6669 or online at www.tateshoneyfarm.com

BEEBOXES BY LEE

Woodenware, standard or custom orders, IPM bottom boards, Hive top feeders, etc, select lumber. Order now to be ready for spring. Lee Berchtold
(208) 687-1300

Miller's Homestead

Jim and Jenine Miller

Cheney, WA 1-509-299-9085
14606 Stangland Rd., Cheney. Look at our web site for prices on all available items.
www.millershomestead.com

Beeboxes, frames, foundation, tools and equipment open M-S 9-5:30

East Farms Feed

21518 E. Gilbert
Otis Orchards, Wash. 99027
509.928.3616

Honey Bee Packages For Sale

Packages 2-3-4 lbs / or Nucs with five frames
April through August
Call to place orders at (509)590-3319
Aleksy and Lilly Isakov
Spokane, WA

For Sale—5 Frame Nucs

\$90.00 each
Call Gib Earl
(509)936-0130

FOR SALE— 5 Frame NUCs

Available May 14th
Italians and Carniolans
\$75.00
Call Bob Arnold
(509) 993-0562



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Hive Care

June

The Bees. Now the activity really starts hopping. The nectar and pollen should begin to come into the hive and may get heavy at times. The queen will be reaching her greatest rate of egg laying. The hive should be bursting with activity.

The Beekeeper. You can remove your Apistan strips (if they have been in the hive for 45 days). Also remove the menthol if you were using that for Tracheal Mite control. Add a queen excluder if you choose to use them, and place honey supers on top of the top deep. Watch out for swarming. Inspect the hive weekly. Attend bee club meetings and workshops. And, if you are like rest of us, keep making up those frames to get ready in time for the honey flow.

If you have hives really busting at the seams, consider making up some splits to make up for any winter losses. An extra nuc or two always comes in handy.

*-adapted from
www.backyardbeekeepers.com*





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Next Meeting:
Friday June 12th
Social Time 6:00 Meeting 6:30

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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Beekeeping Calendar - Bob Arnold

June

Last spring checks for AFB before supers go on. Keep feed on during dearth periods (only before adding supers). Continue watching for swarm cells removing those in colonies where there is strong egg laying. Add supers as soon as comb whitening appears. Put supers on first then after bees are working in them put on your queen excluders if you wish to use them—make certain the queen is in the super. Add additional supers once the first supers are 75% filled. For new package bee colonies on foundation—keep feed on until the honey flow starts. Add supers only after the honey flow starts. Once new queen has been laying a month or so frequent queen performance checks can be ended. Add new foundation on strong colonies above brood chambers as soon as comb whitening appears. If bees do not start drawing out foundation replace with drawn super. Prepare queen cell builder colonies early in June. Use colonies for queen mothers that have wintered well, produced the most honey, are gentle, disease free and hygienic (do liquid nitrogen test on them). Place grafts in cell builder colonies once the honey flow starts. Break down weak colonies into nucs to put the queen cells in. Feed nucs during queen cell introduction and mating period. Keep feed on them as long as they will take it. Keep vegetation down around colonies.