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JACK MILLARD DEVEREUX

Jan. 28, 1923 – Nov. 22, 2003

Long-time beekeeper Jack Devereux died November 22, 2003. Jack was born on January 28, 1923 in North Bend, Oregon, and died of cancer at home in Coos Bay. Jack was the son of Thomas and Zara (McGraw) Devereux. He married Nancy Lofthouse in 1970. He is survived by his widow, four stepchildren with six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Jack graduated from North Bend High School, where he was a member of the three-time championship basketball team. He later earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry at Oregon State University.

Jack joined the Marine Corps in 1941 and served in the Pacific Theater, where he earned a Purple Heart at Okinawa and several other medals as the campaign progressed up through the islands.

After World War II, Jack logged with his father, and later became supervisor of the Dellwood Yard for Weyerhaeuser Company.

Jack was a licensed pilot, and built an airfield, hangar, and home at Sunnyhill, south of Hauser, Oregon.

Somewhere during this time, Jack became interested in bees and became a commercial beekeeper. He took bees to the almonds in California and helped many new beekeepers get started.

He became interested in queen raising and contacted Sue Colbey in California. He spent two weeks learning the finer touches from the West Coast expert. (Sue has the reputation of being the best in the business of artificial insemination.) Jack came home and built his own insemination equipment and produced some outstanding queens.

Like all of us, Jack finally became worn out, and the cancer got the best of him. He was a true friend and will be sorely missed. We here on the South Coast will always remember his outstanding statement when asked to explain the action of a hive of bees that really wasn't explainable: "Bees do what bees do."

Goodbye, Jack!

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Our thanks to Bruce A. Yeager for providing this obituary on Jack.

THANK YOU, DIANE VARNER!

We're starting off a new year with the OSBA and *The Bee Line*. It would seem timely and appropriate now to express the deepest thanks and appreciation to Diane Varner, who served the OSBA in many capacities over the years, perhaps most notably as the editor of this newsletter. She did an outstanding job and always fulfilled the responsibilities it involved, even in the face of personal tragedy and adversity. For this, we offer a hearty "THANK YOU" and wish Diane the very best of happiness and success in this new phase of her life. We'll miss you, Diane!

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Phyllis Shoemake and I are in the process of revamping and recompiling the BEE LINE subscription/membership list. Also, the newsletter itself is undergoing some format and design changes. We hope that members who believe their membership information to be incorrect will contact either Phyllis or me and let us know. Along with that, we invite the participation of all members in contributing information and articles for inclusion in the newsletter.

Finally, I'd like to share my personal appreciation for Diane Varner and all of her efforts and participation during her years of involvement with the OSBA. Better times are coming, Diane! We all wish you the very best in the coming years.

Mary Moss, Editor

Canadian honey production in 2003 fell nearly 10% from last year's level, reported *USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service*. The sharp decline was due to fewer colonies, heavy winter losses from disease and weather-reduced yields in eastern and western Canada. View Report <http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200312/146085505.pdf>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

and Notes on Ag Congress Meeting, Oct 21, 2003

by **Kenny Williams**

On Tuesday, Oct. 23rd, Harry Vanderpool and I attended the first meeting of the Oregon Ag Congress, held at the Oregon Garden at Stayton. The idea behind this meeting was to bring together the presidents, vice-presidents, and government relations directors of all the different agriculture groups in the state, in order to develop a more unified agriculture community. This included grower groups, such as the different commodity groups, the Oregon Department of Agriculture, the Oregon Board of Agriculture, Future Farmers of America, Oregon Farm Bureau, Oregon State University, the press, and other interested parties. Each association president had been asked in advance to summarize the three top public policy issues for their group. This information was compiled into a booklet distributed to each participant.

At the Congress, recently-appointed ODA Director Katy Coba welcomed the group and then invited each association president to take a few minutes to enlarge upon the three summarized major public policy issues for that association. This served to give a face to each group, as well as to demonstrate how much overlap there is in each group's concerns. For example, the issue of cheap imports of food products coming from overseas where US regulations concerning pesticide use, worker safety, plant inspection, and the like do not apply, was one which resonated with several speakers.

When it came my turn to speak, I emphasized to the group the importance, not only to beekeepers, of the continuation of the position of honeybee entomologist at Oregon State University. This is some of what I said:

This position has been closed recently owing to the retirement of the previous professor of entomology, Dr. Michael Burgett, and the decision by OSU to eliminate the Department of Entomology. Let me illustrate the importance of this issue by pointing out that, while the value of honey sales and pollination services in Oregon in the year 2000 was approximately

4-½ million dollars (a drop in the agricultural bucket), the farmgate value of Oregon crops pollinated by honeybees exceeded 500 million dollars. These crops include apples, pears, cherries, plums, cranberries, blueberries, strawberries, caneberrries, squash, and numerous seed crops. Without strong, healthy beehives the quality and the quantity of these crops would be significantly lower and consequently worth much less. The honeybee entomologist at OSU plays the significant role in agriculture, providing a resource for beekeepers and growers alike.

Other issues I mentioned were the continuation of Extension agriculture and the preservation of agricultural lands. Of course, both of these were also noted by other groups.

Later in the meeting, the association presidents were asked to sign copies of a statement in support of agriculture, recognizing its importance to the state of Oregon, and the crafting of state policy that recognizes and supports the ongoing role of agriculture, to be framed and presented to Gov. Kulongoski and to ODA Director Katy Coba. There followed some time for meeting one another, and I took the opportunity to corner the Dean of OSU's College of Agriculture, Thane Dutson, in order to press our case for a honeybee entomologist and to secure the name of an assistant dean in his office whom I might contact as we proceed with our efforts at the legislature.

This was a meeting to feel good about. We met several folks who appreciated our remarks and lent moral support. As urbanization, high tech industries, and other pressures change the Oregon landscape, agriculture plays a continuing if less high-profile role in the economy of Oregon. With the formation of the Oregon Ag Congress, perhaps the limited political clout of Oregon's beekeepers can be leveraged up with the addition of our many allies.

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Oregon State Beekeepers Association
Executive Board Meeting
Hood River Inn, Hood River, Oregon
November 6, 2003

The OSBA Executive Board Meeting was called to order at 3:35 P.M. by Kenny Williams.

Discussion was held concerning the OSBA funds from the Honeybee Workshop. We need a way to track these funds separately. We will discuss this with Phyllis.

OLD BUSINESS

Kenny met with Thayne Dutson and finally got the name of a person that could help with our OSU position cause. His name is Charles Boyer and Kenny will contact him in the future with our concerns.

George Hansen and Kurt Schraeder are planning to meet in the future.

Fred VanNatta suggested through Kenny that a committee be formed with larger commercial beekeepers involved as part of that committee. Discussion was held concerning this committee. Kenny suggested we need the Commercial voice with the legislature. He suggested George Hansen and Kenny Williams be co-chair of a group who could address growers. Kenny will visit the Clover Growers in February.

SECTION 18

Harry said that by our next meeting we should have some action on API-LIFE VAR.

WEBSITE

Advertising on our website is available at registration for the convention and in the Beeline. Thom wants the advertisements to be on an annual basis and go January to January. Incoming advertisements for a partial year pay the annual rate and there will be no refunds for partial year. George Hansen suggested that the pollination survey be included in the Website.

HONEYBEE WORKSHOPS

George Hansen reported the next workshop will be in the Salem area and he is also committed to another workshop in Eugene. At this point he is looking for locations. He needs dollars to cover costs for Roseanna's pay and the future workshops. Chuck Sowers made a motion to advance George \$4000 for his workshops, which will be covered when the OSBA receives the last grant payment. Thom Trusewitz seconded and it was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Kenny Williams and Harry Vanderpool attended the Oregon Agriculture Congress.

Harry reported that you must register with the Food and Drug Administration by 12/12/03 according to Federal Terrorism Act. Discussion was held and we will look further into this issue. George Hansen will forward this information to Troy Fore to look over.

Chuck Sowers suggested some changes for the coming year. Bill Edwards to be replaced by Debbie Morgan, and the Southern Oregon position needs to be filled. George Hansen suggested that we come up with someone later.

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2004 CONFERENCE - OREGON COAST

Harry has feelers out about a meeting place and the theme for the meeting will be Honey and Hive Products. He will report back at our board meeting in January.

RESEARCH LUNCHEON

Kenny will talk with Bob Stump and inform them of our intent to give money to either the Honeybee Workshop or WSU.

The Auction donated funds will go to Washington if the winning bidder is from Washington. All other funds will come to the OSBA since we are incurring the costs of the meeting. Kenny will talk to Bob Stump about this as well.

Having no further business George Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting and Thom Trusewicz seconded.

Respectfully submitted

Jan Lohman, Secretary



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THE STORY SEARCH CONTINUES . . .

It's a new year and with that comes the chance to offer new things in the newsletter.

We're still looking for funny honey harvest stories, as well as other tales of beekeeping which would be enjoyed by our readers. Also, any interesting tidbits regarding honeybee research and other activities are welcome.

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General Business Meeting
Hood River Inn, Hood River, Oregon
November 07, 2003

Kenny Williams opened the General Business Meeting at 4:30 P.M. with a moment of silence for Bob Ramsay, Wes Petersen and Ray Varner.

Jan Lohman gave the Treasurer's Report and read the Minutes from the previous Business Meeting.

In an Executive Board Report to the Membership, Kenny explained that the Executive Board of the OSBA met four times during the past year. Thom Trusewicz has done an amazing job with the OSBA Website. In May we met at the Capitol Building to help to fund a position at OSU. We are moving forward with the Grant for the Honeybee Workshops and a database has been created for beekeepers in Oregon. Harry Vanderpool has worked on Guidelines for Good Beekeeping and the Section 18 for ApilifeVAR.

OLD BUSINESS

We need a Committee to pursue the position at OSU. In May, we met at the Capitol Building and dispersed throughout the building visiting different legislators. House Bill 2805 was introduced and now Fred VanNatta suggests that we restructure a committee to include Commercial Beekeepers to work on this project.

WORKSHOPS

The funds have allowed us to establish a Beekeepers Database and hold workshops throughout Oregon. The Grant has been extended until May, 2004 and at that time can we keep the list up and continue workshops? George is planning a Salem workshop in April, 2004 and Eugene later that year. The OSBA Executive Board has committed to \$2500 to do up to two more workshops in the next season. The Database needs quite a bit more work. The Banquet Donations will go to the Honeybee Workshops.

NEW BUSINESS

Harry Vanderpool discussed the Guidelines for Oregon Beekeepers. He has talked with people in conflict on beekeeping issues. The OSBA should be able to use guidelines to help resolve issues and give our association clout. Discussion was held regarding these guidelines and George Hansen made a suggestion to go forward with the guidelines and work on them for a future presentation. Dave Graber suggested that the information come out in the issue of the beeline preceding the conference next year.

SECTION 18

Washington State is working with ODA for registration this year and it looks really good that we will have it approved for ApilifeVAR in 2004.

Website

Thom Trusewicz announced that the website will have advertising pages for beekeepers at \$4.00 a line item. Forms are available here at the conference. Discussion was held about including Washington Beekeepers. It would help with costs. Also, let Thom know what is happening with Regional Groups and it will be added to the website.

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Jan Lohman talked about the Membership List. It will be mailed in the Beeline and Phyllis and Jan will put it together before mailing. Please let us know what you do not want included in the mailing list.

Election of Officers

Chuck Sowers introduced nominees for the 2004 Officers. Southern Oregon is not now represented by a nominee. The Executive Board will have to determine that position in the future. Fritz Skirvin (Willamette Valley), Debbie Morgan (Columbia Basin), Jordon Dimmock (Eastern Oregon), Thom Trusewicz (North Coast), Joann Olstrom (South Coast), Chuck Sowers (Metro), Kenny Williams, President, Harry Vanderpool, Vice President, Jan Lohman, Co-Sec/Treas and Phyllis Shoemake Co-Sec/Treas. A motion was made that we accept these nominees as the new OSBA Executive Board for 2004 and it was seconded and approved.

Harry Vanderpool made a motion that the meeting adjourn, it was seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lohman

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CLATSOP COUNTY

BEE SCHOOL 2004—Bee School will happen again in 2004. We will hold the class on two Saturdays: March 6 and March 13, from 9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., and if the weather looks good, we may move the group to a bee yard on the following week or after a class for some hands-on activities for those who are interested. This year we will supplement the class with Power Point presentations that will show photographs of things we could only talk about in last year's class.

As like last year, this class is free to Clatsop County Beekeeping Association members. If you are not a member, all you need to do is become a member at the first class. Membership is \$10 for individuals, \$15 for family or \$5 for an individual under 18 years of age.

NEW CCBA OFFICERS—Terris and Rick Powers are now Co-Presidents of our association. Terrie and Rick went through our bee school last year and they now keep bees in Naselle, Washington.

The Vice-President position is now held by John Schmidt, who keeps bees and a wonderful garden in Svensen.

Michael Bunch and Jennifer Caisse will be Co-Secretaries of the group. They keep bees in Knappa/Svensen on their farm as they await the building of their new home.

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Thom Trusewicz will be the Treasurer, and will remain as the North Coast Representative and *BeeKind* Editor. Though trying to redefine the word "beekeeping" his bees are still living in the Lewis and Clark area.

Thanks to Thom Trusewicz for supplying this information for the newsletter.

LANE COUNTY

BOOK REVIEW—by Jonathan Loftin, LCBA Board Member.

Honey Bee Diseases and Pests (second edition)
Canadian Association of Professional Apiculturists.
1996.

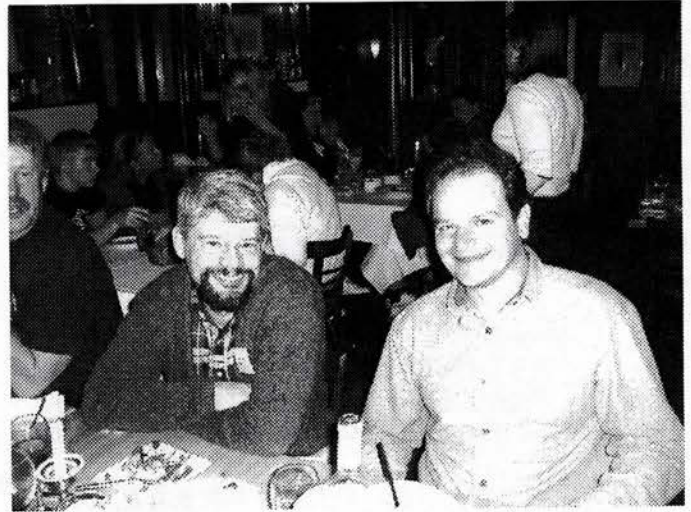
This slender paperback is one of the best values in beekeeping. Available for less than six dollars, it offers a wealth of clearly written descriptions of the diseases, pests, and parasites that affect our bees. The big troublemakers—American and European Foulbrood, Sacbrood, Chalkbrood, Nosema, *Varroa* and Tracheal Mites—are discussed thoroughly, along with lesser and exotic threats such as Hairless Black Syndrome and Black Queen Cell Virus. Each problem's biology and symptoms are treated in detail, and distinguished from look-alike conditions. Treatment recommendations are provided, and they seem generally sound. However, US readers must make allowances for different approval status of some treatments in Canada. Some information is out of date, but this is only to be expected, particularly in the fast-developing battle against mites.

The really outstanding feature of this book, though, is the beautiful and useful color photographs that illustrate it. Healthy brood and brood combs are pictured, along with striking photos of the characteristic symptoms of the important diseases. The pictures of American Foulbrood alone are worth the modest price of this guide. There are also good pictures of wax moth damage, and a classic illustration of what is meant by a "spotty brood pattern" resulting from a laying queen. This book is a great reference when an inspection reveals something wrong in a hive, and its modest cost makes it an easy addition to any beekeeper's bookshelf.

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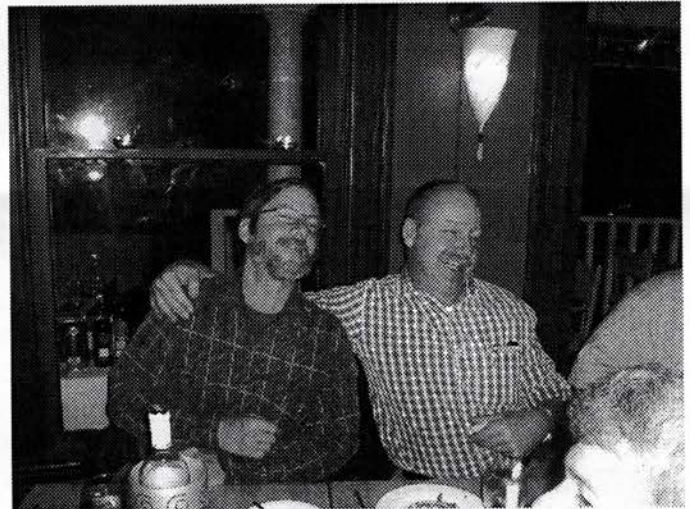
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