

# THE BEE LINE



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## A FALL CONFERENCE FEATURED SPEAKER



### DR. JAMES TEW

Dr. James E. Tew is an Extension Specialist, Apiculture at OSU's Department of Entomology.

Since 1978, Dr. Tew has taught classes, provided extension services, and conducted applied research on honey bees and honey bee behavior – specifically pollination behavior. Additionally, he has written numerous beekeeping articles for beekeeping journals and has recently published a book, "Beekeeping Principles." Dr. Tew has traveled widely to observe beekeeping techniques and procedures. From 1987-1995, he served as the National Program Leader for Beekeeping for the USDA Extension Service, Washington, DC. Currently, Dr. Tew is conducting a regionalized cooperative extension beekeeping project with Auburn University in which basic Alabama extension responsibilities are conducted by Dr. Tew from Ohio.

Last year Dr. Tew has released his book through the Walter T. Kelley Company, "*Beekeeping Principles: A Manual for Beginners, A Guide for Gardeners*".

Dr. Tew is married to Valie S. Tew, he has three daughters.

## 2004 O.S.B.A. FALL CONFERENCE UPDATE

by Harry Vanderpool

The 2004 OSBA Fall Conference will be held on October 28, 29, and 30 at the beautiful Agate Beach Inn in Newport Oregon.

Speakers confirmed to date include:

- \*Dr. Marla Spivak, University of Minnesota
- \*Dr. Dewey Caron, University of Delaware
- \*Dr. Michael Burgett, Oregon State University
- \*Dr. James Tew
- \*Mr George Hansen, Foothills Honey Company, Colton Oregon
- \*Ms. Brenda Kellar, Graduate Student, O.S.U.
- \*Mr. Brent Barkman, Barkmans Honey, Kansas

Mark your calendar, and don't miss the bonfire on the beach.



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# Vice-President's Message

by Harry Vanderpool

President Kenny Williams is swimming in honey right now, so I set down to write y'all a message. It's not that I haven't had a fine honey crop; rather, my swimming pool is somewhat smaller than his . . .

Are you ready for some good news? Let me go back to 2003 first and give you some background:

Last year Kenny Williams and I attended the first Oregon Agricultural Congress, and while there, spoke with the Dean of O.S.U. about our desire to have an apicultural expert at the university. He asked Kenny to make contact with Dr. Charles Boyer, Associate Dean.

Kenny followed through with this and further, met Dr. Anita N. Azarenko, Professor and Head of the Department of Horticulture at O.S.U.

Fast forward to July 7, 2004. On this fine day, we had a meeting at O.S.U to exchange views.

In attendance, Dr. Charles Boyer, Dr. Anita Azarenko, Kenny Williams, and myself. Also in attendance was veteran beekeeper and senior lobbyist to the Oregon Legislature, Mr. Fred VanNatta, and Mr. Rufus S. La Lone, Oregon Entomologist, long time expert in the fruit industry.

This meeting was very positive and fruitful. I would have to fill this entire newsletter in order to give you all of the details, but suffice it to say that the light at the end of the tunnel has appeared. We left the meeting with homework and hope for the future at O.S.U.

Finding "common ground" means exactly that. The O.S.B.A must be in tune with the strategic plans of the university and work in concert with it.

Our president, Kenny Williams, has done a very fine job of aligning all of the details.



Also, we all owe Mr. Rufus La Lone a debt of gratitude for his stunning, expert testimony of support of commercial pollination and its importance from the growers' and processors' perspective.

And as always, long time O.S.B.A.member, Fred VanNatta was there for Oregon Beekeepers. Please take time out to thank him for the support he gives you.

Friends, there is finally a glimmer of light visible at the end of the tunnel. How can you help? Are you a commercial beekeeper? Do you want to see a person at O.S.U. that works with the beekeepers in our state? Contact Kenny, or myself as soon as possible. Don't sit on your hands! Call us and we will talk for a bit; OK???

You can make a difference. Act now!

Harry

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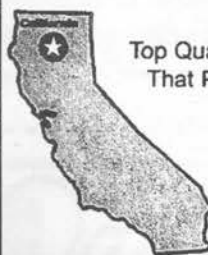
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## Thursday, October 28

7:00 pm Kick-off Wine and Cheese Social  
Best Western Conference Center

## Friday, October 29

7:30 am Registration  
8:00 am Silent Auction Begins  
8:15 am Welcome & Announcements  
Kenny Williams, OSBA President

8:30 am Africanized Honey Bees  
Dr. Dewey Caron

9:15 am Selecting for Hygenic Behavior  
Dr. Marla Spivak

10:00 Break

10:15 am Oregon Agriculture In Transition  
Ms. Katy Coba, Director,  
Oregon Department of Agriculture

11:00 am 2003 Oregon Pollination Survey  
Dr. Mike Burgett

11:30 am Attractants for Pollination  
Dr. James Tew

12:15 Lunch on your own

1:15 pm Subject not confirmed  
Dr. Steve Sheppard

2:00 pm Bees Across America  
Ms. Brenda Kellar

2:45 pm Break

3:00 pm To Be Announced

3:45 pm O.S.B.A in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
Mr. Thom Trusewicz

4:00 Silent Auction Ends

4:30-5:45 pm State Business Meeting

6:00 pm Social Hour

7:00 pm Banquet  
Keynote Speaker: Dr. James Tew

O.S.B.A. Benefit Auction

## Saturday, October 30

7:30 am Registration

8:15 am Welcome & Announcements  
Kenny Williams O.S.B.A. President

8:30 am Recollections from Hobbyist, Sideline, & Commercial Beekeeping  
Mr. Chuck Sowers, Sowers Apiaries

9:15 am Barkman's Bees  
Mr. Brent Barkman

10:00 Break

10:15 am New Approaches In Integrated Pest Management  
Dr. Dewey Caron

11:00 am Subject not confirmed  
Dr. Steve Sheppard

Noon: Luncheon  
Honey Bee Workshops  
Mr. George Hansen

1:15 pm Kona Queens  
Mr. Gus Rouse

2:00 pm Successful Queen Introduction  
Dr. Marla Spivak

2:45 pm To be announced

3:30 pm Question & Answer session  
Panel of Experts

4:30 pm Adjourn

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## NORTHWEST BEEKEEPING

### TIPS - August

by Harry Vanderpool

Remove all honey supers to extract before starting medication program. Supers with excessive amounts of uncapped honey should be dried with a steady current of warm air for a couple of days. Test the frames by probing random cells with a toothpick and measuring the resultant honey with a refractometer. Readings under 17% should be okay.

Honey extracting should be done as soon as possible after removing supers. Procrastinate on some other chore, like making your bank deposit, for example.

Don't tempt robber bees by exposing honey, cappings, or comb.

Make your hive inspections as brief as possible; stop if robbing starts. Try conducting inspections earlier in the morning to avoid pesky robbers. Reduce entrances on *weak* colonies after hot days are over, to reduce robbing. Combine small, weak or queenless colonies. Place a single sheet of newspaper between the supers when combining colonies this late in the year.

Keep on the lookout for American Foulbrood.

Varroa treatment must begin as close to the First of August as possible. Pull honey supers a couple of days before your hive inspection/strip placement. It is recommended that you alternate chemical varroa mite treatments every two years to thwart chemical resistance in the mites.

Select a tracheal mite treatment strategy, and follow through with it. That is your reading assignment! *Mites of the Honey Bee* by Thomas Webster and Keith Delaplane, published by Dadant, is a must on every serious beekeeper's bookshelf.

Start Terramycin powder treatments while colony population is still high. Do not be stingy with this treatment. Too much (within reason!) is not a problem. Toss enough along the end bars to last five days and continue treatment to ensure a steady supply for 21 days. After a month, remove and discard any remaining lumps of powder that remain. Use only fresh, new Terramycin.

Check stored comb for wax moth infestation.

Place any extracted honey frames to be stored in a dry, cool area with moth crystals.

Leave 40-50 lbs. of honey in each colony for fall buildup or feed equivalent amount of sugar syrup (2:1) on colonies light in stores. Feed supplementary pollen patties if stored pollen is inadequate and pollen dearth exists.

Prepare exhibits for the O.S.B.A. booth at the Oregon State Fair. Don't be afraid of a little competition—it's among friends, right??

Your ideas are more valuable than you realize. However, they aren't worth a fiddly-dee if you don't share them at your local association's meeting. No excuses! Go!

## THE STING

Jul 14 2004

### Hard-up beekeeper switched his honey

By Donna Watson

A DESPERATE beekeeper turned to honey-laundering to keep his business afloat, a court heard yesterday.

Richard Brodie, 44, conned shops by filling his jars with cheap South American honey instead of the produce of his Borders operation.

But another beekeeper discovered the scam and it was exposed.

Brodie, who traded as Wildfire Honey from Denholm Hall Farm, Hawick, had a good reputation for his traditional methods, Berwick Magistrates' Court was told.

But when bad weather led to a low yield, he turned to fraud. The bogus honey ended up on sale at £3 a jar at a specialist food store in Wooler, Northumberland.

Northumberland County Council trading standards officer Ken Henderson said it was sheer luck the honey did not contain the antibiotic tetracycline. In Argentina, it is used to treat bees, but it is not permitted in British honey.

'Brodie did not carry out his own checks and it was down to luck it was not present,' he said.

Defending himself, Brodie claimed he did not intend to deceive the public.

He said: 'I labelled it woodland honey because that was supposed to be a catch-all description. If it was my own honey, I would have said exactly where it came from.'

Brodie admitted two charges of being likely to mislead as to the nature of food and was fined £600

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This story was found online in the BUZZWORDS, Beekeeping in New Zealand Website.

Watch for an upcoming article from Dr. Lynn Royce regarding pesticide use in Oregon and what's been seen this summer in the Valley.



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## Insects Take Up Residency in Home's Chimney

By VICTOR CALDERON  
Herald Staff Writer, Pacific Grove, CA

Marie Larson was hoping the worst was over.

For the past two months, it seems Larson has been living with more than a thousand bees that have taken up residence in the chimney of her home on Second Street in Pacific Grove.

The stinging marauders have been sneaky, getting between window screens and attacking at random. Larson has sting marks all over her hands and arms to prove it.

She has spent sleepless nights worrying about the winged invaders in her house. She has learned the bee colony's habits and is fed up with the noise.

"They sound like a cyclone hitting. It's just been awful," she said Monday shortly after an attempt to eliminate the bees fell short of success.

Larson learned of the trouble in mid-May when a neighbor called her attention to the intruders. Mark Russ alerted her to a loud noise coming from the east side of the house, facing Pine Avenue.

"He told me it sounded like a helicopter flying by overhead," she said.

Larson attempted to smoke the bees out of the chimney. Didn't work. Pacific Grove officials advised her to be careful with the house, built in 1912. In the 34 years Larson and her husband, Harold, have lived in the house, there had never been problems with bees or other insects.

"The city didn't want me to touch the house," she said. "They told me it was historical. I told them it was hysterical."

For the past eight weeks, Larson has been making numerous daily inspections, taking a pair of binoculars and crossing the street to look for the buzzing bandits clustered around the chimney. Larson has heard from residents 10 blocks away who have been attacked by the bees.

Larson called five pest control companies before, finally, she found one willing to take on the assignment.

Early Monday morning, Russell Auria, an exterminator with Russell Auria Pest Control, used a crane to get to the top of the 35-foot chimney so he could wrestle with the yellow-and-black attack. He said the beehive was at least a foot thick and was lodged a foot from the chimney opening.

The job took an hour and Auria was kept safe by wearing a custom-made beekeeper suit.

"I feel like Superman in this suit," he said. "I can work comfortably without feeling any anxiety over being stung."

Auria says the safety of those in the house and his own safety come first and then he tries to save the hive. The plan was to zero in on the queen bee and remove her so the other bees would follow.

That didn't work either. It appeared that the queen and some of her subjects managed to remain in the chimney when the hive went down, not up as Auria wanted.

For now, the fireplace and chimney have been covered, but at least some of the bees are still around. Auria plans to re-inspect the chimney from the bottom up within the next two weeks.

Frustrated, Larson is looking forward to the day she can sleep in peace.

"If I ever get my hands on that queen bee," she said, "I'm gonna ring her neck, that's for sure."

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This story was found online in the BUZZWORDS, Beekeeping in New Zealand Website.

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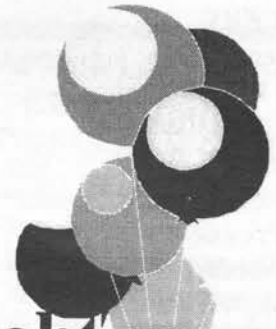
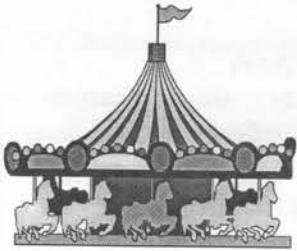
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## Hurry, Hurry, Hurry...Step right up, ladies and gentlemen!!

It's time once again to sign up for your shifts at the OSBA booth at the Oregon State Fair. We need lots of folks to work in the booth, and prime-time slots will be going fast. First come, first served, so reserve your favorite shift today!

Keep in mind that this is your free ticket into the fair on the days that you work. The more you work, the more you save on admission. However, if you are like me and no amount of savings could attract you to the fair, remember that this is a valuable opportunity to share your beekeeping knowledge with the general public and perhaps interest others in our activities. As beekeepers, we all know how important our bugs are to our survival, but most of the population on this planet has no clue. We need to spread the word, and to recruit more beekeepers.

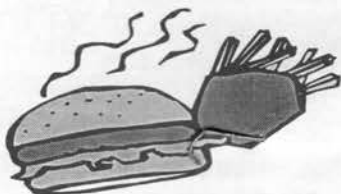
OSBA is also offering an additional incentive this year. A raffle ticket for free tuition at the OSBA Fall Conference will be given for every shift worked. Work 10 shifts, and you are way ahead of the competition for the free tuition.

**Dates for the state fair this year are August 26 through September 6, and the new fair hours are: Sundays through Thursdays and Labor Day, 11 AM to 10 PM; Friday and Saturday, 11AM to 11PM.**

You can sign up for your shifts at the Willamette Valley Beekeepers Association meeting on Monday June 28 at 7PM, or by emailing Thom of OSBA at [ccbee@intergate.com](mailto:ccbee@intergate.com)

Thank you for your efforts.

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