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# THE BEE LINE



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## Conference theme: Money

- How much does it cost to produce a pound of honey?
- Does it pay to keep bees?
- How much is pollination worth to the farmer?
- How much does it cost the beekeeper to pollinate?

These are just a few of the questions you may find answers to at the Oregon State Beekeepers Association's annual meeting Nov. 11 to 13 at the Valley River Inn in Eugene.

The conference theme will be "The Economics of Beekeeping." Speakers so far include Dr. Mike Burgett, extension apiculturist at Oregon State University, who will talk about the costs of pollination; a health

food store manager, who will discuss selling honey in health food stores; Fred Van Natta, lobbyist and hobby beekeeper, Salem, who will outline the possibilities of forming an Oregon Honey Commission.

The conference will start at 9 a.m. Thursday with a special workshop for hobby and part-time beekeepers on how to assemble bee equipment. Ken Ramsey of Brooks will coordinate activities.

While the executive committee meets Thursday evening, beekeepers can visit or attend films on beekeeping.

Friday will be devoted to business and speakers with the

banquet tentatively set for that evening.

Saturday offers more speakers plus final business meeting and election of officers.

Conference plans were discussed at an executive meeting Aug. 6 in Corvallis. The Lane County beekeepers will host the conference. Sally and Eugene Garner of Springfield are serving as chairmen and handling the arrangements.

The Garners can be contacted at 1375 S. 2nd St., Springfield 97477 or by phone, 746-5972.

More about the conference in September. Mark your calendars now!

## Get honey ready for State Fair

Believe it or not, it's Oregon State Fair-time again! True, the actual dates aren't until Aug. 27 to Sept. 5 in Salem, but now is the time to prepare your prize honey and bees for exhibition.

Marge Ehry, P.O. Box 112, will coordinate educational display which the fair commission has been kind enough to allow the Oregon State Beekeepers Association to arrange in con-

junction with the open class honey-bee exhibits. In return, beekeepers offer to man the booth. The fair commission appreciates having people there to talk about the birds and bees (or bees, anyway) and to look after the observation hives.

The display, which is usually located among land products in the agricultural hall, attracts many fairgoers. More than 200

signed up for information about honey, bees and the association at last year's fair.

Three things are needed: Beekeepers to exhibit; people to help Marge put up the display, and volunteers to man the booth.

Fair booklets are available, but if you want one, you had better check with your beekeeper-neighbor or call the State Fair Entry Office, (503) 378-4668.

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## State Fair (cont.)

Former prize winners who might have information about entries are Bill Ruhl, Bill Ruhl Jr. and Ernest McCormick of Portland; Marge and Al Ehry of Dundee; Oliver Petty of Albany; Delmar Smith of Central Point, to name a few.

The fair prefers preregistration, but so far entrants have never been turned down.

Honey, bees, beeswax or honey vinegar may be entered between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Friday, August 26. Use the 17th Street Entrance to the fairgrounds.

Here is a roundup of entry information.

Exhibitors must enter at least three two-pound jars of each variety of extracted honey, creamed honey and honey butter; six sections of comb honey; three deep extracting frames of comb honey; three shallow frames of comb honey; one one-gallon of honey vinegar in a glass container.

Beeswax must be natural or sunbleached and weigh at least 10 pounds. Beeswax novelties will not be judged. (Candles, etc.)

Extracted varieties of honey are: Alfalfa and/or sweet clover; blueberry; clover; fireweed; vetch; any other fruit (state source on entry); any other wildflower (state source); any other source (state source).

## President's Message

**Spring Summary:** The most important results of our efforts concerning pesticide damage to honeybees was the stir over the bill placed in front of the Legislature. This bill, along with the efforts of Dr. Mike Burgett meeting with groups around the state has advanced the awareness of honeybee losses.

The ASCS registering hives for locations didn't seem to get past the confusion level. Some ASCS offices took the registrations; others didn't. In Clackamas and Multnomah counties, there are over 600 beekeepers. Only 40 registered with the ASCS offices.

Pesticide losses to bee colonies this year have not been reported to me, as I had hoped they would be. At this time,

we don't know whether we have an improved condition or not.

I would appreciate a card from any beekeeper who has suffered damage, in order that this can be given to the Oregon Department of Agriculture. We have one more year for the educational program to work or show reduced losses of honeybees and before the 1979 legislative year faces us.

If our losses are not substantially reduced by then, we should consider legislation that will ensure a reduction of losses.

—Tom Thayer, President  
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**SEPTEMBER 2.** Send to Connie Petty, editor.  
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AUGUST SPECIAL: Frames, 20 cents for No. 1; 17 cents for No. 2; Happy Bee Apiary, P.O. Box 112, Dundee, Ore. Phone 358-4289

# Scientists form Society

Scientists at the University of California at Davis have announced the formation of the Western Apicultural Society, a regional group for hobby and part-time beekeepers.

Organizational meeting will take place Sept. 9 to 11 at Davis.

Organizers Norman Gary, professor of apiculture, and Eric Mussen, extension apiculturist, are patterning the group after the Eastern Apicultural Society.

They feel the interests and problems of hobby beekeepers differ from those of large commercial beekeepers.

The primary activity will be to sponsor and arrange an annual regional conference at a beekeeping research and/or academic center in one of the seven western states or British Columbia or Alberta.

Price for this conference is \$42, which includes housing at the Davis campus. A packet of information, fees and registration form may be obtained from Carolyn Norlyn, conference coordinator, 4475 Chemistry Annex. University of California, Davis 95616. Phone 916-752-2813.+



## Application for Membership

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Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# Meetings

Only about 50 persons attended the Oregon State Beekeepers Association annual picnic at the Lewis-Brown Farm near Corvallis.

Those who missed missed an interesting talk by Dr. Christine Peng, apiculturist at the University of California at Davis.

Dr. Peng probably knows more about rearing queen honeybees than any other woman, although her specialties include bee nutrition and diseases.

Dr. Peng's advice for queen breeders includes the following:

Nurse bees (who make the royal jelly) should be around 10 days of age, so the beekeeper should keep adding young bees to the hive. Larvae should also be not older than three days, preferably only one-day old. And, the queen breeder should feed more than sugar syrup, he or she should provide pollen, a necessary protein for the bees.

Also, cells should be handled carefully. They're delicate. Don't chill them and don't let them dry out.

Beekeepers also need to provide an abundance of drone

bees. Although people once believed a queen mated only once, apiculturists now know a queen needs to mate with six to ten drones to get the number of sperm needed for her lifetime of laying eggs.

Dr. Peng also talked about breeding.

Her entire speech will be reproduced and available at the annual meeting Nov. 11 to 13 in Eugene.+

If you missed the state beekeepers picnic, you might like to join two branch associations who will take to the out-of-doors before the month ends.

**COOS COUNTY** — 1 p.m. Aug. 14, Coos Co. Fairgrounds, Myrtle Point. Members will set up the fair booth following the picnic. The fair runs Aug. 17 to 21 (if you want to see what the Southern Coast beekeepers are displaying). Secretary Jack Piper, 267-6586.

**TILLAMOOK** — 1:30 p.m. Aug. 28, Kilches River Country Park. Watch for signs north of town on Hwy. 101 near the

cheese factory. President Ken Ray, 842-6945.

## OTHER MEETINGS:

**ROSEBURG** group meets Aug. 9. Contact President H. Leroy Davis for meeting place, 673-4261.

**TILLAMOOK BEEKEEPERS** meet 7:30 p.m. Aug. 15, Pudhall, 1115 Pacific, Tillamook. Pictures on beekeeping.

If you enjoy "Bee Talk," consider joining or visiting a branch association. Groups now are planning their fall-winter meetings. Contact officers: **LANE**, Eugene Garner 746-5972 **COOS**, Jack Piper 267-6586 **MID COLUMBIAN**, Hugh Holte 298-1929 **PORTLAND**, Dave Cressler 223-2787

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**TILLAMOOK**, Ken Ray 842-6945

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## South Africans to visit Northwest

Oregon beekeepers will have an opportunity to host a beekeeper from South Africa this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. T.L. Peagam, P.O. Box 535 Kynsna 6759, Cape, South Africa, plan to be in the Northwest and will leave

Seattle toward the end of October, traveling by Greyhound bus to Portland, then to Eureka, California.

He has written to secretary Oliver Petty asking for visits with beekeepers.

This is a chance to learn about beekeeping in Africa and an opportunity to host a fellow-beekeeper.

Peagam now can be contacted c/o E.R. Langley, 11333 73rd Ave., Edmonton, Alberta.+

# Cappings

It's not too late to make reservations for one of the tours going to Adelaide, Australia for the XXVIth International Congress of Apiculture Oct. 14 through 19.

American Honey Queen Julie Schmitz of Pierre, S.D. will be hostess for a tour arranged by Paul Heins of Albany. It leaves from Los Angeles Oct. 5 and returns Oct. 26.

Cost is \$2,250 double; \$2,586 single. For information, contact Away Travel Service, P.O. Box 769, Albany 97321.

Or, if you're a member of the American Beekeeping Federation (as some Oregon State Beekeepers Association members are), join a tour leaving San Francisco Oct. 8 and returning Nov. 6.

Both groups will visit New Zealand as well as other South Pacific highlights.

The ABF tour is priced at \$2,016 double; \$2,191 single.

Write Robert Banker, secretary, American Beekeeping Federation, Cannon Falls, Minn.†

Scott Fitzwater, who volunteered to head the honey plant and pollen source committee is a little disheartened.

Scott asked beekeepers to help him put together a collection of pictures of honey plants and pollen plants. His project was outlined in the April 1977 newsletter.

Scott received only one reply offering help.

He still can be contacted: 3880 SE Powell Valley Road, Gresham 97030 or phone 667-2253.†

The association is sponsoring honey cookery contests for 4-H youngsters. Remind your young neighbor it's not too late (depending upon when your fair runs). Youngsters must use at least 25 per cent honey in preparing a food. Prizes of \$2.50 goes to the best intermediate cook or team and \$5 for the best senior individual or team, all donated by the association.

We just learned Lebanon 4-Hers Michelle Elder and Kathy O'Driscoll won prizes in the Linn County 4-H Fair.†



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It is important that all members of the executive committee meet with the president in Albany at about 5 p.m., Sept. 25. (Place to be announced.)

This is a Sunday afternoon, and will follow a dinner-reception for American Honey Queen Julie Schmitz, of Pierre, South Dakota.

Executive committee members, please mark your calendars.

The meeting is necessary before the annual meeting Nov. 11-13. It must be held at least 30 days prior to the meeting and the Sept. 25 date was the most convenient date that could be arranged.

The date will give officers a chance to meet the honey queen.

# Honey Hints

## Cook's Corner



Attending lots of potluck picnics these days? Elsie Simila, 6848 Hazel Green Salem, has the answer for a tasty dish. It's made with honey, naturally:

### FOUR BEAN SALAD

One can each — red kidney beans, green (whole or French cut) beans, wax beans, garbazo beans. Drain each can.

1 large white, sweet onion, thinly sliced  
3/4 cup honey  
3/4 cup apple cider vinegar  
(To mix easier, heat until lukewarm)

Add 1/2 cup safflower oil (or other good salad oil), 1/2 teaspoon pepper, 1/2 teaspoon celery seed to the honey-vinegar mixture. Then pour all over drained beans and onion slices. Best if refrigerated at least three hours before using, but will keep a long time if you can leave them alone! I save the bean juices and use in soups or gravies within a few days.

—Elsie Simila

Grandma said that we must pass  
Our blessings all around  
And share them with all other folks  
Wherever they are found.  
So if among your recipes  
A favorite one you find  
Send it in, we'll pass it on  
Like back in Grandma's time!

### HONEYSUCKLE NECTAR:

For each 8-ounce glass of milk, use 1 tablespoon honey and 1 tablespoon of your favorite fruit juice concentrate—orange, grape, lemonade, or limeade. Slowly stir the honey and fruit juice into the milk. MMMMMMMmmmmmmmm!

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### SANDWICH CREAM CHEESE AND HONEY FILLING:

Use 1 tablespoon of honey and 1 tablespoon of grated orange rind and mix with a small package of cream cheese.

## Honey Queen reception set

American Honey Queen Julie Schmitz will be in Oregon Sept. 24 to 26.

Plans are being made for a reception-dinner for the queen in Albany Sept. 25.

The reception will be followed by a meeting of the executive committee at about 5 p.m.

The time and place for the reception will be announced soon.

Connie Petty and Paul Heins are making the arrangements. Again, mark your calendars!+

# Beat Guinness Record

**BEEKEEPERS--Here's a challenge:**

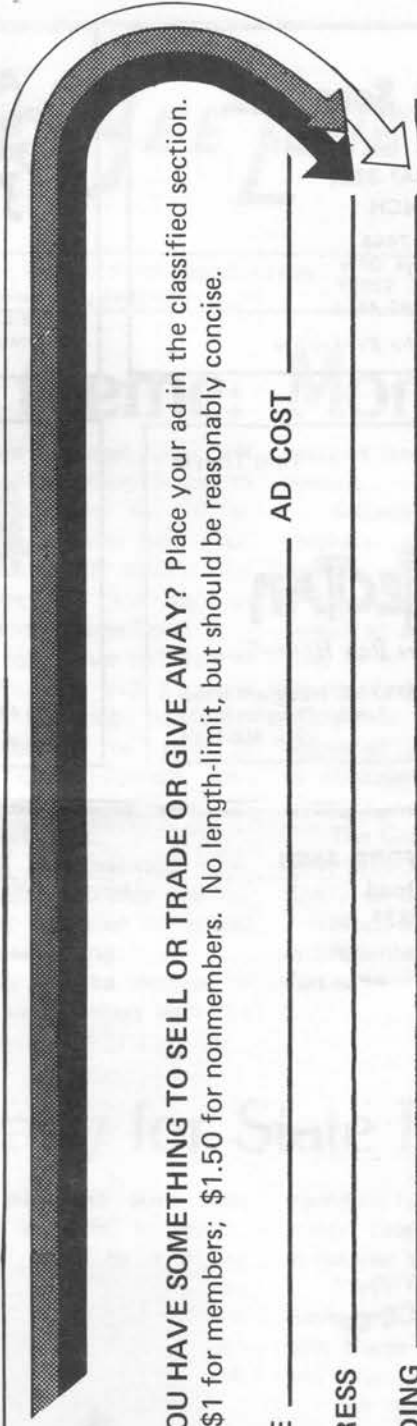
Just for fun-- are there any official honey yield records and categories for Oregon?

If not, if there is sufficient interest generated, I'd be same for organizing rules and categories. Write me, if you're interested, or please send me information as to who would have records and information.

As an example, I have one hive which will approach 400 POUNDS OF SURPLUS HONEY THIS YEAR. The hive is located in a single location near native (not cultivated) flowers.

The world's record of wild-flower honey from one hive is 404 POUNDS (Guinness Book of Records). Come on, Oregonians, let's beat this.

--Michael S. Meyers  
Rt. 1 Box 159  
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