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# THE BEE LINE



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## Bee school beckons beekeepers

You may not recognize the annual meeting-convention when it is called Pacific Northwest Bee School, but that's the title of the Oct. 19-21 beekeeping event set on the Oregon State University campus in Corvallis.

Oregon and Washington associations will hold business meeting in conjunction with the bee school.

Actually, the school supersedes the tri-county or regional meeting formerly hosted by associations in the Northwest states.

Holding the meeting on a college campus makes it low-cost. There is no hotel-headquarters to worry about, and participants are on their own for most of the meals and housing.

Glenn Fisher and Mike Burgett co-ordinated the program. The meeting should appeal to part-time and commercial beekeepers, with some meetings being held concurrently.

The school is primarily educational. By putting on a

regional meeting, it is possible to draw speakers who would not be able to come for a state meeting. Beekeeping and research specialists from the U.S. and Canada are on the program.

Highlights of the program include Dr. S.C. Jay of the University of Manitoba at Winnipeg, who will talk about beekeeping in Africa, and Allen Sylvester from the U.S. Department of Agriculture bee laboratory at Baton Rouge, La., whose topic will be keeping bees in Thailand.

Other sessions will be on how to prepare honey for the market, building bee equipment, and discussions on current problems of the industry.

Since facilities are free, exhibit space will also be free.

Anyone wishing to set up a booth should contact Burgett at the address below.

The O.S.U. extension service has been handling pre-registrations but Burgett says only 75 have returned application forms, and most of those were from Washington beekeepers.

You may not be on the Department of Entomology's list or just postponed sending your pre-registration.

Pre-registration is not mandatory, but knowing about how many will attend would be helpful to the planners.

Registration fees are \$25 for an individual or \$30 for a family, or \$10 a day for each day attended. An advanced registration fee of \$10 will apply to the registration fee.

Make checks payable to the PNW Bee School, and send the application (inside) to:

Extension Entomology  
Secretary,

Dept. of Entomology,  
Oregon State University  
Corvallis, OR 97331

**DEADLINE FOR  
INFORMATION FOR  
NEXT NEWSLETTER  
IS SEPT. 30**

# LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

## EDITORIAL

Well, this is the meeting many of you have asked for. A low-cost convention. No high priced coffee or meals; no rooms to help pay for through registrations. So why have you not registered for one of the best conventions hosted by the Oregon Association in many years?

A year ago at this time, association leaders were planning and worrying over the arrangements and costs of the annual meeting. It was a big worry and headache for me because my job was to get the news to you and hope there would be a good response.

This year, the task fell to Mike Burgett. Because mailing was free through the O.S.U. extension service, the association has not had anything to do with notices and information. These have gone to some 1,200 beekeepers. Yet as of this writing, Mike says only 75 pre-registrations have been returned, most of those from Washington beekeepers.

The O.S.U. extension office recently sent another announcement and you should have a copy of the program in your hands — if you are on the O.S.U. mailing list.

The Bee School should attract beekeepers from Oregon,

Washington, Idaho, British Columbia and northern California. Speakers will be here from throughout the U.S. and Canada. Some topics may be too technical for part-time beekeepers, but concurrent sessions will offer topics of interest to all beekeepers — on building equipment and preparing honey for the market, for example.

Those who sell bee supplies, buy honey or have anything else to sell or advertise should be happy to show or display at the meeting. There is no charge. But it is growing late. Corvallis has limited housing. You may find yourself staying in Albany, 10 miles away. There will be no problem about meals. Inexpensive meals are offered on campus and at nearby restaurants. Only about three meals are scheduled as part of the bee school, and those prices are reasonable too.

This may sound like nagging but it really is intended to promote your interest in attending the bee school. To find out about housing, contact the Corvallis Chamber of Commerce, Corvallis, 97330.

To learn more about the program and pre-registration, contact Burgett at the Department of Entomology, O.S.U., Corvallis, 97331.

Bee there!

NOTICE: You did not miss your July-August The Bee Line. No Newsletter has been published since June 30. Deadline for next newsletter: Sept. 30, 1978. Send news to: The Bee Line, 1033 Gibson Hill Road, Albany, OR 97321 or telephone Connie or Oliver Petty, 928-7924.

## Letters

Dear Connie Petty,

I am a member of Western Apicultural Society. I would like to subscribe to The Bee Line, official publication, of the Oregon State Beekeepers Association, in order that I may reach a large number of Oregon Beekeepers, and better acquaint myself with the Beekeeping Fraternities in your State. Please inform me to the annual subscription cost, and any further information on Oregon Beekeeping, or the whereabouts of obtaining it, would be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,  
Johan van de Kerkhof  
4576 Cliffmont Road,  
North Vancouver, B.C.,  
Canada. V7G 1J9

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## Bring your honey to the show

Show off your honey at the 1978 Oregon State Beekeepers Association annual honey show. The show will be held during

the Pacific Northwest Bee School, Oct. 19-21 at the Memorial Union Building, Oregon State University, in Corvallis.

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American Beekeeping Federation (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

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For hotel/motel accommodations, write Corvallis Chamber of Commerce, Corvallis, OR 97330

PACIFIC NORTHWEST BEE SCHOOL  
October 19-21, 1978  
Memorial Union  
Oregon State University  
Corvallis, OR 97331

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# Botulism: An industry problem

*Editor's note: The following information was taken from the American Beekeeping Federation newsletter. It should interest all beekeepers, part-time or commercial.*

Dear Fellow Beekeeper,

You may or may not have seen or heard some public releases on the honey and infant botulism problem.

We have been aware of the problem and the research done at the California Health Department by Dr. Arnon since early last fall. Recognizing the total as an industry problem, two Honey Industry Council meetings have been called to attempt to deal with the problem, the most recent on July 10. At the first meeting in November, no action was taken primarily because research was inconclusive and we did not want to release information which might be picked up by the press and sensationalized or exploited like the African bee problem has been.

From November to mid-June more research results became

available which while still inconclusive reveals that there is no question that the spores are in some honey from widely separated areas. This the, with the connection of honey use in a few cases of infant botulism, (as reported in the news releases) is a matter of very grave concern and led to the press release by Soix Honey.

At present, from the releases we have seen and heard about, it seems to have been very responsibly and accurately handled by the press and we may have escaped the sensationalism of the problem which might have occurred if it had been left until some government agency or research facility had made a release.

In addition to the Sioux release, it is expected that the California Department of Health will also be making a release directed toward the California medical profession very soon.

Individually there is perhaps very little that can be done except be prepared to responsibly answer questions you may re-

ceive, refrain from advocating the use of honey in infant feeding (under one year of age), and if you pack and sell honey have adequate product liability insurance.

This is a very serious problem which can not be ignored.

We are totally aware of the seriousness of the problem and will be working together with the Honey Industry Council and communicating with Sioux Honey and other research facilities to try and stay on top of the problem and to help avoid if possible sensational, exploiting publicity which could do irreparable damage to the honey market.

Certainly this is one more factor which dramatically *emphasizes the dire need* for a concerted national honey promotion program.

If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact us!

--Robert Banker, Secretary  
American Beekeeping  
Federation, Cannon Falls,  
Minn. 55009

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# Northwest Bee School Oct. 19-21

## HERE ARE THE SPEAKERS

Steven Taber III, USDA Honey Bee Research Lab., Tucson, Arizona; Dr. John R. Harbo, USDA Honey Bee Genetics Lab., Baton Rouge, La.; Dr. Hachiro Shimanuki, USDA Honey Bee Diseases Lab, Beltsville, Maryland; Dr. William Wilson USDA Honey Bee-Pesticide-Diseases Lab, Laramie WY John Corner, B. C. Dept. of Agriculture, Apiary Supervisor, Vernon, B.C.; Dr. Lawrence Connor, Genetics Systems Inc., Labelle, Florida; Charles Dadant, Dadant & Sons, Hamilton, Illinois; William Rahr, Sundstrand Data Control, Redmond Wash.; P.F. Thurber, Wash. Dept. of Agriculture (ret.) Kirkland, Wash;

Jack Mattenius, New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Apiary Supervision, Trenton, N.J.; Dr. Eric Mussen, Extension Apiculturist, University of CA, Davis, CA; Dr. Carl Johansen, Department of Entomology, Washington State University, Pullman, Wash.; Prof. Wheeler Calhoun, Department of Crop Science, O.S.U., Corvallis OR.; Will Kissinger, Montana Department of Agriculture, Apiary Supervisor, Helena, Montana; James Bach, Washington Department of Agriculture, Apiary Supervisor, Yakima, WA; Floyd Hilbig, Nevada Department of Agriculture, Apiary Supervisor, Reno, Nevada; Warren Cyrus, Oregon Department of Agriculture, Apiary Supervisor, Salem, OR;

## A BIT FROM THE PROGRAM

Three full days of program have been planned. Concurrent sessions will be offered during most of the meeting. On the social side, a Friday evening country and western/bluegrass musicale has been scheduled. The banquet, to be catered by the OSU Food Services department, will be held Saturday evening. This meeting will also serve as the annual business meeting for both the Washington and Oregon Associations. Saturday afternoon has been set aside for these functions. Commercial displays from several national and many regional bee equipment firms have been arranged. A Honey Show is also scheduled, so plan on bringing your best honey to enter.

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