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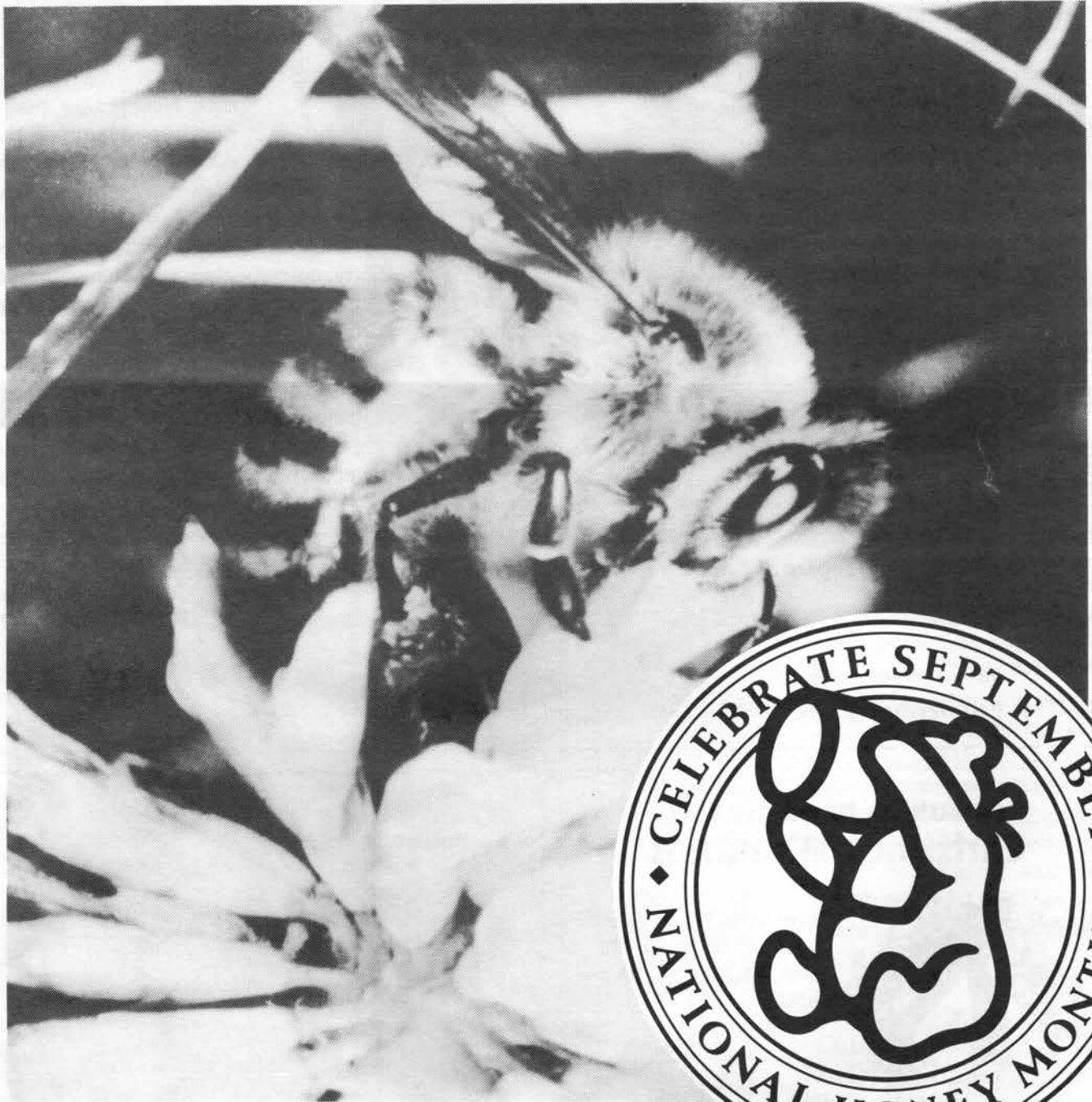
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## SEPTEMBER — NATIONAL HONEY MONTH

National Honey Month began on Labor Day weekend. Think about the hardest laboring creature, the honey bee — shown here laboring over a clover flower, one of the primary sources of honey.



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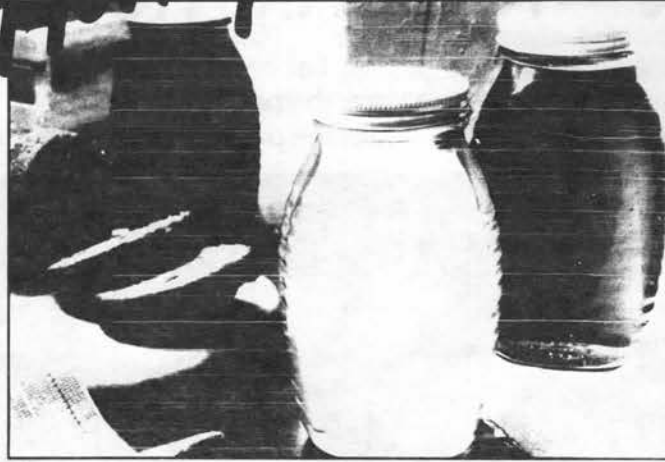
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delicious honey and honey-made foods, and to give you new ways and ideas about how to use honey in all kinds of dishes, Marge Davenport of Tigard wrote *Cooking with Honey*.

Inspired by the Oregon State Beekeepers Association and encouraged by the National Honey Board, *Cooking with Honey* was made possible. Many of the recipes were tested in their research kitchens.

Several people helped put this book to-

gether: Lydge Cady, co-publisher who really should be listed as co-author, but deferred; OSBA president Marjorie Ehry; Joann Olstrom of Joann's Honey, home economist and a mover in the Beekeepers Association; and Chehalem Printing, Newberg, Oregon.

Join the revolution by revolutionizing your cooking. These *Cooking with Honey* recipes can add a whole new, healthy dimension to your cooking and eating pleasure. Order copies for yourself and for gifts:

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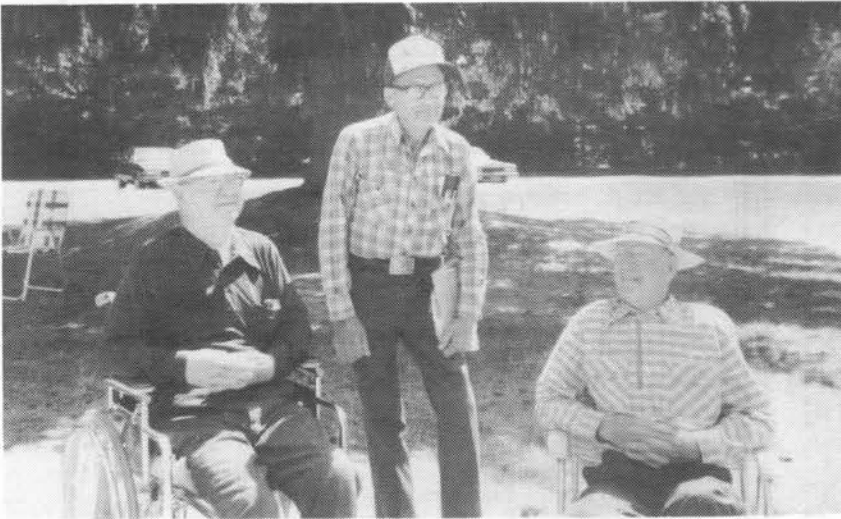
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### Summer Picnic at Fern Ridge

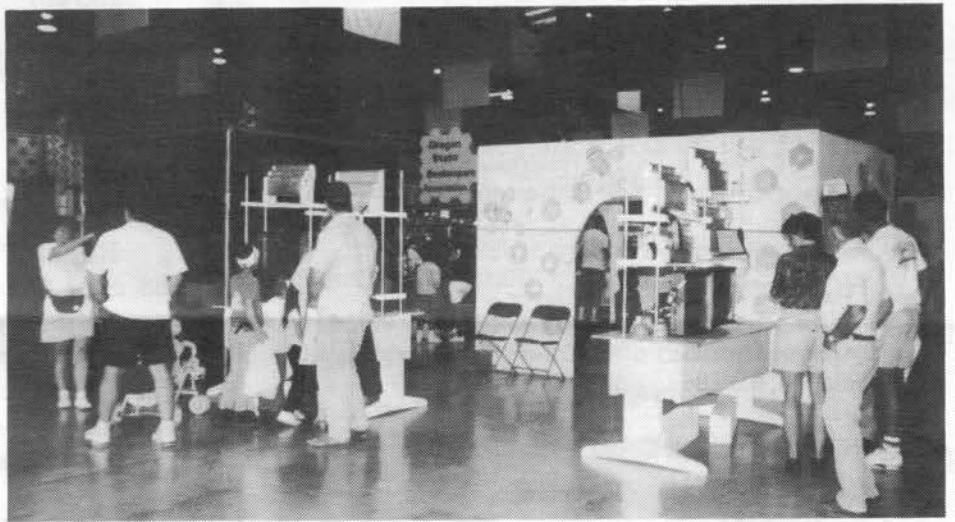
Summer picnic on August 11 was a real success, with a good turnout. Our thanks go to the Lane County Beekeepers Association for hosting the event. A special surprise: four of our honorary members were able to attend.

Shown are Herman Larson, Orvil Bassett, and Morris Smith. Herman's wife Shirley also attended. they all played a big part in the OSBA and Oregon Beekeeping.

### OSBA Booth at the State Fair

The 1991 OSBA Booth at the Oregon State Fair was viewed by 1000's of fair goers. The 18' x 24' free-standing display area gave the public full accessibility to observation hives and other displays.

Left of the picture was a large screened cage with a single story hive with



bees, compliments of Walt Nichol, Aumsville. The hive was open with "free flying" bees in the screened cage.

A big attraction was when Walt or another beekeeper would enter the cage and pull out a frame, pointing out the queen and answering questions concerning beekeepers.

On the right side of the booth was a 10' x 12' hive, complete with bee charts, displays, VCR, and benches for viewing bee videos.

Bob Allen, Darrell Gulstrom, Alan Ehry, Bill Ruhl, and Walt Nichol are assembling the cage in the bottom picture.

## OREGON STATE FAIR 1991

Premium Winners, Bees and Honey Division

## Oregon Beekeeper's Association Trophy Winner

— Bill Ruhl

## Ruhl Bee Supply Trophy — Duane Hann

## CLASS 1001 - Observation Hives

Name	Section	Place
Bill Ruhl, Portland	1 Bees, Caucasian	1
Bill Ruhl, Portland	2 Bees, Italian	2
Bill Ruhl, Portland	3 Bees, Carniolan	1

## CLASS 1002 - Extracted Honey, Commercial

Bill Ruhl, Portland	1 Alfalfa, sweet clover	1
Jerry Schwanke, Gaston	2 Clover	1
Bill Ruhl, Portland	2 Clover	3
Jerry Schwanke, Gaston	4 Vetch	1
Bill Ruhl, Portland	4 Vetch	2
Bill Ruhl, Portland	5 Blackberry	1
Bill Ruhl, Portland	6 Any other fruit	1
Jerry Schwanke, Gaston	6 Any other fruit	2
Robert Allen, Garibaldi	7 Wildflower	1
Robert Allen, Garibaldi	8 Other mixed flowers	1

## CLASS 1002 - Extracted Honey, Hobbyist

Duane Hann, Newberg	11 Clover	1
Torey Johnson, Molalla	16 Poison Oak	1
Torey Johnson, Molalla	17 Thistle/blackberry	1
Torey Johnson, Molalla	18 Black Cap	2

## CLASS 1003 - Honey, Other Types, Commercial

Robert Allen, Garibaldi	1 Comb, round	1
Bill Ruhl, Portland	1 Comb honey, round	2
Robert Allen, Garibaldi	2 Comb, square	1
Bill Ruhl, Portland	2 Comb, square	2
Bill Ruhl, Portland	3 Chunk comb honey	2
Bill Ruhl, Portland	4 Creamed honey	2
Bill Ruhl, Portland	5 Extr. frame, full depth	1
Bill Ruhl, Portland	6 Extr. frame, Shallow	1
Bill Ruhl, Portland	7 Extr. frame, Western	1
Bill Ruhl, Portland	8 Extr. frame, Semi	1

## CLASS 1003 - Honey, Other Types, Hobbyist

Torey Johnson, Molalla	11 Chunk comb honey	2
Duane Hann, Newberg	15 Extr. Frame-Western	1

## CLASS 1004 - Beeswax

Bill Ruhl, Portland	1 Commercial	2
Jerry Schwanke, Gaston	1 Commercial	1
Duane Hann, Newberg	2 Hobbyist	3
Torey Johnson, Molalla	2 Hobbyist	2

## CLASS 1005 - family apiary

Bill Ruhl, Portland	1 The Family Apiary	1
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Washington State Beekeepers Association  
ANNUAL MEETINGHosted by the  
Columbia Basin Beekeepers AssociationOctober 24-26, 1991  
Red Lion Inn, Pasco, Washington

## Highlights of Agenda

## Thursday, October 24

4:00 pm Registration  
6:30 pm Mead & Cheese Tasting Party

## Friday, October 25

10:30 am *The Africanized Bee in Mexico*  
by Bill Wilson  
11:15 am *What was Interesting in My Bee*  
*Research* by Carl Johansen

## Saturday, October 26

8:30 am *International Varroa: Control*  
*and Progress* by Mike Burgett

## Registration Information

Registration fee is \$62 before October 1 and \$68 after October, and covers cost of Friday banquet, Saturday continental breakfast, coffee breaks and annual syllabus. At the door registration for Friday only is \$36 and includes syllabus, refreshment breaks, and banquet.

For more information and to register, contact:

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## Reminder

Please remember to fill out the Honeybee Industry questionnaire sent to you by Bob Hawkes, Administrator, Commodity Inspection Division of the state of Oregon.

Deadline for returning it is September 30.



## Honey Cooking Contest!

This year we tried a new approach rather than having four classifications: only "Main Dish" was offered, stressing that honey not only is used in baking, but in everyday cooking.

Karl Magnuson of Salem received the Sweepstakes Award for "Honey Fruit and Filbert Pork Chops."

This is the 8th year the OSBA has sponsored this State Fair contest and Karl and members of his family have entered each year. "Just wouldn't be the same without him!"

### Honey Fruit and Filbert Pork Chops

- 1/2 cup diced dried pineapple
- 1/2 cup diced dried apples
- 1/2 cup diced dried apricots
- 1/4 cup diced dried prunes
- 1/4 cup sherry wine
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 cup diced Walla Walla Sweet onions
- 3/4 cup filberts
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1-1/2 tsp. chicken soup powder
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp. ginger
- 1/2 tsp. oregano
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1 lb boneless pork chops

Bring first 6 ingredients to a boil in a sauce pan. Boil for 1 minute then set aside covered until needed.

Trim the fat from the pork chops and render the fat from the trimmings. Brown pork in renderings and set aside. Saute onions in same pan. When onions are transparent, add the onions, honey, 1/2 cup of the filberts and the spices to the fruit mix. Put 1/2 of this mix in a shadow baking pan. Put pork on mix and cover with remaining mix. Bake at 350°F for 1/2 hr (covered). Remove cover and top with remaining nuts and bake for 10 minutes longer.



### Bee plants in the garden

## Crabapples

by B.A. Stringer

There are over 200 kinds of ornamental crabapples, and each year new varieties are released. They are among the most useful and trouble-free of the flowering trees; long-lived, hardy and tolerant of wet soils. Bees collect both nectar and pollen from these trees when in bloom.

Flower colour in crabapples may be red, crimson, pink, wine-red, or white. While the flowers may be single or double, only the single kinds are useful to honey bees. There is a variety of fruit colours as well, including yellow, orange, red and purple. Dolgo and Hopa crabapples are good eating in jellies, and birds relish many of the other kinds.

Even the leaf colour of crabapples offers a selection from dark green through bronze to purplish green. Whatever your preference, you'll probably find it in a crabapple!

Maintenance of the small trees is light. Make sure to plant in well drained soil, and watch for scab, powdery mildew and rust problems. There are some varieties especially selected for disease resistance; ask at your local nursery. Prune only when necessary to form the framework or correct the shape of the tree, not every year.

Crabapples provide blossoms for the bees, fruit for birds and people, as well as foliage interest. They form an attractive background for spring blooming flowers and make light shade for summer bedding plants. In a small garden, crabapples may be espaliered against a fence or wall.

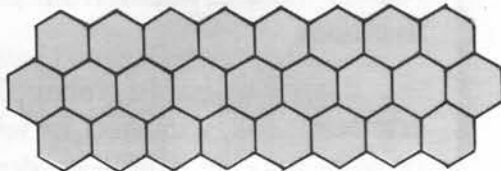
B.A. Stringer is co-author of *Nectar and Pollen Plants of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest*, an illustrated dictionary of northwest bee plants. It is available from Honeystone Press, PO Box 511, Blodgett, OR 97326, for \$11.95 postpaid.

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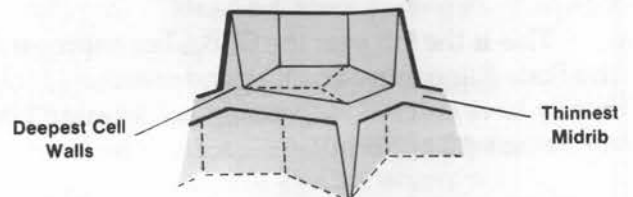
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## Oregon Winter Loss Survey 1990-1991

by B.A. Stringer and D.M. Burgett  
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 Corvallis, OR 97330-2907

For the past four years, surveys of winter losses experienced by Oregon beekeepers have been conducted by the Oregon State Beekeepers Association newsletter, *The Bee Line*, and Oregon State University. Through this period tracheal mites have become widespread, Varroa mites have been found in various operations and some of the winters have been unusually severe.

A total of 42 beekeepers, representing 20,624 colonies or one third of all colonies registered in Oregon, responded to this year's survey. Of these, 13 beekeepers owned more than 300 colonies and were regarded as commercial for the purposes of the survey. Twenty-nine beekeepers, classified as non-commercial, owned fewer than 300 colonies.

Every respondent noted some degree of winter loss, ranging from minimal to serious. Commercial beekeepers averaged 14% loss between October, 1990, and February, 1991, and an additional 5% loss by April, 1991. In comparison, sideliners and hobbyists averaged 7.7% loss between October and February, and an additional 9.2% by April. The smaller apiaries lost more colonies in the late spring than commercial outfits. This may be because beekeepers who take their bees to the California almond pollination probably checked their bees earlier and remedied problems to prevent further losses later in the spring. Those beekeepers with almond contracts must assure a certain colony strength for the pollination fee charged, and are therefore aware of their hives' health in February before almond bloom.

The majority of beekeepers, 30 of 42, noted that their deadouts had few bees and lots of honey left in the frames. This situation seems to be typical of mite damage to colony. Six beekeepers reported that queen problems had contributed to their hive losses, and two mentioned their hives seemed very weak.

Thirty-five beekeepers gave information about the way they have managed their colonies since mites have been present in Oregon. Almost half of these beekeepers had not had their colonies sampled for tracheal or Varroa mites. These beekeepers were unaware whether they had mites and did not use any treatments at all. Only 3 of the 19 beekeepers whose colonies had not been sampled chose to treat for mites.

There were 10 respondents whose operations had tested positive for the presence of mites and three of these still elected not to treat their bees. A further six operations had been checked and found mite-free and five of these beekeepers did not treat their hives.

	Known had mites	Known mite-free	Not sampled
Treated	7	1	3
Not treated	8	5	16

Only about half of the respondents had their outfits tested for tracheal mites, and several of these samplings had been made months ago. Because mite populations fluctuate rapidly throughout the year, the test results may not be valid within a few weeks of when they were taken.

Various treatments of colonies for mites were reported by twenty beekeepers who gave information about their specific programs. Nine of these were encouraged by the effect on their colonies of stimulative feeding of syrup and pollen or substitute. They maintain strong colonies with lots of young bees going into winter, promote early brooding for replacement bees in spring, which tends to keep the hive in a state perhaps better able to cope with mite damage. Only a few beekeepers are using menthol or other legal treatments, probably because of the expense of the chemicals.

Number of beekeepers using various treatments:

None	21
Tactic	3
Mitrol	1
Mitaban	1
Menthol	2
Amitraz	3
Vegetable oil	1
Stimulative feeding	9

General pessimism was the response to a question about the effect beekeepers' actions were having on their colonies. While a few beekeepers are certain they have bred mite-resistant bees, others comment that they feel fortunate at least some of their hives are still alive, and some admit to praying a lot.

## Thank you!

Thanks to these OSBA members who worked at the Oregon State Fair Booth this year! And a special thanks to Phyllis Shoemake and Marjie and Alan Ehry, who saw that all got signed up, and to Crystal Lovell, who painted and worked to get the booth ready.

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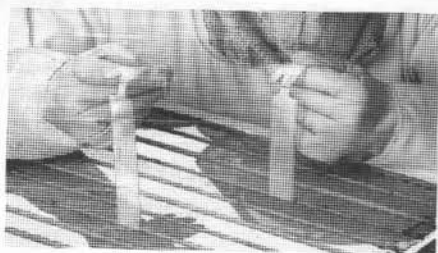
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## Local Group Meetings

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Beekeepers gather at the Coquille annex, next to the Extension Service Office, at 7:30 pm on the third Friday of each month except Dec.

### KLAMATH

Meeting places and dates vary. Call either of the officers for particulars.

### LANE

Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Public Employees Credit Union Bldg, 1155 Chambers St, Eugene.

### PORTLAND

Meets in the Oregon City branch of Far West Federal Bank on McLoughlin Blvd, 7:30 pm, the fourth Monday of each month.

### SOUTHERN OREGON

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