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National Honey Board chair to speak at OSBA fall conference at Lincoln City

H. Binford Weaver of Navasota, Texas, president of the National Honey Board and a past president of the American Beekeeping Federation, will be a featured speaker at the fall conference of the Oregon State Beekeepers Association.

The meeting will take place Friday and Saturday, December 3-4, at the Shilo Inn, 1501 N.W. 40th Place in Lincoln City, Oregon.

Beekeepers are invited to attend a wine, cheese and honey sweets-tasting beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, December 3 in the Hospitality Room, Room 311.

Those arriving Saturday morning should plan to be there to register by 8 a.m. Members of HoneyPot Collectors International, or people interested in collecting honeypots or joining, are invited to a no-host Continental Breakfast and meeting at 7:30 a.m. Saturday in the Hospitality Room.

Weaver will address two topics: Queen breeding and imported honey. He is qualified to speak on both. Although he raises queens, honey is the main source of income at Weaver Apiaries. He has more than 45 years experience in the honey industry and



H. Binford Weaver

has been involved in beekeeping at local, national and international levels. He is a past president of the Texas Beekeepers Association.

Last summer, Weaver was elected chairman at the National Honey Board's annual meeting in Denver, Colo. Originally, he was appointed to serve a three-year term by U.S. Secretary Agriculture Edward Madigan. Weaver represents honey producers of Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas.

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Members asked to approve by-laws change at conference

On May 22, 1993, the Oregon State Beekeepers Association (OSBA) Board of Directors discussed a change in the by-laws involving dues paid through local associations.

The change involves Section 2 (D), which states a \$1 rebate will be given to branch associations when their members pay OSBA dues.

This has proven to be time-consuming for the secretary, so the board approved and has proposed the following amendment, to be voted upon by the membership at the Dec. 4 business meeting of the OSBA annual fall conference in Lincoln City, Oregon:

"One dollar (\$1) of dues collected for membership in OSBA may be retained by branch association; the remainder to be forward to the state association."

**Don't forget
Fall Conference
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December 3-4, 1993
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For your information ...**How does a bee sound?**

If you think there's a language barrier among humans, what about the specie *apis mellifera*, who, according to some language experts doesn't a make the same sound in all languages.

The children's book "Who Says a Dog Says Bow-Wow?" says bees may *bzzz* in English, Dutch, Italian, Greek and French, but in Japanese, they *say boon-boon* and in Russia they make a *dzh-zh* sound.

And Chinese bees say *weng-weng*, while Finnish bees go *surrurr* and Swedish bees sort of *sorr-orrr* and bees of Thailand say *hueng-hueng*. The author doesn't mention African - - or Africanized bees.

The book by Hank de Vutter and illustrated by Suse MacDonald was published by Doubleday Books for Young Readers. It's available in my town at Rainbow's End Book Co.

The Bee Hive Bed & Breakfast

Saw a listing in a tour guide for a bed and breakfast inn in Indiana named "The Bee Hive Bed & Breakfast." Curious as I always am, I wrote owners Treva and Herb *Swarm*. Any connection with beekeeping, I asked?

Treva *Swarm* wrote a happy reply: "We named it the Bee Hive because our last name is *Swarm* and we're always as busy as bees. Herb used to have bees and really does enjoy them. He is now busy farming so some things are set aside on hold for a while."

The house, she added, is built of trees cut from their property which Herb sawed in his own mill; all rough-sawn timbers with exposed red oak beams. There's also a guest house. Visitors get to see Treva's collectibles, primitive paintings by Miss Emma Schrock, and listen to Herb play his diatonic accordion. Let's hope biscuits and honey are on the breakfast menu.

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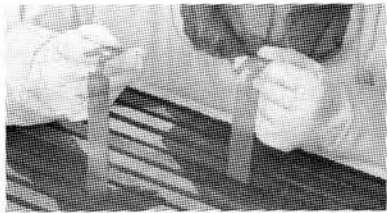
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Another Indiana business, Apple Acres Apiary, has issued a new gift catalog. Owner James R. East combines apple growing and beekeeping with the mail order gift business. The catalog's worth having just to see the variety of apple and bee memorabilia artisans have created.

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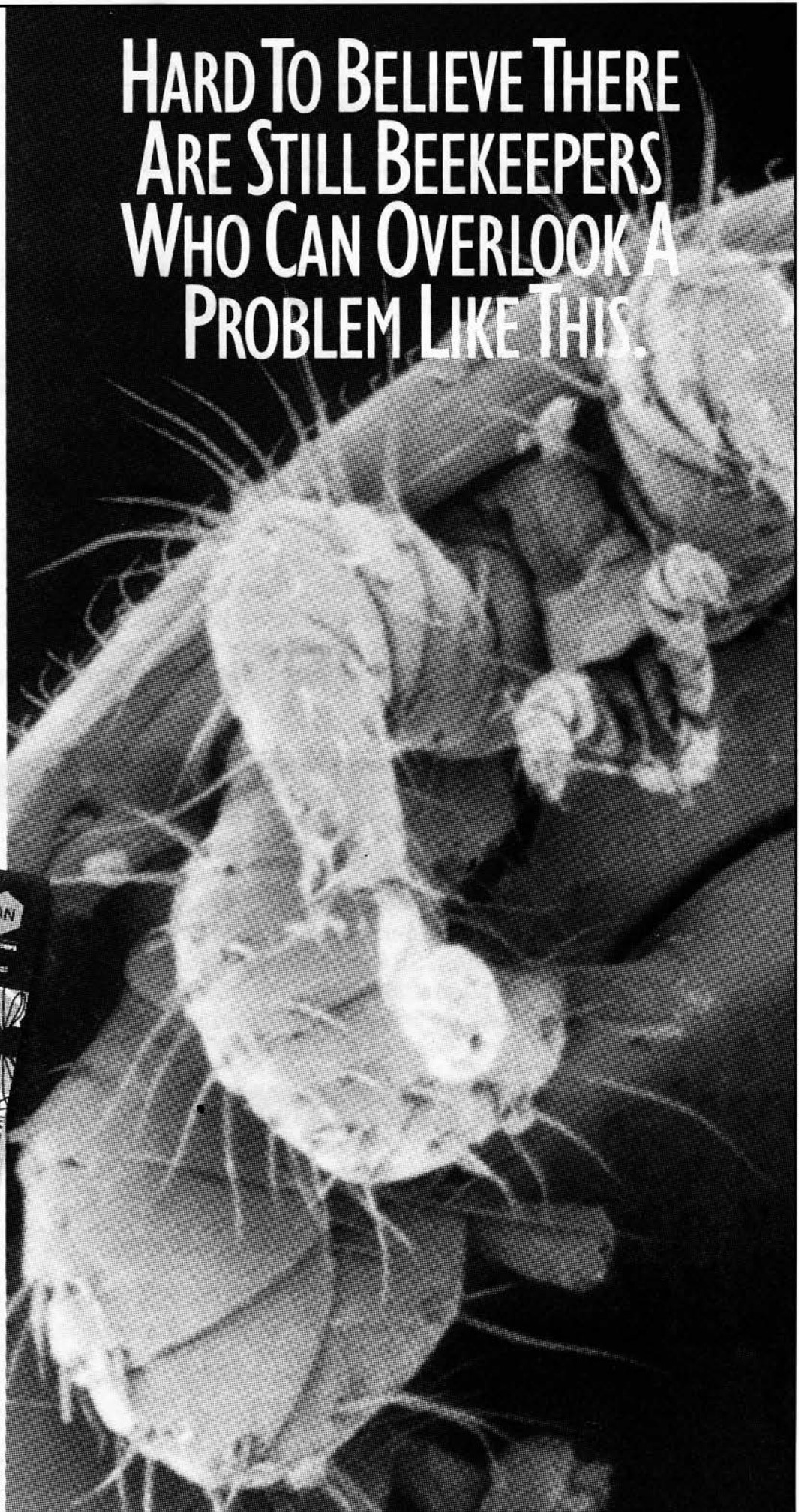


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The National Honey Board is an industry-funded national honey promotion program. Its members administer honey research, promotion and consumer information nationwide. Weaver will speak at 11:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Another guest speaker will be Andy Anderson, executive vice president of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation. Anderson will speak on "The Power Shift of Influence: From Rural to Urban" at the 6:30 p.m. banquet on Saturday.

The Farm Bureau leader grew up on a cattle ranch in Alaska, holds a degree in business administration from Idaho's Boise State University, and has been associated with the natural resource industry most of his life.

Other speakers:

* Dr. Michael Burgett, professor of entomology/apiculture at Oregon State University, will discuss mites, the problem and research, and the Africanized bee. Burgett earned his doctorate Cornell University in 1973 and came to OSU the following year. He also will be the featured speaker at the Research Luncheon, an event to benefit honeybee research programs in Oregon.

* Lu Alexander, OSBA vice president, will talk about his experience with *real* African bees ... those he saw on a visit to Africa. Alexander is a forestry consultant by profession with a beekeeping hobby that drew his expertise.

* Pat Heitkam, bee breeder from Orland, California, will speak on queen breeding. Heitkam's the president of the California Bee Breeders Association.

* Bob Hawks, Oregon Department of Agriculture, will report on legislation affecting beekeepers.

* Joann Olstrom will talk about domestic honey marketing. The Reedsport beekeeper, home economist, free-lance writer and OSBA South Coast representative is also an active member of Oregon Gourmet Foods.

* George Hansen, beekeeper/owner of Foothills Apiary at Colton, will tell about his experiences with Varroa and tracheal mites in western Oregon, and lead a discussion about the problem.

* Bertie Stringer of Blodgett, OSBA chairman of nectar and pollen plants, will talk about the changing scene of honey and pollen plants. Stringer contributes articles on honey plants to national beekeeping publications and sometimes works as is an OSU research assistant.

More Gatherings & Events

*** American Honey Producers**

Jan. 12-15, Phoenix, Ariz.
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*** American Beekeeping Federation**

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Honey board announces new promotion

The National Honey Board ran these advertisements in leading consumer magazines this fall. Did you catch them? Bring ads to the Dec. 3-4 convention:

- **Family Circle: Nov. 2, Nov. 23 and Dec. 21 issues.**
- **Woman's Day: Nov. 2, Nov. 23, Dec. 21.**
- **Good Housekeeping: October, November, December.**
- **Family Circle Christmas Helps**
- **Editors Entertain**
- **McCall's Favorite Christmas Ideas**

Program
1993 Fall Conference
Oregon State Beekeepers Association

Friday, December 3

7 p.m. Informal Gathering, Room-311 (Hospitality Room)

Saturday December 4

- 7:30 a.m. International Honey-pot Collectors, Betty Ramsey,
Continental breakfast, Hospitality Room
- 8 a.m. Registration
- 9 a.m. Welcome: OSBA President John Mespelt,
Fairview Apiaries, Albany, Oregon
- 9:05 a.m. Legislation Affecting Beekeepers:
Bob Hawks, Salem; representative,
Oregon Department of Agriculture
- 9:20 a.m. The Mite Problem: Dr. Michael Burgett;
Entomologist, Oregon State University
- 10 a.m. Silent Auction begins
- 10 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. Foulbrood and Other Diseases: George Hansen;
Foothills Honey, Colton, Oregon
- 10:30 a.m. Africanized Bees: Dr. Michael Burgett;
Bees of Africa: Lu Alexander, beekeeper/
OSBA Vice President, Boring, Oregon
- 11:15 a.m. Queen Breeding: Binford Weaver, Navasota, Texas;
Queen Breeder/Chairman, National Honey Board.
Pat Heitkam, Orland, California; Bee breeder,
President, California Bee Breeders Association
- 11:45 a.m. Domestic Honey Marketing: Joann Olstrom,
Beekeeper/Honey Marketer; Reedsport, Oregon
- Noon Research Luncheon
Latest Research on Mites: Dr. Mike Burgett,

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Continued, Saturday, December 4

- 1:30 p.m. Imported Honey: Binford Weaver
- 2:15 p.m. Oregon Honey and Pollen Sources: A Changing Scene; Bertie Stringer, Bee Specialist, Blodgett,
- 3 p.m. The Mite Problem in Oregon; George Hansen, Speaker and Discussion Moderator
- Silent Auction: Bids Closed
- 3:30 p.m. Business Meeting; Committee Reports, Election
- 5:30 p.m. No-host Social Hour
- 6:30 p.m. Banquet and Program
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Andy Anderson, executive vice president,
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