

Goings on in Northwest Beekeeping

Well, it's been a longtime since I've put pen to paper (or more accurately, computer to laser printer). This issue starts my second year as your editor, and I look forward to the year ahead. Already my

desk is piling up with bee stuff (my wife uses a different adjective). With our ten-times a year publishing schedule (November/December and January/February issues are combined) and the OSBA Conference and the American Beekeeping Conference all happening in those months, a lot of stuff has piled up.

Those of you who made it over to Cannon Beach for the Fall Conference got a treat. The Conference was a great success by all reports and comments. We had a record turnout and had to do a little scrambling for chairs as the Conference started. I won't go into a blow-by-blow report of the Conference. It would be somewhat unfair to those who made the effort (well

rewarded) to attend and may act as a little incentive for all who missed it to attend this year's OSBA functions.

The highlights of the Conference were Dr. Bill Wilson's presentations on the advance of AHBs and his talk on the

various alternative treatments for both Varroa and tracheal mites. Dr. Wilson went into great detail on how researchers have used formic acid and various smoke substances and the advantages of each treatments delivery system. Since it is a felony to suggest or encourage the application and/or use of EPA non-labeled pesticides, and the potential danger of miss-use of treatments, the BeeLine will not publish the details of Dr. Wilson's presentation. But, those that attended the Conference heard exactly how researches have tested and applied the different treatments and substances, and the results of their effectiveness. Sorry about the obtuse "legal-

President's Message

by George Hansen

Id like to take this chance to thank those who helped make the American Beekeeping Federation convention a success. I think our state association did well, and proved an asset. Thanks to Marjorie Ehry for heading up our effort. Also a big thanks to Ruhl Bee Supply for allowing their place of business to be the receiving station and assembly point for all the materials. Charlie Mock was a good right hand on the set up day. The Portland Association assembled the registration packets. The Kid's space was a success due to the help of so many contributors, in particular Glenn Mills. The speakers and presenters from Oregon provided a good overview of our state and beekeeping activities. If you didn't get to the convention you missed a lot, and in particular a once in a lifetime chance to see George Hansen in a coat and tie.

I think I've found a new wintering management technique that may interest some of you. It is labor intensive, and very messy. But my one season statistics show it to be the most effective compared to all other treatments. And best of all, it is completely legal. All our wintering yards had the same Apistan, menthol, Fumidil and nutrition treatments. One yard only had an additional treatment. When the rains began in earnest, one of my yards was on the wrong side of a swollen stream I waited for the bridge to become passable again, but in a sudden realization one very rainy night, not only was the bridge under water, my bees were going to be flooded as well. At first light I surveyed the lake that had been my beeyard. Only the top boxes were above the water. By the time I had slogged my way around to the yard, most of the hives were floating away, only the top four inches from the auger hole up were above water. Thinking mainly of saving the equipment, I started to wade into the water to pull the hives to the shore. Luckily the hives were strapped to the pallets. Waist deep in muddy water, the first pallets came to shore easily. But there were 25 pallets further away and in deeper water. Before I knew it I was swimming the rest over to the shore, one at a time. The bees were collected at the auger holes, and bumping the pallet just grabbing the strap brought a cloud of bees out to sting my exposed head. I had thought wearing a veil to go swimming unnecessary. Later that morning, with the water still rising, my employees and I carried the full pallets a few feet higher into a field. The hives stayed there for more than a month, until the stream finally was down enough I could cross the bridge with a forklift. In mid January, we started grading our colonies for almond pollination. To my complete disbelief, the flooded yard had the fewest deadouts, and actually the second highest frame count average of all the winter locations. Anybody willing to fund a long term experiment to quantify this new flooding treatment as a wintering technique? Or should I just dump the whole outfit in the river next fall?

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Basics in Northwest Beekeeping

by Ron Bennett

Here starts a monthly column on the basics of beekeeping here in the Northwest. It will focus on what you should be doing with your bees for the next month, and each month's article will try to guide and explain some of the management practices necessary to have a successful healthy colony. I'll assume that you have at least two hives and have already started your colonies.

In January and February, you should disturb the bees as little as possible. They will be in a tight cluster and you should not break their cluster.

Lift the hives to find any light ones and give these emergency feed of sugar candy or dry sugar. Dry sugar or sugar candy is best because the bees can access it with the minimum of time away from the cluster (warmth from their sister's bodies) and consume it directly. With syrup feed, the must go to the feeder (breaking cluster and risking chilling themselves) and syrup has to be dried some for consumption.

Watch the flight intensity on warm days to spot weak colonies, and reduce your weak colonies to one story. Once again, this should only be done on a day where the temperature is above 60° done quickly (but not rushed) to avoid chilling your bees.

Store your unused brood comb in cool dry place and protect your bees and stored comb against mice.

Plan and prepare equipment for the coming season. Now is the time to build frame and hive bodies.

Pay your dues to the OSBA and your local bee association. They need your support and you need their support.

At the end of February, treat for mites with Apistan strips (two strips per hive). You want to start your treatment for Varroa mites before mid-February so that you have completed treatment BEFORE you put on your first honey super in March. Early supering will help to gather the first honey flow of Maple, and give your bee the space they need to help minimize swarming.

Buy your new colonies or order package bees. Packages are usually available only in the first and second week of April, so you need to have your equipment ready and your packages ordered in time.

And, one of the best management tools we beekeepers have is re-queening, so plan and order queens for April 1st delivery.

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Bee Schools are a tradition and our best way to help and introduce people to bees and beekeeping. The single most requested item at the OSBA Bee Booth at the State Fair is for more information on how to keep bees. Some of the local organization offer bee schools as a way to introduce others to the joy of beekeeping.

Lane County Beekeepers Association have announced their schedules for 1996. The Lane County Bee School will be on Saturday, March 9th at the Lane County Fairgrounds, Lane Extension Bldg., 930 West 13th Avenue, Eugene. Registration begins at 8:00 A.M. with the first session starting at 8:30 A.M. Areas to be covered in this school will be: Races of bees and their differences; Bee Behavior and brood rearing; Swarming and swarm control; Package bees and their care; Management techniques; Queen introduction and manipulation; Beehive inspection for disease; Nectar and pollen plants; Discussion of bee pollen, propolis; Wintering feeding and crop pollination; Honey production, supering, removing the honey, processing and marketing honey; tracheal mites and varroa mites; Queen cell grafting; and Equipment, building and assembly.

The fee for the Lane County Bee School is \$15 (\$20 maximum for two people from one family) and includes a beginning book on how to keep bees, materials and slides.

Portland Beekeepers will again hold their Bee Field Day this Spring. This was a very well attended event and helped a large number of people to start out the right way. At this time, the date will be either April 20th or April 26th, and is planned again for Foothills Honey in Colton. We will have more information as it is available.

The Willamette Valley Beekeepers Association's Bee School will start on March 12th and runs three consecutive Monday nights (March 19 and 26th) and will held at Room 112, Bldg 50, Chemeketa Community College, Winema Place, Salem.

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Cont. from Page 1 eze", but "them's da rules". You should have been there!

OSBA elected new officers for 1996. George Hansen agreed to return as President. Charlie Mock is our new Vice President, and Phyllis Shoemake is again our Secretary/Treasurer. Charlie is already hard at work planning the Spring Meeting at Tillamook and will have full details soon.

Dr. Mike Burgett gave us another excellent presentation on beekeeping in Paraguay and how AHB has impacted beekeeping in the area. He also talked about AHB apparent resistance to Varroa and how that would impact beekeeping. Dr. Burgett also presented the results of his annual pollination survey and that information led into the group discussion on the possibility of forming a commercial pollination group.

The American Beekeeping Federation Convention came to Portland with a bang, and some of the warm-state beekeepers even got to see snow! By all reports, the Convention was a great success. All the vendors I talked to had glowing reports, and everyone seemed to get great value out of all the workshops and presentations. Again, there was a workshop of the progress of the various alternative treatments for mites, and talk of formic acid treatment being approved by the end of 1996!

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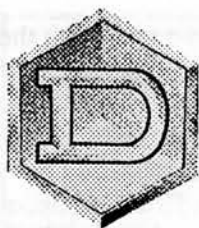
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Notes on the California Beekeepers Conference

by Bill Rufener, Banks OR

George Hansen and I have settled comfortably into an autumnal ritual; when the bees are tucked away for winter it's time to go to the CSBA conference. We go because we like to learn from outstanding speakers, and because we like to watch the antics of queen breeders let loose in public, and we go maybe from a need to cluster socially after a season of stressful beekeeping.

This year's conference was at Lake Tahoe (as it was last year, too). Normally, we skip the opening three hours of committee reports, but this year we got there early so I sat in on them. It was a good thing too, because the mundane reports turned out to be more substantively informative than the invited speakers. Snippets gathered:

CSBA paid rewards to two beekeepers for finding and bringing to prosecution a man later convicted of stealing three truckloads of their bees.

Wholesale honey prices are about 15 cents a pound higher than a year ago and are still rising. The anti-dumping effort has continuing costs that need funding from beekeepers. Wax is selling at \$1.95 to \$2.25 per pound. Almond pollination prices range from \$36 to \$40 per hive, or \$48 to \$53 on a per frame basis.

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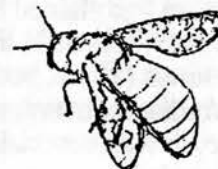
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Charles Mraz has never seen allergic reaction in 60 years of treating arthritic people. Lupus, Scleroderma and Multiple Sclerosis are all debilitating and fatal diseases that are not curable but can be eased by venom therapy.

The above notes comprise only a small fraction of what one can pick up at a CSBA meeting. There's always news not yet in print, or a different slant on old news.

We didn't stay for the business meeting, but have heard that Glenda Wooten was elected President and the 1996 meeting will be a Redding. We can hardly wait.



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THINGS WE LEARNED AT TUCSON BEE LAB

by Joann Olstrom

Dr. Eric Erickson and colleagues let us visit Oct. 10 in the afternoon to see what goes on at the Carl Hayden Bee Research Lab (USDA) in Tucson. It was just after an elderly woman east of Phoenix had been stung by AHB. She died after living for several days, in considerable pain. This unfortunate death sparked press media interest, of course. However, a same-time terrorist derailment of Amtrack took center page.

"Ten stings per pound of body weight would be about the max a healthy person could take without it being a lethal dose," explained Erickson. "LD50 means lethal dose where 50% live and 50% die. This applies to bee stings (10 /lb. body wt.) as well as drug/pesticide/radiation overdoses, etc. Very elderly, infants and people with severe health problems are not included in this rule."

After a lethal load, kidneys can clog with toxic debris from white blood cells, etc. and promote kidney failure. Dialysis is sometimes used in venom over-load cases to help prevent kidney failure and the shutting-down of other body organs.

We learned that 40 to 60% of an AHB colony can be airborne in 15 seconds! That certainly beats German Black bees or the Strategic Air Command!

For tracheal mite control Erickson believes we should go for the survivors and breed from there. As Lu Alexander says, "The best Queens are often in your own area," and Erickson agrees. With Varroa, there is no choice to medicate or not - if you want bees. He and some staff are looking for a "chink in the varroa's armor" so we can quit using strips.

Seven scientists work at Hayden Lab. We did not meet Martha Gillam, microbiologist. Hayward Spangler, wax moth specialist, was also gone but Bob talked with his right-hand assistant. They are studying how insects hear, how electronics might help deter wax moths and about the piping sounds a Queen Bee makes.

Steve Buchmann, the carpenter and wild-bee man, was also out in the field but we saw some of his and Mark Templeton's work on Home Page/Internet. Jerry Loper is a plant physiologist and works on floral attractants, drone mating and wild honey bees.

The Folks We Met

Dr. Eric Erickson is the pollination man and directs the center. I'd wager he's taller than John Mespelt. He

made us welcome and treated us to a visit with the lab colonies of real AHBs. Interesting! Erickson said, "Our first nectar flow is Feb through May and then a second comes after the July rains." Arizona produces the only full-time AHB information and even has a "1-800-Help the AHBs are here" line. Erickson believes we need a hive with R-30 factor "so the bees don't have to work so hard to keep their homes warm or cool." Maybe they would then make more honey!

Gloria Hoffman works on pollination also and IPM (integrated pest management) for growers. IMP is to keep growers from over-spraying (wastes money, pollutes) and over-kill (of good bugs too, like bees). She's also working on computer models of plant growth - when is best time to water, fertilize, etc. Hoffman's work will include some Sustainable Ag info on the Home Page and some one-stop shopping of how to be a better beekeeper/business person.

Justin Schmidt works on insect venoms and trapping systems for AHB. We were pleased to learn that the "paper mache flower pot" bee trap/swarm attractor is made in the Corvallis area!

AHB and EHB have the same Nasanov scent which, as you may know, smells great - like fresh-cut lemons! However, after the bees are attracted to and decide to move in, they kick out the pheromone packet. We had previously noticed this at our hives.

Would you believe that the drones of ALL *apis cereana*, *florea*, *dorsata*, *cape*, and *mellifera* are all the SAME size?! Queen pheromone is the same too. So how do drones know which Queen Bee IS the "right kind?" Drones and queens of the different groups fly at different times of the day (AHB drones get up earlier in the morning than the EHBs, for example.) Drones also fly in different airspace, just like air planes; some mate under tree branches and others high in the open sky! AND, all *apis* workers have the same venom! Do *dorsatas* have more than *florea*? I forgot to ask.

Janet Mitchell is a journalist. It is her job to write leaflets on how to avoid being stung, how to bee-proof your home (a video of which we saw on TV Oct 11

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with the a.m. news after the lady's bee-related death. At least I think was Janet's?) Mitchell has prepared a set of slides and a script (she gave me one) to take to schools and other groups. She is training Master Gardeners, through the Extension service. They, in turn, will visit other social, business, and public service groups to pass on the word. A complete bees and pollination, safety, etc. kit (\$80) is being developed for school use, with slides, lesson plans, and so forth.

Olstrom's Comments

AHB hasn't arrived in Oregon yet, but may. Perhaps we should get a person or two in each local association's area to get prepare to talk to interested non-bee groups. Some level-headed friendly type beekeepers who can meet the public, present information without scaring everyone to death. Kim Flottum's (Bee Culture Editor) video training for fire departments might also be included.

We have noticed that since mites have arrived and done away with most feral bees and many "kept" bees, folks are suddenly questioning "What happened to all the bees?!" We don't have any fruit on our trees." This is happening at the same time cities and villages are enacting anti-bee ordinances. (Maybe city councils need a lesson on why plants need bees if you want apples, raspberries and pumpkins!) Is this a window of opportunity for us?

I think we should support our local/federal (as in Mike Burgett's and the USDA's) bee research and write Congress and legislature if/when the need arises to keep all bee research. Many of our livelihoods depend on bees. Much of everyone's diet depends on bees; most of the neat foods need bees - berries, orchard fruits, almonds, citrus, pumpkins, melons, kiwi, and so on.

It was certainly a great opportunity for Bob and me to visit the Carl Hayden Bee Research after our Honey Board meeting in Phoenix. We were impressed with the neat, interesting, useful research going on there AND with the apparently well-qualified and friendly team of folks working on our behalf.

Bear On Patrol

By Joann Olstrom

Monday, June 19, I was up prowling the house in the dark - one of those "can't stay asleep" kind of nights. After hearing strange sounds on the drive, I awakened Bob, my husband. "I think there's a raccoon going through some stuff on the drive." I'd looked - without my glasses. Bob checked and told me I'd better get my glasses; it was a bear, not a raccoon. A Big BEAR! On his four feet, his back was taller than the flatbed on our 1-ton truck - over 37 inches.

I suggested we call 911, since we didn't want to turn on the lights to find the police phone number. An officer, no gun, appeared shortly - at which time the bear decided at was no longer wise to continue licking the frame of honey he had harvested from a stack of bee equipment it the process of being readied to go to a bee yard in the morning.

After ambling off to the brush past our neighbors, Bear went down the creek bed across the way on his midnight circuit of other yards and neighborhoods, raiding bird feeders, terrorizing family dogs and startling homeowners who happened to look out windows.

The Police were busy answering bear calls - ours was one of 3 or 4 of that evening. Some bear had even strolled during broad daylight earli- *Cont. on Page 9*

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News from the National Honey Board

HONEY BOARD TO UPDATE EXPORT DIRECTORY

The National Honey Board will update its Export Directory this winter.

The Honey Board created the Export Directory booklet to assist international buyers to identify and locate sources of United States honey. The directory lists U.S. companies that export honey. Individual listings include such information as regions served, floral sources, sizes available, other hive products available (i.e., royal jelly, propolis), inventory available and shipping ports used.

Don't miss this excellent opportunity for exposure in the international marketplace. Contact Linda Hampel at the Honey Board office by December 31, 1995 to include information about your company in the directory.

NOW KIDS CAN MAKE HONEY MAGIC!

Make a shake. Make a Snack. Make muffins for mom and dad. Just start with honey and you can make magic!

The National Honey Board is sharing the magic of honey with kids in its new recipe booklet "Honey Magic - A Cookbook for Kids."

The six-page brochure includes recipes, honey snack tips, full-color photography and fun science facts about bees and honey.

"Recipes have playful titles like *Honey Parlez Vous Parfait* and *Honey Care to Take a Dip?* Elementary school-age children can prepare these easy recipes with a little supervision from an adult helper," said Mary Humann, marketing director for the National Honey Board. "We want kids to appreciate the magic of bees and the magical sweet taste of honey"

The brochure will be publicized in kids' magazines and distributed via children's organizations.

Kids can receive a free copy of the brochure by sending a self-addressed stamped business-sized envelope to Honey Magic for Kids, c/o National Honey Board, 390 Lashley St., Longmont, CO 80501.

Additional copies of "Honey Magic - A Cookbook for Kids" are available for 25 cents each.

As the brochure says. . . "Abracadabra, bees and thank you."

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Aunt Jemima Ready-To-Bake Biscuits and the National Honey Board have developed eye-catching promotional materials to help food service operators merchandise biscuits and honey on their menus.

Biscuits and honey provide food service operators with fresh baked goodness and homemade taste. During the first months of 1996, Quaker's national sales force will be promoting this new biscuit line by preparing honey-topped biscuits for food service operators. Table tents and posters which feature honey and biscuits and the Honey Board's logo are available to food service operators at no charge.




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Tuesday morning was spent moving a few nucs and swarms up-river from the back patio. Our 6 foot "house hive" was left and bear-i-caded with aluminum ladders, farm gates, and a little electricity.

By Friday evening His Lordship was getting more brazen and again came right up nearly to our front door, at which point Bob, alerted by barking dogs, went out, hollered and snapped-off a noise maker. Defiant, Bear merely turned, glowered and finally trotted off down the street.

Bob went out to straighten up the mess. Hearing weird noises in back, I looked out the bedroom window. (Had my glasses on.) There - not more than 6-8 feet away was Bear! Startled, I involuntarily let out a low guttural "YYYYYuuuhh!!" Bear was apparently unnerved too and leaped up the hill, stopping under the trees. So I hollered, "Get a out of here, you D--bear!" Amazingly, He did!

The next evening He even stood up on his two back feet, along the far side of the truck bed, towering, snuffling. My apprehension level increased. This was the nearest and largest bear I'd ever seen. Neighbors were keeping their pets in and a closer watch of little kids. We all slept lightly that night.

Sunday, John, of Fish and Game, brought the live trap, after emptying another bear from another part of town. Parked it up at the end of our street, about 100 feet from our house. Since Bob was the only man about at the time, he got the lesson on how to padlock it after the bear got in. It's an extra safety measure to take the strain off the self-closing latch.

A North Bend High School metal shop class had

built the trap - a fine one, heavy duty mesh, a trip plate where the dinner rested, locks front and back and even an emergency game-man escape mechanism in case the door slammed shut with Bear AND Game Man both inside during the ear tagging which follows tranquilizing of bear. It had happened once, far from here, with a Grizzly! The man survived only because he had a pocket-knife and managed to cut the bear's throat before it came to. I'm not sure I would have gone into a Bear-Occupied cage for a million dollars.

Then until Wednesday evening The Prowler disappeared. Someone had heard shooting over the hills where loggers were working. We surmised The Bear had gone to the Big Bee Hive in the Sky.

But just midnight Wednesday, Case, the next door Cocker, alerted the neighborhood. Guess Who was in our yards again? As Bear padded up the drive, Bob rolled the slider window back and forth, making a little growling noise. Bear decided to leave and strolled up toward The TRAP - his usual way in or out of the neighborhood.

Before long, He got a whiff of the Delicious Meal spread for his benefit. Honey, apples, raw beef steak, chicken and fat, bacon grease, dog biscuits, and ripe fish. A repast truly worth His investigation.

SLAM!!! We had him. Now came the fun part. Locking the cage. Bob went with loaded gun and I trembling, with the flashlight. Even went back three times to make sure it was properly locked too, each time accompanied by Mr. .30'06 Springfield.

I was so wound up I couldn't sleep. It was like one foot on the gas pedal with the car in neutral. So I mentally composed the Bear's story.

Of course, Bear raised cain all night with his banging and thumping, eventually breaking open the front grill of the trap. Fortunately bars were behind the grill and he was still stuck inside. Bob noticed Bear's claws were worn down and bloody from all the effort.

By six, when neighbors started assembling, Bear had sort of given-up and decided to nap. Grandkids and grandparents, Moms and Dads with teens - all stood close and brave with cameras - (probably none of us ever being this close to a real live Smokey Bear). Nothing like a little wildlife to get neighbors together and visiting. Here we all stood, seeing him in his Ultimate Disgrace - getting caught, adding Insult to his Injured Dignity.

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	22	RUHL Bee School, Part 2
	26	RUHL Bee School, Part 3
March	9	Lane County Bee School, Lane Fairgrounds, Eugene
	12	WVBA BEE SCHOOL, Part 1
	19	WVBA BEE SCHOOL, Part 2
	26	WVBA BEE SCHOOL, Part 3
April	20 or 26	Portland Field Day Bee School
May	11	OSBA Spring Field Day, TBA
August	3-4	OSBA Summer Picnic and Meeting, Lake Billy Chinook
August	5-9	Western Apicultural Society, Hawaii
Nov.	29-30	OSBA Fall Conference

Cont. from page 9 bears in my bee yards, I'd take the machete and chase 'em off, screaming and shouting as I did it. I'd often been there After the Destruction and at those times agreed with another beekeeper friend who announced that "The only good bear was a rug!" Now, there's No-Way I'd go on a bear chase.

A bear is an awful (as in terrible), awe-full animal. Awesome, as kids used to say. Bear moved with power and a fluid gracefulness. He was enormous - not as a Grizzly or Kodiak - but huge never-the-less. Not afraid. Defiant. Persistent.

Bob estimated 450 pounds but Fish and Game man John said probably 500. Curled up in his trap cage, He looked a lot like the big cuddly Teddys sold in toy stores. Blackish, tan muzzle.

But underneath that appealing "Aren't I cute look" is a strong unpredictable, wild tornado. I've talked to folks who have "clocked" bears on the road at 34 mph. None of us, standing on the street at dusk watching Bear watch us, could have scattered fast enough had He decided to charge that 100 or so feet on Saturday evening.

I can't finish the photo story because I was in working

and didn't hear the Fish and and Game truck to get Bear. And because I'd grizzled at my husband earlier this morning for putting his coffee filter in MY cup (he knows I can't stand coffee ground smells), he did not call me when John came. See if I hold the flashlight for him next time a bear comes!

Fish and Game says, "It takes \$500-1000 to trap and move a bear to another river drainage so the bear can't find a way back. Bears are tranquilized and ear tagged just before they are released in a new habitat." A returning tagged bear is destroyed.

Reedsport dump (Sanitary Land Fill) had recently caught and transported 24 bears before electrically fencing the area. The Dump is few miles out of town, about four miles from our neighborhood. This bear may have been a left-over.

Parents, kids and dogs in our neighborhood can relax now. I'm glad He's gone and hope He finds a happy home far away from people. And I hope He doesn't come back. As much as bears can make me - the beekeeper - angry, I don't really want them to kill them.

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