

The Nevada County Beekeepers Association

Local Buzz



July 2011

President's Message

Happy birthday USA! Right now the blackberry bloom is about 60% done at my house at 1500' and every medium super I own is on the hives. I even have a few colonies with more than three on. Looks like about an 1800 lb harvest for 2 B honey! If anyone has a 12 frame or larger electric extractor for sale, please let me know.

Be safe and have a great holiday.

Your President, Rob Slay

July 4th and August Meetings

The July 4th meeting has been cancelled.

Our next meeting will our annual Bee Booth Clean Up and Barbeque Potluck, Sunday August 7, starting with the clean up at 4:00 PM and the barbeque following. (Please note that this means we are not meeting on the usual first Monday of the month in August) The club will be supplying the hamburgers and hot dogs and all the fixings plus dessert. Bring your favorite side dish to share. Please let Karla Hanson at queenbeez@att.net or 265-3756 know how many of you will be coming so she can make sure that we have more than enough food to feed everyone.

Bee Bits

No Bee Bits this month, Randy is out of the country and did not have a chance to submit.

Randy

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Nevada County Fair Honey Competition

The Nevada County Fair runs Wednesday August 10 thru Sunday August 14th, with the theme "Gold! Rush to the Fair". We strongly encourage you to enter some of your famous honey or other bee products. We need to keep supporting the County Fair honey competition, as we are one of the few remaining in the State! So Enter! The categories (see page 34 of the competition handbook):

DIVISION 090 - HONEY

CLASSES

1. Three 1 lb. jars of liquid honey (white-light)
2. Three 1 lb. jars of liquid honey (medium)
3. Three 1 lb. jars of liquid honey (dark)
4. Three section boxes or rounds of comb honey
5. Three 12 oz. pieces or 1 lb. jar of cut comb or chunk honey
6. Three 1 lb. jars of finely granulated honey
7. Three identical novel-shaped containers filled with honey of any class
8. One novelty gift box of packed honey, may include honey, honey products or items otherwise related to honey
9. One frame (any size) of extracting honey
10. Pure beeswax, single block, not less than 1 lb.

There are two ways to enter, either at the fair office with a walk-in/paper entry, or online at <http://www.nevadacountyfair.com/fair-entries/fairenties1.html> .

Deadlines:

- Online entries close on July 15th at 4 PM
- walk in/paper entries close July 8th at 4 PM. Faxed entries are not accepted.
- entries must be delivered to the Fair on Thursday August 4th between 11AM and 7 PM,
- judging will be Friday August 5th at 10 AM.

Also note class 613 of the fair entries is ‘honey-sweetened preserved foods (any)’ so here is another category you could enter. Let’s all enter and let the Fair know that beekeeping is alive and well in Nevada County!

Fair Booth Sign-ups

Once again we will be staffing the Bee Booth at the Nevada County Fair August 10 thru the 14 of August. It’s time again to sign up for working. Please contact Karla Hanson at queenbeez@att.net for your time at the fair.

Remember you get a free ticket and a free parking pass. First come first serve as far as dates go...

Karla will pass out all the Fair passes and parking tickets the day of the barbeque, August 7, so if you won’t be at the BBQ, please make other arrangements with Karla. To sign up, please respond to Karla directly at queenbeez@att.net.

Concerning the work times for the fair:

Three shifts are available each day 10 AM to 2 PM, 2 PM to 6 PM, or 6 PM to 10 PM. We have 2 people working in the morning from 10 to 2. This morning shift is not that busy, so we only schedule two people. The remaining two shifts are usually quite busy and require four people for each shift.

We do this so that the people working can take a break or grab some thing to eat. Please be considerate to your fellow beekeepers and plan to work the entire shift, don’t just come for a few minutes and then leave.

From the Librarian...

By Tynowyn Slattery

For the handy (and thrifty) persons out there and in response to an inquiry from a member, the following plans for beekeeping equipment are available from the library as handouts.

10-frame Langstroth hive

5 frame Langstroth nucleus hive

3-frame observation bee hive

Bee vac

Solar wax melter

IPM/screen bottom board for Langstroth box

Warré top bar hive

Kenyan top bar hive

Raffle HELP!!!

We need more contributions to the raffle! We beekeepers are a creative bunch, and appreciate a wide variety of things; plants are always a great item to bring. Almost everyone loves having more plants. Do remember, for every item you bring, you will get a free ticket for the raffle. So look around the house and see what you can find for the next raffle.

Thanks, Karla

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June 6th Minutes

Pres Rob Slay opened with Q&A: Wet weather ruined the sage crop and the citrus crop--widespread bee feeding needed.

PROGRAM: Randy Oliver "Hive Pests and Diseases." Signs of AFB American Foulbrood include spotty 'salt & pepper' frames, mostly open cells, with pupal tongues sticking to top of cell, caramel color. Dead larva coats a stick with ropy slime. The black scale left in the cell can't be cleaned by the bees, and AFB spores are contagious. Wood parts of the hive can be reused after boiling. EFB European Foulbrood can be treated with Terramycin--the larvae turn yellow, but not dark like AFB.

Predictor of Colony Collapse Disorder--- brood frames not fully covered with nurse bees. Sacbrood virus--pupae molt in the cell, stuck inside. Chronic paralysis virus--bee body black, hairs lost. Deformed Wing virus--white dots top of cell killed by Varroa--queen who can't fly lays drone eggs only. In a queenless hive, a laying worker' cells have bullet shaped caps, should be combined with queenright hive.

Hive needs big brood for winter--stimulate with pollen/nectar- substitutes Sept. and Oct. Hive needs drones to make queen cells July-October. Oxalic acid Varroa control should be while there are few brood early August when Varroa peaks. By late August winter brood should be sealed. No more oxalic acid until midwinter. MiteAway Varroa hive fumigant is still not locally available.

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July Meeting

In honor of July 4th holiday and our busy schedules, there will be NO MEETING in July. See you at the next meeting, the fair booth cleanup and BBQ August 7.