



# TVBA Newsletter

## September 25th Meeting Notice

Meeting starts at 7:30

Social hour at 7:00 for anyone who can come early.

### Annual Honey Tasting !!

Bring your honey to the September Meeting to share and try honey from other beekeepers in the area.

We will have some sort of bread to try the honey on.

### TVBA Christmas Potluck

Is it Tooooo early to start thinking about our December get together????

Last year we had a potluck at the capitol center using our regular meeting room and held it early in the month. We would like some feed back on this to help us decide if we want to do the potluck again or if we want to go to a restaurant.

Please provide feedback and input on what you would prefer!

### The Topic for August was Fall Preparation in the Apiary.

Harry Vanderpool shared the strategies of an experienced beekeeper on preparing hives for the Willamette valley winter.

Summary of Highlights below.

#### Feeding -

Harry suggests starting out with a light syrup after your honey harvest to build up the bees in preparation for the raising of the winter bees.

The theory is you get a strong generation of bees in place by September so you have a good, strong and healthy set of nurse bees in the hive to raise the generation of bees that will need to take the hive through the winter.

Of course by mid September you need to switch to the regular fall feeding of a heavy syrup to build up the winter stores.

Remember to keep feeding until they won't take any more or the weather turns too cold to feed.

#### NUCS-

Having nucs going into the fall is the best insurance you can have to minimize the impact of losses.

The Nucs will allow you to quickly recover in the early spring from the loss of any hives that don't make it.

Surprisingly the bees in nucs seem to winter as well or even better than the bees in full size hives.



## BEE NEWS Northwest Beekeepers Conference

Please consider attending  
It is in Seaside this year.

More details on Page 2.

### Upcoming Events

September Topic: Honey Tasting Speaker: Snacks:	Sep.25
October Topic: Speaker: Snacks:	Oct. 30
NW Corner Beekeepers Conference Seaside Oregon	Nov. 19-21
Nov Topic: Speaker: Snacks:	No Meeting
Dec Topic: Christmas Party Speaker: Snacks:	Dec. TBD

### Wisdom from the Hive

#### Our newsletter needs a name!!

Please use your imagination to help us come up with a name for our newsletter. The "Bee Line" has been taken, submit suggestions at the meeting or to me at paulande@easystreet.net

We will take a vote at a future meeting and there may be a prize for the winner!!

## Tualatin Valley Beekeepers Association

### Meetings

When: Last Friday of the month at 7:30

Exceptions- If it is a holiday weekend the meeting gets moved one week earlier. In December we do a Christmas Dinner early in the month. In July we have picnic instead of the usual meeting.

Where: The OSU extension office at 18630 SW Walker Road Beaverton enter from the south side.

The OSU extension office is in the Capitol Center on the SW corner of 185th and Walker road in Beaverton. Park in the South Parking lot, Enter the Lot at the traffic light on 185th just south of Walker road by the Parr Lumber distribution center. Enter through the south entrance next to the shipping dock, it is labeled D1 above the door.

The room is available at 7:00 for anyone who would like to come early to socialize.

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**The Tualatin Valley Beekeepers Association  
is a branch of the Oregon State Beekeepers  
Association, check out the OSBA web site at  
[www.orsba.org](http://www.orsba.org).**

## Web links

If you have never been to David Cushman's web site it is worth a look !

David Cushman <http://www.dave-cushman.net/bee/newhome.html>

State Fair competitions- [www.oregonstatefair.org/competition/farm-and-garden](http://www.oregonstatefair.org/competition/farm-and-garden)

Randy Oliver's great site for Pest and Disease information— [www.scientificbeekeeping.com](http://www.scientificbeekeeping.com)

Univ. CA Davis Timely newsletters by Eric Mussen <http://entomology.ucdavis.edu/faculty/mussen/news.cfm>

Current CCD Information — <http://maarec.cas.psu.edu/index.html>

## ODDS and ENDS

### Bee Craft America

The European Bee magazine "Bee Craft" is starting an American version. They are offering a free sample in digital format for you to look over.

This is an excellent bee magazine and well worth your time to check out.

To receive your free sample send your name and email address to :

secretary@bee-craft.com with "Bee Craft America" in the subject line.

Enjoy this preview issue!!

### Northwest Corner Beekeepers Conference November 19-21, 2009

Make your plans now for the traditionally outstanding Northwest Corner Beekeepers Conference. The conference will be held in the Seaside Convention Center, Seaside, OR

More information will be available at:  
<http://www.orsba.org/>.

### Prepare for Winter

It is time to start preparing your hives for winter.

If you are going to do treatments start soon after the honey is off.

Feed until they won't take anymore.

These are some of the topics that will be covered at the monthly meeting.

**No bees, no honey; no work, no money.**



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