

SKAGIT VALLEY BEEKEEPERS



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Thursday April 14th is next Skagit Valley Beekeepers meeting, 7:00 PM sharp at the Skagit Farmers Supply CENEX Administration building. The address is 1833 Park Avenue.. This is behind Campers World and over the railroad tracks. Enter at the KIA dealer on Old 99 just north of Burlington, cross the tracks and take the first right. Go to the end. of Park.

Our speakers will be Mike and Judy Campbell of Campbell's Gold Honey in Abbotsford. They have a retail store and honey/pollination operation.. They also hosted the BC beekeepers symposium last Fall that Bill and I attended. They will give a run down on their business operation. Nice folks!

DW, darling wife, and I made a sunny swing through south-eastern Oregon desert country as a shake down to a trip planned later this year. As always I keep an eye out for bees and beekeepers. Nearly the only bees we saw were stragglers left at various rest areas by bee semis screaming north on Highway 97, barely pausing. I was fudging the speed limits like everyone and they showed me how to drive! The sun is gone now!

Still cold in the High Desert, and I'm not kidding. 50 empty miles of gravel washboard and sage in one place. LOTS of sagebrush!

We stopped at the Portland Famers Market. Several honey vendors, beeswax candle folks and a new mead making outfit from Corvallis there Good! I will bring some of their mead to the meeting to sample.

- Packages and nucs arriving. Packages need special care and lots of feed especially in poor weather . Nucs right behind! Very small entrances, 1 1/2". Packages on plain foundation need 1 gallon of heavy syrup fed per week and a pollen patty every two. Peek at queens every week to ten days.
- If queens conk out you need to know quickly for replacement
- Consider package mite treatments while there is no brood



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