

SKAGIT VALLEY BEEKEEPERS



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The November meeting will be Thursday the 8th, at 7:00 PM. We meet at the CENEX Skagit Farmers Supply administration building on 1833 Park Lane. If you are new to us, go north from Burlington on old Highway 99, turn in east at the KIA dealer, drive over the tracks and take the first right turn.. CENEX is at the end of the road on the right.

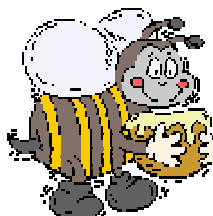
The first order of business is the election of Association officers. Fatigue has set in after many years and it is time for some new folks to step in. All clubs and associations face this challenge. Here locally, parents have decided they want Cub Scouting again after years of inactivity. Local Scout professionals have asked and asked for parents to step up., and some suddenly did. It just takes motivated individuals willing to choose. We are the same, we HAVE very highly qualified folks as members. Those motivated folks can choose to step up. Our Association is too good to lose!

I have forwarded the Western Apicultural Society newsletter to all those online. I recommend it to you. There are several very basic,

tightly written articles in it which can be food for thought. One is on simple useful swarm prevention next Spring and one is commentary on mite strategy. I always have trouble opening that site. Keep trying.

We have obviously gone from dry-dry to wet-wet weather. You need to pop hive lids a little for ventilation. It doesn't take much but it sure is necessary. It could be time to use Hop Guard or oxalic acid as part of your mite treatment plan. Both are a clean-up action rather than a major treatment. Both work when no brood should be present. Remember, we do not have a meeting in December.

Our speaker will be Eric Ingman, a teacher at Mount Vernon High. He was instrumental in setting up an observation hive there. President Bill says it is one of the best he has ever seen. I had MVHS students comment on it at the Fair last Au-



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