

## HISTORY OF THE TREASURE VALLEY BEEKEEPERS CLUB

### In the Beginning:

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Bill Ahaus (long standing club member and founder) has provided the following background on the ground work that was laid for the eventual creation of the Treasure Valley Beekeepers Club. The following thoughts come directly from Bill Ahaus:

“In a recent conversation with Jeff Bergland, the current president of the Treasure Valley Beekeepers Club (TVBC), he and I were discussing some details about just how the club came into existence, back in 2008. I gave him a sort of brief over-view of what the state beekeepers association (the Idaho Honey Industry Association -- “IHIA”) had done to include a special session for so-called “hobbyists” beekeepers when we began to plan for our 2007 state conference.

My association with the IHIA all started back in 2006. I had decided to attend the Northwest Beekeepers Conference meeting in Newport, Oregon in the fall of 2006. I attended the conference as a “side-liner”--basically a hobbyist whose hobby has grown to the point where he has more honey coming in than can conveniently be consumed by friends and family! I didn't really know very many of the Idaho beekeepers, so when the general session broke up so each state could meet on their own, I sought out the Idaho group. I knew Nick Noyes already, along with a couple of the others, and he introduced me to the ones I didn't know. The upshot of this meeting was that they asked me if I would become the Secretary/Treasurer of the IHIA for 2007. They told me they only had “one meeting a year, and all I would have to do is take minutes and send them out to the members”. How hard could that be? Well, at a meeting we had at Mike Cooper's offices at the Idaho Department of Agriculture, it was decided that since we hadn't had our own state conference for several years, we would put one together for the fall of 2007. At the time, no one had any idea of how many hobbyists were out there, and of the ones we could somehow manage to contact, how many would actually attend. The IHIA executive committee had the job of actually planning and organizing our conference. At that time it consisted of the following: Greg Lamonds, our President; myself, the Secretary/Treasurer; Nick Noyes, our Vice-President; Tom Hamilton and Randy Johnson, both long-time local commercial beekeepers, who were instrumental in setting the agenda for the conference as well as personally contacting various prominent authorities on beekeeping whom they could invite to participate in the conference. I felt very fortunate to be able to work with and get to know some of the most knowledgeable, professional beekeepers in the entire state. From the beginning, our executive committee thought it was a good idea to reach out to any hobbyists who might want to attend. The general feeling was that hobbyists perform a valuable public service insofar as putting a very positive face on honey bees and beekeeping that many people know very little about and who may frankly be very afraid of. By such things as manning an information booth at the State Fair, or collecting swarms from people who may be deathly afraid of bees, or by going out into the community and teaching kids or young people about the importance of bees to our food chain hobbyists can be helpful in ways that most commercial beekeepers could never be. Besides, in order to keep our industry alive, we depend in a steady supply of new beekeepers to maybe move from the hobby stage to

become side-liners, or even full fledged commercial beekeepers themselves. We share a lot of common goals and interests and it benefits all of us if the community has a thriving bee club out there whose members can meet the public and by interacting with them, help educate and enlighten them about what bees do, and why they are so important to all of us. Everyone on the committee was dedicated to organizing the very best, most informative, as well as the most entertaining conference we could possibly put together. Though Greg Lamonds couldn't always attend the planning sessions, he gave his full support to whatever the executive committee came up with. Nick Noyes, Tom Hamilton, and Randy Johnson divided up the job of contacting prospective presenters, Nick agreed to contact possible vendors who might want to set up displays of their wares, and I was charged with locating a suitable site for the conference. I was able to reserve the conference rooms at the AmeriTel Hotel, near the Towne Square Mall for the 7th and 8th of December. That particular room would be large enough (or so we thought!) to hold the 60 to 80 people we expected for the conference. The hotel could then pull a divider across the room on Saturday morning to make a separate room for the IHIA Business Meeting, as well as room for however many hobbyists showed up.

Besides arranging for the hotel (and a million other details I never even imagined!), I also needed a program for the hobbyist session on Saturday morning. I had been a school teacher most of my working life, and I thought some sort of "bee school" would be a good draw for anyone already into bees, or who was thinking of taking up the hobby. I was talking to a beekeeper friend from Weiser, Nordelle Terry, about what I had been thinking, and she suggested I contact Tom Trusewicz, from Astoria, Oregon. Tom had done a Bee School at the fall, 2006 conference at Newport, and Nordelle thought that he could probably give me some pointers as to how to organize our school. I did call him, and I simply asked him what topics I would need to include, and in general, how much in depth should I go in the discussion. He let me finish with my questions, and then simply said "If you can get me a round trip ticket from Portland to Boise, I'll come over and do my Bee School for you!" What a deal! Man, did he make my job a lot easier! Thank you Tom, and thank you Nordelle for suggesting Tom!

Well, to make a rather longer story shorter, we had our conference, and it was great. We had some terrific speakers including Randy Oliver and Pat Heitkam from California; Jerry Bromenshenk and David Wick from Montana; George Hanson and Thom Trusewicz from Oregon; Dick Molenda, from Western Bee Supply in Montana, and Lee Heine from the National Honey Board. We had a really nice banquet and Dick Molenda and Jay Miller from Blackfoot did a bang-up job running our auction that Friday night. We really wanted to "hit a homerun!" with this conference so that it would become a tool for outreach to all the beekeepers in the state, and would help make the IHIA a fun and worthwhile group people would want to be part of. And, it would set the stage for an even better conference in 2008. The general sessions were done by Friday afternoon, the banquet/auction was a big hit on Friday evening, and all that remained was the Business Meeting and the Bee School, both set for Saturday morning.

Nick and I were discussing our prospects for the Bee School on Friday evening when Tom Trusewicz arrived from Oregon. We thanked him for making the trip over (it had been snowing a very heavy, wet snow all day Friday, and it was pretty messy outside). We showed him the room he would have for the Bee School, and we expressed our hope that at least

12 or 15 hobbyists would attend. Nick and I had gathered little “door prizes” to be given out to attendees, based on their numbered seat in the room. All seats were numbered ahead of time, and a corresponding number was placed in a bowl to be drawn every hour (or whenever they took a break!) We were sure we had more than enough prizes to cover any who showed up. When it came time for Tom to start, Nick and I introduced him to the 15 or so people in the room, and thanked them all for coming. We explained the little door prize give-away, then we left to go next door to conduct our Business Meeting.

About an hour and a half into our Business Meeting (I had to take notes to record the Minutes), Phil Puckett, and a commercial beekeeper from Kamiah got up and stepped outside. He came back a few minutes later and rather excitedly announced to our group: “There are 37 people in that Bee School next door!” We had to see this for ourselves, so we called a break, and several of us went next door. It was amazing! Where the heck had all these people come from? We had no idea this many were interested in beekeeping, and were willing to brave slick roads and slush to learn more about it. Nick and I helped them do another round of door prizes, and I told the group that with so many interested people in attendance, this would be a perfect opportunity to start a beekeeping club. We went back to finish our Business Meeting, Tom finished his very successful Bee School, and the group of hobbyists agreed to meet again after the Christmas holidays to formalize an actual beekeeping club. (Oh by the way, we had brought just enough door prizes so that every single person in there received something!) What a cool way to wind up a super conference! It had set the stage for a very exciting 2008 for all of us.

I tried to attend several of the club meetings that first year. I don’t think I made it to the first ones, but I do remember Rene Woodard was elected the first president, and that by summer we were meeting at Edwards Greenhouse, which very generously allowed us to use their potting room up until they had to close everything up to allow their poinsettias to bloom for Christmas! It sure seems that hobbyists love to get together, share food and beverages, and stories about their beekeeping adventures -- at least the ones in the Boise area do! The IHIA is very proud of the part it played in getting this club going, but it’s the club leaders and the members themselves who have turned it into the absolute success it is today. Each year it gets bigger and bigger, and the club continues to expand its role in educating and informing the community about our honey bees and how important it is to protect and preserve these amazing creatures.

The year 2007 was the beginning for the IHIA as we now know it, and for the TVBC too, though they both have grown so much since then. As we began the planning for the 2008 IHIA conference, we all realized there were a growing number of interested people who would love to come together and gain more knowledge about honey bees and their world. Now there was a vibrant, fun club with committed leaders whose members would be excited about attending the conference once again. As we got confirmations from the speakers we invited to the ’08 conference, we explained to them that we had a very enthusiastic club that would really love to hear them speak to them following the sessions with the full conference. They were more than glad to meet with the club, and it made for another great conference in December of 2008. This same pattern of continuing success has continued in 2009, 2010, and 2011. By

working together, both the IHIA and the TVBC can ensure that great presenters will be available to share their knowledge and expertise with all of us.

A final thought regarding the very beneficial relationship between the IHIA and TVBC: The IHIA does a fantastic job of bringing in truly top notch speakers to the annual conference. These people are acclaimed experts in their area of specialization within beekeeping. They are much sought after throughout the country, and they are very good teachers who know how to present new material in a clear as well as entertaining way. The IHIA tries to bring in a variety of speakers who can address problems in beekeeping from several angles to help us broaden our understanding of what our bees need to be more healthy and productive--for their benefit and for ours. I hope the TVBC can continue to work with the IHIA so that this opportunity to meet and learn from these bee authorities can continue. One issue I see is that the IHIA would like to limit their conference to a Thursday-Friday schedule. This saves many attendees the chance to go home on Friday rather than hold over another night. It also ensures that attendance at the Business Meeting will be good, since probably not many would stay an extra night just to attend a Business Meeting Saturday morning. Once the conference is over on Friday afternoon, many of our presenters are anxious to head home, as well. This means they may leave Boise as early as Friday, rather than spend another night here in order to meet with the hobbyists on Saturday. I don't know if the club would be willing to help defray the expense of having our speakers stay another night here before going home, but it might help ensure having quality speakers available on Saturday. From a strictly business angle, the IHIA does pay the travel and hotel expenses for our speakers, and sometimes they even are asked to provide an honorarium as a sort of "contribution" to the speaker's research projects. It's also worth noting that the actual conference room used for the hobbyist meeting is provided for our use so long as we meet a minimum number of rented rooms during the conference. Again, this hasn't been an issue in the past and perhaps this won't become an issue between the IHIA and the TVBC in the future. I'm glad to see the IHIA inviting a representative of the various clubs to sit in on planning the conference and discussing issues at the Business Meeting. My hope is that both groups continue to grow and prosper for many years to come."

Sincerely,

Bill Ahaus

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## **The Creation:**

The club was created on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The club planning session took place at:

Edwards Greenhouse  
4106 Sand Creek Street  
Boise, Idaho 83703  
208-342-7548

## **2008**

The first Board of Directors for the club (2008) was:

President/Queen – Renae Woodard  
Vice-President — Kevin Duesman  
Secretary —MJ Oresik  
Treasurer — Steve Sweet  
Webmasters — Mary Jane Oresik  
Forum Master-Ken Price

In 2008, the Club had an e-mail roster of 46 members, in addition to a number of hobbyists, which includes Nick Noyes, Jonathan Millet, Joe Leckie and Bill Ahaus.

Bylaws were finalized in the later portion of the 2008 calendar year.

In addition to the regular meetings, on April 12, 2008, approximately 25 club members were treated to a tour of Noyes Apiaries, in Fruitland, ID. Nick demonstrated hive manipulation and provided a tour of the facilities. A number of individuals purchased nuc's from Noyes Apiaries. The Club has developed a swarm call list that is centrally coordinated by Ken Price. Approximately 150 swarm calls were fielded during the spring of 2008.

Initially, the club had a surplus of \$112.88 in the treasury. The money was raised by the voluntary passing of the hat at an initial meeting, plus proceeds from raffles held during the monthly meetings and generous gifts by Club members.

Also, in 2008, the following notation was made in the annual report: “As a Club officer, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Idaho Honey Industry Association for the excellent programs in both 2007 and 2008, for the enthusiastic support in getting organized, for conducting the field tour, along with selling member’s nucs and mated queens.”

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## **2009**

The second Board of Directors for 2009 was:

President - Steve Sweet  
Vice- President – Kevin Duesman  
Secretary – Mary Jane Oresik  
Treasurer – Emma Arnold  
Web Master – Mary Jane Oresik  
Forum Master – Ken Price

In 2009 the club's membership grew to a total of 89. The clubs assets grew to \$300.00 due to raffles and fundraisers.

Also, in 2009, John and Dorine Taggart donated a 4-frame, hand crank extractor to the club and it was made available to the members for a rental fee of \$5.00. Roger Rosentreter donated a binocular microscope to be used for Nosema spp. identification. Kevin Duesman commissioned the creation of a Club Banner and made a generous donation during the Bug Days activity.

## **2010**

The Board of Directors for 2010 was:

President – Steve Sweet  
Vice-President – Kevin Duesman  
Secretary – Renae Woodard  
Treasurer – Emma Arnold  
Web Queen – Mary Jane Oresik  
Forum Master – Ken Price

In 2010, it was decided by the Board, for the first time, that dues would be collected in the amount of \$10.00 for individual and \$15.00 for a family.

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## **2011**

The Board of Directors for 2011 was:

President – Jeff Bergland  
Vice-President – Tony Marker  
Secretary – Karla Kimball  
Treasurer – Dick Knapp  
Web Queen – Mary Jane Oresik  
Forum Master – Ken Price

It was decided by the Board of Directors that we would maintain a Swarm List, Back Yard – Bee Co-op List and Mentors that would inspect hives. However, in order to receive these benefits you must be current on your annual dues.

Urban Beekeeping hit center stage in 2011 and the Boise City Planning and Zoning. Steve Sweet and Kevin Duesman to serve on the Boise City Urban Agricultural Committee and assist in revising the Apiculture section of the Zoning Ordinance.

We finished 2011 with over 200 registered members in the club.

## **2012**

### **The State of the Hive for TVBC (2012)**

**by Jeff Bergland – Chief Drone**

The year 2012 started off really well for the Treasure Valley Beekeepers Club! Our membership was around 200+ beekeepers! Additionally, we participated in a number of great community outreach opportunities, like Bug Days and the Western Idaho Fair. We helped to get a Boise City Beekeeping Ordinance amended and passed. Finally, we cemented some relationships outside the club to help the TVBC grow and prosper like our relationships with Washington State University, the University of Oregon and possibly the University of Minnesota.

#### **Officers for 2012:**

Jeff Bergland, (Chief Drone), President  
Marcia McChrystal, Vice –President  
Chad Dickinson, Interim Vice-President  
Treasurer (Keeper of the envelope), Dick Knapp  
Secretary (Worker Bee), Karla Kimball

#### **Committee Chairs:**

M.J. Oresik, Web Queen  
Stacy Beeles, Education and Community Outreach  
Ken Price – Club Membership

**Idaho Outdoor Association:** In 2012, the club decided we needed a new venue for our meetings due to the size of the club and previous location at the Elks Lodge. That new location is: The Idaho Outdoor Association at 3401 S. Brazil Street, Boise, P.O. Box 15943, Idaho 83715. Our contact is Kathy Rosencrantz. This new location proved to be a very acceptable with respect to its proximity to Interstate 84 and available seating (130 plus seats). We do have to pay a rental fee of \$60.00 per month, but it is worth the cost to make the meetings more comfortable for everyone. We do not have to pay for months when we don't use the facility (typically April & December) so the yearly fee works out to \$600.00.

**Extractors and fees:** The board decided to purchase another extractor (\$399.95/Mann Lake) this year to bring the number of club extractors to 5. The beekeepers maintaining, checking them out and receiving the extractors back in 2012 were as follows:

**Alan Herzfeld (Five Mile & Victory area) – Ph: 344-7797**  
**Kevin Duesman (Harris Ranch/Northeast Boise area) – Ph: 861-7831**  
**Todd Hayden – (36<sup>th</sup> and Hill Road) 3216 Tucker Road, Boise – Ph: 286-4826**  
**Doug Cleveland (12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Nampa) Ph: 249-0780**  
**Rex Larsen (Five Mile and Ustick Road) Ph; 841-1360**  
**Doug Cleveland (Nampa); Ph: 249-0780**

The board decided the extractor fee for 2012 would be \$5.00 for the first two days and \$5.00 for each additional day. We would re-visit the fee rental again in 2013.

**Queens:** Our club obtained 4 hygienic queens from Washington State University to rear and graft queen cells from and then offer free queen cells to the club members. The following club mentors hit the ground running this past spring by breeding queens and grafting eggs into queen cells throughout the spring and summer. Steve Sweet, Kevin Duesman, Frank Grover, Dick Knapp, Doug Cleveland, Randy Johnson (plus Royale) and the Noyes Family (The Honey Store). We are going to partner again in 2013 with Steve Shepard (WSU) to get a few more queens to add more diversity and genetics to the Treasure Valley. When a queen cell was ready last year Marcia McChrystal maintained a list of beekeepers in need of a queen cell. She would inform those beekeepers when the queen cell was ready for pickup. The only requirement the club came had was that you must take a one hour mandatory class on how to introduce the queen cell to your hive. These ongoing classes were held at the Duesman Bee Ranch.

**Boise City Ordinance:** The Boise City Planning and Zoning Ordinance was amended and passed (June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012) thanks to the efforts of Steve Sweet, Kevin Duesman, Cody Riddle (Planning and Zoning) and various other TVBC club members



in attendance at the hearings. This amendment removed many obstacles for individuals wanting to have bees in the City Limits of Boise City. The new ordinance eliminated a fee for registering, reduced acreage requirements, allowed for nucleus hives and gave the ordinance a better set of definitions for the beekeepers and the city to rely upon.

**The Honey Store:** The Noyes family has been and continues to be a truly good friend and asset to our club! In 2012 they provided many in our club members with packages or nucs to get the season kick started. Additionally, they provided a great place for the club to have our season opener spring barbecue and offered demonstrations for new club members on how to light a smoker as well as install packages or nuc's. They really are a great partner and friend to our club!

**Swarms:** 2012 was a banner year for swarms! Unlike 2011, when we only had around 240 swarms, the club ended up capturing over 439 swarms during the 2012 season! MJ Oresik, our club's Web Queen, built on the club website ([idabees.org](http://idabees.org)) a fantastic system, whereby the public could pull up swarm catchers and swarm shadows names, location and phone number on a Google Map. Her efforts and those of our swarm catching club members really paid off!

**Club Survey:** Marcia McChrystal went to a tremendous amount of time and effort to put together a club survey for our membership to target where they wanted to see the club go and grow? Her efforts were rewarded with some great information from our members! First and foremost, try and shorten our meetings, when possible, and offer alternative education in areas we have not taught in the past. Some of those educational events are: making mead wine, candles, lip balm, lotion, queen rearing, creamed honey and some more advanced classes surrounding diseases and pests that are affecting the *Apis mellifera*. Additionally, some new hive manipulation techniques would be great like the Deemaree Method. Steve Sweet will be teaching that method in the coming months. Also, our members wanted to see more outside experts come to our meetings to further our education and understanding. There was much more information reflected in the survey and our 2013 officers will be working to further implement many of those great ideas!

**Non Profit Status:** Thanks to a decision by the board of directors of the TVBC and the efforts of Dick Knapp (Treasurer), the club is moving toward 501 (c) 7 nonprofit status! This will enable any monies collected by the club to be non-taxable. The process to achieve nonprofit status is going to take a few months into 2013, but we should get approval by March or April 2013 if all goes well. A very special thanks to Dick Knapp for leading the charge on this endeavor! He is doing it in his free time and not charging the club anything for all his hard work. I researched what this would have cost the club if we hired the work out and it would have cost the club between \$3,500.00 to \$5,000.00. Additionally, as part of this process we also amended the bylaws of the club.

**IHIA Convention:** The convention this year was a really GREAT one! We had excellent speakers and great information. Steve Sweet, one of our senior beekeepers with all the connections worked his magic to get two outstanding speakers to join our Hobbyist Session! The hobbyist session was well attended by club members. I believe we had over 40 club members for the 3 hour classes. Our guest speakers this year were Marla Spivak (University of Minnesota) and Steve Shepard (Washington State University). Steve Sweet came up with a great idea to give them each a unique "Made in Idaho" gift! They each received the "Golden Honey Bee Award", which was designed and crafted by Stephanie Wilde, from her "Golden Bees" exhibit. (<http://tinyurl.com/acedyqv>). Additionally, the club made a donation of \$500.00 to Washington State University to help fund their queen research and extend their partnership with our clubs queen rearing program.

**Problems in the Hive:** The Varroa Mite continues to be a pest to plague beekeepers in the club as well as the United States and beyond. We learned at the IHIA Convention that powdered sugar is not the answer! According to Marla Spivak (University of Minnesota) it is a waste of powdered sugar. That is unless, you are doing a powdered sugar roll with your bees to count mite loads. The best plan of attack is Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques which will involve the use of some herbal and possibly some synthetic treatments which have been approved for use by the State of Idaho. I won't get into specifics at this point, but we need to be more proactive about measuring Varroa levels in our hives and treating accordingly in the spring and fall, if necessary.

**Master Beekeeping Program:** The mentors in the club and the board decided that taking some form of Master Beekeeping Class and getting certification would be good for the club. This plan was proposed with the purpose of getting up to date information from the bee keeping industry, through a college run program, to the mentors and then have them consistently and uniformly convey that information to our club members throughout 2013 and beyond! It was decided that the cost of taking the college program would be at the sole expense of the individuals taking the class and not come from club monies. We also decided that the closest Master Beekeepers Program to Southwestern Idaho was offered by Oregon State University. Their Apprentice Level (one year) course will cost of \$100.00 and will be taught at the colleges annex in Hermiston, Oregon. The mentors attending this class are: Steve Sweet, Kevin Duesman, Frank Grover, Dick Knapp, Joe Leckie and Jeff Bergland. It is the long range plan of the TVBC to teach what we learn to our fellow club members and continue to seek additional education in the future. We are also working towards getting some form of Master Beekeeping Program in Idaho.

**Treasurers report:** We finished 2012 with \$2,488.52 in the clubs bank account. Some of this money may go towards required filing fees and possibly penalties related to the process achieving nonprofit status, although we are hoping these will be minor?

**Membership:** We ended 2012 with over 250+ club members! Bigger doesn't necessarily mean better, but in this case we have a great group of beeks that really enjoy the hobby of beekeeping, as well as the opportunity to offer their community service by capturing swarms as well as share their personal knowledge and experience with less experienced beekeepers and the public at large.

**What is in store for 2013:** The club is really going to need to rally and offer more participation and volunteering this coming year! Since this hobby is catching worldwide, our club will be asked to participate in a lot more events throughout 2013 and we all need to rise to the challenge and **VOLUNTEER** our time to make each activity a success!

**Final Message from the former President:** It has been my pleasure to work with all the officers, mentors and committee members in 2012 as well as all the fine club members that make up the TVBC! I appreciate all the time and efforts that each of you has given over my term as presidency. It looks by all accounts, that we are going to have an early spring in 2013, so get your hive boxes built and your swarm gear ready, because this should really be a great year!

Below are a few of the key events that our club participated in during the 2012 year.

#### **2012 TVBC Events Calendar:**

**January 24<sup>th</sup> – 7-9:00 p.m. –Beginner Beekeeping Class – Frank Grover - \$15.00 – idahohoneybee.com**

**February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. will be the Planning and Zoning Hearing at the State Capital.**

**February 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> – Community Education classes – Jeff Bergland and Kevin Duesman – Classes will be Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> (6-30-8-30 p.m. at Timberline H.S.) and Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> (6-30-8-30 p.m. at Hillside H.S.) Over 55 folks attended**

**February 11<sup>th</sup> – MJ and Stacy Beeles are teaching a 1 hour class at the Zamzow's (Darin Eisenbarth) on Overland and Eagle Road. 150 folks attended.**

**March 1<sup>st</sup> – Home School Class - (Stacy Beeles, Teacher)** My name is Jeannie Erway and I am writing to see if there may be someone in your club who enjoys children who may be interested in teaching our home school co-op class about honeybees and beekeeping. We are going to be studying bees starting Thursday, March 1st and would love it if our kids could get some teaching from someone who has expert knowledge in the subject. We have 9 children in our co-op ranging in age from kindergarten to 5th grade. They are well behaved children and 5 mothers are also there to make sure the kids are quiet and respectful. We meet every Thursday from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. at Treasure Valley Bible Church which is located on the corner

of Ustick and Cloverdale in Boise. If you know of anyone who may be interested in sharing their beekeeping knowledge with us, we would greatly appreciate it. You can respond to this e-mail or call me at 323-2856.

Thanks, Jeannie Erway

**March 10<sup>th</sup> – “Build it and they will Come”** - Noon until 4:00 p.m. at Kevin Duesman’s home.

**April 14<sup>th</sup> - The Honey Store** – (Saturday) at 10:00 a.m. will be the club meeting. We will meet in the morning at the Noyes place in Fruitland – club barbecue - Orders can be taken starting January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Nuc’s \$100.00/Packages \$80.00 – Receipts will be sent out by the Honey Store to those placing orders in order to make the process more clear for all concerned. If you can’t pick them up at the club meeting in Fruitland at the club barbecue you **MUST** make arrangements with the Honey Store to hold your nuc/package or they will sell it to someone else.

**April 28<sup>th</sup> – Unplug and Explore the Outdoors** – location is at the Idaho Shakespeare grounds from 9:30 to 1:00 p.m.  
<http://www.unplugandbeoutside.com/index.php/schedule/tv-activities/7-events/70>

**June 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 24<sup>th</sup> – Idaho Green Expo at Western Idaho Fair** – Joanie Bear (event coordinator) ph: 949-6058, [www.IdahoGreenExpo.org](http://www.IdahoGreenExpo.org)

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

11am - 2pm.	Karla Kimball, Todd Andersen
2 pm - 5 pm.	Jimmy Smith, Doralee Smith, Ivalee Morrow
5 pm - 7 pm.	Joe Leckie, Mike Wright, Emma Arnold

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

11am - 2pm.	Randy Geile, Chuck Dimick, Scott Moreno
2 pm - 5 pm.	Vicki Henderson, Bill Young, Lori Young

Randy Geile and Kevin Duesman will teach the 45 minute Basics of Beekeeping workshop at the Expo on Sunday, June 24 at 3 pm!!!!

**August 17<sup>th</sup> through August 26<sup>th</sup> – Western Idaho Fair** - We had 3 (3 hour shifts) each day at the fair. The shifts ran from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**August 25<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) Bug Days at the Idaho Botanical Gardens**

**September 8<sup>th</sup> – Hillcrest Library – 1 and ½ hour beekeeping class – Lynsey Juel instructor – Cell# 401-4242**

First of all, thank you for talking with me today and your offer to help me locate a local beekeeper to do a short program on bees and bee-keeping at our library.

The program will be on Saturday, Sept. 8 and starts at 1:00 pm and runs usually till 2-2:30. We will have several fun things for the kids and their families to do, but I would really enjoy presenting the bees and how to care for them and their role in growing food for the world.

My contact information is:

Anny Feuerborn  
Library! at Hillcrest  
5642 W Overland  
Boise, Idaho 83705  
280-562-4669.

I look forward to hearing from you! Thanks so much.

Anny

**September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 (Girl Scout Troop 694)**

Hello Jeff,

Thank you for your willingness to teach us about being a beekeeper & bees. We very much appreciate it! Here are the dates we've scheduled to meet in September, and Spring months. Let me know what will work best for you. We don't mind waiting until later in the year. Also a heads up on your location would be great. Thank you again.

Sept. - 20<sup>th</sup>

March - 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

April- 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

May - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

June - if you have any dates you'd like us to look at in June that would be fine too.

The kids last day of school is the 4<sup>th</sup>, so any date after that would be good.

5 Girls 9-10yrs old

2 Girls 6-7yrs old

You'll also have two Adults there to help, a GS Leader (myself), and a GS Co Leader.

We are there for the girls, but also to help you when needed.

Carisa Springer

Girl Scout Troop 694

**September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 - LDS Church Youth Group at Jeff Berglands home – 6:15 p.m. – 14-17 year olds (Coed) – 17 students attending .**

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 – Challenger School (Kindergarten) – George Cannon in our club taught the class**

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Christena,

Hello, this is Kata Matheson. Last year you visited my class at Challenger School and shared your knowledge of bees with us. I was wondering if you would be able to come talk to us again this year. Our Insect/bugs unit is at the end of October. I am willing to move the lessons around so that you will be able to come. Let me know and we can iron out the details.

Thank you,  
Kata Matheson