

Buzzword

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Next Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2005

Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE NEXT MEETING?

Mother Nature is very dynamic-it is always changing so our managing skills must also be dynamic. Net working among beekeepers from all over is very important. I received a phone call from a fellow beekeeper in California preparing to pollinate the Almonds. He asked me how I treated for mites and I told him with formic acid. He said I was very lucky, they treated more than 5000 hives with chemical (Apistan or Coumaphos) and the mites were resistant. They were finding high numbers when checking mite drops. Well time will tell if I am so lucky-my biggest fear is starvation.

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MY HIVE LIFTER

Something I would like to share with the members at the West Sound Beekeepers Association. A good friend of mine who has been a beekeeper for over 40 years and is very creative and a successful beekeeper. Recently he had a letter published in the American Bee Journal-November 2004 Issue. The letter with graphics was about a hive lifter he designed, built, tested and uses for moving his beehives. My friend, Rudy Steele, who is a member of the Pierce County Bee Association, is about 84 years old. A couple of years ago he decided he was not

going to physically handle his hives without some help. Knowing that it is sometimes difficult to get help from other people and because beekeepers have an independence about them he decided to create a tool that could aid in the moving of his hives.

If anyone were interested in getting more information about Rudy Steele and his hive mover I would be more than happy to provide it. Rudy lives in Buckley, WA.

By Jerry A. Hominda

