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The snow wars continue

Wouldn't you know it? Now we have the Canadians battling for first place in the snow wars. So far, I don't think there's much question. Phillip Cairns, intrepid beekeeper and author of [Mudsongs.org](#), had to do some serious digging to find this hive right in his own backyard. The second photo shows the hive "after the melt." I'd hardly call that a melt, but whatever. The bees did fine.



Deep down under there: Lo! A hive! Hive and photo © Phillip Cairns.



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Two days later after a Newfoundland "melt." © Phillip Cairns.

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Bee Stories

Down with bee suits!

I loathe bee suits and wish I had never seen one. Then again, sometimes I need one—or I think I do. The first one I ...



The dead hive that isn't

Saturday was a perfect day on the northwest coast. Rumor claims that all the elements come together only six days a year: warm enough to ...

A tale of two neighbors

Beekeeper vs neighbor stories abound, but this is the best yet. It was sent in by "John" attached to the post "Thy neighbors' bees." I'm ...

Revenge of the cattle dog

Last summer my husband and I were invited to a neighbor's house-warming party. That by itself is unremarkable, except that we came home with a ...



Gone, gone away

When I analyze my beekeeping time—the hours I actually spend in the apiary—I estimate fully 40% is spent looking for my hive tool. You probably ...

Did the bees find their keeper?

Early Thursday morning I received an e-mail from Katheryn, a resident of Covina, California. She wrote to ask if I would be willing to look ...

My bees have lost their sweet little minds

This morning, after a week of advising everyone else to check on their bees, I decided I'd better do the same. I figured there would ...



A bull in the beeyard

I wanted to get some serious work done this morning, so I put my dog in the spare chicken yard—Hennerly Eight, we call it—so he ...



My husband made me do it

It was a Sunday morning, exactly nine days after I split my top-bar hive with a Taranov board. I finished answering e-mails before I walked ...



Bathing with bees

It was day seven without a septic pump. I've lived on the same rural property for 20 years, and things happen. Walking around with a ...



The Zen of bees

I sit perched on the hive stand, leaning back against number one. It vibrates like a refrigerator, low and steady. Scent oozes thickly from the ...



Mentoring the mentor

Part 1: Bees behind bars My first opportunity to teach beekeeping occurred at a state prison. I had volunteered at the prison for several years as ...

A tale of honey bees and barbecue sauce

Yesterday was perfect for mixing up a big batch of barbecue sauce. A friend had just given me a jar of her newest creation and ...

My spider queen

Remember the swarm that stayed in a tree for four days before I retrieved it seven times? Well, yesterday—eleven days after it moved into the ...



A beekeeper's trip to Corvallis

During the abyss of grade school, through mind-numbing months of long division, spelling,

and the names of planets, I
scrooched at my desk and
stared ...



Messing about with beehives

In "The Wind in the Willows"
author Kenneth Grahame writes,
"Believe me, my young friend,
there is NOTHING—absolutely
nothing—half so much worth
doing as simply ...



How to get stung 22 times in one place

Whenever I mention that I got
stung 22 times in one place,
someone asks, "How did you do
it?" as if it were a special ...

Mischievous proliferous: the scoo on bee poop

Okay, Mischievous proliferous is
not an official name for anything,
but it's the name given to honey
bees by my husband. It is
loosely translated ...

I love bees, but beekeeping? Not so much.

Anyone who knows me knows I
love bees. It's obvious. But I
have moments when I wonder if
I like beekeeping. Today, for
example. I have ...





Are they worker bees, girls, or units?

Writing a blog is fun, especially when readers write comments and e-mails. This morning I opened a message with an e-mail address I had seen ...



The iterative method of swarm capture

Part way up the ladder I stopped. The cardboard box I carried kept catching in the branches. The box was too big—I knew that—but I ...



Don't think, just do

"I wonder if, when surrounded by a thousand bees, you have ever become acutely aware of them. This year seems to be a bad year ...



A day in the life: why do I do this?

Why, oh, why do I keep bees?
Yesterday was one of those

days when I couldn't remember. First of all it was totally wet outside. ...

Thy neighbors' bees

I'm sure you've heard all kinds of horror stories about beekeepers and their neighbors--usually threats, warnings, or fears of some type. Well, here's one I ...



A sting in winter

The pain began slowly but rose to a searing crescendo. The heat was furious, like someone holding a flame to my thumb. I knew what ...

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Honey Bee Suite is dedicated to honey bees, beekeeping, wild bees, other pollinators, and pollination ecology. It is designed to be informative and fun, but also to remind readers that pollinators throughout the world are endangered. Although they may seem small and insignificant, pollinators are vital to anyone who eats.

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