Speakers Set for Southern Oregon Seminar Nov 16, Grants Pass

Our annual Southern Oregon Seminar is set for November 16, 2018 in Grants Pass. The “Bear Hotel” is always a good time—you never know what project they have in the warehouse. Last year they were working on Bigfoot’s Christmas (I know; It’s a Grants Pass thing).

Our speakers include Jeff Weir, Sprague Pest Solutions, Subject TBA; Reid Isper, PhD, Wood Boring Beetles (2 hrs); Nick Grisafe, Syngenta, Spiders (1 hr); and Dan Schlegel, Bell Labs; Rodents (1 hr). At the end of the day, hang around for the raffle drawing. We will have great coffee and awesome food. We’re pleased to have Casa Amiga back for their tasty buffet lunch.

If you are traveling from out of town, we have a few rooms reserved at the Best Western Grants Pass Inn. Contact them at 541-476-1117. We have a special rate of $89/night plus tax. Call now and get the rooms while they last!

Registration is OPEN at www.opca.org

Message from the OPCA President

Hello fellow Oregon pest control operators! It is with pride that I find myself addressing you for the first time as OPCA President. Some of you may know me. Others may not. You may recognize me as the son of Rich and Rene Kesecker who is way taller than genetically possible. My career in pest control started 13 years ago while attending Oregon State University (go Beavs!). I fell in love with this industry and now hold the position of General Manager at Good Earth Pest Company in Corvallis, Oregon.

As President, my focus will be to maintain the health of OPCA and our industry at the state level. Helping me are my fellow board members who spend valuable time serving our association. I am extremely thankful for those who sit on the 2018-19 OPCA Board: Rob
Wildlife Report:

Wildlife Seminar Slated for January, 2019

A two-day wildlife seminar is planned for January 25 and 26, 2019 at the Evergreen Savings Bear Hotel in Grants Pass. Many of you know the location as it’s the same location as the OPCA Southern Oregon Seminar. The event is being organized by Dave Mays at Bugs Northwest in Grants Pass.

Friday’s seminar is an **eight hour bat course** that provides NWCOA certification. The next day, **Stephen VanTassel** will give a five hour training on cage and trapping techniques, damage inspection and control of turf damaging animals.

The cost for Friday is $185 and Saturday’s course is $145.

To register for the seminar, contact Dave Mays at Bugs Northwest at 541-787-5010.
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McMaster, Bernard Black, Bill Granstrom, Greg Ego, Tim Banwell, Larry Treleven, Dave Mays, Brandon Ottenvich, Steve Nagel, and Robert DeAngelo.

This is my 5th year on the board and in that time, I’ve noticed a trend. Every year, the nomination committee struggles to find members willing to get involved. We need people. Having a strong pool of individuals eager to step in and serve is vital to our association and its future. You may see where I’m going with this.

Are you a good person? Do you like pest control? Are you a member of OPCA? If you answered YES to all three questions, then you are eligible. This is my call to action: Do it! No matter if you are young, old, short, or tall, we have a position for you. Please reach out to me by email, phone, or at our next education event (shameless plug: November 16th in Grants Pass). I would love to chat with you about ways to get engaged and possibly play a role in our association. Thank you for taking the time to read this and for allowing me to serve as President.

ODA's Lisa Hanson Wins National Award

Lisa Charpilloz Hanson, deputy director of the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture, has won the James A. Graham Award for Outstanding Service to Agriculture from the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture.

The award, was presented to Hanson Sept. 12 at NASDA’s annual meeting in Hartford, CT and it recognizes her "leadership in highly controversial natural resources issues, participation in successful trade policy development and missions, and productive relationships with federal and state agencies," according to the association.

Hanson began her career in the food processing industry and joined ODA as the manager of its commodity commission program in 1996 before eventually working at "almost every level of the department," according to a joint letter of support from the agency’s three most recent directors - Alexis Taylor, Katy Coba and Phil Ward.

OPCA Congratulates Hanson on the award!

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How to Move From a Bed Bug Infested Apartment or Home

By Paul J. Bello, President, PJB Pest Management Consulting

The following article was written at the request of a bed bug victim.

Each day numerous bed bug victims seek information from online sources in search of answers to their bed bug related questions. One of the most commonly asked questions is how do we move from a bed bug infested location without bringing bed bugs with us? While this may seem like a simple question, with bed bugs there are no simple answers.

Whether moving from a multifamily or single family home, the greatest concern for those moving from a bed bug infested location to another home is how to do so without bringing these nasty pests along with them. Anyone who has experienced bed bugs first hand knows how problematic these blood thirsty insects can be. Bed bug victims who are moving seek viable and practical methodologies that will allow them to move to their new home without their unwelcomed parasitic guests.

In communicating with and advising bed bug victims across the country a prime observation and concern is that mistakes are made due to inexperience, lack of proper knowledge, inappropriate advice and misinformation. As such, it is wise to learn and understand the principles and fundamentals regarding bed bugs that apply when attempting to move from an infested location without risk of bringing bed bugs along.

When dealing with bed bugs it is best to be conservative. Perhaps a good mindset is to treat all things bed bugs in a manner such as depicted in the movies “The Andromeda Strain” or “Contagion” where once contacted an unseen pathogen may cause a painful and ugly death in a matter of just hours. If we all treated bed bugs as if they might kill us, chances are we’d be much more careful and effective when dealing with them.

The following fundamentals apply and should be considered when moving:

The primary goal is that no bed bug contaminated item is brought along during the move.

Bed bugs or bed bug eggs may be hidden and present in nearly any item.

All items to be moved must be inspected, treated and rendered bed bug free.

Sealing suspect items in plastic bags and containers may be done such that elimination work to be conducted on such items may be done when time allows.

Treated items should be sealed in bed bug proof plastic bags, wrap or containers prior to the move.

Once a plastic bag or wrap has been used to contain suspect items, do not reuse such bags for normal use.

Cardboard boxes and other packing materials in which bed bugs can hide should be avoided. Such materials may be suitably treated and sealed within bed bug proof plastic bags or plastic wrap.

Items may be rendered bed bug free using suitable treatment methods. Such treatment methods include but are not be limited to steam, vacuum, heat, alcohol wipes and insecticides.

In no case should any suspect untreated item be included in the move.

It is possible for moving trucks, trailers and vehicles to harbor bed bugs as a result of transporting infested items. As such, it is wise to inspect and treat the moving vehicles prior to the move.

It is possible for bed bugs to hitch a ride on people as well and suitable preventative steps should be taken to address this as well.

Ultimately, we need to assure the home being moved to is bed bug free. Investigate and conduct a thorough inspection of the move to location prior to relocating.

There are numerous viable, practical and efficacious ways to eliminate bed bugs and render items bed bug free for the moving process. Below are some suggested methodologies for your review and consideration:

Clothing and other garments may be rendered bed bug free by running them in a hot dryer. The target temperature of at least 122 F must be attained for at least one minute uniformly throughout the garments being heat treated within the dryer to assure bed bug eggs, nymphs and adult bed bugs are killed.

Heat treated garments may be sealed in plastic bags or other suitable bed bug proof containers.

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Electronic items may be treated in a number of ways including: Mild heat treatment. (Note that while excessive heat may harm sensitive electronics, the lethal temperature threshold is about 113 F which may not cause harm. However, it takes many hours to kill bed bugs at this temperature. Additionally, it is wise to consult the manufacturer of the electronic item in question.)

Pest strips may be used to treat items such as furniture, computers, televisions and other items by sealing the item to be treated within a suitably sized plastic bag or storage container to create a confined treatment space. When using a bag or container be sure that there is a sufficient volume of empty space within the bag such that the treatment vapors may sufficiently travel within the treatment chamber. Note that some storage bins may have ventilation holes incorporated into their rims or handle areas. Such holes will need to sufficiently sealed using suitable tape for bed bug treatment purposes. ALWAYS READ AND FOLLOW PESTICIDE LABEL INSTRUCTIONS!

Provided suitable access to reach hidden areas, a vacuum may be used to remove bed bugs however, eggs present in inaccessible areas may not be successfully removed by suction alone.

A suitably powered hair dryer may be used for directed heat treatment.

The warm air from a hair dryer may flush bed bugs when directed at hiding places within the electronic item.

**Bed Bugs in Moving Vehicles:**

A moving truck or trailer may harbor bed bugs due to prior use. And, while this seems unlikely, it is wise to adopt a conservative approach to protect yourself from bringing bed bugs along with you as a result of the move. Any moving truck or trailer may be inspected and treated as needed. However, there may be many cracks and crevices present which may successfully harbor undetected bed bugs.

While it is possible to successfully inspect and treat a moving vehicle for bed bugs as needed, local regulations should be checked prior to doing so.

ALWAYS READ AND FOLLOW PESTICIDE LABEL INSTRUCTIONS.

There are a variety of insecticide products which may be used to treat a moving truck or trailer when needed. Be sure that the product selected is labeled for bed bug control and is efficacious.

Do not place any item within the treated space until after all spray application residues have completely dried. Vacuums and steamers may also be used to treat a truck or trailer.

Note that we must be thorough when inspecting and treating for bed bugs.

**What About People?**

As previously mentioned, it is possible that bed bugs may hitch a ride on a person’s shoes, clothing or equipment. The risk of picking up hitch-hiking bed bugs is greatest when working at bed bug infested locations. As such, suitable methodologies should be considered to mitigate such risks.

Wear white or light colored clothing such that it will be easier to detect hitch hiking bed bugs.

Co-workers should assist in the detection process by visually inspecting each other’s back and areas a person cannot see for themselves.

Have a set of fresh bed bug free clothing stored in a bed bug proof container on hand.

When moving work has been completed, completely change into fresh bed bug free clothing and seal all the suspect work clothes into a plastic bag or bed bug proof storage container for subsequent treatment.

Suspect work clothes may be treated using heat or running in a dryer for a sufficient amount of time.

Paul J. Bello has been a licensed pest professional since 1976. He is the author of *The Bed Bug Combat Manual*, co-author of *The Cockroach Combat Manual II* and contributing author to the recently published *Advances in the Biology and Management of Modern Bed Bugs*. He currently serves as a pest management consultant and assists various clients in pest related situations. His website is www.pjbpestconsultant.com and may be reached for assistance via paul@pjbpestconsultant.com.
Need Some Swag?

*Show pride in your association with OPCA logo items!*

OPCA purchased a small batch of flex fit hats, uniform patches and truck decals. These items will soon be available on OPCA’s website.

We only wanted to get a small batch of hats for now, but if they are popular the cost will come down if we buy a larger supply.

Contact OPCA at 503-363-4345 or visit our website for more information at [www.opca.org](http://www.opca.org).

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### Advertise in Crack & Crevice!

*Crack and Crevice*, OPCA’s quarterly newsletter reaches OPCA members and their employees. *Crack and Crevice* has a long shelf life. Issues are frequently handed out at member events and sent in member kits to new members. Exposure lasts longer than typical newsletters.

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- Full Page—$350

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### OPCA Membership Report

**OPCA member renewals**

Total members all categories: 85

77% of the members have paid dues as of Sept 24:
- **Active members**: 49
- **Allied members**: 10
- **Associate (home inspectors)**: 4
- **Honorary members**: 3

**Membership Application**: Know of any companies that should be members? [www.opca.org/join](http://www.opca.org/join).

**Lapsed Membership Policy**: OPCA’s policy is member companies that lapse for one full year must **reapply** for membership in OPCA. If you are unsure of the status, contact our office.

**Dues paid by corporate offices**: If your corporate office is in another state and pays your dues let us know!
We had a great time golfing at the Beach. Thanks to Matt White and Robert DeAngelo at The Killers for organizing the event! Also thanks to all the sponsors for donating prizes!

1st place: Briostack team - Aaron Adams, Derick Walker, Harvey Gail, Greg Ego - 7 under

2nd place: The Killers team - Matt White, Matt Eberle, Don Chipman, Robert DeAngelo 5 under (won by tie breaker on high handicap holes) - 5 under

3rd place: Paul Bello, Linda Bogart, Nancy Boerema - 5 under

K/P Mens #4: Aaron Adams
K/P Mens #15*: Brandon Ottovich
Long Drive Men #5: Matt Eberle
Long Drive Women #10: Barb Adamson

* Unfortunately no women landed the greens. But they were close!
Fall Beach Seminar, Lincoln City—Pics!

About 90 attendees were on hand for the Fall Beach Seminar at Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City. This year we were in the main casino convention space which provided a lot more room for the seminars and the sponsor tables.

Paul Bello covered a lot of material and had the audience laughing all the way through.

Paul Bello shows hands on demonstration of the use of black lights in termite and WDO inspection.
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