

how I got into the unlikely business of the removal of bees, hornets and wasps...

Jerry Mixon's Story

I am often asked how I got started in such an unlikely business as the removal of bees, hornets and wasps for people. It's simple...One thing leads to another. I am a hobby beekeeper, and as such am called to collect swarms of bees every Spring (as are many other beekeepers in the Puget Sound Beekeepers Association). As the Spring becomes Summer, swarms of bees decrease in numbers and nest of other stinging insects, such as wasps, hornets and yellowjackets, increase and become more noticed by property owners. When I am called I am often told, "I have bees in my house" and when I get there they sometimes turn out to be not our well-known Honey Bees, but another critter with a painful sting. Since I USE NO POISONS, and some people prefer the idea of poison-free removal, I began to accommodate people by removing more than just bee swarms. But since it's a lot of work and I am often stung, I began to charge for the service. After all, it cost me a lot to maintain my equipment and drive all over several counties.

So the business was born. I continue doing it because it is a supplement to a retirement pension, and I enjoy providing the service because people are so thankful that the stingers are gone and their children and pets are safe again.

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Postscript...

Fast forward 2009/2010 I meet Marvin Johnson and eventually get to retire knowing the Jerry the Bee Guy business lives on.



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