

ALOHA ARBORIST ASSOCIATION
March 19th, 2014, 6:30pm
MEETING AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order & Approval of Minutes
 - a) Approval of the February 19th, 2014, Meeting Minutes
- 2) Old Business
 - a) Training
 - i) HTCC 2014 - Recap
 - ii) Tropical Fruit Phenology Workshop- Recap
 - iii) John Ball Workshop 2014
 - iv) Palm Safety Workshop
 - b) Research Committee
- 3) New Business
 - a) Pest of the Month- Monkeypod Round-Headed Longhorn Beetle – *Xystrocera globosa*
 - i) **Hosts:** Wide range of species of wild and cultivated leguminous trees, (*Mimosaceae*, *Papilionaceae*), belonging to genera such as *Acacia*, *Acrocarpus*, *Adenanthera*, *Adina*, *Albizzia*, *Bauhinia*, *Cassia*, *Duabanga*, *Haematoxylon*, *Parkia*, *Xylia*, *Paraserianthes*, *Samanea*, and several Malvaceae (*Grewia*, *Salmalia*) and Rosaceae (*Prunus*).
 - ii) **Distribution:** Originates from Southeast Asia, and is widely distributed. *X. globosa* is found in East Pakistan, India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Seychelles, Oceania, New Guinea, Hawaiian Islands, Madagascan Region, Caribbean (Puerto Rico), and subtropical areas of the Palearctic Region (Arabia, Egypt), Japan, Korea, Taiwan.
 - iii) **Damage:** The round-headed monkeypod boring beetles attack stressed trees with grubs making large galleries in the sapwood. The galleries comprise two sections. The pre-pupal section is at a right or obtuse angle to the outer bark at least halfway through the bark. The pupal section is usually within the sapwood running parallel to the bark. Tree vigor and health minimizes the possibility of borer infestation.
 - iv) **Control:** When the pests are within these galleries, spray insecticides are ineffective. One reference suggests that it may be possible to skewer the grub with a stiff thin wire. These grubs are considered delicacies in some areas of the world. References disagree on the effectiveness of systemic insecticides. As adults, these beetles are nocturnal and control is difficult.
 - b) Nicole Brodie taking over for Amy's Nichols - Admin Responsibilities
- 4) Announcements
 - a) WCISA Conference, Arboriculture On Parade, April 5-10, Pasadena, CA.
 - b) Please renew your AAA Membership for 2014! You can find the membership form online at Alohaarborist.com and you can pay for your membership online or by mailing a check.
 - c) Please help support Ilana Nimz, Jamilee Kempton and Sal Hsu, the first team to represent Hawaii in the Western Chapter ISA bike ride for The Britton Fund!! For questions, donation forms or info: ilananimz@gmail.com or jfkempton2@gmail.com. All donations go directly to the Britton Fund to support tree related research, education and awareness! You can donate online at <http://www.thebrittonfund.org/the-britton-fund-ride/2014-riders/>. **Donation deadline is March 15th!**
 - d) Jamilee Kempton will be competing at the NATCC, April 5-6, Pasadena, CA.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 16th, 2014, 6:30pm, at the Seven Palms Bar and Grille.