

Topic 038 Mark, Bee Keeper & Other Jobs

Jody: Hello everyone! I'm Jody. Welcome to American Cafe!

杨晨: 各位听众好, 我是杨晨。欢迎您到美语咖啡屋!

Jody: Yang Chen, our guest today is Mark Boudevaul, from Beverly, West Virginia. And he has several ways that he makes a living.

杨晨: Mark 住在西维吉尼亚的 Beverly. 你说他同时有好几种工作, 听上去很有意思。那他的主要工作是什么呢?

Jody: Primarily, Mark is a beekeeper.

杨晨: Bee keeper?

Jody: Bee Keeper!

杨晨: Bee 就是蜜蜂, Beekeeper 就是养蜂的人。那他另外的职业是什么呢?

Jody: He's also the host of a bluegrass radio show and is also a musician himself.

杨晨: Wow. 他还在电台主持兰草音乐节目, 还是个音乐家, 那他会不会演奏乐器?

Jody: He plays the steel guitar that you hear in the background.

(Enter samples of steel guitar)

Jody: ... and the dobro.

杨晨: 我知道 Steel guitar 是夏威夷吉他, dobro 好象没有中文翻译,

Jody: It's common in bluegrass music. Oh, Yang Chen, listen to that lonely, haunting sound.

杨晨: 没错, 这种乐器听起来有一种孤独深沉的味道。

Jody: Now, let's meet Mark

Mark: I'm Mark Boudervaul and I'm from Beverly, West Virginia. Well I'm a beekeeper primarily but I also do a bluegrass radio show and play steel guitar and dobro.

杨晨: Mark 的声音真的很好听, 难怪他要主持电台节目呢。

Jody: I know. He has a great radio voice.

杨晨: 没错, 不过我更感兴趣的是他的另一个职业: 养蜜蜂。

Jody: Raising bees sounds like such interesting work.

杨晨: 就是啊, 那他是什么时候开始养蜜蜂的呢?

Jody: Mark started bee keeping when he was around 17 years old. He says a guy a couple farms over, meaning a neighbor, had bees and Mark was intrigued.

杨晨: 对, Intrigued 就是产生兴趣的意思。

Jody: Right. So Mark pestered his neighbor long enough ...

杨晨: 等一等, "pester" 不是麻烦, 打扰的意思吗?

Jody: Right. To pester means to bother somebody. So, Mark pestered his neighbor to teach him about bee keeping and it worked.

Mark: I started when I was about 17. I knew a guy a couple farms over from us that had bees and I was pretty intrigued by it. I pestered him long enough for him to show me what to do. And I got my own bees when I was about 18. And I'm 48 now so, that's about 30 years.

杨晨: 有意思, Mark 想学养蜂, 就缠着附近农场的一个人教他, 那个人最后不厌其烦只好帮助他。嗯, pester 这个办法不错。

Jody: Sometimes you have to pester, pester, pester, pester somebody to get what you want.

杨晨: 没错, Mark 说他养蜜蜂到现在已经有 30 年历史了。对 Mark 来说养蜜蜂虽然是他的兴趣, 可是养蜂也有淡季和旺季, 对吧?

Jody: Exactly. Bee keeping is definitely seasonal because, of course, bees need flowers and in the dead of winter there are no flowers.

Mark: It's a seasonal job in that bees are only really working when flowers are in bloom and in the dead of winter there's no flowers.

杨晨: 到了冬天他就得找点别的事做。

Jody: Mark goes on to say that bee keeping keeps him going in the summertime. During the winter he finds other things to keep him going.

Mark: Ahh, it's interesting. It keeps me going in the summer time. You know, I find other things to keep me going through the winter.

杨晨: Mark 说的 keeps him going 就是维持生计的意思。我们知道西维吉尼亚冬天很冷, 他能找什么工作呢?

Jody: To keep himself going through a winter in West Virginia Mark does something very interesting.

杨晨: 我们来听听是什么。

Mark: I raise donkeys also.

杨晨: 什么? 毛驴? 我没有听错吧?

Jody: You heard it right, Yang Chen! Mark also raises donkeys to give people rides on the trails through the beautiful mountains of West Virginia.

Mark: Yes, I have donkeys that I take out on trails and this is a good area to come for that. (laughter)

杨晨: 骑着毛驴沿着西维吉尼亚的山路欣赏风景, 听起来很不错, 如果我下次要到西维吉尼亚旅游, 我一定会去找 Mark。

Jody: Good idea! And also look for Mark if you need any honey or a radio host or a steel guitar player or whatever other wonderful job Mark does. Thanks for joining us today at American Cafe!

杨晨: 我们下次节目再见!