



The Raleigh Aquarium Society

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Next Meeting: Thursday @7:30pm June 7th, 2007.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at the [North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine](#) located at [4700 Hillsborough Street in Raleigh](#). Visitors are welcome! Snacks and light refreshments are provided. A raffle of fish and fish related items follow the meeting. Due to Security Issues, NCSU has required that the doors going into the downstairs lobby remain locked. Please be on time, as we will have a designated person standing by the door to let you in. If you are late, you may try knocking or call Brandon Berry's cell phone at 252-266-3559, Jeff Jenkins at 919-612-0229, or John Patterson at 919-264-4011.

Meeting Agenda

Los Tres Amigos

Three of Raleigh's more knowledgeable and traveled aquarists will take part in a panel discussion on all things aquatic. We'll be discussing anything and everything from "American Flag Fish" to "Zooxanthellae", including a short presentation on light strip modification to accept the new Fluorescent bulbs. Bring your questions and try to stump our "experts."

Monthly Feature

A Newcomer to the AKA Convention

By Christine Duncan

Pictures by Charles Harrison

Well I'm back from the AKA Convention that was held this year in Milwaukee Wisconsin. I have never been to a fish/Aquarium convention of any kind and I'm sure many reading this article haven't either. Those of you who have bear with it or submit an article that interests you next month. I went to the convention that sponsors one of the fishes that I am most passionate about. Please do not get me wrong I have raised fish for my entire life. As a kid the best Christmas present my parents ever gave me was a 20 gal metal framed aquarium with the slate bottom so you can see that I am an old geezer girl when it comes to my hobby. And while in my lifetime I have raised and shown dogs and cats. And I have even seen a rabbit show. It had never a cured to me that people actually show fishes. This shows what kind of stuff you can learn when you join the local Aquarium club.

I had a really great time. First because there were more types of killifish present in one room than I have ever seen before. Secondly because there were more people with more experience with killies then I have ever seen in one room together. But probably mostly because the people there were some of the nicest people I have ever met. They had a very real and warm interest in talking to the new girl and answering all the stupid questions like it was the first time they had ever heard them. They were an eclectic group from artists, blue collar workers, pediatric rhuematiodologists, to aquarium magazine editors and wholesale import suppliers, but every one I met had their own favorite type of killie they raised in their own home and were happy to tell me about them. They tell me a picture is worth a thousand words so here are some pictures taken by our dear friend Charles Harrison below who was at our February Workshop this year.



Charles Harrison and friend



Each class won a cool trophy and original painting by Ken McKeighen





Ken McKeighen doing his work right there in front of every one. No pressure here!!



Marshall Ostrow, JAKA Editor



David Ramsey from SC and a frequent visitor to the RAS workshop



The Fellows of the AKA. Each one of these gentlemen and lady has contributed years of service to the AKA and to be nominated to this elite group of people is quite a privilege.

Trading Post

I need some help!

I'm a 65 year old diabetic, with limited mobility. I am trying to build an aquarium in my home. Don't go out much. I need something to do besides watching TV. Because my aquarium, like many others, requires a 36" fluorescent, F30T8/GRO/AQ/RP bulb, to make it all happen, this project to come to a screeching halt! I've got a fixture that can use a T-8 or a T-12 bulb, but the purple tint's what brings out the vivid colors in the fish and plants! Somewhere, among all tropical fish shops, there must be a few of these left! I really want at least one of each! I would really appreciate your help with this. It's the little things you do for others, when you aren't required too, that can make your day! I'll send you photos of the finished setup.

Thank you very much, (I don't mind if they're dusty)
AL Hamm / 919-598-3389 / alhamm@mindspring.com
2622 S. Miami Boulevard / Durham, NC. 27703-5718

Christine Duncan 919 662 8537 Garner NC or E- mail swampwaterwitch@yahoo.com

Has the following fish available:

Laetacara Dorsigera a small S. American cichlid species peaceful in the community aquarium (unsexed fry 0.5-1 inch)

Angel fish fry unsexed and about 1 inch.

Kribensis unsexed juveniles 1-1.5 inches.

And the following Killifish species:

Epiplatys Duboisi, Ep. Dageti, Ep. Anunulatus, Ep. Infraciatus infraciatus, Fund. Gardneri Makurdi, Fund. Gardneri Gold AS. And a sweet little blue dwarf killi known as Adoma Fomusus that would look good on a planted tank with other very small fish. Please call or or email me if you are interested. Thank you for looking .

Monthly Web Links

Raleigh Aquarium Society Forum on Yahoo Groups <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/raleighaquariumsociety/>

Potomac Valley Aquarium Society in the Washington D.C. area <http://www.pvas.com/>

Atlanta Area Aquarium Association in Atlanta, Georgia <http://www.atlantaaquarium.com/>

Carolina Fish Talk <http://www.carolinafishtalk.com/>

Charlotte Area Aquarists Society <http://pvelasco.net/CAASBBS/index.php>

Marine Aquarium Society of the Carolinas <http://masotc.net/>

North Carolina Koi & Watergarden Society <http://www.nckws.com/>

Carolina Aquatic Plant Enthusiasts <http://www.ncaquaticplants.org/>

Aquatic Gardeners Association <http://www.aquatic-gardeners.org/>

KingFish Services <http://www.kingfishservices.net/>



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[Triangle Tropical Fish](#) 3600 N. Duke St. Suite #36 Durham (10% excluding aquariums and stands) **919.479.0088**

Please contact Christine Duncan at raleighaquariumsociety@yahoo.com if you are an active member of the Raleigh Aquarium Society and do not have an up to date membership card. Membership cards can be picked up at any meeting.

Raleigh Aquarium Society

Application for Membership

Membership privileges include:

- Ability to post items in trading post section of monthly newsletter
- A discount card good at participating local pet stores
- All club discounts on club functions
- Education from the most knowledgeable aquarium experts in NC
- Yearly Membership - \$15.00 (includes spouse and children)

(Membership dues run from March 1st each year. New members joining any other time will be pro-rated at \$3 + \$1 for each month remaining in the year.)

Name(s): _____

Date to begin membership: ____/____/____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ (2) (____) _____

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New Membership

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