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Next Meeting:
Tuesday,
September 8,
2009

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EIAA is for everyone with an interest in fish keeping.
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Member of: Federation of American Aquarium Societies (FAAS)

NEW MEETING LOCATION
Echo Hill Presbyterian Church
9000 C Ave
Marion, IA

Elections for EIAA Officers October 2009 Meeting

Please consider running for a position on the club's Board of Directors.
Positions are President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
The most recent past president becomes the 2nd Vice-President.
We can always use new ideas to help the EIAA run smoothly.
Contact President Craig Thoreson
And we will brainstorm program ideas for 2010. Bring your ideas.

Meeting at the New Church Building!!!

Echo Hill Presbyterian Church has finally moved into their new building and we are moving right along with them. Don't let the address scare you. This C Avenue is the extension of C Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids. But it is so far out it is actually Linn County and who knows why, a Marion address. As we have said in the past. It is between Boyson Road and Country Home Rd. And both roads have I-380 exits. I am yet to figure out which is quicker. It is equal distance from each. Traffic flow is the factor. C Avenue runs north and south and the church is on the east side of the road. See picture below. There isn't much out there except McBride Airport to the south and an abandoned house to the north. If you Google the address the pointer shows the location farther north than it is. If you select the satellite view, you can see the diagonal lines which are the grassy airport runway. The church driveway begins right at the north end of the runway. The airport has beautiful grass, the church has dirt. There is a sign. Echo Hill Presbyterian Church. The driveway winds so take it slow.

Come in the front doors under the big arch. We will be in the fellowship hall diagonally to the left.



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Bowl Show
October 2009
New World
Cichlids
(no Angels)

September 2009

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**Fin Flap
Schedule**

In order to get the Fin Flap printed and mailed to all of our members in plenty of time before the monthly meeting, the editor needs all information and articles by the Wednesday of the week following the meeting. Items can be mailed or e-mailed to the editor. They can be submitted anytime and will be published in the next Fin Flap.

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January - Bowl Beautiful

February - Barbs, Rasboras, & Danio

March - Goldfish & Koi

April - Sharks, Cats & Loaches

May - Natives, Plants
& Old World Cichlids

June - Angels, Killies & Oddballs

July - No Bowl Show

August - Betta & Anabantids

Sept. - Livebearers (no guppies)

Aquatic Animals

October - New World Cichlids

(no Angels)

November - Tetras & Rainbows

December - Guppy & Pleco

Every month there is an Open Class where participants May enter any fish not in a class that month (see your membership booklet for the complete Bowl show rules)

**Bowl
Show
2009**

From The Editor's Desk

Summer is over, and in our climate, the fun is going out of being outside. That means one thing, our fish are going to start getting the attention they deserve. I just took that step by converting my neglected 45 gallon aquarium into a Low Tech planted tank. Articles to follow. I hope we can all learn something from my experiences. And then maybe Joy can explain why what happens happened.

What are you going to change this year? New filtration. Different lighting? Spawning new fish? How about providing a new environment for your fish to spawn in? Any and all of this can be the topic of an article that the rest of EIAA will enjoy. Craig got a good start last month. Unfortunately work has picked up and the over time is not allowing him time to write those articles he promised. But they will be coming.

Thanks go out to Marti for sharing her experience at MCS with Dennis & Carol. I hope her experience has made you think seriously about a little fish travel to some of the other events in the area. We are so lucky. We live less than 6 hours from: Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and Des Moines. Wow. Two tanks of gas and a cheap motel and you could attend any of the events hosted in these cities... And if you ask around in the club, you are sure to find someone to share the ride.

Carol Sindelar

EIAA editor



Meet with your friends at the next EIAA meeting

Remember: if you would like access to the members only pages of the EIAA website, email or call Marti Horan and she will do the magic that will allow the site to recognize you as a member. www.finflap.com

Meeting Minutes:

September 8, 2009

President Craig Thoreson welcomed us to the community room at his apartment complex for our temporary meeting place. There were around 12 members in attendance. Carol told us that the October meeting should be at the new church. (make sure to read the Fin flap for details)

The night's topic was a round table discussion. Topics included everything from fish keeping to dogs and even a blonde joke was thrown in for good measure.

Marti had posters to be handed out about the upcoming auction. Pete and Beth LaFrentz were the bowl show winners with their entry of a platy. They also brought several fish for the BAP.

There was the raffle of goods from the manufacturers. I think we all agree that they not be placed on the floor again but it was good exercise for the lucky winners.

Several items went up for auction including plants, Assassin Snails* and fish. Can't wait to hear from Dan Albert on how the Assassin Snails did in his tanks. Craig was the lucky winner of the attendance award.

* FYI from the internet:

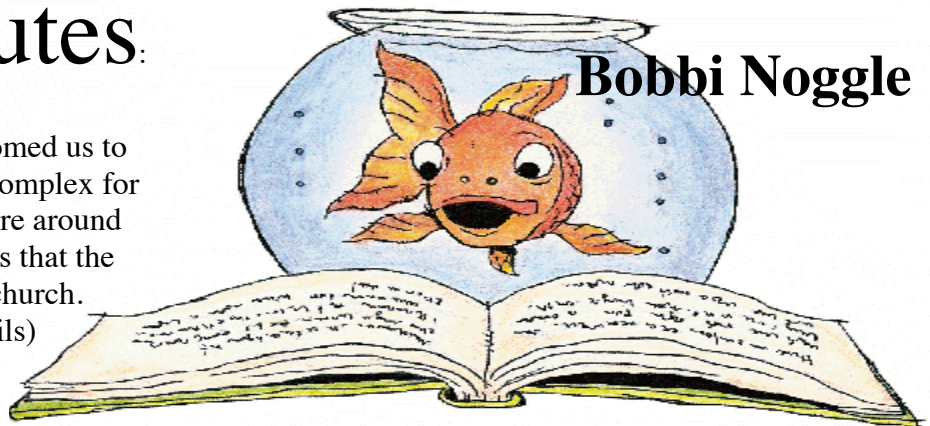
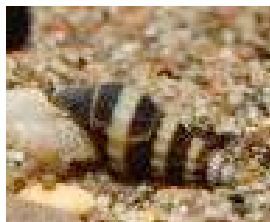
Assassin Snail is a popular name given to SE

Asian aquatic

snail beginning to show up in imports. Antentome helena is the scientific name. The snail has a wide range but is not common to any particular area. It's primary food is other snails although it will eat other foods except algae. They are an egg laying species and lay a few eggs per spawn.

Not much more than this is known about them except they are selling for about \$7.00 each.

Reference: Aqualog News No. 78, 2007.



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4 **CHICLID CHATTER**, Greater Chicago Cichlid Association, July/Aug 2009.

- ◆ A Problem? I Don't Think So., by Todd Raysby. Todd writes about his personal addiction to the aquarium hobby.

BRANT AQUATIC ENQUIRER, Brant Aquarium Society (Ontario, Canada), Sept. 2009.

- ◆ Heterandria formosa, by Tony Bernard (First published in the newsletter of the Hamilton and District Aquarium Society, Feb. 2004, Aquararticles.com). A brief description and spawning report on this seventh smallest fish known to man.

FINCINNATI, Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society, Sept/Oct. 2009.

- ◆ Spawning Report
“Paracyprichromis nigripinnis (Kapembwa)”, by Todd Leising. A detailed spawning report on this maternal mouthbrooder cichlid found in Lake Tanganyika.

FishTalk, Atlanta Area Aquarium Association, Sept 2009.

- ◆ Nymphaea zenkeri, by Kirsten Eldsmoe and Chris Tidwell. A HAP report on the red tiger lotus, a large and dramatic bulb plant from West Africa. (great photos).
- ◆ Cyprichromis leptostoma “Blue Flash”, by Michael A. Risko, Jr. . A great spawning report on these Lake Tanganyika Cichlids.
- ◆ Breeding Pearl Gouramis -- Fry, by David Ramsey. Detailed info on raising the fry of this gourami. Gammarus
- ◆ Shrimp As A Live Fish Food, by Jim Datka. Also known as scuds, these are amphipod crustaceans.

CICHLID BLUES, Pacific Coast Cichlid Association, 09/09.

- ◆ Life in a Glass Box, by Vern Smith. Vern tells us what he did this past summer.

If you would like to read any of these articles, contact Marti Horan or Carol Sindelar.

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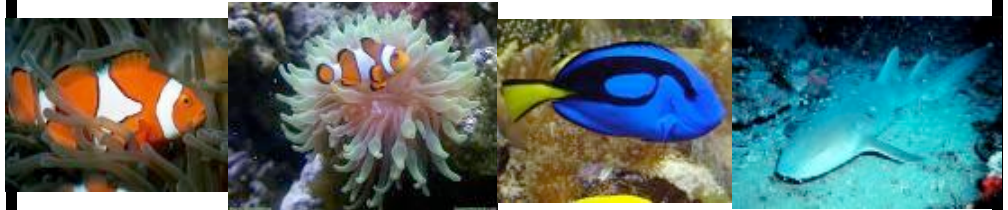
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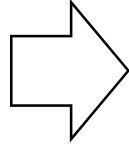
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(American Cichlid Association)
2010 Convention

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Just like the MCA EXPO or the GCCA Cichlid Classic, in that we will meet and greet all our Cichlid friends and have a great time. Plan to attend the ACA. And enter some of those fish, Dennis ... Carol Marti 25 miles west of Milwaukee. Ted Judy is the coordinator. Should be a great event

What's Happening ?

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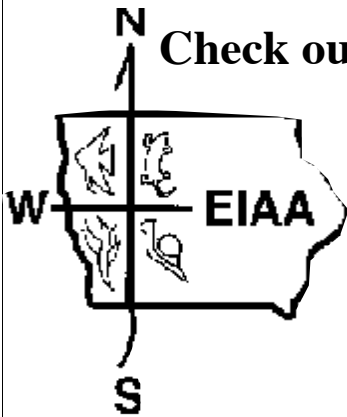
Association

Swap-meet October 25th

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SUNDAY, October 18, 2009
Viewing 10 Auction 12

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This year's event will feature sessions from nationally recognized author, speaker and saltwater expert Anthony Calfo and Randy Reed of Reef Nutrition.

Along with our speakers, we will have vendors, coral frags for sale and of course a large raffle with tons of hobby related items. Last years Fall Fest '08 was a major success and we hope this year is even better with lower admission prices and speaker sessions included with all admissions. For more information about Fall Fest '09, please visit the event website.<http://www.iowareefs.com/>

Midwest Cichlid⁷

Association

Expo 2009



A Road Trip!

by Marti Horan

Friday Sept. 18, Carol & Dennis Sindelar and I drove to Kansas City, MO for the MCA Expo 2009. Carol & Dennis' trusty Toyota got us there in about 6 hours. Sandy & Mike Cowles (of S&M Angels) were unpacking their van as we arrived. Soon after we checked into the Rodeway Inn motel in Grandview, MO, we ran into Ray "Kingfish" Lucas. Dennis commented going to one of these events is like going to a family reunion, you know so many people. Other EIAA members that were participating in the Expo were: Jo Meade (Des Moines) and Matt Anderson (Mason City). Jon Rink, Scott Carlson, Bob Randall and Stuart Meyers (old friends to EIAA) were also in attendance. There was a nice fellow who had retired from Iowa to a ranch in Kansas who came in a van decorated with M & M (the Candy) advertising. Ray loved the van because M & M is Mars and they own Aquarian. Ray took pictures to add to his slide show. Bob had 100 aquariums in his house on the ranch and as people complained about their long trips, he piped in about having to travel 15 miles just to get off the dirt roads. Guess we can't complain about I-80 and I-35 all the way.

Everyone was busy setting up for the show....the stands were in place as people brought their tanks

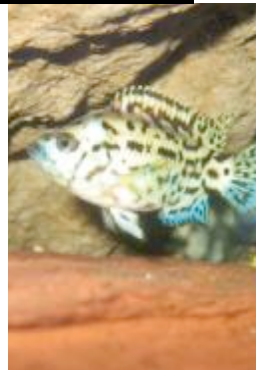
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8 and fish in. This was an ACA sanctioned bare tank show with only one fish, heaters and sponge filters in the tanks. They had approximately 110 entries! Yes, we got razed about not entering anything. If we can enter the EIAA show with all the work that is, entering a bare tank show should be a slam dunk. Even Ray brought 5 fish to be entered.

Registration was easy as we had all pre-registered. The three of us each received two bags of goodies.....a large container of cichlid food, a t-shirt, lots of small samples of food, brochures, two older issues of fish magazines (classics), and a program. After a quick dinner at Sonic, we returned to the motel for the programs. One of the unusual nice things about the way the EXPO was set up was that the speakers, show tanks, and vendors were all in the same room. You could still be setting up your show entry and hear the speakers. It worked and was a nice touch.

At approx. 6 pm, the first speaker started: Ron Nielson on Old World Cichlids, Madagascar. Next was Steve Thornton on Selling and Shipping fish on Aquabid. He had lots of good tips on packing and which carriers to use (he preferred US Postal Service, priority mail). Steve Lundblad was next on Old World Cichlids-Malawi-Mubuna. Dean Hougen finished the roster for Friday night talking about New World Cichlids- South American Earth Eaters.

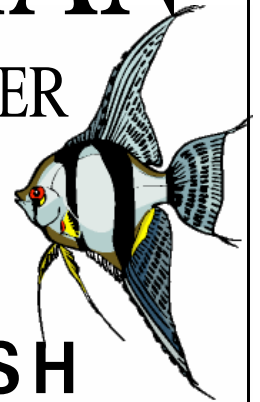
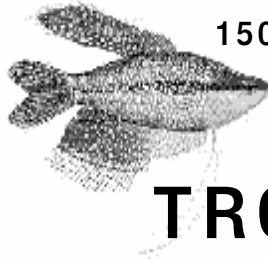
Saturday morning we were up early and had a light breakfast in the motel lobby. And this was a great opportunity to chat with others who were attending the show. It was a smaller motel so almost everyone you met in the hall was there for the EXPO. We browsed through the vendors that had their tables set up in the Crystal Ballroom. There were lots of plecos, PlecoCaves.com company was there with lots of ceramic breeding caves for plecos and also some new brands of fish food. Captain Bob was selling aquatic plants, homemade food and worms. Ian Fuller (one of the Saturday speakers) was selling copies of his new book, "Identifying Corydoradinae Catfish". I purchased a copy and he signed it for me. He is co-author with Han-Georg Evers. It has hundreds of beautiful color photographs of Corys, Aspidoras, Brochis and Scleromystax fish. If anyone needs a cory identified, let me know and I can look it up in this book. I also purchased another book from Ian, "Corydoradinae Catfish, An Aquarist's Handbook" by Derek Lambourne with lots of photographs by Ian Fuller.

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Saturday's speakers started at 9:00 am. Ian Fuller pre⁹

sented Workshop - Live Foods. Ian flew over from his home country, England, for this Expo. He also runs a website dedicated to Corys called Corydorasworld.com He discussed just about every type of worm to feed Corydoras, as well as mosquito larvae, and fruit flies. Starter cultures of worms were auctioned off after his talk. Dean Hougen spoke on New World Cichlids - Cichlid Reproduction. Glenn Minor spoke on Workshop- Custom Backgrounds. With great slides, he described how to make very life-like 3D stone backgrounds using extruded styrofoam blocks and quick concrete. Very detailed. An article and pictures will be coming soon to the HAAS web site.

The local Pizza Hut did delivery to your room so we opted for pizza for lunch as we took a bread. At 2:30 pm, Ian Fuller spoke on Corydoras Catfish. Ron Nielson then spoke on Old World Cichlids - Tanganyika. Steve Lundblad was the last speaker with Old World Cichlids - Malawi - Aulonocara. He spoke in great detail about how to tell if you had a true Peacock. Some importers do not keep the correct females with the males, so we may all have mixed peacocks. Steve is a respected importer of African Cichlids. Check out his web site at www.cichlidexchange.com.

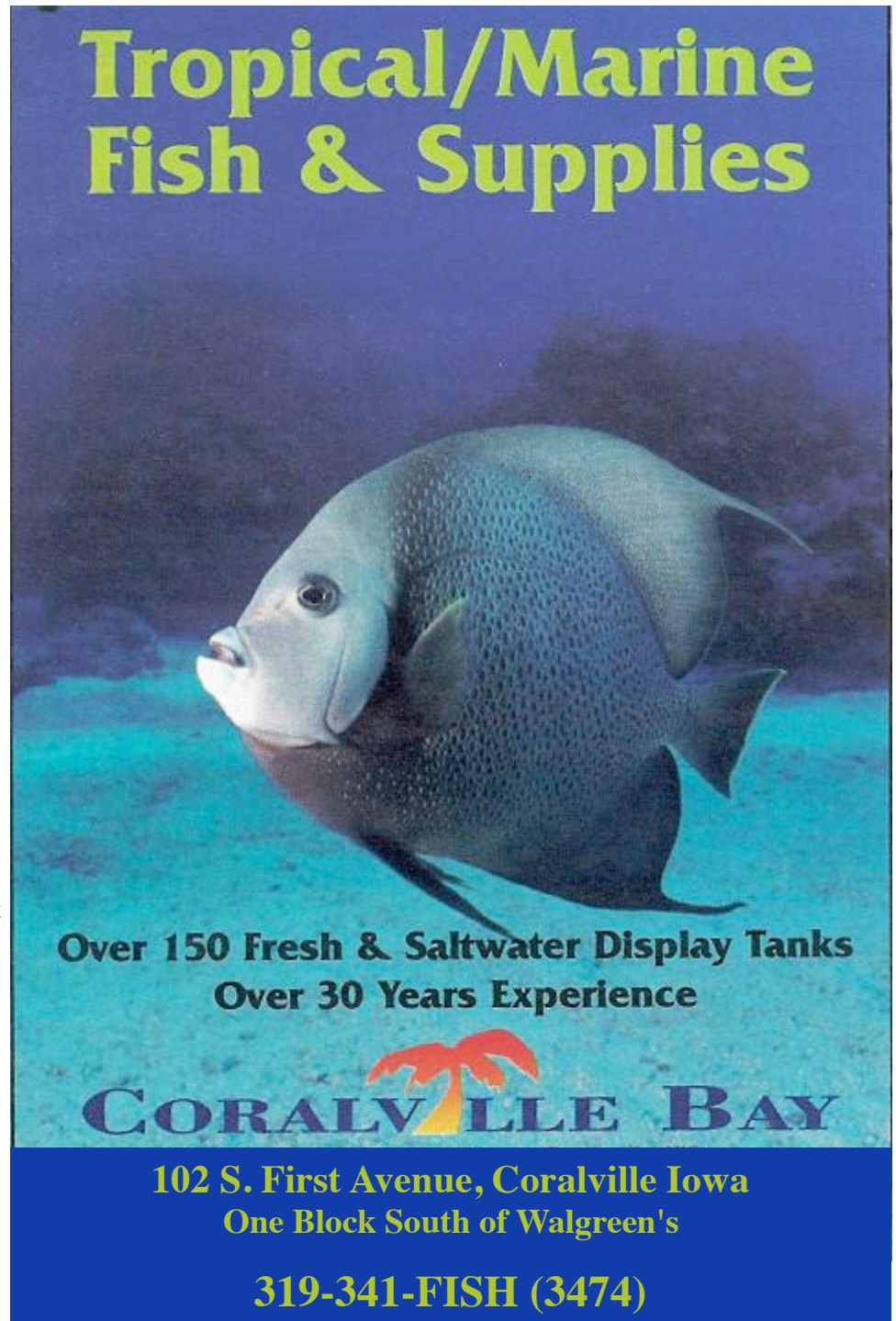
The awards banquet was catered. Kansas City Barbeque, you just can't get that in Iowa. There was barbequed pork, bread, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans and cake.

Kingfish was the banquet speaker on The History of the Hobby. Many of us showed up in his slides, does that make us history? I don't know.

Awards were given out for 20 classes of fish, photography, Best in Show and Peoples Choice. EIAA members Jo Meade and Matt Anderson each won several plaques and certificates. As did Sandy & Mike Cowles who also took Best in Show with one of their Victorian Cichlids.

Sunday the dry goods auctioned started about 11:00 am. The fish and plant auction started about Noon. Carol and I each called up some plants that we had a desire for and proceeded to bid and purchase them. Then we headed home. Even on the way home we met people who had been at the EXPO and had caught up with us at rest area after we had stopped for lunch.

We had a great time meeting new fish people and reuniting with old friends. We ran into several former Iowans. No wonder the people in Missouri are so nice..... It was a good trip. 2010 ACA convention is in Milwaukee. Lets see how many EIAA members can attend. And maybe Dennis and Carol and I will actually enter our fish this time.



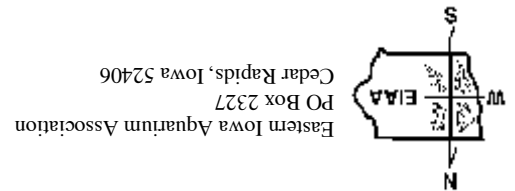
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