

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Bob has been so busy this summer doing good deeds that he has not had the time to write his usual president's message. I will try to cover for him.

At our last general meeting in June we had the pleasure of hearing **Ted Judy** speak about raising fry from eggs to adolescence. This talk presents problems associated with raising fry and provided strategies to overcome them.

The information in the talk is applicable to any type of freshwater fish, and covered feeding, housing, maintenance and other challenging situations.

Over the summer the board met in July to map out events for the coming year. There was no board meeting in August. As of this writing we have no designated speaker, but we thought we would have a members question and answer session and a discussion of who can pick up the

duty of getting speakers lined up for this season.

As you can see we need help getting speakers. It's not hard to do, but someone has to do it!

We hope that even though we do not have a speaker for this month members will attend the meeting to catch up on what we all have been doing this past summer, what we have bred and how our tanks have been doing. I for one had a hair algae problem in my 45 gallon tank. I'll fill you in on how I handled it. I'm sure that everyone has a story about the hobby that will be of interest to all.

See you all at the September 11th meeting. It starts at 7:30.

Hope to see you all.

John T.

AQUARIUM FISH INTERNATIONAL HAS CEASED PUBLICATION!

Bowtie Press has decided to cease publication of *Aquarium Fish International* magazine! Their last issue was the October issue. The reason for ceasing publication of AFI and *Bird Talk* is lack of demand for a monthly fish and bird magazine and the increasing costs of printing and mailing.

On hearing this disturbing news I sent an email to my friend **Clay Jackson** the editor of AFI.

He replied... It is a shame that after 24 years AFI

is no more. But we live in troubled times and nothing's a sure bet anymore, unfortunately. One of my best experiences while at the helm was meeting you fine BAS gentlemen at the NEC a couple of years ago. Thanks for everything.

Perhaps we'll cross paths again someday.

Clay.

Bowtie will still publish their yearly magazine Aquarium USA.



ABOUT THIS MONTHS MEETING

THIS MONTHS' MEETING WILL BE A MEMBERS CATCH UP ON WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING, FISH WISE, THIS SUMMER, AND TO WORK OUT FUTURE EVENT.



FOR SALE OR TRADE:

- 7] 30 Gallon Tanks (\$20.00 ea)
- 3] 55 Gallon Tanks (The old ones with the thick glass and no divider) (\$40.00 ea)
- 1] 15 Gallon Tank (\$10.00)
- 1] 75 Gallon (\$50.00)

If you are interested in trades I am looking for external filters (canister, aqua clear), or small cichlids or oddball plecos. Let me know what you have and feel would be a fair trade. All reasonable offers of cash or trades considered. I am planning to go to the upcoming NAS auction and possibly TFSRI Auction so I might be able to bring them there if you plan on being at either of those auctions.

Douglas Patac [mailto:dpatac@gmail.com],
127 Willow Rd, Bennington, VT 05201, 802 - 753 - 7269

MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept 11 Members meeting & Monthly Auction
- Oct 9 TBA Monthly Auction
- Nov 13 TBA Monthly Auction
- Dec 11 Holiday Party

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- Jan 8 TBA Monthly Auction
- Feb 12 TBA Monthly Auction
- Mar 12 TBA Monthly Auction
- Apr 9 TBA Monthly Auction
- May 14 Annual Auction
- Jun 11 TBA Monthly Auction

No meeting July & August

- Sept 10 TBA Monthly Auction
- Oct 8 TBA Monthly Auction
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LOCAL NEC SOCIETIES' EVENTS

PIONEER VALLEY AS Meets 1st Tuesday of the month at the Springfield Science Museum, 21 Edwards St., Springfield, MA at 7:00pm. Free parking in lot. Public welcome. More info contact: **Dave & Linda Giza** (413) 283-8680 or email: mike@berkshiredesign.com, or for directions go to pvas.net

NEW ENGLAND CICHLIDS Meets 1st Saturday of the month and start at 6:00 pm at the Lutz Children's Museum 247 S. Main St, Manchester, CT., 06040. For more info: necichlids.com

NEW HAMPSHIRE AS Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm in room 110 at Somersworth High School, 11 Memorial Drive located just off of route 9 in Somersworth, NH. For info. New Hampshire Aquarium-Society.com. Directions go to MapQuest.

TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON Meets 2nd Thursday of the month at the VFW Hall, 73 pearl St., Essex Junction, VT. Free parking in the back. Contact **David Banks** for info 802-372-8716 or dbanks@together.net or www.tfc.org

BROOKLYN AS Meets 2nd Friday of the month at 7:30pm at NY Aquarium, Bklyn, NY. More info: BrooklynAquariumSociety.org

NORWALK AS Meets 3rd Thursday of the month at Earthplace, The Nature Discovery Center, 10 Woodside Lane, Westport, CT. Open to public. MORE info: Norwalkas.org

GREATER HARTFORD AS Meets 4th Tuesday at the LUTZ Children's Museum located in Manchester, Connecticut. For Info & directions visit www.ghasct.org.

DANBURY AREA AS Meets 4th Friday of the month at Carmel Ambulance Corps Vink Dr., Carmel, NY. For more info: **Rich Litsky** (845) 228-0372 or **Joe Masi** (845) 896-4793 or daas@north-eastcouncil.org.



PET SHOPS OFFERING OVAS MEMBERS DISCOUNTS

• **Aquatic Wildlife**, 179D Deming St., Manchester, CT, 06040 Phi: 860.648.1166 aquaticwildlifecompany.com -- 25% off dry goods, 30% discount off livestock.

• **Benson's Pet Center**, 12 Fine Road, Clifton Park, NY, 12065 - 10% Discount.

• **Claremont Pet & Aquarium Center**, 201 Washington St., Claremont, NH. Ph: 603.543.1889 10% discount on dry goods only.

• **Eddie's Aquarium Centre**, 1254 Rte 9, Latham, NY. Ph: 518.783.3474 eddiesaqua.com - 10% discount.

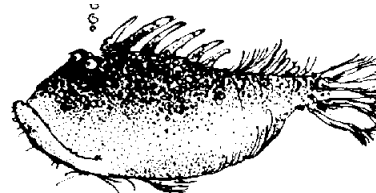
• **Lebanon Pet & Aquarium Center**, 196 S. Main St., West Lebanon, NH. Ph: 603.298.8789 10% discount on dry goods only.

• **Something Fishy Aquarium Sales Inc.**,

219 Mohawk Ave., Scotia, NY 12302
Phi: 518.346.FISH -- 10% discount.

• **The Pet Advantage**, 350 Dorset St., S. Burlington, VT, 05403 Ph: 802 860-1714. 15% discount with your OVAS membership card. Hours: M-F 10am-9pm Sat 10am-8pm Sun 11am-5pm.

• **Whitehall Pet & Supply Inc.**, 9869 State Rte 4, Whitehall, NY 12887. Ph: 518.499.1990 10% discount with your present OVAS membership card.



THE LOWLY GOLDFISH

BRIAN SCOTT - OVAS, BRAS

C*arassius Auratus*, more commonly known as the goldfish. The oldest known ornamental fish, nearly 2000 years. This fish is scorned by many hobbyists as, huh, it's just a goldfish, nothing special.

I disagree whole heartily. A pond with a school of ancestral goldfish in full health and color is indeed a beautiful sight to behold. Add a couple of color varieties such as, Shubunken (calico), Sarassa (red & white) with the traditional goldfish, and it's truly a spectacular display. It does not stop there with these sleek fleet beauties either.

There are many different fancy strains available to suit almost anyone's taste. To name a few, I will start with the simplest form the Fantail. A round bodied fish with paired caudal and anal fins. From here it becomes a diverse collection with the Ryukin, Moors, Orandas, Lionheads, Ranchus, Veiltails, Pom Poms and many more.



The care of these marvels is more than the common belief of, put them in a bowl of water, feed and occasionally change the water. The water conditions, such as, pH and hardness are rather simple, as these fish are very adaptable. But more important are the frequency of regular water changes. These fish have very primitive digestive systems and tend to foul a tank rather quickly. Adding to the importance of good water quality.

These fish require a lot of space. The general rule of thumb is 30 gallons per adult fish. I have found that in a 55 gallon tank, four adult fancy goldfish make for an active and enjoyable addition to any home.

Once again I stress the fact that regular tank maintenance is essential to the well being of your pets.

The lowly goldfish to some, living works of art to me.

ABOUT THE OTTER VALLEY AQUARIUM SOCIETY

The Otter Valley Aquarium Society is dedicated to educating those seeking knowledge in the breeding, raising and conservation of exotic tropical fish and aquatic plants in the home aquarium. We meet the second Tuesday of each month at the Maclure Library in Pittsford, VT, at 7:00pm. Featuring knowledgeable speakers, a Q & A session, plus a small tropical fish and plant auction.

Meet friendly aquarists and learn more about how to care for your fish. Free refreshments.

Meetings open to the public. For information call, **Bob Hooker @ 802 483-6739**

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YES, I would like to become a member. Here's my check for a one year membership. Please mail my membership card to the address bellow.

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Mail to: **OVAS, Tom Conway, 90 Center St., Rutland, VT 05701**

