



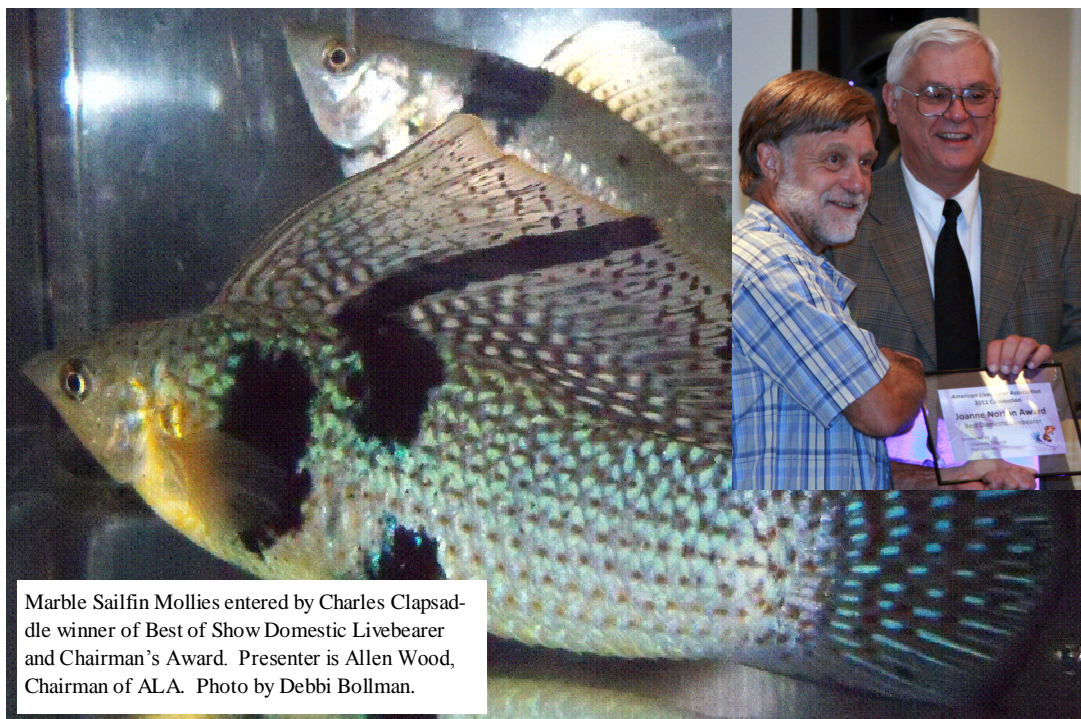
# The Greater Akron Aquarium Society

## Tank Topics

June/July 2011

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Marble Sailfin Mollies entered by Charles Clapsaddle winner of Best of Show Domestic Livebearer and Chairman's Award. Presenter is Allen Wood, Chairman of ALA. Photo by Debbi Bollman.

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Spring auction

July 9 & 10  
Ultra Aqua 2011

November 6  
Fall auction

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## THE GREATER AKRON AQUARIUM SOCIETY

**WHO ARE WE?** We are a local group of aquatic enthusiasts. Formed in 1952, the Greater Akron Aquarium Society is a non-profit, non-commercial organization. Our membership ranges from the beginning hobbyist to the advanced aquarist with many years of experience. The goals of our club are to promote the care, study, breeding and exhibition of aquarium related aquatic life and to promote interest in the aquarium hobby.

**MEETINGS:** Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at the Mogadore Community/Senior Center, 3857 Mogadore Road, Mogadore, Ohio. It is located East of Route 532 across from McDonald's in the former post office building. Visitors are always welcome, it costs absolutely nothing to attend a meeting and look us over.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The cost is only \$7.50 for adults, \$10 for a couple or a family (includes children under 10 years of age) and \$5.00 for a junior membership (10 to 17 years) Membership provides an opportunity to socialize with other that share your interests, a subscription to our bi-monthly magazine, library usage and more.

**AGENDA:** Our meeting agenda is simple and informal. The meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. with a short business meeting. Immediately following is the program for the evening which usually lasts about 45 minutes. Our programs consist of a speaker, slide program, movie or perhaps a panel discussion always on a particular subject related to the hobby or various species of fish. Following the program is a short refreshment break. After which the winners of the Bowl Show are announced, the Breeder's Award Program fish are auctioned and tickets are drawn for the equipment and book raffles.

**THE BOWL SHOW:** Each month members can bring in fish for specific classes to compete for first, second and third place awards. The charge for each entry is only \$.25. Members also compete for annual awards by accumulating wins throughout the year.

**BREEDER'S AWARD and HORTICULTURE AWARD PROGRAMS:** members can receive recognition for spawning species of fish or propagating aquatic plants. All that is required is to turn in a minimum of six fry from the spawn that are between 30 and 90 days old. Members earn certificates for each species and can work towards plaques in different categories.

**LIBRARY:** At the library table are a number of books and other publications covering all areas of the aquarium hobby. Members may borrow the books for a month at a time. Also each month several books are raffled off.

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**ANNUAL SHOW:** The Ultra-Aqua show is held during the summer at the Tallmadge community Center. This has become one of the largest all-species tropical fish shows in North America. It is an international gathering of hobbyists to display their fish in class competition, talk fish and to learn about the hobby from each other.

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## President's Message

I don't know about the rest of you, but with all of this rain I have been thinking maybe I should place an order for lots of wood and start building an ark! Another thought was to put a hose on my downspout and put the other end into my tanks, the fish would get a constant freshwater change all day and night!

Oh well on to other things. The ALA convention we hosted went very well, lots of good comments (we killed the

bad ones and fed them to the fish!) We had several new members helping with things which is always a good thing. The auction was a good one and we met all of the requirements of the hotel. All in all a good weekend.

Next thing up for us is our Ultra Aqua show, July 9 & 10. Plan to be there, bring an entry in and really enjoy what a show is about. You would be surprised the difference it makes to you out look when

you have fish in the show, you look closer at the other fish, you take time to talk to other entrants, and you can come to Saturday dinner party. A great time to be had just for a little effort.

Also don't forget the auction Sunday! Just remember, no hard goods like tanks and pumps, unless they are donations.

Not much else for now. . .

See you at the meeting

Bud White



## Editor's Message



I was going to start this off by complaining about all the rain we've been receiving here lately. But as I write this sitting in my basement listening to the tornado warnings on the radio, I re-thought that plan. So although it's true that my geranium might drown in it's pot and when the sun does come out next I'll have to spend half a day picking up sticks blown from my trees and then mow the grass that is actually more reminiscent of a hay field. The important point is that I'll still have a house standing in the middle of my

sorry looking yard, and that's a lot more than many people in other parts of the country can say. Try to keep them in your thoughts while cleaning up whatever it is you have to clean up remembering that it could be a whole lot worse.

Enough for the heavy thoughts, on to the fishy ones! You'll notice that this issue is mostly taken up by information about the ALA Convention we hosted in April. It was pretty successful as we expected. Lots of neat fish to be had as well as plenty of interesting conversation with fish-friends both well acquainted and new. I promise, this will be the last you'll hear about it! Especially since our own all species show will be here before the next issue of Tank Topics comes out. Most of the pre-planning stuff has been taken care of, but we could really use you, our members, there in July. It's not that it takes a huge number of people to make it run, it's just a lot more enjoyable when there

are enough willing hands that no one feels over worked. Exact times for set up and so on will be listed in the meeting notice you'll receive before the July meeting.

As you are probably tired of hearing about, we still are in need of articles for this very publication you are reading. Although it's not a dire emergency like last issue, I only have enough for one or two more issues, and guess what boys and girls, they're all about livebearers! Not that I have anything against livebearers (I keep quite a few of them myself and have even written my share of articles about them in the past) but if you (the membership) want to read about anything else, feel free to write about it and tell the rest of us. I know for a fact that we have members who are quite versed in such things as catfish and cichlids but how is anyone else going to find out about it unless they choose to share that information? OK, off my soap box for

a while, thanks for listening.

I know that Summer is coming and a lot of other things can compete with your aquarium hobby for your free time, but please try to make some time to not just take care of what you've got going but try and make it to a couple meetings (we have some interesting programs coming up, especially the one in July!) as well as our show. Remember, you get out of an organization what you are willing to put into it, and I'll see you at the meeting & Ultra-Aqua 2011!

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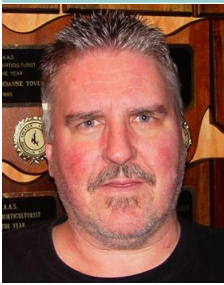
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## BAP/HAP Report

Wayne Toven

I thought that April was for showers, but it looks like it is continuing into May. The flowers are starting to bloom, the grass is growing like weeds, come to think of it I live in an old hay field, so most of my yard is weeds. The water lilies and water irises are growing well, now if it would just warm up a little more, I could start thinking about what fish I am going to put out in my tubs this year. I found a mass of very small frog eggs in one of my in ground ponds, judging by their size I would have to guess spring peepers. The marsh marigolds and forget-me-nots are blooming already. The American Livebearer Association Convention has come and gone, I think our club did a good job of hosting the event. The next thing on the horizon is our annual all species show in July, with all the spring auctions occurring there are plenty of chances to get new show fish, and new breeder stock. Get those fish spawning and conditioned for the pairs and family classes. The number of spawns submitted in April was down a little and then May was down even more, come on everyone, we were on a roll to beat last years total, let's pick up the pace.



### April 2011 Species BAP

**Mellisa Cole**

*Poecilia sphenops*

Common name

Mollies

Class

Livebearer

Points

5

**Louanne Coulter**

*Xiphophorus helleri*

Green swordtail

Livebearer

5

*Poecilia reticulata*

Guppy

Livebearer

5

**Dan McMonigle**

*Astatotilapia callipterus*

Cichlid m.b.

10

**Orin McMonigle**

*Physa sp.*

White foot Physa

Aquatic animal

5

*Corydoras aeneus*

Green Cory Catfish

Catfish

20

### HAP

**Dan McMonigle**

*Lilaeopsis carolinensis*

Giant micro sword

B – veg.

10

*Marsilea quadrifolia*

Water clover

C – veg.

15

### May 2011

#### BAP

**Phil & Tiffany Hypes**

*Xiphophorus maculatus*

Blue Platy

Livebearer

5

**Wayne Toven**

*Brachyrhaphis terrabensis*

Livebearer

10

*Limia sp. tiger*

Tiger Limia

Livebearer

5

### HAP

**Phil & Tiffany Hypes**

*Iris pseudacorus*

Yellow flag iris

B – veg.

10

**Brad Johnson**

*Limnophila sp. mini*

B – veg.

10

*Ammannia gracilis*

B – veg.

10

2011 Spawn & Point Totals	BAP	Points	HAP	Points
Phil & Tiffay Hypes	8	105	6	70
Wayne Toven	5	40	-	-
Dan McMonigle	4	30	2	25
Orin McMonigle	4	45	4	40
Joe Reich	3	20	-	-
Dave Williamson	3	30	1	15
Bob Miller	2	15	-	-
Louanne Coulter	2	10	-	-
Melissa Cole	1	5	-	-
Russ Kirkendall	1	15	-	-
Brad Johnson	-	-	18	220



# Exchange Report

Wayne Toven



First of all there have been some interesting and informative articles in club publications, if you would like to read any of the ones I mention below, please let me know and I will get you a copy. Second we had a reprint of a club member's article; The Dirt on Soil – less Worm Culture, by Joe Reich was in the Missouri Aquarium Society Inc. Mar/Apr issue of the Darter.

**Aquarium Club of Lancaster County,**  
Tank Tales: Mar 2011  
Haplochromis sp. Day glow (Xistichromis sp. Day glow), by Jay Stephan  
Labidochromis perlmutteri, by Jay Stephan  
Selecting Your Aquarium, by Michael Steffen

**Greater Detroit Aquarium Society,**  
Tropic Tank Talk: Mar 2011  
Diamond Tetra, by Carl Krajniak

**Aquarium Club of Lancaster County,**  
Tank Tales: Apr 2011  
Filtration, by Michael Steffen  
Cycling Your Tank, by Michael Steffen  
Proper Bagging of Fish and Plants, by Joel Antkowiak  
Bread 'N Butter – the Goldfish, by Joel Antkowiak

**Durham Region Aquarium Society,**  
Tank Talk: Mar 2011  
Rainbowfish – Chilatherina, by Derek P. S. Tustin

The Names You Know, the People You Don't: Dr. Gerald R. Allen, by Derek P. S. Tustin

My Green Wet Thumb: Scammed – Fake Aquatic Plants, by Derek P. S. Tustin

**Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society Inc.** Finformation: Apr 2011  
Pseudocrenalabrus nicholsi (Nichol's Mouthbrooder Cichlid), by Stan Chechak

**Durham Region Aquarium Society,**  
Tank Talk: Apr 2011  
The Famous Zebra Pleco, by Doug White & Derek P. S. Tustin  
Year of the Rainbowfish – Glossolepis, by Derek P. S. Tustin  
The Names You Know, the People You Don't: Dr. Louis Agassiz, by Derek P. S. Tustin  
Building a Box of Water, by Rick Glen-cross

**Hamilton & District Aquarium Society:**  
Apr 2011  
The Return of Badis Badis, by Charles Drew

**Michiana Aquarium Society,** Michiana  
Tropical Times: Apr 2011  
The Rainbow Cichlid – Herotilapia multispinosa, by Ben Slocum

**Ohio Cichlid Association,** Buckeye Bulletin: Apr 2011  
My First Experience Breeding Corydoras Catfish, by Steve Heinbaugh

**Pacific Coast Cichlid Association,** Cichlidae Communique: Mar/Apr 2011  
Keeping and Breeding Placidochromis sp. "Phenochilus Tanzania", the Star Sapphire Cichlid, by Sam Borstein

**Pioneer Valley Aquarium Society,** the Underwater News: Apr 2011  
Ah Costa Rica, Cichlids that is! By Michael Liu

**Sarnia Aquarium Society;** Aqua Antics: Apr 2011  
Pseudotropheus sp. Black Acei, by Peter Melady  
A Method for Handling Excess Number of White Worms, by Wayne Cole

**St. Catharines Aquarium Society,** the Scat: Apr 2011  
Angelfish, by Dave Furness  
Carassius auratus auratus, by Dave Furness

**Greater Chicago Cichlid Association,** Cichlid Chatter: Jan/Feb/Mar 2011  
Pseudotropheus sp. Msobo, by Don Weger  
Everything You Read about Fishkeeping is B.S. - Including this Article, by Mike Garibaldi  
Power Consumption in the Fish Room, by Shawn Kopinski

**St. Catharines Aquarium Society,** the Scat: May 2011  
Archocentrus spilurus – the Blue Eyed Cichlid, by Dave Furness

**Hamilton & District Aquarium Society:**  
May 2011  
The New Blue Rice Fish, by Charles Drew

**Sarnia Aquarium Society,** Aqua Antics: May 2011  
Cherry Shrimp, by Peter Melady

**Missouri Aquarium Society Inc.** the Darter: Mar/Apr 2011  
PVC Devices Helpful for Breeding Fish, by Mike Hellweg

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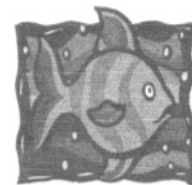


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# Bowl Show & Special Activities

Ken McGill

Wow, Dave really took off in the last two months. Six entries - Six 1sts! (It sorta helped that nobody else showed in April.)

## April:

### Female Guppies (1 entry):

1st - Dave Williamson Double Sword female

### Platies (1 entry):

1st - Dave Williamson Blue Peppered female

### Aquatic Invertebrates (1 entry):

1st - Dave Williamson Blue Crayfish

## May:

### Goodeids (3 entries):

1st - Dave Williamson *Skiffia lermiae*  
 2nd - Wayne Toven *Allotoca goslinei*  
 3rd - Wayne Toven *Xenotaenia resolanae*

### Rift Lake Cichlids (2 entries):

1st - Dave Williamson *Lepidolamprologus nkambae*  
 2nd - Wayne Toven *Neolamprologus marunguensis*

### Aquatic Plants (2 entries):

1st - Dave Williamson *Cryptocoryne wendtii* bronze  
 2nd - Wayne Toven Susswasser - liverwort

## Annual Point Totals:

Name:	Total:
Dave Williamson	67
Wayne Toven	35
Jeff Plazak	34
Larissa Jackson	3



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 2nd - 2 points  
 3rd - 1 point  
 1 point per entry,  
 maximum 12 points per class

## 2011 Bowl Show Schedule

### January:

Goldfish, Male Guppies,  
 Minnows Danios & Rasboras

### February:

Suckermouth Catfish,  
 Swordtails, Characins

### March:

Barbs, Mollies,  
 Corydoras Aspidoras &  
 Brochis

### April:

Female Guppies, Platies,  
 Aquatic Invertebrates

### May:

Goodeids, Rift Lake  
 Cichlids, Aquatic Plants

### June:

Native Fish, Rainbowfish,  
 Male Betta splendens

### July:

Synodontis Catfish, Killifish,  
 Angelfish & Discus

### August:

AO New World Cichlids,  
 Amphibians,  
 Bog Plants

### September:

Gouramis & Anabantoids,  
 Sharks & Loaches,  
 Photography

### October:

Arts & Crafts, Marine Fish,  
 All Other Old World Cichlids

### November:

All Other Livebearers,  
 All Other Egglayers,  
 All Other Catfish

## 2011 Points Totals:

Name:	Total
Dave Williamson	37
Jeff Plazak	34
Wayne Toven	24
Larissa Jackson	3

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## AN INSIDER'S VIEW OF THE 2011 ALA CONVENTION

By Rich Serva, Photos by

### Set-up

You can call this shameless promoting or the ramblings of a proud father but I am offering you a different perspective with this article. Call this letting people see how a play looks from the viewpoint of the stage crew. Putting on an event like a convention can drive apart friendships or build bonds. For whatever reason things like an annual show or occasional convention really revs things up. Our team was so good this weekend that awesome is the only way to describe them. My first hour on writing this was consumed with naming the players and what part they played. Before long it looked like a new play on "Who's on First?" Does who did what make a difference? I do not know. Should I list everyone? Well, I hope I did but my apologies if I did not. Why write this? It is good to let people know what has to happen on an ALA convention weekend.

The first thing that usually happens is sending the attendees off on their side trips. They need to be accounted for, given tickets (or something) then sent on their way - not a big job but a polite thing to do for your visitors. Then the room layouts should be checked. Trust me you do not want to check the layouts AFTER the first vendor has already set-up.

One of the next items is the hospitality room preparation. The people handling that go to the local grocery store and buy a bunch of trays or they can go the extra mile and make their own trays. I just write the check and leave it to them. Our folks always do a great job.

Another front end activity is bringing the

show trailer but of course there was a hitch. Doesn't there always have to be a hitch? The diesel truck went down and a lighter duty pickup was hard pressed to handle around 3 tons of wood and equipment so there was a change of plan. They dug through the stuff trying to find enough to put up a 150 entry show. We brought in the parts and laid out the racks. After putting together one rack, the guys got the drift and soon the rest were being assembled. If I remember correctly even one of the ALAers (Ron Finlayson) joined in the set up. There was a slew of folks bringing in the racks and putting them up. Heck, I think that I even saw Darrel, Darrel and Larry (according to "Hammer" this would be use of my North Coast humor). The point being that the racks were up and the black cloth coverings were draped. Excess wood was taken back to the trailer and the air system, rack skirts, red cloth and water containers needed to be picked up so off they went.

In the mean time a blur of others were setting up the convention registration tables. I say blur because they had to be getting help. Boxes and boxes of stuff had filled up Wayne's van and my car. All of that had to be unloaded and placed where needed. There were free stuff to be brought out (like magazines), T shirts to be folded and arranged by size, donations set to the side and the computers needed set up. Attendee envelopes were being stuffed with Koozie, lanyards, pens, schedules and welcome letters. All the boxes were opened and checked to make sure we had everything that was needed. Computers were fired up. Dona-

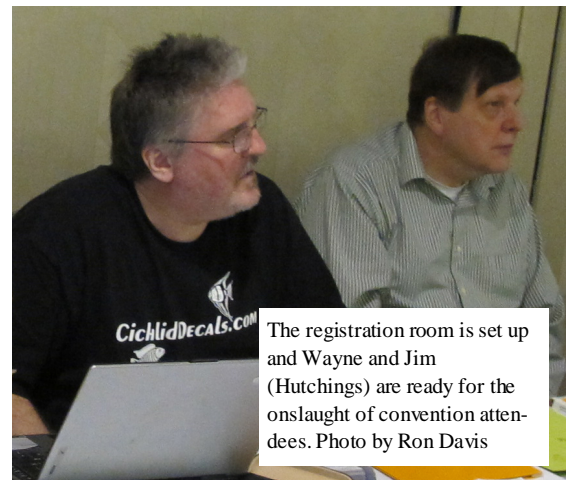
tions (hard goods) were put to the side for the auction. There was a ton of donation fish and that all needed to be set to the side and watched over. It was time to open the doors. Maybe this is where I need to apologize for being short with those who wandered in during the set up. Sorry, but during set up is not the Q&A portion of the evening. Convention doors opened at 6 PM and plenty was to be done.

In the meantime the computer and projector needed set-up in the speaker room. Of course there was the vendor room/sales table room. The vendors were used to the drill they found their space and went to work. Although I was sure that we pulled no punches with describing the whys and wherefores of the convention. We had a whole lot vying for spots and asking for extra tables. And this was Friday and the Sales room was not set to open until Saturday. That would be like trying to stop a boulder from rolling down hill. So people were up and selling on Friday.

Needless to say the doors were opened and convention begun. Show racks were not quite ready yet but it was onward and upward.

### Friday night

Needless to say it was a little bit of a mad house when the doors opened. What can I say? ALA conventions come





but once a year. Things actually proceeded in a fairly orderly fashion. People got their stuff then went into the vendor area or found a seat for the first talk. Once the first talk started the registration/show room became a ghost town. The only people left in the show registration area were the workers.

It was a good thing since the guys were back with the missed items. Over the phone we were using charades and anything else we could think of in an effort to ensure that everything we needed made it to the show site and it did. Folks finished off the skirting, set up the air and filled the holding containers for the water. The surprising part is that these guys (rack delivery crew) were on their first fish show. Shiny! It was not that late on Friday and the show was ready to go.

Oops! There was one more thing, because there always has to be one more thing. We could not find the show registration forms. As it turned out Bill Kohler was there when I was told and Bill volunteered to whip up a form if I sketched one. I put pen to paper then off went Bill to the internet café and business center. Fifteen minutes later we had a stack of forms. Everyone breathed a sigh of relief and we were off to the races again.

In the mean time we had to keep track of

the talks so someone could run a speaker's gift in to Allen Wood to present and a talk raffle gift in to Stan who handled that raffle. In the meantime, Kingfish gave us some convention donations including a couple pounds of blackworms that were in need of a water change. Hard goods were stacked and worms were rinsed, iced and put in a good cooler for tomorrow for that day's cleaning and icing down.

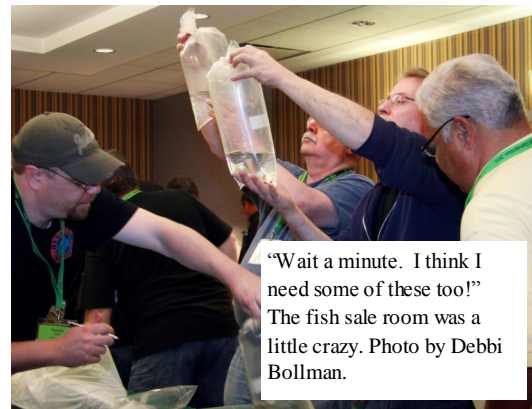
Before I knew it the last speaker was done so it was time to shut down the convention rooms and open the hospitality. As we have come to expect the treats in the hospitality room were great. They made these wraps that were tasty, even on day two. Plenty of chips and drinks were available, bowls and gallons of it. No one was scraping for food. And of course Stan was there making sure everyone had beer if they wanted. Some were strange smelling brews but most were a refreshing repast for the end of a long day. What can I say an ALA convention travels on its stomach and we were well fed.

#### Saturday

By the time the hotel unlocked the doors, our guys were ready to start. The convention photographer started snapping away. Late check-ins picked up their convention packets and the show participants started bringing in their entries. In the meantime I had people looking for something to do (Thank you, thank you, thank you). Lots of stuff

needed to be bagged for raffles and donation and we had some mail in show entries - Graduate Student Poster Session donations, mail in donations from the Xiphophorus Genetic Stock Center, hard goods donations. And of course the first talk needed to start.

As soon as the talk started, I stopped in at the vendor's room; what a zoo. I did not know how claustrophobic I was until heading into there. I will have to figure that business was brisk because it was crazier than I was willing to put up with. The key thing was we were in day 2 and the crew seemed to have the rhythm of the convention down. It was just a question of me watching the flow and removing roadblocks. I love it when a plan comes together; anyone got a cigar?



"Wait a minute. I think I need some of these too!"  
The fish sale room was a little crazy. Photo by Debbi Bollman.

Well the day progressed quickly and soon we were working on show classes being judged. I do not know how many attendees noticed but the guys took pho-



The Koleszar Clan taking a well earned break in the hospitality room. Behind them is ALA Editor Bill Allen and yep, that is Rich Serva the back getting snacks. Photo by Debbi Bollman



tos of the first place show fish in each class then that photo was used as the background for the show awards. You know that is a lot of work but they went at it. It kept 5 people pretty busy for 2 hours but I was happy with the unique results. Another example of what happens when some good people are let loose on a project then getting out of their way.

Before I knew it another day had slipped



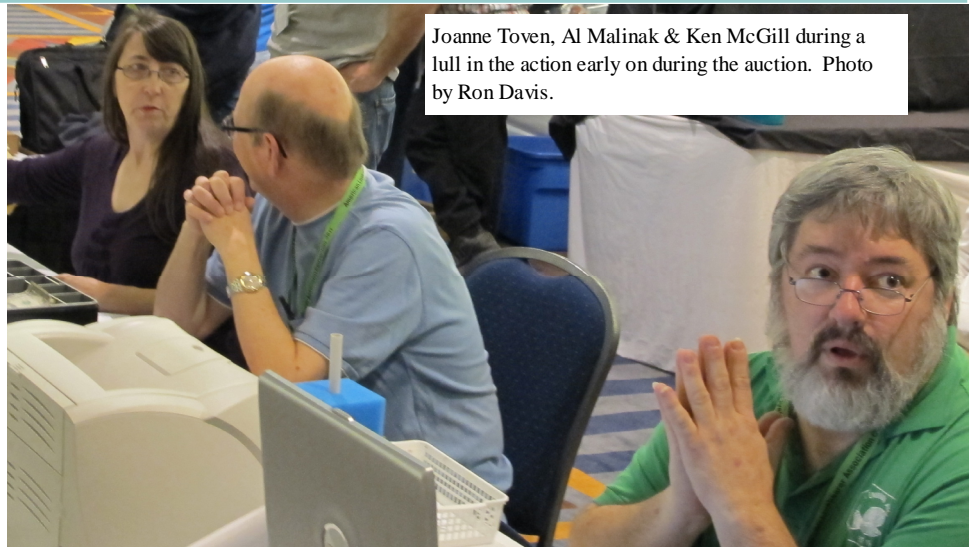
Thanks to Tiffany and Makayla, Dave did not lose it prepping the show awards! Photo by Debbi Bollman.

by and it was time for the banquet. Awards were boxed up and AV equipment needed to be moved to the banquet room. As I was heading out, I was questioned about the fish farm donations. That was not supposed to be our concern but no one had taken responsibility yet. Those not going to the banquet said they were ordering pizza then they would handle the 3 styros of fish needing a water change then bagging.

Anyway, off to dinner and awards presentation. Once the banquet speaker got started it was time to check on the bagging crew. By the time I got back there most everything going to the auction was bagged and the room was readied up.

### Sunday auction

I stopped by about a ½ hour before the auction room was to open and, of course, people were waiting to get in. The hotel got to work switching us over and my guys got to work with registration. The startup was a little rocky but my grand



Joanne Toven, Al Malinak & Ken McGill during a lull in the action early on during the auction. Photo by Ron Davis.

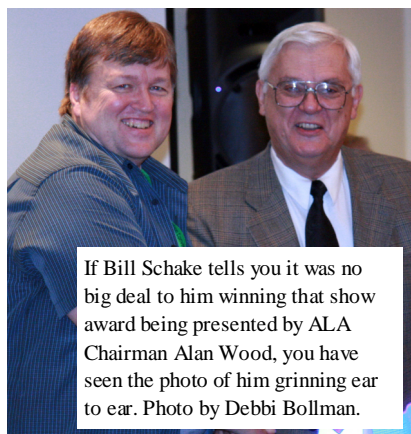
daddy had an old adage that he used to say, “if you are not part of the solution then you are part of the problem.” Some folk really need to take that to heart. An example of being part of the solution was the handling of the BAP fish. Unfortunately, a bunch of fish showed up whose bag markings had bled once they were wet. By no means is it the committee chair’s fault but it was a problem. Special thanks to Pat Hartman and Curt Bitterling who dried the bags, remarked them with “sharpies” and got them back in the auction.

Once the auction registrations settled down everything ran like clockwork. Some of the guys worked the auction desk and the rest started straightening up then got going on the tear down. If seemed like no time at all and the racks were down. Around eight and a half hours after the start of the auction the

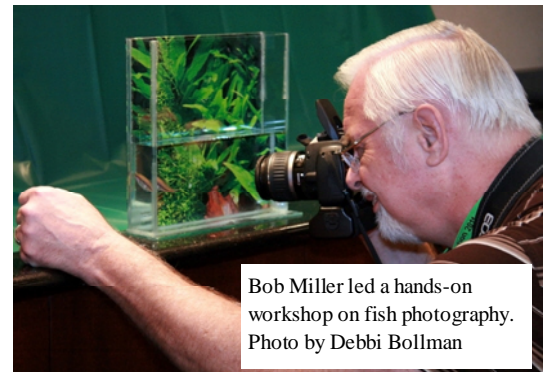
last bag was auctioned. Where did that day go?

By then the racks were down and loaded. Equipment was packed and the last cars were packed. Special thanks to Linda Wood all her help for all three days and to Allen for pitching in here & there but mainly for bringing his better half.

Thanks to the crew – Dave Williamson, Wayne Toven, Joanne Toven, Phil Hypes, Tiffany Hypes, Makayla (Tiffany’s sister), Bill Koleszar, Linda Koleszar, (Bill & Linda’s daughter), Jeff Plazak, Bud White, Al Malinak, Jim Hutchings, Lou Coulter, Lou’s son, Mel Cole, Larissa Jackson, Adam Jackson, Carolyn Hanlon, Ken McGill, Linda Wood, Rob Zerkle, Amy Zerkle, Bob Miller and Dan McMonigle. Please do not read anything in the order of names. It is just the order that spilled out of my mind onto paper. No matter how big or how small the job, it was needed, it made the convention better and it was appreciated. Thanks again, guys.



If Bill Schake tells you it was no big deal to him winning that show award being presented by ALA Chairman Alan Wood, you have seen the photo of him grinning ear to ear. Photo by Debbi Bollman.



Bob Miller led a hands-on workshop on fish photography. Photo by Debbi Bollman

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# Meeting Notice

## Thursday, June 2

**Program: Dale Ernst** (Owner of Fantastic Fins in Livonia, Michigan) will talk on breeding *Hypostomus* species, those fantastically shaped and expensive suckermouth catfish species.

**Bowl Show:** Native Fish, Rainbowfish,  
Male *Betta splendens*

## Thursday, July 7

**Program: Dave Williamson: Aquascaping 101**  
with special emphasis on setting up a decorated tank at our upcoming fish show. We'll go from an empty glass box to finished display at the meeting covering both the why's and why not's of decorating a tank. Then the finished tank will be part of the raffle!

**Bowl Show:** Synodontis Catfish, Killifish,  
Angelfish & Discus

All general meetings begin at 8:00 p.m. at the Mogadore Community/Senior Center

## Coming Events

### June 25 – Great Lakes Cich Society - Summer Auction

Euclid Sq Mall. Euclid, OH 44132 in the Euclidean Room (North West Entrance).  
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[ing@netzero.net](mailto:ing@netzero.net), 330-656-0079, Marty at 330-650-0237, Bill at 216-692-9296 or Ron at 440-944-3245. web site: <http://www.greatlakescichlid-society.net>

### June 26, 2011 – SCALES - Summer Auction Perry Grange, Richville Dr. SW, Massillon, Ohio

Registration 11am to 1 pm,  
Auction begins 12 noon

For more information: Cal (330) 448-0084, John (330) 452-9027

### July 9 & 10 – Greater Akron Aquarium Society - Ultra-Aqua 2011 Show and Auction

Tallmadge Community Center, 80 Community Rd., Tallmadge, Ohio  
For more information: Bud White (330) 848-3856 ([bwhite@neo.rr.com](mailto:bwhite@neo.rr.com)), Wayne Toven (330) 296-6322 ([wtoven@hotmail.com](mailto:wtoven@hotmail.com)) or Rich Serva (330) 650-4613 ([rjserva@juno.com](mailto:rjserva@juno.com))

### Sept. 24– Great Lakes Cich Society - Fall Auction

Euclid Sq Mall. Euclid, OH 44132 in the Euclidean Room (North West Entrance).  
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