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Membership to the RMCA is \$15 per year, due January of every year. Membership applications any other time are prorated. Meetings are the second Sunday of each month unless otherwise posted. We meet 9 months out of the year, not in July, August, or December. Membership checks can be sent to Sam Chin PO Box 172403, Denver, CO 80217 For more info call Sam at 303-915-4992 or email at samchin57@comcast.net

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is next Sunday, June 9th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Englewood Recreation Center, 1155 W. Oxford Ave. There will be a question and answer session in lieu of a speaker for this meeting, as well as a rousing discussion on the upcoming convention. We'll have a mini-auction, a pot luck, Bowl Show, and door prizes.

From your President...

Buckle up! We're on the downhill side of preparations for our convention and things are going to start happening fast! Have you registered to come? If not, why? ACA 2013 promised to be one of the premier events to happen this year. Don't miss out!

There are so many opportunities for you to help out. Now's the critical time for everyone to pitch in and offer to help. We shined back in 2004, and there's no reason we can't shine again this year. Natasha Hedgecock has written a great article this month on how you can help out, and what's in it for you. Take a few moments to read it and plan for how YOU are going to make this convention a success!

We have our last monthly meeting Sunday before our summer break. It should prove to be a fun one, with another Q&A session, Bowl Show, mini-auction and potluck. Come on down and have a good time with us!

See you Sunday,

Keith

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ACA Convention—Fish, Fun and Friends

by Natasha Hedgecock

What do tons of cichlid fun, new friends, and you all have in common? The 2013 American Cichlid Association Nation Convention held here in Denver! It is not too late to get involved in making this year's convention the best yet. In fact, we need YOU now more than ever! Whether you like to be out front greeting visitors or behind the scenes helping setup one of the awesome display tanks, there is a place for you at ACA. It's not every year that a cichlid event of this scale (pun intended) is in your own backyard. The last time Denver hosted an ACA convention was 2004, and next year you will have to go all the way to Louisville Kentucky for ACA 2014. Especially if you sell fish at any Rocky Mountain Cichlid Association (RMCA) sponsored auction, volunteering with the ACA convention will help you to maximize your profits. So check out the brief descriptions below, decide what fits you best, and contact that chairperson to get involved. The fish karma points will stack a mile high!

Out & About

Like to get out and show off what our area has to offer? Then contact Michael Atkins ascorpies@aol.com to volunteer with Tours. Several people are needed as several fun tours are scheduled including: Denver Zoo and Aquarium, gambling at Blackhawk, shopping at Cherry Creek, and beer tasting on a microbrewery tour. There is also the possibility of additional tours that include fly-fishing and gator wrestling. Be an ambassador to Denver area fun and volunteer with Tours.

Undercover Mailman

Do you like to lick stamps? Does creating the perfect trifold thrill your soul? If so, you are needed immediately to send information packets to everyone who registers online for ACA. The schedule is flexible and everything you need will be provided; even Band-Aids in the eventuality of a paper cut. Contact Leah LLWiggins@comcast.net today.

Behind-the-scenes is Where the Action is

What's a convention without trophies, T-shirts, and souvenir coffee cups? Contact Terry Havelka colorado.avsfan@hotmail.com to assist with all the stuff that convention goers will keep in their closets for years to come.

So Easy a 5-year-old Can Do It

Barn raising, corn husking, and quilting bees; all mundane task made better by doing them with lots of friends. Every ACA convention attendee will receive a welcome bag loaded with information and goodies. Get a sneak peak at the goods by helping to assemble the welcome bags on Tuesday, July 16. Contact Leah LLWiggins@comcast.net to sign up.

Get 'er Done

Are you the king or queen of miscellaneous? Can you juggle? Do you like to tell people what to do and are willing to rollup your own sleeves too? Then Chairperson of Miscellaneous may be for you! There are lots of little tasks that come up with an event of this size, and you are desperately needed to help things run as smoothly as possible. Contact Bob Grauer balibob@aol.com for your crown.

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Attention Fishy Families!

Get your kids involved in Cichlids with our Aquarium Decorating Contest!

Who: Kids between the ages of 8-13

When: Saturday, July 20th: Contest and kids activities from 1pm to 4pm.

Where: Denver ACA Convention 2013, please register at www.2013aca.com

Use your own fish-safe décor to personalize your aquarium. Each entry will be provided gravel and plants on-site!

You'll choose up to four fish for their new home after you've decorated your aquarium! Contest will be judged on originality and use of decorations.

There will be trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place

First-place winners will receive a food and water care prize package.

All entrants will get to keep their aquarium after the Conference ends!

50 Aquariums Available!
Limited to the first 50 entrants.

See the registration desk to find out more.
\$10 entry fee

Brought to you by The Rocky Mountain Cichlid Association, The American Cichlid Association, and The United Pet Group.

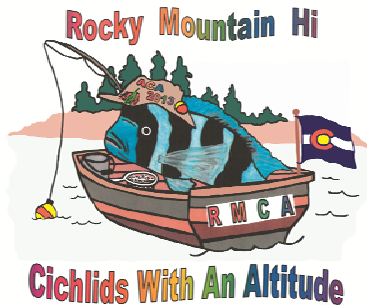


Whatever Whenever

We need a small army of helpers for the miscellaneous tasks that arise at convention. If you want to help but don't know where your talents fit best, contact Bob Grauer balibob@aol.com and he'll find a place for you.

Cichlid-ophile

We know you would give your eyeteeth to spend one-on-one time with one of the premier cichlid experts of our time. Here is your chance! The amazing speakers of the 2013 ACA convention are up for grabs. Contact Bob Grauer balibob@aol.com to help coordinate speakers' travel, pickup, and assist with the all around wellbeing of this year's ACA speakers.



Professional Smiler

Like to show your pearly whites? Then pick a shift on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and/or Saturday to greet convention goers and help them with on-site registration. Contact Leah LLWiggins@comcast.net to reserve your spot today.

Woohoo!!!

Chip-bowl-stocker, punch-bowl-filler, and party animals wanted. Mix and mingle with convention guests and speakers in the hospitality room while making sure everyone is having a good time. Contact Alden Turiano aldenturiano456@yahoo.com with your preference of Thursday, Friday, or Saturday night.

Sold!

Sunday is the big auction day and while we have fancy new software that will help make this auction fabulous, we still need a couple of people to do simple data entry. Contact Bob Grauer balibob@aol.com to put your typing skills to work.

Tank Mates Wanted

Do you love setting-up tanks, or don't mind driving to pick up tanks and supplies, or can man a silent auction post? Contact Matt Grant protazerg@hotmail.com to become a valued tank mate.

Last But Not Least

Sunday is the final day of convention and at least two wonderful people are needed to help with general cleanup. Please contact Leah LLWiggins@comcast.net to volunteer.

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ACA Convention

Okay, all I can say is, the biggest event of the year is coming up, and you're sleeping at the switch! The Rocky Mountain Cichlid Association is hosting the 2013 American Cichlid Association (ACA) convention at the Red Lion Inn at I-225 and Parker Road from July 18th to the 21st. And with a few notable exceptions, **YOU HAVEN'T REGISTERED!!!!**

Okay, I'm better now. But really, why haven't YOU registered? We have world class speakers coming in to talk. Ad Konings, Greg Steeves, Mike Wise, Alan Rollings, Felipe Cantera, Heinz Buscher, Joe Middleton and Jeff Greenspan will all be there to regale you with their adventures, information, and most important fish stories about cichlids from around the world. Who would have thought of that?

How about the Bowl Show? You have "Home Field Advantage" with the convention being here. You don't have to worry about shipping fish there and back or any of the other pains associated with traveling for the convention. This is your best opportunity to show some of your fish! Last year, Dan Ye Jennings brought home the Best of Show trophy. Give her some competition! I know she's looking forward to it!

Then there's the Auction. If you've been to our auction, you ain't seen nothin' yet! There will be SOOOO many more fish for sale there, many that you have never heard of or seen before. Plus, it gives you yet another avenue to sell the fruits of your labor.

How about the tours? We have tours set up for the Denver Zoo and Aquarium, a microbrewery tour, a trip to Blackhawk to fund your retirement, and a shopping expedition to Cherry Creek. Keith has volunteered to lead a climbing expedition to a 14er (you did promise to bring everyone back alive, right?). There are rumors about some people taking a trip down to Alamosa to see the Colorado Gators Reptiles Park (yes, we do have alligators in Colorado).

There's also LOTS of opportunities to volunteer to make this convention a success. We're not asking for you to spend the entire time behind a table. We WANT you to have a phenomenal time at the convention. Okay, we're trying to get you addicted so you'll travel anywhere throughout the nation to go to the convention. But we're trying to spread around the tasks that need to happen around to many people so the workload is light. Need some ideas about where to help out? See Bob Grauer or Kevin Fehringer and we'll get you set up.

There should be no reason that we can't have the most people of any club in the nation attend this convention. So far, we're lagging behind some of the other clubs. So go to www.2013aca.com and register. Then contact Bob or Kevin to help make this reality a dream come true. When we held the convention in 2004, we received great accolades across the board. Many people have commented about what a great time they had, and that they are looking forward to this year. Let's prove that 2004 wasn't a fluke and that we are one of the premier clubs. I already know we are!

Bottom line—you'll have a great time! So what are you waiting for?! Get registered and volunteer!

By the way, kudos to Matt Grant for the EXCELLENT job he did on our publicity flyer!

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Congratulations to our May Bowl Show Winners:

Malawi—1st Matt Grant - (*Nimbochromis venustus*), 2nd Ed Duggan - (*Labeotropheus trewavasae*), 3rd Dave Schieltz - (*Sciaenochromis fryeri*)

Tanganyika— 1st Matt Grant - (*Lamprologus caudopunctatus*)

Other African / Asian— 1st Erik Witek - (*Neochromis omnicaeruleus*), 2nd Ed Duggan - (*Haplochromis* sp. “#35” Tomato), 3rd Erik Witek - (*Haplochromis* sp. “#44” Thickskin)

New World— No Entries

Open (Fry, < 1.5”)— No Entries



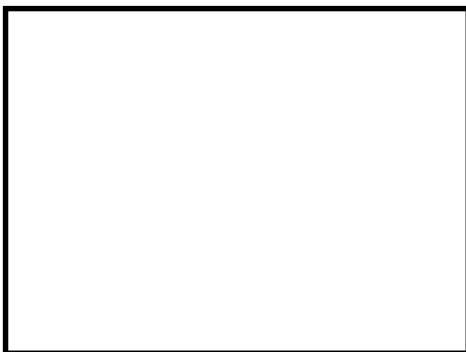
Matt Grant's *Nimbochromis venustus*



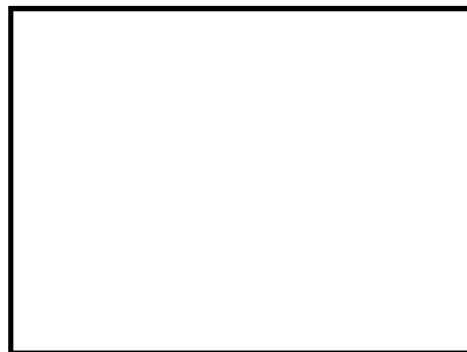
Matt Grant's *Lamprologus caudopunctatus*



Erik Witek's *Neochromis omnicaeruleus*



The Invisible Man's South American X-ray Cichlid



The Invisible Woman's Camouflaged Corydoras

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Congratulations to our May Growth Contest Winner(s):

Aulonocara baenschi “Benga” —

1st Matthew Grant

2nd Dave Schieltz

3rd Terry Havalka



Matthew Grant's *Aulonocara baenschi*
“Benga”

Growth Contest



September Meeting—*Tropheus duboisi* “White Band” due back

New Assistant Editor!!!!

There is hope for this newsletter after all! **Natasha Hedgecock** has signed on to become the assistant editor for the newsletter. She brings a wealth of new ideas, energy, and an eye for design that has been desperately wanted. Her first effort was found on pages 3 and 5 talking about personnel needs for our convention!

Some new ideas she will be championing in the coming months are articles about cichlid (and maybe other fish we're familiar with) profiles, a renewed emphasis on articles about our hobby from all levels (novice, intermediate or experts), and a new section we're thinking of calling “You Did WHAT!?!?!?” Obviously, this will focus on some of our blunders, in an effort to help others learn from our mistakes. Come on, we all know we've had them! We'll even let you remain anonymous if that will help!

This will be a great time of change. If you have ideas that you would like to share, let us know! Our focus is upon you, our members and readers, and we want to provide you with a great newsletter that you'll be watching your inbox for!

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Trading Post

The Trading Post section is dedicated to helping you raise awareness of fish or equipment that you'd like to sell or give away. If you have something you wish to advertise on the Trading Post, email fehrringerk@ecentral.com by the end of the month for inclusion in the next month's newsletter.

Repashy Foods!

Bob Grauer has Repashy foods gel foods available. Choose from Soilent Green for Aufwuchs eaters (algae-types), Community Plus for omnivores, Meat Pie for your carnivores, Morning Wood for your cellulose eaters, Spawn and Grow for your fry, or Shrimp Souffle for your scavengers. If you haven't tried it yet, what are you waiting for?! If you have tried it, you gotta be out by now!

Bob also has cichlids for sale from Lakes Malawi, Tanganyika, and Victoria. Email him to find out what cool fish he has available at



balibob5151@gmail.com!



170 Gallon Tank

Yep, it's still available! George Tefft has a 170 gallon tank in great condition that he would like to find a good home for. It measures 7 feet long by 2 feet high by 1 1/2 feet wide. It includes a wood stand, glass top, filters, heater and lights. Knowing George's success with fish, it probably has some fertility drugs imbedded in the silicone, so your fish will reproduce like crazy! First \$500 takes it all! Call George at 303-986-3213 or email at gatfishgolf.comcast.net.

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June Bowl Show Categories

Malawi:

GROUP 3: Aristochromis, Caprichromis, Chilotilapia, Ctenopharynx, Cyrtocara, Docimodus, Genyochromis, Hemitilapia, Labidochromis, Melanochromis, Naevochromis, Otopharynx, Placidichromis, Pseudotropheus, Serranochromis, Taeniolethrinops, Tropheops.

Tanganyika:

GROUP 1: Altolamprologus, Aulonocranus, Benthochromis, Cardiopharynx, Cunningtonia, Cyprichromis, Eretmodus, Greenwoodochromis, Interochromis, Lepidolamprologus, Limnotilapia, Neolamprologus, Paracyprichromis, Plecodus, Simochromis, Tanganicodus, Trematocara, Tropheus, Xenochromis.

Other Africans/Asians:

GROUP 3: Anomalochromis, Benitochromis, Chromidotilapia, Danakilia, Enterochromis, Gaurochromis, Haplotilapia, Heterochromis, Labrochromis, Lithochromis, Myaka, Oreochromis (*O. esculentus*, *O. mossambicus*, *O. niloticus*, *O. variabilis*), Paralabidochromis, Paretroplus, Pharygochromis, Psammochromis, Ptychochromis, Pungu, Sargochromis, Stomatepia, Thysochromis, Yssichromis.

New World:

GROUP 1: Acarichthys, Amatitlania, Apistogramma, Apistogrammoides, Astronotus, Biotoecus, Chaetobranchopsis, Cichlasoma, Crenicichla, Geophagus, Herichthys, Herotilapia, Hypsophrys, Mazarunia, Nannacara, Parachromis, Petenia, Rocio, Taeniacara, Theraps, Uaru.

Open: Botias (Loaches)

Save The Date!



June 9—RMCA Meeting, Englewood Recreation Center

July 18-21—ACA Convention, Red Lion Hotel, Aurora, CO

August 3—Summer Picnic/Post ACA Celebration

September 9—RMCA Meeting, Englewood Recreation Center

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