

# TropiQuarium

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Motor City Aquarium Society

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## From the Editor:

For those sports fans out there...How about them Tigers and Lions? Yes, it is fall. Baseball playoffs, football, and hockey are in full swing, as is the fish season. There are plenty of fish auctions, shows, and meetings coming up, and a perfect time to stock up the tanks in the fishroom. Keep up with those water changes and keep spawning those fish. Hope to see you at an upcoming event.

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## President's Message

Our thanks to long time MCAS member Tim Mousseau for his presentation on Guppy husbandry at our September General Meeting.

At our October General Meeting our own Chris Newell will provide an in depth review of the care and the many intricacies of maintaining your favorite plants in your aquarium.

The month of September began the tropical fish season which includes auctions, conventions, shows, etc. A few of us in the metro area ventured off to the Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society's auction in sunny Gibsonia, Pennsylvania. Hobbyists may ask the quintessential question: "...was it worth the trip ...". To which I reply, I found what I was looking for, a relatively rare, perhaps obscure, South American Cichlid from Nicaragua, the *Amphilophus Flaveolus*. They get big, perhaps a little nasty and if you can get them to breed, there's not a very big market for their fry. But, that's okay, that's what I do. And I certainly enjoy the search, challenge to keep them alive, breed, maybe write a breeder's article for our fine publication and perhaps fulfill the needs of other similar minded hobbyists. That's one more for the collection. On I'll go to other functions in the greater region to kibitz with my friends and acquaintances in the hobby, find some more Cichlids that I don't have room for and enjoy the hobby for what it means to me. I hope you're enjoying the hobby for what it means to you.

Hope to see many of you at the upcoming functions in the metropolitan area.

Happy Thanksgiving to our friends in Canada.

*Vic Bondi*

## 2011/2012 Bowl Show Categories

**August:** No Bowl Show  
**September:** Goldfish, Angelfish, Killiefish  
**October:** Guppies, Plecos, Gouramis  
**November:** Dwarf Cichlids, Corydoras, Tetras  
**December:** No Bowl Show  
**January:** African Cichlids, Rainbows, Synodontis  
**February:** Danios, Swordtails, Favorite Fish  
**March:** Barbs, Bettas, Gobies  
**April:** Loaches, Livebearers (AOV), Albino Fish  
**May:** Aquatic Animals, Plants, North American Native Fish  
**June:** No Bowl Show

### The Bowl Show Report By Chuck Riffenburg

September's categories were Goldfish, Angelfish and Killifish. There were no entries for Goldfish, 1 Angelfish entry and 4 Killifish entries.

Mark Allar took 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Angelfish with a Marble Angel. In Killifish, Juergen Kasprick took 1<sup>st</sup> Place and Best In Show with a Fundulopanchax gardneri. Ron Girling took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place with Aphyosemion australe and Mark Allar took 3<sup>rd</sup> Place with a Fundulopanchax sjoestedti. Mark also had a Aphyosemion bivittatum entered that did not place. Thank you all for your participation and to Gary Leung for being the judge.

Standings are:

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	HM	BIS	Total
Juergen Kasprick	25				10	35
Mark Allar	25		10			35
Ron Girling		15				15

\*HM denotes Honorable mention, awarded when an entry is made and the club member does not place in any category.

Categories for The Bowl Show in October are: Guppies, Plecos and Gouramis

## **Websites of Fish Interest**

Grand Valley Aquarium Club

[www.grandvalleyaquariumclub.org](http://www.grandvalleyaquariumclub.org)

Great Lakes Cichlid Society

[www.greatlakescichlidsociety.net](http://www.greatlakescichlidsociety.net)

Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society

[www.gcas.org](http://www.gcas.org)

Greater Detroit Aquarium Society

[www.greaterdetroitaquariumsociety.org](http://www.greaterdetroitaquariumsociety.org)

Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society

[www.gpasi.org](http://www.gpasi.org)

Michigan Aquatic Plant Group

[www.miapg.com/forums](http://www.miapg.com/forums)

Michigan Cichlid Association

[www.michigan.cichlid.freezers.com](http://www.michigan.cichlid.freezers.com)

Michigan Guppy Breeders

[www.michianguppybreeders.com](http://www.michianguppybreeders.com)

Michigan Killifish Association

<http://mka.aka.org>

Missouri Aquarium Society

[www.missouriaquariumsociety.com](http://www.missouriaquariumsociety.com)

Southwestern Michigan Aquarium Society

[www.swmas.org](http://www.swmas.org)

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### **A Few Additional Notes from MCAS**

Don't forget you can win our monthly \$25.00 gift certificate by entering monthly in one of or all of the BAP, HAP, bowl show, or submit an article for the Tropiquarium. (1 ticket for each of the categories) This month's winner was Randy Stier who won the gift certificate from The Aquarium Shop. We try to get a gift certificate to a different pet shop in the area every month.

This month's gift certificate was donated by Chris Benes, Owner of the Pet Suppliers.

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Ron Albers, Sterling Heights, MI (586) 268-3271

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September Minutes

The Board Meeting was held August 31. at Juergen Kasprick's house in Sterling Heights. The Board meeting was called to order by Vic Bondi at 7:50 PM. Members present were Mike Zajac, Gary Leung, Chris Newell, Chuck Riffenburg, Paul Christlieb, Ron Albers, and Chris Simpson. Visitors present were Patty and Lisha Christie, and Mike Simpson.

The August minutes were read by Mike. The motion to accept was made by Chuck, seconded by Paul. Motion passed.

Vic gave the Treasure's report. The motion to accept was made by Chris, seconded by Chuck. Motion passed.

Vic gave the President's report. Vic nominated Ron Albers to become our Vice President. Mike seconded the nomination. Motion passed.

Vic reported that we are still in need of either a President or Treasure. We are also in need of an electronic exchange chairman.

Juergen mad a motion that we submit our paperwork for our non profit status. Seconded by Chris N. motion passed.

Patty gave an update on our Facebook page. We now have pictures of board members, pictures and video from our auctions. We will be having fish coupons added to our web site. We will have friend links to our supporters. We also have a link to our website.

Vic mentioned that we are invited to the MCA outing to Oyer's on September 2 nd. We are also invited to their March meeting with Gary Lange. The MCA also wish to join together to bring in another speaker next spring. We are also invited to join their new web site, Michigan Cichlid Association.

We are also looking to be part of an Open House with Brian at Sea World's Grand Opening.

Juergen made a motion that our Christmas party once again at Juliano's.  
Seconded by Mike Motion passed.

Juergen will be getting two \$25.00 gift certifications from the  
Aquarium Shop. One will be for the Raffle table and the other one will  
be for Bowl Show, HAP and BAP.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ron, seconded by Paul. Meeting  
adjourned at 9:17.

Submitted by Mike Zajac

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The Madison Area Aquatic Hobbyists is proud to announce  
our first weekend event: FALL FISH FEST - 2011

This event will include:

- \*box sales of livestock
- \*vendor tables
- \*raffles
- \*speakers
- \*pizza party/hospitality suite w/keynote presentation of The Breeders  
Challenge by Mike Hellweg and Ted Judy
- \*livestock auction on Sunday

Date: October 29 &30, 2011 Location: Madison, WI

For full information and registration, please visit:

[http://madisonaquatic hobby.com/fall\\_fish\\_fest/](http://madisonaquatic hobby.com/fall_fish_fest/)

WANT TO GET IN FOR FREE????

Our speaker lineup will be a little different. We do have keynote  
speakers (Mike Hellweg, Matt Pederson, & Ted Judy), but we want to fill  
out the schedule with mini-talks from YOU. If you are willing to give a  
20-minute presentation on an aquarium topic, we will give you a weekend  
pass with pizza party for the event. For more information, please  
contact Ted Judy at [tjudy@tedfishroom.com](mailto:tjudy@tedfishroom.com). We need to have the  
lineup in place by mid-September, so if you want to be part of the fun  
please act fast.

## Motor City Aquarium Society Program Schedule

October 13            Chris Newell - Aquarium Plants  
November 10        TBD  
December 8           Holiday Banquet - Julliano's

### Upcoming Events

#### *2011 Tropical Fish Auctions, Shows, etc*

Oct 15 - Greater Detroit Aquarium Society, Auction Royal Oak, MI

Oct 15 - Southwest Michigan Aquarium Society, Auction  
([www.swmas.org](http://www.swmas.org))

Oct 16 - Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society, Auction  
([www.yatfs.com](http://www.yatfs.com))

Oct 22 - Michigan Cichlid Association, Auction, New Baltimore, MI

Oct 29 -Grand Valley Aq Club Reg 9am Auction @ 11am Home  
School Bldg 5625 Burlingame SW Wyoming MI

Oct 29 -Greater Cincinnati Aquar Soc, Auction, Hamilton OH  
([www.gcas.org](http://www.gcas.org))

Nov 6 - Greater Akron Aquarium Society, Auction ([www.gaas-fish.net](http://www.gaas-fish.net))

Nov.18-20 - Ohio Cichlid Association, Show & Auction  
([www.ohiocichlid.com](http://www.ohiocichlid.com))

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*Chris Newell  
on  
Aquarium Plants*

*To be held on  
Thursday, October 13, 2011  
7:30 PM*

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**Saint Clair Shores MI 48081-1339**  
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