

SomeThingsFishy

January 2017



Club Announcements

Upcoming Events

- OCA Winter Auction Feb 11
- TFCEC Spring auction Feb 26th
- NEO-Fish Spring Auction March 19th
- Youngstown Auction March 26th
- Erie Spring Auction April 2nd
- CNYAS Auction April 29th
- Greater Pittsburg Spring Auction April 30th
- American Livebearer Assoc May 4-7th
- American Killie Fish Assoc May 26th -28th
- Akron Show June 10-11th
- ACA Detroit July 13-16th
- Catfish-Cataclysm Sept 22-24

NEXT MEETING

Monthly General Meeting
Tuesday January 17, 2017

Chicken Coop, VFW Post 8113, 299
Leydecker Road in West Seneca.
@ 7:00

Bowl Show Categories:
Arts and crafts/Photos/AOV
Mini-Auction, Raffle, Fishy-fishy, Officer
Elections



Trip to WACO (Wisconsin Area Killifish Organization) Convention November 4-6 2016

Joe Doyle

Started out Friday Nov 4th at 3:00am for the 8 hour trek to Milwaukee Wisconsin for the annual WACO Convention.

This year's event was a first for me. Left so early to avoid Cleveland & Chicago rush hour traffic. Stopped in Beaver Falls and picked up a killifish enthusiast, and stopped in Youngstown to pick up a member of YATFS (Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society) who is also into killifish. We left Youngstown around 4:45am. Stopped for breakfast half way in Elkhart Indiana, this side of Chicago.

We arrived in downtown Milwaukee at 1:00pm, at our first shop hop:

BEST Fish

*1335 North Doctor Martin Luther King Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53212*

Phone: (414) 224-0486

Hours:

M-Sat 10:00am - 6:00pm

Sun Noon - 5:00pm

20 Minutes from hotel

This was the first of 3 shops on the agenda before we checked into the hotel. I was first struck



in awe as I walked down a long corridor past rooms of tanks, driftwood, and approached a round tall tank Hippocampus erectus sea horses. They were full grown adults, listed at 39.95 each. The whole weekend I thought of nothing but buying them. Somehow I found the strength not to bring them home. The store Best Fish had a great selection of eels, loaches, catfish--both L number plecos & corydoras. They had equal number of salt water tanks, altogether numbering more than 200 tanks. The length of the store was equal to House of Tropics in Baltimore. They carried black worms and live adult brine shrimp. This is one of those stores I need to go back to again very soon. Next, we hopped on over to:

Aquatics Unlimited
 3550 S 108th St
 West Allis, WI 53228
 Phone: (414) 543-2552
 Hours:
 M-Sat 10:00am - 9:00pm
 Sunday 10:00am - 6:00pm
 15 min from hotel

This store was hard to miss. It had a big fish on the side of the building. The inside reminded me of a space station. The Isle on the outside of the store was a big circle, and two isles made a cross in middle. Two thirds

of the store is freshwater fish, one third salt water. Reminded me a lot of Aquarium adventure in Columbus Ohio. The store carried mostly bread and butter fish, but also had a great selection of not often seen fish. Was surprised to find more than one species of a peat spawning killifish. They also had a great selection of apistogramma and corydoras species. Another store I need to return to soon. Am looking for an excuse. Just around the corner was our 3rd and final stop for the day:

The Fish Factory
 9218 W Oklahoma Ave
 Milwaukee, WI 53227
 (414) 546-2201
 Hours: 10am - 9pm

They had just gotten in several boxes of wild fish and we're being processed and quarantined. The store looked like it was just renovated. The first level was dark lit so the fresh water fish stood out. The second level, two steps up, was decorated in a tropical theme, containing half fresh water and half salt water animals. In one corner were a tank of painted turtles. In the back last room of the store were salt water fish and corals, lighting done in all LED. Very well stocked with a variety of aquaculture not often seen together. On our way to the hotel, we discovered a classic Greek restaurant named:

Pallas Restaurant
 1657 S. 108th Street
 West Allis, WI 53214

Their Souvaki was delicious. If you are in the area they are a must stop, on the shop hop. Located just down the street from Aquatics

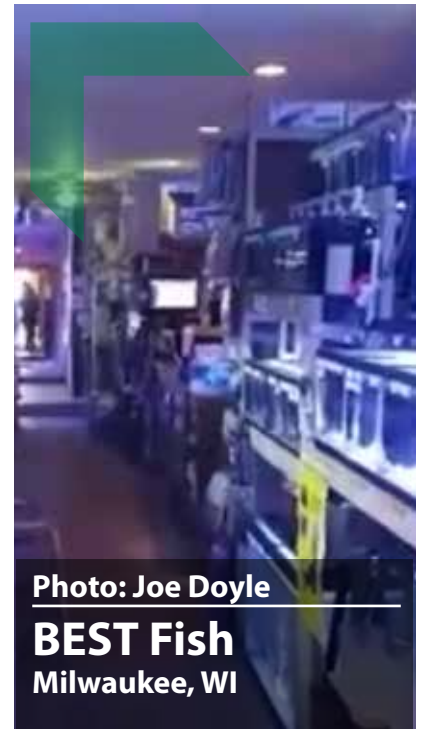


Photo: Joe Doyle
BEST Fish
Milwaukee, WI

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MEETINGS

The Tropical Fish Club of Erie County, Inc., meets the third Tuesday of the month at The Chicken Coop, VFW Post 8113, 299 Leydecker Road, West Seneca NY. Meetings start at 7:00PM. All are invited.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Tropical Fish Club of Erie County is to bring hobbyists of tropical fish and aquatic plants together, those who are interested in breeding, raising, showing, or just plain looking at fish and aquatic plants. Also to aid members through lectures, films and slide presentations on different aspects of the tropical fish hobby.

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**Aquatics Unlimited
West Allis, WI**

Unlimited. See: <http://pallasrestaurant.com> for their menu. We kept returning to this restaurant for each evenings main meal. Such a variety, it was a challenge to decide on which entree to try next. My mouth is watering just thinking about their food. The song "Hava Nagile" is stuck in my head.

Checking into the Days Inn hotel, Friday evening we felt like we had a full day of fish fun. Saturday morning WAKO fun kicked off at 9:00am with a box sale in the garden room. As each seller arrived and began setting out fish/plants around the edge of the room on tables for sale, a swarm of buyers pegged the seller with questions. My question was the same with each seller, "Hey do you have any Notho's?" Most said no, but some said yes, much to my excitement. As the morning rolled on and less and less sellers arrived, buyers and sellers gathered around tables in the middle of the room talking about killies and life. By 1:00pm, the box sale closed.

The killifish show fish were on display for the public from 11:00am to 4:00pm. At 12:00pm Ken Normandin presented his talk "doing it the wrong way - breeding rivulus", then at 2:15pm Ken presented "Collecting Rivulus in Columbia". Afterwards, we were back on the road for new

adventures.

Aquatic Clarity was our first stop. Located about 40 minutes north west of our hotel: <http://aquaticclarity.com> Most of Jeff Michael's stock are wild, and are put through a strict quarantine process for a few weeks before being offered to customers. I was lucky enough to obtain a group of wild Pterophyllum leopoldi and Nannostomus beckfordi pencilfish. I was surprised when handed a net to catch my own. Felt very fortunate for the opportunity to meet a great fish keeper.

Next, we hopped on over to Rob McClure's fish room. Each tank was carefully scaped with a porret foam filter, java moss, and sand. It was amazing the number of fish he was putting out. When we entered he had a number of Wild species spawning, fry on mini marina boxes growing out, and more tanks with sub-adult fry growing up. Was indeed a great opportunity to see how a master catfish breeder works his magic.

We finished up the evening with a bite to eat at Pallas, then headed back to the hotel to hang out with killifish enthusiasts. The next morning was the big auction. There were over 300 pairs of killifish in the show. Many of them came up for auction. We stayed until 1:00pm then



Chairman's Message

- Randy Seufert

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Happy New Year!! Here is looking forward to another exciting year for TFCEC. We will celebrate our 30th Anniversary of the Club this year.

It doesn't seem that long ago when 6 people started the club. The club has grown since then and we have a great group to go forward into the future with.

I look forward to a busy year, starting with our Spring Auction which is February 26th so mark that date on them new calendars.

See you at the Meeting
Randy

headed home. I rolled in around 11:00pm. All and all it was a great trip.

Next killifish event is the Killifish Karnival in Elkhart Indiana, this side of Chicago. <http://www.michianaaquariumsociety.org/society-events/killifish-karnival/>

See you there!

- Joe Doyle



Ohio Cichlid Association Extravaganza - 2016



The Propagation of Pistia Stratiotes by Frank Moreau

This plant, is by the far, the easiest I have had the pleasure of propagating in an artificial environment. Pistia Stratiotes or Water Lettuce will multiply rapidly via runners under the proper conditions.

My successes were quite impressive while doing very little to make it happen. I utilized a clear Sterlite tote, dechlorinated water along with period dosing of nutrients. The tote was placed outside in the summer heat averaging 27 to 30 degrees celsius, humidity was very high on the scale.

The results of this course of action was watching 2 large piece of Water Lettuce transform into 8 pieces in roughly a month. All I did was allow the plants to bask in nature while providing periodic nutritional supplement, Seachem Flourish and Iron is what I used, if I remember correctly.

I made it a habit to leave dead matter in the tote such as bugs and leaves as the decomposition would create ammonia for the plants to feed upon when the dosing nutrients were exhausted. I felt that every added nutrient would help...

I certainly did not expect to end up with 8 plants from 2, I thought I would end up with 4 at best but pleasant surprises are always welcome. I found the more natural the environment, the better plants will grow and

prosper. I have had successes with Water Soldier and Water Hyacinth though nothing match the sheer success of what I accomplished with the Water Lettuce...

To grow Water Lettuce of your own I would recommend the following basics: 1) Heated medium (aquarium, pond in summer etc...) 2) Humidity, this makes a difference with many floating plants 3) Periodic nutrient dosing, nothing fancy, some basic plant food should do the trick. 3) Light, this goes without saying.

Good luck on your future plant growth

- Frank Moreau

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Fish Club Events and Auctions 2017

- Feb 11th - OCA (Ohio Cichlid Association) Winter Auction (Cichlid & Catfish)
 - Strongsville Ohio
- Feb 11th - GCAS (Greater Cincinnati Aquarium Society) - Swap Meet
- Feb 25th thru 26th - Killifish Karnival - Elkhart Indiana
- Feb 26th - TFCEC (Tropical Fish Club of Erie County) - Buffalo Spring Auction
- Mar 5th - GAAS (Greater Akron Aquarium Society) - Spring Auction
- Mar 10th-12th - CCA (Capital Cichlid Association) - The Big Fish Deal 5
- Mar 10th-12th - NEC convention
- March 11th - Delaware County Aquarium Society - Annual Auction
- Mar 12th - CAFE (Columbus Area Fish Enthusiasts) Spring Auction
 - Columbus Ohio
- Mar 12th - YATFS (Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society) Spring Auction
 - Youngstown
- Mar 19th - NEO Fish (North East Ohio) Spring Auction - Independence Ohio
- April 2nd - EAS (Erie Aquarium Society) Spring Auction - Erie
- April 28th thru 30th - MKA (Michigan Killifish Society)
 - Motor City Killifish Review - Detroit Michigan
- April 29th - CNYAS (Central New York Aquarium Society) - Syracuse NY
- April 30th - GPASI (Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society) - Spring Auction
 - Pittsburgh
- May 4th thru 7th - ALA Convention (American Livebearers Association)
 - St. Louis Missouri
- May 20th - CAFE (Columbus Area Fish Enthusiasts) - Swap Meet
 - Columbus Ohio
- May 26th thru 28th - AKA (American Killifish Association) - Killifish convention
 - Chicago
- June 10th thru 11th - GAAS (Greater Akron Aquarium Society)
 - Akron Fish Show / Auction
- July 13th thru 16th - ACA (American Cichlid Association) - Detroit Michigan
- Sept 10th - GPASI (Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society) - Fall Auction
 - Pittsburgh
- Sept 16th thru 17th - Albany Killifish Convention
- Sept 17th - NEO (North East Ohio) Fish Fall Auction - Independence Ohio
- Sept 21th thru 24th - Catfish Cataclysm - Madison Wisconsin
- Oct 1st - CAFE (Columbus Area Fish Enthusiasts) - Fall Auction
 - Columbus Ohio
- Oct 8th - ARVAS (Allegheny River Valley Aquarium Society) Fall Auction
 - Olean NY
- Oct 22nd - YATFS (Youngstown Area Tropical Fish Society) - Fall Auction
 - Youngstown
- Oct 29th - EAS (Erie Aquarium Society) Fall Auction - Erie
- Nov 4th thru 5th - WAKO (Wisconsin Area Killifish Organization) - Convention
- Nov 16th thru 19th - OCA (Ohio Cichlid Association) - Extravaganza
 - Strongsville Ohio

Classifieds

Bags for Sale

3x10x2mil \$5.00/100

5x15x2mil \$6.50/100

6x16x2mil \$6.75/100

6x24x2mil \$9.75/100

8x15x2mil \$8.50/100

10x20x2mil \$11.25/100

De-capsulated Brine Shrimp

Eggs \$16.00 per pound *Pricing

subject to change

See Bill Duzen at the meeting

Live Black worm Group Order

I am organizing a group order of live black worms from Eastern Aquatics. If you would like to get in on the order, I will be collecting order/money until the Wednesday before the next meeting. The worms will arrive and be delivered at the next meeting.

Pricing:

1lb. of worms \$24.00

0.5 lb. of worms \$13.00

0.25 lb. of worms \$7.00

If you are interested or have questions, send me an email, josh.vito@gmail.com, or leave a voicemail/txtmsg on my phone. 716-208-5596 - Josh Vito

YOUR AD HERE: any club member in good standing can submit text ads with optional attached photo to the following email

TFCECeditor@gmail.com

Tropical Fish Club of Erie County

Presents

Annual Fall

Giant Tropical Fish, Aquatic Plant

And Supply

AUCTION

February 26, 2017

At VFW Post 8113, The Chicken Coop

299 Leydecker Road, West Seneca , NY 14224

Registration 9:30 am.

Auction 11:00 am.

70/30 Split, 10 Table System

After Table 3 is complete a lottery will be held for the remaining 7 Tables. The order in which they are picked will be the table that will be sold next. No item may be re-numbered or moved from it's original position.

Any single item that sells for \$50.00 or more, there will be a maximum club split of \$15.00, all other proceeds for that item goes to the seller.

Info at [www.http://tropical-fish-club-of-erie-county.com](http://tropical-fish-club-of-erie-county.com)



TFCEC
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Tropical Fish Club of Erie County

Regular Meeting Day for January Tuesday, January 17, 2017

The meeting will be held at the usual location, The Chicken Coop, VFW Post 8113, 299 Leydecker Road, West Seneca NY. Meetings start at 7PM.

Reminder to all members - All Membership dues were due in June! If you still need to pay your 2016 dues, they can be paid at the next meeting or you can send them via postal mail, c/o Randy & Teri Seufert to **5725 Herman Hill Road, Hamburg, NY 14075**.

Dues are as follows:
Individual - \$12
Family - \$18
Junior - \$6

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