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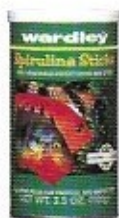


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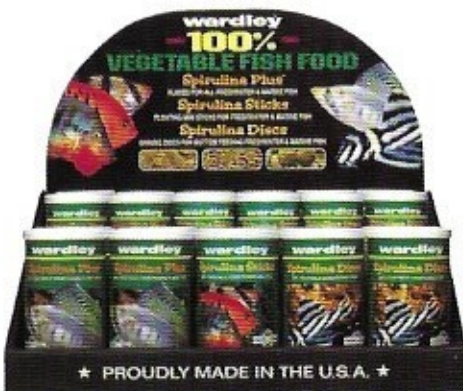
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## S.C.A.S. President's Message



On behalf of the St. Catharines Aquarium Society I would like to welcome you and your families. This is a very special time for us for a couple of reasons, one being given the honour of hosting the 38th annual C.A.O.A.C. Convention and second, it is the first convention to ever be held by our club.

Our club has grown rapidly and positively over the past few years. We have a real mixture of members in our club which puts us at a great advantage when holding this event. We have the older, wiser members who have attended many conventions before and the younger, newer members who have supplied new ideas. So together with know how and ideas we have come to build a great convention for the history books of C.A.O.A.C. and memories for its members.

Our Convention is being held at one of the finest convention facilities in the Niagara area and at a very reasonable cost. On the other hand to extend your stay, Niagara offers an endless list of sites.

We have very carefully selected a list of speakers that should cover something from everyone's interest. To sum it all up why not come and meet some old friends, some new friends, maybe learn a little and best of all have a whole lot of FUN!

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## CA.O.A.C. President's Message

**T**he Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs (C.A.O.A.C.) was formed in 1959. It was created by a group of dedicated hobbyists who wanted some way for aquarium

clubs to be able to better work together for mutual benefit. Over the years, C.A.O.A.C. has grown and has found new and better ways to serve its members. We have come into the computer age and even developed a presence on the Internet. Many of us now use email to communicate and to continue to progress we have recently launched a committee to develop a program to take us through the next five years.

We would like you to be a part of this. We encourage all of you to join your local society to learn, to teach and to enjoy. And if there is no society in your area, contact us and we can send you information on how to start one. There are many benefits to be gained by sharing your hobby-related experiences with others, all of which will tend to make the hobby more enjoyable and fulfilling. We also encourage all aquarium and herptile (that's reptile & amphibians to the uninitiated) clubs to join C.A.O.A.C., to join the growing family of societies that have realized the advantages of working together, of pooling resources and of inter-club communication. Whether you join because of the Awards program, the Breeder's and Horticulturist's Directory, program rentals, liability insurance or any of the other programs we offer, together is better and I believe you'll find the cost of membership well worth it.

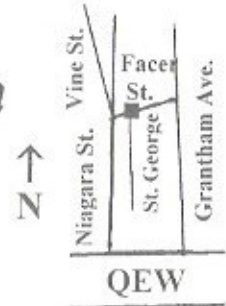
The St. Catharines Aquarium Society is a vital and active member of C.A.O.A.C. Some of the finest hobbyists I know belong to this club and with the talent and energy they have I am sure we are all in for a wonderful weekend. A weekend of fun and frivolity, of knowledge and experience, of renewing old acquaintances. On behalf of all C.A.O.A.C. member clubs, I want to thank them for taking on the project and know that we all support them one-hundred percent. Good Luck guys! Happy conventioning.

**David Boehm**  
President, C.A.O.A.C.



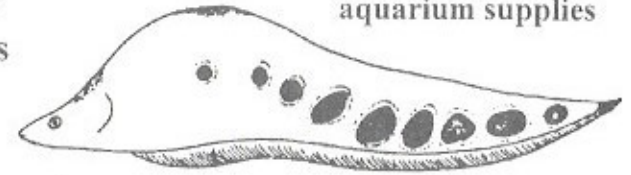
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## Charlie Grimes



Charlie has been in the tropical fish hobby for 38 years. He recently counted his tanks and has 96 tanks set up and full of fish.

He has been on collecting trips to the gulf states over a dozen times and on three collecting trips to Brazil's Amazon Basin.

Charlie has maintained ponds for over ten years, currently having three ponds that are 8x20 ft., 10x16 ft. and 10x20 ft. This coming summer, he will be installing an entrance garden pond.

His current passion is collecting native fish and killifish.

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guest speaker

## Mike Trzonkowski



Mike has been in the hobby approximately 35 years and currently runs somewhere around 120 tanks in his home.

He has been running his own business, 'Delaware Aquatic Imports', for the past 15 years, specializing in all sorts of aquatic plants. He says his favourite plants belong to the Anubias family.

Just to keep him busy all of the time, his full time job is with a laboratory in the U.S. as a troubleshooter. He has been doing this for 25 years. On top of all this, Mike has opened a store with his oldest son, maintaining 270 tanks. As a teenager he had anywhere between 50-150 tanks, raising killies and catfish to make his pocket money - until his dad told him he had to get a real job.

# FISH SHOW/COMPETITION RULES

(this show is sanctioned by the CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF AQUARIUM CLUBS)

1. Entry in the show is open to everyone.
2. **ENTRY FEES FOR THE SHOW: ANYONE WITH 4 OR MORE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE CHARGED AN ENTRY FEE. THE FEE FOR 1 TO 3 ENTRIES WILL BE \$1.00 EACH.** There will be no limit to the number of entries by any one person. Judging will be done by certified C.A.O.A.C. judges or other people deemed qualified.
4. Fish displaying any form of disease or deformity may not be entered and if entered will be disqualified.
5. Guppies and Bettas may be shown in drum bowls, show jars or one-gallon show tanks. All other fish must be shown in square gallon jars or aquariums but should be no larger than required to accommodate the fish. All aquariums must be supplied by the entrant. Entrants should provide a stand for any aquarium of 20 gallons or more. *Please let our show chairperson know if you are bringing a large aquarium.*
6. The containers in all but the above classes may contain the fish entry, water and air stones only. The only exceptions will be small box filters or heaters in tanks where entrants feel they are required to keep the fish healthy or the water clean. If desired, these may be removed immediately prior to judging. Keep in mind, that if left in the tank during judging the heaters and/or box filters might present some difficulty for the judges. Any entries using heaters must be arranged in advance with the show chairman to allow for hydro connection/s. No individual tank lighting except for class #39 - 'Aquarium Beautiful'.
7. It is the responsibility of the entrant to enter the fish in the correct class. Help will be available from the show chairperson. The judges or show chairperson have the right to reclassify any entries they feel are in the wrong class.
8. No entry will be allowed in more than one class.
9. Air will be supplied. Entrants must supply their own three-way valves, airstones, airline

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- and box filters and heaters (if required). Some supplies will be available at minimal cost.
10. **THE FISH ROOM WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE SUNDAY AWARDS BANQUET.** Any items left in the show room after 10 a.m. Monday will become the property of the St. Catharines Aquarium Society.
  11. The St. Catharines Aquarium Society, C.A.O.A.C., Ramada Parkway Inn or any of their representatives will not be responsible for any loss or damage to fish or equipment belonging to entrants.
  12. Entrants are advised to use covers on all tanks and to bring their own water supply wherever possible to avoid stress on their fish. Aged water will be available at 7.7 pH and hardness of 127.6 mg/L (medium hard).
  13. Awards will be presented to the first, second and third place winners in each class. Special awards will also be presented for 'Best of' categories, etc.
  14. One colour, plain backgrounds, supplied by the entrants, will be allowed on all containers.
  15. All fish will be shown in SINGLES only in all classes except 'Family', Matched Trio' and 'Super Pairs'.
  16. 'Family' classes must include parents and at least 10 fry under the age of 3 months. Tank dividers may be used.
  17. Male 'Guppy' classes may include a female guppy in the container but it will not be judged as part of the entry.
  18. 'Matched trio' class should contain three fish, identical in every respect. 'Super Pairs' must be a male and female of the variety/species; in cases where sex cannot be distinguished, two fish of the same species will be considered a pair.
  19. Minimum one live fish to be included in 'Aquarium Beautiful'.
  20. Any artistic medium will be accepted for the 'Arts & Crafts' class.
  21. C.A.O.A.C. size guide, Axelrod's Atlas and Baensch Atlas will be used as reference books along with any other reference material that may be available to the judges and the show committee.

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## SHOW CLASSES - CONVENTION '97

Class #	Class Name	Sponsors
1	Angels	<i>J. &amp; B. Weegar</i>
2	Discus	<i>Bernie Blondin</i>
3	Betta splendens - male	<i>L. &amp; B. Ubbink</i>
4	Betta splendens - female	<i>Jim &amp; Linda</i>
5	Anabantoids (except Betta splendens)	<i>John Sivell</i>
6	Dwarf Cichlids* (not Rift Lake)	<i>B. &amp; W. Block</i>
7	Cichlids - New World (not dwarf & excluding angels and discus)	<i>Afro-Tropical Tom Herman</i>
8	Cichlids - Old World - mouthbrooders (including Rift Lake)	<i>African Aquatics Rift Valley</i>
9	Cichlids - Old World - substrate (including Rift Lake)	<i>Fish Breeders</i>
10	Killies - Aphyosemions	<i>Jerry Waskalek</i>
11	Killies - Rivulus	<i>Dave Lamble</i>
12	Killies - Fundulopanchax	<i>Haydn Pounder</i>
13	Killies - Epiplatys & Aplocheilus	<i>Pete Phillips</i>
14	Killies - AOV	<i>Pets Plus</i>
15	Characins-(under 3" standard length [SL]**)	<i>T. &amp; P. Bridges</i>
16	Characins - (3" & over [SL])	<i>Casey Dunn</i>
17	Barbs	<i>Jim Chalmers &amp; Mike DiBattista Peter Orphanos</i>
18	Rainbowfish	
19	Minnnows - (danios, rasboras, white clouds)	<i>Brampton Club</i>
20	Sharks & Loaches	<i>P. &amp; S. McFarlane</i>
21	Goldfish	<i>Golden Horseshoe Koi &amp; Pond Club</i>
22	Koi	<i>Lorraine Gregson</i>
23	Native Fish (Northern U.S.A. & Canada)	<i>Aquatic Designs</i>
24	Corydoras, Brochis, Aspidoras	<i>Hamilton Club</i>
25	Catfish A.O.V. under 5" (SL)	<i>Sarnia Club</i>
26	Catfish A.O.V. 5" & over (SL)	<i>Mike Bryce</i>
27	Marine & Brackish fish	<i>Seven Seas Aquarium Prod. Mama Rosa's Pizza</i>
28	Any Other Variety Egglayer	
29	Egglayer Family (Parents + 10 or more fry (under 3 months)	<i>Peter Naef</i>
30	Livebearer Family (Parents + 10 or more fry under 3 months)	<i>Bob Chilcott</i>

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Class #	Class Name	Sponsors
31	Guppy Male (fancy tail)	<i>Paget/Nemeth families</i>
32	Guppy Female	<i>Niagara Aquarium</i>
33	Swordtail - Xiphophorus helleri-male	<i>Charlie Drew</i>
34	Swordtail - Xiphophorus helleri-female	<i>Jackson/Banks families</i>
35	Platies	<i>Pets &amp; Gardens</i>
36	Mollies (latipinna, velifera, sphenops)	<i>Niagara's Pet World</i>
37	Any Other Livebearer	<i>Brantford Club</i>
38	Matched Trio of fish	<i>Tropical Fish Room</i>
39	Aquarium Beautiful	<i>C. McLeary &amp; T. Mason</i>
40	Aquatic Plants - rooted substrate	<i>Kitchener Club</i>
41	Aquatic Plants - A.O.V.	<i>Aquatic Gardeners' Assoc.</i>
42	Photography - Prints	<i>Puffin Prints-Ridley</i>
43	Arts & Crafts	<i>Sarah Langthorne</i>
44	Aquatic Animals	<i>Terry's Place</i>
45	Amphibians & Reptiles (no snakes)	<i>Ont. Herps Society</i>
46	Junior	<i>Frank Buhagiar</i>
47	Novelty	<i>Vita Lucas</i>
48	Super Pairs	<i>London Club</i>

\* fish for which the mature size is normally under 4 inches standard length as indicated in a reputable source such as the C.A.O.A.C. size-guide or the Baensch Atlas.

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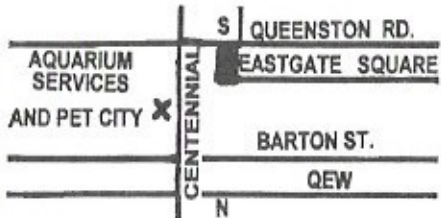
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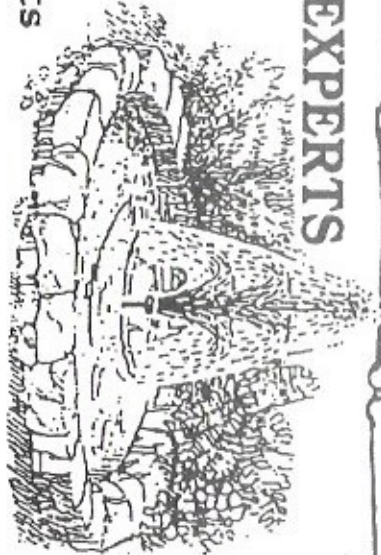
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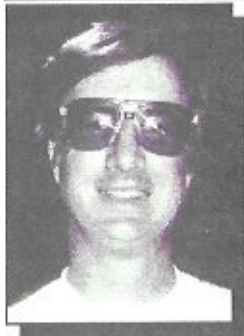
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# AUCTION INFORMATION

- \* The auction is open to everyone.
- \* Fish and related items may be registered between 8 and 10 a.m.
- \* 70% of the successful bid will go to the seller and 30% to S.C.A.S.
- \* Once an item has been registered it may not be withdrawn without permission.
- \* Fish must be correctly bagged and clearly identified. In the interest of the well-being of the fish if any bags are found to be leaking, you will be called to rebag. Help will be available.
- \* Minimum bids, if any, must be clearly marked on the bag/item.
- \* The auction will be using the 20-table system. Each lot # will have a possible 20 items. **1 lot # per person.**
- \* If purchasing, please see the cashier **before leaving with your purchases.**
- \* Each bidder must have a buyer's number obtainable at the auction registration table.





guest speaker

## Kurt Zadnik

**K**urt has recently relocated from California to Columbus, Ohio where he is now Managing Editor of the scientific journal 'Optometry and Vision Science'. He has been keeping tropical fish since he was 9 and cichlids since his wife Karla made the mistake of buying him a 10 gallon set-up for his birthday in 1979. His California fishroom once contained 50+ tanks, filled mostly with dwarf cichlids from West Africa, South America and Lake Tanganyika.

He has been a member of the American Cichlid Association since 1982 and for three years served as Chair of the Special Publications Committee, producing two sets of the Cichlid Index for the ACA's journal, Buntbarsche Bulletin. Kurt is best known as an active member of the Pacific Coast Cichlid Association since 1982, and has served as Vice-President in 1987 and President in 1988-1989. He has been the editor of the PCCA's award-winning publication, 'Cichlidae Communique', since 1985 and has been distinguished by receiving the PCCA's highest award - life membership.

An award-winning author and photographer, his lecture covers the identification, maintenance and spawning of soft water dwarf cichlids.

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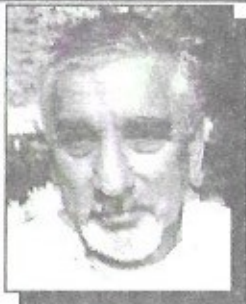
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guest speaker

## Bob Goldstein



**B**ob Goldstein is a native New Yorker who completed college in NY (Brooklyn College), a masters at Florida State University in Tallahassee, and his doctorate in Dallas from the University of Texas with training in parasitology and microbiology. He taught microbiology and biochemistry at Emory University in Atlanta, and for the past 12 years has operated an environmental consulting firm, now with 7 employees, in Raleigh, N.C.

He has written for all the major aquarium magazines since the late 60's and currently writes for Aquarium Fish Magazine, Pet Age, and Aquarist and Pondkeeper, as well as some game and fish sportsmen's magazines. His books include 'Diseases of Aquarium Fishes', 'Cichlids', 'Cichlids of the World', and 'Anabantoids' (all with TFH). He has also written ocean sportfishing books 'Coastal Fishing in the Carolinas', 'Offshore Fishing from Virginia to Texas'. His newest projects are 'American Aquarium Fishes' (Texas A&M University Press) and 'Reef Aquarium Handbook' (Barron's Educational Series), both of which should be out in 1997. He's a past president of AKA and was JAKA editor for 7 years.

His breeding experience includes killies, cichlids, marines, natives, catfishes, tetras, and some invertebrates. His 12 x 48 foot fish room has almost a hundred tanks to 135 gallons. Bob spoke at C.A.O.A.C. before when the convention was held in Pittsburgh. He lives in Raleigh, N.C. with his wife Joyce, a toxicologist with the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. They travel widely and in recent years have gotten into underwater photography while snorkelling.

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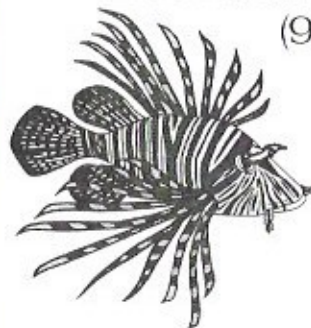
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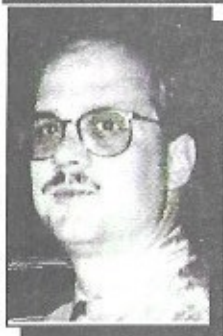
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guest speaker

## Mike Schadle

Mike Schadle, age 39, has kept an aquarium since he was about 10 years old, but was really bitten by "the bug" about 17 years ago. Keeping as many as 80 tanks of livebearers and New World cichlids, he was very active in the American Midwest show scene throughout the 1980's.

Along the way, he edited the journal of the American Livebearer Association for eight years, served a term on the American Cichlid Association's Board of Trustees, and held local society positions including editor, show chairman and club president.

Today, you'll find him enjoying at least two dozen aquarium society events throughout the year, speaking, judging or auctioning aquarium fish, or behind his table of new and used aquarium literature. This business grew out of his love of reading and learning about aquarium fish and as a means of keeping his own burgeoning library at a reasonable size!

Mike has been a part of the Tetra Speaker Program since its inception and is here for the convention courtesy of Tetra Second Nature.

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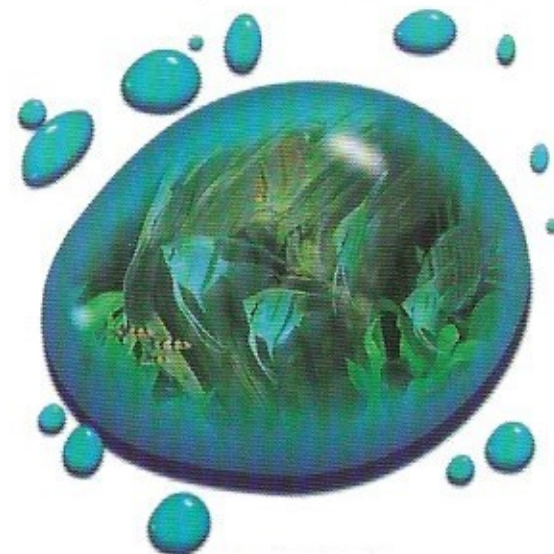
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from Friday to Sunday evening  
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