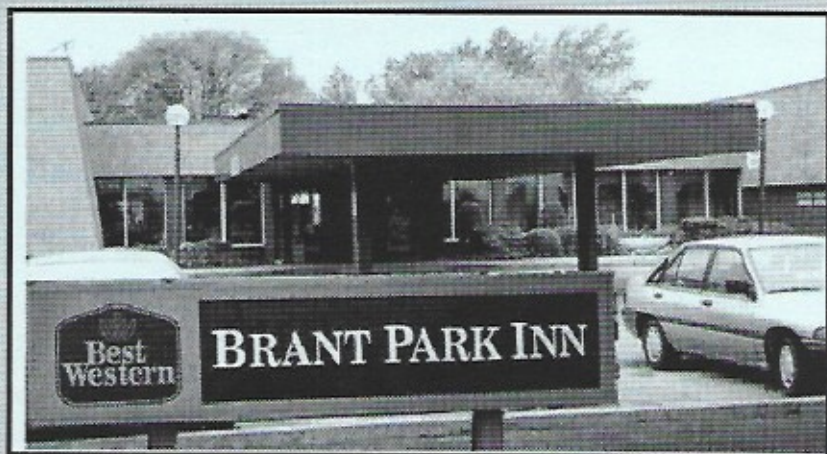


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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 43rd Annual Convention of the Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs (CAOAC). Our Convention Chair, Terry Little, and his committee are working hard to make this the best convention ever. I know that you will find it both educational and entertaining.

For those of you unfamiliar with CAOAC, let me give you a brief background. CAOAC was formed in the late 1950's by a group of aquarium societies looking for ways to join forces to improve the hobby. It was incorporated in the early 1960's as a non-profit organization and has been fulfilling its mandate ever since. While originally a group of tropical fish societies, it now counts a number of amphibian and reptile societies (herptile clubs) among its members.

CAOAC provides a number of services to its member clubs including: a national awards program; slide, video, and speaker programs for club meetings; database registries for both breeders and propagators of fish and plants; a monthly newsletter and a web site (www.caoac.on.ca) for the dissemination of information; a liability insurance program; judges and judging programs for tropical fish shows; and more.

CAOAC also operates the Fish Rescue Program in partnership with other like-minded organisations and government agencies. For people with fishes and herptiles that they can no longer care for, this program provides a means to find new homes for their animals. It also attempts to educate people about the problem of releasing aquarium animals and plants into the wild.

If you would like more information about how you or your club can become (more) involved in CAOAC, contact any CAOAC executive member or visit our web site. We'd love to have you.

Enjoy the convention and please let us know how we can better serve you.

David A. Boehm



INVITATION FROM THE CONVENTION CHAIR

I would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to attend the CAOAC Convention in Brantford, Ontario at the Best Western, Brant Park Inn, on May 17-20, 2002. All the information is in this booklet but if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I very much appreciate the assistance of the CAOAC Executive and the people serving on the Convention Committee. Also thanks to everyone who assisted, sponsored, donated, or helped in any way to make this Convention a success.

We have some first class speakers coming to make presentations to the delegates at the Convention and I know that everyone who attends will have a great time. Please make every effort to attend this Convention and if it is your first, I know it will not be your last.

This is the first Convention in many years that is not being sponsored by a member club. I hope some member clubs will take a look at this Convention and maybe consider being the host of a CAOAC Convention in the near future. If any member club is considering being a host club and would like any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to call me.

Terry Little: phone (519) 755-8927 e-mail tlittle28@rogers.com

CONVENTION TICKET PRICES

Full weekend adult ticket	- \$75.00
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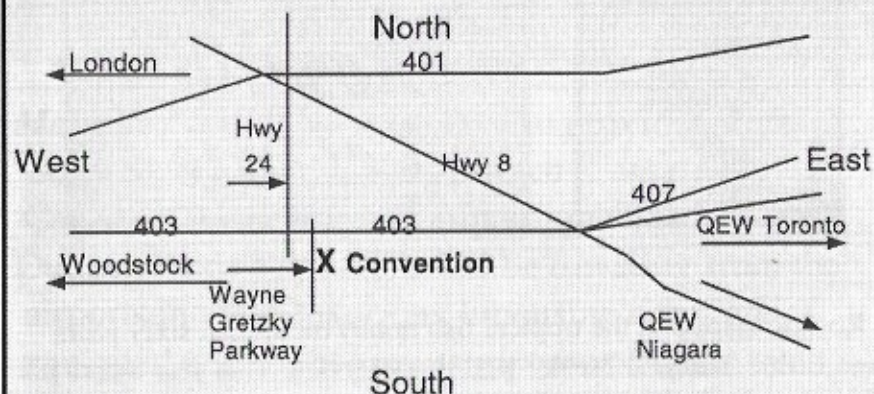
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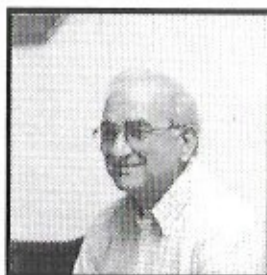
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Rosario LaCorte

Rosario started in the tropical fish hobby more than sixty years ago with a four year break for military service. This year marks his fiftieth year of giving presentations to aquarium societies, which is probably a record. He has made seven trips to Brazil and collected in Venezuela and Trinidad. In 1977 he received a grant from the National Geographic Society to assist Dr. Stanley Weitzman for a six week expedition to collect Glandulacaudines characins for scientific studies.

He has introduced a number of new fishes to the aquarium hobby. Some of these are Black Phantom Tetra, Hyphessobrycon megalopterus, Impaichthys kerri, Cynolebias constanciae. He has had two species of fishes named in his honour and they are Nematobrycon lacortei (red eyed Emperor Tetra) and Maratecoara lacortei (a Killifish from central Brazil).

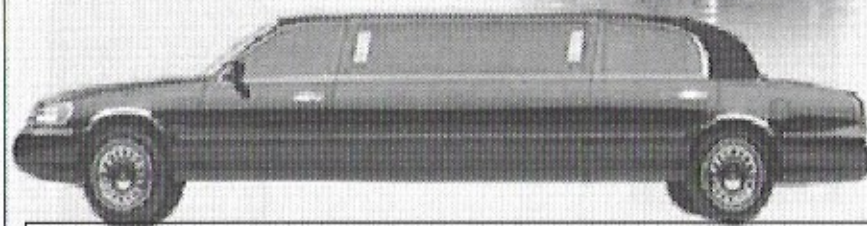
He has written articles for all major magazines for 45 plus years and most of them were first accounts on their modes of reproduction. He has also written 4 booklets for the Pet Library, Know How To Breed Series and has collaborated on a 5th Killie book.

This will be the fourth CAOAC Convention attended by Rosario and I know his talk will be enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

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Patric has added many photos of the experience, and will be available to answer questions about life at the Kambiri Point export station. An avid scuba diver, Patric was able to dive in most of the catching locations during his stay. Patric caught the first *Metriaclima* membe deep ever caught. He assisted Ad Konings and Jay Stauffer other scientists in their classification projects with *Copadichromis* species in the Lake. He met the President of Malawi and installed a large community tank in the private school of the President. Aside from all of these activities Patric guided Lake Malawi tours with Stuart Grant and worked diligently in the operations at Kambiri.

Other Contributors

George Kardos, Blair Beemer, Karen Ashley Woo, James Holland and Tony Bernard will be available, both during our question and answer period as well they will be at the CRLCA lobby booth at various times during the convention where more photos will be available, more video programs, as well as information on the September/October 2002 Safari to Malawi.



LEE FINLEY THE CATFISH KING

An aquarist of over 30 years, Lee Finley is well known to readers of *Aquarium Fish Magazine* and *Tropical Fish Hobbyist Magazine* as a knowledgeable and enthusiastic promoter of catfishes as aquarium residents. As the current chairman of the North American Catfish Society, Ltd., Lee is an internationally recognized authority on the aquarium husbandry of the whiskered tribe. His competence in this area results partially from his observations of catfish living in nature in Peru and Brazil. Less generally appreciated are his interests in the early history of the aquarium hobby and his enthusiasm and success as a collector of its literature. An active member of the Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island, Lee is also a past head of the Northeast Council of Aquarium Clubs.



Mary Sweeney

Mary Sweeney joined the staff of T.F.H. Publications 15 years ago, starting at the bottom of the ichthyological totem pole. Fortunately, the senior editors allowed her to live and forced fish knowledge upon her through hard, but fascinating work, in both fish books and the magazine. She now enjoys the position of *Tropical Fish Hobbyist* magazine's editor and is responsible for the fish books. She has written over a dozen aquarium book titles and countless articles. She keeps Discus because she needs the aggravation.

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19. Novelty displays must include at least one live fish.
20. The following reference materials will be used for the show. CAOAC size guide, Baensch's Atlas' and other reference material that may be available to the judges and show committee.
21. Any artistic two or three dimension medium will be accepted in the Art and Craft class.
22. Junior class is restricted to entrants under 16 years of age at the time of judging.
23. A Super Pairs class entry will consist of a male and female of the same species.

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1. The show is open for participation by anyone.
2. There will be no limit to the number of entries submitted.
3. Judging will be done by CAOAC certified judges or other qualified people. The decision of the judges is final and binding.
4. Fish displaying any form of disease or deformity may not be entered and if entered may 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. The containers must be no larger than necessary to safely accommodate the fish for the duration of the show. All the containers must be supplied by the exhibitor. Tanks will be supplied for mail in entries if required.
6. The containers in all fish species classes may contain the fish entry, water, and air stones only. The only exception being a small box filter and/or heater in tanks where the exhibitors feel they are required to keep the fish healthy or the water clean for the duration of the show. If you intend to use a heater please notify show chair in advance of the show date for arrangements. Any difficulty in judging due to the inclusion of the equipment will be strictly the exhibitors responsibility.
7. It is the exhibitors responsibility to enter the fish and animals in the correct class. The Judge or Show Chair have the right to re-classify any entries they feel are in the wrong class. If you have any questions about which class to enter your fish or animal into, please contact the Show Chair.

8. No entry will be allowed in more than one class.
 9. Air will be supplied to all shelves. Exhibitors must supply their own three way valves, air stones, air line, box filters, and heaters if required. No open air lines will be allowed.
 10. Entries into the fish show will be accepted from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. on Friday May 17th and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday May 18th. No entries will be accepted after 4:00 p.m. on Saturday May 18th.
 11. Removal of entries from the show will be allowed from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and after the awards banquet on Sunday May 19th. Anything remaining in the show hall after 9:00 a.m. on Monday May 20th will become the property of CAOAC.
 12. Entry fees for the show will be as follows: \$2.00 each entry for the first three entries, \$1.00 each entry for each additional entry to a maximum entry fee of \$10.00
 13. CAOAC or Best Western, Brant Park Inn, or any of their representatives will not be responsible for any loss or damage to fish or equipment belonging to exhibitors.
- **NOTE** EXHIBITORS ARE ADVISED TO USE COVERS ON ALL TANKS AND ALSO TO BRING THEIR OWN WATER TO AVOID STRESS TO THEIR FISH.**
14. Water will be available but will not be aged or treated. The water in Brantford has a Ph of 7.8, Dh of 227, and contains fluoride, chlorine, and chloramines
 15. Awards will be presented for Best of Show, Best Egglayer, Best Livebearer, Best Rift Lake Cichlid, as well as first, second, and third place in each class.
 16. One colour plain backgrounds are allowed but they must be supplied by the exhibitor.

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3. Betta Splendens - Females	Willowdale A. S.
4. Guppies - Male	Sarah Langthorne/Janis Risko
5. Guppies - Female	Hamilton and District A. S.
6. Killifish	Canadian Killifish Association
7. Corydoras/Brochis/Aspidoras	Terry Little
8. Suckermouth Catfish	Brian Gill
9. Catfish AOV	The Tropical Fish Room
10. Characins	Charlie Drew
11. Rainbowfish	Tony Bernard
	Jennifer Bawden Miller
12. Minnows & Barbs	Durham Region A. S.
13. Sharks & Loaches	Miecia Burden
14. Swordtails	Brampton Aquarium Club
15. Mollies	Vita Lucas
16. Platies & Variatus	Brampton Aquarium Club
17. AOV Livebearer	Dorothy Reimer
18. Goldfish & Koi	Lorraine & Stephen Gregson
19. AOV	Huronia A. S.
20. Native Fish (Canada or USA)	Aquatic Designs
21. Angels	Tropical Fish Room
22. Discus	In Memory of Patricia Marcella
23. Dwarf Cichlids	London Aquaria Society
24. Large Cichlids Not Rift Lake	JLM Tropicals
25. Rift Lake Cichlids (Mouthbrooder)	C.R.L.C.A.

26. Rift Lake Cichlids (Substrate)	C.R.L.C.A
27. Tanganyikan Cichlids	African Aquatics
28. Marine and Brackish Fish	St. Catharines A. S.
29. Mono Argenteus	C.A.O.A.C.
30. Super Pair	Paul & Sally McFarlane
31. Junior	Frank Buhagiar
32. Family Egg Layer	Mike & Dorothy Daniels
33. Family Livebearer	Frank Hyodo
34. Novelty	Country Aquaria
35. Plants	Jim Robinson
36. Aquatic Animals	Tom Tota
37. Invertebrates	Bob Walker
38. Arts and Crafts	Bob & Debi Lyon
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The Auction will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday May 19, 2002.

- Items to be auctioned may be fish, fish food, or new products.
- Items must be listed with the auction committee by 10:00 a.m. Seller's numbers (lot numbers) will be handed out from 8:00 a.m. until the auction begins.
- C.A.O.A.C. reserves the right to limit or refuse items. At the time of registration, sellers numbers will be assigned.
- C.A.O.A.C. will provide item labels, **which must be used.**
- C.A.O.A.C. will retain 30 % of the selling price. Payment to the owners will be made by mail as soon as possible after the auction.
- All fish must be in leak proof containers which will be sold with the fish. Please bag your fish properly and bring a few spare bags; a charge of \$1.00 will be levied for each "leaker" we have to rebag. Zip-lock bags and twist ties are not allowed. The auction chairman may reject any item not meeting these standards.
- All items must be labeled with name of fish, quantity in bag, sex if possible, and minimum bid amount where applicable.
- An auction form is included with the show rules. This may be filled out in advance to save time at the auction. Please **PRINT** your **COMPLETE** name, mailing address, postal code, phone number and e-mail address on the form as this is our only record of where to send payment.
- The auction will run with a **20** table system therefore, a lot consists of no more than **20** items. Here is how it works. Sellers number their items using the letters of the alphabet

- Each item will be placed on the table having the same letter of the alphabet. The auctioneer will sell all items of Table "A", then continue to Table "B", and so on until all items are sold. Only when a seller has more than 20 items, a new seller number will be required.
- Any item not selling for \$2.00 minimum price will be returned to the seller and \$1.00 charged.
- C.A.O.A.C. assumes no liability or responsibility for any items bought or sold, or any personal injury occurring during the event.
- C.A.O.A.C. reserves the right to inspect baggage and/or containers upon leaving.
- No Ontario native fish will be allowed for auction.
- Once entered, auction items **MAY NOT BE WITHDRAWN.**
- Minimum bids will be allowed but may not be changed without the consent of the auctioneer. All minimum bid items not sold will have a \$1.00 levy applied.
- All no sale items may be brought up for auction again with a \$1.00 levy applied.
- C.A.O.A.C. reserves the right to group same items and sell them at any point in the auction.
- All buyers must register and receive a buyer's number (there will be no cash transactions during the auction). C.A.O.A.C. **reserves the right to request identification for buyer's numbers.** Payments by buyers must be made in cash, when through buying or at the end of the auction. Special arrangements may be made with the treasurer for cheques. Please arrange ahead of time.
- Bidding of each item will begin at a minimum of \$2.00 and raise in \$1.00 increments until the item has been sold.

Auction Chairman: Tony Bernard, RR2 Lowbanks, ON.
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I WOULD PERSONALLY LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO ASSISTED IN ANY WAY IN THE PRESENTATION OF THIS CONVENTION. IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN DONE WITHOUT EACH AND EVERYONE DOING THEIR BEST.

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- noon to 8:00 p.m. ----- Fish show entries accepted
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Saturday

- 9:00 a.m. ----- CRLCA Group
10:30 a.m.----- Lee Finley
1:00 p.m.----- Mary Sweeney
2:30 p.m.----- Rosario LaCorte

7:00 p.m.----- Saturday buffet
9:00 p.m. ----- Saturday Dance & Karaoke

Sunday

- 9:00 – 12:00 a.m. ----- CAOAC Meeting
Morning & Afternoon ----- Auction
7:00 p.m. ----- Sunday Evening Banquet
Awards Presentation after Banquet

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