

**2011 CAOAC CONVENTION**

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**BRANT AQUARIUM  
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BRANTFORD ONTARIO

**May 20-23, 2011**  
Best Western Brant Park Inn

Welcome  
Greetings from Brant Aquarium Society

We would like to take an opportunity to welcome everyone to the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual CAOAC Convention in the beautiful city of Brantford. We have a great line up of speakers and events so hopefully something to appeal to every hobbyist.

I want to thank all of the people who helped with the planning and preparation for this event and acknowledge all of the offers of help we have had along the way. A special thanks to the Hamilton District Aquarium Society for organizing and running the Auction – especially Carla MacDonald and Albert VanMontfort.

We want to extend a huge appreciation to all of our sponsors who have contributed to the show, auction, raffles, prizes and promotion bags. As well, thanks to our local stores for all their support; Tropical Fish Room, Big Al's Aquarium Services Hamilton, Paulmacs Pet Food Plus, CrazyPet and Hagen Pets.

We hope that you enjoy a fantastic weekend.

Barb Ireland  
President, Brant Aquarium Society

### Friday Event Schedule

#### Registration

Show registration

Poker run

9pm – 1am

karaoke

9 pm – 1am

Hospitality suite

### Saturday Event Schedule

#### MORNING

Continental breakfast

9:00-10:15

Speaker – Myron Roth  
Bacterial Disease in Aquarium Fish

10:45-12:15

Speaker – Erik Bodrock  
Breeding Oddballs

12:00-1:00 LUNCH

#### AFTERNOON

1:00-2:15

Speaker – Laif Demason  
Tanganyika Cichlids Overview & History

2:45-4:00

Speaker – Ann Marie Towel  
IBC Management of Wild Bettas

4:30-5:30

CAOAC Executive meeting

#### EVENING

630-7:00

Cocktails

7:00-8:30

Dinner

9:00-1am

Casino Night  
Hospitality Suite



*Eric Bodrock*

My name is Eric Bodrock. I have been interested in fishkeeping since age 10. My mom started my catfish craze by picking out five "Peppered" Corys that came along as a sales promotion with a 10-gallon tank that she bought for me to raise some Platy babies. The Corys spawned about a year later and that is when things snowballed, or I should say the disease spread out of control! By the 9th grade, I landed a job in a local pet shop, by 12th grade I had worked in three different shops, bought out one that had closed and was maintaining 60 aquariums. I ran the fish department of another shop right out of high school and left there to open my own shop, at age 20, along with a couple of partners. I sold out to the partners after three years and opened my own "aquarium specialty" shop. I sold that business after eight years. I then worked as a sales rep. for Jim and Nancy White, owners of White's Fish Farm that was located in Ohio, until they shut down in 1997. In 2001 I opened All Oddball Aquatics, a 7,300' facility which housed 600 aquariums that served as a hatchery and retail outlet. I sold that facility in April 2007 and currently operate All Oddball Aquatics on-line as a mail-order operation. Along with my girlfriend, Regina Spotti, we maintain about 120 aquariums at our home and continue to work with many species of fish, with Corys still my main interest. I have been active in the Greater Pittsburgh Aquarium Society, Inc. since the mid 70's and at the end of 2007, finally reached the title of "Grand Master Breeder", spawning more than 400 species of fish, including 64 Corydoradinae species, and accumulated over 4,500 points in the club's Breeders Award Program (BAP) program..

I have judged dozens of fish shows thru out Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania and have attended hundreds of related events in the United States, Germany, Norway and the UK. My highlight in the hobby has been getting to be such good friends with so many great hobbyists thru out the world. I often tell folks I can talk about fish longer than they want to listen about them!

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## Speaker Information



*Ann Marie Towel*

Ann Marie aka "fishclubgirl" started fishkeeping at a very young age by feeding soap flakes to a plastic goldfish until her parents relented and got her a fish tank. They've regretted it ever since. Currently secretary of both Betta Breeders Canada and Calgary Aquarium Society, she participates in HAP, BAP and any other acronym that can be found in the aquatic hobby. Unable to grow house plants, she concentrated on aquatic plants and has over 100 species and quite happily will mispronounce all their latin names. Her breeding specialties are wild bettas that don't breed, rare but prolific livebearers, and seems to breed angelfish as an afterthought. Her talks are the International Betta Congress Species Maintenance program on wild bettas, quick digital aquarium photography, "fishy" travels and simple planted tanks. She has been called an "idiot savant" fishkeeper and is quite proud of that.

## Speaker Information



Currently the marine hobby enjoys a wide diversity of livestock that can be found in reefs from around the world. Due to this being a relatively young hobby, 90% of the livestock available is still harvested from the wild (this compares to only less than 10% for fresh water). With the health of the world's coral reefs in decline, many reef hobbyists have realized the need for alternatives to wild harvesting. There are many reasons for the decline of coral reefs including pollution, deforestation, global warming, over fishing and some aspects of the marine hobby itself.

Eco-Reefer's mission is to provide Canadian hobbyists and retailers with alternative products that are reef-friendly. To this end we have put a lot of time and effort into sourcing our products. As we move forward together towards an ever more self-sustaining and reef-friendly hobby, we at Eco-Reefer will keep searching for the most affordable, eco-friendly alternatives for our customers. Keep in mind that we are hobbyists ourselves and are looking to share the joy of marine/reef keeping with our children for years to come.

*A solid foundation leads to a happy, healthy eco-system.*

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#	Class	Sponsor
1	Guppy (Male)	Norm Ernteman
2	Guppy (Female)	SFBB
3	Swordtails	Ann Stevens
4	Platies	Zenin Skomorowski
5	Mollies	Diversified Aquatics, Charlie Drew
6	AOV Livebearer	SFBB
7	Angels	Calgary Aquarium Society
8	Discus	Piscine Energetics
9	Dwarf Cichlids, 4" and under	Ed Bosker
10	Old World Cichlids, over 4"	Rohmann Family
11	New World Cichlids, over 4"	St Catharines & Area Aquarium Society
12	Corydoras type Catfish	Walter & Trisha Murfin
13	Suckermouth Catfish	Aquarium Society of Winnipeg
14	Any Other Variety Catfish	Barb Ireland
15	Sharks & Loaches	in memory of Miecia Burden
16	Betta Splendens (Male)	Betta Breeders Canada
17	Betta Splendens (Female)	Hamilton & District Aquarium Society
18	AOV Anabantid	Catherine Salmon
19	Barbs	Sarnia Aquarium Society
20	Characins	Aquarium Society of Winnipeg
21	Goldfish & Koi	Karl Swartz
22	Minnnows, Danios, Rasboras	Carla MacDonald & Garnet Lott
23	Rainbows	Lisa's Lair Book Store, Ken Boorman
24	Killifish	Peter DeSouza
25	Marine or Brackish Fish	Sue Driedger
26	Aquatic Animals	Sue Driedger
27	Any Other Variety Fish	John Swick
28	Junior Livebearer	Aquarium Society of Winnipeg
29	Junior Egglayer	Middleport Mechanical, John Corner
30	Family Livebearer	London Aquaria Society
31	Family Egglayer	Catherine Salmon
32	Aquarium or Bowl Beautiful	Kenny McNaughton
33	Novelty	Pharmasave, Susan McNaughton
34	Arts & Crafts	Sammy's Rec Room Restaurant
35	Aquatic Plants	Aquarium Society of Winnipeg
36	Photographs	SFBB
37	Reptiles	in memory of Bill Irwin
38	Amphibians	Michael Pham

## Speaker Information

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*Myron Roth*

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Myron is an Aquaculture Analyst with the Provincial Government in BC, Canada, but also provides consulting services to the Animal Health Products (Pharmaceutical) Industry. He has many years work experience in the development and use of fish medicines and vaccines for commercial aquaculture. His interests from a hobby perspective are in general fish health management of aquarium fish and breeding. He is also a Director of the local aquarium club here in Victoria (The Greater Victoria Aquaria Society).

For the local club he has presented on Ich and general fish health management. However, he has also presented extensively at scientific conference around the world over the years on fish parasitology and the Development and use of fish meds and vaccines.

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## Speaker Information

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*Laif Demason*

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Laif DeMason has been keeping tropical fish since 1969. Within a year of this beginning, he was breeding angelfish on a regular basis selling the young to local stores. Since then Laif has graduated from the University of Michigan and the University of Miami with degrees in Zoology and Marine Biology. He opened Old World Exotic Fish, Inc. in 1979. Laif operates Old World Exotic Fish, Inc. from Homestead, Florida, where he farm raises African cichlids and receives imports from more than 15 countries. Laif has been to 12 East African countries during his 13 collecting trips there. He has also collected in Mexico, Belize, and Costa Rica several times. Laif has been instrumental in opening up new territories for cichlid export from East Africa, mainly the Victorian basin in Uganda, the Tanzanian coast of Lake Malawi, and cichlids from Madagascar. Laif has written for Tropical Fish Hobbyists Magazine, Aquarium Fish Magazine, and Cichlid News. He writes a regular column for Cichlid News entitled "What's New Around the World?". Laif was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan and now resides in Homestead, Florida near Miami.

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**Sunday Event Schedule**

**MORNING**

Continental breakfast

9:00-11:00 Seminar  
Eco Reefer - Coral Fragmentation

**11:00-12:30 BRUNCH**

**AFTERNOON**

12:30-1:45 Speaker - Laif Demason  
African Cichlid Farming in Florida

2:15-3:30 Speaker - Myron Roth  
Myths About Aquarium Fish Health

4:00-5:15 Speaker - Erik Bodrock  
Cory Breeding Made Easy

**DEADLINE FOR POKER RUN ENTRIES**

**EVENING**

6:30-7:00 Cocktails

7:00-8:30 Dinner

8:30-10:00 Awards ceremony

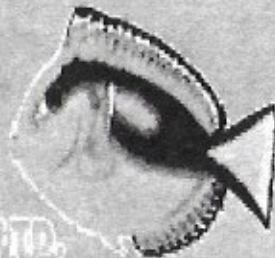
9:00-1am Hospitality suite

Monday Event Schedule

*Public Auction*  
*10am start*  
*Preview at 8am*

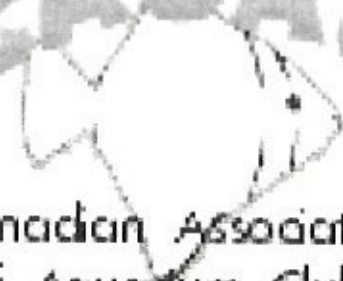
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