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#### About the Ohio Cichlid Association

The OCA is an organization dedicated to the advancement and dissemination of information relating to all aspects of the biology of cichlids and related aquatic life. Our purpose is to promote the interest, keeping, study, breeding, and the educational exhibition of Cichlids. Additionally, the exchange of ideas, meeting new people, and distribution of information concerning Cichlids is of primary interest.

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM DON DANKO

We hope that you enjoyed our March speaker, Richard Krauss, a U.S. Geological Survey Biologist, on Dead Zones in Lake Erie. He showed us where the dead zones occur and enlightened us on what they are, what causes them and suggested some strategies for minimizing them and the resultant fish kills that can occur. Thanks much, Richard, for joining us to share such great information!

This month, we feature Shell Dwellers as our theme. Chris Carpenter joins us on April 6 to present his excellent talk on the subject. If you're interested in Cichlids with tons of personality and that can be kept in tanks as small as 5 gallons, you won't want to miss his talk. Our Bulletin also features an article by yours truly on this subject along with some pictures of some of the species in the group. The article discusses options for shells for breeding sites and also an alternative to shells, if you prefer.

Planning for the Extravaganza is in full gear and details will be shared in coming issues of the Bulletin, on Facebook and on Ohiocichlid.com.

See you on Friday, April 6, to hear and see Chris Carpenter's Shell Dweller talk.

Best,

Don

#### Letter From the Editor

Hello OCA Members,

My apologies for the tardy edition this month! Hopefully the quality content will make up for the slight delay. This edition includes a recap of the 2017 Extravaganza by Wolfgang Staek. Wolfgang traveled across the Atlantic to speak at Extravaganza and we were very happy to have him. Be sure to check out his article to



see some of his great photographs and see what he thought of our event!

President Don Danko also submitted an article on shell dwellers you won't want to miss. As many of you know, Don is a very well regarded and well-published fish keeper. Be sure to see what he has to say about the subject of April's talk!

There is a lot planned for upcoming editions of the Buckeye Bulletin. We plan to include some catfish content in a few upcoming months and we could really use some help from the catfish guys to jam the Bulletin full of great content. If you are one of the well-regarded cat keepers in our ranks, please consider sharing your experience. If you aren't so well regarded, that's OK too! Everyone starts somewhere and your experiences are valuable too. The first step to becoming a well-published expert is your first article.

Don't be afraid to send me something!

Thanks for reading!

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#### SOCIAL MEETING INFORMATION

# The Next OCA Social Meeting is Friday, April 6, 2018 at 8:00 pm

Middleburg Heights Community
Center, Room C
16000 Bagley Rd
Cleveland, OH 44130



Meetings usually begin with a talk about cichlids or a related subject. The OCA is proud to bring world class speakers to Ohio, not only for our yearly convention, the OCA Extravaganza, but also for our monthly meetings. With Northeast Ohio being the hotbed for cichlid breeders that it is, we have discovered that there seems to be no shortage of world-class speakers locally, a number of which have used the opportunity to talk at OCA meetings to later tour the country with their fantastic presentations. After the talk we usually take a break for refreshments and some socializing among "cichlidiots". This also gives people a chance to look at bowl show entries, and after the break the bowl show winners are announced. Next, Breeder Award Program (BAP) awards are handed out. We have a Breeder Award Program for cichlids and one for catfish, turning our program into probably the largest one of its kind in the country. The entries are subsequently auctioned off, making some of the newest and rarest cichlids in the hobby available to our members at low auction prices! The OCA has had a number of first spawns in the United States and members have donated some very nice stuff to be auctioned off for the benefit of our Jim Smith Fund. Meetings end with a raffle, where we give away prizes that are set up on a huge table, which typically bends to the point of breaking under their load!

# SOCIAL MEETING SCHEDULE

7:30	(All times approximate) Doors Open
8:00	Social Time
8:15	Call to Order Announcements New Member Welcome & Speaker Introduction
8:30	Speaker
9:30	Break
9:45	BAP Awards Bowl Show Results
9:55	Mini-Auction
10:25	Raffle



#### The Ohio Cichlid Association Presents: **Chris Carpenter on Shell Dwellers**



Middleburg Hts. Recreation Center

Friday, April 6, 2018

#### **Program Preview April**, 2018

#### **Chris Carpenter** Submitted

Chris Carpenter, has been a board member of the Grand Valley Aquarium Club in Grand Rapids, Michigan, for many years, and has recently been elected Vice President. He has won several awards, such as Breeder of the year, Aguarist of the year, Master Breeder, Old World Cichlid Specialist, and Master.

Chris became serious about the world of fish when he gave up drugs, and alcohol 11 years ago. He has learned a lot in the last ten years and has focused a great deal of time in the hobby on the cichlids from Lake Tanganyika, particularly the Shell Dwellers. Chris has kept, and bred many of these species, and is honored to have the chance to share what he has learned.

Chris's talk is called "Shell Dwellers of Tanganyika", and is packed full of practical tips and demonstrations.

Next month, Charlie Mueller, from Pittsburgh, will be our speaker. Charlie has been breeding plecos that very few other people have been successful with. "Breeding South American Suckermouth Catfish - Difficult or just Different?" will be the title of his talk.

# UPCOMING OCA SOCIAL MEETING PROGRAMS

2018

April 6
Chris Carpenter
"Shell Dwellers of Lake Tanganyika"

May 4
Charlie Mueller

"Breeding South American Suckermouth Catfish – Difficult or Just Different?"

June 1

Lee Newman

"Cenotes, Caves and Fishes of the Yucatan"

July No Meeting

August 3 **Birger Kamprath**"Synodontis and Close Relatives"

September 7

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November 2 Jeremy Basch Geophagus

December 7
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# A REPORT ON THE OHIO CICHLID ASSOCIATION'S EXTRAVAGANZA 2017 BY WOLFGANG STAECK

There are two major events for cichlid hobbyists in the United States each year. One is the convention of the American Cichlid Association, held in various cities on various summer weekends. The other is the Ohio Cichlid Association's annual convention, the Extravaganza (English extravaganza = particularly interesting, entertaining event), which takes place every November on the weekend before the Thanksgiving holidays, in Strongsville, near Cleveland. In addition to cichlids, the OCA has also selected catfish as a second focus.

I received an invitation to attend the 23rd Extravaganza, in 2017, and made a number of noteworthy observations, which I will cover in this article. The event, which lasted from Friday afternoon to Sunday evening, included lectures, a large fish and equipment swap, an auction, vendors, an exhibition of aquarium accessories by manufacturers, and an exhibition of cichlids, catfish and loaches.

This year, over two hundred participants registered and paid the fee for the three days. In addition, there were well over a hundred day-visitors. On Friday evening and Saturday morning six one-hour lectures on South American cichlids and catfish, as well as West African and Lake Tanganyika cichlids, were given. In addition, there was a workshop on aquarium photography. This year's program was especially focused on European speakers (beside me, Daniel Konn-Vetterlein and Anton Lamboj), some of whom gave two lectures. Ad Konings and the well-known fish photographer Mo Devlin were the other speakers.

In contrast to Germany, competitions play a major role in club life in the United States, in which aquarists present their fish and get them evaluated. In the US, there is hardly a large aquarium event without such a showcase. It is not about cash prizes, but about certificates, medals and trophies. Some owners of award-winning fish even travel from competition to competition to display their magnificent specimens and receive more awards.

In order to ensure that the exhibited cichlids are always visible and easy to judge, each fish is each kept individually in an empty aquarium, except for a filter; there are no decorations or hiding places. This caging proved completely unsuitable for some of the exhibited fish. Despite the very small amount of space compared to their size, most of the catfish and cichlids, especially the Central American species, showed their natural behavior. Some smaller cichlids, however, which in Nature inhabit the layer of dead leaves, seemed extremely afraid and stressed. In particular, a dwarf *Crenicichla* and several *Apistogramma* species were constantly pressed motionless in the rear edge of the bottom and back wall of their aquariums.

In total, more than 120 cichlids and catfishes in nearly 100 species were shown in aquariums of different sizes. Strikingly, in the competition, in which aquarium strains of scalars, discus and Aulonocara of Malawi were also allowed, was the dominance of large Central and South American cichlids, which accounted for almost half of the exhibited cichlids. Species from West Africa and South American dwarf cichlids, however, were hardly represented in the show.

There were seven judging classes for catfish, and 18 for cichlids, which were organized into broad divisions based on their distribution areas in North, Central and South America, and Africa. Within

these groups, further classes were distinguished, which roughly corresponded to genus groups. For example, there were three different judging categories for North and Central America, five for South America, and four for Lake Malawi and Lake Tanganyika. In addition to the respective class winners, the best cichlid of the exhibition and the public favorite, or "People's Choice", were also chosen.

The winners in the individual classes were determined according to a point system and five different evaluation criteria: For a fish's coloration, size and fin condition, a maximum of twenty points were awarded for each. For the overall impression, 25 points, and for the behavior, 15 points were available. The title "Best Cichlid of Show" was won by a full-grown male of "*Geophagus*" *brasiliensis*. Particularly striking was also a more than 30 centimeters long tri-color OB color morph from *Amphilophus labiatus*, which had already won prizes in previous competitions, as their owner proudly told me, and this time was awarded "People's Choice". Because of its intense colors, a male of *Geophagus dicrocoster* also attracted general attention.

The two-hour large Swap Meet took place on Saturday afternoon. Besides fish, which people had been buying and selling since Thursday, aquaristic accessories and plants were also for sale. For me it was amazing that this also took place in the guest rooms, with the approval of the hotel management. Many participants had turned their hotel rooms into aquarium stores with the help of numerous glass and plastic containers, which were usually even presented in stands made for this purpose. To help potential buyers know what was being offered, there was a big bulletin board in the hotel lobby, which revealed which fish could be obtained in which hotel room, and at what prices.

Saturday evening concluded with a pizza party for all participants, the awarding of prizes for the winning fish, and an auction of fish food and aquarium accessories. There was also the awarding of 2017 funding from the Jim Smith Endowment Fund, which is similar to the German Cichlid Association Cichlid Fund. The final highlight of the impressive event was the auction of cichlids, catfish and plants, which lasted from eleven AM to eight o'clock PM on Sunday. In total, just under a thousand items were auctioned in the nine hours. Of their profits, the sellers had to surrender 30% to OCA to cover the substantial costs of the Extravaganza.

Computer translation (from German) edited by Lew Carbone.

#### Photos:

1. This *Amphilophus labiatus* had won previous competitions and this time won the title "People's Choice".



2. Seven lectures on cichlids and catfish attracted great interest.



3. Many participants turned their hotel room into an aquarium shop selling fish, accessories and plants.



4. A big bulletin board in the hotel lobby informed about which fish were offered in which hotel rooms, and at what prices.



5. The large 2-hour sale on Saturday afternoon was called a "Swap Meet".



6. In the OCA's showcase, more than 120 fish in almost 100 species were shown in aquariums of different sizes.



7. The title of "Best Cichlid of the Show" was won by this male of "Geophagus" brasiliensis.





8. The male of Geophagus dicrozoster attracted general attention for its color and size.

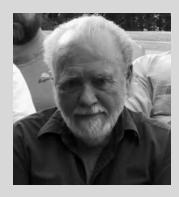


9. This male of Aulonocara maylandi was the winner in the rating class "Aulonocara".



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Throughout the year, we will be running a number of fund raising activities for the OCA Jim Smith Fund for Conservation and Education. These will include the following:

- Raffling off donated livestock or goods
- 50/50 Raffles during OCA events
- Donated bags of fish will be raffled at club auctions
- Sale of shirts and goody bags donated by Omega/Ad Konings
- Donations will be accepted through a button on the club website

Please consider donating cash, livestock or hardgoods at any OCA event or meeting to help raise money for the Jim Smith Fund. Because of the generous donations of our members and supporters, we have been able provide much needed grants for cichlid or catfish research and conservation! Thanks for your anticipated support!

The Jim Smith Fund is the OCA's endowment fund that annually awards Cichlid and Catfish researchers and others funds to promote Conservation and Education efforts. To date:

- 2008: \$1,000 was given to support the construction of Anti-Netting Devices in Lake Malawi
- 2009: \$1,000 was donated to the Stewart M. Grant Conservation Fund
- 2010: \$1,000 was donated to the Max Hayes High School to support local education
- 2011: \$2,500 awarded to Jay Stauffer at Penn State to catalog 3,200 collections of Cichlids
- 2012: \$1500 awarded to Jay Stauffer of Penn State University to videograph cichlids in the wild
- 2013: the Jim Smith Fund was able to make two awards, one to Ed Burress for Pike Cichlid research and the other to Ron Coleman for Central American research
- 2014: an award of \$1000 was made to Ad Konings for Tanganyikan breeding facilities
- 2015: Melanie Stiassny received a \$1200 grant to fund attempts to collect live Teleogramma obamaorum. Sam Borstein received \$2000 to study Malawi Cichlid feeding techniques.

The Jim Smith Fund has awarded over \$13K to support Conservation and Education!!



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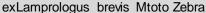
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# SHELL DWELLER BREEDING SITES BY DON DANKO







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exLamprologus calipterus male



exLamprologus calipterus female

If you want the real deal that mimics Lake Tanganyika, you'll need to go in search of Neothauma shells. Good luck finding them

though. I've seen them at times for sale at very high prices and, like now, not for sale at all. Best bet is to just use other commercially available shells as mentioned above.

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#### MARCH CICHLID BAP REPORT

Listed below are the Cichlid BAP submissions for last month. Members successfully bred these cichlids and raised fry to a minimum of 1". Varying point values determined by spawn difficulty were given to members' total Cichlid BAP points.

Congratulations on these spawns and thank you for your participation.

#### March 2, 2018

Bob Blazek Copadichromis melas "Mara Point"	10
Lew Carbone Neochromis rufocaudalis "Saa Nane Island"	10
Don & Marilyn Danko Limnochromis auritus	15
Andrew Schock Aulonocara sp. "stuartgranti maleri Chidunga Rocks"	10
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen Lepidiolamprologus nkambe	15
Jeff Yadlovsky  Xystichromis sp. "Kyoga flameback"	10



#### CICHLID BAP TOTALS

Listed below are the Cichlid BAP grand totals. The information is maintained by Mark Chaloupka. See Mark at monthly meetings for more information about the Cichlid Breeders Award Program. Thank you for your participation.

#### CURRENT B.A.P. STANDINGS (3/2/18)

BREEDER	2018	TOTAL

#### MASTER BREEDER 1000 POINT LEVEL

Lew Carbone	20	3015
Don & Marilyn	15	2420
Danko		
Dan Woodland	•	2070
Josh Cunningham	-	1640
Bryan Davis	-	1455
Bill Loudermilk	-	1200
Linda Wallrath	-	1130
John Tesar	-	1110
Mark Chaloupka	-	1075
Rich & Maggie	-	1065
Schoeffel		

#### 900 POINT LEVEL

Dennis Tomazin	-	965
Jeff Yadlovsky	10	965
Tom Swiderski	-	905

#### **800 POINT LEVEL**

Hilary & Antonio	-	870
Lacerda		
Jonathan Strazinsky	10	850
Dustin Brummitt	-	840
Gary Mendez	25	825
Ken & Sue Galaska	-	800

#### **700 POINT LEVEL**

Jeff Natterer	-	705
Bill Schwartz	-	700

#### **600 POINT LEVEL**

Bob Blazek	10	670
Charlie & Cathy Suk	-	615
Steve Zarzeczny	•	600

#### **500 POINT LEVEL**

Tim Craig	-	540
George	-	515
Anagnostopoulos		
Ron Georgeone	1	510

#### **400 POINT LEVEL**

Rick Hallis	-	495
Eric & Rhonda	15	490
Sorensen		
Phil Hypes	-	475
Kyle May	•	460
Bob Bina	-	435
Tyler Toncler	-	420

#### **300 POINT LEVEL**

Jonathan Dietrich	-	335
David Hale	-	335
Tony Poth	-	335
Greg Senn	-	325
Gary Zalewski	-	325
Ken & Karen	-	310
Grimmett		
Tom & Carolyn	-	300
Evers		
Andrew Schock	10	300

#### **200 POINT LEVEL**

Dennis Kuehn	-	285
James Shakour	-	275
Jason Mlynar	-	260
David Hearn	-	255
Dave Esner	-	250
Ken Walker	-	240
Justin Way	-	220
Mark Kazanoff	-	215
Paul Collander	-	205

#### **100 POINT LEVEL**

Bill & Janice Bilski	10	195
Marc & Dawn	-	195
DeWerth		
Ozeal Hunter	-	190
Chuck Carroll	-	185
Denis Rozmus	-	185
Andrew Subotnik	-	180
Bob Evers	-	175
Charles	-	165
Nowakowski		
Frank Mueller	-	160
Steve Heinbaugh	-	150
David Ayers	-	145
Greg Seith	-	145
Dan Ogrizek	-	140
John Griffith	-	135
Carl Oszewski	-	135
Joe Ring	-	120
Steve Olander	-	115
Peter Nario-	-	115
Redmond		
Aaron Stevens	-	115
David Toth	-	115
Raymond Langer	-	110

#### **BREEDER LEVEL**

Mark Huntington	-	95
Dolores Bacisin	-	85
Pete Gembka	•	80
Rick Wood	-	75
Bob Tillman	•	70
Roger Stark	20	70
Matt Urbin	-	70
Dave Dimond	-	65

Anthony Scarton	-	65
Nicholas Zarzeczny	-	65
Jim Jensen	-	60
Paul Palisin	-	60
Chris Jaskolka	-	55
John Kaminski	-	55
Dave Dimond	-	50
Margaret Heifner	-	50
John Kahl	-	50
Alex Gorges	-	45
Jason Gorges	10	40
Ethan Wiley	-	40
Matt Lacy	-	35
Christopher Sooy	-	35
Tom Tansey	-	35
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Cory Knarr	-	10
Michael Meyer	-	10
Russell & Tom	10	10
Pierce		
Mike Trader	-	10

The points list for the Breeders
Award Program has been
updated to include only current
members. If you are a current
member and your name has been
omitted, please see the B.A.P.
Chairman at the social meeting
so we can correct any errors.

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#### MARCH CATFISH BAP REPORT

Listed below are the Catfish BAP submissions for last month. Members successfully bred these catfish and raised fry to a minimum of 1". Varying point values determined by spawn difficulty were given to members' total Catfish BAP points. Congratulations on these spawns and thank you for your participation.

<u>Breeder</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Points</u>
Tom & Pierce Russel	Ancistrus sp. Albino	10
Dan Ogrizek	Ancistrus sp. Rio Tocantins	10
Bob Blazek	Ancistrus sp. L088	10

#### CATFISH BAP TOTALS

Listed below are the Catfish BAP grand totals. The information is maintained by Steve Heinbaugh. See Steve at monthly meetings for more information about the Catfish Breeders Award Program. Thank you for your participation.

NAME	2018	TOTAL
Dan Ogrizek	10	430
Steve Heinbaugh		365
Dave Ayres	10	325
Don & Marilyn Danko		285
Phil Ayres		230
Ken Walker		120
Bob Blazek	30	110
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen		110
Dan Woodland		100
Matt Urbin		90
Tom & Carolyn Evers		80
Hilary Lacerda		80
Bill Schwartz	10	70

Bob Bina		70
John Kaminski		70
Justin Way		60
Bryan Davis		60
Phil Hypes		60
Jeff Natterer		50
Ken Galaska		45
Tyler Toncler		45
Matt Lacy		40
Josh Cunningham		40
Kyle May		40
George Aganostopoulos		40
John Tesar		30
Karen & Ken Grimmett		30
Lew Carbone		30
Andrew Schock		30
Bob Evers		30
Jason Mlynar		25
Tony Poth		20
Gary Mendez		20
David Toth		20
Paul Palisin		20
Russell & Tom Pierce	10	10
Jeff Yadlovsky		10
Dave Hearn		10
John Griffith		10
Carl Olszewski		10
Anthony Scranton		10
Jon Dietrich		10
Richard Shamray		10
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#### OCA BOWL SHOW

Listed below is information about the monthly meeting Bowl Show. The Bowl Show is your opportunity to show off your fish. Each month different categories of Cichlids and Catfish will be judged. Points will be given and prizes will be awarded. All members are welcome to participate. This is great practice for our yearly Extravaganza show! See Scott Myers, at a meeting for more information.



Here are the details for this year's Bowl Show:

- >Cash prizes: \$15 for 1<sup>st</sup> place in each class and an additional \$15 for Best of Show.
- >Points: In each class, 10 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5 for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1 for any non-placing entry, and an additional 5 for Best of Show.
- >Best of Show will be awarded only if there are 2 or more show entries.
- >Grand Prize for 2018:75 gallon aquarium or cash equivalent.
- >Size restrictions refer to full-grown adult sizes as reported by Cichlid Room Companion or Planet Catfish.

#### **April Classes:**

Tanganyikan Shell Dwellers
Angels
Callichthyids (Cory types)

#### 2018 BOWL SHOW CLASSES

#### February 2

Victoria Basin
Loricariids (Pleco types) 6" or under
South Americans 6" and under, exclude Angels, Apistos

#### March 2

Mbuna Catfish, exclude Mochokids, Loricariids, Callichthyids Fish Photography

#### April 6

Tanganyikan Shell Dwellers
Angels
Callichthyids (Cory types)

#### May 4

Loricariids (Pleco types) over 6" Peacocks Open New World

#### June1

Central Americans over 6"
Tanganyikan Mouthbrooders, exclude Frontosa
Frontosa

#### August 3

Mochokids (Synodontis types)
Discus, Uaru
Old World, exclude Rift Lakes, Vic Basin

#### September 7

Apistos Open Tanganyika Malawi Haps

#### October 5

Central Americans 6" and under Open Catfish Female cichlids

#### November 2

South Americans over 6"
Open Old World, exclude Malawi, Tanganyika
Loaches and Botias

#### December 7

Julidichromis, Telmatachromis, Chalinochromis Tanganyikan Lamps, exclude Shell Dwellers Open Malawi

All classes are for cichlids, unless otherwise specified.