

Buckeye Bulletin

September 2015

**Social Gathering:
September 4, 2015**



**Ohio Cichlid
Association**



**Uaru amphiacanthoides
South America**

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And more...**

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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.

There are many ways to get involved with the club!

Attend Meetings
Contribute to the Buckeye Bulletin
Participate in the monthly Bowl Show
Volunteer to “run” at an auction
Persuade non-members to attend a meeting
Attend the Extravaganza
Participate in the Breeder Awards Program
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A Word from the President...

Don Danko,
OCA President

If you missed the August meeting, you missed what may have been the talk of the year by Dr. Ron Coleman. He entertained us with his extraordinary knowledge of Costa Rican Cichlids, covering breeding behaviors, habitats and lots of other information about the Cichlids of that country. His work with *Hypsophys nicaraguensis* was particularly interesting as he is trying to get the fish to construct tunnels in the aquarium as they do in the wild.

In keeping with his tradition of outstanding speakers, Lew Carbone has another great one planned for September. Dr. Jay Stauffer will present a talk entitled, "Behaviors of Malawi Cichlids". If you've never heard Jay speak, you're in for a real treat!

Planning for our 21st Extravaganza continues. It will be held from November 20-22 at the Holiday Inn Strongsville. We have another great speaker line-up for you as follows:

- **Ad Konings:** *"Tanganyikan Cichlids"*
- **Ted Judy:** *Topic to be Determined*
- **Julian Dignall:** *"Introduction to L-numbers/L-number Interactive," "Collecting Catfishes in India"*
- **Heiko Bleher:** *"Cichlids of India, the Middle East and North Africa," "Angelfish and Discus in the Wild"*

We also are planning to have Cichlid and Catfish Fish Shows, Manufacturer Displays, Kids Tank Contest, a Swap Meet as well as an Awards Ceremony and Hospitality Suite. Check out our website for more information.

I look forward to seeing you all at the September 4th meeting of the Ohio Cichlid Association at the Old Oak Bible Church at 7575 Old Oak Blvd in Middleburg Hts. Be sure to bring a friend! Also, check us out on Facebook, www.ohiocichlid.com and on the OCA Forum at <http://www.cichlidae.com/forum/viewforum.php?f=40>.

Best regards,

Don Danko
OCA President



A Word from the Editor...

Jon "Jombie" Dietrich,
Buckeye Bulletin

Greetings!

Wow! What a BAP submission list last month! Try to member each year to spread the word about the August meeting. With the long summer break, it's a meeting that is sure to always have a great auction at the end. A lot of awesome fish at unbelievable prices. Our club BAP point collection is at a level that is hard to compare to the majority of the clubs in the nation. We know how to raise and spawn fish!

Personally, this is the time when the hobby takes second place. The beginning of the school year marks the start of a long race that has limited time for water changes. I try to keep up, but my hobby months are over. I'm dreading the summer water bill since I don't think a day went by without multiple water changes. Oops!

This month we have an amazing speaker, a true supporter of our club. Make sure you schedule ahead and make this meeting. You won't be disappointed.

Also, **BOOK THOSE EXTRAVAGANZA ROOMS!** Prime spots are available and you won't regret getting a better room. Increase your traffic and sell those fish. This year is going to be a **BLAST!**

Take care friends,
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Ad Konings: *"Tanganyikan Cichlids"*

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Ted Judy: *Topic to be Determined*

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Julian Dignall: *"Introduction to L-numbers/L-number Interactive," "Collecting Catfishes in India"*

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Heiko Bleher: *"Cichlids of India, the Middle East and North Africa," "Angelfish and Discus in the Wild"*

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Attention! It's Time to Gather...

The next OCA Social Gathering is
September 4th, 2015 – 8:00 PM

Meeting location is
Old Oak Bible Church
7575 Old Oak Blvd.
Middleburg Heights, Ohio

Here's what to expect...

- President's Welcome
- Speaker Introduction
- Amazing Speaker
- Social Time
- BAP Certificate Presentation
- Membership Raffle
- Fish Auction
- Huge Raffle

Enjoy a great time with great people and everyone's
favorite topic, CICHLIDS!



September Program Preview

Dr. Jay Stauffer

“Behaviors of Malawi Cichlids”

Dr. Jay Stauffer holds the title of Distinguished Professor of Ichthyology at Pennsylvania State University. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree at Cornell and his PhD at Virginia Tech. Over the years he has held field, lab and classroom positions at Ichthyological Associates (Lancaster, PA), Cornell, Virginia Tech and the University of Maryland. He started at Penn State as Associate Professor in 1984 and earned his current title in 2006.

His academic interests include endangered fish species, freshwater fish behavior, the impact of non-native fish species in local ecologies, and the systematics (to over-simplify, the study of how species are related to each other) of freshwater fishes. He has had a special interest in the fishes of Lake Malawi for about 30. You can either thank him (if you are interested in the true relationships between cichlid species) or blame him (if you are annoyed by species' name changes) for the following: He, along with other researchers such as Ad Konings, has played a big part in the splitting and re-organizing of Lake Malawi cichlid genera. An example would be when, in the 1990s, *Metrioclima* and *Tropheus* were split off of *Pseudotropheus*.

Dr. Stauffer has spoken at 6 Extravaganzas. He was the winner of the 2011 Jim Smith Fund grant, and reported on the work he did with it when he spoke at our August, 2012 meeting. He then won part of the 2012 prize, for a project that involved making and organizing video footage of Malawi cichlid behavior, and we'll see some of the fruits of that project at this month's meeting.

The title of Dr Stauffer's talk is **“Behaviors of Malawi Cichlids”**.

Next month, we'll meet professional collector and importer Brian Perkins as he discusses the “Cichlids of Peru”.



A Year of Great Presentations...

2015

September 4

Dr. Jay Stauffer

Pennsylvania State University
"Behaviors of Malawi Cichlids"

October 2

Brian Perkins

"Cichlids of Peru"

November 6

David Chapman

Cleveland Museum of Natural History
"Famous Fossil Fish of North-Eastern Ohio"

December 4

Christmas Party

2016

January 8

Joint Meeting with MCAS
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Steve Heinbaugh

Catfish

April 1

Laif DeMason (tentative)

June 3

Larry Johnson

Malawi

**Note venue change
for this event!
This will be a special
night!**



May 6

Chris Biggs

August 5

Mark Soberman

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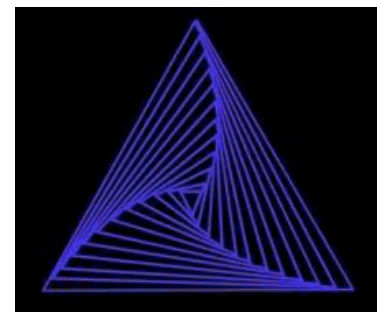
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Cichlid BAP... August 2015

Listed below are the Cichlid BAP submissions for June 2015. Members successfully bred these cichlids and raised a minimum of 6 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.

Bob Blazek

Labidochromis sp. "Mbamba" 10

Lew Carbone

Petenia splendida 20

Telmatochromis vittatus 10

Jonathan Dietrich

Geophagus steindachneri 10

Julidochromis marlieri 15

Pelvicachromis pulcher 10

Ken & Sue Galaska

Lamprologus ocellatus "gold" 15

Paratheraps bifasciatum "Rio Chacamax" 15

John Griffith

Lamprologus hecqui "Mbita" 15

Ken Grimmitt

Melanochromis cyaneorhabdos "Maingano" 10

Dave Hearn

Copadichromis azureus 10

Mark Kazanoff

Aulonocara sp. "dragons blood" 10

Geophagus steindachneri 10

Pelvicachromis pulcher 10

Pseudotropheus acei "yellow tail" 10

Hilary Lacerda

Labidochromis sp. "Mbamba" 10

Otopharynx tetraspilus 10

Pelvicachromis taeniatus "Moliwe" 10

Anthony Scarton

Neolamprologus buscheri "Zaire gold" 15

Greg Senn

Xystichromis phytophagus 10

Eric Sorensen

Gephyrochromis moorii 10

Jonathan Strazinsky

Amphilophus festae 20

Archocentrus centrarchus 10

Geophagus brasiliensis 10

Jason Webb

Pelvicachromis pulcher 10

Cichlid BAP Totals... August 2015

Listed below are the Cichlid BAP grand totals. The information is maintained by Mark Chaloupka, OCA Board. See Mark at monthly meetings for more information about the Cichlid Breeders Award Program.

Thank you for your participation.

MASTER BREEDER 1000 POINT LEVEL

Lew Carbone	90	2790
Don Danko	15	2395
Dan Woodland	-	2070
Bryan Davis	140	1410
Bill Loudermilk	-	1200
Linda Wallrath	-	1130
Rich & Maggie Schoeffel	-	1065
Mark Chaloupka	15	1045
Josh Cunningham	115	1045
John Tesar	-	1020

900 POINT LEVEL

Dennis Tomazin	-	965
Tom Swiderski	-	905

800 POINT LEVEL

Dustin Brummitt	-	840
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700 POINT LEVEL

Ken & Sue Galaska	50	770
Gary Mendez	-	770
Hilary & Antonio Lacerda	85	740
Jeff Yadlovsky	-	740

600 POINT LEVEL

Jeff Natterer	-	690
Jonathan Strazinsky	95	615
Charlie & Cathy Suk	-	615
Bill Schwartz	10	605
Steve Zarzeczny	-	600

500 POINT LEVEL

Tim Craig	-	540
Bob Blazek	20	535
Ron Georgeone	-	510

400 POINT LEVEL

Rick Hallis	-	495
George Anagnostopoulos	45	475
Phil Hypes	-	475
Kyle May	-	445
Tyler Toncler	30	420
Bob Bina	-	415

300 POINT LEVEL

Eric & Rhonda Sorensen	20	355
David Hale	-	335
Tony Poth	-	335
Gary Zalewski	-	325
Ken & Karen Grimmett	30	300

Cichlid BAP Totals... August 2015

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.

Please remember: You may only turn in a species or strain of fish for B.A.P. points one time. If you need a list of what you have been credited with, see the BAP chairman at the social meeting.

200 POINT LEVEL

James Shakour	-	275
Greg Senn	35	250
Dave Esner	-	240
Tom & Carolyn Evers	30	230
Ken Walker	20	240
Dennis Kuehn	35	230
Andrew Schock	150	220
Jonathan Dietrich	35	215
Paul Collander	-	205
Justin Way	75	200

100 POINT LEVEL

Marc & Dawn DeWerth	-	195
Ozeal Hunter	-	190
Chuck Carroll	-	185
Andrew Subotnik	-	180
Jason Mylnar	15	160
Frank Mueller	-	160
Bob Evers	-	155
Steve Heinbaugh	-	150
David Ayers	-	145
Greg Seith	-	145
Bill & Janice Bilski	-	135
Dan Ogrizek	-	125
Joe Ring	-	120
Peter Nario-Redmond	-	115
Aaron Stevens	-	115
David Toth	-	115
Raymond Langer	-	110
Mark Kazanoff	105	105

BREEDER LEVEL

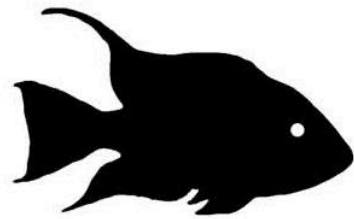
Mark Huntington	-	95
Charles Nowakowski	95	95
Denis Rozmus	10	90
John Griffith	55	85
David Hearn	85	85
Pete Gembka	-	80
Steve Olander	30	80
Carl Olszewski	15	80
Rick Wood	-	75
Bob Tillman	-	70
Matt Urbin	-	70
Dave Dimond	15	65
Dolores Bacisin	-	60
Chris Jaskolka	-	55
Dave Dimond	-	50
John Kahl	-	50
Paul Palisin	10	50
Nicholas Zarzeczny	-	50
Alex Gorges	-	45
Jim Jensen	-	45
John Kaminski	-	40
Anthony Scarton	30	40
Ethan Wiley	-	40
Christopher Sooy	-	35
Tom Tansey	-	35
Jason Gorges	-	30
Paul Hutnyak	-	30
Wayne Corman	-	25
Fred Roberts	-	25
Andy Lacerda	-	20
Scott Meyers	-	20
Bill Sensor	-	20
Jason Webb	20	20
Jim & Amy Damm	-	10
Ron Drungil	-	10
Ben Jensen	-	10
Mike Trader	-	10

Congratulations!

Mark Kazanoff

**100 Point
BAP Milestone**

Keep Breeding!



**Ohio Cichlid
Association**
Cichlids - Catfish

Catfish BAP... August 2015

Listed below are the Catfish BAP submissions for June 2015. Members successfully bred these catfish and raised a minimum of 6 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.

Dave Ayres	Corydoras ehrhardti	10
Steve Heinbaugh	Aspidoras C118	15
	Corydoras elegans	10



Catfish BAP Totals... June 2015

Listed below are the Catfish BAP grand totals. The information is maintained by Steve Heinbaugh, OCA Board. See Steve at monthly meetings for more information about the Catfish Breeders Award Program.

Thank you for your participation.

NAME	2015	TOTAL
Dan Ogrizek	25	345
Steve Heinbaugh	25	315
Dave Ayres	30	250
Phil Ayres	20	210
Don & Marilyn Danko	10	205
Ken Walker	10	120
Dan Woodland		100
Matt Urbin		90
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen		75
Bryan Davis		60
Phil Hypes		60
Hilary Lacerda		60
Tom & Carolyn Evers		50
Ken Galaska		45
Tyler Toncler		45
Justin Way	10	40
John Kaminski		40
Kyle May		40
George Aganostopoulos	10	40
Karen & Ken Grimmett		30

Catfish BAP Totals... June 2015

Listed below are more Catfish BAP grand totals. The information is maintained by Steve Heinbaugh, OCA Board. See Steve at monthly meetings for more information about the Catfish Breeders Award Program.

NAME	2015	TOTAL
Lew Carbone	30	
Andrew Schock		30
Bob Evers	20	30
Tony Poth		20
Josh Cunningham		20
Gary Mendez		20
John Tesar		20
David Toth		20
Paul Palisin	10	20
Jason Mlynar	15	15
John Griffith	10	10
Carl Olszewski	10	10
Anthony Scranton		10
Jon Dietrich		10
Richard Shamray		10
William Zarzeczny		10
Wayne Corman		10
Mark Chaloupka		10
David Hale		10
Jonathan Strazinsky		10
Bob & Jennifer Tillman		10

BAP Success...

Some species of fish are quite an investment of time, food, patience, resources, space, and many other requirements. We challenge ourselves to raise these fish because the reward has the potential to be much bigger than the investment. The *Amphilophus* species are great examples of big rewards with great investment. There are many different species in the genus and they all have unique qualities that are usually shadowed by their feared, tankbuster reputations. To raise a group of *Amphilophus* fry from .5" to adulthood is a phenomenal experience. There's so much growth in maturity throughout their lives. They are multidimensional creatures with so much to offer nature. In my relatively short BAP career, I've always had one group of *Amphilophus* cycling through its life. So far I've bred *flaveolus*, sp. *red islatus*, *hogaboomorum*, and now I have *Trimacs* growing out. It's my goal to successfully breed all the species of *Amphilophus*.

Jombie



Got a BAP story to share? Take ten minute, write it out, and send it to jdietric@mail.bw.edu
We'd love to hear it!

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 Carl Olszewski, OCA Board, at a meeting or contact him at carlolszewski@yahoo.com for more information.

September's Bowl Show Categories

Frontosa

Open Old World Excluding Malawi and Tanganyika

Cory's and Callichthyids

THE WINNER THIS MONTH IS **SCOTT MYERS**, SCOTT ENTERED FISH IN ALL 3 CLASSES.

- HE TOOK SECOND PLACE FOR NEW WORLD WITH HIS AMATITLANIA SIQUIA.
- HE TOOK FIRST PLACE FOR TANGANYINKA CICHLIDS WITH HIS NEOLAMPROLOGUS FASCIATUS
- AND HE ALSO TOOK FIRST PLACE AND BEST OF SHOW WITH HIS MASSIVE CENTRAL AMERICAN HERICHTHYS PEARSI

CONGRATULATIONS SCOTT MYERS

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MEMBER	PTS.	QUARTER	2015
SCOTT MYERS	39	39	71
JUSTIN WAY	0	7	39
NICK ZARZECZNY	0	0	15
LEW CARBONE	0	0	15
TONY POTH	0	0	7
GALVINNORMAN	0	0	7
JASON WEBB	0	0	5
PAUL PALISAN	0	0	1

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This Month in OCA History

Lew Carbone,
OCA Historian

1989:

At this month's board meeting, Don Danko proposes some changes to the class list for the 1990 Cichlid Show. They include the addition of "Best New World Cichlid" and "Best Old World Cichlid" and the split of the Cichlasoma class into "6 inches and over" and "under 6 inches". (In those days, in common usage, Cichlasoma included almost every Mexican and Central American Cichlid, as well as many more South Americans than it does now.) The first time inclusion of several "scavenger" classes was also discussed.

1993:

Dave Ayres is appointed by President Marc DeWerth to fill the Vice President's position after it was vacated by the elected VP because of "personal obligations."

2004:

Possibly because of personnel changes, the management at the Hampton Inn on Tiedeman Road, in Brooklyn, lost track of the reservation calendar for their meeting room. Consequently, our normal venue was double-booked for the 1st Friday in September, and the OCA had to hastily arrange for some space at the Holiday Inn, Strongsville, for this month's meeting. The speaker is Ken McGill, who demonstrates methods of culturing live food.

Membership Reminder...

Membership dues are important in maintaining the quality of the club. OCA membership dues are cycled yearly beginning and ending in November. Dues are currently \$15 for one year or \$25 for two years.

There are three ways to sign up!

1. Sign up through the OCA website, Ohiocichlid.com, and pay with PayPal,
2. Email OCAmember@gmail.com
3. See Hilary LaCerde at a monthly meeting

If you know someone on the fence about the whole “club scene,” bring that someone to a monthly meeting or auction and let him/her have an OCA experience. We are confident the environment will *hook* that person into taking the next step into the hobby. The OCA thrives on its membership and we look for all the possible opportunities to make membership worth your time and money.

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