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2014 Show—Hitting the Road!

Well, it's official now—the 2014 TAKO BELLE Revue will be held at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 575 Texas 46, New Braunfels, Texas on Saturday and Sunday, July 12th and 13th.

The annual event is currently lining up speakers; yes, ...s, as in more than one and on more subjects than just killies. New Braunfels is just about equidistant from

Schertz and San Marcos, to the south and north respectively, and both of these towns, approximately 15 minutes either direction boast numerous hotels and slightly better summer prices than New Braunfels.

The advantage in New Braunfels was an available conference room at a reasonable (read affordable) rate and its geographical

proximity to hobbyists in that area that heretofore had to drive over to Houston or Dallas to experience killies. This year the show is going to them.

Will be soliciting ideas as to other venues for 2015 over the next months so if you have any ideas feel free to voice them.

Special points of interest:

- Set up opens Saturday morning at 0600 hrs.
- All mail-ins to arrive no later than Friday, July 13th.
- Receiver of mail-ins:
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Show News

Dr. Sue Katz Am-burn (most of you know her as Dr. Sue) will be our featured speaker on Saturday afternoon. An after dinner speaker is also being sought.

Dr. Sue is currently a Professor, Dept. of Biology, at Rogers State University in

Claremore, Oklahoma. She earned her doctorate at the University of Kansas.

Discussions are currently underway to entice speakers from other fish/aquatic plant groups to make a presentation on Saturday afternoon/evening. Stay tuned for future news on the

success of this endeavor in the next issue.

Lori Green, Chair of Lone Star Bettas, will be demystifying betta terminology for newbies and veterans alike.

Still looking to find another speaker or two for Saturday.

Tentative Sunday schedule has auction at 1130 hrs.



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SAKE—March 2014

Late last year I was contacted by Mr. Allan Semeit, the driving force behind the SAKE event, and invited to be one of the speakers at their annual event. I checked with my wife about getting a 'pass' for that weekend and after obtaining approval I confirmed that I would be delighted. I

was able to combine a day of work, facility site audit, along with a day of vacation and we enjoyed the hospitable weather and companionship of the weekend. A number of old friends were seen and some new ones established. Quite a few nice fish, killies and non-killies alike, were available

at the auction coinciding with the event.

I was able to pick up a couple of pairs of *Rivulus*, of course, a young pair of *Fundulopanchax fallax* CI; along with some *Apistogramma* and *Hemichromis*. Almost everything made it home safely.

Photos on page 2
by A.J.J.

Leuterman



Raising Mosquitoes!

Raising mosquito larvae in Houston is not a problem. Simply take a few sticks from the woodpile and place in a five gallon bucket. Wait three to five days and 'voila'!

I change the wood and the water every 10—14 days and find enough mosquito larvae to feed my killies and bettas.



Potential Hotels near Schertz, Texas

For those of you wishing to economize, as is the editor, I am including a listing of hotels thirteen (13) minutes south of New Braunfels for your review. Some of you may find sites just north of New Braunfels, in San Marcos, Texas that appeal more to you. New Braunfels summertime prices are higher than the surrounding areas

for room rates due to the Schlitterbahn Waterpark.

Hotels in the Schertz area:

1. Fairfield Inn & Suites, 5008 Corridor Loop Road (210)658-1466.
2. Hampton Inn & Suites, 17702 Interstate 35 (210)566-6110.

3. Best Western Plus, 17401 Interstate 35N (210)651-4100.

4. La Quinta Inn & Suites, 17650 4 Oaks Lane (210)655-2700.

Hopefully you will find the above useful. I also recommend reviewing the physical location on Google Maps prior to booking.

Make a determined effort to support our sponsors—TFH and AQUEON—both of whom were very generous in their support of the 2013 show!

Rivulus frommi = *Rivulus* sp. EH 24/95

It certainly appears from the physical description and the photographic evidence available to yours truly that the fish we know in TAKO circles as *Rivulus* sp.

EH 24/95 is actually *Rivulus frommi* EH 24/95.

I have attempted to contact the *Rivulus* expert—Mr. Ken Normandin—via the tele-

phone over the past several months to obtain his opinion prior to adding this to our newsletter but have been unsuccessful and as such have simply given up

the chase as they say. Next time this little fellow is entered it will be as *Rivulus frommi* EH 24/95.



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Want a by-line—
submit an article!

**! Chris
Weatherford is
leading the KEY
Standings at
the end of
March! Go
Chris!**

Message from the President

I cannot tell you how excited I am about the TAKO Belle Revue for this year. Art Leuterman, our show chairman, has been very busy on finding a location and putting together interesting talks on killifish, of course, as well as other fish and plant topics. So be looking for the upcoming newsletters as the plans are finalized. I am thrilled that we are having the show in the San Antonio area not just because it is such a wonderful place with lots of attractions but the location will hopefully provide an opportunity for some to attend the show that would otherwise not be able to attend. With the new stands that Art made, it makes it easy for the show to go on the road. Hope to see everyone in July!

Stephen Rabke

P.S. I am tired of reading articles from Art (no offense Art as they are good articles). So PLEASE think about a short article you can write about some fish you have or had, write it up and send it to Art for our next newsletter.

Metaframe Tanks (still in use)!

