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New England Weekend

This October I took advantage of an offer to speak at the Northeast Weekend Killie Show and traveled to Albany, New York.

It was my first New England killie experience and I thoroughly enjoyed the time with the people present. The weather was crisp (read that as just above freezing) and the colors, though past peak, were still

gorgeous for a Texas resident.

As fortune would have it my wife has long separated cousins living in the area so we made a weekend of it and I enjoyed killies and fish stories while my spouse spent time with her cousins and her first time picking apples!

Over a hundred pair of fish were entered in the show and at least twice that in

the auction. I was lucky enough to pick up several pairs of various Rivulus and 'Rolloffia' by the end of Sunday.

Stephen Rabke and I represented TAKO with some entries and garnered a couple of showings between us.

All in all a very enjoyable weekend with numerous killie people that are seldom seen.

Special points of interest:

- Set up opens Saturday morning at 0600 hrs.
- All mail-ins to arrive no later than Friday, July 13th.
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Hitting the Road!

This summer the annual show will most likely be held somewhere outside of Houston for several reasons. One of our stated club goals is to promote killies resulting in an increase in the number of 'killie keepers' in this neck of the proverbial woods. Areas

currently being investigated as potential sites include San Antonio.

Show sites visits and gauging of local interest are currently scheduled for San Antonio in early Q1 2014.

A site will hopefully be selected by mid to late Q1 so as to ensure the annual July show.

Additionally, a decision has been made to participate in the FOTAS event next October that will be held in San Antonio.

Stay tuned here for more as these stories develop.



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An Open Letter to Santa

Dear Santa,

This is my 'wish list' for Christmas 2013. If you can provide any of the items listed I would be forever in your debt. To help you identify them in your search I have also included pictures of many of them just so there are no mistakes like

"... while it was true that all six males turned out to be brilliantly finned and colored getting eggs was a biological impossibility."

upon arrival at Casa Leuterman for a divorce and now live separately. While the judge was making final arrangements one egg was produced and the resulting fry, 'a Hilda', spends weekends with her dad, who resides on

last year when you managed to get me four *Gnatholebias zonatus*, two *Gnatholebias hoignei* and a pair of *Rivulus hildebrandi*.

I know my penmanship is not very good (at least since second grade when Sister Mary Benedict did not put a star by my name on the bulletin

board!) but surely it was pretty clear that I asked for two pair of *Gn. zonatus* and one pair of *Gn. hoignei*. While it is true that all six males turned out to be brilliantly finned and colored getting eggs was a biological impossibility.

The pair of *hildebrandi* filed immediately

the far side of the fishroom by the 'beer fridge'.

Okay, so here goes (remember pairs or trios only please of any populations):

1. *Scriptaphyosemion etzeli* (any popula-

tion except Yek Bir)

2. *Scriptaphyosemion chaytori*
3. *Scriptaphyosemion guignardi*
4. *Callopanchax occidentalis*
5. *Callopanchax toddi*

6. *Callopanchax huwaldi*

7. *Archiaphyosemion viride*

8. *Scriptaphyosemion brueningi*

9. Any *Rivulus* (or whatever they are being called now;

you will recognize them as 'little brown fish' for the most part)

10. Any *Ancistrus* pairs/trios except *dolichoapterus*.

Thanking you in advance for any fish that

you might be able to locate and deliver.

Sincerely,

Art

P.S. Try fishrooms of Mikkelsen, Weatherford, Katz, Hellner, Terceira and Hauptman for starters!!!

Santa, all of these pictures were graciously provided by Tony Terceira so that you may better know what to look for in your hunt.

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



Script guignardi Sougueta 2003



Callopanchax occidentalis Mangata pop.



Archiaphyosemion viride male, female release



Scrip nigrifluvi Mamou 1981

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Want a by-line—
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Christmas Letter from the President

Merry Christmas TAKO members,

I am penning this short missive for two very important reasons. First, it is the holiday season and I sincerely hope that each of you has a healthy and peaceful Christmas with your loved ones and fish. Second, I was threatened by the editor that he would pilfer my first born Rivulus EH if I did not write a short, cheery note. Therefore, enjoy your holiday season and keep those fish breeding.

Stephen

! Chris Weatherford is leading the KEY Standings at the end of the calendar year!

TAKO members/exhibitors in KEY Standings

Take a peak at the latest standings in the KEY classification for the national organization. Hats off to our very own Chris Weatherford, who thanks to his quality entries at the TAKO BELLE REVUE in July and his showings at the fall events, including WAKO, in early November, sits atop the standings as we head into the 'lull' of winter. The next show will be in Michiana area in late February 2014.

Hang in there Chris as the competition will get tougher as the weather begins to warm and your closest competitors start searching those tanks for quality pairs to enter. Good luck to all who take the time to breed, show and share the fish with the membership and the general fish public.

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