American Killifish Association Convention 2020 - June 19 through June 21, 2020 at the Holiday Inn St. Louis, Airport West. This AKA Convention is being co-sponsored by the St. Louis Area Killifish Association (SLAKA) and the Missouri Aquarium Society (MASI).

Friday Show Set-Up

Saturday Speakers:

Christophe Aubin - Bordeaux, France - traveled, photographed and collected killifish and other fish in Cameroon and Congo. He has spoken to aquarium clubs throughout Europe about his collecting experiences and the fish hobby. See some of his photos at https://www.stofmania.com/

Donald Taphorn, PhD - lived nearly 30 years in Venezuela, where he collected and studied annual killifish. Dr. Taphorn will present the annual killifish of Venezuela, including his collecting work with the late Professor Jamie Thomerson in the Orinoco. His time in Venezuela was spent at UNELLEZ (the University of the Western Llanos), where he founded a Natural History Museum and Fish Collection- one of the finest in South America, fully computerized with almost 50,000 catalogued lots.

Richard Pierce, PhD - Massachusetts - a marine biologist who has studied and collected killifish for many years. Rich will be presenting a program on the Lampeye group with some great information on this unique and beautiful group of killifish.

Dave Hemmerlein - SW Michigan - long time member of the AKA and NANFA, and an experienced collector of native North American fishes including native killifish. Dave will present on collecting native fishes in the southeastern United States.

Mike Hellweg & Jack Heller - St Louis’ serious hobbyists, will provide a workshop on fish room techniques and tools that have served them well during their many years in the hobby. Mike is a nationally renowned hobbyist who has presented throughout the U.S. on various aspects of the aquarium hobby and written two books on live foods for the aquarist. Jack has spoken extensively on the killifish hobby and fish room design.

Saturday’s Special Sale: Combo Rare Fish & Rented Table Sale. See website for details. Buyer’s Access based on Convention registration number. Convention handles transactions and all sales from rented tables go to the sellers.

Saturday Banquet and Awards Program

Sunday Auction: 11 A.M.

Monday Activities Planned for those who choose to stay another day.

- Collecting trip to the Missouri Ozarks, home to a large number of freshwater species including killifish, darters, minnows, dace and catfish.
- Tour of Newly Opened St. Louis Aquarium - promised to be another great experience.

Registration for AKA Convention 2020 opens January 1, 2020 on line at http://aka.org/

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Room Rate: $119 plus tax. (Special rate including Breakfast), Free Parking & Airport Shuttles