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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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- submit an article, classified ad or photograph for the bulletin
- put a fish in the bowl show
- attend the OCA Extravaganza
- turn fry in for the BAP program
- attend the social meetings
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## LEW CARBONE: PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Hey, everyone!

I hope your summer has been enjoyable so far, and that you're looking forward to the new season of OCA activities.

The Michigan Cichlid Association, led by President Josh Cunningham and VP Blair Henze (both OCA members) and their crew, many of them Extravaganza regulars, did a great job putting on the ACA Convention. There was a nice contingent of OCA members there, but glaringly missing was Scott Myers, who had other things to do. (Congratulations to Scott and Aprielle for the June 22<sup>nd</sup> birth of their daughter, Faith.) This made for a smaller show than normal, but a few of our local aquarists did well. Dean Mersinas won a 1<sup>st</sup> place for his nice *Vieja argenticia*. (Ask him about the competition in that class.) Dave Hale had 2 fish place in the Aulonocara class, including a 1st place "Lwanda" that won the CARES Best of Show award. His incredible *Pundamilia nyererei*, that turns so many heads at the Extravaganza, won its class and division. OCA board member Jeff Natterer also won the Art and Photography division with the design that graced the 1996 Extravaganza T-shirt. (See photos on the following page)

Speaking of which: Since our last bulletin a lot has happened concerning Extravaganza planning. We've lost a catfish speaker, and then found one. (See the "Extravaganza Update") And here's the "twist" that I promised in the May bulletin: We've added a 7<sup>th</sup> talk. **Mo Devlin** will return to the area with a late-Friday night photography workshop. More info about this will follow.

I can't stress enough the need for everyone to make Extravaganza hotel reservations NOW. I just found out that, like 2 years ago, there is an event at the skating rink next door for which many rooms are booked. We want to make sure that as many of the remaining rooms as possible are filled by Extravaganza attendees. Don't get stuck in an overflow motel across the parking lot, or even in Middleburg Heights. To make your reservations, call the Holiday Inn directly at (440)238-8800. Make sure to make reservations with someone in that building, as the Holiday Inn centralized reservation office is not aware of the Extravaganza room rate of \$70.

Finally, try not to miss this month's meeting. **Kevin Carr**, from New Jersey, will talk about some of the largest Neotropical cichlids. His reputation suggests that the evening will contain mass quantities of laughter.

Hope to see you at the meeting!

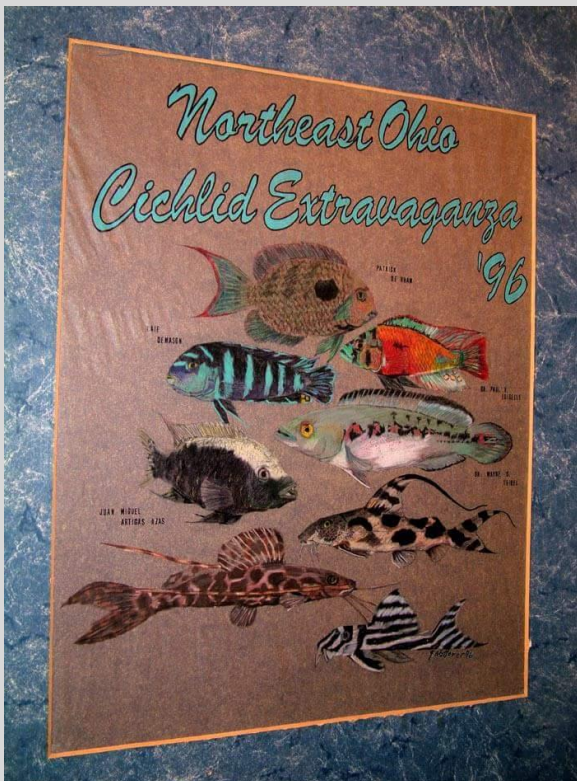
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Dave Hale's Aulonocara Lwanda



Dean Mersinas' Vieja argentia



Jeff Natterer's Extravaganza T-Shirt



Dave Hale's Pundamilia Nyererei

# SOCIAL MEETING INFORMATION

The Next OCA Social Meeting is Friday,  
August 4, 2017 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

(All times approximate)

7:30	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:**  
***Kevin Carr on "King of Monsters"***

Middleburg Hts. Rec. Center

August 4



Program Preview: Kevin Carr  
August, 2017  
Submitted

Kevin Carr has been in the organized hobby since he was 16 years old. He is an Honorary Life Member of the North Jersey Aquarium Society and a Life Member of the American Cichlid Association. He has held every position in the North Jersey Aquarium Society, including five terms as President. He has chaired or co-chaired several tropical fish events, including national conventions. Kevin says, "Because of my big mouth I have offered my services as an auctioneer to several of the local fish clubs". His voice is definitely very appropriate for an auctioneer, and his great sense of humor turns any auction into a fun event.

Kevin has won several awards showing tropical fish (mostly cichlids) including the ACA's Pat Mahoney Award. He has kept and bred many of the larger South and Central American Cichlids. He has also worked in the retail pet industry and been a co-owner of a tropical fish wholesale business. To him, the hobby is not just about the fish but the social aspect - the people. As he says, "Next to my angel, my lovely daughter Ania, this is what I enjoy the most".

Kevin will be presenting "King of the Monsters", a review of 10 of the largest Central and South American Cichlids.

In September, local aquarist Nick Zarzeczny will give a presentation about his trip to Lake Tanganyika.



## Letter From the Editor

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Hello OCA Members,

Welcome back after the OCA's summer break in July. I cannot believe the summer has gone by so quickly. Extravaganza is quickly approaching, so be sure to plan accordingly. If you have never been to the Extravaganza, you are missing out on an extraordinary event where the OCA brings in some of the best speakers from around the world. Be sure to get registered and book your rooms. You will not want to miss the 2017 Ganza.



I hope you enjoy this month's version of the bulletin. As always please contact me with any content, ideas or suggestions.

Until next month,

Andrew Schock  
[BuckeyeBulletin@gmail.com](mailto:BuckeyeBulletin@gmail.com)



# EXTRAVAGANZA 2017 UPDATE

## Extravaganza 2017 Update

By Lew Carbone

There has been a change in our plans for the 2017 OCA Extravaganza.

We are sad to announce that Luiz Tencatt, who was very excited to be coming to our event, had to cancel. It seems that, because the closest consulate is over 600 miles from where he lives, and the process would require a stay of several days, the logistics of getting a US visa for his passport would be impossible to work out, as he will continue to be deep into finishing his PhD studies over the next few months. We are hoping that he can get all that worked out over time, and come visit us within the next couple years.

On the other hand, we are happy to announce that we have booked another young catfish specialist to appear at this year's Extravaganza! His name is **Daniel Konn-Vetterlein**. Daniel is not well known in the US, but is becoming a regular at the big catfish events in Europe, mainly in Germany, Austria and the UK. He is currently preparing to begin his PhD studies at the University of Kiel, in northern Germany. He is also studying Spanish, serving as an assistant to a field biologist studying German wildlife, and teaching classes in fish morphology, environmental science, and other branches of the biological sciences.

Daniel is slated to give a talk about the catfish of Bolivia and Brazil, complementing **Wolfgang Staeck's** survey of cichlids from the same region. He will also give a presentation on rarely seen catfishes from all over South America.

Wolfgang will also give a talk on Apistogramma, and **Ad Konings'** topic this year will be cichlids of the Congo Shore of Lake Tanganyika. **Anton Lamboj** will round out the slate of topics with his presentation about West African cichlids, "Pelvicachromis and Related Genera".

The registration store on [the OCA website](http://www.ohiocichlid.com) is open, and the Strongsville Holiday Inn is taking reservations for our event. Rooms are only \$70 a night, and can be reserved by calling (440)238-8800. Make sure to ask to speak to the on-site reservations person, as the Holiday Inn's central reservations office may not be able to offer the special rate. The sooner you make your hotel reservations, the better, as more reservations early means more rooms made available to us later, and we don't want you to be disappointed if our blocks sell out before you book. It HAS happened before!

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# UPCOMING OCA SOCIAL MEETING PROGRAMS

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## 2017

August 4

**Kevin Carr**

“King of Monsters”

September 1

**Nick Zarzeczny**

“Adventure on Lake Tanganyika”

October 6

**Andreas Tanke**

Germany

Cory Evolution/New Species in the Hobby

November 3

**Greg Steeves**

Victorian Cichlids

December 1

**Christmas Party**

## 2018

January 5

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**Matt McGee**

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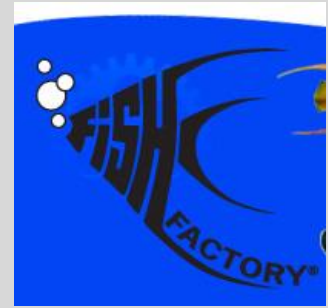


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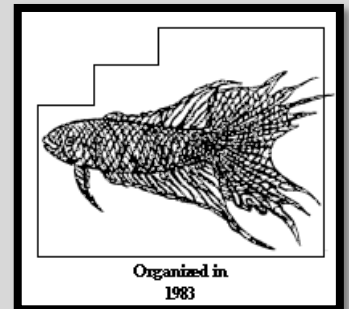
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# JUNE CICHLID BAP

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.

## **Bob Blazek**

Aequidens pulcher "electric blue"	10
Protomels sp. "Steveni Taiwan"	10
Xystichromis sp. "Kyoga flameback"	10

## **Bob Evers**

Symphysodon sp. "fire red discus"	20
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## **David Hearn**

Copadichromis mloto "ivory head"	10
Placidochromis sp. "Phenochilus Tanzania"	10

## **Steve Olander**

Steatocranus casuarius	15
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## **John Tesar**

Haplochromis ovatus "OB"	10
Julidochromis regain	15
Protomelas insignis	10
Pseudotropheus williamsi	10

## **Jeff Yadlovsky**

Aulonocara koningsi "Mbenji Island"	10
Aulonocara sp. "German red"	10
Trichromis salvini "Rio Candelaria"	15
Melanochromis joanjohnsonae	10

Congratulations to  
Steve Olander  
For reaching the  
100 point level

# 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 (6/2/17)

BREEDER	2017	TOTAL
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### MASTER BREEDER 1000 POINT LEVEL

Lew Carbone	45	2900
Don & Marilyn Danko	-	2405
Dan Woodland	-	2070
Josh Cunningham	-	1505
Bryan Davis	-	1455
Bill Loudermilk	-	1200
Linda Wallrath	-	1130
John Tesar	70	1090
Rich & Maggie Schoeffel	-	1065
Mark Chaloupka	-	1055

### 900 POINT LEVEL

Dennis Tomazin	-	965
Jeff Yadlovsky	95	910
Tom Swiderski	-	905

### 800 POINT LEVEL

Hilary & Antonio Lacerda	40	870
Dustin Brummitt	-	840
Jonathan Strazinsky	35	815
Ken & Sue Galaska	-	800

### 700 POINT LEVEL

Gary Mendez	-	790
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### 600 POINT LEVEL

Jeff Natterer	-	690
Bill Schwartz	10	655
Bob Blazek	40	640
Charlie & Cathy Suk	-	615
Steve Zarzeczny	-	600

### 500 POINT LEVEL

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

### 400 POINT LEVEL

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

### 300 POINT LEVEL

David Hale	-	335
Tony Poth	-	335
Gary Zalewski	-	325
Greg Senn	-	315
Ken & Karen Grimmatt	-	310
Jonathan Dietrich	10	300
Tom & Carolyn Evers	15	300

### 200 POINT LEVEL

Andrew Schock	-	280
Dennis Kuehn	-	275
James Shakour	-	275
Dave Esner	-	250
Ken Walker	-	240
David Hearn	30	225
Jason Mylnar	55	225
Justin Way	20	220
Mark Kazanoff	55	215
Paul Collander	-	205

### 100 POINT LEVEL

Marc & Dawn DeWerth	-	195
Ozeal Hunter	-	190
Chuck Carroll	-	185
Denis Rozmus	-	185
Andrew Subotnik	-	180
Bob Evers	20	175
Charles Nowakowski	-	165
Frank Mueller	-	160
Steve Heinbaugh	-	150
David Ayers	-	145
Bill & Janice Bilski	-	145
Greg Seith	-	145
Dan Ogrizek	-	140
John Griffith	-	135
Carl Oszewski	20	125
Joe Ring	-	120
Peter Nario-Redmond	-	115
Aaron Stevens	-	115
David Toth	-	115
Raymond Langer	-	110
Steve Olander	15	105

### BREEDER LEVEL

Mark Huntington	-	95
Dolores Bacisin	-	85
Pete Gembka	-	80
Rick Wood	-	75
Bob Tillman	-	70
Matt Urbin	-	70
Dave Dimond	-	65
Anthony Scarton	-	65
Nicholas Zarzeczny	-	65
Jim Jensen	10	60
Paul Palisin	-	60
Chris Jaskolka	-	55
Dave Dimond	-	50
John Kahl	-	50
Alex Gorges	-	45
Margaret Heifner	40	40
John Kaminski	-	40
Ethan Wiley	-	40
Matt Lacy	-	35
Christopher Sooy	-	35
Tom Tansey	-	35
Jason Gorges	-	30

Paul Hutnyak	-	30
Keith Robinson	30	30
Adam Stallman	30	30
Wayne Corman	-	25
Fred Roberts	-	25
Andy Lacerda	-	20
Scott Meyers	-	20
Bill Sensor	-	20
Jason Webb	-	20
Roger Stark	15	15
Ken Carey	-	10
Jim & Amy Damm	-	10
Ron Drungil	-	10
Ben Jensen	-	10
Cory Knarr	-	10
Michael Meyer	-	10
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.**

**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.**







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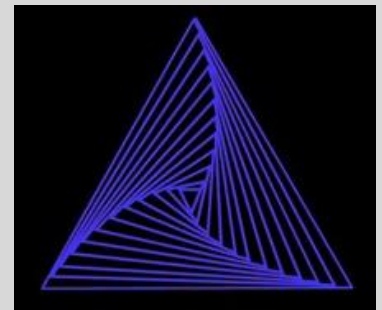


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# JUNE CATFISH BAP

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.

**June 2, 2017**

<b>Breeder</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>Bob Bina</b>	<b>Ancistrus sp. Albino Long Fin</b>	<b>10</b>

## 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.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Dan Ogrizek	10	420
Steve Heinbaugh		365
Dave Ayres	10	300
Don & Marilyn Danko		285
Phil Ayres		230
Ken Walker		120
Eric & Rhonda Sorensen		110
Dan Woodland		100
Matt Urbin		90

Tom & Carolyn Evers	10	80
Bob Blazek	10	80
Hilary Lacerda		80
Bob Bina	10	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
Bill Schwartz		40
Josh Cunningham		40
Kyle May		40
George Aganostopoulos		40
Karen & Ken Grimmett		30
Lew Carbone		30
Andrew Schock		30
Bob Evers		30
Jason Mlynar	10	25
Tony Poth		20
Gary Mendez		20
John Tesar		20
David Toth		20
Paul Palisin		20
Jeff Yadlovsky		10
Dave Hearn		10
John Griffith		10
Carl Olszewski		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



“English” Dave Ayres receives his award for reaching the 300 Point level!

Congratulations Dave!



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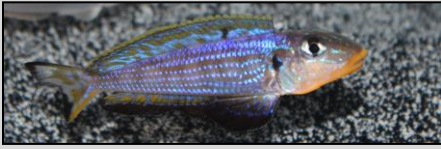
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# OCA BOWL SHOW

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 Carl Olszewski, at a meeting for more information.



## This Month's Bowl Show Categories:

Old Word – Exclude Rift Lakes and Victorian Basin

Open New World, limit 3

Open Tanganyika, limit 3



## OCA Bowl Show Rules

All entries must be set up no later than 8:30 pm.

Entries should be labeled with the name of the fish (common and Latin names). This should be placed on or next to the tank being shown

When judging is complete points and prizes will be awarded as follows:

**1ST PLACE WINNER WILL RECEIVE \$40.00 + 12 POINTS**

**2ND PLACE WINNER WILL RECEIVE \$20.00 + 7 POINTS**

**3RD PLACE WINNER WILL RECEIVE \$10.00 + 5 POINTS**

**The grand prize winner will be announced at our December Christmas Party meeting. This will be awarded to the person who accumulated the most points at the end of the year.**



## OCA BOWL SHOW

The grand prize for this year's Bowl Show may be out of reach for some of you, but we still have prize money to give! All you have to do to win this prize money is bring in your best fish for the classes posted this month. It's that easy. Just bring in your fish before 8:30 pm, set it up and sit back and collect that cash! It's that easy!



**BRING THOSE FISH IN AND GET SOME FAST CASH!!**

# 2017 BOWL SHOW SCHEDULE

## January 6:

Tanganyikan Shell- dwellers  
Central Americans under 6"  
Loracariids (Pleco types) over 6"

## February 3:

Victorian Basin  
Angelfish  
Synodontis and other Mochokids

## March 3:

Pseudotropheus, Cynotilapia, Melanochromis  
South Americans under 6"-- exclude Angels, Discus, Apistos  
Catfish—exclude Callichthids, Loracariids, Mochokids (see other classes for explanations)

## April 7:

Peacocks  
Central Americans over 6"  
Freshwater Crustaceans

## May 5:

Tanganyikan Mouth- brooders--exclude Frontosa  
South Americans over 6"  
Loracariids under 6"

## June 2:

Mbuna--exclude Pseudo, Cyno, Melano  
Discus, Uaru  
Open Catfish, limit 3 per participant (all Cats eligible)

## August 4:

Old World—exclude Rift Lakes and Victorian Basin  
Open New World, limit 3  
Open Tanganyika, limit 3

## September 1:

Frontosa  
Open Old World, exclude Malawi, Tang.  
Corys and other Callichthyids

## October 6:

Malawi "Haps"  
Apistos  
Fish Photography

## November 3:

Female cichlids, limit 3  
Loaches and Botias  
Telmatochromis, Chalinochromis

## December 1:

Tanganyikan "Lamps"—exclude Shell-dwellers  
Julidochromis  
Open Malawi, limit 3



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