Next NEC Event:
March 28 - 30, 2014 - NEC 39th Annual Convention
(Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, CT)

### 2014 NEC CALENDAR

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(CP) – Crowne Plaza Hotel   (CC) – Conference Call

The NEC does not coordinate dates for club events, but does publish this monthly calendar for your convenience. Prior to selecting a date for your club's next event, please check the NEC calendar for availability, and then notify me of the new date immediately at BRomeo1234@optonline.net or by phone @ 914-433-2556.
President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Keeping it short this month, been under the weather for several days. Please get out there and support our sister clubs, you'll have a great time doing it, really! One thing I have noticed is culls showing up at the local club auctions. Folks please keep in mind if you wouldn't buy the lot, then why would you expect anyone else too. Please examine what you're bring. I have received negative feedback over the past several years of this happening, I'm starting to notice it myself and yes I have been bitten also...

The Convention Committee is moving forward at full speed on the 2014 convention. Registration is still open, so please sign up. Unfortunately, we were forced to cancel the workshops due to exceptionally low sign-ups. Attendees who did sign up will be issued refund checks in their convention packets. We would appreciate a link back to the Convention web site from each club's web site to help us advertise the 2014 convention. Check out the NEC website for up to date information on the Convention www.northeastcouncil.org.

Just a reminder, any organized aquarium club or society can now apply for membership in the NEC. They should send an email to president@northeastcouncil for additional information.

Also, NEC club dues are due, several reminders have been sent, thank you to those who have paid. Question should be directed to Joe Dinho...

Upcoming NEC / Sister club events for 2014:

March '14

15 TFSRI Auction
16 JSAS Auction
28-30 NEC Convention & Auction

April '14

6 NJAS Auction
26 CNYAS Auction
27 NECA Auction
Please make the time to get out and support the NEC and these sister clubs…

**NEC meeting dates for 2014:**

**General:**
2Q – June 1 (CC)
3Q – Sep 14 (CC)
4Q - Dec 7 (CP) – Annual, Elections

**BOG:**
2Q – May 4 (CP)
3Q – Aug 9 (CP @ 5pm)
4Q - Nov 16 (CC)

*(CP) – Crowne Plaza Hotel *(CC) – Conference Call

**Note:** the above dates may change if conflicts are encountered; meeting confirmation and information will be published in the newsletter President’s message.

The next **NEC Board Meeting** will be a held on Sunday May 4, 2014 at 12 NOON. This meeting will be held at the Crown Plaza.

The next **NEC General Meeting** will be a held on Sunday June 1, 2014 at 12 NOON. This meeting will be a conference call. Details will be sent prior to the meeting.

**Items to Remember:**

1. Send your club contact updates to Barbara Romeo at bromeo1234@optonline.net
2. Newsletter events to Barbara Romeo at bromeo1234@optonline.net
3. Website news & events to webmaster@northeastcouncil.org
4. Speaker list updates to Linda Giza at lindagiza@comcast.net
5. If your club is looking to schedule a conference room at the Crowne Plaza, please contact Leslie Dick at ldick@comcast.net

Please feel free to contact me with questions or suggestions; it's best to contact me by email at president@northeastcouncil.org, you can also call me at 1-845-896-4793.

Joe Masi
NEC President
03/14/14
NEC Convention Update

The 2014 Annual Convention is just over a week away! Are you registered yet?

Registration: Online registration will be open until March 19th. After this time, online registration will close and you may register as a walk-in at the registration table at the convention. Registration will open at 10 AM Friday, and the convention begins at 12 NOON. The registration table will be inside the Vendor Room for the first time this year.

Hospitality Sponsor:

Amazonas Magazine has graciously agreed to sponsor our hospitality room on Friday and Saturday evenings. Thank you, Amazonas! More good news regarding the hospitality room – we will be enjoying the evenings in the Governor’s Suite on the third floor after several years in the President’s Suite on the fourth floor. The Governor’s Suite has an adjoining board room, refrigerator and bathroom. There will be lots of goodies during hospitality - everyone will receive a free issue of the most current Amazonas magazine. If you don't already subscribe, you are missing out on an extraordinary publication! You may be in luck since there will be door-prize drawings including free annual subscriptions as well as Amazonas mugs during the evenings' festivities.

Join co-hosts David and Janine Banks!

Come have a great time enjoying munchies and beverages with friends old and new. Who knows, there may even be music?
**Silent Auction and Chinese Raffle:** We have some lovely silent auction and Chinese raffle prizes! Check out the tables next to the registration table.

**Vendor Room:** Nancy Villars has been working tirelessly with vendors, and this year we welcome back old friends, welcome new vendors, and say goodbye to a long-time supporter of the NEC. We welcome back Frank’s Aquarium, Cobalt, South Coast Scientific, The Planted Tank Guru, South Central Cichlids, Essential Suds, and Your Fish Stuff.
We welcome new vendor The Pleco Feeder, and after a long hiatus, BK Trading/ Wet Pet Books. Last year’s hospitality sponsor The Wet Spot Tropical Fish returns to the convention as a Silver Sponsor and a vendor. We say goodbye to Kingfish Services. Ray Lucas retires after 26 years in the industry. Please support our vendors and make sure to stop by Kingfish to thank Ray for all his service to the hobby!

Sponsors: We welcome back Bronze Sponsor Plecoworld, and celebrate silver sponsorship from The Wet Spot and an anonymous silver sponsor, and new bronze sponsor Fish Mart.
**Silent Auction donors** include The Wet Spot, Cichlid News, KOI Organisation International, and Aquaultraviolet.

**Product donations** were received from Sera, Hikari, Dr. Fosters and Smith, The Wet Spot, Ecological Labs, United Pet Group, and LIAS.
We have also received cash donations from quite a few individuals. Thank you all for your support of the NEC and the convention. Special thanks go to Barbara Romeo in her first year as Donation and Sponsor Chair.

**Photo Competition:** Rich Pierce is looking forward to your photo submissions. **Please send your digital submissions to him by midnight on Thursday, March 27th.** For rules and submission information, please visit the convention pages and click on the Photo Competition link.

**NEC Tropical Fish Show:** All eight classes, Best of Show, and Reserve of Show have been sponsored! Thank you to Central Mass Aquatics, TFSRI, Claudia Dickinson, NELA, NECA, NJAS, Al Wagonblott, and Aqua-Life Central. Support our show and register an entry in one or more of the classes.
**Conservation:** The James J. White Memorial Conservation Fund will be well represented in the Vendor Room again this year. We are supporting Project Seahorse and the Goodeid Working Group. Stop by and bid on the silent auctions, including fresh and saltwater species and hard goods.

**Workshops:** Due to the limited number of confirmed convention attendees who registered for both the saltwater and freshwater workshops offered at this year's convention, we have had to cancel these workshops. Thank you to all the dedicated hobbyists who did register for them! These individuals have been contacted by the convention chair by e-mail. We hope to offer these workshops at a future convention.

**Hotel Rooms:** The Crowne Plaza welcomes all our convention attendees. The hotel has available rooms. If you haven’t made a room reservation, please go to our Hotel page or call the hotel directly to receive our convention room rate. To receive this rate, please make your hotel reservations by clicking on the link below or you may call 1-888-233-9527 or 1-877 2 CROWNE (1-877-227-6963) and refer to code XVQ.

Thank you to all clubs who have graciously offered the use of sound systems, LCD projectors, and a special thank you to TRSRI for all the equipment and personnel necessary to manage our tropical fish show.

We’re convention bound, looking forward to another successful convention and seeing your smiling face!

I’m smiling!
Leslie
The Cichlid Club of York, PA (CCY) became an NEC official member on Feb 21, 2014.

Mission (from website):
Created out of the need to represent the cichlid community here in Pennsylvania. The Cichlid Club of York is LIVE! It is a movement, it's Rock and Roll and Hip Hop combined with a touch of Frank Sinatra's class. It's the one place where men with shirts and ties and men with low pants and slanted caps can all unite and show off their favorite cichlids. But this is not a club just for men... No!.. Like the saying goes "behind every good man is a better woman" and folks we have some of the baddest women cichlid hobbyist in the PA area.

The Cichlid Club of York will not leave you in a stuffy room with hard chairs and long meetings. "No!" We will embrace the elements, getting our hands wet and our minds fed with interactive projects, field trips (collecting fish in our native area and beyond), shop hops, and much more. So come join us. Come join the club that dares to be different. - Scott McLaughlin, CCY President

Website: http://www.cichlidclubofyork.com

Newsletter: The Cichlid Chronicles
See Meeting Flyer enclosed in this newsletter.
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The Koi Oranisation International (K.O.I.) became an official NEC member on March 2, 2014. K.O.I. is the 29th official member club within the NEC.

Mission (from website):
The mission is to promote and improve the international enjoyment of the Koi hobby by providing hobbyists with education and mentoring regarding good Koi husbandry, the recognition and management of Koi and pond systems problems and the management of improvement options.

Instructional courses provided on many aspects of the hobby for all levels of interest. Students work with instructors and mentors to improve their understanding of Koi keeping. Members can provide one-on-one consultations through e-mails, phone consults and on-site visits if needed. Products of interest to Koi keepers are available from the online K.O.I. store. Instructional courses begin with the most basic information and build on each other in successive levels of complexity and depth. Curious visitors will be pleased to discover there is a free comprehensive Beginners Course, K.O.I. 101 for the novice Koi keeper that is available to anyone that registers at the K.O.I. web site. This course can be taken as time permits and includes a self-test. The goal of K.O.I. 101 is to provide basic recommendations and guidelines to help keep Koi alive and healthy. This web-based course is available in multiple formats. Choose from Web pages of text and pictures, a series of self-paced, narrated PowerPoint presentations or an audio format for download to MP3 players. Fun activities will allow Koi keepers to test their knowledge as they complete each section. Those who successfully complete the entire course may print a certificate of completion.

Website: [http://koiorganisationinternational.org](http://koiorganisationinternational.org)

See flyer enclosed in this newsletter.
COME JOIN US FOR…

Education – K.O.I. provides courses on many aspects of the hobby for all levels of interest. Students work with instructors and mentors to improve their understanding of Koi keeping.

Consulting - K.O.I. can provide one-on-one consultations with Certified members through e-mails and on-site visits if needed.

Products - K.O.I. sells products of interest to Koi keepers through our on-line store available on our web site.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Koi Organisation International will provide education for all levels of Koi keepers from beginner to advanced. Initially, three levels of achievement and/or certification will be offered:

1st Level – Basic Koi Keeper℠
2nd Level – Certified Koi Keeper℠
3rd Level – Master Koi Keeper℠

In addition, courses in specialized areas (some toward becoming certified in those specialized in those areas) and other fun and interesting aspects of the Koi hobby are planned.

FEATURES

- The K.O.I. program does not require students who are seeking certification to be affiliated with any club or organization.
- The K.O.I. program is International, (thus the spelling of “Organisation” to reflect the world scope) drawing students and instructors from countries around the world.
- The courses are open enrollment and may be purchased by anyone that has an interest, virtually whenever they wish, without committing to any further training.

BENEFITS

- Current, accurate and useful information.
- Access to knowledge and expertise of many highly recognized experts from around the world.
- Easily accessible to anyone with a computer.
- K.O.I. has received nonprofit status and donations are tax deductible.
- Membership is open to all in this international organization of Koi keepers and we all share the common goal of successful Koi keeping.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT

KoiOrganisationInternational.org

PROVIDING CURRENT, ACCURATE AND USEFUL INFORMATION

OUR MISSION

The mission of Koi Organisation International™ (K.O.I.™) is to promote and improve the world wide enjoyment of the Koi hobby by providing hobbyists with opportunities for education, scientific study and mentoring, the recognition and management of Koi and pond systems problems, and the management of improvement options.
A Chuck Davis Facebook Selfie!
Best Wishes for A Speedy Recovery…We Love You!
NJAS Bus Trip to TFCB 25th Anniversary event
Burlington, VT June 7th & 8th

NJAS is coordinating an overnight bus trip to Burlington, VT for TFCB 25th Anniversary show on June 7th & 8th for members of the NY metropolitan aquarium societies. It is an overnight trip for all local aquarium societies that is for both fish and non-fish people and supports David and Jeanne Banks’ club as they have supported many of our clubs in the past.

Leaving 7 AM Saturday, stop at a location in NY TBD and arrive in Burlington, VT at approx. 2 PM. Leave the Burlington area Sunday approx. 4 PM, stop in NY around 10 PM, NJ by 11 PM

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<td>- Lake Champlain Dinner Cruise Saturday evening</td>
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It is important that I get an accurate count of who would be interested in attending by March 20th so I can arrange the bus, contact the hotel and let TFCB know that we are attending.

Any additional questions or to reserve your limited spot please send an email to JOEDI1@earthlink.net or call 201.218.6177 if you are interested.
The NEC Nominating Committee will be putting together a slate of Officers and Board of Governors for the NEC’s December elections. Anyone interested in a position should let someone on the committee know as soon as possible. The positions are President, Vice-president, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and six Board of Governors positions.

Please contact a member of the Committee if you are interested in filling a position:
Linda Giza, Chair: mailto:lindagiza@comcast.net
David Giza: mailto:davegiza@comcast.net
Fran Masi: mailto:franc21alliance@optonline.net
Russ McAndrews: mailto:marksdonnam@hotmail.com
Janine Banks: mailto:dbanks@together.net

NEC Tropical Fish Show
CALL FOR SET UP & TEAR DOWN HELP

at the 39th NEC Convention
March 28th to 30th
Crowne Plaza in Cromwell, CT

Please contact George Goulart for times needed at
gorge@aqualifecentral.com
Dear Fellow NEC Hobbyists,

The James J. White Memorial Conservation Fund was formed to help conservation efforts through fundraising and donations to well – established and working conservation groups. For several years the Committee has hosted a silent auction at the Annual NEC Convention to benefit organizations that are involved in conservation.

This year the NEC has chosen two very exciting programs for support from the JJW Memorial fund.

- Project Seahorse is a marine conservation organization committed to the conservation and sustainable use of the world’s coastal marine ecosystems. We generate cutting-edge research and turn our findings into highly effective conservation interventions. We collaborate with other researchers, governments, and local communities.

By working to protect seahorses, Project Seahorse supports marine conservation more broadly. Seahorses suffer from the same pressures and benefit from many of the same interventions as other marine life.

They are threatened by overfishing and habitat loss. Action for seahorse conservation directly benefits other marine animals, particularly when it comes in the form of marine protected areas or improved governance. See Seahorse.fisheries.ubc.ca for more information.
The North American Goodeid Working Group, (GWG) is an international organization of over 50 aquarists and scientists from Europe and North America dedicated to the preservation of fish species in the family Goodeidae.

Nearly all of the approximately 40 species in this family are in grave danger of going extinct within their native habitats in Mexico and the southwestern United States. Goals of the GWG are to promote and support the captive maintenance and breeding of endangered goodeids, to preserve goodeid habitat, and to support scientific research relevant to goodeid conservation.

The GWG has two branches, one in Europe (12 countries) and the other in North America (Mexico, USA, Canada), with the North American branch (NAGWG) just formed in spring 2013. At present, the NAGWG has 20 members who maintain a total of 183 populations of 38 goodeid species in captivity.

The NAGWG is actively raising funds to help expand the number aquarists maintaining captive populations of rare goodeids in North America, to support two large-scale conservation aquarium facilities in Mexico (in Morelia and Monterrey), and to promote on-the-ground habitat preservation and scientific research at several springs with high goodeid diversity in central Mexico. See http://www.goodeidworkinggroup.com for more information.

We are asking fellow hobbyists to consider donating rare or unusual freshwater/saltwater fish, new or gently used equipment, dry goods or aquarium related art or books. Cash donations are also accepted at the NEC Convention site.

With your help we can continue to provide support for present and future projects.

Thank you,
David Giza davegiza@comcast.net
Steven Allen 1-774-212-1025
Scott Dowd sdowd@neaq.org

The 39th Annual NEC Convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell CT
Fri March 28-Sun March 30, 2014
NEC Fish Show 2014

Photo Contest Chairperson, Richard Pierce

We invite all NEC members and convention attendees to submit your best aquatic photographs to the NEC Photographic competition. All entries will be displayed at this year’s Annual Convention, with prizes awarded for the top three photos in each class.

**Eligibility:** The competition is open to all registered Convention attendees and members of the NEC clubs. You do not have to be present to participate.

**Classes:** The advanced class is for anyone who has ever received a first place award in any aquarium related photo competition or who has ever been paid for any photographic aquarium related subject. If you have previously won a first place in the NEC photo contest, you are entitled to enter in the Advanced class, but are not required to do so.

1. Individual Fish / Fish Identification – Advanced Class
2. Individual Fish / Fish Identification – Open Class
3. Underwater Life (Group or Tank Photos) – Advanced Class
4. Underwater Life (Group or Tank Photos) – Open Class
5. NEC Activities People Pictures

**Limit of Entries:** Three in either class 1 or 2, three in either class 3 or 4, and 3 in class 5 – nine entries maximum.

**Format:** All entries must be digital. Prints or slides will not be accepted. Images should be in jpeg format and between 1200 pixels and 2400 pixels in the greatest dimension. Each digital file submitted should be composed of the actual photograph only. No borders, other decorative effects or text should be added to the image.
There are no restrictions on post-exposure editing and/or image manipulation. It is understood that photographers may take creative liberties with digital files. It is up to the judges to detect and determine when such manipulations are unnatural or obtrusive, and evaluate images accordingly.

File Name: The file name for each entry should include the entrant's last name, first name, species name or brief description, and class and entry number (per class) as per the following examples:

doe_john_corydoras_sterbai_C1_E1
or
doe_jane_planted_aquarium_C4_E2

Method of Delivery: Entries should be e-mailed as file attachments to rw_pierce@verizon.net by Midnight the Thursday before the convention. Each e-mail should not exceed 2 Mb in size and may contain multiple photos. Use several e-mails if necessary. The body of the e-mail should include the entrant's name, address, e-mail address and phone number. A list of files sent should also be included giving the file name, description of the photo, class and entry number. The contest chairman will reply by e-mail within 72 hours indicating the files have been received. If you do not hear back within 72 hours you should follow up with another e-mail or phone call to be sure that the files were received.

Entries may also be sent by snail mail on CD, DVD, SD Card, micro SD card, or USB drive to Richard Pierce, PO Box 132, North Attleboro, MA 02761-0132. The media should include a text or MS Word file with the entrant's name, address, e-mail address (if available) and phone number. A list of files sent should also be included giving the file name, description of the photo, class and entry number. If sending the entries by SD card, micro SD card or USB drive use an inexpensive device as it will not be returned. These devices can typically be purchased for less than $10. Snail mail entries must be received by Noon the Thursday before the Convention. Postmark date is irrelevant and the contest chair is not responsible for entries that do not arrive on time. The Chair will follow up with an e-mail or phone call to let the entrant know that the files were received and were readable.

Please send your digital submissions to him by midnight on Thursday, March 27th. Entries will not be accepted at the convention.

All entries will be archived, renamed and cross-referenced so that the judges will not see the entrant's name as part of the judging. The judges' decisions will be final.

Use of Entries: The entrant agrees to allow unrestricted publication of images by the NEC whether for editorial or promotional purposes. Notwithstanding the NEC’s unrestricted use of
submitted images, entrant retains ownership/copyright of submitted images, whether published or not, and merely grants the NEC permission to reproduce images. A photo credit and/or copyright notice shall accompany any image reproduced in any context. Pursuant to the above, the NEC stipulates that entrant claims ownership/copyright for all images submitted (i.e., entrant is presumed to own the intellectual property rights for all images he or she submits under his or her name). Display of Entries: It is expected that all entries will be displayed on a digital picture frame or other digital device in the vendor room of the convention starting Saturday. This display may include the entrant's name and other text on each photograph and will start after the awards have been announced. Display of the photographs at the convention is independent of judging. Contest personnel are not responsible for technical problems that may prevent display of the photographs at the convention. Judges will make their decisions on unmodified photographs, not the photographs with identifying text added.

**Review of Entries and Judging:** On Friday evening, the first night of the convention, there will be a public review and critique of the entries. All convention attendees are welcome. Refer to your convention program for the time and location of this event. This will be the judges' first look at the photographic entries and the judges will be invited to critique the photos, pointing out the strong points and weak points of each photo. The purpose of this session is education. The judges will be asked to give honest constructive criticism on the photographic entries. If you are not ready to hear such criticism of your photographs, please do not attend. The audience is expected to remain respectful during this session. From this session observers should get a better idea of what makes a strong photograph, in the opinion of the judges. After all the photographs have been critiqued the public will be asked to vacate the room and the judges will make their selections for the winning photos.

**Awards:** Cash awards will be presented at the annual convention breakfast.

$20 for 1st, $10 for 2nd, and $5 for 3rd

**Technical support:** If entrants have questions pertaining to preparing their photographs for submission they are welcome to contact the Contest Chair for help. The Chair will provide help and advice in resizing, formatting and submitting the photographs only. The Contest Chair will not give advice on artistic issues, post work, or other issues not pertaining to getting the photographs in the correct size and file format for submission.

**Contest Chair:**
Richard Pierce  
PO Box 132  
North Attleboro, MA 02761-0132  
E-mail: rw_pierce@verizon.net  
Phone: 508-643-4603
**Make certain Connecticut doesn't chalk up a dubious first.**
Throughout history, Connecticut has been synonymous with iconic firsts; the Hartford Courant was the first newspaper published in America, the first town library in the U.S. was organized in Salisbury, and even the first constitution in America-possibly the world-was adopted 375 years ago in Connecticut.

These important moments in history helped **shape the world we live in today** and didn't happen overnight; they were brought about by the hard work and support of everyday individuals, like you.

Now, YOU have an opportunity to **make certain Connecticut doesn't chalk up a dubious first**. Help convince the politicians on the General Assembly's Environment Committee to protect pet-choice, local businesses, and animal welfare in Connecticut.

**Why this is important.**

You see, the recent Task Force deliberations produced several recommendations for addressing the few bad, out-of-state breeders causing problems.

Some Task Force recommendations may be a step in the right direction. Other recommendations, however, would **jeopardize** pet-choice, local businesses, and some of the most stringent consumer protection laws in the U.S. which only apply to retail pet sales.

We expect legislation based on the Task Force recommendations to be introduced by the General Assembly's Environment Committee in the coming weeks.

**That's why we need your help.** We need to tell the politicians on the Environment Committee that any legislation resulting from the Task Force recommendations must do the following:
Establish ZERO-tolerance for bad breeders. The Task Force's recommendation regarding DIRECT violations of USDA regulations is appropriate. However, that same recommendation includes unreasonable requirements for INDIRECT violations. Almost all indirect violations of USDA regulations are administrative in nature and not deemed a serious problem by the inspector. The real concern with indirect violations in Connecticut involves two sections of the Animal Welfare Act covering veterinary care and improper handling. If the politicians were to include only indirect violations in those two areas, this would be a reasonable compromise instead of an effort to stop good breeders from serving responsible pet stores in Connecticut.

Maintain reasonable consumer protections. The good people of Connecticut deserve the best consumer protections. Connecticut's Puppy Lemon Law, for example, already provides reasonable protections for consumers who purchase a puppy or cat that becomes ill within a certain period—including a full refund for the purchase price of the pet.

Protect responsible pet stores and their employees. Any "grandfathering" of existing pet stores will severely limit the store owner's ability to sell the business, can easily be changed or removed by politicians at a later time, and puts the future of pet stores in jeopardy as there will be fewer stores.

Do your part with just a few clicks.

Click: http://cqrcengage.com/pijac/app/write-a-letter?0&engagementId=41659

Animal welfare, pet-choice, and our local economy are far too important—and the support from fellow citizens is far too great—for our movement to just sit on the sidelines. With support from responsible citizens like you, we can protect animal welfare, promote pet-choice, and support local businesses in Connecticut.

Let's show the politicians that Connecticut citizens want to effectively address the problem of the few bad, out-of-state breeders without limiting pet-choice and putting local pet stores out of business. The more emails these legislators receive from supporters in Connecticut, the better chance we have to influence the Environment Committee's decision.

It doesn't take much time to use our online tool and send your message. In just a few clicks you can customize your own message to ALL of the politicians on the Environment Committee.
Use our suggested talking points to tell these politicians that you support pet-choice, appropriate regulations to protect animal welfare, want pet store employees to keep their jobs, and support eliminating the few bad, out-of-state breeders who sell into Connecticut.

Stand and be heard. Your voice matters and it is essential for these politicians to hear from you if we are to make a difference. Do your part and make history today!

From:
PIJAC - Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council
1146 19th Street, NW Suite 350,
Washington, DC, 20036, USA
http://www.pijac.org

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NEC Slide and Videos

All video and slide presentations are available to any NEC club to use as their monthly meeting program. Any other use should be discussed with the NEC slide and video chairman prior to the request. Please make requests as far in advance as possible to allow for scheduling and regular mail delivery. The NEC club requesting the program is responsible for actual shipping charges in both directions.

Failure to return the program will result in a $50 replacement charge.
Please return programs within 14 days after the scheduled meeting.

Requests should be made to: David Banks, 315 US RT 2, Grand Isle, VT 05458
Email: dbanks@together.net or 802-372-8716

Last published library listing: February 15, 2014 NEC Newsletter
Wanted to Buy:
Looking for more *Orizias melastigma* – sold as a donated lot at the GHAS Auction on Jan 26\(^{th}\). Please e-mail Leslie Dick at LDick@comcast.net if you were the seller.

Swap Hop Rules & Disclaimer:
Users of the Swap Shop should understand that they do so AT THEIR OWN RISK. Both parties understand and agree to complete the transaction independently of the NEC. The NEC is in no way responsible for any portion of these transactions and cannot be held in any way liable for any loss incurred by either party in the transaction. Furthermore, participation in the Swap Shop serves as acceptance of these rules. If you would like to advertise a Swap Shop listing please forward information to Barbara Romeo by the tenth of each month. Be sure to include all pertinent information in your announcement. NEC reserves the right to deny a listing for any reason.

New England Cichlid Association (NECA)
Trip to:

WHEN: April 12, 2014
WHERE: Taunton, MA

More information: [http://www.necichlids.com](http://www.necichlids.com)
The Tropical Fish Club of Burlington Celebrates 25 Years!

The Tropical Fish Club of Burlington was formed with very few expectations in February of 1989. The hobbyists in the area however really showed enthusiasm and built a great organization that is still going strong today.

We are celebrating our 25th anniversary this year! From the first meeting with 50 interested people attending, to all of our events and activities, TFCB has really taken to heart the motto that was used to start the club, “MEET AND LEARN FROM OTHERS WHO SHARE YOUR INTEREST”!

Our February 13th meeting is our actual anniversary party and we hope to have many past and present members attend, eat cake and enjoy the great friendships we have all formed over the years. We will also have lots of prizes and a short presentation on the history of the club.

The weekend of June 6-8 we will have a weekend long event. We hope to have many people join us for this event as there will be something for everyone. We begin Friday with an informal tour of Vermont microbreweries followed by a barbeque at David and Janine’s house on the lake in Grand Isle.

Beginning early Saturday morning we will have six programs by four great speakers at the Holiday Inn in South Burlington. We have worked out lunch with the hotel so we can be all together throughout the day. Saturday night will bring a unique Vermont experience to everyone; a dinner cruise on Lake Champlain on the ‘Spirit of Ethan Allen’ (www.soea.com). Sunday will top off the weekend with our annual Fish Auction. For those that are travelling, we have a great price for rooms at the Holiday Inn, and for those that want more of a Vermont experience, Shore Acres (www.shoreacres.com) in North Hero is also holding rooms for us. We have kept the price of the weekend to a bare minimum so that all can participate, and we hope everyone takes advantage.

We hope everyone can attend our anniversary meeting in February and/or our June weekend event. Milestones like this do not come often, and we want to have everyone celebrate with us!

Thank you.
David Banks, and all of the TFCB members. www.tfcb.org

Editor’s Note: See The 25th Anniversary Flyer enclosed in this newsletter.
Please note that all NEC clubs are listed on the NEC website’s homepage, and have a link to each of the local club’s websites if you need additional information for any of the club meetings.

**March**

**March 15**
Aquarium Club of Lancaster County (ACLC)
Greg Steeves
“Lake Victoria Haplochromine Cichlids”
More info: [http://www.aclcpa.org](http://www.aclcpa.org)

**March 16**
Pioneer Valley Water Garden & Koi Club (PVWG&K)
Leslie Duthie
“Native Plants Attract Native Wildlife”

**March 17**
Boston Aquarium Society (BAS)
Bill Gill
“Designer Nano Guppies”

**March 19**
Central New York Aquarium Society (CNYAS)
Mark Benaro
“Aquatic Plants and Aquascaping”
More info: [http://www.cnyas.org](http://www.cnyas.org)

**March 20**
Norwalk Aquarium Society (NAS)
Sal Silvestri & Don
How to Make All Natural Paste Food For Our Fish
March 20
North Jersey Aquarium Society (NJAS)
Rosario La Corte
“Following the General’s Footsteps”
More info: http://www.njas.net

March 21
Long Island Aquarium Society (LIAS)
Joe Ferdenzi
“Aquarium Gadgets and How to Build Them”
More info: http://www.liasonline.org

March 22
Cichlid Club of York (CCY)
Jay Stephan
Aulonocara Peacocks
More info: http://www.cichlidclubofyork.com

March 29
Northeast Livebearerer Association (NELA)
Ted Coletti
“Montezumae Swordtail: Three Centuries of Strains”
NEC Convention, Crowne Plaza, Cromwell, CT
More info: http://northeastcouncil.org/nela/

April 2014

April 2
Greater City Aquarium Society (GCAS)
Rosario LaCorte
“The Fish I Have Worked With”
More info: http://www.greatercity.org

April 6
New England Fancy Guppy Association (NEFGA)
Grindel Worms & How to Ship to IFGA Shows!
More info: http://newenglandguppies.org
April 10
Tropical Fish Club of Burlington (TFCB)
Peter Izzo
Uruguay
More info: http://www.tfcb.org

April 11
Brooklyn Aquarium Society (BASNY)
Rachel O’Leary
“Freshwater Nano Diversity”
More info: http://www.basny.org/

April 14
Jersey Shore Aquarium Society (JSAS)
Discussion on Aquatic Plants

April 17
Norwalk Aquarium Society (NAS)
Dan Katz
“Introduction to Killie Fish”
More info: http://www.norwalkas.org/xoops/

May

May 4
New England Fancy Guppy Association (NEFGA)
“How to Design and Setup a New Fish Room! & A Little Show Prep!
More info: http://newenglandguppies.org
May 7
Greater City Aquarium Society (GCAS)
“Fish Jeopardy”
More info: http://www.greatercity.org

May 12
Jersey Shore Aquarium Society (JSAS)
Larry Jinks
“Fish I Have Bred”

May 15
Norwalk Aquarium Society (NAS)
Amanda Wenger
“Planted Tank”
More info: http://www.norwalkas.org/xoops/

2014 Club Events

If you would like to advertise your monthly meetings or special events, please forward the information to Barbara Romeo by the tenth of each month. Be sure to include all pertinent information (location, time, contact person or website for additional information) in your announcement.
The Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island presents

Triple Crown Fish Auction
Saturday, March 15, 2014

St. Joseph’s Parish Center
1303 Mendon Road (Rte. 122)
Cumberland, RI

Free Admission! All are welcome!

Doors will be open at 10:00 AM.
The auction starts promptly at 12:00 PM

DIRECTIONS TO THE AUCTION:
Route 295 to Route 122, (exit 10). Take a left off the ramp, proceed past the Burger King on your left and Route 116 on your right. Continue on route 122 for approximately one mile. St. Joseph’s church will be on your left. Turn left into the driveway immediately before the church, and follow the driveway around the rear of the church and proceed to the top of the hill. The Parish center will be on your right.

The Tropical Fish Society of Rhode Island meets on the third Wednesday of each month (except December) at 7:30 PM. Meetings are free and all are welcome to attend. Go to www.tfsri.net for meeting location

BRING YOUR BEST FISH!

For a $1 fee you can put a reserve on any lot! YOU set the minimum bid, if the lot doesn’t sell for your price or better, you get it back!

TFSRI’s split is $3 per bag sold, all the rest goes to the vendor.

No limit on the number of lots submitted. All lots must be live fish, plants or aquarium-related items. See rules for complete details.

Preregister by March 10th and get a red dot sticker to bump one bag to the start of the auction.

All lots open at $3. Lots not selling for the minimum bid of $3 are returned to the seller. Lots selling for only $3 are considered donations to TFSRI.

Vendor Fee: $2
Bidder Card: $2 (Waived for Vendors)
Bump any lot $2       Rebagging fee: $2

Visit www.tfsri.net for complete rules and auction forms.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
Al Wagonblott        401-619-7805
mr_wiggles_sr@hotmail.com

or visit us on the web at: www.tfsri.net
TFSRI Auction Rules

1. **Live fish and aquatic invertebrates, aquatic plants and aquarium related material only!**
2. Each participant may bring as many lots as they like. There is a limit of 3 lots per species.
3. No animals or plants restricted or deemed illegal by the Rhode Island or Federal Governments will be accepted. No deformed fish will be accepted including “Bloody Parrot Cichlids” and any “ballon” fish. No hybrids except for Flowerhorn Cichlids and domestic livebearer strains are accepted.
4. All fish lots must be properly double-bagged – **A fee of $2.00 will be charged for lots not double-bagged, leaking or otherwise requiring rebagging.** Seller must mark each bag for species, pairs, male/females etc. Unidentifiable lots will be returned to the seller.
5. Dry goods must be in new or like-new condition. No used aquarium gravel. No light bulbs in any condition.
6. Lots not selling for the minimum bid of $3 are returned to the seller. Seller’s proceeds may be collected after all of a seller’s lots have sold. If the seller leaves before all lots are sold, the seller’s proceeds will be mailed to the address provided by the seller.
7. The seller must pick up any lots that fail to sell. Any items left will become the property of TFSRI.
8. All bidders must register at the auction table for a bidder number. Bidder numbers are available for **$2.00 each.** – Vendor registration includes a free bidder number.
9. Bidders must pay for all purchases before leaving the auction. Payment must be by cash or check with a valid driver’s license. Credit cards are NOT accepted.
10. The registrar and auctioneer have the right to refuse any lot due to size, defects, sickness, inadequate bagging or any other disqualifying reason.
11. To pre-register for the auction e-mail your name, address & phone number to Al Wagonblott: mr_wiggles_sr@hotmail.com
    **Pre-registration deadline is the Monday before the auction.** Pre-registrants will receive a “red-dot” sticker to place on one bag, which will be auctioned before all other lots.
12. After the “red-dot” items are sold, the 10 table system will be used. The order of the tables will be determined by random draw. Lots may be bumped to the start of the line any time after the red-dot lots are sold for a $2 fee.
13. All sellers must completely fill out a vendor form. Vendor forms are obtainable at our website www.tfsri.net, at a meeting, by e-mail request, or at the auction.
14. All vendor forms and lots to be sold must be received at the registration table **before 12 Noon on the day of the auction.**
15. TFSRI and the auctioneer will do their best to assure that all items at the auction are what they claim to be, but it is the bidder’s responsibility to assure that the item is what you intend to bid on. Unless the item was misrepresented by the auctioneer, all purchases are final. You are responsible for assuring the lot is what you want **BEFORE** you bid.
16. Unless a reserve price is set by the seller, the opening bid amount is $3.00. The auctioneer may open at a higher price for items expected to sell at higher prices. If a lot sells for only $3.00, it is considered to be a donation to TFSRI.
17. The auctioneer has the **FINAL WORD** on all bids.
"Lake Victoria Haplochromine Cichlids"

by Greg Steeves

Long time cichlid enthusiast Greg Steeves is perhaps best known for his writings on the haplochromine species of Africa. His interest in aquatics began early, living on the east coast of Canada along the Atlantic Ocean. His attention to Lake Victoria began in the early 90's when Idi Amin was terrorizing the citizens of Uganda. At this time he fell into a collection of cichlids from Lake Victoria thus finding a focal point in aquatics.

In 2002 Greg moved to Texas where he resides with his wife Lee Ann, and children Karli, Stuart and Erin. He maintains a small breeding operation focused on haplochromine cichlids. Fish produced in his breeding room can be seen at public aquariums and hobbyists fish rooms around the world. He has written many articles on a variety of topics generally centered on the fauna of Lake Victoria. He has initiated the LVP (Lake Victoria Project) in his home club (www.hillcountrycichlidsclub.com), and is Lake Victoria species coordinator in the CARES program. Greg is a fellow and contributor to the Cichlid Room Companion.

Together with his friends Anton Lamboj and Dave Hansen, Greg has written the first in a series of books exploring the various African cichlid clads entitled "The Cichlids of Africa". The second in the series "Haplochromines" is due out in 2014.

When not playing in his fishroom, you can find Greg and Lee Ann attending cichlid shows and conventions or snorkeling, fish collecting and shooting video footage in some waterway. Cichlids have become a big part of Greg's life.

THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME
For more information about the Aquarium Club of Lancaster County, or directions to a meeting, please visit our website at http://www.aclcpa.org
or
contact Kurt Johnston - president@aclcpa.org or 717-965-7763
THE JERSEY SHORE AQUARIUM SOCIETY
presents its
22nd ANNUAL
Tropical Fish and
Dry Goods Auction!
SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2014

Featuring rare and exotic tropical fish,
a wide selection of aquatic plants, with
free goodies and door prizes all day long!
Snacks and refreshments will be available.
Open to public – free admission
($2 bidder fee).

To be held on Sunday, March 16, 2014 at the Knights of
Columbus at 70 E. Main St. in Freehold, NJ.

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Viewing of items: 10 a.m. - 11:45 p.m.
Auction starts at noon sharp!
Any person may bring quality live fish and aquatic plants to
enter into auction.
60/40 split when preregistered by Mar. 16 or
50/50 split when registered at the auction.
Auction rules available upon request.

For more information or to preregister:
e-mail allaboutpetsllc@yahoo.com, call (732) 223-4530,
or visit www.jerseyshoreas.org

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PROUDLY PRESENTS NOTED AUTHOR,
PHOTOGRAPHER, COLLECTOR, BREEDER, EXPLORER
ROSARIO LA CORTE
THURSDAY, MARCH 20th. 7:45 PM

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242 CHESTNUT STREET, NUTLEY NJ
www.njas.net

BOWL SHOW: KILLIFISH, BETTAS, GUPPIES
MONTHLY FISH & PLANT AUCTION
The Cichlid Club of York presents Aulonocara Peacocks

Jay Stephan, Cichlids Are Special

Saturday
March 22, 2014
@ 1pm

50 North East St.,
Spring Grove, Pennsylvania 17362
Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies

39th Tropical Fish Convention

March 28 – 30, 2014

Speakers - Vendor Room
Fish Show – Workshops
All Day Auction Sunday!

Don’t miss this opportunity to see great speakers, get new fish
and learn from others who share your interest!

THE CROWNE PLAZA
Cromwell, Connecticut

Exit 21 off I-91 South of
Hartford. Turn left off exit.

An Educational and Social
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http://www.northeastcouncil.org/
Speakers – Vendor Room – Sunday Auction 11am (viewing from 9:30am) – Banquet – Workshops

Club meetings – Fish Show

Rick Borsetein – Spawning Cichlids – 60 Tips – Digital Photography
Ted Coletti – Xiphophorus – Water Gardens
Ken McKeighen – Evolution of Fish – Pupfish
Matt Pedersen – Marine Fishrooms – Aquarium Ark

Roxanne Smolowitz – Anatomy/Physiology FW Fish
Mark Soberman – African Catfish – Cory/Aspidoras/Brochis
Kris Weinold – NA native plants – Aquascaping

Roxanne Smolowitz – FW Fish Disease Diagnoses Workshop
Andrew Murphy – SW Coral Fragging Workshop

Leslie Dick 203-748-7800 ConventionChair@northeastcouncil.org
http://www.northeastcouncil.org/convention
NJAS ANNUAL AUCTION SUNDAY APRIL 6
THE LARGEST SELECTION OF TROPICAL FISH OFFERED FOR AUCTION ON THE EAST COAST
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REG: 9AM AUCTION AT 12 NOON
The Brooklyn Aquarium Society Presents

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Photograph by Tomasz Lis — winner of 2013 BAS photo contest for best Nano Tank

At The New York Aquarium, Education Hall, Surf Ave. & West 8th St., Bklyn, NY 11229
Held the 2nd Friday each month, except July and August
Free Parking • Free Refreshments
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Or Call BAS 24 Hr. Calendar of Events Hotline (718) 837-4455

Car Directions: Belt Parkway to Ocean Parkway South (Exit 7S). Take Ocean Parkway approx. 1/2 mile. The NY Aquarium will be on your left.
Subway Directions: Either the Q or F trains to West 8th St., NY Aquarium Station.
CENTRAL NEW YORK AQUARIUM SOCIETY

LOVE FISH?

Come to The 36th Annual Fish Auction

April 26th at 11:00am
St. Matthews Over The Rainbow Child Care Center
214 Kinne Street, East Syracuse, NY, 13057

Registration will begin at 10:00 to 11:00am

Additional information:
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*** Announcing ***

New England Cichlid Association

NECA’s Spring Tropical Fish Auction!

Join us at the Polish American Club, 9 1st Street in Windsor Locks, CT on Sunday, April 27th for our spring Tropical Fish Auction.

Door Prizes
50/50 Cash Raffle
Free Admission
Refreshments

Good people….Good fish….Good fun!

Auction starts at 12:00 noon. Doors open at 9:30 AM for viewing and registering lots. Bring ALL your fish (NOT JUST YOUR CICHLIDS!) and new or “gently used” aquarium equipment for $3 per lot. Donations are great too!

Visit www.necichlids.com for more information
Otter Valley Aquarium Society
2014 Auction & Bowl Show
Sunday May 18
Noon - 5:00 PM
Holiday Inn Rutland
US Rte. 7 South - near Green Mountain Plaza
Tropical Fish / Aquatic Plants / Equipment / Fish Food / Door Prizes

Auction Guidelines:
Auction runs from Noon till 5:00 PM
Registration and viewing opens at 9:30 AM
Preregistration encouraged by contacting Brian & Lee Scott at leenbrianscott@yahoo.com
50/50 split on all auction lots (60/40 split to those who preregister lots by May 16th)
Donated lots encouraged (100% of sale to OVAS)
Maximum of 4 lots per species per person
Maximum of 40 lots per person total (fish, plants, etc.)
Auction goers may request a lot be bumped to the front for a fee of $2 per auction lot
All “wet” auction lots (fish or plants) must be double bagged. All lots that arrive in single bags will be double bagged for a fee of $1 per lot
All bagged fish and plants must be clearly labeled with species and common name. We encourage adding “adult” photos of fish to add to the lot’s salability
All equipment up for auction must be in working order

NOTE: Aquatic Plant Sale Table New for 2014!!
How many times have you seen your plants go for next to nothing at auction? To expedite the auction, and to keep prices at a reasonable level, we are offering an Aquatic Plants Sale Table for direct sale of your aquatic plants. Let’s get the most out of our plants, and the most out of our auction this year!

50 / 50 Raffle
Support OVAS, Buy more fish! Drawing at 3:00 PM

Bowl Show Guidelines:
Prizes:
$100 (1st), $75 (2nd), $50 (3rd)
No entry fee this year
Preregistration encouraged for show label printing
All species eligible
Set up is 9:30 - 11:30 AM
Judging is “People’s Choice” voting by attendees of the auction event (winners announced at 2:00 PM)
Fish must be shown in bare tank (no gravel, plants, or decorations) with at least one flat side
You may include your fish in the auction at the close of judging (standard 50/50 auction split)

Things we will provide:
We have a limited number of small show tanks
We have a few air pumps, stones, tubing
Water conditioner
Show tables

Things you should plan to bring:
Show tank (with at least one flat side), seasoned water, nets, fish, air pump & stone, plastic bags if you intend to auction your fish

Contact: Bob Hooker at bjhookervt@gmail.com
Brian Scott at leenbrianscott@yahoo.com
THE TROPICAL FISH CLUB OF BURLINGTON

Celebrates 25 Years!

PLEASE JOIN US
- June 6-8, 2014
- Holiday Inn, South Burlington, VT

Great seminars and speakers:
- Eric Bodrock
- Regina Spotti
- Rachel O’Leary
- Stephan Tanner

ALSO INCLUDES: Tour of Vermont Microbreweries, Dinner Cruise on Lake Champlain, Friday Night Social Barbeque...
PLUS Sunday Auction, Raffles, Vendors, and so much more!

We hope you will come celebrate this milestone with us!

For more information, please visit www.tfcb.org.
New England Fancy Guppy Association
presents an
International Fancy Guppy Assoc.
Sanctioned
Fancy Guppy Show
June 28 & 29, 2014
www.newenglandguppies.org

Where:
Luther Burbank Middle School, 1 Hollywood Dr., Lancaster, MA 01523
Junction of Rt. 70 & Rt. 117

Why:
Come to the auction to buy great quality breeding stock!

More Info:
E.T. Mellor, 11 Morgan Circle, Amherst MA 01002, 413-549-0478
Greg Billings, 10 Sky Farm Lane, Sterling MA 01564, 978-870-2593

Schedule
Saturday, June 28, 2014
Registration of all fish: 9 AM – 2:30 PM
Judging - 3 PM until done
(Public may silently observe judging)
Show room open until 9 PM for visitors

Sunday, June 29, 2014
Open to the Public: 9 AM – 12 Noon

Auction (open to the public): 10 AM
(Come at 9:00AM to start viewing auction fish)

Visit our web site for more info:    www.newenglandguppies.org

Come join us and consider becoming a member of the New England Fancy Guppy Association.

This is what new members can look forward to….

- “monthly” meetings at homes with very different fish room setups
- interesting and informative monthly member requested seminars
- club purchasing power and savings of common needed supplies
- "Fish for Kids" project promoting the hobby in schools
- collectively having hundreds of years of experience raising guppies
- common sharing of breeding shock among members
- electronic copy of PAST year’s "Guppy Gazettes"
- team work of putting on an IFGA sanctioned show each year
- monthly bowl shows
- perfect male tee shirt
- special breeding projects
- detailed collection in our club loan library
- NEFGA "coffee table" picture book

Come and see some of the best guppies in the world!!!
SAVE THE DATE
NOVEMBER 7-9, 2014
Marriott Renaissance Hotel
Schaumburg Convention Center
Chicago, Illinois
http://www.aquaticexperience.org
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Southern New England Killifish Association  SNEKA
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Upstate NY Killifish Association  UNYKA
Worcester Aquarium Society  WAS

Members At Large 2012-2014
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Nancy Villars (JSAS)
Dave Giza (NELA)
Leslie Dick (DAAS)
Ben Belancik (NECA)
Bill Gill (BAS)

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Competitive Events (NEC
Sponsored) .................. George Goulart
Constitution and By-Laws .. Joe Masi
Judging & Standards ...... Anne Broadmeyer
Legislation .................. Dave Giza
Planning (Council Mtg. Prog.) Linda Giza
Programs (Slides & Videos) .. Dave Banks
Public Relations (Society
Relations) ..................... Open
Organization (Assist / New
Groups) ....................... Open
Raffles (Fund Raising) ...... Open
Shows ......................... Open
Workshop ..................... Leslie Dick

Non-Standing Committees:
Advertising .................. Bill Gill
Articles Competition ........ Artie Platt
Auction ..................... Joe Masi / Dave Giza
Betty Mueller ............... Joe Masi
Breeder Participation Program Rich Pierce
JJW Memorial Conservation Dave Giza
Donations .................... Open
Exhibitor Competition ...... Bill Gill
Historian ..................... Dave Banks
Newsletter .................. Barbara Romeo
Nominating .................. Linda Giza
Photo Contest ............... Rich Pierce
Speakers .................... Linda Giza
Sunshine ..................... Fran Masi
Webmaster .................. Mark Broadmeyer

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