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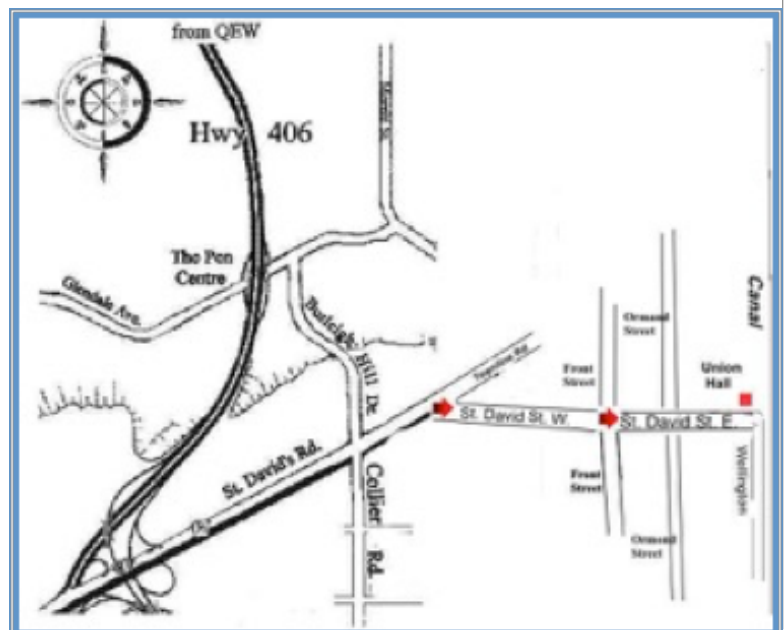
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► **Our Mission Statement:** The society, established in 1958, is a non-profit educational organization, dedicated to the task of promoting interest in the breeding, raising, maintenance and study of tropical fish, both at the beginner and more advanced levels.

► S.C.A.A.S. is a charter member of the Canadian Association of Aquarium Clubs Inc., (C.A.O.A.C.), www.caoac.ca and a member of the Federation of American Aquarium Societies, (F.A.A.S.), www.faas.info

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Upcoming Events

11- 11:00 AM - CAOAC Executive Meeting
Waterdown ON

11 - 12:00 PM - CAOAC General Meeting
Waterdown ON

24 - Durham Region Aquarium Dinner
Speaker with Gary Lange

Jar Show Fish of the Month

February Loaches & Sharks

March Swords, Platies, Mollies

April Anabantids including Gouramis & Bettas

May Guppies

June Corys & Catfish (including plecos)

****Remember** the Open Class every month.

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February Program

The Next Meeting is on Monday February the 5th.

We will have a return visit from Jessica Bullock, with her presentation on Dwarf Cichlids.

PAT'S PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE



Welcome to you all. Our January program that was put on by our own Andrew Fruck was well received. I enjoyed hearing about where and how our tropical fish find there way into our pet stores and eventually into our tanks.

Our speaker for February with be Jessica Bullock from the Hamilton & District Aquarium Society. She will be speaking on Dwarf Cichlids. This will be an interesting talk as there are so many colourful, dwarf cichlids that are available to our hobby to keep and successful breed in the home aquarium. We will also have our usual raffle draw and auction as well as jar show.

Soon it will be spring and the start of the show/auction season at the various aquarium societies. The first that I am aware of would be Hamilton & District Aquarium Society spring auction on March 24, 2018 in Waterdown. There is also a first for Niagara, where there will be the

Greater Niagara Coral show on March 25, 2018 in Niagara Falls. There will be 20 vendors selling various corals. More details to follow on these.

I hope you are able to attend, see you there.

Pat



Words from the Editor Type Person



Well after just finally making more time for my fish, I have realized that its important for us to make time for relaxation and indulgence in whatever hobbies we may have. Did some much needed water changes, started another battle against some algae, then sat back and just watched my fish. I find it very relaxing, aaaannnnnd I think I might want another tank. Wonder what my wife will say about that.

The editor wants you.

Send in suggestions, stories, whatever you the members would like to see in your newsletter.

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2. Gary Oblinsky

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(Jar Show Chair)

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(AHAP CHAIR)

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THANK YOU - MANAGEMENT

Caoc meeting updates.

Good news , the Brantford aquarium society that had folded more than a year ago has now started again and has had 2 meetings.

Unfortunately the Forest city pond club has called it quits . They chose to donate \$600 plus to caoc to be used towards furthering the aquarium hobby.

It was also discussed as to how caoc can continue to improve upon helping clubs and support the hobby.

There was also a discussion as what to do with the mountains of old documents and information from as far back as the 1970s. And at what point does this information retain relevance or should be thrown out. Three people have volunteered to start reviewing the old information.

The next general meeting is February 11th at 12 pm in Waterdown, any aquarium club member is welcome to attend.

Cheers Phil Barrett,

St Catharines caoc rep.

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Few Crazy Fish Facts



1. Goldfish have teeth

Image Credit: Lachlan Donald

Though they may look toothless, goldfish actually do have teeth – but they're located in their throats (1) . They're called pharyngeal teeth and the goldfish use them to help to crush up their food.

2. Mudskippers can walk on land



Image Credit: Jon Clark

The amphibious mudskipper is a rather adaptable creature, as it can use its pectoral fins to walk – or, rather, skip – on land (2). In fact, it's so good on land that it can even catapult itself up to two feet in the air in a spectacular flip. To survive on land, it keeps a supply of water in its gill chambers when it ventures out of the water, and is also able to breathe through the pores of its skin when it is wet.

3. Some fish can talk to each other.
While you've probably heard about marine animals like dolphins and whales being able to communicate with one another, you may not have heard that some fish can talk, too (3). They contract their swim bladder to create vibrations that make a range of sounds.



Some are chattier than others, though. Gurnards communicate quite a lot, while cod are generally quiet unless they're spawning. Sadly, though goldfish can hear, they aren't able to speak – so striking up a conversation with the residents of your aquarium may not amount to much.

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