



# The Raleigh Aquarium Society

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*Next Meeting: Thursday, January 5th @7:30pm*

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at the [North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine](#) located at [4700 Hillsborough Street in Raleigh](#). Visitors are welcome! Snacks and light refreshments are provided. A raffle of fish and fish related items follow the meeting. Due to Security Issues, NCSU has required that the doors going into the downstairs lobby remain locked. Please be on time, as we will have a designated person standing by the door to let you in. If you are late, you may try knocking or call Brandon Berry 's cell phone at 252-266-3559, Jeff Jenkins at 919-612-0229, or John Patterson at 919-264-4011.

### ***T-shirts!***

The new RAS T-shirts are here. Cost is \$25 per shirt if purchased at the Jan. and Feb. meetings, \$30 at the [annual workshop](#). Sizes from small to XXL are available.



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# Meeting Agenda

## COLLECTING TROPICAL FISH ON THE RIO NEGRO

by Todd Wenzel

Watch as Todd Wenzel travels to Manaus, Brasil, to assist in cardinal tetra research on the Rio Negro, the world's 4th largest river. See the collection of rare fishes from the region. Watch as piranhas, aquatic "rodents" and giant river turtles join him for lunch. And travel so far into the bush that you can actually drink right out of the creek! Sights few gringos have ever seen.

## Monthly Feature

*'Twas the Night Before Christmas*

*Linda and Roy Miller Berkshire Museum Aquarium Club 12/76*

'Twas the night before Christmas, and Santa was coming,  
The fish were excited, one even was humming;  
The fry were all snuggled in their watery beds . . .  
While visions of brine shrimp swam in their heads;  
The Cabomba was trimmed and sparkled just right;  
Of course the Neons you know, provided the light;  
The colorful ornaments - green, red and gold  
Green Swordtails, red platies, and goldfish we're told;  
A big Silver Angel graced the top of the tree,  
It was the prettiest "Fishmas" tree even could be.  
And then on the tank top there arose such a clatter . . .  
The fish swam 'round to see what was the matter.  
Someone was coming, they could tell by the sound--  
Then down the filter tube came Santa with a bound!  
The stump of a snorkel held tight in his teeth,  
And the bubbles encircled his head like a wreath.  
In his furry red wet suit he swam to the tree,  
And opened his pack for the fishes to see;  
A new hollowed log for the fry to play tag,  
Was the very first gift he pulled from his bag;  
Cans of flake food were next, brine shrimp and squid,  
And a bubbling treasure chest, with the fluttering lid;  
New colored gravel, a large piece of slate,  
It was obvious now the angels would mate.  
Santa hadn't forgotten them . . . He'd filled every wish,  
He'd remember each item they put on his list.  
Then laying a finger aside his air hose . . .  
And giving a nod, up the tube he arose;  
But they heard him exclaim as he hopped in his sled . . .  
Maybe next year I'll bring them a 55 gallon instead!

## Trading Post

Sal Notarmaso has: African cichlids- \$ 4.00 Yellow Labidachomis, Acei, Obnediean, Kenyi, Tanya Cichlids - \$ 5. Lepi, Barchardi, Alnocara - small \$ 8, large \$12 Yellow, Blue, Ngara, O.B., Ruby Red  
25 gallon tank \$20.00 I am able to purchase any new PennPexx , products at a good discount , food's, stand's, filters,Etc.  
I have 30 tanks in service come and see 919-383-3131, snotarmaso at nc.rr.com

Frank Montillo has: Praecox Australian Rainbows male and females, Yellow Labiochromis African cichlids male and females, red zebras and daffodils. Contact him at (919) 556-9004 or e-mail at fmontillo at aol.com

The Abernathy's are looking for a good adoptive home for 2 of their fish. One is an Angel Fish which has a marbled look of black and silver, with a bit of red. From fin tip to fin tip s/he is probably at least 6" tall. Age is around 5 years. Always gotten along fine with other fish in the tank. The other is a Plecostomus, standard brown-spotted variety. S/he is just over 8" in length and around 9 years old. Very hardy, having survived an interstate move. If you are interested, contact them at mydogduh at bellsouth.net or by phone at 303-9692 (Apex).

Susi Haisty has: several aquaria for sale. One is a 125 gallon, it's really new but was set up for a few months to help a friend out who was moving and needed a temporary "hotel" for his fish... This beautiful 125 gallon (long) tank comes with sturdy hand-built and stained/varnished wooden stand, and even has the glass tops ( i had made, because it was very difficult to find them in this size). I also have the filter, pump, gravel, driftwood, rocks, and lights, heater and everything you need to clean the tank and do weekly water changes. Pricing is negotiable.

The second tank is a very nice, used 150 gal, tank, with cabinet stand and glass tops. It has a honey colored wood trim and stand. This tank was set up for a few years, maybe about 3 years. It is in very good condition.

The third tank is a 65 gallon, used, and has no stand. It is a very cute little tank, a convenient size for someone who wants to keep plecos and several fish, plants and driftwood, but doesn't have room for a huge tank. It has the glass tops too.

I have lots of beautiful driftwood available, and several aquarium lights, heaters, etc.

Susi's phone number is (919) 870-8953, and she lives in North Raleigh. You can contact her by e-mail at Chefvonsjanze at aol.com or by phone, whichever is more convenient for you.

## Monthly Web Links

Do you have an unidentified plant that you picked up at the RAS workshop cheap? Check out aquaticplantcentral's [plantfinder](#) a nice photographic index of aquarium plants. This page is graphics-intensive, so you'll want to be patient while it loads.

Speaking of fish research, [American Cichlids.com](#) is a nice site for quick profiles of some of the more common cichlids of the Americas.

Thanks to Ricky at Triangle Tropical Fish for recommending [Mellow Aquatics](#), an angelfish breeder's site with a fascinating article on [angelfish genetics](#), as well as some impressive pics of the nearly entirely orange angelfish they are breeding.

Do you have a hard time keeping Otocinclus cats alive? They have a reputation for either living in a tank forever, or dying *en masse*, usually the latter. [Here](#) is a nice article on Oto likes and dislikes that may help you keep these cute little guys alive.

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# Raleigh Aquarium Society

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-All club discounts on club functions

-Education from the most knowledgeable aquarium experts in NC

-Yearly Membership - \$15.00 (includes spouse and children)

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