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TAKO Belle Revue 2015

The annual show, held 11 July at the Hampton Inn in Seguin, Texas, was a busy, action packed event.

Mr. David Schumacher, of Dave’s Rare Aquarium Fish fame, regaled all attending with the sometimes not-so-subtle nuances of getting started and running a successful fish business. The intricacies described are easily understandable while the necessity of being the proverbial ‘jack of all trades’ are overwhelming. The paramount takeaway was that one needs to have friends that are also willing to spend some time abetting one’s efforts in order to be a success.

A little plumbing, a little electricity, a lot of furniture mover and a great deal of patience are absolute virtues if one has any hopes of success. The sheer volume of work involved in simply setting up an empty office space as a viable aquarium business was staggering.

Dave brought one of his “friends” with him to confirm the efforts described by the slides. The respect, the humor and the camaraderie between the two was readily apparent to all attending.

In addition, the superb ‘fish pics’ of numerous East African Lake Cichlids greatly added to the afternoon’s featured presentation.

Once again it is imperative to proffer a sincere “thank you” to all those that supported our event. Dr. Sue Katz Am-burn attended and was shanghaied into setting up, judging, bagging, AND running the proxy bidding.

Our Pres—The Rabinator—stayed clear of salads and ran the computers the entire weekend as well as judging and acting as part-time Treasurer.

And finally, our supporters, especially friends in ARK, WAKO and elsewhere who got fish to us even though the BNL forgot us. Many thanks to all of you for your generosity.

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Message from the President

Dear All,

Allow me to extend a large “THANK YOU” to all our supporters for showing fish, showing up to help and bid and to share/extend friendships and their generosity. Especially those I can remember at this late date—Allan Semeit, Gary Greenwood, Jim Gasior, Jim Kostich, Sue Katz Amburn, Gary Pack, Derek Tang, Jayne Leuterman, Chris Lewis, Greg Steeves, Warren Hubbard, and our supporter HAGEN.

Without all of you this event would not have been nearly so much fun nor as interesting. May all of you have a blessed year and may you and your families prosper until we can join together again.

Sincerely,

S. Rabke
TAKO President

Member Profile

Welcome Mr. Patrick Tyuczynski. Patrick currently works at M-I SWACO (a Schlumberger Company) in the HSE Department. He maintains several aquariums containing killifish at his office. Additionally, Patrick is responsible for the four, 550 gallon display aquaria located in the lobby of the corporate headquarters building in Houston, Texas.

Patrick was unable to attend the Show this year as he had a prior commitment. Look forward to seeing Patrick at future events.

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