



EDITORIAL TANK

WITH TED COLETTI



Your Editor's "summer shade tub" featuring *Allotoca dugesii* and *Xiphophorus variatus*.

I must admit, September is my least favorite month. Maybe because it's juxtaposed to August—a more lazy, quiet time. Folks are back at work; school, church and extracurricular schedules abound; and yard work heats up. I also close my pools: the one I swim in and my 30 tub ponds scattered about my yard and deck. I'll be checking in on the 4 Goodeids species I got at this year's ALA Convention, plus various Poeciliidae, in time for hopefully BAP points at my September club meeting. But where to put the parents in my man cave fishroom? And all the new auction fish? There's the rub.

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livebearing fish that's a good thing. But when you, our dear members, start conserving your writing for *Livebearers the magazine* we are in trouble.

The reality: **we are out of original feature articles after this issue.**

Species maintenance of one's thought's in not noble when they can benefit your fellow members. We have nearly 300 members in the ALA. Surely some of you have entertaining experiences, tank side observations, or pearls of wisdom to share? Anyone out there working with fancy strains? We rarely hear from you. How about all those new fishroom designs I see? Live food practices?

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