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Friendly fish greeted club members at the October meeting at the Garrin's garden.

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By the Pond



David Boyd, President AKC

I am starting this article the week after our show on a day when the sun is shining and the temperatures are mild. It is a week I have had a chance to work mowing the yard in reflection and wonder. It was the words "You are responsible for this" that had startled me out of a quiet moment at Susan and Hal Brown's house the evening of our August meeting. I had gone to work that day and was taking a couple minutes to relax during the meeting. Toni Anderson had come to sit beside me and uttered those words. I quickly glanced around and tried to figure out what I had done wrong, but all I saw were people sitting around enjoying themselves. She explained that I had been responsible for the fact that the AKC was no longer fighting among itself to get things done, but was working together. I would love to claim credit for this, but I can't (OK, maybe a very minor part.) the greater part of the credit goes to our membership. Later that evening another member talked to me about how our club has been progressing and the positive steps it has taken the last few years. The members of the Atlanta Koi Club have been guiding me over the years in deciding what has needed to be done. I want to let our membership know, that it is the people I have been lucky to have in the various offices that has made our club what it is today. Without having these good people in positions to handle the tasks needed to make our club work, there would be no Atlanta Koi Club. I want to thank all of the elected and appointed officers that I have had the pleasure to work with over the past four years. They have helped to work with me on many things with our club and I appreciate them for this.

A few years ago I wrote that I wanted our club to grow and a few members took this as to mean that I wanted more members (we are currently at 170+). I explained in my next article that I had meant that it was not numbers, but as a cohesive group. I am happy to say that we have succeeded in this. We have come from a bickering group to a group that has managed put aside the pettiness of infighting to combine to make a club that is still growing.

I am going to be honest with our club members. My first couple years as president were learning years, David and I had been members for a little over a year when we were asked if one of us would run for the office of president. I explained in one of my articles why I had been elected, but not what I found out what I as up against while I was in office. A few of our members were involved in what could best be described as a rumor campaign against the club (or maybe just me). They loved going to Koi events and making up rumors as to what our club was doing. I found the best way to battle this was to let the rumors run their course. It was amazing what I heard and how angry and frustrated I would get, but when talking about it with David, we came to realize the best way to deal with this was to ignore it. I want the club to know that David Pugh (I know that some members never knew which of us they had gotten as president) and I used to talk over all the events that shaped our club and he was a major help in what I decided, but the eventual decisions were my own. So, if anyone is unhappy with the way I have done things, blame me— I am the one who made the final decisions.

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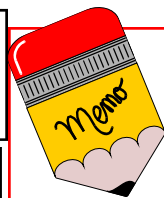
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AKC CALENDAR

I encourage all members to attend our monthly meetings and also consider hosting a regular meeting or one of the two socials. The currently planned meetings and events are:

November 9, 2008 : Winter social, Bart & Kathy Atkinson are hosting the social. See article on page 8 for details.

If you want to host a meeting in **2009**, Please contact me (vp@atlantakoiclub.org or 678-297-7926)

Michael



Meetings are usually held on the second Sunday of the month. Exceptions are Easter & Mother's Day...then we meet on the third Sunday. The auction in April is a Saturday meeting.

January 11, 2009

Senior Center Alpharetta Hosts: Anderson

February 8, 2009

Hosts: Castel.

March 8, 2009

Splendor Koi

April 18, 2009 Auction @ Coastal Ponds
Need host to provide food

May 17, 2009 Flat Rock Koi

June 14, 2009 Summer Social



July 12, 2009

August 9, 2009

September 13, 2009 Work day for Koi Show
@ Coastal Ponds

October 11, 2009 Elections

November 8, 2009 Winter Social



Have you met our new officers?

During the meeting on October 12, 2008, we elected three new officers.

MIKE ROACH — President

JoANN ELMORE — Secretary

BILL FRICKE — Property Manager

They join the two officers who did not stand for election this time:

Michael Anderson — Vice President and

Steve Castel — Treasurer.

In 2009 ... AKCA is having their Seminar in San Diego CA in FEBRUARY. This means we had to elect Koi Persons of the year in October. Congratulations to **David Boyd and David Pugh** on their election as Koi Persons of the Year.



Winter Pond Check ...

1. Before the water drops to below 55° you should only be feeding wheat germ.
2. When the water temperature drops to and stays at 55° F. or lower — stop feeding. Koi are cold blooded ... if there is undigested food in their gut — it will rot.
3. If you have plants in the pond... be sure they have been cut back and made ready for winter.
4. Be sure all debris has been removed...you shouldn't keep the fish in a messy pond. When spring comes... the mess will be rotted and the fish may get sick!

We've been talking about a visit to San Antonio a bit lately, specifically to visit my favorite Great Aunt. We finally decided on a weekend to go, only to find out that the Texas Koi and Fancy Goldfish Society (TKFGS) Show was happening over the same weekend. Since I had not attended another clubs show before, I really wanted to experience another one and I had heard this was a great show. Of course we had a great time with my Great Aunt, but since this is a story about koi, I'll stick to sharing with you my experience at the TKFGS Show.

The show was a 20 minute drive from San Antonio in the town of Marion, Texas, with the venue being Water Garden Gems, a retail water garden center. A very quick and easy drive, but definitely in a more rural area.

My initial thoughts as we exited the highway included "where are we...who would ever know this place was out here... how does this make any sense for foot traffic...etc," but those thoughts were laid to rest once we arrived at the show. We found a modest number of cars parked outside the venue, so they were definitely getting some foot traffic. As we entered the grounds I was getting pretty excited. From the entrance, we could see a lot of eye candy (translation: beautiful lilies, garden decorations, pottery, etc. As we entered Water Garden Gems, we first came across a sign sharing what seminars were to take place that day and what time. Some interesting topics, so I took mental note on the times.

Continuing on, we saw a gift shop to the left, a vendor selling historical Texas items, another selling koi shaped cookies, a Texas band setting up to play music and to top it off, there was the smell of BBQ in the air (yummmmm).

Then we got to the heart of the show! The competition, and of course more vendors. First up, the koi were situated in their tanks underneath a permanent pavilion type structure. There were about 26 tanks with koi in them. Interestingly, as we were looking at how things were set up, we found that there were some differences between our Atlanta show and this show. As we found out later, the Water Garden Gems property includes a fresh water spring, giving them the ability to pump a continuous stream of fresh spring water into each tank, and draining the overflow to an area away from the show. How lucky can you get! The folks handling water quality rarely had to do much with the koi tanks.

It was fun observing this show. I watched as Ray Jordan gave special instructions to both the Koi Wranglers and the

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As I stated earlier, we have grown as a club. The only proof, I can offer is the fact that our reputation as a club in the AKCA (Associated Koi Clubs of America) is stronger than it has been from a few years ago. In our last show, we have gotten many compliments as to how things were done, everyone from the vendors to exhibitors to judges were happy with the way things turned out. I want to repeat from an earlier article that the greatest compliment to a club is when the judges ask to be invited back to a show, what more can be said about the show? Our Friday night opener gave me a chance to talk to members from other clubs and the judges. It was interesting to learn how our club was thought of and what was being said about our club. I explained as best I could the circumstances behind the current rumors and let the people decide for themselves what was going on.

I want to finish this article (since it will be my last) with the words that I am thankful for the opportunity to have served our club and to be blessed to have met the people I have in our club. It was not without reflection and deep thought, along with talking to our membership about what was best for our club that I made certain decisions. I realize that I am hoping that I have done well and will be thought of kindly when people talk of our club.(OK, I am conceited enough to want to be thought of as having done something right), but I am hoping I have passed along a good legacy as our club moves forward. I want our next presidents to add their own distinct touch to our club. As we all know, everything must change or be stagnate. Our club will ALWAYS be changing and hopefully growing to the best it can.

With that final statement I am going to wish our new officers Mike Roach (President), JoANN Elmore (Secretary) and Bill Fricke (Property Manager) all the best possible. David and I will be there to help when we are needed, but we are going to be taking a break for a little bit.

David Boyd
Atlanta Koi Club President

Treasurer's Report

September 2008

by *Stephen Castel*⁴



		Checking	
	Beginning Balance:		\$8,003.11
Income Categories:		Total Income	\$7,162.00
Expense Categories:		Total Expense	\$4,543.75
NET			\$2,618.25
	Cleared Balance		\$10,621.36
	Uncleared Transactions		\$5,404.40
	Uncleared Deposits		\$1,902.17
	Register Ending Balance		\$7,119.13
		Savings	
	Beginning Balance:		\$ 12,362.18
Income Categories:		Total Income	\$ 2.53
Expense Categories:		Total Expense	\$ -
	Savings Ending Balance		\$12,364.71
	Uncleared Transactions		\$ -
	Register Ending Balance		\$12,364.71
Certificate Of Deposit			
	Beginning Balance:		\$ 6,124.59
	Payments		\$ -
	Register Ending Balance		\$ 6,124.59
Total Assets:			\$25,608.43



Judges. I believe this show had 3 AKCA Judges, along with 2 ZNA 'Judges in Training'. It definitely seemed like a lot of judges.

About another 25 feet or so away from the koi tanks was the 'big top' full of vendors selling t-shirts, orchids, filters, furniture, and of course koi. In the center of the tent was the goldfish part of the show. Some very pretty goldfish for sure.



We had a great opportunity to speak to a number of people. Many were with the show, but some were there just to observe. Everyone seemed to be having a great time. Unfortunately we were not able to attend the Saturday night banquet, nor the awards ceremony on Sunday, but we managed to select a beautiful Doitsu Showa as the recipient of an Atlanta Koi Club Friendship Award.



A Big Thanks AND Congratulations



As I pass the torch to Bill Fricke as the Club's new Property Manager, I'd like to give a big thanks to the folks who came out to Coastal Ponds on Saturday the 18th of October to help stack the show tubs and help put away the remaining items left from our Show: Clay & Julie Melancon, Ron Scott, Jason Montgomery, Carl Knill, Bill Fricke, and even our new president Mike Roach, were of tremendous assistance as they showed the spirit of volunteerism that helps the AKC be what it is. Thanks, too, to Bill Dowden for taking up his Saturday to open the warehouse - and to regale us with his keen political insight!

Besides being kind, energetic, and positive with a can-do attitude, Bill Fricke is dedicated to the koi hobby. He will be a wonderful Property Manager and an asset to the executive committee. I'd like to congratulate him as well as our new president, Mike Roach, and JoANN Elmore as our new Secretary. These are all wonderful people whom I wish all the best as they take on the stewardship of our Club.

Herve Rijnveld
(former) Property Manager.



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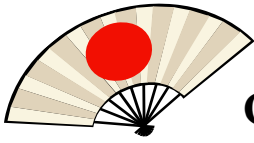
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Atlanta Koi Club Regular Monthly Meeting October 12th 2008 Meeting Minutes

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Executive members present were: David Boyd, Michael Anderson, Steve Castel Herve Rijnveld and Peggy Fricke.

Club President David Boyd called the meeting to order and welcomed the club members to Ev and Harm Garin's great back yard and pond.

David then gave the final report on the success of the Koi show. He thanked everyone that worked with the Koi Show and announced that the show was a big success. Steve Castel presented the completed budget for the show and we did much better this year than in the past. Steve also offered to be involved next year to help the show committee. THANKS AGAIN to Bill and Lynn Dowden!!

Michael Anderson, AKCA Rep. called for choosing "Koi Person (s) of the Year". The Koi person of the year is a club member who most exemplifies the hobby of Koi keeping. Due to the location of the Winter Social it was decided that the vote would be held at this meeting. David Pugh and David Boyd were selected. Congratulations to "THE DAVID'S".

Hal Brown, Nominating Committee Chairperson then called for the election of the new officers. The nominees for the office of **President** are Vicki Knill and Mike Roach. The nominees for the office of **Secretary** are Julie Melancon and JoANN Elmore. The nominees for the office of **Property Manager** are Gary Elmore and Bill Fricke. Julie Melancon gracefully withdrew her nomination for Secretary due to health reasons. With a quorum of both officers and members the club voted. All the votes were counted and verified and our new **President is Mike Roach**, our new **Secretary is JoANN Elmore** and our new **Property Manager is Bill Fricke**. CONGRADULATIONS!! Mike, JoANN and Bill!

David Boyd presented the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital with a \$750 check for the building of the new pond that our club worked on.

Transportation to our Winter Social that will be held at **Bart and Kathy Atkinson's** home in Bryon GA will be provided for the first 50 club members for a cost of \$5.00 per person. Interested club members need to be at Coastal Pond Supply by 10:30 AM. The seating will be first come, first served.

The Executive Committee approved for the Newsletter Editor to purchase additional friendship awards and make sure the club has an ample supply for distribution when needed. The Committee also approved the expenditure for purchasing a PA system for club use at future meetings and shows. The club will need a new video screen but that discussion will be deferred to the next year's budget.

The club was then treated to a great cookout and good company with the Garrins in their beautiful back yard. *kado*
Thank you Ev and Harm!



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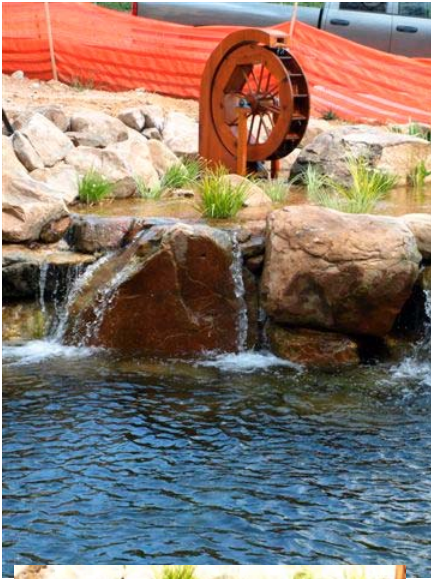
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AKC and IPPCA Dedicated Pond



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AKC President David Boyd presented the Hospital with a check for \$750 to cover upkeep of the pond for a year.



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Winter Social Time!

Bart and Kathy Atkinson have invited our club plus two other koi clubs to their home for the winter social. This will be a great opportunity to see their beautiful home and fantastic koi collection. This will also be a great opportunity to make new friends in the hobby.

Bart and Kathy's home is near Macon, so the club is planning to charter a bus for the trip. The bus will leave from Coastal Pond Supply (2101 Tucker Industrial Road Tucker, GA 30083) at 11.00am on Sunday November 9. The bus will depart from the Atkinson's home at around 4:00pm and should arrive in Tucker around 6:00pm. The bus seats up to 54 persons. The tickets will be sold for \$5 each on Sunday before departure. There is no advance sale of bus tickets which will be sold on a first come, first serve basis beginning at approximately 10:30am.



If you wish to drive your own vehicle, you can, of course, do so. The Atkinson's home is at 632 Newell Road, Byron, Georgia 31008. The generic directions are: Take I-75 south to I-475 bypass around Macon. Then merge back onto I-75 south. Continue south to Exit 146. At the end of the off ramp, turn right and travel approximately 3 miles to traffic light at the intersection with Hwy 49. Go straight through the intersection and up the hill for approximately 1/2 mile. The driveway is on the right. Bart will place markers at the driveway entrance. Please use your GPS navigation device or a mapping application such as MapQuest for more specific directions from your home.

Don't forget to bring along a dish to share. Appetizers and desserts may be the easiest to transport on the bus

See y'all on Sunday!!!



Club members really enjoyed their afternoon at Ev & Harm Garrin's beautiful garden.



Membership

Susan Brown

We have two new members. Please join me in welcoming Jon and Sandy Hastings to Atlanta Koi Club.. We are looking forward to seeing you at an upcoming meeting. The November meeting at Bart and Kathy Atkinson's will be a great one, a bit further than usual, but well worth the trip.

The October election meeting was held at Ev & Harm Garrin's, they have beautiful ponds and gardens. Also, I would like to congratulate our new President Mike Roach, new Secretary JoANN Elmore and new Property Manager Bill Fricke. I know you all will do a great job. Special congratulation go to our new Koi People of the Year David Boyd and David Pugh for all the hard work they have done for the club over the last 4 years plus.

The October meeting had 34 members attend and 8 visitors. AKC's current membership is 179 and 6 Sponsors.

This will be my last newsletter article. Just wanted to let everyone know that I have enjoyed being the club's membership chairperson the past 4 years and now I am really looking forward to welcoming the new membership chair. I know you will be terrific.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ATLANTA KOI CLUB

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Sponsor: \$150 for 1 Yr. _____

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AKC is a volunteer organization. We need as much help and support as you can provide, no matter how insignificant. In which of the following areas can you help?

Host Meeting ____, Pond Tour ____, Auction ____, Koi Show ____, Hold Office ____, Flower Show ____

To save money, we provide our newsletter in color via email several days earlier than mailed copies. Would you like to receive your newsletter via email? Yes or No.

We try to publish a membership roster annually. It is given only to club members and AKCA, the Associated Koi Clubs of America. May we publish your address, phone number and email? Yes or No.

Make checks payable to **Atlanta Koi Club** and submit with application to:
Susan G. Brown, 191 Kings Row, Marietta, GA 30067.

* Please consider buying **Name Badges**. For only \$5, you will get to know and be known by everyone and also receive a free raffle ticket every time you wear your badge to a Club Meeting.

Winter Social — Sunday, November 9, 2008
Bart & Kathy Atkinson 632 Newell Road Byron, Georgia 31008...

See p. 8 of the newsletter for complete details.

For those that want to use GPS :

From Coastal take 78 to 285 south to 675 .Merge onto 75 south .Take 75 to 475 bypass around Macon, then merge back on 75 South. Take 75 south to exit 146.Turn right and travel about 3 miles to traffic light Hwy 49. Go straight through light up the hill and we are 1/2 mile on the right. I will put some markers at the driveway.

Those who want to go on the bus ... ticket sales begin at 10:30 a.m. AT Coastal Ponds. Don't be late!

Bring a lawn chair and a dish to share.

See you there!

