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SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN AQUARIUM SOCIETY



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Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society Board of Directors

Name	Position
Josh Cunningham	President
Mike Post	Vice-President
Angie Theis	Secretary
Bill McCabe	Membership Chairman and Treasurer
Steve Stapleton	BAP Chairman, Raffle and Donations, Club Refreshments
Scott Kaiser	Member at Large
Terry LaPrad	Member at Large
Rick Love	Member at Large



Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society President's Message

I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas party last month and thanks to everyone that donations items to the raffle, it is really appreciated. Congratulations to Rick Love, Bill McCabe, and Scott Kaiser for winning 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for BAP Breeder of the Year 2026. These three swept all the competition under the substrate in 2025! Lets go and get breeding for 2026!!!! Make sure to come out tonight and join us for fun playing some BINGO for some fishy prizes!

Make sure to check out the upcoming events on our website at <https://www.southeasternmichianaquariumsociety.org/smasupcomingevents>. We have our swap and auction dates for next year, which are Swap (See Swap Preview on page 8-9) on February 21, 2026, Winter Auction on March 28, 2026, and Fall Auction on October 24, 2026. Make sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming events.

We now have club t-shirts, mugs, and hats for sale and these can be purchased at the club meeting or club event.

Don't forget, breeding fish? Why not participate in the BAP program and have a chance to spread your fry around and give other members a chance to raise and breed them too. Oh and did I mention you can win some awards as well? Congratulations to all the BAP Winners for 2024!! Check out what your missing on page 16. Also, be sure to see the rules for BAP here <https://www.southeasternmichianaquariumsociety.org/bap>.

In closing I would like to thank the members that have joined so far and the members. Without the members there is no fish club.

Josh Cunningham

SMAS President



Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society New Website and Social Media

After a long awaited time, the Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society now has a website and also for those on instagram we have a instagram page as well. Please use the below links and check out the website and make sure to follow southeastern_mich_aqua_society on instagram.

<https://www.southeasternmichianaquariumsociety.org/>





Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society January Meeting Preview

Come out this tonight and let's enjoy some fishy bingo with like minded fishy friends!!! Going to have some awesome prizes and some custom ones as well!

Never know what you can find to add to that tanks or tanks of yours!!

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FISHY BINGO

Friday, January 9th at 7PM



Raffle Allen Park Presbyterian Church,
6835 Park Ave, Michigan, 48101 **BAP**



Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society Swap Meet Preview

Save the Date for the SMAS Freshwater Tropical Fish Swap Meet!

Join us on Saturday, February 21st, from 11 AM to 2 PM for an exciting event hosted by the Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society at the Allen Park Presbyterian Church. The address is 6835 Park Ave, Allen Park, MI 48101.

Are you interested in becoming a vendor?

Tables measuring 8 feet are available for \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Please contact josh@cunninghamtropicals.com for inquiries.

Please note:

TABLE PURCHASES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE! If you cancel your tables, the funds will be donated.

Discover a wide range of beautiful fish and supplies.

Learn more about the club and what it has to offer.

We can't wait to see you there!

The event will feature over 20 vendors, and admission is free.





Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society December Meeting Fun





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Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society BAP Report

December 2025

Member	Species	Points
Rick Love	Ancistrus var. "Calico shortfin"	10
Rick Love	Ancistrus var. "Longfin Green Dragon"	10
Rick Love	Poecilia wingei "Chili Endler"	5



Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society BAP Report

2026 To Date

Member Name	Points
Rick Love	25



Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society BAP Report

Overall BAP Standings

Member Name	Points
Bill McCabe	330
Quang Nguyen	315
Rick Love	297
Scott Kaiser	245
Josh Cunningham	105
Mike Post	80
Bruce Croft	60
Steve Stapleton	55
Angie Theis	30
Dalton Torres	10
John Hodgson	10
Michael Koszuta	10
Terry LaPrad	10
Bill Jennfeldt	5
Trinity Cavdel	5



Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society 2025 BAP Awards

Member Name	Award
Rick Love	1st Place Breeder of the Year
Bill McCabe	2nd Place Breeder of the Year
Scott Kaiser	3rd Place Breeder of the Year
Rick Love	CARES Breeder of the Year
Scott Kaiser	Catfish Breeder of the Year
Rick Love	Cichlid Breeder of the Year
Bill McCabe	Crustaceans and Invert Breeder of the Year
Rick Love	Livebearer Breeder of the Year
Rick Love	Tropical Fish Breeder of the Year
Bill McCabe	Tropical Fish Breeder of the Year





Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society Treasurer Report

December 2025

Opening Balance			\$4,014.00
	Cash In	Cash out	
Membership	80.00		
Raffle	340.00		
Auction at meeting			
BAP	1.00		
Donations			
Supplies/ raffle prizes		254.42	
tumblers		95.00	
Swap tables	75.00		
Website renewal for 3 Years		410.71	
Subtotals	496.00	760.13	
Ending Balance			\$3,749.87

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Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society Membership Update

Welcome New SMAS Members!!!!



Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society Trading Post

Any Fish or Fishy Related Items For Sale

email smastradingpost@gmail.com



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