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# NEWSLETTER

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**SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN AQUARIUM SOCIETY**



# Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society

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# Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society Mission Statement

The mission of the Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society is to have fun, educate, and promote conservation in the fish keeping hobby.





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## Presidents Message

Thanks to Corey Taylor for a great presentation and introduction on Apistogramma's. If you missed you missed a great talk and some great apistos that were in the raffle and auctioned off. Thanks you everyone that came out and supported the meeting. This month for the September meeting we have Josh Cunningham speaking on The Great Adventures in Florida. Josh recently visited four fish farms in Florida and is going to fill us in on his travels and give us an inside look first hand.

Coming up in October we will have a member's share night on October 14th. This is an opportunity for members' to share why you started in the fish hobby, you can share your fishroom, your favorite species to keep and breed or just keep, a DIY project, etc.? You can put together a small Powerpoint or bring in some pictures on a flash drive, or just get up there and talk about a fish related topic that interests you. In October, we will also have a swap meeting on the 29th, vendor setup 9-11, swap meet 11-3, more details forthcoming on table costs, etc. In November, we will have nominations for the 2023 board, and in December we will have the elections with a Christmas potluck. The club will provide the meat and drinks, more details to come. 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





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## August Meeting Preview

Josh Cunningham has been keeping and breeding African Cichlids for over 20 years. He started with African Cichlids from Lake Malawi and a couple from Lake Victoria in a 400 sq ft basement. During this time he was mainly breeding four to five different kinds of cichlids and trading the fry back to the pet store for food and filter media.

At some point a decision was made to move to a different area and a bigger house. Once the move was completed he was without cichlids for a couple of years and then acquired a 55 gallon tank. Once the tank was setup and stocked, multiple tank syndrome kicked in again. He then expanded to some different species and kept a few tanks on the main floor of his house. At this point, he decided he wanted a fishroom in the basement. Designs were made and tanks and fish purchased and a 'Fish Alcoholic' was born. Today he has spawned over 200+ kinds of African Cichlids and has achieved Master Breeder status in the Michigan Cichlid Association and Ohio Cichlid Association. He was also named Grand Champion Breeder of the American Cichlid Association in 2015 for most spawns in a year.

Josh has spent six years on the Board of Directors of two local fish clubs. He served on the Board of Directors of the Ohio Cichlid Association for two years and on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Cichlid Association for four years, serving three of those years as President including Chairman of the 2017 American Cichlid Association Convention that took place on July 13-16 in Novi, Michigan. After his time as President of the Michigan Cichlid Association, Josh severed two years on the Board of Directors for the American Cichlid Association. He spends his time in the fishroom doing more changes, working with different species and trying to find ways to better the hobby.

Josh is now serving as Vice-Chairman of the American Cichlid Association and President of the Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society and runs a company called Cunningham Cichlids, LLC which has been in business since 2012. Cunningham Cichlids specializes in African Cichlids and is now branching off to carry other categories of fish and plants as well as a complete line of quality fish foods.





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## July Meeting Fun





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## BAP Report

*July-2022*

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Species Name</b>	<b>Points</b>
Josh Cunningham	Aristochromis christyi	10
Josh Cunningham	Aulonocara stuartgranti (ngara)	10
Chris Gerzanics	Lamprologus brevis "sunspot"	15
Mike Post	Metriaclima sp. Membe Deep	10
Mike Post	Rhamphachromis esox	15
Steve Stapleton	Poeciliidae Sphenops (Dalmation Molly)	5



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## BAP Report

*2022*

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Total</b>
Josh Cunningham	65
Mike Post	65
Chris Gerzanics	35
Steve Stapleton	15
Bill McCabe	10



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## Treasurer Report

*July-2022*

	<u>Cash In</u>	<u>Cash Out</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Opening Balance			\$504.00
Raffle ticket sales	\$25		
BAP/ mini auction	\$63		
BAP – Mike Post		\$12	
Steve Stapleton		\$5	
Chris Gerzanics		\$8	
Josh Cunningham		\$8	
Speaker – Cory Taylor		\$98	
Refreshments - Steve Stapleton		\$24	

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\$457.00

Expenses to be reimbursed to Josh Cunningham when bank balance equals \$1,000.00.

Previous balance	\$143.49
Amazon - Bingo cards	\$23.30
Bingo chips	\$5.65
Name badges	\$5.50
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# Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society Trading Post

Any Fish or Fishy Related Items For Sale

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## Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society Sponsors



10% off all orders for paid members.



11% off all orders for paid  
members.