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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	Treasurer
Scott Kaiser	Membership Chairman
Steve Stapleton	BAP Chairman, Raffle and Donations, Club Refreshments
Terry LaPrad	Member at Large



Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society President's Message

I hope everyone enjoyed the club updates and also the auction we just had a few weeks ago, I know I did and came home with some new aquatic critters!!! This month we will have our very own Bill McCabe giving us a presentation on Angelfish 101. Please note we will also hold annual elections this evening as well. Inserted in helping the board in 2026? Now is your chance!!! All fish nerds are welcome!!! Don't forget December will be our annual Christmas Party Potluck style and fishy trivia.

Thanks to all the members that came out to the auction on October 25th and helped pull cards, run bags, sell merchandise, setup, teardown, etc. The Board appreciates your help in making this another successful event. Here are some stats from the auction:

Total bags: 330

Total Sale: \$3,153.00

Club Net Payout: \$920.50

Club Profit: \$659.00 after expenses for supplies and hall

Thanks to the vendors for the donations, Fluvial, Dave's Rare Fish, Moby Dick Pets, Nome Lady Designs, and Cunningham Tropicals.

Make sure to check out the upcoming events on page 10 and on our website at <https://www.southeasternmichianaquariumsociety.org/smasupcomingevents>. We have our swap and auction dates for next year, which are Swap 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 November Meeting Preview

Come out tonight and hear a great presentation from our very own Bill McCabe from McDaddy Aquatics on Angelfish 101.

Please note the location update for this evening to the VFW Post 9363 @ 25570 Telegraph Rd, Brownstown Township.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Presentation by
Bill McCabe

Angel Fish 101
Annual Elections
BAP/Raffle

History of Angel Fish, Basic Care,
Spawning and Raising Fry.

November 14, 2025

VFW Post 9363, 25570 Telegraph Rd
Brownstown Township, MI 48134, USA





Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society Speaker Bio Meeting Preview

Angelfish 101

Bill McCabe, the owner of Mac Daddy Aquatics and treasurer of the Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society, has a rich history with fishkeeping. Originally from 30 miles east of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he relocated to Michigan in 2021. During his youth, Bill maintained a couple of guppy tanks and even created a small pond at his parents' home, where he unintentionally spawned comet goldfish before taking a break from the hobby.

In 2016, he rekindled his passion for fishkeeping by acquiring Koi angelfish. Since then, he has embraced what is known as "multi-tank syndrome," currently operating 153 tanks, with plans for more. Angelfish hold a special place in his heart as his favorite freshwater fish, and he boasts a variety of types, some of which are quite rare in his area. In addition to angelfish, he breeds Rams, Guppies, Swordtails, various Goodeids, Cories, Plecos, and Shrimp.

In his upcoming talk, Bill will cover topics such as the history of angelfish, basic care requirements, as well as the spawning process and how to raise fry.



Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society Auction Fun



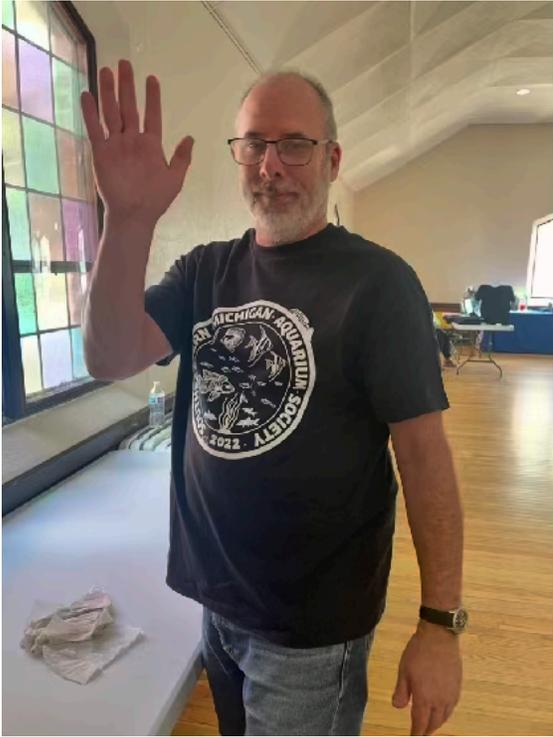


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Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society BAP Report

October 2025

Member	Species	Points
Rick Love	Amatitlania Sajica	11
Rick Love	Aulonocara rubescens "Albino"	10
Rick Love	Aulonocara sp. "Strawberry"	10
Rick Love	Haplochromis sp. "Ruby green"	11
Rick Love	Labidochromis caeruleus "Electric yellow"	10
Rick Love	Neocardinia davidi var. "blue velvet"	5
Rick Love	Xiphophorus maculatus var. "Redtail dalmation molly"	5



Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society BAP Report

2025 To Date

Member Name	Points
Rick Love	250
Bill McCabe	161
Scott Kaiser	66
Quang Nguyen	65
Steve Stapleton	22
Josh Cunningham	15
Mike Post	10
Bill Jennfeldt	5



Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society BAP Report

Overall BAP Standings

Member Name	Overall Points
Bill McCabe	331
Quang Nguyen	315
Rick Love	275
Scott Kaiser	226
Mike Post	95
Josh Cunningham	90
Bruce Croft	70
Steve Stapleton	62
Angie Theis	55
Dalton Torres	30
John Hodgson	10
Michael Koszuta	10
Terry LaPrad	10
Bill Jennfeldt	5



Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society 2024 BAP Awards

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





Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society Treasurer Report

October 2025

Opening Balance		2712
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Section	Cash In	Cash out
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Membership		
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Raffle at meeting	32	
Auction at meeting	6	
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BAP		
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Donations	11	
Merch at meeting	15	
Meeting supplies		24
Hall rental for Auction		100
Auction & Raffle, supplies & ads		173
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auction cash donations	7	
Auction proceeds	922	
Membership at auction	70	
Merch at Auction	70	
Raffles at Auction	375	
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Subtotals	1508	297
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Ending Balance		3923

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SMAS Treasurer
(September 2025)

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Josh Cunningham
SMAS President
(September 2025)



Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society Membership Update

Welcome New SMAS Members!!!!

Chuck Kassis

Alissa Bertoni

Logan Grieser

Steve Simison

Dawn Podsiad

Nick Hill

Jon Reed



Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society Trading Post

Cunningham Tropicals - email josh@cunninghamtropicals.com to order today.

Lake Malawi:

Haps:

Buccochromis nototaenia - 3.5" Female - \$35.00 (1 available)

Otopharynx nova blue longnose - 3" Female - \$40.00 (3 available)

Peacocks:

Aulonocara jacobfreibergi lemon jake - 4.5" Male - \$65.00 (1 available)

Aulonocara sp. Red dragon albino - 2" - \$12.00 (15 available)

Lake Tanganyika:

WC Mastacembelus ellipsifer – 4" – 5" - \$150.00 (2 available)

Synodontis multipunctatus – 3.5" - \$35.00 (20 available)

Central American Cichlids:

Hypsophrys nicaraguensis (Nicaraguan cichlid) - .5" - \$2.00 (15 available)

Parachromis dovii (Wolf cichlid) - .5" - \$2.00 (80 available)

Vieja melanura – 3" - 3.5" - \$35.00 (15 available)

Misc:

Black phantom tetras - \$5.00 or 5/\$20 (20 available)

Diamond tetras - \$6.00 (3 available)

Synodontis angelicus – 5" - 8.00 (2 available)

Plecos:

Vampire Pleco (L240) - 5" - \$80.00 (1 available)

South American Cichlids:

Andinoacara sp. Electric Blue Acara - 2.5"-3" - \$15.00 (20 available)

Severums:

Heros efasciatus (Gold) "Silver dollar body size" - \$18.00 (15 available)

Heros efasciatus (Red Spotted Gold) "Silver dollar body size" - \$12.00 (2 available)

WC Heros liberifer – Unpaired Males and Females - \$75.00 (13 available)

Pikes:

WC Red Atabapo II Pike Cichlids – 6"- 8" - \$80.00 (4 available)

Any Fish or Fishy Related Items For Sale

email smastradingpost@gmail.com



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