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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.





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 Ben VanDinther's owner of Watercolors in Grand Rapids talk on his Top 5 Favorite Killifish. Thanks Ben for a great talk and education. This month we will have a short presentation on club updates, upcoming events, and an Introduction into my Journey of Keeping Central American Cichlids.

Please mark your calendars, October on the 25th we have our Fall Auction and we will need all the members to help again from setup to teardown, running bags off fish, pulling cards, check-in, etc. Please let the board know if you are able to assist.

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 September Meeting Preview

Come out tonight and hear club updates and great presentation from Josh Cunningham from Cunningham Tropicals on an Introduction to Keeping Central American Cichlids.

MEET YOUR GUEST SPEAKER
JOSH CUNNINGHAM
Introduction to Keeping Central American

JOIN US ON
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, AT 7:00 PM AT
ALLEN PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
6835 PARK AVE, ALLEN PARK, MI 48101

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Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society Speaker Bio Meeting Preview

Josh Cunningham embarked on a journey of breeding African Cichlids over two decades ago, starting in a modest 400-square-foot basement. During this time, he primarily bred four to five distinct species of cichlids, trading their fry back to pet stores for essential supplies like food and filter media. After a few years, he decided to move to a larger residence. However, this change temporarily deprived him of cichlids for a few years before he finally acquired a 55-gallon tank. Unfortunately, the tank syndrome reappeared, prompting him to establish a dedicated fishroom in the basement. With careful planning, he designed the space, procured tanks and fish, and created a unique environment that became known as the "Fish Alcoholic." To date, he has successfully spawned over 250 species of African Cichlids and has earned the prestigious Master Breeder status within both the Michigan Cichlid Association and the Ohio Cichlid Association. Notably, in 2015, he was honored as the Grand Champion Breeder of the American Cichlid Association for achieving the most successful spawns in a single year.

Josh has also served two years on the Board of Directors of the Ohio Cichlid Association. After dedicating six years to the Michigan Cichlid Association, he served for four years, including three as President. During this time, he also served as Chairman of the 2017 American Cichlid Association Convention, held from July 13th to 16th in Novi, Michigan. Additionally, he served on the Board of Directors for the American Cichlid Association for four more years.

Currently, Josh is serving for the third term on the Board of Directors of the American Cichlid Association, where he holds the position of Secretary. He also serves as President of the Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society for the second consecutive year. Furthermore, Josh operates Cunningham Tropicals, LLC, a company he established in 2012.



Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society Upcoming Event

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! Come out on October 25th and let's SELL and BUY some Fish!!! If you are able to help with the auction setup, teardown, running, pulling fish, pulling cards, etc we need the help!!! Anyone want to try auctioneering?? Now is your chance!!!!

2025 FALL AUCTION
SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN AQUARIUM SOCIETY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

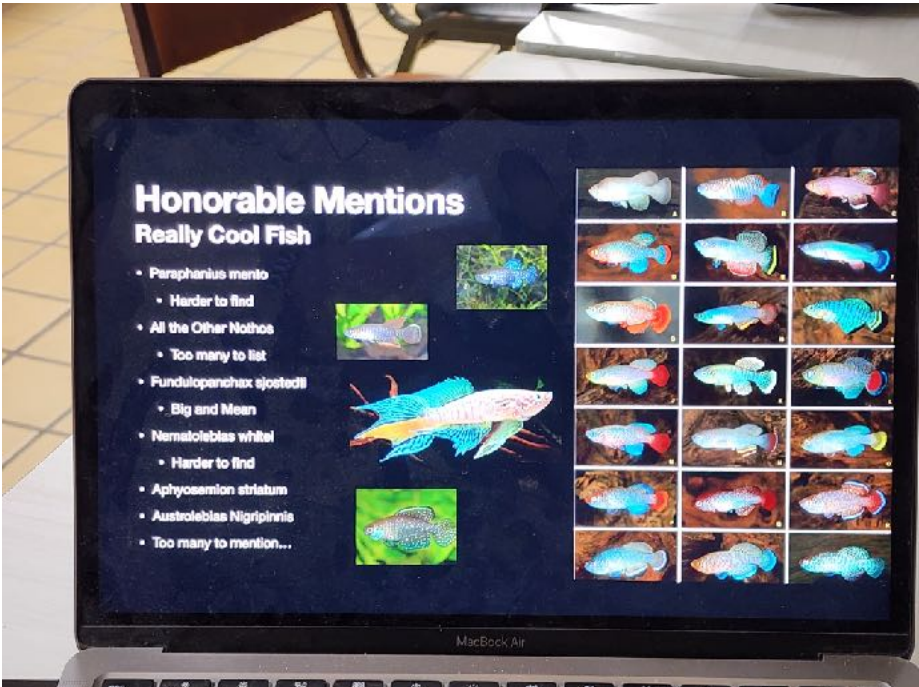
Location: Allen Park Presbyterian Church
6835 Park Ave, Allen Park, MI 48101

Join us for our annual Fall Auction! Whether you're a seasoned aquarist or just getting started, this is a great opportunity to buy, sell, and connect with fellow aquarium enthusiasts. Don't miss out on rare fish, plants, equipment, and more!

For more details and updates, visit our website or contact us directly.
We look forward to seeing you there!



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BAP Report

September 2025

Member Name	Species Name	Points
Scott Kaiser	Ataeniobius toweri var. "bluetail goodeid"	15
Rick Love	Poecilia wingei "Yellow tiger endler"	5
Rick Love	Ataeniobius toweri sp. "bluetail goodeid"	15
Rick Love	Aulonocara stuartgranti Hai Reef "Blue Neon"	10
Rick Love	Poecilia wingei "Black bar endler"	5
Bill McCabe	Neocaridina davidi var. "Green jade"	5
Bill McCabe	Neocaridina davidi var. "Orange sunkist"	5
Bill McCabe	Neocaridina davidi var. "Blue star"	5
Bill McCabe	Neocaridina davidi var. "Blue velvet"	5
Bill McCabe	Neocaridina davidi var. "Bloody Mary"	5
Bill McCabe	Neocaridina davidi var. "Cherry Red"	5
Bill McCabe	Poecilia reticulata var. "Red grass guppy"	5
Bill McCabe	Poecilia reticulata var. "Platinum dumbo guppy"	5
Bill McCabe	Xiphophorus Sanke Hi fin sword	5
Bill McCabe	Oryzias woworae "Blue ricefish"	5
Bill McCabe	Corydoras var "albino"	10
Bill McCabe	Corydoras var "Bandit"	10
Bill McCabe	Ancistrus sp. "Albino"	10
Quang Nguyen	Poecilia latipinna "Green sailfin molly"	5



Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society BAP Report

2025 To Date

Member Name	Total
Rick Love	185
Bill McCabe	160
Quang Nguyen	65
Scott Kaiser	65
Steve Stapleton	20
Josh Cunningham	15
Mike Post	10
Bill Jennfeldt	5



Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society BAP Report

Overall BAP Standings

Member Name	Total
Bill McCabe	330
Quang Nyguen	315
Scott Kaiser	225
Rick Love	210
Mike Post	95
Josh Cunningham	90
Bruce Croft	70
Steve Stapleton	60
Angie Theis	55
Dalton Torres	30



Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society BAP Report

Overall BAP Standings Continued

Member Name	Total
Terry LaPrad	10
Michael Koszuta	10
John Hodgson	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

September 2025

Opening Balance		\$2970
Section	Cash In	Cash out
Membership	\$70	
Raffle	\$45	
Auction at meeting	\$36	
BAP	\$66	
Donations	\$5	
Shirts/ hats/ Cups	\$30	
Supplies		\$59
Speaker		\$288
Auction supplies / Raffle prize		\$163
Subtotals	\$252	\$510
Ending Balance		\$2712

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Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society Membership Update

New Members

Membership's Expiring



Southeastern Michigan Aquarium Society Trading Post

Any Fish or Fishy Related Items For Sale

email smastradingpost@gmail.com



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