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JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009, AT 7:30 LOCAL TIME, IN THE PLYMOUTH CITY HALL,
AT 201 S. MAIN ST.

FROM THE SHACK

Happy Spring everyone. Finally we are seeing less and less cold days and more milder ones. It is almost enough to get me to come out of my basement and think of things other than ham radio. Almost.

I have been monitoring the DX activity over the last month and managed to work a couple of dxpeditions. VK9LA on Lord Howe Island has been on for several days now. As of yesterday, VK9GMW on Mellish Reef, has been generating quite a bit of activity among dxers worldwide. Haven't worked VK9GMW yet but I will keep on trying.

I have been working on a project at home this past week and while I am toiling away, I monitor the 2-meter repeaters. I have mentioned before that I am totally befuddled at how little activity there is on those 22 repeaters that I have programmed into my HT. The same 12 or so local hams utilize the repeaters but I hear very few others on the air. I realize that most of the world out there are working during the day but us old geezers who are retired are not and need to talk it up more to each other. I think that a scheduled daily or weekly 'round-table' between Stu Rock members (and of course anyone else who would like to join in) would be a wonderful idea. Maybe we could get more folks on the air during the daytime and night time hours. Lets talk about this at one of our club meetings.

Regarding the low activity level on VHF, I have heard the argument that computers and cell phones have taken a big bite out of our ranks. Possibly that is the case. However, in my mind, ham radio is a hobby like

model railroads or stamp collecting. I guess the internet could be a hobby also, but to me it is more a utility like the telephones or the public library. Cell phones are definitely a utility and cannot be compared to ham radio in anyway. All three activities are great and can be intermingled with the remaining two. So, back to my original question, what is happening to ham radio? This would be a great subject for one of our meetings. How important is understanding the real issue to us? For an answer to that question, take a look around our next meeting and see how many attendees are under the age of 50, or even 60.

Remember the Michigan QSO party is coming up on April 18. It would be great if everyone could participate even a short time during the event by making a few QSOs. It is a good opportunity to get more active and at the same time give out a few points to those in other states who will be looking to make as many contacts within the state of Michigan as possible. It runs from noon until mid-night. For more information, point your browser to <http://www.miqp.org/>.

Please remember our monthly Stu Rock net on the second Tuesday of the month on the 146.92 repeater. Remember the second Tuesday of the month and check-in to our net, perhaps we can help get you get 'radio active.

Mark your calendar for the next Stu Rockafellow ARS which held on April 27, 2009. It will be held at the usual place, at the Plymouth City Hall. The meeting

starts at 7:30 p.m., but folks are usually start filing in around 7 o'clock. If any of you have a friend who is a ham or is interested in learning more about ham radio, why not bring them along to our next meeting? That would be a great opportunity for them to ask a question or two about our hobby.

Remember, it's all about Ham Radio.

73, de John, K8DSL



Meeting Minutes

STU ROCK AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Meeting minutes March 2009

1930 Meeting called to order by
President, John - K8DSL

Pledge of allegiance was recited

Introductions - 16 were present

Approval of Minutes for February as
printed in Rock reporter

Approval of Treasurers report as
presented

Old Business: None

Stu Rock net:

Chuck KB8WHQ was net control. There
were either 8 or 10 check ins.

Questionnaire he handed out.
Seems there are more active
HFers in the club than he had
expected a good thing.

New Business:

Chuck KB8WHQ passed around the
March of Dimes Sign Up sheet.
All that is needed is a 2 meter
mobile or HT that will hit the
Livonia repeater.

Dogs in the park was mentioned
again. Date to be July 23rd at
Plymouth Park.

John K8DSL asked who is
interested in participating in
Field Day this year. Four people
indicated they were interested.
Next month we will ask for
someone to take charge and
direct the event.

Fox Hunt - There will be a Fox
Hunt practice session the first
week of May at Plymouth Park.
The object is to test our
ability to execute such an
event.

John K8DSL discussed the Ham

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Sky Warn Class - The Livonia club is sponsoring Sky Warn classes March 30 at the Civic Center.

John K8DSL mentioned he had tried Jerry's Echo link on 146.49 but couldn't bring it up.

Don't forget April 18th is the Michigan QSO party. Runs from 12:00 noon till 12:00 mid night.

Donnie raised the issue of decreasing Club dues to encourage new membership. A lively discussion followed. No consensus was reached.

Motion to Adjourn was put forward. Approved and the meeting ended.

A video showing Ham Radio demonstrated to a grade school class.

Stu Rockafellow CW Net

Every Monday and Wednesday night, several Stu Rockers meet for a CW net on 7.055 kHz at 7: p.m. We try to keep our conversations short but everyone who wishes can join in and say a few words. It also is a great way for those of you who are either old time CW operators who just want to use their CW skills on a regular basis, or are newcomers to the mode but would like some chat time. We keep the speed down to whatever wpm code speed suits the skill of the particular operator. 15-17 wpm is the norm but slower speeds are not a problem. Please join us when you can.

SATURDAY BREAKFAST LOCATION

Each Saturday, the Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society meets for breakfast at George's Senate Coney Island 39430 Dun Rovin Dr. Northville, MI It is off Haggerty between 5 and 6 Mile on the west side of the road. There is a light at that intersection. The restaurant sits up on a hill The breakfast is at **9:00 AM** every Saturday. Talk-in is on the K8RUR 146.92 repeater. You do not need to be a member or a Amateur Operator to attend. Everyone is invited to attend! We would love to see you there!

NET LIST

DAY	TIME	CLUB or ORG.	FREQ.
Mon		* = new info	
	09:00 PM	USECA (Slow Code)	147.180
	07:30 PM	SATERN	147.180
	08:00 PM	ARROW A.R.C.	146.960
	08:00 PM	MECA	147.200
Sun		* = new info	
	01:00 PM	USECA (Information)	147.180
	08:00 PM	USECA (Traders/Helpers)	147.180
	08:00 PM	SPIRIT OF 76	146.760
	09:00 PM	HP A.R.C. /DART	146.640
	09:00 PM	GARDEN CITY A.R.C.	146.860
Sun - Sat		* = new info	
	10:15 PM	S.E. Mich Traffic Net	145.330
		MACEOC (Packet)	145.030
Thu		* = new info	
	08:00 PM	RACES/ARES	147.200
	07:00 PM	HP A.R.C (Kids)	146.640
	09:00 PM	ECHO	147.080
Tue		* = new info	
	09:00 PM	MOTOR CITY R.C.	147.240
	(2nd) 07:30 PM	STU ROCKAFELLOW	146.920
Wed		* = new info	
	09:00	ARPSC	147.160
	08:00 PM	GM A.R.C	146.700
	08:00 PM	SPIRIT OF 76	146.760

VE'S

DICK HARRIS	KW8B
DAVE REITZEL	K8EDR
BRUNO WALSZAK	WA8DHP
RALPH KATZ	AA8RK.
WILL SOPHA	W8USR
MAX BEHRENS	W3DBY
JOHN DELLINGER	KN8B

CLUB DUES ARE DUE.

MAIL IN THE FORM

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WESTLAND, MI

48185-6933

BETTER YET, BRING IT

TO THE NEXT

MEETING OR

THIS WILL BE YOUR

LAST NEWSLETTER



APRIL

JIM RICHARDS	N8VBK	14
DAVE REITZEL	K8EDR	27
RICH BARKER	W8VS	30

MAY

ROGER VAUGHN JR.	K8OVX	02
BILL POMEROY	WD8ODW	29

REMEMBER

If you don't see your name listed in the birthday box, the secretary does not know your birthdate

Want to listen to the Shuttle communications?
Check out 145.530 Simplex

STU ROCKAFELLOW A.R.S. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Send this form along with the appropriate dues to Stu Rock A.R.S., 33765 Tawas Trail, Westland, MI 48185-6933

Name: ----- FCC Call: ----- Date of Birth: -----

Address: ----- Cty: ----- State: ----- Zip: -----

Phone Number: -----

ARRL Member?: -----

E-Mail Address: -----

School Name: -----

License Class: -----

\$20.00 Regular Membership (hold FCC license)

\$15.00 Retired or Student (hold FCC license)

\$20.00 Associated Membership (No FCC License)

\$15.00 Retired or Student (No FCC License)

SECOND TUESDAY NET

CHECK INTO THE STU ROCKAFELLOW
TUESDAY EVENING NET ON THE SECOND
TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:30 LOCAL
TIME ON 146.920 REPEATER AND BECOME A
MEMBER OF THE "HONOR ROLL" ROLL CALL
NEXT MONTH

NET CONTROL OPERATORS

APR 14, 2009	D RIETZEL	K8EDR
MAY 12, 2009	D. QUARLES	W8RIF
JUNE 09, 2009	M. BEHRENS	W3DBY
JULY 14, 2009	D RIETZEL	K8EDR
AUG 11, 2009	C. VANVLECK	KB8VHQ

(* = New Operator)

Interested in becoming a Net Control Operator?

Contact Chuck VanVleck 734-453-7377 or
emermant@aol.com

The following Stations checked into the Stu
Rock Tuesday Night Net on MARCH 10,
2009 and are now on the "Honor Roll":

RICH	W8VS	DOUG	KD8HMA
BOB	K8HHP	WILL	W8USR
JOHN	WB8DEG	BILL	WD8ODW
GERRY	W8WQU	DICK	KQ8B
LARRY	K8ZMZ	MAX,	W3DBY
DAVE	W8DON		

SWAPS

April 18, 2009 Milford ARC
Milford High School
2380 Milfrod Road
Talk-in: 145.490 (PL 67)
145.520 (Backup)
Contact: Rose Moore, KC8NQ
(810) 632-5174
web: www.qsl.net/w8ydk

June 21, 2009 Monrow County Comm. Asso.
Monrow County Fairgrounds
3775 South Custer Road
Monrow, Mi
Talk-in: 146.72/12
Contact Fred VanDaele 734-242-9487
Web: www.mcrca.org/hamfest.htm

**TRAINING**

04/18/09 10:00 AM Sponsored by Wayne Co. RACES
and Garden City Emergency Management:
In the Maple Wood Community Center,
31735 Maplewood in Garden City. 48135

TO BE SHOWN AT THE APRIL GENERAL MEETING**Your headquarters at Work**

A department tour of ARRL's Administrative Headquarters in 1992 in Newington, CT.

2008 & 2009 Society Officers

President	K8DSL	JOHNEBEJER	
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	emermgnt@aol.com	(before 8 pm)734-453-7377	
Meetings	W8USR	William Sopha	
Chairman	will@sopha.org	313-533-8548	
Special Events	(Your Name?)		
Chairman			
2008 Field Day	Rich Barker	810-229-6996	
Chairman	W8VS		
Training Officer	WA8DHP	Bruno Walczak	734-464-8928
	bruno-ceil@att.net		
Dogs in the	DAVE REITZEL	K8EDR	734-427-3472 Park
Chairman	edraarch@att.net		

2009/2010 EVENT CALENDAR

JANUARY 2010

12 Rock Net 7:30 pm
 19 Tuesday Rock Meeting 7:30 pm
Dues are due
 20 Hazel Park Swap
 (2 Rock tables) ?

FEBRUARY 2010

09 Rock Net 7:30 pm
 15 Livonia ARC Swap
 (2 Rock tables)
 21 Tuesday Rock Meeting
 7:30 PM

MARCH 2010

09 Rock Net 7:30 pm
 16 Rock Meeting 7:30 pm
 (LAST CHANCE TO RENEW
 YOUR MEMBERSHIP)

APRIL 2009

14 Rock Net 7:30 pm
 21 Rock Meeting 7:30 pm
 25 March of Dimes Walk
 8 AM - 1 PM
 (We need you)

MAY 2009

12 Rock Net 7:30 pm
 19 Rock Meeting 7:30 pm

JUNE 2009

09 Rock Net 7:30 PM
 16 Rock Meeting 7:30 pm
 27 & 28 Field Day Weekend

JULY 2009

04 Township Picnic at Twp
 Park (Rock members
 welcome)
 14 Rock Net 7:30 pm
 23 Dogs in the Park
NO GENERAL MEETING

AUGUST 2009

11 Rock Net 7:30 pm
NO GENERAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 2009

08 Rock Net 7:30 pm
 15 Rock Meeting 7:30 pm
 (PATROL SIGNUP)
 19 ARC Bike Ride Comm.

OCTOBER 2009

13 Rock Net 7:30 pm
 29 Rock Meeting 7:30 pm
 (PATROL SIGNUP)
 30 & 31 Halloween Patrol

NOVEMBER 2009

06-08 White Fish Point
 Special Event Stations?
 15 Rock Net 7:30
 22 Rock Meeting 7:30 pm

DECEMBER 2009

09 Rock Net 7:30 PM
 16 (Christmas Dinner) 6:00 pm
2010 Dues are due

THE STU ROCKAFELLOW AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

224.94 OUT 223.34 IN Repeater Covering Southeastern Lower Michigan



PLYMOUTH CITY HALL

Club meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM local time except July and August.

Meetings are held in the Plymouth City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, in Plymouth Michigan

Check us out on the Web : www.qsl.net/w8njv

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201 S. MAIN STREET
PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

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