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JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2009, AT 7:30 LOCAL TIME, IN THE PLYMOUTH CITY HALL, AT 201 S. MAIN ST.

FROM THE SHACK

THE STU ROCKAFELLOW ARS CHRISTMAS DINNER WILL BE HELD AT THE SENATE RESTAURANT ON HAGGERTY ROAD IN NORTHVILLE, TWP. ON DECEMBER 9, 2008 AT 6:00 P.M. Please RSVP at 734-420-1606 or via email to John, K8DSL (k8dsl@wcowway.com) as soon as possible so we know how many folks to plan on. The dinner will be buffet style and will include 3 meat selections and all the trimmings including drinks (not from the bar). Cost will be \$14.00 per person.

We are back into our regular meeting place in the council chambers at the Plymouth City Hall. The city has renovated the space and all work has been completed so we should have no further problems with our meeting nights schedule.

Our November meeting included a report from Rich (W8VS) on the Whitefish Point special event that took place in early November. It was a great success and many QSOs were made between the two U.P. stations and over 1000 stations. N8F was at the point and K8F was South of Paradise, Michigan. The Livonia ARC also ran a station at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle using the call W8F.

Also at the November meeting we watched a video on the new D-Star operating mode for HF. It certainly demonstrated the improvement in SSB reception that can be realized using digital techniques rather than analog for audio communications. It does have its negative points but many positive ones too. Will, W8USR was kind enough to provide the club with the DVD for our club.

As I mentioned last month, things are slowly but surely improving on the amateur bands. All HF bands should be improving over the next year or so. Conditions on 15 through 10 meters should really improve so that intercontinental DXing should be common in a short time. Contacts between Michigan and California on 80 meters will also be much more dependable in that time. We certainly are dependant on those darn sunspots for our radio enjoyment. A time of low or zero sunspots can ensure very undependable band conditions. I am anxiously awaiting their improvement to the point where even QRP DX contacts become common.

Please remember our monthly Stu Rock net on the second Tuesday of the month on the 146.92 repeater. We are enjoying an increase in check-ins every month. We encourage everyone to to check-in and see what we are all about. During each net, we have a Q and A session primarily to help those who may be having a problem with station set up, antennas, or any other problems getting their station up and running. But, anything related to ham radio is a good topic to talk about. Remember the second Tuesday of the month and check-in to our net. Perhaps we can help get you get 'radioactive'.

Note that due to our December Christmas dinner being on the second Tuesday of December, our Stu Rock net is rescheduled for the third Tuesday, December 16. This is only for December and our regular Stu Rock net is scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month

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and will startup again in January 2009.

Mark your calendar for the next Stu Rockafellow ARS meeting, which will be held on January 20, 2009. The club meeting will be 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.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Remember, it's all about Ham Radio.

73, John (K8DSL)



Meeting minutes November 2008

1930 Meeting called to order by President,
John - K8DSL

Pledge of allegiance was recited

Introductions - 16 present 2 visitors

Approval of Minutes for October as printed
in Rock reporter

Approval of Treasurers report as read

Old Business:

Rich W8VS reported on the Whitefish Point
operation

W8F and K8F had a little over 1200
contacts

Band conditions were good. Best contact at
W8F was with S. Africa on 80 meters. W8F
contacted 43 states and K8F contacted 47
states

Rich said certificates are in the works. If
anyone has an old 1997 certificate please
contact him

Will W8USR reported on the Livonia Clubs
activity

They made 50 SSB contacts and 20 CW
contacts. A couple of club members made
more contacts from their home QTH but no
statistics

John K8DSL reported that the StuRock net
was slim pickins last week. Don't forget
the next net is Tuesday before the next
meeting 9 December and meeting scheduled 16
December

Chuck KB8WHQ reported on the Halloween
patrol. They had 3 cars on Devils night and
2 cars on Halloween. We could use greater
participation next year. A suggestion was
made for the club to purchase a couple of 2
meter magmount antennas so those with HTs
could operate. Chuch KB8WHQ sent a letter
to the Plymouth Police Chief.

Again everyone was encouraged to attend the
Saturday morning breakfast. Check the web
site for details

Rich W8VS reported we finished around 5th

in the state for field day

New Business

Christmas Potluck



A lively discussion on the Christmas potluck ensued. Chuck KB8WHQ suggested we have an alternative to a potluck. The final result is John K8DSL will check availability of couple of restaurants. Dinner will be a pay as you go. The date is December 16th, instead of a club meeting, with the time and place to be determined. John K8DSL and Chuck KB8WHQ will email members and try to get the info into the club newsletter.

Bob K8HHP is in Maryland and attended a swap meet. He found the components for a Fox Hunt Transmitter.

John K8DSL reminded all that the 40 meter? CW net is still active and all are invited

Ham Help - if you find you need help with equipment, technical questions, antennas, etc. Call a club member to see if he can help. We got some smart guys in dis her club!!

Motion to Adjourn was put forward. Approved and the meeting ended. Video on Digital voice followed

WEBSITES

CHECK OUT THE STU ROCK WEBSITE

[WWW.qsl.net/w8njh](http://www.qsl.net/w8njh)

www.n8tnt/

members.mint.net/n1bug/prop/auron/aufr.html

www.dxe.org

Aurora ActivityMap:

<http://sec.noaa.gov/prmap>

Mega Converter Web Page:

<http://www.megaconverter.com/mega2>

Antennas

<http://www.pi4cc.nl/link/bc.htm>

www.ccbik.com/radio.html

CONTESTS AND DX

[HTTP://cpcug.org/user/vfeidt/](http://cpcug.org/user/vfeidt/)

INTERNATIONAL CALL LOOK-UP

http://www.buck.com/cgi-bin/do_hamcallexe

NAME TAGS & OTHER HAM STUFF

www.qslusa.com

National Weather Service, Detroit

www.crh.noaa.gov/dtx

Logging Programs

www.n3fjp.com

R.A.D.A.R.

<http://www.qsl.net/wr8dar>

Local Hams in your neighborhood

<http://www.vanityhq.com/maps/enterzip.html>

Stu Rock Christmas Dinner

The dinner will be at the Senate Coney Restaurant on the West side of Haggerty Rd just South of 6 Mile Road on Dun Roven Drive. Time will be 6 p.m. ON DECEMBER 9TH and it will be buffet style with choice of 3 meat entries with all the trimmings. Cost will be \$14.00 per person and includes desert.

Please R.S.V.P. to John K8DSL at 734-420-1616 or k8dsl@wowway.com



DECEMBER

RALPH KATZ	AA8RK	12
SUE REITZEL	K8MBR	16
DAVID BARKER	W8QGE	23

JANUARY

JIM O'DONNELL	KB8WLN	10
MAX BEHRENS	W3DBY	14

HALLOWEEN PATROL OPERATIONS FOR 2008

A special thanks for the use of their time and equipment :

Mike Best	KD8GFB
Max Behrens	W3DBY
John Ebejer	K8DSL
Will sophia	W8USR
Dave Barker	W8QGE

CLUB DUES ARE DUE.

MAIL IN THE FORM PRINTED BELOW.

BETTER YET, BRING IT TO THE NEXT MEETING.

STU ROCK A FELLOW A.R.S. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Send this form along with the appropriate dues to Stu Rock A.R.S., 201 S Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170

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

Address: ----- City: ----- 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

DEC 09, 2008	C. VANVLECK	KB8WHQ
JAN 13, 2009	D. QUARLES	W8RIF
FEB 19, 2009	M. BEHRENS	W3DBY
MAR 10, 2009	D RIETZEL	K8EDR

(* = New Operator)

Interested in becoming a Net Control Operator?

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

The following Stations checked into the Stu Rock Tuesday Night Net on November 11, 2008 and are now on the "Honor Roll":

DICK	KW8B	SUE	K8MBR
BOB	K8HHP	JOHN	K8DSL
CHUCK		KB8WHO	JOHN
WB8DEG	DON	W8RIF	MAX
W3DBY			
IIVAN	N8AMT	TERRY	W8WQU
BILL	WB8SCE	BILL	WD8PDW

Net Control was Dave, K8EDR

*The Stu Rock New will be on DEcember 16 for this
time only*



HAVE A SAFE AND REWARDING HOLIDAY SEASON



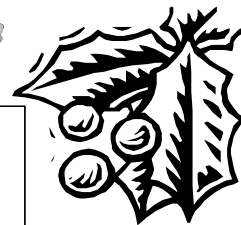
NOTICE

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At the January meeting we will show "Digital Voice for Amateur Radio" Part two

Will it replace SSB (and FM) the way SSB replaced AM?

2008 & 2009 Society Officers



President	K8DSL	JOHN EBEJER
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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
	bruno-ceil@att.net	734-464-8928
Dogs in the	OPEN	(YOUR NAME?)
Park Chairman		

2008/2009 EVENT CALENDAR

JANUARY 2009

13 Rock Net 7:30 pm
 20 Tuesday Rock Meeting 7:30 pm

Dues are due

18 Hazel Park Swap ?
 (2 Rock tables) ?

FEBRUARY 2009

10 Rock Net 7:30 pm
 18 Livonia ARC Swap ?
 (2 tables)
 17 Tuesday Rock Meeting
 7:30 PM

MARCH 2009

10 Rock Net 7:30 pm
 18 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
 16 Dogs in the Park ?

NO GENERAL MEETINGAUGUST 2009

11 Rock Net 7:30 pm

NO GENERAL MEETINGSEPTEMBER 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

03-06 White Fish Point
 Special Event Stations?
 15 Rock Net 7:30
 22 Rock Meeting 7:30 pm

DECEMBER 2008

09 Rock Net 7:30 PM
 16 (Christmas Party) 6:00 pm
2009 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/w8njh

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201 S. MAIN STREET
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LABEL

!!! If you move, please advise us of your new address!!!!