

The Rock Reporter

The Official Publication of the Stu Rockafellow Amateur radio society

From Your President

Hello everyone and I trust that everyone made it through the thanksgiving holiday without gaining like 100 lbs. But as we move forward towards Christmas and the New year 2011 let's remember that there are a lot of people out there that are without work and some in our communities that do not even have enough food to feed their families and try if you have the ability to donate to our food banks and churches that are trying to meet the needs of those that have way less than we do, have that ham sprit and give back to community.

We had a great meeting I felt last month even though W8VS forgot to put us around in a circle for our camp fire meeting. (HI) but that was ok we made 1200 or so contacts from white fish point and the Livonia club made a couple of hundred from Dossin museum, so it was a great weekend and fun had by all. If you are interested in seeing those pictures a ton of ways to do it, www.qsl.net/w8njh the activities page or go to Facebook and type in W8Rif and friend me there will be about 400 give or take of pictures from the whole weekend.

Let me also take a moment to thank all of the people that worked the special event and made is possible for us to make those contacts, without those that look for us every year THANK YOU!

A few quick notes: I was approached by one of our members about putting together a special event just a note to members if you would like to do that I will help in any way I can we can even use the clubs call sign, but remember we you need a few months to get it into the publications so keep that in mind. We will also have available at the next meeting a roster of paid members thus far this year, with that said remembering dues are due this month. Last and certainly not least, if you have not heard we are having a party for the 50th anniversary of the club, if you are interested in attending we need to know that by December 15,2010 so Dawn can make the arrangements. Her E-Mail Address is Dquarles@comcast.net call sign KD8LIZ.

Again from My family here to my ham family have a great and safe Thanksgiving and please remember if you plan on drinking over the holidays, please get someone else to drive that has not been drinking (I know this is cliché) but the life you save may be your own. See you at the Meeting NEXT MONTH topic is going to "bag of tricks."

Your president W8RIF Don Quarles

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

Special points of interest:

- > Stu Rock Net 2nd Tuesday of ever Month, 146.920 repeater and become a member of our honor roll
- > Breakfast every Saturday at 9:00 am at George's Senate Coney island 39430 Dun Rovin DR Northville, Mi

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Minutes from the October Meeting



**The rock reporter
Information**

**Club dues are due for 2011
Mail in form that can be found
on the web page in pdf form
to Stu Rock Treasurer 33765
Tawas Trail Westland, Mi
48185-6933 better yet bring
it to a meeting and give it to
us in person.**

**If you have anything to add to
the newsletter please E-Mail
Chuck at emermgnt@aol.com**

**The rock wishes
Happy Birthday to**

December

**Ralph Katz AA8RK 13
Sue Reitzel K8MBR 16
David Barker W8QGE 23
January**

**Jim O'Donnell KB8WLN 10
Max Behrens W3DBY 14**

**If you are not on the list
please contact Dave at
edraarch@att.net**

Minutes from the October Meeting 16 November 2010

Meeting called to order at 19:30 The Pledged was said there were 14 people there. Jordan got his General way to go. October 2010 minutes approved. Treasure report was read and approved.

White Fish Pointe: around 1300 contacts made for the weekend .On Sunday at the Dossin, Brono said they made about 113 sideband and 12 CW contacts .The Minnesota group made about 150 contacts. Around the first of the year Rich says we will do the certificate's there was a real nice copy at the meeting.

NO Christmas dinner in lew of having a 50th anniversary dinner in Jan but we will have a meeting in Dec. Dinner should be Jan 18th if they can do us that night cock-tails 6:30 dinner @ 7 .I STILL need a head count please ASAP .

Web page Bobby K8WX and Roy W8ROY is helping so things should be up to date if you see anything let Donnie know.

There is a link to the new newsletter on the web page, again we need input on how you like it, what needs to be done.

We would like to thank everyone who helps with anything to do with the club because without you there would be no club. Thank you Dave for letting us store some of the clubs things at your place. We still will need to take count of what we have once the weather breaks and what we don't need do something with.

A motion was made and approved to send Terry 50.00 for the upkeep of the repeater, we do use it for are nets and such.

We will have to decide about dogs in park and field day at Dec. meeting on if we are going to need the park.

Meeting called @ 20:52pm

Minutes humbly submitted

Dawn Quarles

Secretary K08LIZ



**The Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society
Wishes you a safe and Merry Christmas**

The Stu Rock net information



From the Net Boss Chuck VanVleck KB8WHQ

Stu Rock Net Meets the second Tuesday on each Month on the 146.920 repeater with a 100 HZ tone and negative offset

The following stations checked into the Stu Rock Net on November 09, 2010 and are now on the "honor Roll"

Chuck	KB8WHQ
Bob	K8HHP
Dave	K8EDR
Donnie	W8RIF
Dawn	KD8LIZ
Ralph	AA8RK
Dave	W8DON
Rich	W8VS
Roy	W8ROY
John	WB8DEG

Net Control Operator was Max Behrens W3DBY

Net Control Operators schedule

Nov 9, 2010 Chuck VanVleck KB8WHQ

Dec 14, 2010 Max Behrens W3DBY

Jan 18, 2011 Don Quarles W8RIF

Feb 08, 2011 Dave Reitzel K8EDR

Mar 08, 2011 Richard Barker W8VS

(*) = New Operator

Interested in becoming a Net Control operator?

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

Links to Websites



If you would
like to add
any web
links to the
newsletter
please email
Chuck
KB8WHQ

Check out the links to our websites

Stu rock Web page

QSL.NET/W8NJH

WWW.DXER.ORG

Aurora activity map

HTTP://SEC.NOAA.GOV

Weather Maps

Www.crh.noaa.gov

Mega Converter web page

Www.megaconverter.com/mega2

Antenna's

Www.pi4cc.nl

Contest & Dx

Cpcug.org

International call look up

Www.buck.com

Logging programs

Www.arrl.org

Vanity call sign HQ

Www.vanityhq.com



Who's Hungry for Breakfast on Saturday Morning

Each Saturday Morning at 9:00 AM, the Stu Rock club has breakfast at George's Senate Coney Island 39430 Dun Rovin Dr Northville, Michigan it is off Haggerty Between 5 and 6 mile on the west side of the road, there is a light at the intersection.

Talk-ins on the K8RUR 146.920 repeater, you do not need to be a Amateur Operator to attend and hang out. Everyone please come out we would love to see you there.

2010 event calendar

January 2010

12 Rock Net 7:30 PM
19 Tuesday rock meeting 7:30 PM
21 Hazel Park Swap
(2 rock tables)

Mon & Wed CW NET 7 PM

February 2010

09 Rock Net 7:30 PM
15 Livonia ARC swap
(2 rock tables)
21 Tuesday rock meeting 7:30 PM

Mon & Wed CW NET 7 PM

March 2010

09 Rock Net 7:30 PM
16 Tuesday rock meeting 7:30 PM

**Last change to renew your
Membership**

Mon & Wed CW NET 7 PM

April 2010

13 Rock Net 7:30 PM
20 Tuesday rock meeting 7:30 PM
24 March of dimes walk
8 AM—1 PM

**(we need you, see chuck
KB8WHQ to sign up)**

Mon & Wed CW NET 7 PM

May 2010

12 Rock Net 7:30 PM
19 Tuesday rock meeting 7:30 PM
Mon & Wed CW NET 7 PM

June 2010

09 Rock Net 7:30 PM
16 Tuesday rock meeting 7:30 PM
26 & 27 Field day Weekend Twp
Park

Mon & Wed CW NET 7 PM

July 2010

04 Township Picnic at twp park
(rock members welcome)
13 Rock Net 7:30 PM

NO General Meeting

Mon & Wed CW NET 7 PM

August 2010

10 Rock Net 7:30 PM
26 Dogs in the park

No General meeting

Mon & Wed CW NET 7 PM

September 2010

14 Rock Net 7:30 PM
18 ARC Bike Ride Comm
21 Tuesday rock meeting 7:30 PM

Mon & Wed CW NET 7 PM

October 2010

12 Rock Net 7:30 PM
19 Tuesday rock meeting 7:30 PM

Mon & Wed CW NET 7 PM

November 2010

04-07 white fish point special
event
(see web page for details)
09 Rock Net 7:30 PM
16 Tuesday rock meeting 7:30 PM

Mon & Wed CW NET 7 PM

December 2010

14 Rock Net 7:30 PM
21 Tuesday rock meeting 7:30 PM

**Dues are due please renew
this month**

Mon & Wed CW NET 7 PM

2010 & 2011 Society officers

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W8VS ~ Rich Barker ~ parabarker@sbcglobal.net ~ 810-229-6996

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Special events Chairperson

Open

OUR VE's

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KW8B

Dave Reitzel

K8EDR

Bruno Walczar

WA8DHP

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AA8RK

Will Sopha

W8USR

Max Behrens

W3DBY

John Dillinger

KN8B

Don Quarles

W8RIF

Frequently Asked Questions about ham radio

**Question's
on ham
radio? if
there is any
more from
you please
feel free to
ask.**



[Who are Amateur Radio operators or Hams?](#)

Anyone you know could be an Amateur Radio operator or "ham" --no matter what age, gender or physical ability. From ages 8 to 80, people in many countries of the world can have fun as radio amateurs. If you've had fun with CB radio or trying new things with your computer, wait till you see what you can do with ham radio!

[What Can I Do With Ham Radio?](#)

You can communicate from the top of a mountain, your home or behind the wheel of your car. You can take radio wherever you go! In times of disaster, when regular communications channels fail, hams can swing into action assisting emergency communications efforts and working with public service agencies. At other times, you can talk to Shuttle astronauts or bounce signals off the moon. You can use telegraphy, voice, digital, even images in communication with other hams. Know any other hobby with so much to offer?

[Why Do I need A License?](#)

Although the main purpose of the hobby is fun, it is called the "Amateur Radio Service" because it also has a serious face. The FCC created the "Service" to fill the need for a pool of experts who could provide backup emergency communications in times of need. In addition, the FCC acknowledged the ability of the hobby to advance communication and technical knowledge, and enhance international goodwill.

[What will this cost me?](#)

A basic new handheld radio can cost about the same as an inexpensive 19-inch color TV. Flea market bargains can cost a lot less. A new tabletop multi-band unit for your home radio shack can cost about the same as the PC you're reading this on. Materials to get you started are relatively inexpensive, and the exam fee you'll pay when you're ready to test is nominal.

[Who can help me out?](#)

Amateur Radio clubs are located all over the US and are eager to help the new-comer get started. If you prefer to study alone, our publications and this web site can be invaluable in helping you find the fast track to on-the-air enjoyment.

[When was Amateur Radio started?](#)

Nobody knows when Amateur Radio operators were first called "hams," but we do know that Amateur Radio is as old as the history of radio itself. In 1912, Congress passed the first laws regulating radio transmissions in the US. By 1914, amateur experimenters were communicating nation-wide, and setting up a system to relay messages from coast to coast (that's how we got our name, American Radio Relay League or ARRL, for short.)

[I don't have a lot of time. Can I still enjoy the hobby?](#)

You bet! The beauty of ham radio is it can fit the time, space, and budget that YOU decide is right for you. It's got that low stress, high fun ratio that many busy people seek in their off-hours. It can also be great family fun or a solitary pleasure.

[want to talk to a real, live ham. Who can I contact?-](#)

Any Ham radio club, or come out to one of our meetings you need not be a ham to attend we can help.

The 2010 ARRL 160 Meter Contest Will Warm Up Your Chilly December

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TAGS: antenna tuner, arrl 160 meter, arrl contest branch, Canadian stations, dx stations, dxcc entity, hawaii, Manager Sean Kutzko, meter contest, meter dipole, north dakota, QSOs, sweepstakes, UTC Sunday

The ARRL 160 Meter Contest -- an all-CW event -- is tremendous fun! As the object of the contest is for DX stations to contact American and Canadian stations (and vice versa), everyone will be seeking you (especially if you live in a rare section like North Dakota, Nebraska or any of the rare sections from November's Sweepstakes contests).

In this contest, Alaska (KL7) and Hawaii (KH6) count as DX, as do the Caribbean US possessions (KP1-KP5) and all of the Pacific Ocean territories (KH0-KH9). According to ARRL Contest Branch Manager Sean Kutzko, KX9X, if you don't have an antenna for 160, you should just load up whatever you have through an antenna tuner and give "top band" a try -- even a 40 meter dipole through a tuner will make QSOs.

Since ARRL and RAC Sections are worth 2 points each and count as multipliers, the ARRL 160 Meter Contest is a good way to begin working -- or finishing up! -- your Worked All States (WAS) award. But don't forget about those DX stations -- each DXCC entity is a multiplier and is worth 5 points each.

The ARRL 160 Meter Contest runs from 2200 UTC Friday, December 3 through 1559 UTC Sunday, December 5. Logs must be e-mailed or postmarked no later than 1600 UTC Tuesday, January 4, 2011. Paper logs should be sent to ARRL 160 Meter Contest, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

Stu Rockafellow A.R.S. Membership application

Name _____ FCC Call _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ E-Mail Address _____

ARRL Member _____ License Class _____ School name _____

___ \$ 20.00 Regular Membership ___ \$ 15.00 Senior Membership (62 & Older) ___ \$ 10.00 Student (18 & Younger)

___ \$ 20.00 Associate Membership (not Licensed) Check or Money order # _____

Mail form to:

S.R.A.R.S

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