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NO MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST. JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2009, AT 7:30 LOCAL TIME, IN THE PLYMOUTH CITY HALL, AT 201 S. MAIN ST IN PLYMOUTH MICHIGAN 48170.

FROM THE SHACK



Well gang, that about does it until September. I understand that our participation in Field Day has been called off due to lack of interest. That is unfortunate

because the club has operated Field Day for as long as I have been a member. I could not attend this year due to family commitments. Hopefully next year we can get more members motivated to take part in Field Day again.

Our June meeting was held in the small conference room adjacent to the council chambers. Although it room was small, it was adequate to accommodate the 18 people who attended the meeting. No one complained about the room and the chairs were certainly comfortable.

There will be a meeting at Plymouth Twp. Park on July 8 to discuss our final plans for the foxhunt. All those interested in attending the meeting should be at the pavillion on the hill at 6:30 p.m. We will firm up the location of the foxhunt, the date and time, and duration. Remember, our intention for our first foxhunt is to learn more about foxhunting on a rudimentary level. As we get more comfortable with foxhunting as a club, we can then begin to hold foxhunting contests, and offer prizes for the team

who finds the fox first, or travels the least, or both.

There will not be a Stu Rock meeting until September so this will be the last newsletter for the summer.

At the upcoming club meeting in October, I'll be requesting nominations for club officers for 2010. If you want to nominate someone for club office next year we will be starting to assemble the list then. Now is a good time to talk it up with your fellow members. Avoid the last minute rush.

Remember the second Tuesday of the month and check-in to our net on the 146.92 repeater.

I would like to propose that our monthly Stu Rock net be changed to a monthly roundtable. It would still be held on the second Tuesday of the month on the 146.92 repeater, but rather than just throwing out name, location and call sign, we could spend some time communicating with each other in roundtable fashion. I am sure there are many ham related subjects that we could talk about.

Remember, it's all about Ham Radio.

Have a great summer.

73, de John, K8DSL



Meeting Minutes

June 2009 Stu Rockafellow ARS Minutes of Meeting

- The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by John, K8DSL.
- Introductions were made and there were 18 people in attendance.
- The May treasurer's report was read, seconded and approved by all.
- Field Day plans were briefly discussed by Dave Barker, W8QGE. Plans are now for 5 members to operate a single station at the Plymouth Twp. Park.
- John, K8DSL spoke regarding the planing being done for the Foxhunt. It was agreed that a second meeting would be held at the pavillion on the hill at the Plymouth Twp. Park on July 8, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the final plans for the foxhunt and to decide on a final venue and date.
- John, K8DSL mentioned an email he had received from Tim, KE8XY. Tim had offered to donate approx. 100' of LMR400 coax to the club. Since our 220 repeater is not operational, we could not see how we could make good use of the coax so the offer was declined. An email will be sent to Tim thanking him for his generous offer.

- Chuck, KB8WHQ mentioned that the 146.92 repeater was looking for donations to purchase a new antenna. It was moved and seconded, and approved by all attendees, that a donation of \$100.00 was appropriate.

Dave, K8EDR the club treasurer will send a check to sent to Joe, KB8RF.

- John, K8DSL mentioned that his term as president of the Stu Rock ARS will expire in November and he asked that the club members begin to think about nominations for new club officers.

- Bill, WB8ODW requested help from someone in the club to rewire a microphone connector.

There was a brief discussion on this and John, K8DSL offered to help Bill resolve his problem if possible.

- Ron, WA8CVH requested help with his HT to program a few repeater frequencies and help with the setup of his radio. Dave, W8QGE offered to help Ron.

- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m.

The next Newsletter will be in September

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!

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

Stu Rockafellow CW Net

Every Monday and Wednesday night, several Stu Rockers meet for a CW net on **21.050 MHZ** 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.

VE'S

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

WEB SITESCHECK OUT THE STU ROCK WEB SITE

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

www.n8rnt/

members.mint.net/n1bug/prop/auroraon/auftr.html

www.dxer.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.cebik.com/radio.html

CONTESTS AND DX

HTTP://cpcug.org/user/wf eid/

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>

STUFF

<http://ralphkatz.pbworks.com/HamRadioLinks>

ARRL WEB SITE

NET LIST



| DAY | TIME | CLUB or ORG. | FRE Q. |
|-----------|----------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Mon | | * = new info | |
| | 09:00 PM | USECA (Slow Code) | 147.180 |
| | 07:30 PM | SA TERN | 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 |
| | * 08:00 PM | LIVONIA ARC | 145.350 |
| 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 |

| <u>JULY</u> | | |
|------------------|---------|----|
| JOHN DILLINGER | KN8B | 07 |
| DONALD QUARLES | W8RIF | 18 |
| RICHARD HARRIS | KW8B | 23 |
| <u>AUGUST</u> | | |
| JAMES SCHROT | KC8WMMW | 11 |
| DOUGLAS SCHWARTZ | KD8HMA | 25 |
| <u>SEPTEMBER</u> | | |
| WILL SOPHA | W8USR | 10 |

REMEMBER

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

STU ROCK AFELLOW 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: ----- 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

| | | |
|---------------|-------------|--------|
| JULY 14, 2009 | D RIETZEL | K8EDR |
| AUG 11, 2009 | C. VANVLECK | KB8WHQ |
| SEPT 08, 2009 | D. QUARLES | W8RIF |
| OCT 13, 2009 | M. BEHRENS | W3DBY |

(* = New Operator)

Interested in becoming a Net Control Operator?

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

THERE WAS NO STU ROCK
NET IN JUNE JOIN US IN JULY

SWAPS

August 01, 2009 UP Hamfest 2009
Delta County ARS www.dcars.org
Bay de Noc Community Col.
2001 N. Lincoln Rd., Escanaba, MI
Talk-in: 147.150 (100 hz PL)
Contact: John Anderson WD8RTH
[906-399-4490](tel:906-399-4490) wd8rth@dcars.org

August 08, 2009 ICARE Swap and Shop
Iosco County ARE Plainfield Twp. Hall
220 N Washington (M65), Hale, MI
Talk-IN: 146.640 (no PL)
Contact: Clifford Dolliver N8HA
[989-735-3186](tel:989-735-3186) n8ha@centurytel.net

August 09, 2009 Seaway Trunk Swap
Eastern Mich. ARS
Vintage Point Maritime Center
51 Water Street Post Huron, MI
Talk-in: 146.720
Contact: Bob Herbert K8WMW
[810-982-1561](tel:810-982-1561) k8wmw@arrl.net

August 16, 2009 Swap and Shop
Lapeer county ARS
Lapeer County Center Bldg.
425 County Ctr. Drive Lapeer, MI
Talk-in: 146.620 (100hz PL)
Contact: Bill Miller KD8VP
[810-797-5329](tel:810-797-5329) kd8vp@arrl.net

August 22, 2009 SARA Swap and Shop
Baker College Welcome Ctr.
1309 South M-52 Owasso, MI
Talk-in: 147.020 +.600 (100hz PL)
Contact: Don Warner WB8GUS
[810-266-4897](tel:810-266-4897) wb8gus@arrl.net

2008 & 2009 Society Officers

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| President | K8DSL | JOHN EBEJER | |
| | k8dsl@wowway.com | 734-420-1606 | |
| Vice President | W8VS | RICH BARKER | |
| | parabarker@sbcglobal.net | 810-229-6996 | |
| Secretary | WB8DEG | JOHN DAUGHERTY | |
| | wb8deg@arrl.net | (810) 227-7837 | |
| Treasurer | K8EDR | DAVE REITZEL | |
| | edraarch@att.net | 734-427-3472 | |
| Club License Trustee | K8DSL | JOHN EBEJER | |
| | k8dsl@wowway.com | 734-420-1606 | |
| Gov. Liaison & S.E. Officer | AA8NT | Glenn Ungarten | |
| | | 248-489-9509 | |
| Repeater Trustee | W8QGE | Dave Barker | |
| | w8qge@arrl.net | 734-207-2004 | |
| Newsletter Editor | KB8WHQ | Chuck VanVleck | |
| | 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@arrl.net | 734-464-8928 | |
| Dogs in the | DAVE REITZEL | K8EDR | 734-427-3472 |
| Chairman | edraarch@att.net | | Park |

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 2010

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

 24 March of Dimes Walk
 8 AM - 1 PM
 (We need you)

MAY 2010

12 Rock Net 7:30 pm

 19 Rock Meeting 7:30 pm

JUNE 2010

09 Rock Net 7:30 PM
 16 Rock Meeting 7:30 pm

 27 & 28 Field Day Weekend
 TWP PARK?
 Mon & Wed CW Net 7 PM

JULY 2009

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

AUGUST 2009

11 Rock Net 7:30 pm

NO GENERAL MEETING

 Mon & Wed CW Net 7 PM

SEPTEMBER 2009

08 Rock Net 7:30 pm
 15 Rock Meeting 7:30 pm
 (PATROL SIGNUP)

 19 ARC Bike Ride Comm.
 Mon & Wed CW Net 7 PM

OCTOBER 2009

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

 Mon & Wed CW Net 7 PM

NOVEMBER 2009

06-08 White Fish Point
 Special Event Stations?
 15 Rock Net 7:30
 22 Rock Meeting 7:30 pm
 ELECTION
 Mon & Wed CW Net 7 PM

DECEMBER 2009

09 Rock Net 7:30 PM
 16 (Christmas Dinner) 6:00 pm?)

2010 Dues are due

 Mon & Wed CW Net 7 PM

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

STU ROCKAFELLOW A.R.S.
201 S. MAIN STREET
PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

LABEL

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address!!!!