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JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2009, AT 7:30 LOCAL TIME, IN THE PLYMOUTH CITY HALL, AT
201 S. MAIN ST IN PLYMOUTH MICHIGAN 48170.



FROM THE SHACK

Where has the time gone? It is almost June and the Dayton Hamvention is now a memory. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to go to Dayton this year but based on the reports from others who did, it was a great success.

Field Day 2009 will take place during the last weekend of June. Another event I will not be able to take part in. I usually do but again, other duties are calling me away from ham radio. There will be some folks from the Stu Rock ARS who are planning on operating a station from the Plymouth Township Park on Ann Arbor Trail near Beck Road. All are welcome to join them for the weekend or even for a few hours operating or just observing. The station setup will be at the usual spot at the top of the hill between the baseball diamonds.

After the June meeting, There will not be a Stu Rock meeting until September so this will be the next to last last newsletter for the summer.

While we are on our summer hiatus, several of the Stu Rock members are planning to have a foxhunt. The foxhunt will be our first so over the past few months we have been trying to prepare for a club sponsored foxhunt event. We still have a lot to learn about radio direction finding (RDF) or foxhunting as it is known in the ham community but it should be a lot of fun. More about the event at our June meeting.

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.

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 radio active.

Mark your calendar for the next Stu Rockafellow ARS before the summer break. Our next meeting will be held on June 16, 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.

Why do ships and aircraft in trouble use "mayday" as their call for help? This comes from the French word m'aidez - meaning "help me" - and is pronounced "mayday." Note: not exactly.... it's pronounced "med-ay", but close enough.

Remember, it's all about Ham Radio.

Have a great summer.

73, de John, K8DSL



Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes May 2009

1930 Meeting called to order by
President, John - K8DSL

Pledge of allegiance was recited

Introductions - 16 were present 3
visitors

Approval of Minutes for March as
printed in Rock reporter

Approval of Treasurers report as read

Old Business:

Chuck (KB8WHQ) read a letter from the
March of Dimes thanking the club for
it's participation during the March of
Dimes Walk

Field Day Discussion

5 people have expressed an
interest in doing Field Day this
year for the Club. Dave W8QGE
will set up a station and Chuck
KB8WHQ will provide a generator

Dayton Hamfest Discussion

Doug and Bob were the only
attendees. They said they had a
good time but attendance seemed
down again this year

StuRock net last week had 5 or 6
check-ins

Fox Hunt Discussion

Several people showed up at
the park for a trial test of the
Fox Hunt equipment. The actual
Fox Hunt will be in July or
August. Final date to be
determined. An email will be sent
to all members.

White Fish Point Discussion

The N8F and K8F call signs have
been approved and assigned. W8F
has been requested but not
assigned yet. Dates for the event
are 6-7-8 Nov. 09

Photos and QSL Cards Still looking
for station photos and QSL cards
of club members for the scrap
book

New Business

There was none

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

A video showing JARL satellite
operations was presented

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 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.

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

www.n8tnt/members.mint.net/n1bug/prop/aumon/aufr.html
www.dixer.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/wfeidt/

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/rnaps/enterzip.html>

NET LIST

DAY	TIME	CLUB or ORG.	FREQ.
Mon		* = newinfo	
	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		* = newinfo	
	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		* = newinfo	
	10:15 PM	S.E. Mich Traffic Net	145.330
		MACEOC (Packet)	145.030
Thu		* = newinfo	
	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		* = newinfo	
	09:00 PM	MOTOR CITY R.C.	147.240
	(2nd) 07:30 PM	STU ROCKAFELLOW	146.920
Wed		* = newinfo	
	09:00	ARFSC	147.160
	08:00 PM	GM A.R.C	146.700
	08:00 PM	SPIRIT OF 76	146.760



<u>JUNE</u>		
BRUNO WALCZAK	WA8DHP	05
MIKE BEST	KD8GFB	21
<u>JULY</u>		
JOHN DILLINGER	KN8B	07
DONALD QUARLES	W8RIF	18
RICHARD HARRIS	KW8B	23
<u>AUGUST</u>		
JAMES SCHROT	KC8WMW	11
DOUGLAS SCHWARTZ	KD8HMA	25

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

JUNE 09,2009	M. BEHRENS	W3DBY
JULY 14, 2009	D RIETZEL	K8EDR
AUG 11, 2009	C. VANVLECK	KB8WHQ
SEPT 08, 2009	D. QUARLES	W8RIF

(* = 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 MAY 12, 2009
and are now on the "Honor Roll":

JOHN	K8DSL
CHUCK	KB8WHQ
MAX	W3DBY
DICK	KW8B
BARB	KC8SWF

Net Operator: DON W8RIF

SWAPS

JUNE 20 MIDLAND A.R.C.
SALVATION ARMY BUILDING
330 WALDO ROAD MIDLAND MI
Talk-in: 147.00 +
Contact: Pat Mullett 989-828-6657
Email: Pat_mullett@yahoo.com

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

TO BE SHOWN AT THE JUNE GENERAL MEETING

IT'S A SUPRISE

2008 & 2009 Society Officers

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@att.net	734-464-8928	
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 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 2009

11 Rock Net 7:30 pm
 18 Rock Meeting 7:30 pm

JUNE 2009

08 Rock Net 7:30 PM
 15 Rock Meeting 7:30 pm
 27 & 28 Field Day Weekend
 TWP PARK?

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 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

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

LABEL

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