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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 WAS HELD AT THE SENATE RESTAURANT IN NORTHVILLE, TWP. ON DECEMBER 9, AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL.

George, the restaurant owner, could not have been more accommodating to our group. The food and service was excellent, and George even threw in a couple extras for our culinary and festive enjoyment. His soup and wine (on the house I might add) were an added plus to our evening. We will certainly put the Senate Restaurant on our list for next years Christmas dinner.

The Stu Rockafellow ARS has a new member this month. Richard Gibson, K6VEM has joined our ranks and we are glad Richard chose the Stu Rock to be his radio club of choice. I was able to spend some time with Richard at our Christmas party and by our conversation, I am convinced that he will be a wonderful addition to our club.

As a bit of information to you who live North of Plymouth, the Sheldon Road overpass at the C&O Railroad crossing is now open as of Friday, December 12. That will really be a welcomed change to my route to work in the morning. Trying to time my trips to a part-time job in Plymouth has certainly been a daunting experience for me. Those trains at the Starkweather and Farmer streets crossings have cost me many minutes of my time since Sheldon Road has been shut down over the past two years.

I am happy to report that our club treasure, Dave (K8EDR) is feeling better after being a bit under the weather over the

past few weeks. Now, lets get Dave's juices flowing by sending in our 2009 dues to him ASAP. Dave loves to see those dues come rolling in. So, rather than sending them to the Stu Rock address, it has been decided that it is a much more efficient idea for the members to simply mail their checks directly to Dave at his home address. (See the list of society officers in the newsletter for Dave's address). Or, bring you 2009 dues to our January meeting. Incidentally, to those who didn't make the November meeting, the revisions at the City Hall have been completed, and the Stu Rockafellow ARS monthly meetings are once again being held in the council chambers on the second floor of the Plymouth City Hall. Our January meeting will be the second Tuesday in January at 7:30 p.m.

The January meeting will include the second part of the video on the D-Star operating mode for VHF. At our November meeting, we watched the first half of the D-Star video on HF operation. D-Star is a digital mode of audible communications that virtually eliminates QSB and QRN. It does have its negative points but many positive ones too. Will, W8USR has provided the DVD to our club.

I mentioned last months that things were slowly but surely improving on the amateur bands. Unfortunately, based on my experience over the months of November and early December, I was premature in my applause for the improvement in HF propagation. Actually, things on the HF bands still stink. I operated during the CW CQWW DX contest the last weekend in November and conditions were not great. The bands opened up late and closed early. I was able to work 68 countries during the contest. However,

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Asia and Oceana were weak at my QTH and but for a couple of Hawaiian and Japanese Qs, I was not able to contact any stations in the far East. Patience is certainly a virtue now.

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, TVI or BCI, or any other problems getting their station up and running. 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 'radio active. 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 schedule of the second Tuesday will startup again in January 2009.

Mark your calendar for the next Stu Rockafellow ARS which held on January 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.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Remember, it's all about Ham Radio.

73, de John, K8DSL



NO BUSINESS

MEETING IN

DECEMBER

SWAPS

January 18, 2009 Hazel park ARC
 Hazel park High School
 Hazel Park Michigan
 Talk-in: 147.080 (pl 100)
 Contact: Marty Foltz K8HVI
 (585) 399-7970
 Email: wd8s@comcast.net

February 15, 2009 Livonia ARC
 Civic park Senior's Center
 Livonai, Michigan
 Talk-in:145.350 (PL 100)
 Contact: Fred Deschenes, W8GHK
 (734) 513-8784
 Email: w9ghk@arri.net

October 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

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

WEBSITESCHECK OUT THE STU ROCK WEB SITE[WWW.qsl.net/w8nh](http://www.qsl.net/w8nh)www.n8tnt/members.mint.net/n1bug/prop/aumon/auftr.htmlwww.dxe.org

Aurora ActivityMap:

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

Mega Converter Web Page:

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

Antennas

<http://www.pi4cc.nl/link/bc.htm>www.cebk.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/maps/enterzip.html>

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!



JANUARY

JIM O'DONNELL	KB8WLN	10
MAX BEHRENS	W3DBY	14

FEBRUARY

CHUCK VANVLECK	KB8WHQ	04
ROBERT WITTMER	KB8DID	05
RICHARD GIBSON	K6VEM	06

CLUB DUES ARE DUE.
 MAIL IN THE FORM PRINTED
 BELOW TO:
 33765 TAWAS TRAIL
 WESTLAND, MI 48185-6933

 BETTER YET, BRING IT TO
 THE NEXT MEETING.

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: 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

JAN 13, 2009	D. QUARLES	W8RIF
FEB 19, 2009	M. BEHRENS	W3DBY
MAR 10, 2009	D RIETZEL	K8EDR
APR 14, 2009	C. VANVLECK	KB8WHQ

(* = New Operator)

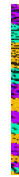
Interested in becoming a Net Control Operator?

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

The following Stations checked into the Stu
Rock Tuesday Night Net on December 16,
2008 and are now on the "Honor Roll":

DICK	KW8B	DOUG	KD8HMA
BOB	K8HHP	JOHN	K8DSL
JOHN	WB8DEG	MAX	W3DBY
BILL	WD8PDW	LARRY	KA8ZMZ
RICH	W8VS		

Net Control was Chuck, KB8WHQ

CORK BOARD

Alinco DJ-S41T 440MHz HT 350mW, takes 3 AA batteries,
\$45

Antenna 90 inch whip, with spring: \$5

Ralph Katz

aa8rk@tds.net

<http://ralphkatz.pbwiki.com>

Bob K8HHP 734 697 7057 rescas@hotmail.com

I can email pictures and more details. Not sure of working
condition.

63 inches height. PWR supply inside, volt unknown 2 slide pull
out trays, Panel lights and switches on top Panel, some rust on
bottom and top. Asking \$75.00

C-645 Unused Airborne Interrogator Transponder covering
460 to 490 Mhz. Part of SCR-15 Receiver IF is 40 Mhz.

Transmitter is a tuned-line oscillator which operates on either of
2 Pre-adjusted frequencies in the range 435 to 500 Mhz. Can be
powered by a PE-101 from either 12 or 24 volts. Tubes 2- 955,
1- 316A and 12 Philco's.

Still in shipping box. This still like new.

Asking \$35.00

NOTICE**NOTICE**

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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Training Officer	WA8DHP	Bruno Walczak
	bruno-ceil@att.net	734-464-8928
Dogs in the Park Chairman	OPEN (YOUR NAME?)	

2009/2010 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
 15 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 Hallween Patrol

NOVEMBER 2009

03-06 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/w8njh

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

LABEL

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