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JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009, AT 7:30 LOCAL TIME, IN THE PLYMOUTH CITY HALL, AT 201 S. MAIN ST.



FROM THE SHACK

Spring is just around the corner. Soon we'll be able to get outside and repair winters damage to our

antennas, or erect a new antenna. The most important part of our system is the antenna. If you are planning on putting up a new antenna in the spring and would like some help designing, building or erecting it, come to our next club meeting and let us know how we can help.

The ARRL DX contest for the CW mode was in February and thankfully the HF bands were in fairly decent condition. I was able to operate a total of 10 hours on Friday and Saturday evenings and worked 76 separate DX entities and made a total of 269 contacts overall. My somewhat meager stats are chump change compared to some of the high rollers who made contacts in the thousands and operated the full 48-hour period. But I had fun and look forward to the event every year. With all of the activity during the contest, it demonstrated to me that ham radio is alive and well for another year.

The results of the questionnaire I sent out a couple of months ago are very interesting to me. I learned that 61 percent of the respondents are Extra class licensees, and that 68 percent operate almost exclusively HF. Fifty-three percent prefer SSB operating, CW came in second at 19 percent, with digital and FM coming in third place at 14 percent

each. This surprised me because I was under the impression that FM would have been higher than that. Sixty-five percent of Stu Rock members spend at least 10+ hours a week operating their stations. Over 65 percent of our members prefer hamming activities that include civic and public service operating, while 35 percent enjoy contesting and DX hunting. Over 90 percent of you have QSL cards, and most of you will send one out to confirm a QSO if asked, or will send a QSL when you receive one. The best results of my questionnaire was the last question: "Are you still active?" 100 percent of you responded with a YES. Good news.

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 get 'radio active'.

Mark your calendar for the next Stu Rockafellow ARS, meeting which will be held on March 17, 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. Remember, it's all about Ham Radio.

73, de John, K8DSL



Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes February 2009

1930 Meeting called to order by President,
John - K8DSL

Pledge of allegiance was recited

Introductions - 18 members present

Approval of Minutes for Jan. as printed in
the Rock reporter

Approval of Treasurers report as presented

Old Business:

Reported 13 check-ins for Stu Rock net last
week. Don't forget the next net is Tuesday
March 10th before the next club meeting on
Tuesday March 17th

New Business:

Chuck KB8WHQ mentioned Tornado Safety and had
some hand-outs he put on the table. Chuck
will try to scan the handout and email to all
members

Dogs in the Park - Chuck KB8WHQ and Dave
K8EDR will coordinate and handle again this
year. However, they can use a little more
help on clean up this time. Dave said we made
a slight profit on last year's event.

Field day planning was briefly discussed. No

action taken at this time. However,
several members expressed an interest
in participating again this year.

John K8DSL said a Fox Hunt is still
planned for this spring. Bob K8HHP has
a Fox transmitter almost ready.

John K8DSL reminded all that the 40
meter CW net is still active on Monday
and Wednesday at 7:00 PM on or about
7.055, all are invited to join in or
just listen.

Club QSL cards was discussed and
approval was given for Dave K8EDR to
order 250 cards.

The K5D DXpedition was discussed.
Seems the guys are on the air most
times and most bands.

A short discussion followed regarding
proper radio operating procedures for
DX and local contacts.

Rich W8VS asked who might be
interested in going to Whitefish Point
this year. Several members expressed
an interest.

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

Will showed an interesting video from
NASA(?) regarding Amateur Radio from
the Space Shuttle called the SAREX
operation.

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.



TRAINING

04/18/09 10:00 AM Sponsored by Wayne Co. RACES and Garden City Emergency Management:
In the Maple Wood Community Center,
31735 Maplewood in Garden City. 48135

03/30/09 7:00 PM Sponsored by LIVONIA POLICE and the Livonia ARC:

In the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road in Livonia (East of Farmington Road) 48154
Contact: Sharon Keller at 734-427-3934
E-mail: driskell55@aol.com

VE'S

DICK HARRIS	KW8B
DAVE REITZEL	K8EDR
BRUNO WALSZAK	WA8DHP
RALPH KATZ	AA8RK.
WILL SOPHA	W8USR
MAX BEHRENS	W3DBY

WEB SITES

CHECK OUT THE STU ROCK WEB SITE

WWW.qsl.net/w8njh

www.n8mt/members.mint.net/n1bug/prop/aumon/aufr.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/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.rh.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!



MARCH

MARK CAMPBELL	KC8ORH	06
DAVE MELTON	K8LJX	10
BOB SCHANK	K8HHP	17

APRIL

JIM RICHARDS	N8VBK	14
DAVE REITZEL	K8EDR	27
RICH BARKER	W8VS	30

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

STUROCKAFELLOW 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

MAR 10, 2009	D RIETZEL	K8EDR
APR 14, 2009	C. VANVLECK	KB8WHQ
MAY 12, 2009	D. QUARLES	W8RIF
JUNE 09, 2009	M. BEHRENS	W3DBY

(* = 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 February 10, 2009 and are now on the "Honor Roll":

RICH	W8VS	JIM	KD8GFC
BOB	K8HHP	JOHN	K8DSL
JOHN	WB8DEG	BILL	WD8ODW
SUE	K8MBR	CHUCK	KB8WHQ
DAVE	K8EDR	LARRY	KA8ZMZ
JORDAN	KC8NKX	DAVE	W8QGE

Net Control was MAX, W3DBY

SWAPS

March 15, 2009 Toledo Mobil Radio Assso.
Lucas County Recreation Center
2901 Key St, Maumee, Ohio
Talk-in 147.27 +
www.tmarhamradio.oeg

April 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

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 MARCH GENERAL MEETING**Amateur Radio in Elementary School**

Ken Botterbrodt, K2WB (Ex-WA2CVJ), demonstrates Amateur Radio to a class of elementary school students. After explaining ham radio, Ken does a CW demonstration of students names, holds a question and answer period, and concludes with students making on-the-air contacts on HF in the classroom

2008 & 2009 Society Officers

President	K8DSL	JOHN EBEJER
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	parabarker@sbcglobal.net	810-229-6996
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	wb8deg@arrl.net	(810) 227-7837
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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		

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 tables)
 21 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
 23 Dogs in the Park
NO GENERAL MEETING

AUGUST 2009

11 Rock Net 7:30 pm
NO GENERAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 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/w8njh

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

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address!!!!