

The Rock Reporter

The Official Publication of the Stu Rockafellow Amateur radio society

Well we had a great meeting last month it is so nice to see so many of you out on a rainy night,

We have a lot of special things coming up in the next coming months. Field day is a go, we would love to have

Everyone out there and help us work the stations. I am going to try and get a presentation from Andy who ran garden city's field day last year

He did a great job and I think it would be beneficial for you all to see it.

Dayton is right around the corner W8ROY and I will be traveling down together on Friday and then home on Saturday sometime hope to see a lot of you there.

I am a little miffed, I am trying everything I can to get the members motivated and moving forward on trying to get new members in our club, some special events, and I cannot get anyone

To committee to field day. Come on members let's move forward and all of us do this together. How about some ideas coming to a meeting and drinking coffee is great but why not do some radio things. Have we become compliance where we are and the coffee and the meetings are all we really want to do. If that is what you want then why not say that. Or is the attitude of I have done that so many times before let someone else do it. Maybe we need to think about why we are a radio club and make up our minds. I am begging you to have some suggestions at the next meeting on how to improve membership.

Hope to see you at Dayton

Your president W8RIF Don Quarles

50th years of serving the Amateur Radio

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

Special points of interest:

- > Stu Rock Net 2nd Tuesday of every 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 December 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**

**May
Roger Vaughn Jr KB0VX 02
Bill Pomeroy WD8ODW
29**

**June
Bruno Walczak WA8DHP
05
Mike Best KD8GFB 21**

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

Minutes from the April 19 2011 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 19:25

Pledge

Role

Treasurer report read and approved

Minutes from last meeting approved

15 people present

Old business:

W8roy (Roy) checked with the Garden City club they are paying more in insurance then we are .

New Business

Field day the last weekend in June there will be 2 stations . We need to get some things out of storage for this.

Dogs in the park THURSDAY Aug.25th from 5 to 8

Michigan QSO party was Saturday April 16th

VE session Livonia Saturday April 23rd at the Livonia Police station need to be there by noon

Garden City club will be holding Tech classes starting the end of may

Meeting called 18:10

Minutes humbly submitted

Dawn Quarles Secretary KD8LIZ

**The Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society
Serving the Amateur radio community for
50 Years**

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 April 11, 2011 and are now on the "honor Roll"

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| Dave | K8EDR |
| Dawn | KD8LIZ |
| Rich | W8VS |
| Roy | W8ROY |
| John | WB8DEG |
| John | K8DSL |
| John | N8RWI |
| Dick | KW8B |
| Ron | WA8CVH |

Net Control Operator was Max W3DBY

Net Control Operators schedule

May 10, 2011 Chuck Vanvleck KB8WHQ

Jun 14, 2011 Don Quarles W8RIF

Jul 12, 2011 Dave Reitzel K8EDR

Aug, 09, 2011 Rich Barker W8VS

Sept 12, 2011 Max Behrens W3DBY

(*) = New Operator

Interested in becoming a Net Control operator?

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

2011 event calendar

January 2011

11 Rock Net 7:30 PM
16 Hazel Park Swap
(2 rock tables)
18 50th Anniversary dinner

Mon & Wed CW NET 7 PM

February 2011

08 Rock Net 7:30 PM
15 Tuesday rock meeting 7:30 PM
20 Livonia ARC Swap
(2 rock tables)

Mon & Wed CW NET 7 PM

March 2011

08 Rock Net 7:30 PM
15 Tuesday rock meeting 7:30 PM

**Last chance to renew your
Membership**

Mon & Wed CW NET 7 PM

April 2011

12 Rock Net 7:30 PM
19 Tuesday rock meeting 7:30 PM
23 March of dimes walk
8 AM—1 PM

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

Mon & Wed CW NET 7 PM

May 2011

10 Rock Net 7:30 PM
17 Tuesday rock meeting 7:30 PM
Mon & Wed CW NET 7 PM

June 2011

08 Rock Net 7:30 PM
15 Tuesday rock meeting 7:30 PM
25 & 26 Field day Weekend Twp
Park

Mon & Wed CW NET 7 PM

July 2011

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 2011

09 Rock Net 7:30 PM
25 Dogs in the park

No General meeting

Mon & Wed CW NET 7 PM

September 2010

13 Rock Net 7:30 PM
17 ARC Bike Ride Comm
21 Tuesday rock meeting 7:30 PM

Mon & Wed CW NET 7 PM

October 2011

11 Rock Net 7:30 PM
18 Tuesday rock meeting 7:30 PM

Mon & Wed CW NET 7 PM

November 2011

04-06 white fish point special
event
(see web page for details)
08 Rock Net 7:30 PM
15 Tuesday rock meeting 7:30 PM

Mon & Wed CW NET 7 PM

December 2010

13 Rock Net 7:30 PM
20 Tuesday rock meeting 7:30 PM

**Dues are due please renew
this month**

Mon & Wed CW NET 7 PM

2010 & 2011 Society officers

President

W8RIF ~ Don Quarles ~ W8RIF@comcast.net ~ 734-641-6417

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

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W8USR ~ William Sopha ~ will@sopha.org ~ 313-533-8548

Field day Chairperson

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

Dogs in the park Chairperson

K8EDR ~ Dave Reitzel ~ edraarch@att.net ~ 734-427-3472

Training officer

WA8DHP ~ Bruno Walczak ~ Bruno-ceil@att.net ~ 734-464-8928

Special events Chairperson

Open

OUR VE's

Dick Harris

KW8B

Dave Reitzel

K8EDR

Bruno Walczak

WA8DHP

Ralph Katz

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.



How Stu Rockafellow Amateur radio society got it's name

James McLaughlin, WA2EWE/T6AF, killed by Afghan Pilot

James McLaughlin, WA2EWE/T6AF, was one of several killed in Kabul, Afghanistan on Wednesday, April 27. News sources say that eight American troops and a US contractor died Wednesday after an Afghan military pilot opened fire during a meeting in an operations room of the Afghan Air Corps at the Kabul airport -- the deadliest episode to date of an Afghan turning against his coalition partners, officials with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISF) in Afghanistan said.

Licensed since 1972, McLaughlin was a career US military officer. Bob Magnani, K6QXY, told the ARRL that McLaughlin was just in the US a week ago, visiting his family. His son Adam, KD6POE, works for me. He told me that his dad had been in Afghanistan and Iraq many times over the past few years, most currently serving as a flight instructor." McLaughlin posted on his qrz.com page that "almost every day, I operate at around 1230 - 1430 UTC. Sometimes I am QRV until around 1500 UTC." As of March 26, 2011, he had logged 4359 QSOs, most of them on RTTY and PSK. -- Thanks to Russ Bentson, K6KLY, CNN and Fox News for the information

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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