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JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2009, AT 7:30 LOCAL TIME, IN THE PLYMOUTH CITY HALL, AT 201 S. MAIN ST IN PLYMOUTH MICHIGAN 48170.

FROM THE SHACK

Wow! Where did the summer go? I was just getting warmed up and now here we go again, here it is now fall, and then winter is only weeks away. Since we will be indoors more due to the seasonal changes, it will be perfect timing for doing a little ham radio instead of mowing the lawn or picnicking. Remember guys, if you don't use it, you may lose it.

Although the Stu Rock didn't operate Field Day this year, we did manage to hold our first foxhunt. What a time we had hunting that elusive "fox". Bob, K8HHP, that "Sly Silver Fox" fooled us all. Actually, we fooled ourselves since none of us had much experience taking part in foxhunts and were stuck on looking for a particular car rather than the fox. Bob had changed cars between the time we started and when he finally "hid out in his den". It was a great job of outfoxing the hunters. What a time we had. Ralph (AA8RK), Doug (KD8HMA) and Mike (KD8GFB) were the winners this time but I think they will have even greater competition the next time.

Speaking of the next foxhunt, we will be holding our second foxhunt on Saturday, October 23, 2009. We will meet again at the parking lot of the Plymouth Elks club. The start time will be at 1:00 p.m. and it will last end at 4:00 p.m. I will be sending a separate letter to all Stu Rock members early in October. I hope everyone who participated in our first foxhunt will do so again. Anyone else who would like to join the hunt are of course more than welcome to join us on the 23rd.

We are looking for a new home for the 220 Mhz repeater equipment. The Stu Rock club has decided that we are no longer interested in reactivating the 220

repeater. Hopefully someone would be, we hope so. Dave Barker has been storing the racks of equipment and duplexers in his basement. He can no longer do so and that is our dilemma. Dave has less than 5 weeks to empty the basement of the 220 equipment. If we cannot find a new home for the repeater equipment we will have to take other steps to rid Dave of the 220 boat anchors.

At the upcoming club meeting in October, We will 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. Please contact Max, W3DBY if you have any nominee in mind. 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 our name, location and callsign, we could spend some time communicating with each other in a 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

SEPT 2009

1930 hrs meeting called to order by President, John - K8DSL.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Introductions – 15 members were present 3 visitors.

Approval of Minutes for March as printed in Rock reporter.

Approval of June Minutes as printed in the news letter.

Approval of Treasurers reports as read.

Old Business:

Field Day Discussion

The club did not participate in field day this year.

John K8DSL suggested if we do not have enough members to operate in next year's field day, we should consider participating with the Livonia club.

Stu Rock net last week had 10 check ins.

Fox Hunt Discussion

A total of 12 people (five cars) participated in the club Fox Hunt.

Bob K8HHP presented an interesting narrative of his day as the Fox.

John K8DSL proposed a second club sponsored Fox Hunt in October around the 22nd.

New Business:

White Fish Point Discussion

Rich W8VS is expecting up to nine participants this year.

Halloween patrol

Chuck KB8WHQ put out a sign up sheet for this years Halloween patrol in Plymouth. Dates are to be Oct 30th and 31st. He again reminded all that the reason we get to use the city facilities for meetings is because we provide this patrol each Halloween. Please consider signing up or email Chuck to sign up.

Club officers

Nominations for club officers for next years will be open at Oct and Nov meetings.

CW net

The CW net on 7.030 MHZ Mon and Wed at 7:30PM is back in operation after a brief hiatus. Come join in and work on your code proficiency

Club Repeater Discussion

Dave Barker W8QGE needs to get the Club repeater out of his basement ASAP.

Several proposals were put forth regarding the disposition of the repeater. It will most likely not be put back into service by the club. No resolution yet.

Used Equipment

John WB8DEG said he is going to

Lansing to see some VHF/UHF antennas and rotators from the estate of a silent key. For anyone interested I will try to make a list of what is available

Operating Activities

Sun spot activity has been very low recently

Rich W8VS reminds us of the RT-66 stations on the air.

John K8DSL says 40 meters has been open to Europe lately

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!

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.

WEB SITES

CHECK OUT THE STU ROCK WEBSITE

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

www.n8inc/

members.minc.net/n1bug/prop/aumon/aufr.html

www.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.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/w8dar>

Local Hams in your neighborhood

<http://www.vanityhq.com/maps/encrzip.html>

STUFF

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

ARRL WEB SITE



HALLOWEEN PATROL

We need volunteers for the two Halloween patrol nights:

Friday, October 30 from 7:30 until 10 PM and

Saturday October 31 from 5:30 until 8 PM.

You will need a 2 meter radio.

Sign up by sending me an Email at emergnt@aol.com or call me at (734) 453-7377. Tell me what nights you can patrol and your phone number.

The sign up sheet will also be at the October meeting.



SEPTEMBER

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OCTOBER

JOHN EBEJER	K8DSL	15
DAVE WALKER	W8DON	21
JOHN DAUGHERTY	WB8DEG	22

REMEMBER

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

ELECTION

Nominations for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be accepted at the October and November General Meetings
"Its your time to be a candidate"

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

OCT 13, 2009	M. BEHRENS	W3DBY
NOV 10, 2009	D. REITZEL	K8EDR
DEC 08, 2009	C. VANVLECK	KB8WHQ
JAN 12, 2010	D. QUARELS	W8RIF
FEB 09, 2010	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 SEPTEMBER 08, 2009 and are now on the "Honor Roll":

John k8dsl
Rich w8vs
Bob k8hhp
Larry kabzmq
Max w3dby
Chuck kb8whq
John wb8deb
Roy w8roy
Dick kw8b

Net control operator was w8rif don

SWAPS

SEPTEMBER 12, 2009

GRA HAMFEST GRAND RAPIDS ARA
KENT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
225 SOUTH HUDSON
LOWELL MI
www.grahamfest.org
CONTACT: JACK AMELAR
616-897-6885
TALK IN: 147.260 PL 94.8

SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

AMATEUR RADIO SWAP
ADRIAN ARC
LENAWEE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
602 DEAN STREET
ADRIAN MI
www.w8tqe.com
CONTACT: MARJIE WILLEY
517-467-6303
TALK IN: 145.370 PL 85.4

OCTOBER 17, 2009

LAKESHORE SUPER SWAP
HOLLAND ARC
WEST OTTAWA HIGH SCHOOL (SOUTH)
3600 152ND AVE.
HOLLAND MI
www.hollandarc.org/?page_id=22
CONTACT: TOM BOSSCHER
616-662-1080
TALK IN: 147.060 PL 94.8

OCTOBER 18, 2009

KALAMAZOO SWAP
KALAMAZOO ARC & SE MICHIGAN TEAM
KALAMAZOO COUNTY EXPO CENTER
2900 LAKE STREET
KALAMAZOO MI
www.KalamazooHamFest.com
CONTACT: RUTH BATES-HILL
269-388-4865
TALK IN: 147.040 PL 84.8.

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	
	emergnt@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	734-464-8928
	bruno-ceil@att.net		
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 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 2010

04 Township Picnic at Twp
 Park (Rock members Welcome)
 13 Rock Net 7:30 pm
 15 Dogs in the Park (5 PM to
 8PM)??
 Mon & Wed CW Net 7 PM
NO GENERAL MEETING

AUGUST 2010

10 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

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