

## The Rochester VHF Group

# The VHF



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The next regular meeting of the Rochester VHF Group will be Friday, April 11th 2014 at 7:30 PM at **Spencerport Wesleyan Church 2653 Nichols St., Spencerport**

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### RVHFG's Beacons

Band	MHz
6m	50.078
2m	144.298
1.25m	222.050
70cm	432.300
23cm	1296.257

**W2UTH 6 meter Skimmer**

<http://www.reversebeacon.net/dxsd1/dxsd1.php?f=0&c=W2UTH&t=de>

## The Chairman Speaks! Tom Jennings KV2X

**Groupers:** I hope everybody stayed warm this cold and snowy winter! Looks like Mother Nature has decided to start warming things up now that winter is almost over...but we can expect one or two more wintery storms. We can start thinking about repairing antennas and getting ready for the Spring Sprints, June VHF Contest, and Field Day. At the March meeting Jared KF2MR will talk about the "Worked All Rochester" award concept. Since digital modes can be used to create award contacts, Jarred will demo simple sound card digital modes for VHF/UHF communications. The types of digital modes discussed are the traditional modes typically used on HF, but can easily be used on VHF/UHF. These include PSK31, MFSK16 and discuss APRS and demonstrate the Pocket Packet system.

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# The Chairman Speaks!

The “Worked All Rochester” would be a great way to increase the VHF/UHF/MW activity! I am working on a speaker for Radio Astronomy for the April meeting. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting and bring a friend.

Tom Jennings KV2X

## Secretary Report

Freddie Sulyma, WB2GFZ

### Rochester VHF Group Meeting Minutes for 13 February 2015

The meeting was called to order at 2000L by Tom (KV2X). Tom welcomed everybody and all attendees identified themselves and gave a brief account of their recent activities. Tom (KV2X) asked for a motioned that last month’s meeting minutes be accepted as written in February’s journal. Freddie (WB2GFZ) motioned the acceptance and Frank (K2OS) seconded. Tom (KV2X) asked for a motioned that the Treasurer’s report be accepted as written in October’s Journal. Frank (K2OS) motioned the acceptance and Dave (KA2OQZ) seconded.

#### Attending:

Dave (KA2OQZ), Frank (K2OS), Bill (K2TER), Tom & “YL” Betty (KV2X), Freddie (WB2GFZ) & Dave & “YL” Lisa (K02HEV).

#### Old Business:

Ideas for a Club project resurfaced with a Low Noise PreAmp receiving interest.

#### New Business:

The group discussed club meeting topics for the upcoming meetings.

- Contesting 101 will be discussed. Things like what contact logging programs are available, i.e. the new N1NM Logging program, equipment & strategies will be discussed.
- Topics regarding cheap Yagi construction for 903 or 432 MHz
- A talk on Radio Astronomy
- Demonstration of Moon bounce was suggested and will be considered a possibility in the future.
- Interest in a discussion on D-Star/Fusion digital modes were raised.

Events to look forward to were highlighted (June Field Day & June Contest).

**Program:** The RVHFG meeting was held at MacGregor’s where the group enjoyed drink, food and company.

# VHF Group

## Treasurer's Report (2/28/2015)

### CHECKING/CASH ACCOUNT

Current Balance (PP = \$2.90, Cash = \$245.00Cash, \$2215.80 Checking):  
\$2463.70

Income: Walt (K2IK, Chk) & Frank (K2OS, Cash) Dues \$ 20.00

Expenses: \$ 00.00

Current Balance (PP = \$2.90, Cash = \$255.00Cash, \$2225.80 Checking):  
\$2483.70

Members paid up for 2014 – 2015 are as follows;

AB2YI, Dave Muller	N2NEP, John Cunliffe
AF1T, Dale Clement	NA2X, Bob Rossi
AF2K, Irv Goodman	VA3CDD, Dean Denter
K2EHF, Jeffrey Luce	VE3CRU, Bill Burgess
K2ERG, Al Goss	VE3DS, Dana Shtun
K2GAB, Gloria Stevens	VE3NPB Murray Hill
K2IK, Walt Bordett	W1XR, Jim Welch
K2OEQ, Duncan Brown	W2CNS, Bob Nezelek
K2OS, Frank Pollino	W2GPS, Richard Hambly
K2STF, Stephen Fleming (Steve)	W2IT, Roy Wildermuth
K2TER, Bill Rogers	W2UAD, Ken Evans
K8ZES, Sid Emmons	W2XH, Ryan Tucker
KA2ENE, Harry Hoffman	WA2CHV, Jack Kelly
KA2LIM, Ken Kent	WA2QAU, Bob Roberts
KA2OQZ, David Carlson	WA5VJB, Kent Britain
KB8VAO, Stephen Gocala	WB2BYP, John Stevens
KD2HEV, Dave Malecki	WB2GFZ, Freddie Sulyma
KF2MR, Jarred Jackson, KF2MR	WB2KAO, Tim Magee
KV2X, Tom Jennings	WB2QCJ, Dean Keyser
N2IK, Walt Bordett	WO2P, Fred Mille

*Respectfully submitted,  
Freddie Sulyma, WB2GFZ, Treasurer*

## 2015 VHF Spring Sprints

The Central States VHF Society Spring Sprint Organizing Committee has announced sponsorship and dates for the 2015 run of the VHF and up Spring Sprints. The schedule, sent out by Kent O'Dell, KA2KQM & Mike Metroka, WB8BZK, is as follows:

- 144 MHz: Monday, 4/13/15 from 7 – 11 PM local
- 222 MHz: Tuesday, 4/21/15 from 7 – 11 PM local
- 432 MHz: Wednesday, 4/29/15 from 7 – 11 PM local
- Microwave, 902 MHz and up: Saturday, 5/2/15 from 8 AM – 1 PM local
- 50 MHz: Saturday, 5/9/15 from 2300Z until 0300Z Sunday, 5/10/15

More information and rules will be posted

at: <https://sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints/home>

## Classified Listings

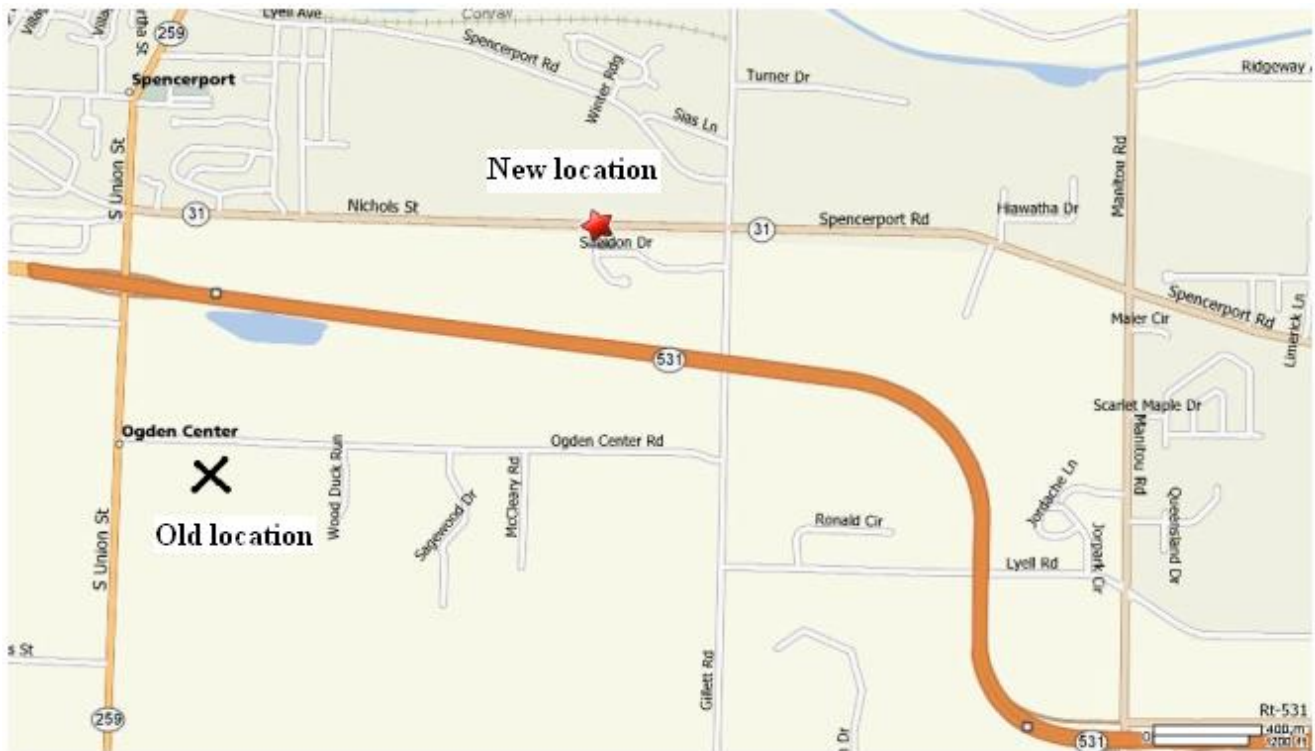
**For Sale: HP equipment.**

I have quite a collection of HP spectrum analyzer equipment. Some I have been using for 20 years... It has been well cared for and is good condition. This is a really good price. Lots of spare parts. Come check it out and haul it away...I am 30 miles north of Cincinnati. Dropbox link to the list of equipment and photos:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/4jldit8kndid6n/HP%20for%20sale-z.pdf?dl=0>

Bill, K9AYA

# Meeting Location and Directions



**Spencerport Wesleyan Church on 2653 Nichols St. (actually Hwy. 31).**

**Directions from Rochester:**

**531W exit RT. to 259N**

**259N turn Rt. on 31E (first Rt. at traffic light)**

**Look for Spencerport Schools Bus Garage on left**

**Take first Rt. on Sheldon at A-framed church, park in rear lot.**

**Enter gray metal door under fire escape.**