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The next regular meeting of the Rochester VHF Group will be Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM

Spencerport Wesleyan Church  
2653 Nichols St., Spencerport

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## The Chairman Speaks! Dave Hallidy K2DH

**Groupers:** A couple of days before I wrote this, I thought spring was finally on its way. Now, I'm not so sure- we just got another dump of snow and cold weather, just as I was thinking we'd turned the corner. But, I guess we in the Rochester area can be a little thankful- Syracuse and Binghamton got 18 inches of snow to our 5 or 6- it could have been worse! I know it's just about over; it just has been a hard winter for all of us and I hope that the early hamfests (like Drumlins in Newark) are days with great weather, and we can all get outside and work on antenna projects for the upcoming Tropo and Es season!

As I mentioned last month, it's time to think about next years' RVHFG officers. We'll need to put together a list of nominees for each office by the April meeting, so we can have elections in May. In the past, we've put together a committee to talk to prospective officers and get their buy-in, so I'll be asking for that again at the March meeting.

Last month's meeting was a recap of the January VHF contest and a very nice presentation on the Flex 1500 SDR by John WB2BYP and Freddie WB2GFZ. The Flex 1500 seems like a natural...

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# The Chairman Speaks! continued...

for us VHF+ folks, as it would make a great IF for our transverters and in addition, covers the 6m band. I'm thinking about ordering one for myself.

We're working on a joint banquet with the RDXA. Details to follow very shortly, but it looks like the venue will be the same as last year- Nick's Seabreeze Inn in Seabreeze (Irondequoit). I'll post more info on the club website as soon as something concrete has been put together, but keep the banquet in mind- its fun and not an expensive outing for you or your XYL.

Our March meeting will be a VHF/UHF/SHF mini-flea market. If you have something (or even many somethings) you want to get rid of that are related in some way to operations at 50MHz and above, bring them along Friday night, price them right, and maybe someone will see them and decide they can't go home without them. I got a bunch of stuff together that I'm going to bring along, and I hope to dump-err, I mean SELL it all (all useful stuff, to be sure). I think this will be a fun evening IF enough people participate!

John and I discussed a topic for the April meeting and one of our thoughts is a "Show and Tell" (or, if the beacon hardware is reinstalled by then a "Listen and Tell") to present the club beacon transmitters to the group. What do you think of that idea? Please let us know, or suggest an alternative program!

That's all I have for now- I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting on March 11th at 7:30pm for our mini-Fleamarket! I hope to see you there!

73

Dave Hallidy K2DH

## Secretary Report Tom Jennings, KV2X

### February 2011 RVHFG Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 1950 by K2DH. Starting off with introductions and what everybody did in the past month VHF wise and what we did during the January contest. K2DB and WB2BYP motion to accept and second W2CNS moved to accept and K2DB seconded it.

Attending the meeting were: K2DH, KV2X, W2CNS, W3OAB, Gloria Butterworth, WB2BYP, AB2YI, KC2MON, KC2KPK, W2UAD, K2ZS, WB2GFZ, K2DB, N3LZG, KC2ZLQ, Betty Jennings.

#### Old business:

Dave talked about beacon. John, W3OAB, informed us about plans to meet next week with K1MXG and N2KG to discuss deployment of the beacons.

#### New business:

The club needs to think about the RDXA and RVHFG annual banquet. Dave will contact RDXA to discuss plans.

Dave talked about the program at the next meeting which will be a VHF/UHF flea market and encouraged everybody to get the word out and bring anything they may want to sell. KV2X mentioned that an article in the Journal describing what will be at the flea market. All you need to do is sent KV2x an email describing what you plan to sell.

We need to think about new officers for next year. First list of nominees should be in March newsletters. Dave mentioned that he served 2 yrs and that is the limit.

Tom solicited material for the journal.

W3OAB has heard comments about location of meeting and stressed the current location is available. Dave stated that we have tried looking around for a more central location and struggled with all limitations.

Dave asked if there were any motions to adjourn the business portion of the meeting. W3OAB made motion to motion to adjourn and K2DB seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 2025

**Program:** Freddie, WB2GFZ and John, WB2BYP presenting the Flex-1500 SDR (Software Defined Radio). Presentation was uploaded to <http://rvhfg.org/articles>.

## **Rochester VHF Group Treasurer's Report – February, 2011**

### **CHECKING ACCOUNT**

<b><u>Previous Balance</u></b> (as of 02/08/2011):	<b>\$1,950.09</b>
Income:	\$0.00
Expenses:	\$0.00
<b><u>Current Balance</u></b>	<b>\$1,950.09</b>

*Respectfully submitted,  
Tom Jennings, KV2X, Treasurer*

## **The Vice Report February 2011**

Many thanks go to Freddy WB2GFZ for the interesting talk and demonstration of equipment on the **Flex1500** at our February 2011 meeting. The Software Defined Radio is certainly an evolving and powerful platform either as a stand-alone rig or as a high grade exciter for VHF/UHF/SHF stations. The latest info on the Flex 1500 can be found here:

[http://www.flex-radio.com/Products.aspx?topic=F1.5k\\_features](http://www.flex-radio.com/Products.aspx?topic=F1.5k_features)

Coming up in March, on Friday March 11th the RVHFG will sponsor a **Mini-Flea Market for VHF/UHF/SHF** goodies. We are hoping that this is a way to get a jump on the spring and summer projects, unload some thing excess-to-your-needs and pickup something of interest. Transverters, preamps, tubes, transistors, antennas, feed-lines, waveguide goodies, anything VHF and up is fair game. We would even make an exception for a piece of HF gear if it was capable of operating on or supporting interconnect to VHF/UHF/SHF gear. There is no charge to set up, so bring your stuff and your curiosity.

In April our meeting topic will be the **RVHFG Beacons**, with as-installed images of the units, some live demonstrations and info on the network of beacons available on the air. Please stay tuned for beacon updates. Don't forget to mark your calendar for the 8<sup>th</sup> of April.

Spread the word about the meetings, and join us on the Monday and Thursday night nets. We have recently been putting the plug out on various repeaters and on-air chats, and it sure does turn up activity. This past month we have had check in's from many of the usual suspects: Ken W2UAD, Al KA2EKI, Al K2MPE from Sodus, Len KC2PCD, John "Old Atomic Bomb"

W3OAB, Glen KC2NYW, Scott K2ZS, Mike in Batavia WB2SQS, Bill KB2BLS also from Batavia, Joe K2QZR, Brent KC2QLJ, Al WB2JQJ, John N2DCH from Vestal, K2CAZ Randy in Cazenovia, W8BYA Gedas in the Ft Wayne area about 400 miles!), Gord VE3KKL in Ottawa, Doc AB2F in Lyons and WB2YGN John in Auburn.

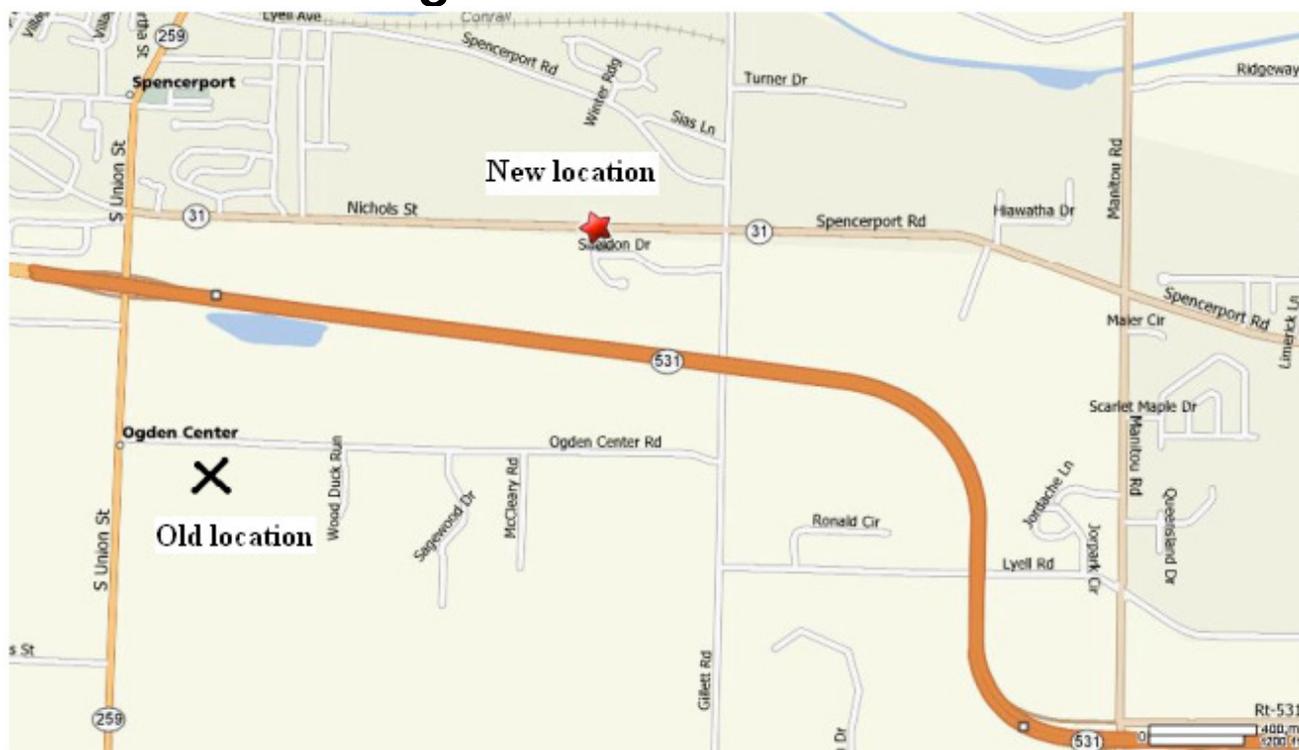
See you on the air,

John  
wb2byp

## Classified Listings

Come to the meeting for the VHF/UHF/SHF mini-flea market

## 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.**