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The next regular meeting of the Rochester VHF Group will be Friday, March 9th 2012 at 7:30 PM
Spencerport Wesleyan Church
2653 Nichols St., Spencerport

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Topic: Solid State 6 Meter KW TV Amplifier

The Chairman Speaks! John Stevens WB2BYP

Groupers: The next Rochester VHF Group meeting will be held on 9 March 2012 at our usual location, the Spenceport Westlyan Church, with the topic all about High Power 6 Meter Solid State Amplifiers by K2DH. Thanks to Bob Nezelek W2CNS and Dave Hallidy K2DH for assisting with the presentation on 1296 Moonbounce last month. We had a good time showing off some of the hardware we use in each of our very different stations, and fielded some great questions. The RDXA session was similarly fun, with about 30 of their membership present at the EOC on Scottsville Road.

Elsewhere in the newsletter check out the news release on the Annual Spring Awards Banquet, which will again this year be a joint effort with our RDXA brethren.

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The Chairman Speaks! continued...

...We are reserved for Saturday 21 April 2012, 1800 local for the bar to open and 1900 local for the dinner at Lillian's Restaurant and Party House, 2200 Penfield Road in the PennFair Plaza. Mark your calendars, it should be a fun evening for both RDXA and RVHFG. ***Please let me know if you are attending as soon as possible. More on this as the time gets closer, as we will have to let them know the count for the evening.***



A fine presentation was done at the recent RARA meeting, on the topic of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory at Green Bank, West Virginia. This exceptional facility, in consort with radio telescopes around the world, often tied together in earth sized interferometers, does much of the research on mapping the sky and provides insight into the "Billions and Billions" of stars, galaxies and radio sources out there. Here's a link that just begins to take you on the journey:

<http://www.nrao.edu/>

The club Beacons are another step closer to back on the air. The AWA team has reported that power has been run to the location we discussed on the last trip down there, so look for them to reappear soon.

Please keep the cards and letters coming...or at least the emails with your suggestions and constructive criticisms as to how we can make the club bigger and better in 2012!

73,

John WB2BYP

Secretary Report

Tom Jennings, KV2X

Rochester VHF Group Meeting Minutes for February 2012

The February RVHFG meeting was called to order at 1948 by John, WB2BYP, who then gave a few words of welcome and asked everybody to introduce themselves and relate what they did with vhf ham radio this past month.

We had a brief discussion on log periodic antennas. John Krause is good reference on log periodic antenna. Text is available on internet to download. K2DH motioned to accept the secretary report as published in the Journal and W3OAB seconded it. K2TER motioned to accept the treasurer's report. K2DH second the motion.

Attending: KV2X, K2TER, GLORIA BUTTERWORTH, W2UAD, AB2YI, WB2QCJ, K2OS, W2CNS, W3OAB, K2DH, and WB2BYP.

Old business

Beacons: Have a mast and place at the AWA will put up all antennas so we won't need to take things downs when we add additional beacon transmitters

There is nothing new to report about MUD. There is a shell of a plan going forward. More meetings in spring,

Banquet with RDXA in April at Lillian's which should be a great place for the banquet.

Tom, KV2X, mentioned one way to increase attendance and membership is by everybody inviting one or two hams to the meeting. A discussion followed about talking up the meetings on the various repeaters, Roc City net on 80 meters, etc. WB2BYP will take an action item to contact RARA to see if we would be able to participate in RARA academy.

New Business

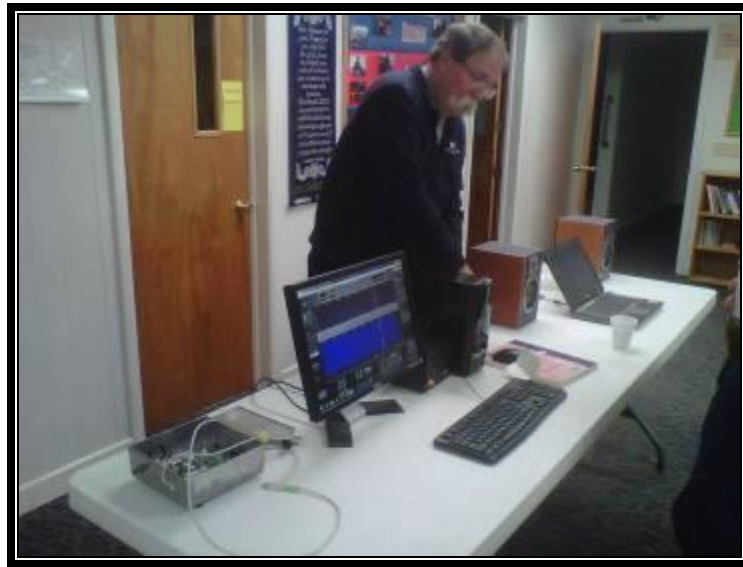
K2DH is looking for a 40ft push up mast.

WB2BYP adjourned the meeting at 2052

Program: 1296 EME.



K2TER and K2DH checking out amplifiers used by WB2BYH



WB2BYP setting up SDR and computer use in his EME station

Rochester VHF Group Treasurer's Report

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Previous Balance (as of 02/09/2012):

\$2006.09

Income:

\$ 0.00

Current Balance

\$2006.09

*Respectfully submitted,
Tom Jennings, KV2X, Treasurer*

Ladies and Gentlemen, All Members of RDXA and RVHFG:

**Announcing the RDXA/RVHFG Joint Annual Awards Banquet!
Saturday 21 April 2012**

If you have been to the RDXA/RVHFG events in years past, you know it is typically a fun evening with the awards and camaraderie of both clubs represented.

This year's event will be held at Lilian's Restaurant and Party House in Penfield, 2200 Penfield Road, (585) 377-1300 in the "Pen Fair" Plaza (See the map below for detail on the north-east corner of Rt 441 and Rt 250.) Lilian's is next door to the restaurant formerly known as Napaginos, (where she formerly worked) that is now Mike's Sports Bar. Now running the show in her own place, Lilian has the same easy-to-get-to location, well-lit parking, and reputation for great food.

The exact arrangement for dinner (off-the-menu or banquet) is still being worked out, but I need to have a head count as soon as can be, so I am asking you all to mark your calendars, and **send me an email at wb2byp@arrl.net with your confirmation and any guests** .

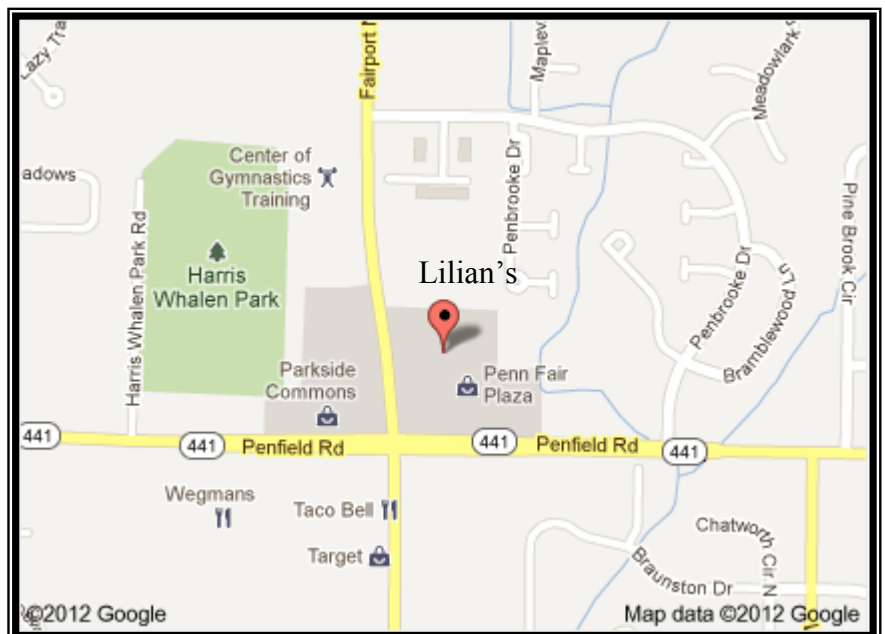
Here is a link to Lilian's web site:

<http://www.liliansrestaurantpartyhouse.com/>

This is a long-standing yearly tradition that both the RVHFG and RDXA are proud to continue. The Bar will be open at 6:00 PM, and dinner should begin about 7:15 PM. I'll be sending out more info in the next couple of weeks.

Hope to see you there!

John WB2BYP
Rochester VHF Group Chairman 2011-2012



26th Annual Drumlins Hamfest Saturday, April 14, 2012

Vendors: 7AM Public: 8AM

Talk in: 146.685

Electronics – AMATEUR RADIO GEAR – Computers

Breakfast – GRAND PRIZE – Door Prizes

Admission \$5.00

Tables (6 ft.) \$5.00 Tailgaters \$3.00

FREE Amateur License Exams will be held at the Hamfest site

Registration & Testing from 10am

Walk-ins accepted Doors open at 9:30 AM

See <http://www.drumlinsarc.org/hamfest.htm> for more hamfest details details.

Marbletown Firehall, Newark, NY
From Rte. 31, 1 mi. south on rte.88
To Silver Hill Rd. turn left.
1 mi east to Fire Hall, Should be a sign

2012 Spring VHF/UHF Sprints

Everyone is encouraged to participate, even if only in a small way. The rules have intentionally remained simple, and the focus of these FIVE events continues to be for single operator, single transmitter entries, both "fixed", "rover" and "Rookie".

Object: To work as many amateur stations in as many 2 degree by 1 degree grid squares as possible, using authorized amateur frequencies on the 50, 144, 222, 432, 902 MHz and above bands over five separate events during the "Spring" (April and May).

Band	Date	Time
144 MHz	1900 to 2300 Local time	April 9, 2012
222 MHz	1900 to 2300 Local time	April 17, 2012
432 MHz	1900 to 2300 Local time	April 25, 2012
902+ MHz	0600 to 1300 Local time	May 5, 2012
50 MHz	2300Z to 0300Z	May 12 th and 13 th 2012

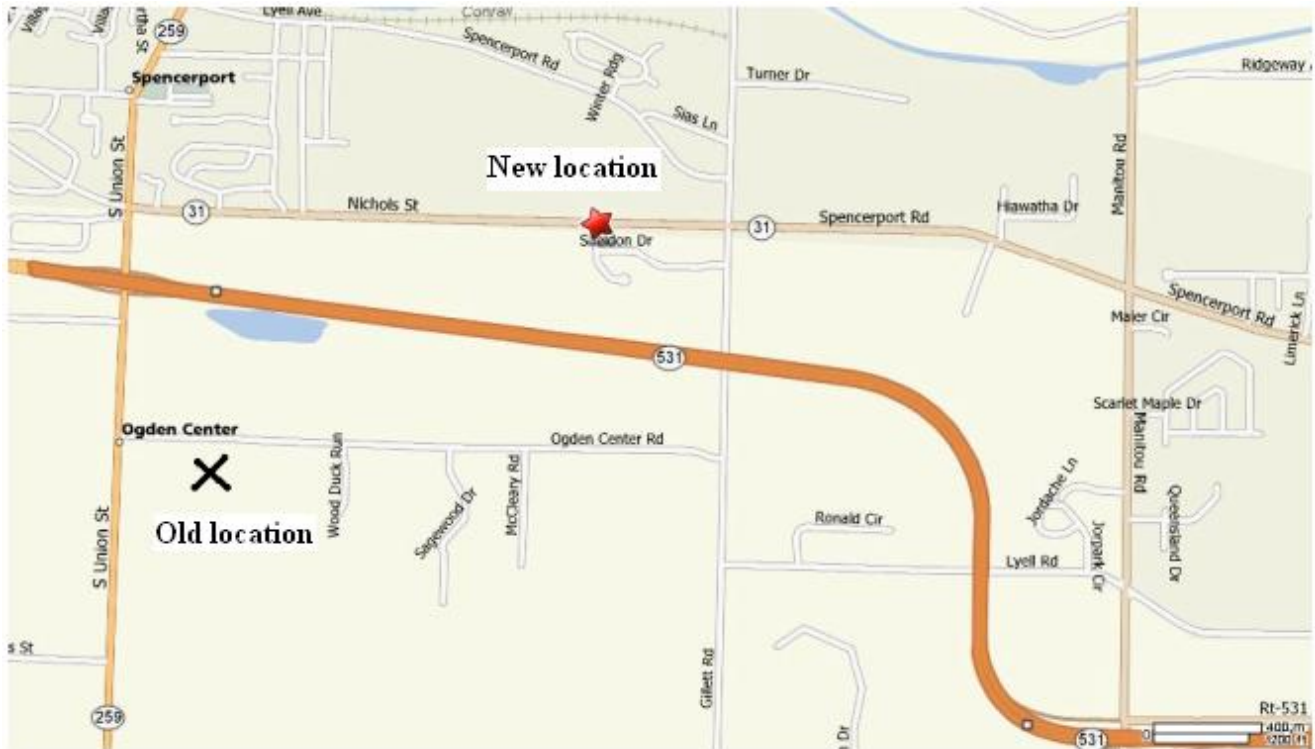
Exchange: Grid-square locator - PLEASE EXCHANGE and LOG SIX-Character Grid Locators where possible. Correct exchange of FOUR-Character Grid Locator (and call signs) is the minimum requirement for a valid contact but we'd REALLY like to see SIX-Character locators exchanged and recorded in the submitted logs.

See <http://sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints/2012-announcement-rules> for official announcement and rules.

Classified Listings

None this month

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.