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## ***This Months Meeting...***

Place:	111 Westfall Rd
Time:	7:30 PM Friday May 14, 1999 Please be on time!!!
Program:	Elections
Presenter:	RVHFG
Dead Line for Journal:	May 28, 1999

## ***President's Note:***

By Steve, N2ULL

The banquet was a great success. We had over forty attendees. From what I understand, the cake was wonderful.



Your help is needed on June 4th, 5th, 6th with the Rochester VHF Group booth at the Rochester Hamfest this year. We are looking for volunteers to help set up, staff and tear down our booth this year as in years past. It is not too early to start thinking about volunteering an hour or two if you are able to, And your time would be greatly appreciated.

Please let me (N2ULL) or Tim (NS9E) know if you are interested and we will be sure to put you on a list. We will have sign up sheets available at the May meeting. Please

**Celebrate RVHF Groups 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary !**

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note that on Hamfest Friday we need help between 8am and 12 noon to set up so if you can help us here that would be great.

So, are you ready to help the club? Of course you are, Staffing the booth is a lot of FUN and you get to meet the members renewing or maybe just chatting with someone who was thinking about becoming a NEW member and signing them up, What could be more fun? So will YOU help? See you at the Rochester Hamfest.

**Please note our Web-site Address:**

The URL is

<http://vhfgroup.rochesterny.org/>

**Nominating Committee:**

By RVHG Board via Len , WA2ZNC

I have listed the nominations for offices for the 1999/2000 term below. Call if you think you can serve in the Vice Chairman position, please...

Chairman	NS9E	Tim
Vice Chairman	N1MU	Tom
Treasurer	N2OPW	Paul
Secretary	K2OS	Frank
Odd year Director	K2DH	Dave

Committee:

Len	WA2ZNC	(716) 229-5470
Tim	NS9E	(716) 247-4798
Jim	N2VNO	(716) 381-3102



**Banquet News:**

By Ken, W2UAD

**RVHFG 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet**

The annual RVHFG banquet was held on April 10 at *Mario's Via Abruzzi*. Although the preparations were made in a hurry, the co-organizers Diane Hallidy and Len Gessin (WA2ZNC) came through with an excellent dinner and program.

This year a celebration of the group's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, in addition to the January contest awards, was celebrated at the dinner. To celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup>, surviving charter members and their spouses were invited as guests of the RVHFG.

There are 7 surviving charter members. Attending the dinner were Dick Fish (W2OWF) and his xyl Florence, Chet Minges (W2VVG) and his xyl Adeline plus Ken Evans (W2UAD) and xyl Elinor. Two local surviving charter members Roger Williams (W2NES) and Al Kane (was W2SHW) were unable to attend because of health problems. The two other survivors, John Remsen (W2ZHB) and Frank Jackson (W2OVE), could not attend because of the distances to their homes in Florida and Arizona respectively. Frank sent a special written message to the group.

We remembered the 6 silent keys among the original 13 charter members: Hank Blodgett (W2UTH), Joe Payne (W2UXP), Archie Waterbury (W2BCL), Don Leahy (W2TKY), Bob Young (W2RTB) and Sam Caputo (W2RSL). They are all missed.

Very special guests at the banquet were our Charter Hostess Harriet Blodgett (K2KLP) and Hank (W2UTH) and Harriet's daughter Karyn Blodgett (WD2AKA). Harriet graciously welcomed us to the Blodgett's 38 Duffern Drive home while we participated in sometimes loud and long debates over provisions of the charter until a final document was approved.

The gathering was shown a short computerized slide presentation of the RVHFG earliest days. The celebrants ended this part of the celebration with the cutting (and consumption) of a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cake. All of the charter attendees are appreciative of being your guests at this historic occasion. However, we suggest that you start the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration without us but you may be assured that all 13 of us will be there in spirit.

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**Contest Corner:**

By Mark, N2YB

Suddenly it seems that Mother Nature is smiling on this part of the World. It seems just a short time ago I was digging my car out of the Harris Culver Rd parking lot. Now we can look forward to signal enhancement brought on by the warm temperatures, hamfest, and green fairways. ( some of us )

Anyone who was at the banquet can tell you that it was another good one, much better than last year. The food was still GREAT, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary presentation was very enlightening, the Anniversary cake was delicious, (and I am not much of a cake fan), even the guy handing out the plaques wasn't sweating bullets.

In the Winner's Circle

**Unlimited Multi-op:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	N2PA	394,168
	<i>Sponsor: RDXA</i>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	K2DH	63,954
	<i>Sponsor: NS9E</i>	

**Limited Multi-op:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	N2KXS	10,570
	<i>Sponsor: Quail Hill Repeater Assc.</i>	

**Rover**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	W2FU	89,429
	<i>Sponsor: Andros Mfg</i>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	K2TER	63,650
	<i>Sponsor: W2FU</i>	

**Unlimited Single-op:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	KA2RDO	180,540
	<i>Sponsor: WA2ZNC</i>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	N2JMH	57,452
	<i>Sponsor: NS9E</i>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	K2AN	54,375
	<i>Sponsor: Andros Mfg</i>	
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	AA2WV	49,056
	<i>Sponsor: N2JMH</i>	

**Medium Single-op:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	AA2WV	49,056
	<i>Sponsor: WY2Z</i>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	W2FE	15,096
	<i>Sponsor: AA2WV</i>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	AF2K	8126
	<i>Sponsor: KB2VGH</i>	

**QRP:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	NS9E	21,000
	<i>Sponsor: JAS Battery</i>	

**Most Improved:**

	N2JMH	141%
	<i>Sponsor: W3OAB</i>	

**Single Band:**

50 MHz	KA2RDO	4173
	<i>Sponsor: KA2RDO</i>	
144 MHz	KA2RDO	7831
	<i>Sponsor: WO2P</i>	
222 MHz	KA2RDO	3528
	<i>Sponsor: VE3IEY</i>	
432 MHz	N2JDQ	4370
	<i>Sponsor: WA8WZG</i>	
903/1296	KA2RDO	2536
	<i>Sponsor: N2YB</i>	
2304/3456/5760	KA2RDO	1096
	<i>Sponsor: K2DH</i>	



And now for something completely different. I have been considering this issue of a contest committee for the Rochester VHF Group for some time. You know, a group of three or four individuals to handle the busy work of Group contest support. And it came to me in one of my waking dreams, perhaps some people are a bit nervous about doing the presentations. So....here's the

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deal: I will continue as the Contest Chairperson as long as AT LEAST TWO, THREE is preferred, individuals come forward to become the contest committee. I will handle all Rochester VHF Group meeting presentations along with coordination of the committee activities. The contest committee members will handle everything else. This means that I will be relying on the committee for current information for the Group meeting presentations and Banquet. Keep in mind that this is a very seasonal job, the Summer is free. And if the tasks are divided among three people, very minimal effort even during the peak of activity. If AT LEAST TWO people do not come forward, I will have no choice but to resign as Contest Chairman.

There are many reasons for this action but perhaps the most important is to get more of the membership involved in club activities. The thing to remember is that this is our group, YOUR group, this also means that if you do not do it, it will not get done. Ask yourself if you would like to see it get done. Ask yourself what will happen if it does not get done. Think about it and enjoy the warm weather.



**For Sale ...**

**April 99**

10G/24G WBFM units w/ tri-pod complete  
ARR 30 Mhz IF boards \$150.00;  
Working Laser w/tri-pod 75.00

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**From the Treasurer...**

By Len WA2ZNC

Treasurer Report:

Expenses:		
Journal mailing	\$	99.00
Income:		0
Balance on hand:		
Checking acct.	\$	1,148.40
Saving acct.		786.57
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Total	\$	1,934.97

Treasurer  
WA2ZNC, Len

**Editor's Notes:**

By Curtis. N2HKD

Rumor has it that the W2UTH call may be originating from FN12 (N2PA's location) in June. Stay tuned for more Club info on the June Contest!!

It is in our best interest to support the club. The club is the draw for new talent. By providing great stories and guidance we can increase our ranks. The main issue is that we cannot be bashful, we need to "push those palms". One of the best places to meet new people is during a gathering such as a hamfest. Here is a place we can talk about and demonstrate our craft to casually interested potential contacts. I have heard that many new comers are bored with their ham radio experience, let's show them some of the excitement and enthusiasm that we share. The ditdah will come if we show them how we use them. But let's not dissuade them from their ideas if they have thoughts on alternate methods. Just maybe they might have the drive to do something new. See you at the Hamfest!

Wanted: VHF+ experiences and ideas, no prior writing experience necessary, see N2HKD, Journal editor.

Don't forget you can view the pictures in this issue in color on line at our web site.