

## The Rochester VHF Group

# The VHF



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The next regular meeting of the Rochester VHF Group will be Friday, October 9th, 2015 at 7:30 PM at **Spencerport Wesleyan Church**  
**2653 Nichols St., Spencerport** Map and directions on last page

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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

Beacons Hosted at AWA Museum

### W2UTH 6 meter Skimmer

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

## The Chairman Speaks! Tom Jennings KV2X

**Groupers:** The 2015-2016 season had great start with the September picnic meeting at Fellows Road Park! Nobody went hungry with all the food passed around. Thank you to everybody for bring a dish to pass. Chef Freddie did a great job grilling the hamburgers and hot dogs! Jarred's 10 Gig wide band FM demo drew a lot of interest. Too bad the sun went down so early.

I did not get a chance to operate much for the September VHF Contest as the grand kids were visiting from Michigan but managed a couple Q's and turned a log. Last time I checked there were only 4 logs submitted from the RVHFG. If you operated during the contest, please turn in a log even if it is 1 QSO! Deadline for log submission is Tuesday October 13th at 11 PM.

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# The Chairman Speaks!

Jon Dickason, N2JAC, will be a guest speaker for the October meeting. Jon will be talking about APRS and Amateur Balloon tracking (among other uses for the technology). We will be kicking off the "Ebay Transverter" club project.

The 2015 New York QSO Party is next Saturday, October 17th from 10 AM to 10 PM local time. The NYQP would be a great time to earn your Worked All Rochester award. When making a QSO on HF, with a Rochester area ham, ask to QSY to 6m, 2m, 1.25m and/or 70cm. These extra QSOs count for NYQP and also for your worked all Rochester Award.

For our November meeting, plans are in progress to have it at the AWA Museum followed by a tour.

Also, try to bring a guest to the meeting

73,

Tom Jennings KV2X

## Secretary Report

Freddie Sulyma, WB2GFZ

### Rochester VHF Group Meeting Minutes for 11 September 2015.

The meeting was called to order at 1915L by Tom (KV2X). Tom welcomed everybody to our first meeting of the new season. Tom (KV2X) asked for a motioned that last month's meeting minutes be accepted as written in April's journal. Dave (K2DH) motioned the acceptance and Dean (WB2QCJ) seconded. Tom (KV2X) asked for a motioned that the Treasurer's report be accepted as written in April's Journal. John (WB2BYP) motioned the acceptance and Dave (AB2YI) seconded.

Attending:

Jarred & Sherry (KF2MR), Tom & Betty (KV2X), Freddie (WB2GFZ), John (WB2BYP), Gloria (K2GAB), Steve (K2STF), Len (KC2PCD), David (AB2YI), Vincent (F4GVF), Dave (AE2DM), Irv (AF2K), Ken (W2UAD), Dave & Stephaney (K2DH), Bob & Linda (W2CNS), Dean (WB2QCJ), Jen (N2PHB), Frank (K2OS), Bill (K2TER) & Jeff (K2EHF).

#### Old Business:

- Worked All Rochester event was encouraged.
- 6 Meter Skimmer health was questioned and some have indicated that its ok and other seem to think it is deaf.
- Efforts to provide Al Goss (K2ERG) with a plaque in recognition for his efforts maintaining local Beacons is proceeding with a goal present by November.

New Business:

- John (WB2BYP) indicated that the MUD shirts have been selling and that he would present the sales at the next business meeting.
- Everyone was reminded about the upcoming 6 Meter and above contest (9/12 & 9/13).

**Program:**

The meeting was preceded by a picnic at Fellows Road Park in Penfield. All enjoyed the burgers, franks, sausage and the many yummy dishes that everyone provided. After the meal and the meeting Jarred (KF2MR) talked about the upcoming contest and described the microwave gear he brought along to demonstrate 10 GHz wide-band FM operation.

**Rochester VHF Group  
Treasurer's Report (9/25/2015)**

CHECKING/CASH ACCOUNT

Previous Balance (PP = \$3.82, Cash = \$435.00Cash, \$2201.60 Checking):	\$2640.42
Income:	
Dues Jeff (K2EHF), Dean (WB2QCJ), Ed (KD2DCC), David (AE2DM) Cash \$40	
Dues Irv (AF2K) Chk \$10	\$ 50.00
Expenses: 1 <sup>st</sup> Mtg Picnic	
Tom (KV2X) Pavilion \$55 & Consumables \$13.98 (\$69.98 Total)	
Freddie (WB2GFZ) Consumables \$131.19 Total	\$ 201.17
Current Balance 7/7/15 (PP = \$3.82, Cash = \$273.83Cash, \$2211.60 Checking):	\$2489.25

Members paid up for 2015 – 2016 are as follows;

- |                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| AE2DM, David Malecki         | N2HEG, Martin Ippolito      |
| AF2K, Irv Goodman            | W2CNS, Bob Nezelek          |
| K2AXX, Mark Hoffman          | W2GMT, Gary Terrana         |
| K2DH, Dave Hallidy           | W2LT, Joe Hoodak            |
| K2EHF, Jeff Luce             | WB2BYP, John Stevens (2017) |
| K2GAB, Gloria Stevens (2017) | WB2GFZ, Freddie Sulyma      |
| K2TER, Bill Rogers           | WB2QCJ, Dean Keyser         |
| KB2BLS, Bill Hanes           | WB2SQS, Mike Gioka          |
| KC2PCD, Len Crellin (2017)   | WB2YJH, Jim Reilich         |
| KD2DCC, Ed Pendzik           | WO2P, Fred Miller (2017)    |
| KF2MR, Jarred Jackson        |                             |
| KV2X, Tom Jennings           |                             |

*Respectfully submitted,  
Freddie Sulyma, WB2GFZ, Treasurer*

**The Vice Chairman's Report  
By Jarred Jackson, KF2MR**

September brought a lot of activity on the VHF and above bands. We started out the month with the Rochester VHF Group picnic, dived right into the September VHF contest and then the second weekend of the 10 GHz and above contest. There always seems to be more things to do than there is time to do them! Thanks to all who participated in these events.

The Fall Sprint series began just as the temperatures started to drop. Now in October, the 432 Sprint has just finished and the microwave sprint will wrap up the events on October 10<sup>th</sup>. This may be one of the last chances to put your 902MHz and above gear on the air before the big event in January.

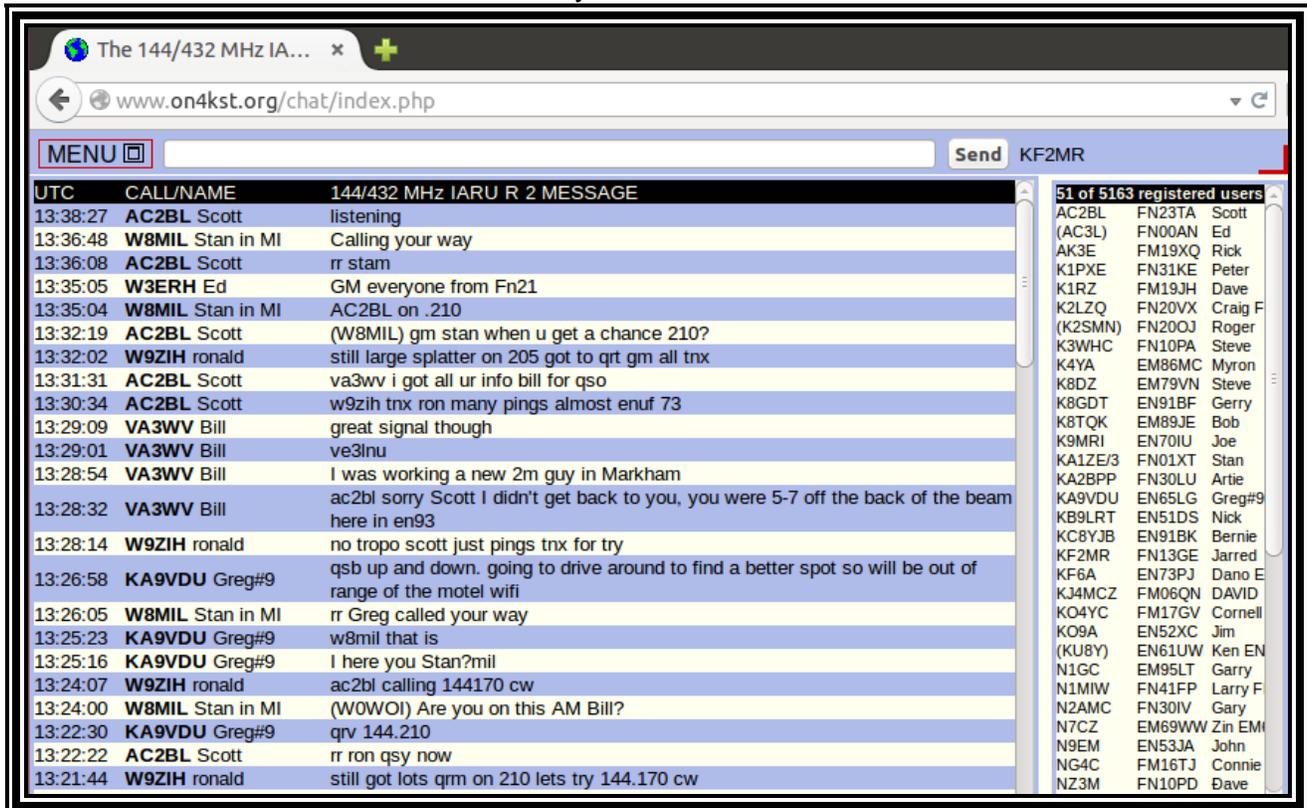
This will bring us to the third Saturday of this month and the NY QSO Party. Like Field Day, this event is open to all amateur radio bands and encourages operation on voice, CW, and digital modes. While HF bands get most of the action, several members of the RVHFG made a point of activating the 50 MHz and above bands in 2014. Make it a personal challenge to see how many bands you can activate in the 12 hour event. A “VHF Activity Hour” is suggested at 8pm with calling frequencies on 50.125, 144.260, and 146.55. Remember to dust off your key as you can repeat a contact on voice, CW and digital modes on each band. Show support for this great RDXA sponsored event while creating some activity on the VHF bands as well. The NY QSO Party starts at 10am on Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> and ends at 10pm. See more details at [www.RDXA.org](http://www.RDXA.org).

73, Jarred - KF2MR

## ON4KST Web Chat – Not just for contesting

By Jarred Jackson, KF2MR

Let's face it, many days the VHF bands greet us with nothing more than receiver noise or local interference. The daily 205 Net and the weekly RVHFG net provide gathering places. But there are also many other opportunities to find folks in our region who are on the air. The ON4KST 144/432 Region 2 Chat page is becoming more popular for both contesting and daily use. I know there are some people in our hobby that feel that use of the internet to assist a QSO is contrary to the purpose and objectives of amateur radio. It's hard to argue with that, but it's so much more fun making contacts with others who share the interest. The ARRL rules for contesting above 50 MHz now allow the use of assistance. Individuals can use ON4KST Chat to identify others on the air within range. There are strict restrictions on what information can be exchanged over the internet during a contest. The key point is that you cannot exchange information that conveys receipt (or non-receipt) of any part of the contest exchange. If it's not a contest, feel free to ask for repeats and acknowledge a good QSO. The Chat page also works on iPads and can be used by Rovers with cellular data access.



A screenshot of ON4KST on a Saturday morning at 9:38 AM

When registering, be sure to use the 144/432 Region 2 Chat. One nice feature that many users take advantage of during contests or when things get busy is directed messaging. This feature allows you to cause your message to be highlighted and make a sound on the intended user's computer. To give this a try use the "/CQ CALLSIGN" command before your message everyone else will also see the message without the highlighting or sound. It's a great way to get the attention of someone who might not be looking at the screen that moment.

## VHF+ Contest Calendar

Contest	Dates	Notes
Fall Microwave Sprint	10/10	<a href="https://sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints/home/2015-information">https://sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints/home/2015-information</a>
NY QSO Party	10/17	10am – 10pm Yes, this contest includes VHF/UHF bands. Lets increase the VHF/UHF activity Great opportunity to earn <b>Worked All Rochester Award!</b>
EME Contest (50-1296) Round 1	10/31-11/01	
EME Contest (50-1296) Round 2	11/28-11/29	
January VHF Contest	1/30-1/31	This is one of the big ones! Can we beat 12 logs from 2015

## Classified Listings

**KA2LIM** has a tower, antennas, and power dividers for sale. Check them out at <http://ka2lim.com/6.html>

