

70th Anniversary Activity Survey (January – December 2019)

2019 marks the 70th anniversary of the RVHFG, the oldest continuously operated VHF club in the United States. Several great activities have been suggested by members. Since all of these activities require participation and involvement by a majority of our members to be successful, this survey is intended to ensure we are planning activities that you are interested in. Please rank these items in order of which you would like to plan and participate :

January VHF Contest – 1 Million Point Challenge

Wouldn't it be great to win a club competition in our 70th anniversary year!? How long has it been since we won a gavel? This activity would need nearly all members to be successful. Lots of FM rovers (HTs, mobile radios, etc.) would rally around a handful of dedicated fixed stations as well as use multiple rover strategies from as many grids as possible to rack up hundreds of thousands of points. Meanwhile the well equipped weak signal rovers would develop a strategy that balances grid multipliers with contacts and ensures that the participating fixed stations get their fair share of the action from multiple grids. We would develop a plan that targets a score of over 1 million points and puts us in the running for a win.

Special Event Station – W2UTH

How about operating a special event station to celebrate the 70th anniversary? Perhaps operate from the AWA making contacts on 6m & 2m CW and SSB. After the contact you would receive a commemorative QSL card in the mail.

June VHF Contest – Multi-Op

In the 1990s, the RVHFG would often activate a multi-operator station for the June contest similar to other large clubs. While this was sometimes done at a well equipped fixed station, it was also done using tower trailers and other portable equipment setup in desirable locations. Stories abound from these experiences and the fun (and challenged) that were had. A contest multi-op would be a great way to relive some of the past of the RVHFG and perhaps set up the club for a new annual activity in the future.

70th Anniversary Banquet and Workshop

Lets get new and old members together to eat, drink, and swap stories of the glory days of amateur radio and set the stage for another 70 years to come. In addition to socializing, we would look for volunteers to present both old and new technology used in weak signal communications. I am sure we can find the guys hiding in the woodwork to come out and share their experiences and perhaps rekindle their interest in VHF/UHF communications once again.

Weak Signal Foxhunt

If a CW beacon is hidden in plain site somewhere in the Greater Rochester Area, do you think we would be able to find it? Fixed stations would work together to triangulate the signal and rovers would then be sent to "Capture the Flag".

Other

Do you have a passion for another idea? Please describe it.