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The next regular meeting of the Rochester VHF Group will be Friday, December 9th 2011 at 7:30 PM

K2TER's QTH
130 Angels Path,
Webster, NY 14580
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The Chairman Speaks! John Stevens WB2BYP

Groupers: Thanks go out to the **AWA** for an outstanding tour of the new building at the November meeting. We had a very brief business meeting, and then Ron took us on a look-through of the latest plan documents of the Museum, followed by a trip down to the building as it is being filled with the carefully categorized equipment from various collections, estates and museum stock. It will be a great display of the history of radio, including a lot of highlights from the technology that has grown out of the Rochester area. Be looking for news of the availability for tours next year. A special thanks to all of the volunteers who tirelessly give of their time to make the AWA Museum what it is.

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The Chairman Speaks!

...This **Friday the 14th of December** we will be having our yearly **Tune-Up Clinic**, so be thinking now about preamps, transverters, converters or filters that you would like measured and or tweaked for Noise Figure, Gain or Loss performance. The Tune-Up Clinic will be held at the home of Bill Rogers in Webster. Stay tuned to the newsletter and the website for directions.

As always, you don't have to be a member to come to a meeting. We welcome all interested in VHF/UHF/SHF.

As always, our RVHFG Monday and Thursday at 2100 local 2M and 6M Nets on 144.260 / 50.200 continued to have a good turn-out and make for a good way to check out gear with a pretty consistent crowd. Everyone is welcome to check in the nets as they are very informal and runs about ½ hour on each band. If there is interest, we usually go to the higher bands after the 6M net is over. Come by and check in, and let us know how you are hearing, what's new in the shack, any heads up on ham-fests or other club meetings.

Come to the meetings, check out the website for more up to date information, and get on the air!

John WB2BYP

Secretary Report

Tom Jennings, KV2X

Rochester VHF Group Meeting Minutes for November 2012

The meeting was called to order at 1909. W2CNS made a motion to accept the minutes from last month meeting as published in the November Journal and WB2GFZ seconded the motion. WB2GFZ made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report from last month as published in the November Journal and W2CNS seconded the motion.

Attending: WB2GFZ, W2CNS, KV2X, WB2BYP, W2IT, K2OS, Betty Jennings

Old business: None

New Business: W2IT invited the RVHFG to give a presentation and have a presence with booth at the next AWA Convention in August of 2013.

Program: AWA Museum Tour.

Rochester VHF Group Treasurer's Report

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Previous Balance (as of 11/10/2012):

Income: Dues

Expenses: Post office Box

Current Balance

\$2028.09

\$10.00

\$00.00

\$2038.09

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Jennings, KV2X, Treasurer

ARRL January 2103 VHF Contest

Here is a reminder from KA2LIM:

The ARRL Contest Update for November 21, 2012
NEWS, PRESS RELEASES, AND GENERAL INTEREST

We've just gotten used to the idea of Low Power categories for Unlimited and Multi-operator entries in ARRL HF contests - how about for VHF+ contests? Yes, two new categories have been added there, too, beginning with the [ARRL January VHF Contest](#). First is the **3-Band** category in which participants are limited to 100 W or less on 6 and 2 meters, and 50 W or less on 70 cm. This category is just right for those sporting an "all-band, all-mode" rig! To encourage new hams to give VHF+ contests a try without having to buy new equipment, the **FM Only** category allows operation with 100 W or less on the 6 meter, 2 meter, 1-1/4 meter, and 70 cm bands. Experienced VHF+ contesters will want to include FM capability to work these new stations. Remember to upgrade your logging software and operating aids to add these new categories well in advance of the January contest date

Date and Contest Period: Begins 1900 UTC Saturday, ends 0359 UTC Monday
(January 19-21, 2013).

Entry Categories

Single Operator (spotting assistance is NOT permitted)

High Power (1500 W PEP or maximum power allowed by your Amateur license, whichever is less)

Low Power (200 W PEP on 50/144 MHz; 100 W PEP on 222/432 MHz; 50 W PEP on 902 MHz and higher)

Portable (10 W PEP or less, portable power source, portable antennas, cannot set up at a permanent station location)

3-Band (6m, 2m a & 432 MHz only; 100 W or less on 6m/2m, 50 W or less on 432 MHz.)

FM Only (6m-446 MHz, 100 W or less on all bands)

We hope everybody is thinking about the contest in January. Now is the time to be preparing your rigs and antennas. Bring those transverters, preamps, and power amplifiers to the tune-up clinic. Rovers have you planned your route? Decided what bands you will be going to operate?

Tom, KV2X

Classified Listings

Wanted: 432 MHz beam or loop.

Len

KC2PCD

Meeting Location and Directions

K2TER's QTH 130 Angels Path, Webster, NY 14580.

