962-20-676 Friedrich Kluempen (fred@math.binghamton.edu), Department of Mathematical Sciences, SUNY at Binghamton, Binghamton, NY 13902-6000. On the Power Structure of Finite 2-groups.

In 1934, P. Hall introduced regular p-groups. Any regular 2-group is abelian. A regular p-group is power closed, exponent closed, strongly semi-p-abelian and an exact power margin group. The study of these properties, and relationships among them, constitutes the investigation of the power structure of a p-group. In this talk, we present the classification of metacyclic 2-groups and 2-generator 2-groups of nilpotency class two according to their power structure. (Received September 20, 2000)