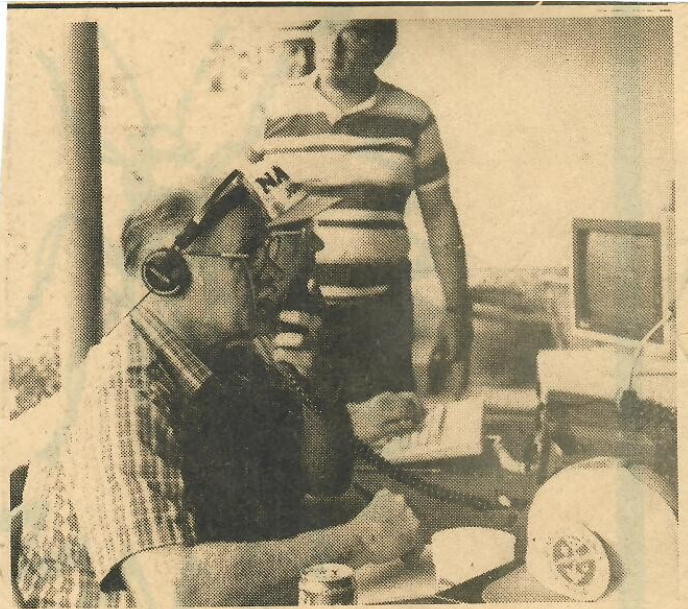


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AL HIRSCH, K2SKV, is on the mike; John Sawina, NA2R, logs calls on the computer.

Members of radio club have a 'field day' at school

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BERKELEY HEIGHTS — A weekend Field Day on one baseball diamond sees much activity, and such was the case on the Governor Livingston Regional High School field the last weekend in June.

The New Providence Amateur Radio Club set up four emergency radio stations there to participate in the annual American Radio Relay League communication contest, which is held throughout the United States and Canada.

With a national membership of over 450,000 "hams," the Amateur Radio Service tests its ability to communicate all over the country without using any outside power or help. No power mains are allowed. This year, the stations were managed by John Sawina, using his call sign NA2R.

"We had a great turnout," said Mr. Sawina, "despite the heavy electrical storm that passed to the north of us early Sunday

morning when we had to disconnect the power and antennas to protect the equipment."

Over 1,200 stations were "logged" and recorded on computer printouts located at each station.

"The logging was easy," said Pres Conrad, N2CXE, "except when Mike Macioce, KB2BTA, of Chatham was on the phone and he was pulling in stations faster than I could type them up."

Pete Holmes, N2EXG, was the master chef, and kept all of the participants well supplied with food that he cooked on the site.

Joe Reid, K2JAO, worked with the younger "hams" in the Novice tent.

"It was one of our better field days," said Bob Latter, W2YFM, who, along with Bob Brown, W2EME, managed the Morse Code station. "For awhile the weather didn't help, but we found a lot of 'hams' right across the country" said Mr. Latter.