



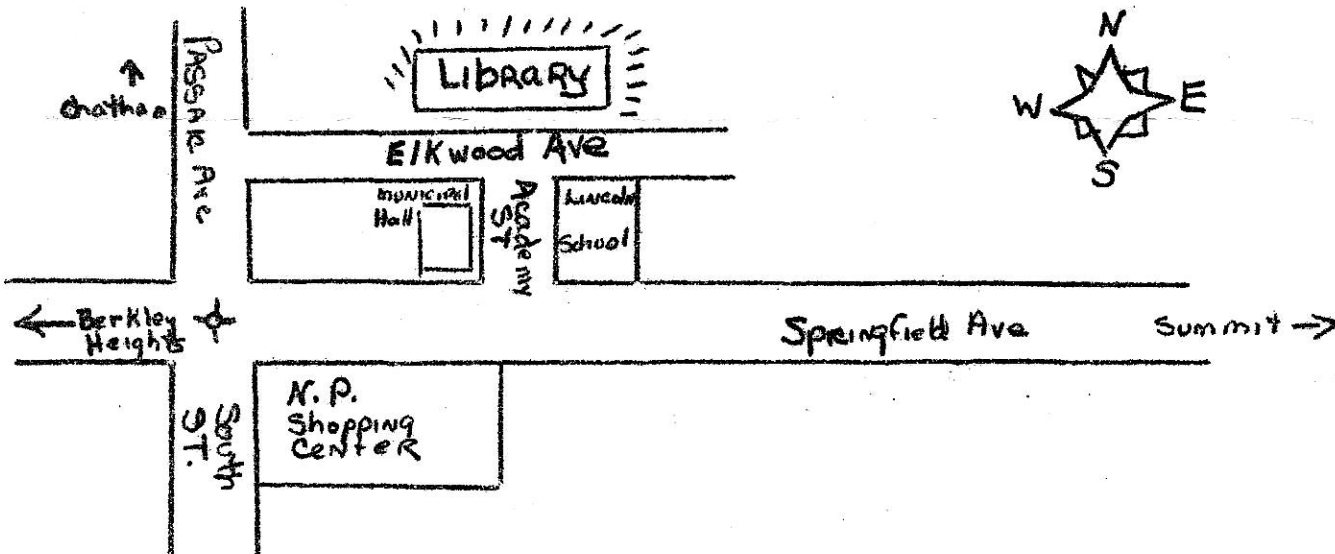
MOUNTAIN SPARK GAPS

New Providence Amateur Radio Club Inc.
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MEETING: MONDAY, SEPT. 10, 1973 at 8P.M.
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PROGRAM: The Film "Fine Bussiness" supplied by ARRL will be shown. It is one of their newest films and should be fun. In addition, our Field Day results will be discussed. See enclosed report by Al Robinson W1BUT/2

Most important will be the voting on Constitutional amendments.

The following proposed amendments to the Constition and Bylaws of the club were distributed in writing at the May 1973 meeting and will be voted at the September meeting. They are reproduced below for your information. The best way to cast your vote is to attend of course. However, if you can't make the meeting, vote by mail ONLY if you are opposed to any of the proposals. Send them to Alan Robinson, 42 Elm St., Murray Hill. If you are in favor and can't attend, don't worry. All members not in attendance will be assumed in favor.

IN MEMORY of IRVING PERRY - W2ARL - Summit
 Funeral August 6, 1973 - Calvary Episcopal Church

The amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the New Providence Amateur Radio Club, Inc. listed below are proposed by the Executive Committee. They will be voted on at the September, 1973 meeting.

Constitution

1. Add to the Preamble the following: "The club is an ARRL club, unless this affiliation is terminated either by the ARRL or a vote of the club members."
2. Change Article VII, Section 1 to read "This constitution or the By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and may not be voted on until the next regular meeting."

Explanation: This now reads "...by a two-thirds vote of the total membership." This is deemed unworkable because of the difficulty of getting attendance of two-thirds of the members at any meeting. (In order to make the amendments proposed herein, the following procedure will be used. The proposed amendments will be included in the September newsletter and those members who wish to vote but cannot attend the September meeting will be invited to mail their votes prior to the meeting. Members not in attendance who have not voted by mail will be assumed to cast their votes in favor of these proposed amendments.)

By-Laws

1. Modify Section 4 to read "Annual dues for regular and student members, established in accordance with Article V, Section I of the Constitution, are due at the regular January meeting. For new members joining during the calendar year the following rules apply. Full annual dues are payable by new members joining prior to September and no dues are assessed until the following January for those joining during or after September."

Explanation: The present wording states the dues are \$3.00 for regular and \$1.00 for student members. In other words, a change in the By-Laws is required to change the amount which is certain to happen sometime. Article V, (section 1) of the Constitution provides for the levy of dues or assessments by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting. Hence, a new way to set the amount of the dues is available. Also included in this proposal is the motion passed at the September 1971 meeting for determining dues for new members.

2. Delete Section 7 which says "the president shall appoint a trustee who shall hold the club station license. The trustee shall receive and be responsible for the club station equipment." Because the club no longer holds a license this section is unnecessary.

3. Add a new section to read "the Field Day chairman and the president, or his designated representative, shall be empowered to cancel club participation in Field Day in the event of extraordinary circumstances. Note: at the May 14, 1973 meeting the following modified version of this was adopted as an addition to the By-Laws " Club participation in Field Day may be cancelled in the event of extraordinary circumstances by the concurrence of the Field Day

chairman and the club president, or their designated representatives."

Election will be necessary for a replacement Vice president as Jim Caldwell has moved away.

Field Day Report:

I am happy to report that Field Day was very successful and even though our score didn't break last year's record setting effort, it was still the second highest club score ever. As Field Day Chairman, I'd like to thank all those who participated (about 30). A special appreciation is due the managers who worked so cooperatively and hard to make this year's effort the usual smooth operation that Field Day has become for us. (that is relatively smooth. it's still necessary to make sure your coax is electrically connected to your quad.) The managers were as follows:

Wilber Fulton and Bob Latter-HF CW station managers
Gerry Hughes and Fred Weiner-HF SSB station managers
Carl Vonderlinden-VHF station manager
Drew Hoffman Novice station manager
John Sheetz-power
Patty Weiner and Harriet Larsen-Food
Al Hirsch-publicity

Our QSO total was 1450, divided in the following way:

	SSB	CW
80 meters	262	144
40 meters	221	339
20 meters	176	145
15 meters	104	28
10 meters	5	
total	<u>768</u>	<u>656</u>

VHF 6

Novice 20

(Note: although he wasn't able to make any QSO's Bob Latter's satellite communication setup was certainly the most intriguing and eye-catching gear we had.)

In comparison, in 1972 we had 1700 QSOs-843 SSB, 787 cw and 70 novice. Our decrease in SSB QSOs was caused primarily by the cold solder connection of the feedline to the quad, which wasn't discovered until about 4 hours into the contest. Our cw score was down because we had some superb operators available in 1972, but only good ones this year. The novice effort was hampered by constant ORM from and into the other HF stations, and, finally VHF operation was limited because of a lack of stations to work.

Looking forward to 1974, there appears to be three areas which will need special attention: 1) the quad must get a long overdue renovation or be replaced, 2) a stronger attempt must be made to reduce the interference of our stations with one another and 3) Jim Caldwell's departure cost us our primary generator and all of our towers. **** Again thanks for all your help and as they say, wait til next year. *** Al Robinson W1BUT/2, 1973 F.D. Chairman.