

Ed and the Radios

At right is a picture of my Dad, Ed Sipes, at his desk in the Waskesiu Wardens' office. The office was situated in the Stores building in the old maintenance compound that was west of Montreal Drive.

Note the three radios in the rack behind him. The bottom two are the old HF radio system that was used to keep in touch with district cabins. It was very much subject to changing radio propagation

and, as a result, not all that reliable. Its most redeeming feature was that the receiver could tune in the American Armed Forces Radio Network that carried all major sporting events like the World Series. The wardens' office was the place for Park staff to take their coffee break during World Series! My Dad would occasionally find it necessary to go into the office on weekends to catch up on essential paper work, especially if there was a non-televised sporting event in progress.

The third and upper radio was the then-new VHF system that worked through a high power repeater situated on the Height of Land near Shady Lake. It was a very effective communications system but it couldn't receive World Series games.

