

# **Big Island Amateur Radio Club**

## **BIARC Newsletter**

### **July 2008**

#### **President's message - July 2008**

Field Day is coming up June 28 and 29, this coming weekend, at the Wailoa Center, Hilo. Thank you to everyone for your input for this event at the June meeting. We will have 2 stations operating plus satellite and a GOTA station on the air. We will meet at Wailoa Center between 6:30 and 7:00 A.M. on Saturday to plan our set up of the stations. We will need lots of help setting up so please try and get to the Field Day site early. The club will supply soft drinks and water. The only meal provided will be dinner on Saturday afternoon around 4P.M. Please bring a dish of your choice, nice thick STEAKS will be provided for all club members that make 25 or more contacts, or promise to operate late night/early morning. Family, friends or those that would rather not operate, the dinner is \$5.00 per person.

There will be testing at 10:30 Saturday morning. If you are going to want to up-grade or know of someone wanting to test please contact Ron Phillips at 982-6513 as soon as you can.

This is an excellent location to operate Field Day being close to the ocean and we should be able to make a good score. There will be lots of foot traffic, which will give us an opportunity to show off our skills and readiness if there were an emergency, also to talk up ham radio. There will be a banner at the entrance and we will be easy to find by all.

I look forward to seeing you all at Wailoa center, I am sure we will have a fun time.

Aloha, Fred, KH7Y

P.S. bring your favorite key, headset, headphones if you wish.



**Big Island Amateur Radio Club  
General Meeting  
June 14, 2008**

Meeting was opened at 2:05 PM by President Fred KH7Y. Sign in sheet was passed around and will be attached to these minutes.

A moment of silence was held for Harry Barnes KH6QM who passed away on June 8, 2008.

Introductions were made by all attending.

Secretary's report was approved as written in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report was given by Ron AH6HN. Balance on hand \$2,071.35 and we have 103 members.

Barbara gave a report on the KH6 QSL Bureau. During the month of May there were 2,022 cards received, 9 envelopes of cards returned as undeliverable with 106 cards. There are 38 hams requesting No Bureau cards. Expenses for May totaled \$75.90 of which \$12.38 was paid for by ham credits which left a balance of \$63.52 for ARRL. Balance in the checkbook is \$828.73.

Field Day preparations were discussed. Paul WH7BR the chairman of Field Day is on the mainland so Fred KH7Y led the discussion. It was decided that instead of just one radio operating that we will use two and also have the GOTA station. A satellite station will also be used. This changes our classification to 2A. Fred took a count of how many would be there and how many would be operating so that they would have an idea of how many steaks they might need for dinner. Fred said that he will alert the Flight Service Station about the 90' height and location of the antenna tower. Radios that are being used must be computer

compatible for logging. There is 450' of coax cable available. Coffee pot will be available for coffee. Soda and water will be provided by the club. Dinner will be held between 3-4PM. Generators and solar panels will supply power. Curt AH6RE is taking care of the logging programs. Bob AH6J had a table of information on display to show us what will be used for the display table on Field Day. Fred KH7Y had a copy of the Official press release being sent to the newspaper. Testing for ham licenses or upgrades will be held at 10:31 AM sharp. Setup will begin at 7AM with operating starting around 8AM. We will operate for 27 hours.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55PM. Social time and refreshments followed.

Submitted by Barbara Darling, Secretary



**Lou Cohen K1YR**

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## Officers

President	Fred Honnold KH7Y	982-5226
Vice President	Arman Wiggins WH6BVZ	963-6846
Treasurer	Ron Phillips AH6HN	982-6513
Secretary	Barbara Darling NH7FY	982-9126

## One Year Directors

Beau Mills NH7WV	968-1271
Bob Schneider AH6J	966-8146
Curt Knight AH6RE	966-8304
Richard Fetchen KH6WE	982-7426

## Two Year Directors

Richard Darling AH7G	982-9126
Fred Benardella KH6FI	968-1331
Rick Frazier AH7H	985-9169
Paul Ducasse WH7BR	985-9222
Gregg Datlof WH7FC	982-9838
Peter Yoes WH7CB	965-5429

## Standing Committees

Service/Awards co-chair	Harry Nishiyama	KH6FKG
Education	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
Emergency Coord.	Harvey Motomura	AH6JA
Equipment	Harry Nishiyama	KH6FKG
Health&Welfare	Bill Carlson	KH7E
Hospitality	Barbara Darling	NH7FY
Newsletter Programs	Gloria Whiteley	Associate
Repeater	Curt Knight	AH6RE
Webmaster	Arman Wiggins	WH6BVZ
	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
	Rick Frazier	AH7H

## Special Committees

Christmas Party Improvement co-chair	Gloria Whiteley	Associate
Field Day	Harry Nishiyama	KH6FKG
Hamfest co-chair	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
QSL Bureau	Paul Ducasse	WH7BR
Volcano Run	Bob Schneider	AH6J
	John Buck	KH7T
	Barbara Darling	NH7FY
	Sean Stueber	NH7SA

## Meetings and Get-Togethers

**Membership meetings** – Second Saturday of each month at 2PM at the Kea'au Community Center

**Board Meetings** – will be held every other month 1 hour prior to the general membership meeting at the same location as the general meeting (January, March, May, July, September, November).

**Friday Lunches** – every Friday at the Queen's Court Restaurant in the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. Meet in the lobby between 11:00 and 11:15, or we will see you inside in the far left corner.

## East Hawai'i Net

The East Hawai'i Net meets on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 8AM HST on 146.76 MHz.

## BIWARN accessible Repeaters

Repeaters in bold font are BIWARN/MCDA linked. When operating over a link, remember to leave extra time each transmission for the link to be established. Number in parentheses is the tone access frequency.

<b>145.29-</b>	HOVE-Ka'u WH6FC (100)
146.66-	HOVE (100)
146.68-	Kea'au limited area KH6EJ
<b>146.76-</b>	Kulani KH6EJ
<b>146.82-</b>	Mauna Loa ARES KH6EJ
146.88-	Pepeekeo KH6EJ (may be linked)
<b>146.92-</b>	Ka'u PD KH6EJ
<b>146.94-</b>	Haleakala Maui KH6RS (110.9)
147.02+	Haleakala Maui RACES AH6JA
147.04+	Mauna Loa RACES AH6JA
<b>147.16+</b>	Kona (Hualalai) WH6DEW
<b>147.32+</b>	Hilo Hospital NH7HI (100)
<b>147.38+</b>	Waimea East KH7T experimental
<b>442.35+</b>	Kaanapali Maui (136.5)
<b>442.5+</b>	Kea'au KH6EJ
443.65+	Ocean View Hub
<b>444.225+</b>	Haleakala Maui KH6RS (110.9)
<b>444.45+</b>	Parker Ranch KH6EJ (88.5)



Harry Sawyer Barnes KH6QM  
1914 – 2008

The Big Island Amateur Radio Club will miss our friend Harry Barnes, KH6QM (Queen Mary) former call KA5BPI. Harry has been ill the past couple years and passed away on June 8<sup>th</sup>. He was a retired major and US Army Corps glider pilot in WWII, a retired flight instructor and American Airlines mechanic, past president of the Big Island Bonsai Club and a long standing member of the Big Island Amateur Radio Club. Harry was always at lunch on Fridays and very seldom missed the monthly meetings. He was also a 63 year member of the Free and Accepted Masons. He is survived by his wife Julia who was an associate member of the radio club, daughter Lois from Texas, sister Marion of Massachusetts, brother Leonard of Florida, step-daughter Sherry of Keaau and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. - Barbara NH7FY

## ARRL Section Manager's Report – June 2008

[The SM report has been edited owing to space limitations. Some club information for clubs not on the big island has been removed.]

June 1 is the official start of the Hurricane season in the central Pacific. Make sure you have an emergency package prepared and have a plan of action for the various disaster scenarios possible in these islands. If a hurricane or other disaster hit, you may also be a victim so try to minimize your exposure and be prepared to help yourself as well as others.

Kevin Bogan, our section Emergency Coordinator, said the Makani Pahili hurricane exercise was mostly held Saturday May 24th, however there were several events held earlier in the week by different agencies. The simulated Hurricane would have passed 140 degrees west and entered Central Pacific waters on Wednesday May 21. The various exercise scenarios followed what would happen as the simulated storm approached. To read more go to:

[http://www.kauaiarc.org/08Monthly/makani\\_pahili\\_hurricane\\_exer.htm](http://www.kauaiarc.org/08Monthly/makani_pahili_hurricane_exer.htm)

Thanks to the new Hawaii County CD director, Quince Mento, for specially opening up Hawaii County CD on a normal day off. There was a special effort to begin and end each message with the words "exercise" said several times so there would be no confusion if the transmission was heard by casual listeners

Kevin Bogan, AH6QO, attended EMCOMMWEST 2008 on May 2-4 in Reno, NV. We look forward to hearing about his experience.

Dayton Hamvention was from Friday May 16 to Sunday May 18. Dean, KH6B, was one of the attendees from Hawaii. How many other Hawaii Hams went?

The Marianas Amateur Radio Club meets on the first Tuesday Guam time. The April first meeting had over two dozen people in attendance. The May meeting went over IRLP procedures and, of

course, June will talk about Field Day. MARC has a weekly net on their local repeater on 146.91MHz-. It is also tied into IRLP reflector 9254 so check in's can be from anywhere in the world. The time of the net is 11PM Sunday HST or 7PM Monday Guam time. This is very early morning on the mainland US.

The museum Ships Weekend was June 7-8 UTC, so for us in Hawaii it began at 2 PM local time Friday June 6 and ended 2 PM Saturday June 7 which is June 7-8 (UTC). This was the eighth annual participation in Museum Ships Weekend for the Battleship Missouri ARC (BMARC). Even though HF conditions were poor, they managed to work 630 contacts. Among the contacts were several WW2 Navy veterans and eight other museum ships.

The Kohala Hamakua Radio Club met Wednesday June 11 in Waimea at the Carter Professional Center. They participated in several training events this last month. Norm, NH7UA, has stepped down as DEC for North Hawaii and Eric, KH6CQ, has taken his place. Thanks for your good work as DEC Norm and thanks for stepping up to the challenge Eric. Eric has already revised the emergency response plans. Three stations were operated during the Makani Pahili exercise by KHRC members.

The Kona Amateur Radio Society will hold its regular meeting on Sunday June 15th at the OTEC beach park at NELHA from 2 to 5 PM. KARS continues to hold regularly scheduled meetings on the third Sunday of each month. This month's club meeting will be a Hawaiian food theme in celebration of King Kamehameha. Please bring a Hawaiian dish to share. If you have any questions, contact Van NH7IT at 325-5223

June 28 & 29, 2008 is the ARRL annual Field Day. Check with your local club for the nearest setup to you.

On Saturday July 26, the Big Island ARC will support Big Island Road Runners at the annual Volcano Rim Run. Due to the recent volcanic eruptions at Halemaumau the 10 mile and 27 mile races will have to change routes so this is a chance to see new places. The 5 mile race will remain the same. PLEASE BE CAUTIONED THAT VOLCANIC FUMES MAY BE PRESENT AT SOME LOCATIONS.

The 2008 DXers Banquet will be in Tokyo on the evening of Saturday, August 23rd, 2008. It will be an event of the Japan Ham-Fair. Anybody who is interested in DXing, from the newcomers to the experts, is welcome. Venue: East 9th Floor, Tokyo Fashion Town (TWT) Building It is a 7-minute walk from the Japan Hamfair event held in Tokyo's Big Site. Date and Time in JST: Saturday August 23, 2008 from 6:00-8:30pm Registration starts from 5:30pm. How to participate: please send email to Katsu, JA1DXA and JH7OHF. [jh7ohf@bd6.so-net.ne.jp](mailto:jh7ohf@bd6.so-net.ne.jp)

Again, Barbara Darling, NH7FY, has taken over as Hawaii QSL manager. At the May BIARC meeting she reported that both she and Ned Conklin, KH7JJ, have finished sorting their respective backlogs. Ned is in charge of sorting the Oahu cards and Kevin Bogan, AH6QO, will be taking the Oahu cards to various Oahu club meetings. This is one of the many services provided by ARRL, and it is not necessary that you be an ARRL member to participate. Custom and courtesy dictate that users of this service support it with help and donations. The address is: Hawaii QSL Bureau - P.O. Box 1938 - Hilo, HI 96721.

At the last meeting of BIARC, Quince Mento, the new Hawaii County CD director spoke to the club. He introduced one of his new assistants, Bill Hanson. On Wednesday May 14th several of us met with the CD people at the CD office. At that time John Drummond was also introduced as part of the staff. They are just getting settled into

their new jobs. One of the points that Mr. Mento made was that emergencies can't always be totally planned for. The CD office over the years has made plans for many kinds of problem however no one foresaw the problem of Sulfur Dioxide so a plan had to be invented and the result is the newly activated color coded alert system. As if to emphasize the problem, toward the end of our meeting the director was called away to take care of a problem at the county viewing area in Kalapana as the wind had changed and was blowing stuff into the public viewing area. DEC Rick Ward, WH6FC; ASM Ron Phillips, AH6HN; DEC Eric Grabowski, KH6CQ and SM Bob Schneider, AH6J were at the CD meeting.



The Health-Comm HF net is every Saturday morning at 0800W. They have been using 3.888MHz LSB to compensate for propagation. Tnx Norm, NH7UA

The FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM) on May 8 seeking to raise fees for Amateur Radio vanity call signs. Currently, a vanity call sign costs \$11.70 and is good for 10 years; the new fee, if the FCC plan goes through, will go up to \$12.30 for 10 years, an increase of \$0.60. The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934 (as amended) to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term.

73, Bob Schneider, AH6J - ARRL Pacific Section Manager



Quince Mento (Director of Civil Defense), Dave KH7SO, and Rich KH6WE



Craig Thompson K9CT

### **BIARC Radio Contest News**

The big event of the past month was the **CQ WPX CW**. **Bill KH7B** entered in the single operator single band 20m category, with 1718 QSOs and 772 prefixes for a total of 3,776,780 points. Bill reports an outstanding opening to EU on Saturday night. **Lloyd KH6LC** and co-conspirators **Ken N6KB**, **Rob NH6V**, **Fred KH7Y**, and **Curt AH6RE** operated Lloyd's station as **NH6V** and brought in 3364 QSOs and 815 prefixes for 10,955,230 points, a significant score improvement over last year. Lloyd's crew saw tough conditions on 160, 80, and 10 meters but the great 20 meter opening on Saturday night partly compensated, and over the 48 hour contest period **NH6V** worked 98 DXCC entities.

The **10-10 International Net Summer Phone QSO Party** will be held the first full weekend in August from 00:01 UTC Saturday (2PM HST Friday Aug 1) until 23:59 UTC Sunday (1:59 HST

Sunday Aug 3). Collect those 10-10 numbers and call signs anywhere in the 10 meter phone segment, but particularly between 28.300 and 28.500. For more information: [www.ten-ten.org](http://www.ten-ten.org). (thanks **Irene NH7PE**)

The **FISTS CW Club Summer Sprint** will run from 17:00 UTC to 21:00 UTC on the second Saturday of July, on 80 through 10 meters. That's Jul 12 from 7AM to 11AM HST. More information is available on [www.fists.org](http://www.fists.org). (thanks **Irene NH7PE**)



Jack KH6CC (Photo JA5DQH used by permission)

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