

Big Island Amateur Radio Club

# Big Island Amateur Radio Club BIARC BULLETIN

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QSL CARDS OUT	RICHARD DARLING, AH7G
VOLCANO RIM RUN	SEAN STUEBER, NH7SA
CO-CHAIR	CLIFTON LEONARD, KH6XJ

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last month in the newsletter I mentioned that some of us were contacting VU4 Andaman Island. Dick and I had contacts on 5 different frequencies before the Dxpedition was ended by the tsunami in S.E. Asia. The ham radio operators immediately switched to emergency communications proving to the world that amateur radio plays a very important role in communications during disasters. We in Hawaii are well aware of this because of hurricane Iniki hitting Kauai. VU2, Jose Jacob, Public Relations Officer at India's National Institute of Amateur Radio is back in India and reports that all hams and support people from the December expedition are now safely back home. He says "The tsunami operation was a major success with the help of excellent cooperation from the national and international ham community". He adds that all the Dxpedition logs are safe and will be entered into computers. They are hoping to get a QSL manager on the mainland so it has been suggested to hold off sending your cards through.

Our January 8th meeting had 36 guests in attendance. (It's the first time that I can remember having to

bring chairs in from the other room.) GREAT!!!! Our scheduled speaker, Lloyd Narimatsu was ill. He sent Jon Patterson from the Keaau Fire Department to fill in for him, and Jon did a great job - especially with only 2 hours to prepare. Maybe we can schedule Lloyd for next year.

Our first community service, providing emergency communications, will be at the Heart Walk on February 12, 2005. Nine of our members have volunteered to help man the radios.

Our schedule of programs for the year has been completed. Mike Last, NH7JT, and Robert Oliver, NH6AH, have volunteered to fill the two remaining months. Their topics will be listed later. Thank you for offering to help.

Our newsletter editor, Lori Miner, AH6OS, has decided that she will be moving to Colorado to be near her children. Sean Stueber, NH7SA, has agreed to take over for her WHEN she leaves. Thank you Sean and thank you Lori for the great job you've been doing for us.

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**NEXT MEETING  
SATURDAY  
February 12th  
2:00 p.m.**

At the Kea'au Community Center located off Old Volcano Road at the end of the street behind the Fire Station.

Our Emergency Coordination, Harry Nishiyama, KH6FKG will be showing how to make a portable mobile emergency 2 meter antenna. This should help all of us in an emergency situation.

We will start with the program, then refreshments, and then have our short membership meeting.

Anyone interested in ham radio is welcome to attend.

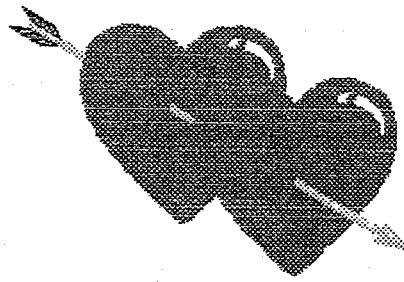
**February Birthdays**

KH6IAA	Al Pacheco	5th
KA2IXJ	Satoshi Yabuki	6th
KH6JAF	Hideo Gushiken	16th
WH6DQ	Bill Cullen	20th
Assoc.	Gloria Whiteley	23rd
NH6RW	Francis Brown	24th
AH7A	Clarence Smith	26th

*Happy Birthday to all !!*

**EAST HAWAII NET**

East Hawaii Net meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8AM, local time, on 146.76 mhz-, Sign on and check us out.



**VALENTINE'S  
PARTY POTLUCK**

**SUNDAY  
February 13th  
1:00 p.m. till ??**

At the home of  
Richard, AH7G and  
Barbara Darling, NH7FY  
15-1642 27th Street  
Hawaiian Paradise Park,  
Keaau - Phone 982-9126

This is a good time to check out their newly completed dual ham shack, with a new tower and antennas. Bring a favorite dish and enjoy the camaraderie.

Take Route 130 from Keaau. Go approximately 4+ miles, turn left on Kaloli St., go to 27th St. and turn right. Go to top of hill (Approximately 11 poles). House on Mauka side with antennas in the back. Number is under the newspaper box.

**BIARC WEBSITE**

[www.interpac.net/~biarc](http://www.interpac.net/~biarc)

Thanks to webmaster  
Clifton Leonard, KH6XJ

**BIARC OUTGOING  
QSL CARDS POLICY**

1. You must be a member of ARRL
2. Sort your QSLs by entity Prefix (remember some DXCC entities have multiple prefixes (example: Korea uses HL and DS - put together in HL order)
3. Cost:
  - a. Up to 10 cards - 10 cents per card
  - b. Greater than 10 cards will be weighed. (Minimum of \$1.00) Current ARRL rate + current USPS rate is \$12.00 per pound or portion. I am reasonable. (Example: 2 ounces of cards X \$12.00 per pound = \$1.50)

If you have any questions contact Richard Darling AH7G - 982-9126

**FOR SALE**

Cushcraft R7 Vertical antenna  
Cushcraft A3 beam antenna with rotor & controller and cables  
Other Misc. items  
Both antennas have been taken down  
Call Ray Hicks, WH6CME at 966-7198

**SILLY THOUGHTS**

Why do we say something is out of whack? What's a whack??

Do Lipton Tea employees take coffee breaks?

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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Now I am asking for your help/support again. Nancy Parry, NH7RT, our very proficient secretary, must give up her position for health reasons. I am looking for a volunteer (Man or Woman) to take over this position. Please let me know if you'd be willing to take on this position.

Bob Schneider, AH6J, and his nephew went up to the Pepeekeo repeater site last Saturday (January 15) to help clean the area. Bob may be looking for volunteers to help with this job in the future. If you can give him a hand please get in touch with him.

Our web site has been updated recently and is still being worked on. It has been suggested that since our newsletter appears on the web site that some hams would rather read it there instead of receiving a paper copy in the mail. If you prefer not getting the paper copy, please let us know. This will also cut down on our postage expense. You can drop me an e-mail at: [nh7fy@yahoo.com](mailto:nh7fy@yahoo.com) or call me at 982-9126.

Membership for 2005 was 46 as of our last meeting (Jan 8th). Please remember to get your dues in as soon as possible. Don't forget the contest to see who can sign up the most new members by March 31st. A new member is someone who has not been a member for at least the last three years. Insert your name on the sponsor line on the bottom of the application. Treasurer Ron, AH6HN, will keep track of the new members. I will present the prize at our April meeting.

Next testing for licenses and upgrading will be held at our April meeting on the 9th. FCC charge for testing has been increased from \$12 to \$14 (in cash).

The next radio contest that some of us will be participating in is the 10-10 International Contest February 4-6. Last year the Aloha Chapter of 10-10 took first place with a total of 3,699 points. Number 1 ham in this contest was Ralph, AH6RF, with 2,176 points (1,287 contacts). Will let you know how we make out this time!!!

I just received three "Work All States" awards from ARRL. One is for SSB all frequencies, one for 40 Meters SSB and one for VP2V/NH7FY SSB from the British Virgin Islands. Waiting to hear if Ted, NH6YK, has received his WAS awards yet. I'm also waiting for my "Work All Continents" award.

Our first social activity of the year will be a Valentine's Party pot luck dinner at our home on February 13th at 1 PM. This is an opportunity for you all to see our new ham shack and new tower/antennas. You'll see first hand the great work that Wilbur, KH7E, does. With Dick's two back surgeries this year, he has not been able to do much to help and has appreciated all the assistance he got from Harry, KH6FKG, and all the long hours of labor that Wilbur put in. Dick has finally gotten over the infection in his back and is also completely weaned from the morphine he had been on for most of 2004.

Get well wishes to member Kathleen Paik who fell and broke 2

bones in her wrist. For a violin player this is not good news.

Happy Valentine's Day to you all and hopefully we'll see many of you on the 13th.

Barbara NH7FY President

### FCC CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCES HIS RESIGNATION

FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell announced today that he'll step down, effective "sometime in March." Powell's resignation comes just one day after President George W. Bush's inauguration for a second term in the White House. Nominated by former President Bill Clinton, Powell--whose father is Secretary of State Colin Powell--joined the FCC in 1997. He became its chairman two days after President Bush was sworn in for his first term in 2001. ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, called Powell's performance "a deep disappointment" after some initial optimism. While the League is not unhappy about Powell's departure--especially given his unabashed cheerleading on behalf of the FCC's broadband over power line (BPL) initiative--there's also concern about whom President Bush might call upon to replace him. "It's no secret that we thought Chairman Powell was going entirely in the wrong direction on BPL and dragging the other commissioners and FCC staff along--willing or not--because he was, after all, the chairman," Sumner said. "A new chairman might be a chance for a fresh start."

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## MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING Saturday, January 8, 2005

The Big Island Amateur Radio Club, BIARC, held its regular monthly membership meeting on Saturday, January 8, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in the Kea'au, Community Center.

President Barbara Darling, NH7FY, welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the New Year. There was a very good turn out for the meeting. We were pleased to see that thirty-six members and guests signed in for the meeting and program. The sign-in sheet is an attachment to these minutes.

The President thanked everyone for their support during the past year for with their assistance it made the year a wonderful success. She was pleased to report that the total membership reached the club's goal of 100 before the end of the year. She personally thanked those members in attendance that presented programs during the past year and asked them to consider making another presentation to BIARC in 2005.

The speaker scheduled for this meeting, Lloyd Narimatsu, Retired Fire Chief, of Kea'au, was ill and unable to attend. In his place, he sent speaker Jon Patterson, Fire & Air Rescue Paramedic, from the Kea'au Fire Station. Director Bob Schneider, AH6J, made the introductions to the membership.

Jon Patterson spoke of the Radio Frequency Safety Requirements. He reinforced the need to instruct the amateur operators and especially members of their immediate

household and neighbors since they cannot reasonably be expected to exercise control over their exposure. He encouraged questions and remarks from the membership. Admittedly a novice in RF requirements, Mr. Patterson told the membership to visit QSL.net (do a search on RF Safety) and learn more about the safety requirements. His program was very well received.

After the recess and refreshments, President Darling, NH7FY, called the meeting to order at 3:23 p.m.

The Secretary was called upon to read the minutes from the last membership meeting in November 13, 2004. A MOTION approved the minutes with no corrections or additions: By Ron Phillips, AH6HN, and Seconded by Sidney Sellers, NH7OD. CARRIED.

Treasurer Ron Phillips, AH6HN, reported that the Cash on Hand total was \$1,534.14 on December 31, 2004. The total paid membership as of this day January 8, 2005, is 46.

The President recognized the Repeater Committee for their very good work in repairing and maintaining all the repeaters. Ron Phillips, AH6HN, requested members that can to volunteer to assist the committee. He thanked Ron Ebert, AJ0T, for his assistance in maintaining the Kau repeater. Ralph Fontaine, AH6RF, has purchased for BIARC a repeater and two four port Controllers as directed by the membership. The Secretary was directed to send a Thank You to Mr. Mark Goldman for the duplexer and other radio equipment that he has donated to BIARC. The membership applauded

the efforts of the Repeater Committee.

President Barbara Darling, NH7FY and Treasurer Ron Phillips, AH6HN, presented the proposed budget for 2005 to the membership. The Budget Committee was comprised of Treasurer Ron Phillips, AH6HN, Secretary Nancy Parry, NH7RT and Barbara Darling, NH7FY. After a discussion, the membership approved the budget with a MOTION By Bob Schneider, AH6J, Seconded By Dick Darling, AH7G, CARRIED. The Complete budget listing is made a part of these minutes. The President asked for members to suggest ideas for fund-raisers and noted that donations to the repeater fund were welcomed.

Many members contributed their time and expertise to make BIARC goals and programs a success. In appreciation for the outstanding achievements of its members, President Darling, NH7FY, acting for the Board of Directors, awarded several BIARC Service Awards. (See page 5.)

A Special Service Award was given to Associate Member Gloria Whiteley. Gloria was commended for her service over and beyond the call of duty for Hospitality, Volcano Rim Run and Field Day Food Chairperson. She was awarded a certificate for Service and a Gift Certificate to help compensate for her generosity to BIARC.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Nancy Parry, NH7RT  
Secretary

## 2004 SERVICE AWARDS

Ken Brown, N6KB - Field Day Chairman

John Buck, KH7T Swap Meet Co-Chairman

Joyce Carlson, WH6BIR, Award Certificate Program

Wilbur Carlson, KH7E, Web Site, 2 Meter Net Control, Equipment Inventory Control

Ken Cutting, KH7ZJ, Vice President, Programs

Barbara Darling, NH7FY, President, 2 Meter Net Control, Programs Communications

Ron Ebert, AJOT, Repeater Maintenance

Ray Hicks, WH6CME, 2-Meter Net Control

Clifton Leonard, KH6XJ, Web Site

Lori Miner, AH6OS, Newsletter Editor, Substitute Secretary

Nancy Parry, NH7RT, Secretary, Health and Welfare

Ron Phillips, AH6HN, Treasurer, Repeater Maintenance, Service Awards, Club Improvement,  
Volcano Rim Run

Ted Ross, AH6GD, Contribution to Repeaters

Dave Broyles, KH7SO, Director

Harvey Motomura, AH6JA, Director

Harry Nishiyama, KH6FKG, Director, Emergency Coordinator, Net Control for Heart Walk, March of  
Dimes, Big Island International Marathon, Emergency Message Training, Service Awards,  
Club Improvement

Don Bartron, Director

Doris Carlson, KH6ER, Director, Incoming QSL Cards

Dennis Carvalho, KH7H, Director, Christmas Party Chairman

Richard Darling, AH7G, Director, Outgoing QSL Cards

Ralph Fontaine, AH6RF, Director, Repeater Maintenance,

Membership Certificates, Pot Luck Event, Program

Maureen Fontaine, KH6MF, Pot Luck Event

William Parry, NH7RQ, Director

Robert Schneider, AH6J, Immediate Past President, Swap Meet Co-Chairman, Repeater Maintenance,  
Program

Jim Sky, KH6SKY, Program

Ted Brattstrom, NH6YK, Program

Dr. Christian Veillet, F5IDM, Program

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