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# Big Island Amateur Radio Club BIARC BULLETIN

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## MARCH 2005

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BIARC had a very busy month of February. On the 12th of the month at 7:30AM we had ten volunteers provide emergency communication for the Heart Walk in Hilo. Thanks to Harvey AH6JA, Harry KH6FKG, Dick AH7G, Junior NH6RW, Sean NH7SA, Josh NH7SW, Elisa NH7SX, Bill KH7E, Doris KH6ER and myself NH7FY.

In the afternoon of the 12th we had our regular monthly meeting in Keaau. Harry Nishiyama, KH6FKG, discussed the construction of an emergency 2 M vertical antenna and an emergency dipole connector. He will be holding a class at Harvey's classroom to instruct interested hams in the actual construction, so if you are interested please get in touch with Harry and get your name on his list.

On Sunday February 13th we had a combined Valentine/Going Away party at our home in Hawaiian Paradise Park. Ray Hicks was our guest of honor. He and his daughter Sandra will be moving to Idaho on March 8th. Even though the day was cool and rainy we had 38 people attend, including two from the west side of the island. Shirley, NH7OH, presented Ray with a

beautiful blue eye lash yarn lei and Chris, WH6DCC, who is a wood turner, donated a Milo wood bowl for BIARC to give Ray as a going away gift. Shirley's niece, Aloha, entertained us with her hula dancing during the afternoon. She is a very talented young lady who teaches and performs hula.

Our next meeting on March 12th will feature Ted Brattstrom, NH6YK. His topic will be Midway Island.

On March 20th, Palm Sunday, the Big Island International Marathon will be held in Hilo and BIARC will be handling the emergency communications for it. If you are interested in helping please contact me at 982-9126.

As I mentioned in the February newsletter we were looking for a new secretary as Nancy, NH7RT, asked for a replacement for health reasons. Mike Last, NH7JT, has agreed to take on the job. Thank you Nancy for a job well done and thanks also to Mike for agreeing to take over the position. Nancy and her husband Bill, NH7RQ, have

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**NEXT MEETING  
SATURDAY  
MARCH 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.

For our program today Ted Brattstrom, NH6YK, will be giving a presentation on Midway Island.

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

Anyone interested in ham radio is welcome to attend.

**March Birthdays**

Call Sign	NAME	Day
W6DPD	Chuck McConnell	03
Assoc.	Julia Barnes	12
KH7ZF	John Vurich	13
KY6N	Ron Harris	18
AH6HN	Ron Phillips	19
Assoc.	Sandra Collins	19
NH7FY	Barbara Darling	20
W7GMH	Eddie Miller	28
NH7RQ	Bill Parry	29
WA6BZS	Bill Hudson	30

*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.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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agreed to co-chair our 2005 Christmas party.

Ken Brown, N6KB, has agreed to be our Field Day Chairman again this year. Field Day will be the weekend of June 25-26 this year. It will be held at the activity center in Hawaiian Paradise Park. It has been suggested that we get in touch with some of the schools and scout groups to try and encourage young people to become involved in amateur radio

Ron, AH6HN, reported at our Board meeting that we have 65 paid members for the 2005 year so far. The contest for getting new members (someone who has not been a member for at least three years) will continue until March 31st. Please make sure that your 2005 dues are in by March 31st.

The 10 meter contest was held the first weekend of February. Propagation on 10 meters was not very good that weekend but Ralph, AH6RF, Barbara, NH7FY, and Bill, KH7E, tried to "Dig Out" as many contacts as they could. Ralph was very patient teaching Bill and I a new logging program for the contest. We'll just have to wait and see how the Aloha Chapter of 10-10 International made out.

Happy Easter to you all

Barbara NH7FY President

**BIARC WEBSITE**

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

Thanks to webmaster  
Clifton Leonard, KH6XJ

**BIARC LENDING LIBRARY  
HAS A BOOK FOR YOU**

Ted Ross, AH6GD, has donated 13 books These books are:

- Basic Transistors by A. Schure
- Basic Electronics Volume 1 thru 6 by Van Valkenburgh of Nooger and Neville Inc.
- Basic Radio Volume 1 thru 6 by M. Tepper

Ray Hicks, WH6CME, has donated the following books:

- ARRL Handbook 1992
- Betty Bearcat Frequency Directory (Western USA Edition)
- Tune in the World with Ham Radio 8th Edition
- Hints and Kinks for the Radio Amateur
- The Radio Amateurs VHF Manual
- The Radio Handbook 13th Edition
- The ARRL Antenna Book

We also have copies of the License Manuals for Technician, General and Extra Class and a set of ARRL Morse Code Tapes

Anyone who would like to borrow any of these please let me know. Call 982-9126 or e-mail me at [nh7fy@yahoo.com](mailto:nh7fy@yahoo.com)

Barbara NH7FY

**FOR SALE**

Cushcraft R7 Vertical antenna  
\$100 or best offer.

The antenna is down  
Call Bill Carlson, KH7E 966-4676

## Membership Meeting Minutes for February 12, 2005

The Big Island Amateur Radio Club, BIARC, held its regular monthly membership meeting on Saturday, February 12, 2005 at 2:04 p.m. in the Kea'au Community Center.

President Barbara Darling, NH7FY, welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked everyone in turn to introduce him or herself. We were pleased to see that thirty members and guests were in attendance and signed in for the meeting and program. The official sign-in sheet is an attachment to these minutes.

The President introduced the speaker for this meeting, Harry Nishiyama, KH6FKG. Harry is very active and is a well-known and respected BIARC member. Harry made a very interesting and informative presentation on how to make a very inexpensive emergency antennas. He ended his presentation by holding a drawing for three of the emergency antennas and three center connectors, (Cobra Heads) he had made. The lucky BIARC winners of di-pole center connectors were Elisa Stueber NH7SX, Richard Darling, AH7G and Eddie Miller, W7GMH. Ron Phillips, AH6HN, Associate Member Julie Barnes and Clarence Smith, AH7A, each won a J Pole antenna.

Harry Nishiyama, KH6FKG, announced that he would hold a class in Harvey Motomura's classroom and show amateurs how to build a J Pole antenna. If anyone is interested in being instructed please contact him at 959-8863.

After the program, our hospitality chair, Gloria Whiteley, again served

the membership delicious desserts and coffee. Thank you, Gloria.

After the recess and refreshments were served, President Barbara Darling, NH7FY, called the membership meeting to order at 3:18 p.m.

The minutes from the last meeting on January 8, 2005 were approved as presented in the Newsletter.

Treasurer Ron Phillips, AH6HN, reported that the Cash on Hand Balance was \$1534.14. He remarked that this total does not include funds he received at this meeting and an expense check drawn today in the amount of \$105.43 for the purchase of crystals for the Pepeekeo repeater repair.

The total paid membership for 2005 is now 67. President Darling, NH7FY reminded the members that membership dues were due and that they could give their checks today or mail them in to BIARC.

The contest to increase BIARC Membership will be running until March 31, 2005. Members are encouraged to bring in a new member. The member that brings in the most members will win a prize, donated by the President.

Ron Phillips, AH6HN, noted that the volunteers to assist the Repeater Committee with clean up and maintenance were Lloyd Cabral, KH6LC, Sidney Sellers, NH7OD, Bill Carlson, KH7E and Clifton Leonard, KH6XJ. He thanked Ron Ebert, AJ0T, for his assistance in maintaining the Kau repeater. John Buck, KH7T, informed the membership of the emergency portable repeater needs that would allow coverage of the Kona Hospital and South of there, that repeaters don't now cover.

Chairman Phillips, AH6HN, will place an ad in the newsletter to inform the members of the date his Committee will take the Mauna Loa 145.82 repeater down to integrate new controls.

President Barbara Darling, NH7FY advised the membership that we would need a Co-Chair for Field Day this year. Ken Brown, N6KB our Chairman for 2004 is not sure he will be available for this year's event. A volunteer is needed.

The President announced the appointment of the following members to Chair the BIARC Committees for 2005:

Awards- Harry Nishiyama, KH6FKG  
Co-Chair Ron Phillips, AH6HN  
Education- Harvey Motomura, AH6JA  
Equip. Inventory- Bill Carlson, KH7E  
Health/Welfare- Nancy Parry, NH7RT  
Hospitality- Gloria Whiteley, Associate  
Newsletter Editor- Lori Miner, AH6OS  
Co-Chair, Sean Stueber, NH7SA  
Programs- Sidney Sellers, NH7OD  
Repeater- Ron Phillips, AH6HN  
Emergency Coordinator-  
Harry Nishiyama, KH6FKG  
Publicity- Barbara Darling, NH7FY  
**SPECIAL AD HOC COMMITTEES**  
Christmas Party- Bill Parry NH7RQ  
Co-Chair, Nancy Parry, NH7RT  
Field Day- Ken Brown, N6KB  
Hamfest- Bob Schneider, AH6J  
Co-Chair, John Buck, KH7T  
QSL Cards- Richard Darling AH7G  
Volcano Rim Run -  
Sean Stueber, NH7SA  
Co-Chair, Clifton Leonard, KH6XJ  
Web Master- Clifton Leonard, KH6XJ

A discussion was held on the open position of club Secretary. Mike Last, NH7JT volunteered to take over the position beginning in March 2005.

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*Minutes of 2-12-05, continued*

President Barbara Darling, NH7FY announced that Bill and Nancy Parry had volunteered to serve as co-chairs on the Christmas Party Committee. Those assisting on the committee will be Doris Carlson, KH6ER, Bill Carlson, KH7E, Ron Phillips, AH6HN, Lloyd Cabral, KH6LC, Lori Miner, AH6OS, Harry Nishiyama, KH6FKG, Sue Nishiyama, WH6AG and Gloria Whiteley, Associate.

Nancy Parry, NH7RT, asked those members present a few questions that resulted in 1) over one half of those present attend the BIARC Christmas Party. 2) When asked if more would attend if the party were held during the day, the show of hands increased. 3) Those present were undecided as to holding the party in the Keaau meeting room or at the Hawaiian Paradise Park Activity Center. 4) Many stated they did not need gifts or gifts exchanged at the party. 5) Some agreed that a Silent Auction, drawing for a major prize, gifts donated become the prizes for drawings. 6) Many indicated they did not want a Potluck.

In order to serve the membership better, Nancy Parry, NH7RT, will place a short questionnaire in the newsletter to find out what type of Christmas Party the membership would like this year.

The meeting adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Nancy Parry, NH7RT

**NEWSLETTER NOTE**

If you have not paid your dues for 2005 this will be your last Bulletin. If you have paid your dues, pass the application on to someone else.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**

**DXers, contesters, and other interested hams,**

The KP1/5 Project Team in conjunction with the Lone Star DX Association wants to let you know that the effort to gain access to Navassa and Desecheo Islands has begun again. You will recall that Representative Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) introduced H.R. 5361 in the 108th Congress. The bill has now been introduced in the 109th Congress and its number is H.R. 298. Fortunately, it is again a bipartisan bill with co-sponsorship by Representative Richard Pombo (R-Calif.). This bill requires the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to allow public access to the islands, which would open the door to Amateur Radio expeditions.

As before and even more now, we need your help to ensure passage of this Bill in the House of Representatives. You can help by contacting your representative and encourage them to support H.R. 298 and become a co-sponsor. If you are not sure who or how to contact your representative, go to <http://www.house.gov/writerep/>. Be sure to use your 9-digit zip code to ensure that you find the right representative. It is very important to use that same 9-digit zip code in your correspondence so that your representative knows that you are their constituent. You can find your 9-digit zip code by going to <http://zip4.usps.com/zip4/welcome.jsp>. Also, remember that emails are fine and please follow-up with a telephone

call to ensure your request is being acted on. Insist on a point of contact for you to follow-up with. If you need assistance determining who your Congressman is or your correct 9-digit zip code, contact us at [KP1-5@DXer.org](mailto:KP1-5@DXer.org).

There is another very important date coming in April. The KP1/5 Team will be traveling to Washington, D.C. to make a presentation on Capitol Hill. The purpose of the presentation is to educate our legislators about the Amateur Radio Service, highlight the importance of Amateur Radio and the vital role it plays in national and worldwide communications, and of course focus on the facts surrounding the Fish and Wildlife Service's unjustified closure of Desecheo and Navassa to Amateur Radio DXers and contesters. The presentation will take place on April 8th in the Longworth House Office Building. Your representative can contact Representative Rahall and Pombo's offices for the exact time and location.

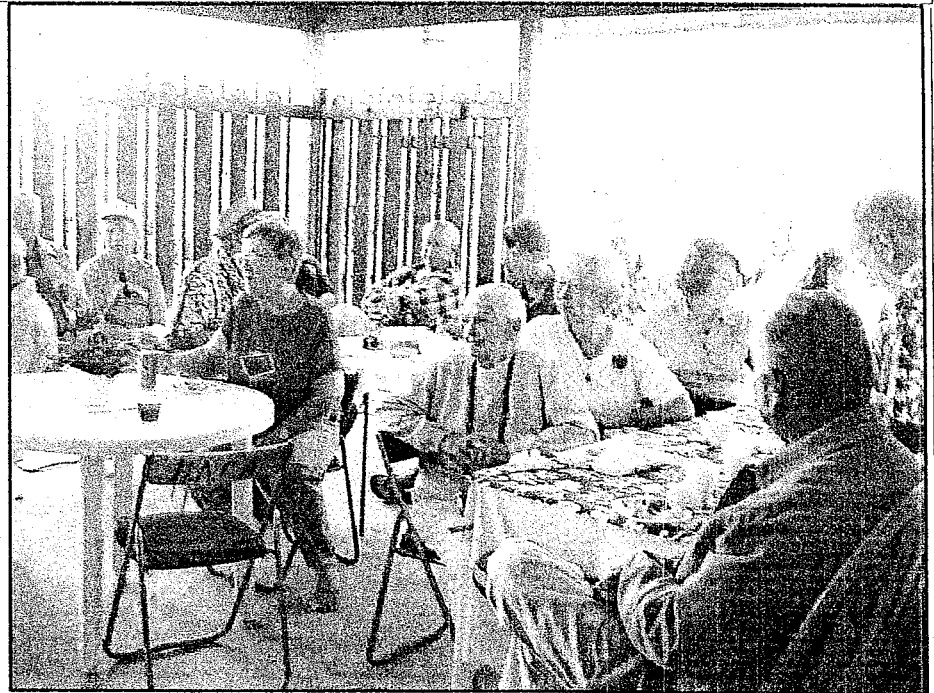
In summary, we are asking that you contact your Representative as soon as possible and ask them to support H.R. 298, co-sponsor the Bill, and finally encourage them or their staff to attend the briefing on Capitol Hill on April 8th. A sample letter to legislators, news updates and information about the KP1/5 Project can be found at [www.KP1-5.com](http://www.KP1-5.com).

Please feel free to pass this information on to anyone who does not have electronic access and may be interested or can help.

*Information submitted by  
Clarence Smith, AH7A*



Aloha performed several hula dances for the groups pleasure.



Valentine and Going Away Party for Ray Hicks  
 Held on February 13, 2005 at the Darling's home.



Left - Shirley, NH7OH shows her niece she's still got it. Above - Aloha performs a delicate move.