

Big Island Amateur Radio Club

**BIARC
Bulletin
May 2006**

Coconut Island Event

On May 27th BIARC will meet for a social event in the pavilion on Coconut Island between 10AM and 3 PM. We will have a pot luck lunch starting at 12:30. You may want to bring a folding chair as seating is limited. BIARC will provide the dinnerware (Plates, eating utensils, napkins and cups) and the beverages. Hopefully we will have a radio set up for anyone who would like to operate from there. Plan to attend and have a great social time with fellow hams and friends.

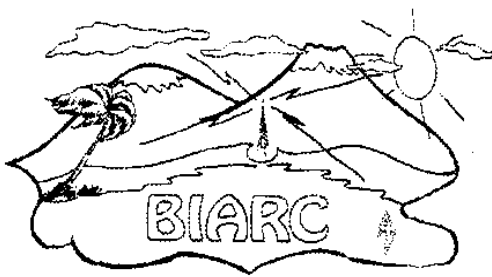
Barbara NH7FY

Contesting

Some of us in BIARC enjoy contesting. Just recently there were a few in our club and on the Big Island who participated in the 2006 CQ WW WPX contest.

In the February 2006 issue of CQ Magazine, John Dorr K1AR wrote a very interesting article entitled “The Psychology of Contesting”. He states “Success in contest operating, like anything else, is largely based on experience, desire and a bit of luck”. “One of the most effective means of recruiting new testers is to allow them to sit in the chair of a well

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Standing Committees

Service/Awards	Harry Nishiyama	KH6FKG
Co-Chair	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
Education	Harvey Motomura	AH6JA
Emergency Coord.	H. Nishiyama	KH6FKG
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Hospitality	Gloria Whiteley	Associate
Newsletter Editor	Sean Stueber	NH7SA
Programs	Barbara Darling	NH7FY
Repeater	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
Webmaster	Rick Frazier	AH7H

Special Committees

Christmas Party	Gloria Whiteley	Associate
Club Improvement	H. Nishiyama	KH6FKG
Co-Chair	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
Field Day	Robert Oliver	NH6AH
Hamfest	Bob Schneider	AH6J
Co-Chair	John Buck	KH7T
QSL Cards In/Out	Richard Darling	AH7G
Volcano Rim Run	Sean Stueber	NH7SA

MEETINGS & GET-TOGETHERS

Membership Meetings -

2nd Saturday of each month at 2PM at our temporary meeting place, Puna Congregational Church on Old Volcano Highway 4/10th of a mile south (mauka) of McDonalds in Keaau.

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 and November)

Friday Lunches -

Every Friday at the Queens Court Restaurant in the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. Meet in lobby between 11:00 - 11:15 a.m. Or we will see you inside in the far left corner.

East Hawaii Net -

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

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday, May 13th

At the Puna Congregational Christian Church. The program for the May meeting will be presented by Barney Sheffield of the American Red Cross. His topic will be Disaster Preparedness. Anyone interested in ham radio is welcome to attend.

May Birthdays

N6KB	Ken Brown	12th
KH6JRM	Russ Roberts	13th
Associate	Ann Miller	20th
AH6OS	Lorelei Miner	21st
AH7Y	Chuck Cartwright	31th

Happy Birthday to all !!!

REPEATERS

*=ARES Linked **=RACES Linked This is the status as of 1/22/04.

145.29- HOVE - KAU (141.3Hz) WH6FC
146.72- Mauna Kea (1st Tue noon) AH6J
146.76- Kulani KH6EJ
146.82- Mauna Loa (ARES) KH6EJ *
146.88- Pepeekeo KH6EJ
146.92- Kau PD KH6EJ
146.94- Haleakala Maui (ARES) WH6KO
147.00+ Glenwood (141.3Hz) AH6GG
147.02+ Haleakala Maui (RACES) KH6H **
147.04+ Mauna Loa (RACES) AH6JA **
147.10+ Waiakea HS AH6GO
147.16+ Hualalai Kona KH6DEW*
147.32+ Waimea Hospital (100 Hz) NH7HI *
147.38+ Waimea East KH7T
443.20+ Hakalau (programable) AH6RF
146.58s Hakalau (programable) AH6RF

equipped contest station and experience our sport first-hand”. He applauds Jim VE7FO, Dave K1TTT and Tim K3LR for helping new contesters.

K1TTT, my son Dave, has a six station ham shack and during this last contest hosted a Boy Scout troop using the call sign NE1C. They have operated there before as does Dave’s local ham club.

Even though Dave lives in Massachusetts he is a member of BIARC. He has written a book “Building a Super Station” of which I have an extra copy. If anyone would like to borrow it please let me know. Hopefully, one of these days, he may have enough time to write an article for our newsletter. He also has a very extensive web site <http://www.k1ttt.net> It even has live web cameras so that in the winter I can check to see how much snow he has accumulated and now when I look I see green grass and occasionally his dog “Lucky Dog” sunning himself. During contests the camera shows the hams operating and at the end the whole group holds up a card with their final score.

I have been fortunate enough to be able to contact Dave during most of the contests I have worked. The hams participating there now recognize my call and will call Dave to the radio to say hello. That’s always the highlight of the contest for me.

Barbara NH7FY

In reference to last month’s article, “Hilo Hospital gets new Fly-Away-Radio Kit”

May I add that the traps for the 80/40 antenna were made by Kenny Bell, KH6AFQ, and several hundred feet of coax were donated by Harvey Motomura, AH6JA, and Herman Sumera NH6MP. Also, Harvey and Herman assisted in erecting these antennas. Harvey and Herman also donated the feed lines, with traps from Kenny, for the station located at the Hilo Red Cross building. Mahalo to them. De Harry, KH6FKG.

Alfred “Al” Pacheco Silent Key

Alfred “Al” Pacheco KH6IAA (former call KH6ARN) became a Silent Key on April 11th at the age of 77. He was a retired television technician for KITT Western Telestation Inc., a US Army veteran and a member of the Big Island Amateur Radio Club for many years.

I did not know Al as well as some of you, so I don’t feel qualified to write this article. I managed to go through the BIARC file and noted that from the very beginning of BIARC Al was very active in the club. In 1975 Al was president of the club (The club was incorporated in June 1975) and at other times I noticed he held the Vice President’s position and Board Member. He participated in auctions, raffles, giving programs, writing articles for the newsletter and was very active with repeaters. I have been told by hams that he was very active on 6 meters and I noted that he had earned DXCC on 6 meters. I have also been told that he and Larry Iwami KH6ATQ had handled the food preparation for many Field Days. In December 1994 he played the part of an elf assisting Santa (Corky W6ORS) in handing out the prizes at the Christmas party.

Al played a very important role in keeping BIARC active and he will be missed by all of us. Our condolences go to his wife Margaret and his family.

Barbara NH7FY

BIG ISLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

General Membership Meeting

Saturday, April 8th, 2006

Call to order by the Vice-President Barbara [NH7FY] at 2:08P

In attendance were 26 members and guests.

The sign-in sheet is attached to, and made a part of these minutes.

Those present introduced themselves.

One of the guests was Mel [WH6UG], visiting from Honolulu.

Special Announcements:

The next General Membership meeting (May 13th) will be held once again at Puna Congregational Christian Church at 2 p.m. And one hour prior, at 1 p.m. the Board of Directors will meet. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. This change was done to make it more convenient, and thereby having the maximum number of board members (and others) in attendance.

Bob [AH6J] became the Section Manager effective April 1st.

Robert [NH6AH] will be the chair for this years field day.

Program:

Today's presenter is Mike [KH6JQM], and the topic is weather. He'll talk about it, we'll learn about it, but neither him or us will be able to change it!

Refreshments and social time:

Business Meeting:

Secretary's report - Approved as published in the BIARC Bulletin, with correction of Mike's [KH6JQM] call.

Treasurer's report - balance prior to today's meeting is \$2444.13 (subject to audit.)

Membership stands at 98, not including those who renewed/joined today. This is 63% of what was projected (155) for budgetary purposes. Barbara [NH7FY] indicated that those who have not renewed their membership will cease to receive the BIARC Bulletin. Renew now - keep the newsletter coming.

Committee reports:

Repeaters - Ron [AH6HN] reports all are operational, however the 146.76 MHz unit

is not linked to the 146.92 MHz unit.

Health and Welfare - no report

Field Day - Robert [NH6AH] is the leader this year, and is requesting assistance. The particulars- Saturday, June 24th at the Hawaiian Paradise Park community center.

Swap Meet - The tentative date will be either October 7th or the 21st in Waimea, at the school. The normal date (October 14th) is in conflict with another event. It was also mentioned that BIARC will solicit participation by the members of the Kona Amateur Radio Society.

Old Business:

Mike [NH7JT] read a letter of appreciation that was sent to Puna Congregational Christian Church, thanking them for the use of their facility during the renovations at the Keaau Community Center.

Nancy Parry suggested that the Bill Parry Memorial Fund be utilized for a scholarship or similar use. It was proposed that to comply with Nancy's wishes, perhaps an allocation for a kid's program would maximize the benefits. The Board of Directors will consider this subject at the next meeting.

New Business:

On May 27th there will be a get-together at Coconut Island from 10 to 3. This will be in addition to our next regular meeting. It was proposed that we have a radio set up during this time.

Proposed Fox Hunt, which is a portable high frequency contest.

Rim Run (Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park) will take place in July with Sean [NH7SA] chairperson handling net control.

Beau [NH7WV] was acknowledged and thanked for donating climbing gear to the Repeater Committee.

May program:

Emergency communication presented by the American Red Cross. Among other things, details of the emergency net at Hilo Hospital (1st Saturday at 9 a.m.) will be discussed.

There being no other business, old, new or otherwise, the vice-president closed the meeting at 3:56P

-k- Mike Last [NH7JT] Secretary

Field Day 2006

Calling all BIARC members! Our participation in Field Day is very important. It is our annual national event in the public eye. Barbara Darling, NH7FY, has contacted our mayor, Harry Kim. A proclamation has been issued for the week of June 24, 2006, declaring it "National Amateur Radio Week". Barbara picked up the document, and said in a recent email, "It really is a very nice document with a padded cover. I can see why they called and asked me to pick it up, as it would have cost a few dollars to mail. (Last year they mailed it since it had a real flimsy cardboard cover). The Kona Club will be participating in our Field Day operation which I thought was great." It will be on display at our next club meeting.

As the Field Day chairperson, I plan to delegate and empower each group within this event to create the most successful field day ever. Ed Miller, W7GMH, has volunteered his generator. Gloria Whiteley, has volunteered to be food chairperson. Yours truly, will be providing a new rig, the Yeasu FT 857. Bring your reading glasses, it is designed for mobile and portable operation and is small. I plan to have a 500 kHz CW filter installed in the transceiver by then. There will be other stations on display - Possibly the Hilo Hospital station "Fly-a-way Kit" which includes the ICOM 706 Mark IIG.

I propose a contest and demonstration of home-brew telegraph keys. I am building one. I know other local hams that have constructed them. Other radio displays of interest will be considered; your suggestions are appreciated.

It would be cool to operate more than one or two stations this year. Many details are to be worked out yet. The antenna committee are open to suggestions. Next month we will have more information. The June meeting will be devoted to Field Day discussion and volunteer operator sign up. Radio contacts are important. So, lets start thinking and planning for this great event now. June will provide some interesting weather, usually it has been fair, so I hope that everyone can help in some way, and attend this event.

BIARC Members Photo Gallery



Eddy Miller W7GMH



Ham Kaneshiro AH6HB, now living in Las Vegas

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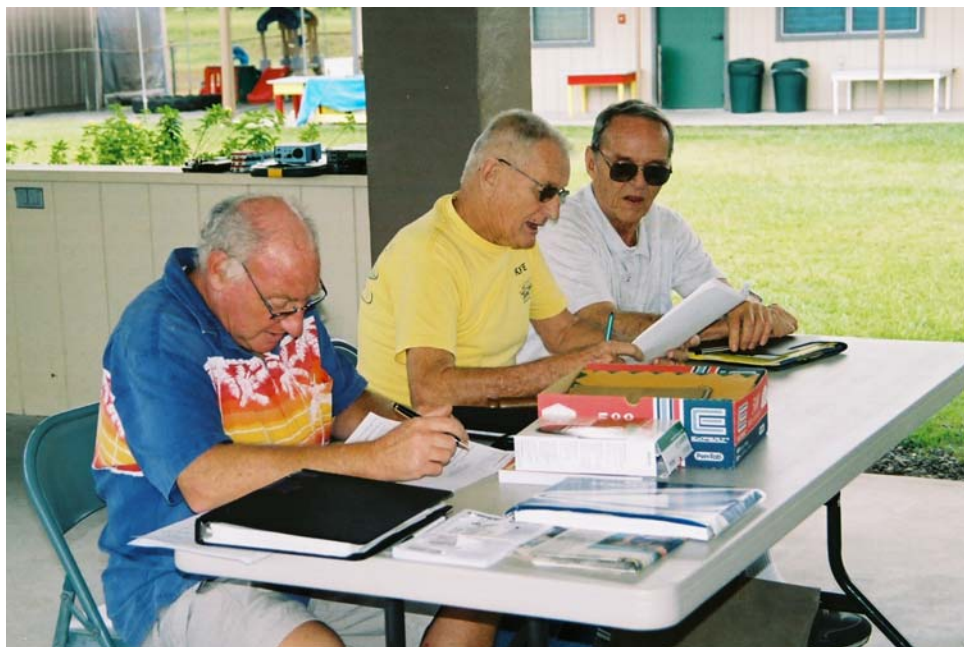


John KH7T and Bob AH6J



Sidney WH6VO our newest ham

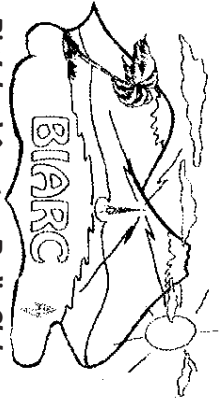
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Mike NH7JT, Wilbur KH7E and Ed NH6HT



Rick AH7H



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