

Big Island Amateur Radio Club

BIARC

Bulletin

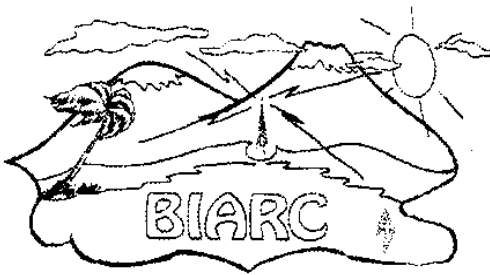
February 2007

President's Message

What a great “turn out” for our first meeting of the new year. Troy Kindred of Civil Defense gave a very interesting presentation on disaster preparedness. One of the central points I felt was that you as an individual must be prepared and not rely on the “government” to be able to help everyone. Secondly, the rumor that we would only have a 15 minute warning for a tsunami is incorrect. If you are interested in an almost immediate notification of earthquakes you can sign up on web site: <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/eqcenter/ens/>

It has been reported that our friend Susan Meckley W7KFI has sailed to Johnston Island.

Before our January Board meeting started, a woman by the name of Elizabeth Zeuch from Leilani Estates, asked to speak to us. She explained that she has lived here 30 years and that her son served in the Vietnam War. She was told that her son had stepped on a land mine, but no one could tell her



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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
Equip. Inventory	Wilbur Carlson	KH7E
Health & Welfare	Doris Carlson	KH6ER
Hospitality	Gloria Whiteley	Associate
Newsletter/Editor	Sean Stueber	NH7SA
Programs	Arman Wiggins	WH6BVZ
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	KH7I
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 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 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.

**Take a look at our
newly updated
website at
www.biarc.net**

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, February 10th

Our regular monthly meeting will be held at the Keauu Community Center on February 10th at 2PM. Our program will be presented by Dean Manley KH6B on his recent QRP trip to Russia. For new members, the center is located behind the Keauu Police Station and new clinic.

February Birthdays

AH6V	Jeremy Storm	6th
KA2IXG	Satoshi Yabuki	6th
NH7WV	Beau Mills	12th
Assoc.	Mel Kernahan	13th
KH6JAF	Hideo Gushiken	16th
NH7XK	Earl Laver	16th
WH6DQ	Bill Cullen	20th
NH6RW	Francis Brown	24th
AH7A	Clarence Smith	26th
K1TTT	David Robbins	28th

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

whether he was alive or dead. After 10 days of agony, a ham radio operator got in touch with her to let her know that her son was alive, although he had lost an arm in the accident. He is now a farmer in Honomu. All these years she has wanted to thank the ham radio community for what they did. She saw in the newspaper that we were having a meeting and decided to stop by. Many of us were touched to the point of tears by her experience. And, it might have been our very own Harry Nishiyama KH6FKG who provided the contact as he was doing a lot of relaying messages at that time.

Have you considered getting your newsletter by E Mail? The largest expense of our club is the postage for mailing of newsletters and no doubt it will go higher if the post office raises the postage rates again. The E Mail version also has the pictures in color!!! If you'd like to help us cut expenses please get in touch with Ron AH6HN at 982-6513 and make sure he has your correct E-Mail address. Once our web site is updated you will be able to access the newsletter there also.

Doris Carlson KH6ER has been handling the Health and Welfare Committee the last couple years. She has asked us to find a replacement. The job is basically sending out get well cards for ailing members and sympathy cards when needed. The cards and postage are reimbursed by the club. If you are interested in volunteering for this position please contact me at 982-9126. We would like to thank Doris for handling this job for us.

Happy Valentines Day, Barbara NH7FY

BIARC Membership Meeting

Secretary's Minutes

January 13th, 2007

Called to order at 2.00pm with 36 people present. Sign in sheet is attached.

Introductions:

Presidents Report: Moment of silence for Roy Blackshear (KH6BAI) and Yozo Endo (KH6HHD). Both members of BIARC, now silent keys. Susan (W7KFI) is now on Johnston Island. Mahalo to Bill (KH7E) and others for their hard work last year.

Introduction of Troy Kindred, Hawaii County Civil Defense.

Troy gave an interesting presentation on hazards we face and ways we can prepare for them. He talked about the recent tsunami watch on 1-12-07 and of the earthquake of last October. If you are near the ocean and the ground shakes, walk to higher ground right away.

Know the hazards you might face and plan ahead. Your safety is your responsibility.

Break: 3:25 to 3:45

Approval of Decembers minutes: **Passed**

Treasurers Report: Carryover of funds from last year, \$700. Total funds, \$1042.86

Membership stands at 39 members.

Committee Reports: Repeater Committee reports a problem with the Pepeekeo (146.88) repeater. Most likely the power is off. The road is too muddy to access the site.

Problem with interference from Paul's (KH6HME) beacon on the 146.82 repeater.

Naalehu repeater has been unplugged by OSHA. Pacific Radio Group will be installing a tower in South Point. They have agreed to let the club install a repeater and antenna.

Committee recommends donating the Master Pro equipment stored at Harvey's shop to the Kohala/Hamakua Radio Club. Passed

Web Site: Needs to be updated. Need pictures of new Board Members.

Field Day: HPP location has been reserved.

Old Business: None

New Business: Approval of 2007 budget. Proposed budget of \$2,300. Motion was made by Bob AH6J and seconded by Wilbur KH7E that the budget be approved. Passed.

Barbara told how at the Board meeting Mrs. Zeuch gave her thanks to all hams for the service they provided. Her son was injured in Vietnam in 1966, and a ham relayed the information that he was safe to her.

Motion to adjourn. Passed at 4:15pm

Ken Cutting, Secretary

Greetings From the Other Big Island

We especially like to hear from our members on the other Big Island aka the Mainland. We recently received a letter from Dr Bill Carnett AH6FC/7 who has moved from Arizona to Oregon. The next move we hope will be from Oregon to the Big Island of Hawaii. I am pulling excerpts out of his letter to share with you all. His new address is: P.O. Box 765, Amity, OR 97101-0765. E Mail at AH6FC@yahoo.com

“Greetings from the cold “Big Island, aka Mainland Unfortunately we’ve not yet returned to the Big Island (Hawaii), as previously planned. Since we’re sort of stuck here for a while, a new DX station is in the works. We’re up on a 300 foot hill and will have a 4L SteppIR, 6 element Optibeam on 6 meters, and 15 elements on 2 meters on a 70 foot tower. Though I’d much prefer to be operating as a true KH6, this is better than nothing, as they say. This will be my first really decent antenna system, so I’m pretty excited.

The monthly bulletin is a welcome bit of news from the Big Island and much appreciated. Please give my regards to those, few old timers that are still going strong in East Hawaii.

With Aloha and 73, Bill AH6FC/7

Recent Happenings from your Pacific Section Manager

Happy Valentine’s Day

The new questions and frequencies are now in effect as of December 15 and soon the rules will change again with the elimination of the code requirement. Check the ARRL main website for the details.

Your SM went to Maui for the MARC meeting in December.

Big Island ARC had its regular meeting 1/13 at 2PM. Special guest was Hawaii County CD Director, Troy Kindred. (Dues are \$20)

The Kona Amateur Radio Society will have a regular 3rd Sunday meeting 1/21 2-5PM. BBQ theme is American food. (Dues are \$20)

Honolulu ARC will have their regular meeting 1/20 at 9AM. Your section Manager is going to attend. It is at Sizzler in Pearl Ridge. (Dues are \$15)

EARC will meet Thursday 1/25 at 7PM. Meeting at Aiea United Methodist Church.

Theme is Mini-swap meet. (Dues are \$20)

The PacSecARES HF Net meets Tuesday 1900W but will come up on 3.888 MHz because of propagation. Someone will monitor 7.080 MHz. A second alternate is 1.888 MHz

ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, is urging League members to turn their outrage at the FCC's unreasonably favorable treatment of unlicensed BPL systems into generous donations to the 2007 ARRL Spectrum Defense Campaign. The ARRL is suing the Commission in the US District Court of Appeals. More information is available on the ARRL web pages.

The ARRL Board of Directors is meeting at ARRL HQ the weekend of January 20th. Your SM has urged Pacific Division Director to bring up the concern of late QST delivery. Your SM also wrote a letter to our congress people about the abysmal mail delivery especially during the past Christmas Holiday season. The ARRL has moved the publication date of QST back to the first of the month prior in an effort to compensate for the USPS system. Our Director said that the only way to get improvements of our postal system is to contact congress. Their addresses are:

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Guam Hams have inquired about expanded 40 meter privileges for Guam and other US areas. This question was forwarded to ARRL HQ and Bob Vallio, W6RGG, Pacific Division Director.

On January 15th Ron Phillips (AH6HN) Rick Ward (WH6FC) and Bob Schneider (AH6J) inspected the Naalehu repeater site. Some cleanup and repairs were done however due to power budget limitations only the UHF link was activated. Further planning and actions are in progress for this site and our new South Point site. On January 16th the old GE Master Pro repeater was delivered to Kohala Hamakua RC (KHRC). On January 17th AH6HN and AH6J went to Mauna Loa site and did several repairs. It appears the beacon interference is now gone. John Buck (KH7T) reports that the club station in Hawi is well into construction. The next meeting of KHRC will be in Waimea on February 14.

All this work is performed by volunteers and they also furnish many out of pocket expenses such a gas and parts. The repeater fund is used to purchase some items but it is not enough to cover the "actual expenses". Ralph Fontain (AF7DX) has furnished several new pieces of equipment however he is going to a new QTH and he needs to be reimbursed for this expense. We are hoping to get grants however any special donations to BIARC would be very welcome.

There have been several articles in the media about the perceived poor public notification during the last Tsunami Watch. About an hour after the first word was received from state CD, Echo link and IRLP were used to contact Saipan and Guam to make sure they had the word. It turns out the hams contacted were not aware of the situation and they immediately activated their local ARES networks.

Bob Schneider, AH6J

SM Pacific



Ralph AF7DX, Paul WH7BR, Peter WH7CB and Bob AH6J



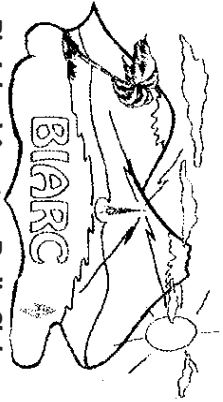
Troy, Presenter at our January meeting



Troy, Bob AH6J and Barbara NH7FY



Larry Sell's AH6SK ham station



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