

Big Island Amateur Radio Club

BIARC

Bulletin

August 2007

President's Message

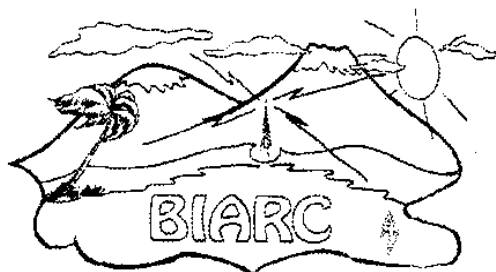
On July 7th Bob AH6J and his wife Esther, Richard AH7G and myself NH7FY drove to Kona to attend the wedding of Blake Stene KH7MS. Congratulations to Blake and his lovely wife Beth.

In August, Eddie Miller W7GMH will be celebrating his 70th year in ham radio. Jack Wheeler W7FNK got his license 6 months before Eddie. Jack's current call is KH6CC.

Lori Miner AH6OS, who moved to Pueblo West, Colorado, will be in the area from August 1st until the 14th. She will be staying with Gloria Whiteley in Hawaiian Paradise Park while she is here. Her brother Ken and sister-in-law Bert will also come over as they will be bringing their Mom's ashes over here for disbursement. I'm sure that she will attend a Friday lunch at the Hilo Hawaiian so many of you will get to see her there. I will miss her as I will be on the mainland at that time.

Speaking of the Hilo Hawaiian- today (July 20th) was another big day there. Doug KH6QR from Kona was there and is joining our club- Norm NH6I from Ocean View came with Rick WH6FC. Yano WH6CZD of Maui flew over with "Crazy" Walter DJ4UV of Germany (visiting on Maui). He says the reason he is called crazy is because at age 76 he is still wind surfing on Maui. Also attending lunch, for the last time this trip, were Ken KI4WWP and his wife Bonny KG6EHM from the yacht Moonbird. They will be leaving this week but they WILL return!!!!

We have heard that Susan W7KFI, who had to turn back after heading for Johnston Island to have dental surgery, was ready to head out again, but this



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Officers

President	Barbara Darling, NH7FY	982-9126
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Treasurer	Ed Breen, NH6HT	982-6513
Secretary	Ken Cutting, KH7ZJ	938-5881

One Year Directors

Richard Darling, AH7G	982-9126
Don Bartron, NH6WW	935-1258
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Fred Benardella, KH6FI	968-1331
Ron Phillips, AH6HN	982-6513
Solomon Singer, NH7ZE	935-5563
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Richard Fethen, K3QHP	982-7426
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Syd Singer, WH6VO	935-5563

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	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 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, August 11th

Our regular monthly meeting will be held at the Keaau Community Center on August 11th at 2PM. Harry Nishiyama KH6FKG will speak about repairing rotators and possibly some other interesting topics.

August Birthdays

KH6DFW	Kuwanda Tuck	11th
KH7E	Wilbur Carlson	28th

Happy Birthday to all !!!

REPEATERS

145.29- HOVE - KAU (141.3Hz) WH6FC
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
146.68- Keaau (portable) KH6EJ

NOTE: There are some privately owned repeaters, some with IRLP. For further info contact Ron AH6HN.

time the storm kept her in port. She may wait now until after hurricane season is over to start out.

Paul Lieb KH6HME has a new address: P.O. Box 4146, Hilo, HI 96720-0146

Fred Honnold has a new call sign KH7Y. And as I mentioned before Ken Taggart received his call sign KI4WWP after passing both the Tech and General tests on Field Day.

Jack Sanders KH6KT was visiting over here for a few days from Oahu last week. He is currently staying on Oahu for a total of 6 months, so if you are going over there give him a call at 557-7362.

At our last meeting there was a discussion about changing the location of Field Day next year. The Wailoa Art Center was mentioned as this was a site used in the past and public attendance was much better there. I have talked to the director Codie King about returning there and she is very much in favor of it. She stated that they were disappointed when BIARC stopped coming there. Before we apply for a special use permit we would like to see if there are any other locations to be considered. We need to take care of securing a location in the near future.

I have also gone to Creative Arts to check about the possibility of having a new shirt order placed for BIARC shirts. The screening is still available. I was given a catalog and prices so that we can decide what we want to do. Bryant, the salesman, said we would have to stay with light colors so that our design will show up. There is also an additional \$3 charge to have your call sign on the front.

Have you taken a look at our web site recently (www.biarc.net)? Curt AH6RE has been doing a super job in getting it updated with pictures. The next thing will be Field Day pictures of which we have hundreds I think to pick from. Sean will also be using Field Day pictures in the newsletter. Thanks to our photographers for turning in your files. There also will be pictures of the Wilderness Run which is being held on the 28th to be put on the web site and in the newsletter.

Ron AH6HN will be holding a testing session at the Community College the last week of August. If you know of anyone wanting to test have them give him a call at 982-6513.

I will be traveling to the mainland for a couple weeks in August to attend the wedding of a granddaughter near Minneapolis and then flying on to the Baltimore area to visit my family. Arman WH6BVZ will be conducting the August meeting for me and Harry KH6FKG will be doing the program. I know they'll both do a great job.

Barbara NH7FY

Field Day 2007 Report

Wonderful weather and lousy ionosphere conditions dominated the event. BIARC had a great Field Day. A total of 43 participants "signed in." Last year there were 60 participants, thanks to the Kona Club - KARS who joined us here at the H.P.P. Pavilion QTH.

KH6EJ our club call existed as two stations. Thanks to KH7E, Wilbur Carlson for an ICOM transceiver and two laptop computers for logging, also AH6RE, Curtis Knight for programming. Thanks to Hilo Medical Center, John Halloran, for use of ICOM706gx transceiver.

NH6AH donated a YEASU 857D transceiver for CW and satellite

Friday afternoon, we raised by hand two triband 3 element beam antennas, one on our club's guyed section pole. KH6LC donated a crank-up tower and the other tribander. Many thanks to our antenna crew volunteers for the great effort and sweat. During Field Day, we raised an 80 meter dipole donated by AH6J and installed a 40 meter multi-band vertical donated by KH7E for night operations.

The solar numbers were in the high sixties. Our ham operators made 17 CW contacts and 78 phone QSOs. Our score with multipliers came to 224 points claimed score. We also made 800 bonus points. Last year's totals were: 9 CW and 115 phone with claimed score 266 and 1,100 bonus points.

The things we missed this year on bonus points were a "GOTA" station, Natural power, and Non traditional modes. Unfortunately we tried, but made no satellite contacts. Last year we had Natural power. But attempts at satellite and nontraditional mode were not successful. Murphy's law prevailed again. Next year we will evolve. There should be more new hams for the GOTA Station. Others may volunteer these non-traditional modes and satellite contacts will happen.

Special thanks to Gloria Whiteley our food committee chair for delicious treats. Also, thanks for the gas/electric generator that was donated by KH/W7GMH, Eddy Miller. Again, many thanks to all who came and participated to create a hugely successful event.

Respectfully by Field Day Chairperson, 73, NH6AH.

June Section Managers Report

Upcoming events:

July 28: Volcano Marathon and Rim Run at Hawaii Volcano National Park.

See BIARC webpage or Contact Sean Stueber, NH7SA.

August 4: Honolulu Heart Walk starting at 7:30AM. Tnx NH6K

August 5: (First Sun.) Chapter 194 of the QCWA (Hawaii) will be on the air at 1500HST on 7088Kc. This is a monthly occurrence. Tnx W6ORS.

September 22: Together We Prepare at the Kukui Grove Shopping Center, Kauai. Tnx WH6KS

October 6: EARC/KARC Hamfest on Oahu.

October 13: 2007 Simulated Emergency TEST

October 20: ARRL Big Island International Ham fest in Waimea (Kamuela)
Tnx KH7T/AH6J

October 27: Kauai United Way Walk-a-Thon. Tnx WH6KS

December: Christmas party time. Contact your local club.

The PacSecARES HF Net is Tuesday nights, 1900W - 7.080/7.088, 3.905/3.888, or 1.870 MHz depending on band conditions and frequency availability. Practice message handling. Stations are encouraged to send formal messages in ARRL Radiogram form.

The Big Island ARES net is Saturday at 7PM. It is growing in numbers

and held on the BIWARN (Big Island Wide Area Network) system. At the moment BIWARN consists of six VHF repeaters on the Island of Hawaii. They are located at Kau, Kulani, Pepeekeo, Mauna Loa, Hualalai and Waimea.

Guam Liberation Day will be celebrated July 15 to 23 with a special call K6G. For more information contact the Marianas Amateur Radio Club. Contact Michael Wendt, AH2G, who is the president of MARC for special instructions.

Two Oahu Amateur Radio Classes will be held Fall 2007. Both classes will be held at Kaimuki High School. Registration is late August. Cost will be \$10. Contact Warren Munro, KH6WM, for more specifics.

Introduction to Amateur Radio will be Sept. 13 to Nov. 1 with 8 sessions held on Thursdays.

Intermediate Amateur Radio will be Sept. 11 to Nov. 13 with 10 classes held on Tuesdays.

West Honolulu Amateur Radio Groups meets Aug 2, Oct. 4 and Dec. 6, 2007

at 7:30 PM at Diners at Waimalu Shopping Plaza. All Hams and visitors are welcome. Thanks to Herb, KH7TK and George, AH7GK. WHARG is not an ARRL affiliated club.

The results of the 2007 ARRL International DX CW contest held in

February are in the August issue of QST. Congratulations to KH7X, KH6NF, AH7C, NH6P (Operator W6YM is now KH7Y) and KH6LC for taking top slots in their categories for Oceania.

June 3: Your SM visited the meeting of our newest club, South Point Amateur Radio Club AKA SPARC, at Kahuku Park in Hawaiian Ocean View Estate. Look for this club to become much more active as Rick Ward, WH6FC, has proctored a large group to get licensed. The driving force seems to be last years October Earthquake.

June 9: Big Island ARC Meeting. Richard Darling, AH7G, received the Tiki award from Harry Nishiyama, KH6FKG, for working over 300 DX countries from Hawaii DX association.

June 23: Your Section Manager visited four Field Day sites this year.

Stop one was SPARC at Wittington State Park. This was the southern most operation in the USA. They used ropes to suspend their beam between two coconut trees.

Stop two was Kona Amateur Radio Society. They ran from the parking lot of the Solar Energy Farm near Keahole Airport. All their power was natural solar and wind energy although they did have a generator available if needed.

Stop Three was The Hilo ARC located at Laupahoehoe Point. Theirs was a low power CW solar station. Their antenna was a array of four phased

verticals.

Stop four was the Big Island ARC at Hawaiian Paradise Park. They ran with a generator, two beams and one wire antenna.

Kauai ARC had a minimal operation at Lydgate Park.

On Oahu the Emergency ARC and Koolau ARC combined efforts for the biggest field day at Kualoa Beach aka Chinaman's Hat. I understand members of Honolulu ARC were also there. The newspaper published a picture of Boy Scouts looking over the operation.

Maui ARC had a good effort at beautiful Hookipa on the North Shore. This was their documented 50 year at the same location.

June 26: Ham Kaneshiro, AH6HB, former active member of BIARC came back from Las Vegas for a short visit. He said he misses Hilo.

June 30: QCWA chapter 194 meeting. Officers for next year were nominated. Plans for the next meeting were not finalized.

This is a reminder to all Field Organization Appointees that you must keep your ARRL membership active. You should also make a monthly report of your activities. You're SM and others read the various club web pages so please try to keep them up to date also.

It is OK for anyone to report happenings in Ham Radio to the SM. We are always in need of good material.

73, Bob

BIARC Members Photo Gallery



Norm NH6I



Yano WH6CZD and Walter DJ4UV

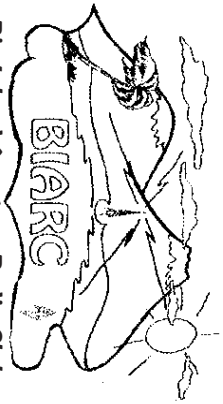
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