

Big Island Amateur Radio Club

BIARC Newsletter January 2008

January 2008 President's Message

I hope everyone had a nice Christmas and has a Happy New Year! Our Club Christmas "Turkey dinner" was a great success and we really enjoyed the excellent music provided by The Serendipity Strings Quartet. Thanks to your participation, we all had an excellent afternoon. I also want to thank the outgoing club officers for their service to the Big Island Amateur Radio Club. Thanks are in order to Curt for a job well done on the club newsletter, thank you Sean also.

Please remember that membership dues are due and remain the same amount as 2007. There was a form on the back of the December newsletter along with the club address. Please make sure you mail your dues in as soon as possible. Please send your dues to Big Island Amateur Radio Club at P.O. Box 1938 Hilo, Hawaii 96721.

I look forward to a fun filled and productive 2008 for the club and I am excited about the challenge to lead the club in 2008.

Also the club will be taking over the KH6 incoming QSL bureau, we will need volunteers to help sort cards about once a month. This will be one of the subjects we talk about during the January meeting.

Our Speaker for the January club meeting is unknown at this time and will be announced when known.

I hope to see you all at the January meeting,

Aloha, Fred KH7Y



2008 BIARC officers and directors at the Christmas dinner

January Meeting Announcement

The BIARC January meeting will be held on January 12 at the Puna Congregational Church in Kea'au, just mauka from the usual place on old Volcano road. The board meeting will start at 1 PM and the regular meeting will follow at 2 PM. Please come since planning for 2008 will be discussed. Please get your membership dues for 2008 in to the Treasurer.

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Meetings and Get-Togethers

Membership meetings – Second Saturday of each month at 2PM at the Kea'au Community Center

Officers

President	Fred Honnold KH7Y	982-5226
Vice President	Arman Wiggins WH6BVZ	963-6846
Treasurer	Ron Phillips AH6HN	982-6513
Secretary	Barbara Darling NH7FY	982-9126

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, November).

One Year Directors

Beau Mills NH7WV	968-1271
Bob Schneider AH6J	966-8146
Curt Knight AH6RE	966-8304
Richard Fetchen KH6WE	982-7426

Friday Lunches – every Friday at the Queen's Court Restaurant in the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. Meet in the lobby between 11:00 and 11:15, or we will see you inside in the far left corner.

East Hawai'i Net

The East Hawai'i Net meets on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 8AM HST on 146.76 MHz.

Two Year Directors

Richard Darling AH7G	982-9126
Fred Benardella KH6FI	968-1331
Rick Frazier AH7H	985-9169
Paul Ducasse WH7BR	985-9222
Gregg Datof WH7FC	982-9838
Peter Yoes WH7CB	965-5429

BIWARN accessible Repeaters

Repeaters in bold font are BIWARN/MCDA linked. When operating over a link, remember to leave extra time each transmission for the link to be established. Number in parentheses is the tone access frequency.

Standing Committees

Service/Awards co-chair	Harry Nishiyama	KH6FKG
Education	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
Emergency Coord.	Harvey Motomura	AH6JA
Equipment	Harry Nishiyama	KH6FKG
Health&Welfare	Bill Carlson	KH7E
Hospitality	Barbara Darling	NH7FY
Newsletter	Gloria Whiteley	Associate
Programs	Curt Knight	AH6RE
Repeater	Arman Wiggins	WH6BVZ
Webmaster	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
	Rick Frazier	AH7H

145.29- HOVE-Ka'u WH6FC (100)
146.66- HOVE (100)
146.68- Kea'au limited area KH6EJ
146.76- Kulani KH6EJ
146.82- Mauna Loa ARES KH6EJ
146.88- Pepeekeo KH6EJ (may be linked)
146.92- Ka'u PD KH6EJ
146.94- Haleakala Maui KH6RS (110.9)
147.02+ Haleakala Maui RACES AH6JA
147.04+ Mauna Loa RACES AH6JA
147.16+ Kona (Hualalai) WH6DEW
147.32+ Hilo Hospital NH7HI (100)
147.38+ Waimea East KH7T experimental
442.35+ Kaanapali Maui (136.5)
442.5+ Kea'au KH6EJ
443.65+ Ocean View Hub
444.225+ Haleakala Maui KH6RS (110.9)
444.45+ Parker Ranch KH6EJ (88.5)

Special Committees

Christmas Party Improvement co-chair	Gloria Whiteley	Associate
Field Day	Harry Nishiyama	KH6FKG
Hamfest co-chair	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
QSL Bureau	Paul Ducasse	WH7BR
Volcano Run	Bob Schneider	AH6J
	John Buck	KH7T
	Barbara Darling	NH7FY
	Sean Stueber	NH7SA

Big Island Amateur Radio Club Membership Meeting
November 10, 2007

Call to Order at 2:05pm.

Sign in sheet passed/ attached to secretary's report.

25 persons attending. Presentation by Ted Brattstrom, NH6YK. Ted gave a very interesting presentation about his trip to Australia, with lots of photos. Membership Meeting: Secretary's Report of 09-08-2007 approved.

Treasurer's Report approved; 114 members/ \$844.43

Committee Reports: Repeaters: Working. Web Site: Looking good. Field Day photos added. Field Day 2008: Paul Ducasse WH7BR is chair. He will reserve Wailoa Ctr.

October Hamfest: Well attended. Profit of \$145 made. Motion made by John, seconded by Bob to split monies between the four clubs participating. Passed

Old Business: Manuals to firehouses in progress. Pacheco tower ready to be removed. Tee Shirt orders need to be in by November 15th.

New Business: Election of Officers and Directors for 2008

Call for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Motion made by Ron, seconded by Gloria to close nominations.

Passed. Since there are no contested positions, a vote was called to elect all standing. No one opposed, one abstaining, and 24 in favor.

The new board is as follows;

President, Fred Honnold KH7Y

Vice President, Arman Wiggins WH6BVZ

Treasurer, Ron Phillips AH6HN

Secretary, Barbara Darling NH7FY

Directors for two year term:

Fred Benardella KH6FI

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Richard Fetchen K3QHP

Congratulations to all.

New Editor for News Letter: Sean is stepping down as Editor.

He will still do the printing. Curt will look into software.

Christmas Party: December 8th at 2:00pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:05pm.

Submitted by Ken Cutting, KH7ZJ



Fred KH7Y receives the gavel from Barbara NH7FY

ARRL Pacific Section Manager's Report – December 2007

This report covers mid Nov to mid Dec.

Hurricane season officially ended on November 30. Last month's statement that it ended November first was in error; however we are never completely out of danger from storms. As if to emphasize that fact, the early December storm had winds that exceeded hurricane force. Sky-warn was activated and there was

flood damage, wind damage, high surf and blizzard conditions on the mountains. Several areas had power outages including an extended outage on Haleakala that took several TV and radio stations off the air.

As we come up to the end of 2007, many clubs are having elections. Please tell the SM who the new officers of your club are and please update your club webpage.

The following clubs have reported so far:

Kohala Hamakua Radio Club reported last month. President: Steve Milner, WH6N

Big Island ARC reported last month. President: Fred Honnold KH7Y

Emergency ARC officers for 2008 are:

President: Wayne Greenleaf - KH6MEI

Vice President: Chuck Hanebuth - NH7XL

Secretary: Gloria Hall - WH7BTE

Treasurer: Stephen Hall - NH7ZD

BOD: Jim Connell - KH6JJKG

BOD: Russell Houlton - WH7O

BOD: Richard Hardy - N6ZBI

BOD: Guy Archer - WH6SE

BOD: Ron Hashiro - AH6RH

This year's vice president Connie reports that the club is looking forward to the new officer's visions and fresh ideas for the Club. It is now up to us as the members to support them by serving on committees, volunteering for special events, etc. in order to continue the Club's tradition of service to the community throughout 2008.

Marianas ARC

President: Mike Wendt, WH2M

Vice President: Tim McDow, NH2CV

Secretary: Mike Manafo, K3UOC

Treasurer: Mike Sabin, NH2MS

Please join the MARC International Net which starts at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, Guam time, or 11:00 p.m. Sunday HST which is 0900 Monday UTC. It is on the Club repeater 146.91(-) and on the IRLP Reflector 9254. There is also an Echo-Link bridge to Reflector 9254. Your SM used IRLP on Nov 18 (HST) & Echo-link on Dec16 (HST) and it works fine. Thanks to Carter Davis, KH6FV and Kent Johnson, W7AOR, for setting up the IRLP and Echo-link.

MARC had an informal lunch at noon Tuesday Nov 20 Guam time at the VIP House. They had their elections on December 14th at their Christmas Party held at the KSTO studio.

The Kona ARS met Sunday November 18th at the OTEC beach park near the Natural Energy Lab aka NELHA. They had their usual pot luck however elections were put off until December 16. John Buck, KH7T and Van Malan, NH7IT report that there were several boaters up from Fanning Island for a total of about 30 people on Nov 18. They report the food supply took three tables to hold. There is no report on the Dec 16 meeting.

Sky-warn recognition Day was December 1, 2007. A few days later they were activated for the December storms.

The Maui Amateur Radio Club Holiday Party was also on Saturday, Dec 1st, at the home of KH7CC, Tom Worthington, in Kula. It is the same place as last year. Thanks Bob, N0DQD.

George Kaneshige, AH7GK, reported that on Thursday December 6th the West Honolulu Amateur Radio Group met at Diners at the Waimalu Shopping Plaza at 7:30PM. The WHARG is not an ARRL affiliated group and meets informally every first Thursday on even Months. That means Feb 7, April 3, June 5, Aug 7, Oct 2 and Dec 4, 2008.

The Kaimuki Christmas parade was also on December 6, 2007. The Route was from St Louis Chaminade (3rd Ave), up Waialae to Koko Head, and right on Kokohead with marchers disbanding in the parking lot area along Koko Head. Thanks to Wayne Jones, NH6K

Hams supported The Honolulu Marathon on Sunday December 9th. Thanks Wayne Jones, NH6K.

Big Island ARC held Exams on Wednesday December 12. They examined 12 people and got four new generals and two new technician licensees.

Nominations close Dec 31 for the 2007 ARRL International Humanitarian Award. The award is dedicated to an amateur or group devoted to promoting human welfare, peace and international understanding through Amateur Radio. The ARRL established the annual prize to recognize Amateur Radio operators who have used ham radio to provide extraordinary service to others especially in times of crisis or disaster.

Jerry Hill, KH6HU, reports: Upcoming on January 5, 2008 there will be a ham cram and test session on Kauai. The club planners have separated the island of Kauai into five sections. Each area has a separate simplex frequency and an alternate. The simplex frequencies will be used for local traffic and/or when the repeaters are down.

Honolulu ARC will hold exams on Saturday, 19th January 2008. Deadline to pre-register is not later than, Thur, 17th January 2008 at 9PM. The time, location and other details will be disclosed at registration. Pre-registration is done by telephone, daily, between 9AM and 9PM so as not to disturb the household. The Oahu telephone number is (808) 247-0587. The next HARC exam after that is the third Saturday in March 2008.

The Great Aloha Run will kick off on Presidents' Day. This is Monday February 19, 2008 at 0700 HST. Route is as usual, from Aloha Tower to Aloha Stadium. . Thanks to Wayne Jones, NH6K

Norm Cohler, NH7UA, DEC reported the October ARES activity from Kohala and North Hawaii. The district participated in 15 operations including meeting and nets. Operations included PacSecARES nets, HealthComm nets, BIWARN nets, and operations on Echo Link and IRLP. The biggest event was the Iron Man race support. The group also provided a PC for the new Waikoloa Packet station at the Waikoloa Community Church.

ARRL HQ reports that with 60 scholarships awarded in 2007, the

ARRL Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of two new scholarships for 2008. The scholarship application period runs from October 1, 2007 to February 1, 2008. For more information go to the ARRL Foundation Web site at <http://www.arrl.org/arrlf/scholgen>.

FCC: Riley Hollingsworth, Special Counsel for the FCC's Enforcement Bureau, has decided not to retire. After announcing his retirement, he reconsidered and decided not to retire yet.

Motorola USA has announced its intention to launch a tender offer to acquire a controlling interest in Vertex Standard Co, Ltd. Vertex Standard is the parent company of Yaesu. Motorola will own 80 percent of Vertex Standard; Tokogiken, a privately held Japanese company, controlled by current president and CEO of Vertex Standard Jun Hasegawa, will retain 20 percent, forming a joint venture. The total purchase price for 80 percent of the outstanding shares on a fully diluted basis will be approximately US \$108 million.

Due in part to the efforts of your Pacific SM, the W1AW schedule is now listed primarily in UTC with one sub-column for EST. This has been an issue for areas that do not fall into the four mainland time zones including Alaska and Hawaii. The USA has seven times zones, not counting territories such as Guam and other areas.

Special thanks go to all who send their club newsletter and/or minutes to the SM. John Peters, K1ER, sent the Honolulu ARC newsletter even though he has been off island much of last month. He was still able to get it out in a timely manner. Newsletter editing is a thankless job and we want to thank all editors but especially at this time thank Sean Stueber, NH7SA for the great job he has done as editor of the BIARC newsletter. We are happy to report that Curt Knight, AH6RE has agreed to take over the compiling part of the job and Sean will continue doing the printing at Office Max, where he works. Sean will still be the BIARC coordinator for the 2008 Wilderness Run at Hawaii Volcano National Park in July. Curt has asked that the 20th of the month be the deadline for submissions to the BIARC newsletter. The first issue he published was very good.

Many people have now worked Cedric Urpanil, WH7JI, in Lanai City. He has a Yaesu FT-2800, and passed his tech exam on Nov 14 at Oahu Civil Defense/CC-DEM. He is brand new on the air. Cedric has already helped Sky-Warn with observations of his weather. It is estimated that Lanai hasn't had an active ham in about 25 years.

The Pacific Division Director Bob Vallio, W6RGG asked if we will please get as many letters as we can, send to Senator Inouye on directing the FCC to control interference from Broad band over Power Lines (BPL).

An example might be; I request that you support passage within the Senate Commerce, Science and Technology Committee, of S. 1629, the "Emergency Amateur Radio Interference Protection Act." We would like him to sign on as a co-sponsor of the measure. The letter should be sent as soon as possible. Also please send a copy of each letter to: John.chwat@chwatco.com and/or Janet.worthington@chwatco.com Senator Inouye's committee position makes his signature very important for any passage of the bill to be possible. Draft copies are available from several sources. If you can not find the draft example copy contact Director Bob Vallio or your SM. It's well done, but each member is free to reword it to his liking, as long as the message is clear.

73, Bob Schneider, AH6J
ARRL Pacific Section Manager

BIARC Radio Contest News

The **CQ Worldwide CW** contest was held at the end of November and there was quite a bit of local participation in what may be the most popular event of the year. **Bill KH7B** racked up 1171 Qs in 31 zones and 70 countries for a score of 350,066 in an 80 meter only operation. Says Bill:

"My first CW contest from the Pacific. It sure is nice being able to work W/K for 3 pointers. Lots of activity the first night with lots of

good strong signals and a very quiet band. I finished the first night with 950 QSOs and thought I would surely beat the old Oceania record. It was not to be.

The second night really stunk. The band opened much later than the first day and signals were much weaker. The worst part was the gigantic static crashes. Guys with signals I would have been able to run the night before now took three or four repeats. In seven hours of operation I made a grand total of 271 QSOs and could see the record was not going to be beaten this year. After CQing for five minutes with signals I couldn't copy with the crashes, and then coming up empty handed after S/Ping for the needed mults, I decided to call it a night at around 10 PM local time.

It was good to work lots of old friends after being QRT for all this time.

After being stuck on 80 meters for the last six weeks, I hope to get the rest of the antennas up for the higher bands in the next few weeks...maybe even a 160 antenna will sprout in a month or two."

Lloyd KH6LC and his international group of co-conspirators including **N6GQ**, **N6KB**, **SM0DRD**, and **AH6RE** managed 6463 Qs in 154 zones and 328 countries in multi-2 high power for a total of 9,192,222 points. Even 10 meters opened up for a while, and there were quite a few 6-band qsos. **Fred KH7Y** tried a 15 meter only entry and managed 1920 Qs in 29 zones and 69 countries for a big total of 554,000 – an impressive single band score, near the top of the heap.

The **ARRL 160m** contest was celebrated by **Lloyd KH6LC** and friends **N6KB**, **SM0DRD**, and **NH6V**. In spite of a quantity of both Julglogg and beer with pizza the crew managed 726 QSOs in 75 sections and 12 countries making a total of 165,213 points.

Fred KH7Y persevered in spite of abysmal conditions to make 111 contacts in 18 sections for 5904 points in the **ARRL 10 meter** contest. Along with the rest of us, Fred hopes that we have now hit the bottom and that we can hope for better things next year.

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