

# Big Island Amateur Radio Club

## BIARC Bulletin

### October 2008

#### President's Message for October, 2008

We sure had a good turnout for the September meeting. Thank You to Ted, NH6YK for excellent program. We will look forward to more Ted!

Please be thinking about new Club officers for 2009. Please give your input to Ron AH6HN, Bob AH6J or Paul WH7BR. This will make their job a bit easier.

Please make sure to put a circle around Saturday October 04 for the Waimea HAMFEST. The Hamfest will be held at the Waimea Community Center from 10AM to 2PM. Please bring your excess ham gear. Any questions please call John KH7T 808-885-9718 or his email is [kh7t@arrl.net](mailto:kh7t@arrl.net).

Aloha, Fred KH7Y



John KH7T and Paul KH6HME

# Big Island Amateur Radio Club

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## 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

## One Year Directors

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

## Two Year Directors

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

## 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

## 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

# Meetings and Get-Togethers

**Membership meetings** – Second 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, November).

**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.

## 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.

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

## **ARRL SM Report – September 2008**

[The SM report has been edited owing to space limitations: some club information for clubs not on the big island has been removed. ARRL members can find the complete report on [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org).]

This report covers mid August to mid September.

We are sad to report the passing of Stanley Tomy, AH6JR, 59 of Kailua-Kona on September 6. He was very active in DX circles and contesting. He worked as a CADD Coordinator at Hokuli'a. He was a board member of the Kona Amateur Radio Society, a member of ARRL and a member of International Association for Radio Telecommunications and Electromagnetics Inc. He was an US Army Vietnam War Veteran and a member of the VFW. He is survived by wife Linda Tomy and two daughters. Some of this information came from Sept 12 Hawaii Tribune-Herald.

Harry Nishiyama, KH6FKG, is now a resident of the Yukio Okutsu Veterans Home on Waianuenue Ave in Hilo. He suffered a stroke August 9th. The Hawaii DX Association is now in the process of nominating a replacement for the DXCC checker job. Harry has been very active in DX circles over the years.

In the Atlantic and Caribbean area Hurricane season is in full swing with Hurricane Ike devastating a large area of the Gulf coast. Please keep clear of 14.325 MHz which is the Hurricane Watch Net. Alternate frequencies are 7.268 MHz and 3.950 MHz. Echolink and IRLP are tied to node 9219. Thanks Lee, KH6BZF and Jim, WH6GS for the information.

On Aug 11, the FCC announced that the cost of an Amateur Radio Vanity call sign will increase 60 cents, from \$11.70 to \$12.30. The increase will take effect September 25, 2008.

On Aug 22 to 24 there was the Hawaii QSO party sponsored by the Ko'olau ARC. Hams from all over the US and some DXers, too, were looking for Hawaii contacts that weekend. This is a fun HF event sponsored by the Ko'olau Amateur Radio Club each year. More information is at: [http://www.karc.us/hi\\_qso\\_party.html](http://www.karc.us/hi_qso_party.html)

Thanks Bev, AH6NF.

September 11 is the anniversary of Hurricane Iniki in 1992 and of course the 9-11 disaster in 2001.

On Sunday September 14 the Kohala Hamakua Radio Club, met at 2PM at the Kohala Cultural Center in Hawi. Last month's meeting was Wed Aug 13 at the Carter Professional Center in Waimea. Norm is looking for volunteers Sat Oct 11 for the Ironman Bicycle race to cover the cell phone Dead Zone. Here's your chance to learn a lot about ham radio network operations, help some of the world's greatest athletes, and get a T-shirt to boot! Please let him know soon if you can assist this year's Ironman ham radio coverage. The job is simple, and we are needed. Thanks Norm Cohler, NH7UA.

The Kona Amateur Radio Society shall hold a regular meeting on Sunday, (9/21/08) at the OTEC beach park at NELHA from 2 to 5 PM. All members, friends, and those interested in amateur radio are invited. A potluck barbecue will take place during the meeting and attendees are encouraged to bring a dish to share. KARS continues to hold regularly scheduled meetings on the third Sunday of each month. This month's club outing will be a Mexican food theme. Please bring a dish to share that is from Mexico. If you have any questions, contact Van NH7IT at 325-5223.

The Big Island International Hamfest and swap meet will be at the Waimea community center in Waimea (Kamuela) on Saturday October 4, 2008. It will be from 10AM to 2PM with doors open for setup around 9AM. It is sponsored by Big Island ARC, Kona ARS, Kohala Hamakua ARC and South Point ARC. Note this is the first Saturday of October. The event is free however registration at the door is required and donations will be accepted to offset costs. There will be ARRL sponsored Amateur Radio Amateur License exams after lunch. Please note that this is a non commercial event that promotes the trading of equipment and information about Amateur Radio. The public is welcome. Talk in will be on the BIWARN repeater system. In Waimea & Kona 147.16+ works OK. Contact name: John Buck, KH7T phone 808-885-9718 or email: [kh7t@arri.net](mailto:kh7t@arri.net) Event Web URLs: <http://www.biarc.net> and <http://www.arri.org/sections/PAC.html>

PACIFICON 2008 Is Coming Soon! It is October 17-19, 2008 at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel in San Ramon, California. For Events, LatestUpdates and Ticket Sales go to:  
[www.PACIFICON.org](http://www.PACIFICON.org)

The annual Simulated Emergency Test will be Saturday October 18th from 9AM to 12 Noon.

There are presently only 391 members getting the SM report by e-mail. The latest total number of member in the Pacific Section is 542. Please make sure to renew your membership when it expires. If you are an ARRL member, go to the members only pages of the ARRL website and check out the various benefits such as the SM/Director newsletter and DX news.

73, Bob Schneider, AH6J - ARRL Pacific Section Manager



Dick AH7G and Arman WH6AW

Big Island Amateur Radio Club  
General Meeting  
September 13, 2008

Fred KH7Y, President opened the meeting at 2:05PM. Sign in sheet was passed around and attached to these minutes.

Introductions were made. It was reported that Stanley Tomyl AH6JR of Kailua-Kona passed away. It was suggested to Barbara that she check with Dewey of Kona on how to handle Stanley's QSL cards.

Treasurer's report was given by Ron AH6HN. Balance on hand is \$1,887.11 and a total of 109 members.

Fred announced that the new equipment manager is Fred KH6FI and that he and Fred will do an inventory of the equipment.

Ron AH6HN, Bob AH6J and Paul WH7BR offered to be the nominating committee. List of candidates will be published in the November newsletter and election will be held at the November General meeting.

The secretary was asked to send a thank you letter to Hamakua Framing and Structure for the use of the boom truck for Field Day and also to Cody of the Wailoa Center for the site use for Field Day.

Since the Keaau Community Center will not be available for November and December it was decided to hold November's meeting at the Elks Club on Kinoole St and the December meeting and Christmas potluck dinner at the Puna Congregational Church in Keaau. The committee for the Christmas party will be Bob AH6J, Fred B KH6FI, Fred H. KH7Y and Paul WH7BR.

Radio equipment from the Yamamoto estate will be sold at the Hamfest on October 4<sup>th</sup> and the proceeds will go to BIARC. Fred KH7Y, Wilbur KH7E and Pete KH7HI will handle getting the material to the Hamfest. This includes some equipment still at Mr. Yamamoto's home and some at the Darling residence.

Barbara reported that the KH6 QSL Bureau has handled over 15,400 cards since March.

Field Day report was passed around for everyone to see. A huge success this year, which hopefully will be repeated next year. We're already looking forward to it.

Old Business: Pacheco tower still needs to be taken down. Fred KH7Y and Bob AH6J will try to do it next week.

New Business: Ralph AF7DX has sold his home and will be on island soon. He has some radio equipment for sale.

Dennis KH7H had reported that VOAD was releasing money for a new Mauna Kea repeater.

National Weather Service is donating 2 VHF cavity filters.

Robert NH6AH reported that we need more volunteers to help out with the radio at the Hilo Hospital set up for emergency use. Administration would like to move the equipment to the first floor instead of the basement to make it more accessible.

John KH7T reported that he will be at the Waimea Community Center at 9AM on October 4 to open the hall for the Hamfest setup. Testing will be done around 1:15PM.

After a break for refreshments and social time, Ted NH6YK presented a program on the island of Kaho'olawe which was very interesting.

Meeting was adjourned at 4PM

Submitted by Barbara Darling NH7FY



On July 26th our club assisted the Wilderness Rim Run with communications from the aid stations to the net control. The route for the marathon and ten mile run had to be rerouted this year because of the volcanic activity. Some of the aid stations had runners going through on the way out and also on the way back. This created a problem on aid stations 3/7 and 4/6 because they had runners going down and at the same time had some coming back through on their return. If the same route is used next year we will need to have a few more volunteers so that we can have someone cover the down side and another the upside.

Paul WH7BR reported from station 9 on the escape road that a group of women volunteers showed up and soon discovered that their cell phones would not work from that location. They were in a quandary as what they were going to do. They asked Paul what he was doing there and he told them that the radio he was using would get through. Just proves that there are many areas on this island where cell phones will not work.

The weather cooperated most of the time with a few showers. It was great to see Billy Conner #38 from Maui again this year. As he went through the stations he handed out his QSL card for KH6VA. Also spotted Ron Van Geen #139 NH6V of Waikoloa.

We're looking forward to helping with next year's run.

Barbara NH7FY



Randy KH6RC



## Coming Events

Aloha, 10-10 International Net has a Sprint Contest across the entire ten meter frequencies on October 10 (10/10) from 0001UTC to 2359 UTC, using all modes of contact. Get those last few 10-10 numbers to fill your application! Thanks Irene NH7PE.

The California QSO Party is coming up the weekend of October 4. If you have time to spare after the Hamfest, get on the air for this fun event.



HARUWO YAMAMOTO, KH6AU, Equipment list of items donated to BIARC

Most of the equipment will be taken to the hamfest but there are two towers located at the Yamamoto property.

One is a 55' tower heavy duty (3-20' sections) and one a 72' tower heavy duty (4-20' sections). Purchaser will remove them from Yamamoto property. Contact Barbara Darling to see them or make pickup arrangements.

Cubex MK III - PT 2 element Cubical Quad spreaders and instructions

GE Dynamotor PE 73-C 28v input/1000v 0.35A output

B & W 550-A Antenna Switch (5 antennas)

Heathkit engine analyzer CM-1050

Astatic Model 10-DA Microphone with stand

There might be more items if we can do more searching.



Teddi Stransky KH6TS



Rick WH6FC and Bill Hanson from Civil Defense



Field Day group



Richard Fetchen KH6WE and wife Judy with Harvey AH6JA

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