

# **Big Island Amateur Radio Club**

## **BIARC Bulletin**

### **December 2008**

#### **President's Message – Dec 2008**

It was great being your President for the past year, and I wish Barbara and the other new officers all the best for 2009. My new house near Ocean View is moving right along. I have already poured tower supports and the first section of Rohn tower is in place. Even after moving I'm sure I will be seeing you at Club events.

Fred KH7Y



#### **ARRL Section Manager's Report**

[This report has been edited owing to space limitations. Club information for clubs not on the big island and some duplicate information has been removed. The full report is available to ARRL members via [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)]

We are coming to the official end of hurricane season however storms or other disasters are always possible. There was recently a large earthquake in Tonga and a late season hurricane just passed over Cuba. It was two years ago that we had the large earthquake on the Big Island.

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Noburo "Larry" Iwami, KH6ATQ, on October 17. According to the Hawaii Tribune-Herald he was 87. He was a WW2 veteran and served in Japan in the 441st Counter Intelligence Corps. He was a long time member of the Big Island Amateur Radio Club (BIARC). He retired as a power plant superintendent and production superintendent

for the former Hilo Coast Processing company. It was largely through his efforts that BIARC has the use of the Pepekeo repeater site. Services were November first at Church of the Holy Cross in Hilo, HI.

Hams on the Kona side of the Big Island supported the Ironman race in October by supplying communications along the bike route where cell phone and other coverage is weak. They also helped supply TV coverage. See the SM webpage for a picture.

Your SM attended the Koolau ARC meeting October 11. Thanks for the hospitality. The wife really enjoyed the Ho'omaluhia Botanical Gardens. The KARC program was "Martin" Barr, KH6MB, presenting an introduction to antenna modeling. It is in two parts and next month will be the conclusion. The original programming was done in FORTRAN language but has been extensively modified for easier usage over the years. FORTRAN was in use in the mid 1960's at the University of Hawaii and required the programming be done with punch cards.

On October 15 there was a day long Table Top disaster exercise in Hilo. Harvey Motomura, AH6JA, was the invited delegate from the Amateur Radio Community. Harvey is the East Hawaii ARRL DEC. Your SM (me) and the North Hawaii DEC Eric Grabowski, KH6CQ, also attended as non-participating observers. There was supposed to be a Tabletop exercise on Oahu on October 23 however we have no information on that.

There was a Simulated Emergency Test (SET) exercise Saturday Oct 18 from 9 to noon. It was mostly on two meters with some HF operation. REACT also held an exercise on the same day called Project SOS. REACT is made up of both hams and unlicensed members. In a recent exercise they found that FRS radios (Family Radio Service) have a range of two miles or more. With a mixed membership non hams can really be used to fill in the gaps in a widespread disaster. The goal is to get the message through. Thanks to Rob Roberts, KH7MW, for part of this information.

The Kona ARS held its regular meeting on Sunday Oct 19. It met at the OTEC beach park at the NELHA. The theme was Oktoberfest so German food was the order of the day.

The November 8 BIARC meeting was at the Hilo Elks Club since the Keaau Center was unavailable. Elections were held. On

December 13 there will be a Christmas Pot Luck and meeting at 2PM at the Puna Congregational Christian Church because the Keaau Community Center was again unavailable. Thanks to both the Hilo Elks and PCCC for making their facilities available at no cost. The weekly Friday lunch meeting of Big Island Hams will no longer be at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel Queen's Court restaurant. New owners have taken over and implemented several changes. The search is on for another site for the weekly BIARC lunches. Barbara Darling, NH7FY, will be sending weekly e-mails as to where the Friday lunch will be on a particular week.

World Radio is to cease print publication. In a joint statement, World Radio Publisher Armond Noble, N6WR, and CQ Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA, announced that World Radio magazine will no longer be published as a print magazine. According to the announcement, CQ Communications Inc has acquired World Radio & plans to continue it as an online publication on CQ's Web site. World Radio subscribers will have their subscriptions transferred to CQ magazine. Readers will be notified of details as plans are finalized. World Radio is in Newspaper format.

73, Bob Schneider, AH6J - ARRL Pacific Section Manager



Ted NH6YK (on the left) and friend at Ka'u High School

# 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	Fred Benardella	KH6FI
Hospitality	Gloria Whiteley	
Newsletter	Kile Golden	WH7FB
Programs	Curt Knight	AH6RE
Repeater	Arman Wiggins	WH6BVZ
Webmaster	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
	Curt Knight	AH6RE

## Special Committees

Christmas Party Improvement co-chair	Committee	
Field Day	Harry Nishiyama	KH6FKG
Hamfest co-chair	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
QSL Bureau	Paul Ducasse	WH7BR
	Bob Schneider	AH6J
	John Buck	KH7T
	Barbara Darling	NH7FY

# 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** – Check the opening page of the web site for the latest location information.

## 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)

**Big Island Amateur Radio Club  
Membership Application – 2009**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose one address option:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ From FCC Database (if callsign provided above)

\_\_\_\_\_ Use address below:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter by mail to address selected above

\_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter by e-mail (1Mb typical size)

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Class of Membership:

Full (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_

Associate (no ham license) (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_

Student (\$10) \_\_\_\_\_

Family (additional member in the same household as full member)  
(\$10) \_\_\_\_\_

Please consider a donation to the repeater fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Contact me about these club activities:

Emergency Comm. \_\_\_\_\_

Field Day \_\_\_\_\_

Repeater committee \_\_\_\_\_

QSL Bureau operation \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Examiner \_\_\_\_\_

Public Service \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with a check to BIARC, PO Box 1938, Hilo,  
HI 96721-1938



Blake KH7MS at the swap meet



**Big Island Amateur Radio Club  
General Membership Meeting  
November 8, 2008**

Barbara Darling, NH7FY opened the meeting at 2PM. Since the Keaau Community Hall was rented out for the day the meeting was held at the Elks Club on Kinoole St, Hilo. Sign in sheet was passed around and is attached to the minutes.

Introductions were made. Barbara announced that Noboru "Larry" Iwami KH6ATQ had died on October 17. A moment of silence was held for him. Bob AH6J announced that on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> there will be testing at 10:30AM at the Puna Congregational Church. It was also reported that Field Day KH6EJ came in 1<sup>st</sup> in the Pacific area and 178<sup>th</sup> place in the country out of 2,406.

Secretary's minutes from September meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter;

Bob, AH6J gave the treasurer's report . Balance on hand is \$1,870.00 and membership stands at 109. Yamamoto Memorial fund has a total of \$525.00 so far. \$125.00 was taken in at the Hamfest.

Bob AH6J reported that most of the repeaters are in operating order. Pepeekeo has been turned off. New repeater for Mauna Kea has been paid for and two out of three boxes have been delivered to Bob AH6J. VOAD repeater will use KH7H call.

Barbara NH7FY reported that the KH6 QSL Bureau received 1914 cards in September and 100 in October. Since we took over the Bureau we have handled 17,447 cards.

Bob AH6J reported that he has visited Harry KH6FKG and he is doing fine. Barbara reported that Gloria is still doctoring with leg problems. Gloria has agreed to take over the Health and Welfare Committee.

Curt reported that newsletter articles need to be in by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Equipment Inventory has not been completed yet.

Pacheco tower still needs to be taken down.

Bob AH6J reported that he and Harvey AH6JA attended an Emergency Responder meeting held at Imiloa Astronomy Center recently.

Barbara NH7FY reported that she sent thank you letters to Cody at the Wailoa Center and to the Hamakua Framing and Structure for the use of the boom truck on Field Day.

Christmas Party:

Paul WH7BR, Barbara NH7FY and Fred KH6FI have agreed to cook the turkeys. Barbara has asked Joyce WH6BIR to swear in the new officers. Members should let Paul WH7BR know what

they would like to bring.

Bob AH6J made a motion, seconded by Robert NH6AH that we leave our fees the same for next year. All approved. A membership form will be included in our December newsletter.

A committee has been set up to find another place to hold our Friday lunches as the Hilo Hawaiian has not only increased their prices but have stopped punching the lunch tickets without prior warning. They refused to combine partially filled cards and will not let cards with past due dates be used. If the full card does not have a date it must be used by December 31<sup>st</sup>. The committee of Bob AH6J, Paul WH7BR, Richard AH7G and Barbara NH7FY will give a report at the January meeting. It was suggested that Barbara e mail the members to let them know where we are going each week.

Dave KH7SO made a motion, seconded by Bob AH6J that election be made by acclamation. All approved. Officers will be Barbara Darling NH7FY President- Paul Ducasse WH7BR Vice President- Arman Wiggins WH6AW Secretary-Curt Knight AH6RE Treasurer. One year directors will be: Richard Darling AH7G, Fred Benardella KH6FI, Rick Frazier AH7H, Greg Datlof WH7FC and Peter Yoes KH6HI. Two year directors will be : Chuck Epperson AH6SC, Richard Fetchen KH6WE, Kile Golden WH7FB, Beau Mills NH7WV and Elizabeth Yoes WH7CU.

After refreshments Ted NH6YK had three topics he discussed. (Space station contact, weather web site and Midway Island)

Meeting was adjourned at 3:15PM

Submitted by Barbara Darling NH7FY Secretary







### **Noboru “Larry” Iwami KH6ATQ 1921-2008**

Larry Iwami was born June 6, 1921 in Hilo, in the old hospital at Rainbow Falls. After high school graduation and a year working in a radio shop, Larry took the Matsonia to California where he entered National School, a vocational school for training in electricity. While in California he was one of thousands of Japanese-Americans interned in relocation camps. He spent nearly two years at the Gila River Relocation Center near Phoenix, Arizona. He was drafted into the army and because of his knowledge of Japanese was sent for Counter Intelligence training and spent a year in Japan after the war ended as a Special Agent.

After discharge he took advantage of the GI bill and entered Milwaukee School of Engineering in the fall of 1947. After receiving his degree in electrical engineering he returned to Hilo and went to work for the Hilo Sugar Co. He worked for C Brewer and remained with them until his retirement.

Larry's call sign was KH6ATQ. While spending three years in Ecuador he kept in touch with Hawaiian families by ham radio. He was active in the Big Island Amateur Radio Club for many years. It was largely through Larry's efforts that BIARC has access to the Pepeekeo repeater site.

Larry was very active in the Church of the Holy Cross, where he met his wife Barbara. He spent many hours on building maintenance there. He also volunteered for 10 years as a tax aide for AARP.

Larry is survived by his wife Barbara, daughter Iris, son Eric, brother Masaru, three grandchildren, one great-grandchild, nephews and nieces. He died on October 17, 2008 after battling cancer for the last two years.

Barbara NH7FY



Dean KH6B at the swap meet

## **BIARC Restaurant Reviews**

We have been doing a survey of a few restaurants being considered for our Friday lunch bunch. Curt asked me to do a revue of the ones we've done so far. I picked up a menu from the Ice Pond Diner (Harringtons) and that the prices seemed quite high. All sandwiches were \$11, entree from \$11-16. On the 14<sup>th</sup> six people went to the Coconut Grill by the ice pond. They said the food was excellent, prices quite high, coffee \$2,50 and poor service. On the 21<sup>st</sup> 8 people went to the Coqui Hideaway across from the Tsunami Clock on Kamehameha. They gave us a separate room, prices were good, food was excellent, view of garden was beautiful and service was good.

On November 28<sup>th</sup> 5 people showed up at Michelle's Hale for lunch. The food was good, service good, prices moderate. My only concern is that it is directly across from the new Federal Building and I'm wondering how it will be when that opens for business. Will the restaurant be swamped with customers then?

Our next restaurant will be Encore.

Barbara NH7FY



## **BIARC News Items – December 2008**

In honor of passing the General exam, Jim McKenzie has changed his call sign. He was WH7QF but is now WH7RG.



## **BIARC Radio Contest News**

The contest news is compiled from reports by members, and from information appearing on the 3830 contest reflector.

Results have been announced for **ARRL Field Day**, and the BIARC station **KH6EJ** took first place overall in the Pacific Section. Congratulations to all who participated in this fun event.

It has been a busy month for the local radio sport enthusiasts. We opened up with the **CQ Worldwide SSB**. **Fred NH6P(KH7Y)** had a single-band 15 meter operation and made 1984 Qs in 30 zones and 59 countries for a score of 509703. **Bill KH7B** showed off his 40m stacked beams in a single band 40m effort netting 2410 Qs, 37 sections, and 106 countries for a 1020591 score that put him at the top of the list of reported scores in his category on the 3830 reflector at the time I write. **Jeff N6GQ** operated **KH6LC** on all bands for a total of 3850 Qs, 125 zones, and 259 countries for a score of 4334976.

And then there was the **ARRL Sweepstakes CW**. **Fred KH7Y** made 606 Qs and a clean sweep in 12 hours for 96960 points. **Goran SM0DRD** had the stamina to operate **KH6LC** 24 hours for 1275 points and a clean sweep and 204000 points.

The radio at **KH6LC** had barely cooled off from Sweepstakes when **Goran SM0DRD** was back at it in the **Japan International DX** Contest with 300 Qs in a single band 15m operation for 13500 points, putting him at the top of the list in his category on the 3830 reflector at the time of writing.

The very next weekend was the **ARRL Sweepstakes SSB**. **Bill KH7B** placed high with 2196 Qs and a clean sweep of sections for 351360 points in a 24 hour operation. **Fred KH7Y** worked 14 hours to get 925 Qs and a clean sweep for 148000 points, and **Goran SM0DRD** operated **KH6LC** 13 hours for 861 Qs and another clean sweep for 137760 points.

The **CQ Worldwide CW** is still a few hours from completion as this is being written. Conditions don't seem quite as good as last year, owing to the bad state of the 10 meter band and marginal performance of 15 meters. Rumor has it that the crew at **KH6LC** will have local competition in the multi-2 category this year. Full results next month!

**Irene NH7PE** received some wallpaper from the ARRL. She won

First Place, Single Operator, Phone Only, Low Power, Hawaii Section in the **2007 ARRL 10 Meter** Contest. Irene won this with SEVEN contacts! This year the contest will be held for 48 hours on December 13 & 14. How about some competition? Also, let us all practice on our straight keys for the friendly practice of Straight Key Night, on New Year's Eve. (thanks Irene NH7PE)

Do you want to see your name in print? One way is to report your results to the Editor for inclusion in the contest news.



Goran SM0DRD at KH6LC during ARRL Sweepstakes

## December Meeting

The December BIARC meeting will be held at the Puna Congregational Church on Old Volcano Road in Keaau. We will start at the usual 2:00 PM time. New officers will be sworn in, and there will be a potluck Christmas dinner.





Jeff N6GQ at KH6LC during CQWWSSB



### For Sale

Curt AH6RE is helping Don KH6KA to dispose of some excess equipment.. The following is available:

Almost new GlenMartin 40-ft M-18 aluminum tower with hazer.  
Yaesu G800SA rotator and controller  
MFJ Versatuner III  
Ameritron AL811H linear

This equipment can be seen in Paradise Park. Contact Curt for more information: ah6re -at- arrl.net.



Come to the December meeting to see a time-reversed version of this scene



Come to the December meeting and see what can happen to you if you run a good Field Day

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