

# **Big Island Amateur Radio Club**

## **BIARC Bulletin**

### **March 2009**

#### **President's Message March 2009**

What a great program/meeting we had in February. Not only two great speakers but an ice cream social that was great. Just wish I had remembered to get the Cool Whip out of the refrigerator to go with the toppings. We learned a lot from Major Dave Waters about the border security between the states and Mexico. Joe KO4RR from Georgia enlightened us about the Sovereign Military Order of Malta and showed pictures from the DXpedition. The very same DXpedition that Dick AH7G and I worked for new countries. In March we are scheduled to have two speakers again. (James Kennedy K6MIO and Sidney Sellers NH7OD)

We all were sorry to hear about the death of our good friend Harry Nishiyama KH6FKG. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time. The ham radio community was well represented at his funeral. He will be missed not only by us in Hawaii but around the world. Many times on the radio I've been asked if I know Uncle Harry and to say hello to him.

Gloria Whiteley is a resident at the Life Care Center on Kawaiilani St in Room 325. She will be there for at least another 3 months for treatment on her leg. Eddie W7GMH is a patient at Hilo Hospital at this time. Ray WH6CME in Idaho got home from the nursing home in time to celebrate his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. Way to go Ray!

Our membership has been expanding to more states on the mainland. We just added members from Georgia and Texas to our list of California, Colorado, Washington, Massachusetts, Arizona, and Idaho.

Dick AH7G just received a Certificate of Merit telling him that he won 1<sup>st</sup> place in Oceania Division Low Power, SSB Single Operator Assisted on 10 Meters in the CQ World Wide WPX

Contest 2008 and #3 in the world. Congratulations.

We continue to try different restaurants each Friday. This past Friday we tried the new restaurant in Keaau, Hokulani Steakhouse and we had many favorable comments. Some of the men said that it was the best lunch in a long time and I had to agree with them. We will be returning there again. We had 15 in attendance which is the most in a long time. Dennis KH7H sent me an E Mail explaining why 18% gratuity rate is charged by many restaurants. Since the inflation rate averages 3% per year the gratuities have increased from 15% to 18%. We have found that most of the restaurants are now charging the 18% for groups. Some start at a group of six and others are for groups of ten or more.

73 Barbara NH7FY



Barbara NH7FY with Vicki Owen N4WV and Joe Owen KO4RR

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## Officers

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## Standing Committees

Service/Awards	Harry Nishiyama	KH6FKG
co-chair	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
Education	Harvey Motomura	AH6JA
Emergency Coord.	Harry Nishiyama	KH6FKG
Equipment	Fred Benardella	KH6FI
Health&Welfare	Gloria Whiteley	
Hospitality	Kile Golden	WH7FB
Newsletter	Curt Knight	AH6RE
Programs	Arman Wiggins	WH6BVZ
Repeater	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
Webmaster	Curt Knight	AH6RE

## Special Committees

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

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

[The SM report has been edited owing to space limitations. The full report is available to ARRL members on [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) }

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Ed Coan AH7P at the age of 85 on Kauai.

It is also with great sadness that I report that Harry Nishiyama, KH6FKG, passed away January 30th at Hilo Medical Center at the age of 84.

Barbara Darling, NH7FY & Hawaii QSL Manager, reports we have received two packages of QSL cards which are sorted and being distributed. Have you made arrangements to get your cards either directly or through one of the clubs?

The Hawaii County Civil Defense Agency conducted an island-wide tsunami exercise on Tuesday January 27. The duration of the exercise was about four hours which is the normal window of preparation for a tsunami approaching Hawaii. Harvey, AH6JA, was the operator-in-charge. He activated HF, VHF, PACTOR and SSTV to show these capabilities. A spare co-ax cable was pulled in the day before and used with a portable tape antenna to operate on 40 meters using NVIS propagation. It worked well.

As of 1 February 2009, the operating frequencies for the Friendly Net (0900 W) will become: Primary 40 meters - 7088 KHz  
Secondary 40 meters - 7080 Khz 75 meter alternate freq - 3888 Khz. All Hawaii stations are urged to beef up their 75 meter capabilities so more use can be made of this band during current tough propagation conditions for the inter-island 40 meter nets.

The Kohala Hamakua Radio Club, an ARRL affiliated club, met Sunday January 11 at the Kohala Cultural Center in Hawi and Wednesday February 11 at the Lucy Henriques Medical Center in Waimea aka Kamuela. The next meeting will be Sunday March 8 in Hawi. Contact Steve, WH6N or Norm NH7UA for more information. Their web site is: <http://aditl.com/ham/khrc/index.html>

The Hilo Amateur Radio Club & Hawaii QRP Club, both ARRL affiliated, meet daily about 9AM at Jack in the Box Hilo. Their website is: <http://www.chem.hawaii.edu/uham/hiqrp.html>

The Hawaii DX Association in Hilo, HI, an ARRL affiliated club, meets irregularly.

The Kona Amateur Radio Society of Kailua Kona, an ARRL affiliated club, meets on the third Sunday at 2PM at the OTEC beach park. The informal meeting is followed by a potluck. Every month is a different theme. For example the theme for Presidents day weekend February 15 was American Food. If you have questions contact Van, NH7IT. Their website is: <http://www.cfht.hawaii.edu/~veillet/hwars.html>

The South Point ARC, an informal non-affiliated club, meets on the first Sunday of each month at 12 noon at the Manuka State park on Highway 11 just north of Ocean View. It is a potluck event. Contact Rick, WH6FC, for more information. Their website is: <http://www.fastnethi.com/norm/sparc/sparc.html>

On Saturday January 3 a group of hams from various clubs on the Island of Hawaii met for breakfast at the Fifties Highway Fountain in Laupahoehoe. It was announced that the Hilo ARC and Hawaii QRP club have elected Dean Manley, KH6B, as president; Max Zenobi, KH6ZM, as Vice President and Paul Lieb, KH6HME as Secretary-Treasurer. The group next met on Saturday February 7 at the Kuhio Grill in the Prince Kuhio Shopping Center. The next get together will be Saturday March 1. Contact Dean, KH6B, for more information.

On Saturday February 21st there will be a QCWA noon lunch meeting at Kuhio Grill in Hilo. Tnx Corky, W6ORS

Saturday April 25 is the 16th annual Moku Ola Island Dxpedition. Station will be AL0HA.

Saturday June 27 to Sunday the 28th is Field Day. Contact your local club for their schedule

Saturday August 8 is the Hilo Hamfest at Wailoa River State Park. It is an all day affair with a potluck lunch at 11AM. Tail gate Flea Market all day. Coffee, soda & Juice provided.

Saturday September 12th is the Big Island International Hamfest at the Waimea Community center in Waimea (aka Kamuela) from 10AM to 2PM with doors open for setup at 9AM. There will be ARRL sponsored Amateur Radio Amateur License exams at a time to be determined. Please note that this is a non commercial event that promotes the trading of equipment and information between hams and the general public and to promote the open exchange of information concerning the benefits of exploring Ham Radio as a hobby. The event is free however everyone must sign in at the door and any donations will be used to defer costs. 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@arrl.net](mailto:kh7t@arrl.net)

October 10 is the Iron Man Race in Kailua-Kona.

October 16, 17 & 18 is Pacificon. The date has not been posted yet on the Pacificon website however it is always on the third weekend in October.

Your SM is asking all the major clubs to re-endorse Rick Chick, KH7O, as the Hawaii Frequency Coordinator. So far the Honolulu ARC, Waikiki ARC and Hilo ARC have done so. Frequency Coordination is not a function of the ARRL or FCC so the authority comes from agreement among the clubs to follow his or her recommendations. So far it has worked well. Please present a motion in your club at the next meeting and let the SM know the result.

Thanks to Joe, AH0A for coming up with more accurate information concerning the number of licensed Amateur Radio operators. As of Dec 31, 2008 there are 3202 amateurs in Hawaii and 4168 in PACSEC. According to ARRL as of January 09 there are 554 members as compared with January 08 which had 565 members. That is a drop of 1.9%.

## BIARC Treasurer's Report – 20 Feb 2009

Total assets: \$2835.47

Year To Date Income:

Donations: Refreshments	\$23.83
Repeater	\$220.00

Dues: General Membership	\$1060.00	(53 members)
Associate	\$30.00	(3 members)
Family	\$90.00	(9 members)
Student	\$10.00	(1 member)

Total: \$1433.83

Year To Date Expenses:

Insurance: Equipment	\$72.00
Postage:	\$42.00
Printing	\$13.33
Repeater	\$520.00
Refreshments	\$77.17

Total \$724.50



February speaker Dave Waters





### **Harry K Nishiyama KH6FKG 1924 - 2009**

Harry K Nishiyama, KH6FKG, died on January 30, 2009. Harry was a resident of the Veterans home in Hilo when he passed away.

He retired from the military. General Lee will conduct a 21 gun salute. Harry was very active in DX circles and not only was on the honor roll but was one of two DX card checkers in the State of Hawaii. He was a long time member of the Big Island ARC. He was an ARRL VE and was credited with 88 exam sessions which is the largest number in the State of Hawaii. He participated in many aspects of Amateur Radio including emergency communications and Army MARS. He is truly one of the legends and will be greatly missed. (Thanks Barbara NH7FY and Bob AH6J)



**Big Island Amateur Radio Club  
General Membership Meeting  
February 14, 2009**

Barbara Darling, NH7FY opened the meeting at 2PM. The meeting was held at the Keaau Community Center. The sign in sheet was passed around and is attached to the minutes.

Introductions were made. Barbara announced that Yoko the wife of Benjamin Blatt NH7D and Harry Nishiyama KH6FKG had passed away and will be sorely missed. A moment of silence was observed in their honor.

Ray Hicks, WH6CME, continues to be in poor health. Also Harvey Motomura AH6JA is on Oahu to be with his wife who is hospitalized there.

Gloria Whiteley is a resident at the Life Care Center on Kawaiilani St in Room 325. She is ready to have visitors now.

Eddie Miller W7GMH is at home now and still under the weather.

Ed Breen, NH6HT was at home not feeling well.

Curt Knight, AH6RE, gave the treasurers report as follows:

Total assets: \$3116.27

Year To Date:

Repeater donations: 180.00

General Membership: 860.00 (43 members)

Student 10.00 (1 member)

Family 80.00 (8 members)

Associate 20.00 (2 members)

Total income: 1150.00

Total membership 54

Expense - Equipment insurance:	72.00
Postage	42.00
Printing	13.33
Refreshments	32.54

Total expense	159.87
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Ron Phillips, AH6HN, gave the repeater report: All are doing well. We will want to go to Kulani and Pepeekeo for maintenance sometime this spring. Some batteries also need to be replaced. Bob Schneider, AH6J, said that it would cost about \$1000 or so and made a motion that the club purchase the batteries. Doris Carlson, KH6ER, seconded the motion. The motion was put to a vote of the membership and was unanimously approved. A motion was made by Ron AH6HN and seconded by Bob AH6J that we send \$520.00 to Ralph Fontaine AF7DX to pay for the two Alinco radios he purchased and let us use.

Paul Ducasse, WH7BR, announced that at the March meeting Jim Kennedy, K6MIO and Sydney Sellers NH7OD would give presentations.

Barbara Darling then turned the meeting over to Major David Waters who gave a presentation on his work as a US Army helicopter pilot working with the border patrol along the US/Mexican border in Arizona.

Following David Waters was Joe Owen KO4RR who gave a talk on his DXpedition to the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

An ice cream social was held after the presentations.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Submitted by Arman Wiggins WH6AW



## BIARC Radio Contest News

The big news this month is the **ARRL DX** Contest, **CW** division. This and its phone counterpart next month are one of the big events of the year. Local participants include **Fred KH7Y** who, in what may be his last operation from his Kea'au home, made 873 contacts in 57 states/provinces in a 15 meter single band effort for 149283 points. So far this puts him in the top 3 worldwide in this class. It looks like **Bill KH7XS** may have broken the Oceania record for a single band 20 meter operation with 1744 contacts in 60 states/provinces for 313920 points. The crew at **KH6LC** was active in the all band multi-single category, making 4043 contacts and 284 multipliers for 3440376 points, which should put them near the top of the standings worldwide. I have been remiss in not mentioning BIARC member **Dave K1TTT** in this column. Dave has a big contest station in Peru, MA and he was heard in the ARRL DX but no information is available at the time this is being written.

Congratulations to Dick AH7G for his new wallpaper. Check the President's report for more information.



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