



Newsletter – February 2012

President's Message

I was so pleased with the turn out for January's meeting. I don't know the exact count but we had a large crowd in attendance. John KH6DLK/V63JB presented a very interesting program on Federal Island and we had a few large bags of toothpaste, tooth brushes and school supplies for him to mail to the island. The refreshments were handled by Janet NH7AK and we had a wide variety including fresh vegetables and dip along with lemonade as well as the old standbys of coffee and cookies. In February she is planning on an ice cream social as the club has an assortment of toppings available. February's program will be presented by Joe KO4RR.

Our Vice President "program chairman" Doug WH6DTD has lined up some very interesting programs for the year. It appears that we will be having our Hamfest in Keaau on October 27. Final plans have not been made yet. Paul WH7BR has agreed to take over as chairman of the repeater committee and Robert NH6AH has agreed to chair Field Day in June. We will again be joining Dean KH6B at the Wailoa pavilion for our August combined potluck picnic on the second Saturday.

Our budget was approved for 2012 by all present. Your membership dues are what we use to support our club each year. Our membership dues are due in January each year. If you need to change any information there is a membership form on the web site that can be downloaded. Please make sure that we have your correct Email address as that is your way of receiving the newsletter. Of course you can always find it on the web site too.

I reported that during January I had received over 4,600 QSL cards to sort and distribute. As a point of interest there were a lot of old cards in this shipment. By old I mean contacts that were made many years ago but hams are just sending out their cards now. There was one card for Wilbur KH7E that was 12 years old but the one that I received for his wife Doris KH6ER was over 17 years old, in fact they had her old call sign NH6ER.

Happy Valentine's Day and hope to see you on February 11.

73 Barbara NH7FY



John KH6DLK with a collection for Federal

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President	Barbara Darling NH7FY	982-9126
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Secretary	Bob Schneider AH6J	966-8146

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Richard Darling AH7G	982-9126
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Darryl Koon AH6TQ	

Standing Committees

Service/Awards	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
Education	Milt Nodacker	AH6I
Emergency	Paul Ducasse	WH7BR
Equipment	Lloyd Cabral	KH6LC
Health&Welfare	Barbara Darling	NH7FY
Membership	Richard Darling	AH7G
Hospitality	Beau Mills	NH7WV
Newsletter	Curt Knight	AH6RE
Programs	Doug Wilson	WH6DTD
Repeater	Paul Ducasse	WH7BR
Webmaster	Curt Knight	AH6RE

Special Committees

Improvement	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
Field Day	Robert Oliver	NH6AH
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 – A group meets for lunch every Friday at 11:30 at Hokolani's Steak House in the mall at Kea'au near the Post Office.

East Hawai'i Net

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

BIWARN Accessible Repeaters

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

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-	Pepe'ekeo 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 (100)
147.32+	Waimea Hospital NH7HI (100)
147.38+	Waimea East KH7T experimental
442.35+	Ka'anapali Maui (136.5)
442.5+	Kea'au KH6EJ
443.40+	Ocean View KH7MS (77.0)
443.40+	Kona KH7MS (100.0)
443.65+	Ocean View Hub
444.225+	Haleakala Maui KH6RS (110.9)
444.45+	Parker Ranch KH6EJ (88.5)
444.9+	Hilo WH6FM WIN system (100)
444.775+	Hilo WH6FM XO system (123)

BIARC Board Minutes for January 14, 2012

The board of directors meeting was called to order by President Barbara Darling, NH7FY, at 13:00W. A quorum was present as indicated by the Sign in Sheet. Ten of the 14 board members were present.

The treasurer's report was given by Milt Nodacker, AH6I. We had \$2,526.09 at the end of November, 2011. We presently have \$2,909.95 not counting the income from today. The membership count was 23 full members, six family members, one associate and one student member. This does not count those that pay today.

The repeater status was discussed with the full report to be given during the membership meeting.

Curt Knight, AH6RE, is doing the newsletter and website. Rick Frazier, AH7H, is listed as the webmaster. This will be changed to Curt AH6RE.

Old Business:

Dues are now due.

New Business:

The budget committee met yesterday (Jan 13, 2012) and proposed a budget of \$3000 for the year 2012. The details were printed, discussed and the board recommends adoption by consensus.

Barbara appointed Richard Darling, AH7G, as membership chairman.

Barbara appointed Paul Ducasse, WH7BR, as repeater Chairman.

There was a discussion about the October Hamfest. It was the consensus of the board that October 27 be the first choice for dates with October 20 the second choice. We will attempt to get the Keaau Community Center and pay for it to lock in the date. It will be further discussed at the general meeting.

There was a discussion about the needs of Ulithi Atoll and especially the island of Federai aka Fassarai aka Fadrai where John Bush, KH6DLK, is a teacher. John also has the call V63JB and will be our speaker at the general BIARC meeting to follow. They especially need two dehumidifiers as water is condensing inside the equipment.

The club has an FT-890 along with a power supply available for loan especially to a new ham.

The lineup for programs for 2012 was brought up by Vice President and program chairman Doug Wilson, WH6DTD. Doug said most months have something scheduled. For the missing months, it was suspected that Dean Manley, KH6B, will have another combined club get together in September, there will be the swap meet in October, Bob Schneider (AH6J) will have an ARRL program in November and December will be the Christmas party. Other programs are pending scheduling.

Adjourned at 13:45W

Respectfully submitted, Bob Schneider, AH6J



Director Darryl Koon AH6TQ

BIARC General Minutes for January 14, 2012

The general membership meeting was called to order by President Barbara Darling, NH7FY, at 14:00W.

There was a round of introductions. Special guest Kimo Chun, KH7U, from Oahu was introduced. The new officers for 2012 are President Barbara Darling, NH7FY; Vice President Doug Wilson, WH6DTD; Treasurer Milt Nodacker, AH6I and Secretary Bob Schneider, AH6J.

A brief report on Kids day was given. It was at Lloyd Cabral's QTH, KH6LC. He has many pictures on his website which is <http://www.kh6lc.com/>.

John Bush, KH7DLK (aka V63JB) gave a one hour presentation on Ulithi Atoll and especially the island of Federai aka Fassarai aka Fadrai where he is a teacher. The club has put together several packages that have already been sent there and others will be sent there. Included in the packages

are school supplies, tooth brushes, toothpaste and other personal items. A sample was displayed on the back table. Their main source of power is a 28 KW solar power station. More information is available on Google maps using the key word Ulithi Micronesia. This puts you in the middle of the lagoon so you will need to shrink the map and focus in on "Fassarai" which is one of three aliases for the island. On the southern tip, if pictures are selected, it shows a photo of the 28KW power plant. Also see general pictures at: <http://www.google.com/imghp?hl=en&tab=li&q=Ulithi%2C%20Micronesia>

After the program there was a short refreshment break hosted by the Mills family.

There was no secretary's report for the December 2011 Christmas party and installation.

The treasurer's report was given by Milt Nodacker, AH6I. We had \$2526.09 as of November 2011. We presently have \$2909.95 not counting the income from Today. The membership count was 23 full members, 6 family members, 1 associate and one student. This does not count those that paid today.

Committee Reports:

Barbara announced that Richard Darling, AH7G, is the new membership chairman.

Doris Carlson, KH6ER, recently passed away. The club expressed its condolences. Many of the club members attended her funeral.

Barbara announced Paul Ducasse, WH7BR, is the new repeater chairman. A brief discussion of the various repeaters status was made.

There was a brief discussion of various updates that need to be made to the website. Curt Knight, AH6RE, and Barbara will be looking into that. Be sure the club has your correct e-mail address as that is how the newsletter is now distributed. A membership list was circulated for people to check and correct.

The QSL bureau has had 100,460 cards received since Barbara took it over. There were 28,161 cards distributed in 2011.

Old Business:

2012 membership dues are now payable. General dues are \$20 per year.

New Business:

The 2012 budget of \$3,000 was presented. A motion to accept was made by Milt AH6I and second by Doug WH6DTD. It was unanimously passed.

Field Day will be at the Wailoa Visitors Center June 23 and 24. Robert Oliver, NH6AH is the chairman.

The club owns a FT-890 HF rig and power supply. It is available for loan especially to a new ham.

The Club tower under Wilber Carlson's place was discussed.

There was a discussion about the needs of Ulithi Atoll and especially the island of Federai aka Fassarai aka Fadrai where John Bush, KH6DLK, is a teacher. John also has the call V63JB and was our speaker at this meeting. They especially need two dehumidifiers as water is condensing inside the equipment. The approximate cost will be \$175. The question of should the club finance one was brought up and action was deferred.

Milt reported a new Technician class was started last Wednesday October 11 at the LDS church with 13 in attendance.

Milt also reported that a six meter rig may be available. If you are interested contact him.

Milt announced that there will be an emergency preparedness fair Oct 18 at the LDS hall on Kilauea.

John Buck gave a brief description of the Elecraft KX3 HF rig which will soon be coming out. The price will be around \$900. It runs 10 watts and is a very good emergency or portable rig according to John.

Meeting adjourned at 16:05 W.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Schneider, AH6J



Kimo Chun KH7U

KH6 Hawaii QSL Bureau

The Big Island Amateur Radio Club assumed management of the ARRL KH6 QSL Bureau on April 1, 2008. We receive QSL cards from other bureaus around the world, from individuals sending in cards and also from ARRL. We then redistribute them from our base in Hilo. This Bureau is open to all amateur radio operators; ARRL membership is not required. We do not provide Outgoing QSL service. Detailed information on the ARRL Outgoing QSL Bureau service can be located at www.arrl.org/qsl/qslout. We have handled over 100,000 QSL cards between April 2008 and December 2011.

There are guidelines for the use of the incoming QSL service on the ARRL website at www.arrl.org/qsl/qslin but here is some additional information specific to KH6 (which includes prefixes AH6, AH7, KH6, KH7, NH6, NH7, WH6 and WH7).

1. Rather than sending self addressed envelopes and stamps, we recommend that bureau users establish money credits to enable best utilization of your funds. This will allow us to provide proper mailer and exact postage for the amount of cards being shipped to you, independent of current and future price increases on stamps and regulations of thickness of envelopes, etc. Checks can be made out to KH6 Hawaii QSL Bureau and mailed to the KH6 Hawaii QSL Bureau, Attn: Barbara Darling NH7FY, P.O. Box 1938, Hilo, HI 96721. If you do send self addressed stamped envelopes please make sure you use Forever stamps. Usually the envelopes will not be sent with less than five cards, except at the end of the year when all cards are sent out.

2. We are receiving cards from QSL Bureaus for KH6 callsigns that have European, JA and USA mainland QSL managers, so it is obvious these cards are being sent to us without identifying the QSL manager on QRZ.com. We are sending those cards on to ARRL for redistribution.

3. If you do not want to receive Bureau cards, make sure you put this information on QRZ.com and notify Barbara Darling by mail at the Bureau address or by email at nh7fy@yahoo.com. Your notification on QRZ.com that "NO BUREAU CARDS will be accepted" will not always prevent those cards from arriving. These cards will be destroyed per instructions from ARRL. If you change your mind and want those cards please let Barbara know and change your info on QRZ.com.

Any concerns regarding the KH6 Hawaii QSL Bureau operation should be directed to Barbara Darling at nh7fy@yahoo.com or the Bureau address.



Joe KO4RR helps out at Kids Day 2012 (thanks Mary K6FK)

2012 BIARC Budget approved on January 14, 2012

Insurance:	
Liability	\$325.00
Equipment	300.00
P.O. Box Rent	96.00
Field Day	225.00
Repeater:	
Maintenance & Upgrade	1,600.00
Health and Welfare	25.00

Office Supply	25.00	
Printing	0	
Postage	100.00	
Christmas Party		100.00
Social	100.00	
VoAd Dues	25.00	
Misc.	79.00	
Total		\$3,000.00

Based on the following expectations:

General Members	100	\$2,000.00
Family Members	15	150.00
Associate Members	10	100.00
Student Members	5	50.00
Repeater Donations		600.00
General Donations		100.00

Total
\$3,000.00



10-10 International Net

Ten-Ten International Net's Winter Phone QSO Party will be February 4 and 5, 0001UTC Saturday to 2359UTC Sunday. Exchange is call sign, name, QTH (s/p/c) and 10-10 number if you have one. Ten-Ten QSO Parties are held to have fun and to meet old, new and perspective members around the world. The Phone Party must be operated in the Phone area of 10 meters using any approved method (SSB,AM,FM).

Remember the ARES HF Net is started on 7.088 at 7PM HST on Tuesdays. Check it out!

- Irene Kubica NH7PE



ARRL Kids Day 2012

ARRL Kids Day was celebrated at KH6LC again this year. Attendance was high, conditions were good, and the kids made almost 300 contacts during the 6 hour period



Pete KH7HI and daughter Lucy work 10 meters



Carl KH7BB and son Alex work 10 meters



Ken N6KB gives advice to the 15 meter operator
(thanks Mary K6FK)



Carl KH7BB and Epiphany