

Big Island Amateur Radio Club

BIARC

Bulletin

November 2006

HamFest 2006

Perfect weather greeted us in Waimea on the morning of October 21st for our annual HamFest. Bob AH6J and John KH7T did another great job of managing the Hamfest again this year. The Waimea Community center is a great location for this event.

We had around 50 people sign the roster, but I know there were some who neglected to sign.

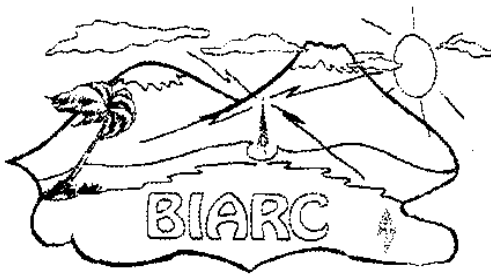
Around 11AM a brief meeting was held. Bob AH6J presented Steve WH6N with an official charter affiliation with ARRL for the Kohala Hamakua Radio Club.

John KH7T kept us informed throughout the morning/meeting on the condition of Dams #1 and #2 on the north side of Kamuela. Civil Defense had inspected them and thought there might be a problem, so it was decided to drain both of them. (It would take 48 hours to complete the job).

FEMA will be distributing monitor receivers in the US. Hams are to be contacted for setup of these receivers.

The rest of the meeting was a debriefing of the October 15th earthquake. Bob AH6J was in California at Pacific-Com and Harvey AH6JA was on Oahu at the time of the quake.

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Officers

President	Wilbur Carlson, KH7E	966-4676
Vice President	Barbara Darling, NH7FY	982-9126
Treasurer	Ed Breen, NH6HT	982-6513
Secretary	Mike Last, NH7JT	929-8422

One Year Directors

Sean Stueber, NH7SA	933-2471
Ken Cutting, KH7ZJ	938-5881
Lloyd Cabral, KH6LC	966-7782

Two Year Directors

Richard Darling, AH7G	982-9126
Ralph Fontaine, AH6RF	963-5178
Don Bartron, NH6WW	935-1258
Doris Carlson, KH6ER	966-4676
Fred Benardella, KH6FI	968-1331
Ron Phillips, AH6HN	982-6513
Solomon Singer, NH7ZE	935-5563
Rick Frazier, AH7H	985-9169
Jeremy Punsalan, KH7CN	959-8510

Standing Committees

Service/Awards	Harry Nishiyama	KH6FKG
Co-Chair	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
Education	Harvey Motomura	AH6JA
Emergency Coord.	H. Nishiyama	KH6FKG
Equip. Inventory	Wilbur Carlson	KH7E
Health & Welfare	Doris Carlson	KH6ER
Hospitality	Gloria Whiteley	Associate
Newsletter Editor	Sean Stueber	NH7SA
Programs	Barbara Darling	NH7FY
Repeater	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
Webmaster	Rick Frazier	AH7H

Special Committees

Christmas Party	Gloria Whiteley	Associate
Club Improvement	H. Nishiyama	KH6FKG
Co-Chair	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
Field Day	Robert Oliver	NH6AH
Hamfest	Bob Schneider	AH6J
Co-Chair	John Buck	KH7T
QSL Cards In/Out	Richard Darling	AH7G
Volcano Rim Run	Sean Stueber	NH7SA

MEETINGS & GET-TOGETHERS

Membership Meetings -

2nd 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 and November)

Friday Lunches -

Every Friday at the Queens Court Restaurant in the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. Meet in lobby between 11:00 - 11:15 a.m. Or we will see you inside in the far left corner.

East Hawaii Net -

The East Hawaii Net meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8AM, local time, on 146.76 mhz. Sign on and check us out.

**Take a look at our
newly updated
website at
www.biarc.net**

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, November 11th

Our regular monthly November meeting will return to the renovated Keaau Community Center on November 11th at 2PM. Our Board meeting will be held the same day at 1PM just prior to the regular meeting. For new members the center is located behind the Keaau Police Station and new clinic. Please note that the parking lot has been paved. November's program will be Ted Brattstrom NH6YK telling about his Australia trip this past summer. Elections will be held for 2007.

November Birthdays

NH6AH	Robert Oliver	18th
NH7RT	Nancy Parry	18th
KH6HME	Paul Lieb	23rd
KH7WG	Father Bartholomew	25th
AH7G	Richard Darling	30th

Happy Birthday to all !!!

REPEATERS

*=ARES Linked **=RACES Linked This is the status as of 1/22/04.

145.29- HOVE - KAU (141.3Hz) WH6FC
146.72- Mauna Kea (1st Tue noon) AH6J
146.76- Kulani KH6EJ
146.82- Mauna Loa (ARES) KH6EJ *
146.88- Pepeekeo KH6EJ
146.92- Kau PD KH6EJ
146.94- Haleakala Maui (ARES) WH6KO
147.00+ Glenwood (141.3Hz) AH6GG
147.02+ Haleakala Maui (RACES) KH6H **
147.04+ Mauna Loa (RACES) AH6JA **
147.10+ Waiakea HS AH6GO
147.16+ Hualalai Kona KH6DEW*
147.32+ Waimea Hospital (100 Hz) NH7HI *
147.38+ Waimea East KH7T
443.20+ Hakalau (programable) AH6RF
146.58s Hakalau (programable) AH6RF

In Kona, Blake KH7MS was able to get radio equipment out of the Kona Hospital 2nd floor before it was closed down. Tom AH6KW and Roland KH6RR helped with communications in the Kona area. Norm NH7UA of Kawaihae set up communications at the Waimea Hospital. Forrest K7CMK operated at home covering the Maui/Hawi area. Rick WH6FC reported there were 13 check-ins on the Ocean View emergency net. Cheyne WH7BH, who has only been a ham for two months, volunteered to help with communications at the Red Cross shelter in Kona. Chris WH6DCC manned the net control for the emergency net in the Hilo area. Robert NH6AH reported that he needs volunteers with General class licenses to help man the HF radio at the Hilo Hospital.

Door prizes were awarded through out the morning. The following prizes were awarded: Jars of homemade jelly to Forrest K7CMK, Kay Associate, Shirley NH7OH, Earl KH6EL and Ron AH6HN. Wire strippers to Ralph AF7DX, Tuddy KH6PI, Norm NH7UA, and Rick WH6FC. Soldering iron to Dick AH7G. November issue of QST to Solomon NH7ZE, Ted NH6YK and Sidney NH7OD. Repeater directory to Barbara NH7FY. ARRL 2002 Handbook to Robert NH6AH. Antenna Handbook to Rick K3QHP. 2007 ARRL Hand Book to Jeremy KH7CN and a boomerang to Holly K4XSS.

Testing was handled by Ron AH6HN, Bob AH6J and Rick WH6FC at 1PM. Six people were tested with four passing. Congratulations to three new Tech class hams: Peter Yoes, M. Maloney and Colin O'Connor and also to Tom AH6KW of Kona who passed the Extra class test.

We were disappointed that there was a conflict of events this year, as many of the Kona hams were involved with the Ironman Triathlon. Hopefully next year they will be able to join us again as they were really missed.

Thanks to Gloria (BIARC's Hospitality Chairperson) for handling the food and drink area. As usual she did a super job.

We're already looking forward to next October and seeing you all again.

73,

Barbara NH7FY

This Day in History.....

On September 4, 2006 Peter Sur ,of the Tribune, who writes This Day in History had an article under the year 1931 telling about the forming of the Hilo Amateur Radio Club at the home of Otis Hill owner of station K6AJA. This was the first club of its kind to be formed in Hilo. The club was formed for the mutual benefit of all amateur radio operators here, to bring them together for an interchange of technical information, to promote interest in amateur radio and to assist all beginners to become operators.

We want to thank Peter for his interest in ham radio. He has written a couple excellent articles about our club and we really appreciate his interest.

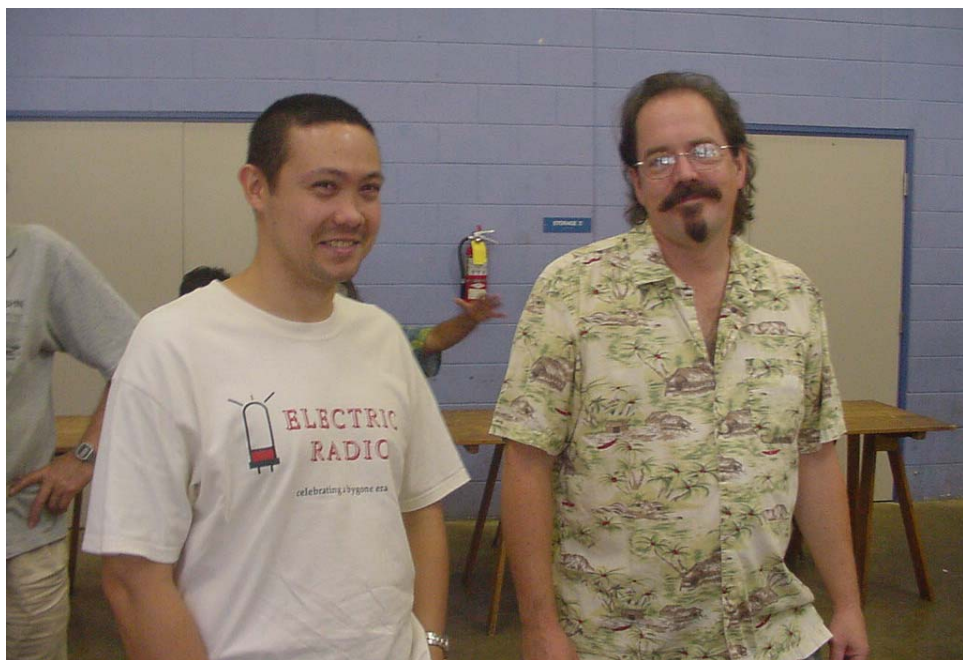
Electrical Storm

Not only did we have the earthquake to contend with on October 15th, but the next day we had one of the worst electrical storms, especially in the Puna area. The lightning, thunder and rain stayed over the area all night dropping anywhere from 5-10 inches of rain. Bob AH6J's house sitter reported six strikes on Bob's property. Eddie W7GMH had multiple hits at his home, forcing him to buy a new tower among other things. Gloria had a couple strikes resulting in her driveway gate and dryer having to be repaired and Barbara NH7FY had her radio fried. Hope that we don't have anymore storms like that for a while.

BIARC Members Photo Gallery



Associate Gloria Serving Refreshments



Jeremy KH7CN and Sean KD7RMG

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Tom Daniel and Jim KH6SKY



Peter (new ham) and Jeremy KH7CN

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Corky WH6ORS and Dennis KH7H



Dick AH7G, Ron AH6HN, and Bob AH6J

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Earl KH6EL, Cheyne WH7BH, Kay Laver

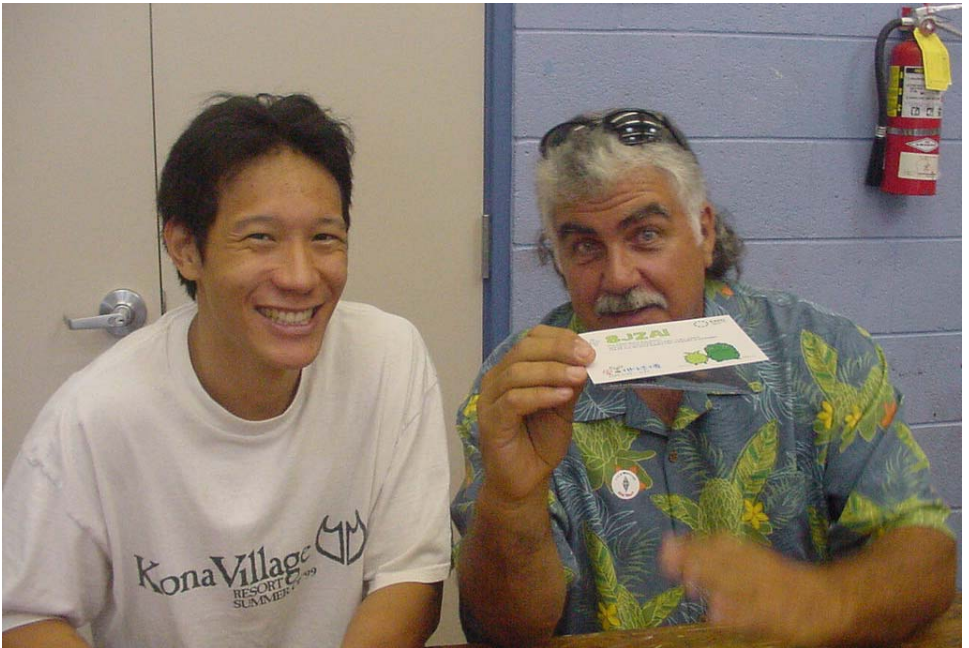


George KH6ANA, Rick WH6FC, Doug WH6WI

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Richard AH7G and Paul KH6HME



Andrew and Lloyd KH6LC

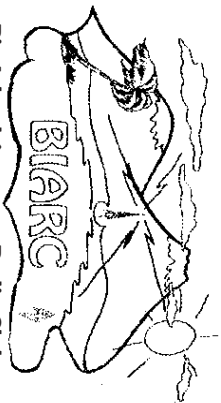
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Blake KH7MS and Rick WH6FC



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