

Big Island Amateur Radio Club
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

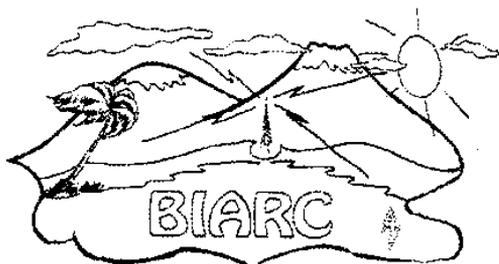
The last two years as president of BIARC have been exciting for me. I want to thank all of you who have helped me over these two years. I couldn't have done it without your help. Our membership has grown and I believe we have had some very interesting programs and great social functions. Our repeater committee has done an excellent job on our repeaters. Next year I will take on the Vice President's position. I have already started lining up some very interesting programs and have had suggestions for social activities too. I will also help Bill KH7E as he takes the helm as our new president. Bob AH6J will take over as treasurer and Mike NH7JT will continue as secretary.

In this newsletter we are including the Christmas Party Reservation Form and an Application of Membership for 2006. Please get your Christmas reservations in as soon as possible. Hope to see many of you there. You will notice on the Membership Application that we have added a spot to check if you want your newsletter by E. Mail. Please make sure we have your correct E Mail address and that your other information is correct.

Our November General Meeting was a big success. As usual, Ted NH6YK did an outstanding job in telling us about his trip to Turkey this summer along with showing us very interesting pictures. The only business conducted was the election for the Vice President position. A turkey dinner, with all the trimmings, followed with six pumpkin pies for dessert baked by Soma Singer and Gloria Whiteley. Forty two people were in attendance including Bob Anderson KH6AS from Kauai along with his wife Ann and her Mother Lillian.

We extend our condolences to Shirley NH7OH on the death of her brother.

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Big Island Amateur Radio Club

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Officers 2004

President	Barbara Darling, NH7FY	982-9126
Vice President	Sidney Sellers, NH7OD	756-4953
Treasurer	Ron Phillips, AH6HN	982-6513
Secretary	Mike Last, NH7JT	929-8422

One Year Directors

Don Bartron, NH6WW	935-1258
Doris Carlson, KH6ER	966-4676
Dennis Carvalho, KH7H	883-2500
Richard Darling, AH7G	982-9126
Ralph Fontaine, AH6RF	963-5178
Nancy Parry, NH7RT	962-6219

Two Year Directors

Sean Stueber, NH7SA 933-2471	
Clifton Leonard, KH6XJ	345-0545
Ken Cutting, KH7ZJ 938-5881	
Lloyd Cabral, KH6LC 966-7782	
Past President, Bob Schneider, AH6J	

Standing Committees

Service/Awards	Harry Nishiyama	KH6FKG
Co-Chair	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
Education	Harvy Motomura	AH6JA
Emergency Coord.	H. Nishiyama	KH6FKG
Equip. Inventory	Wilbur Carlson	KH7E
Health & Welfare	Nancy Parry	NH7RT
Hospitality	Gloria Whiteley	Associate
Newsletter Editor	Sean Stueber	NH7SA
Programs	Sidney Sellers	NH7OD
Repeater	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
Webmaster	Rick Frazier	AH7H

Special Committees

Christmas Party	Nancy Parry	NH7RT
Co-Chair	Bill Parry	NH7RQ
Club Improvement	H. Nishiyama	KH6FKG
Co-Chair	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
Field Day	Ken Brown	N6KB
Hamfest	Bob Schneider	AH6J
Co-Chair	John Buck	KH7T
QSL Cards In/Out	Richard Darling	AH7G
Volcano Rim Run	Sean Stueber	NH7SA
Co-Chair	Clifton Leonard	KH6XJ

MEETINGS & GET-TOGETHERS

Membership Meetings -

2nd Saturday of each month at the Kea'au Community Center at 2:00 p.m.

Board Meetings -

On Friday, one week prior to the general membership meeting (every other month), at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, at 1:00 p.m.

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.

**Be sure to check
out our new
website at
www.biarc.net**

THERE IS NO REGULAR CLUB MEETING for the month of December

Instead we will have our annual Christmas dinner on Thursday December 22nd at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. Remember that the deadline to make your reservations is December 10, 2005. Please see the attached reservation form for all other information.

December Birthdays

KH6FI	Fred Benardella	25th
NH6HT	Ed Breen	29th
NH7OC	Christopher Lowe	30th
WH6AG	Sue Nishiyama	15th
NH7CT	Norm Paik	18th

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 (103.5 Hz) NH7HI *
147.38+ Waimea East KH7T
443.20+ Hakalau (programable) AH6RF
146.58s Hakalau (programable) AH6RF

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Lori Miner AH6OS returned from Colorado for one week- long enough to attend a Friday luncheon and our Turkey day program. She and her Mother have now moved into their new home. Her address is 337 S. Littler Drive E, Pueblo West, CO 81007 Phone # 719-647-1265. We'll miss her but wish her the best of luck in her new adventure.

Special testing will be held on December 2nd at 2:15PM at the Community College in Harvey's classroom. Contact Ron at 982-6513 if you're interested.

The repeater committee has been very busy the past couple weeks. We now have a UHF repeater on Mauna Loa along with the VHF. Before long we will be linked all the way around the island.

My trip to Florida in October was slightly stressful. I did fly up to Ohio with my Mother and Dad to attend the wedding of a niece. After returning to Florida we started monitoring WILMA on TV. My parents live in Port Charlotte and had been evacuated last year, returning to their apartment ten months later after repairs were complete. At ages 91 and 93 this was a traumatic experience as it was for many people in Florida last year. We ended up closing up their apartment and drove up to Lake City Fl. to my daughters. I changed my return flight from Ft. Myers to Jacksonville and my daughter took my parents back home after checking to make sure everything was okay. I sure was glad to be back on the Big Island and Dick was glad to have me home.

We read an E Mail dated November 17th at lunch last Friday that Harry KH6FKG and Sue WH6AG had received from Nancy Parry NH7RT. It appears that Bill NH7RQ had fallen and broken a hip and left wrist or hand. He had surgery (on the hip ?) and was in ICU. He would be moved to another facility for therapy for at least 20 days. He is slated for heart work as soon as possible. I have sent an E Mail but haven't had a response yet. Please keep both of them in your prayers.

Thanksgiving is behind us now. We have many things to be thankful for. Christmas is just around the corner. Dick and I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year. My thanks again to all of you for assisting me over the last two years.

73 and 88, Barbara NH7FY

Special Report on Bill NH7RQ

I received a phone call from Nancy NH7RT on Saturday night (Nov 26th). As I mentioned in my BIARC message Bill had fallen and broken his hip and wrist. He also hit his head. The doctors didn't want to operate on the hip because of the heart problem but finally decided to, He now has had a non-invasive procedure to open the aorta. As of tonight he is still on the respirator but hopes to get off it tomorrow. Once he is released from the hospital he will spend up to 20 days in a rehab facility. Nancy is hoping to have him home by Christmas. They will be staying with a daughter at 7115 Circa de Media, Elfin Forest, CA 92029. Phone number is 760-415-6090 Nancy wanted me to say hello to everyone here. Barbara NH7FY

Repeater Update

Introduction:

In Early 2005 the BIARC repeater committee, (headed by Ron, AH6HN) formalized action plans for the rest of the year. We are happy to report that as of the end of November all but one of our plans has been totally completed. Previously we had built up our repeater systems with club and other resources. Also we had upgraded part of the system with a "Project Impact" grant from FEMA.

From early in 2005 we have available the following major new equipment. Some is owned by the club and others are privately owned and loaned to the club as needed.

1 IFR Service Monitor (\$6K), 3 VXR 7000 repeaters (\$1.5K/\$4.5K), 2 RLC 4 controllers (\$500/\$1K), 3 Alinco Link radios (\$500/\$1.5K) and 3 diamond dual band antennas (\$300+/1K). This is about \$15,000 in new equipment recently purchased.

In addition we have accumulated and/or purchased many other things such as antennas, duplexers, diplexers, coax, cabinets and power supplies that easily add up to more then \$10,000 in value. We try to use our resources wisely. Please be assured any money or equipment donated to the repeater is appreciated.

Major actions done in 2005

1. We replaced Mauna Loa (146.82-Mhz) with a new Yaesu 7000 VHF repeater. This includes a new 4 port RLC4 controller.
2. We replaced the UHF link radio with a new Alinco unit.
3. We replace the main VHF antennas with dual band antennas (VHF/UHF) at Mauna Loa, Kulani and Kau.
4. We installed a new Yaesu 7000 UHF repeater at Mauna Loa and tied it into the dual band antenna through a diplexer just recently.
5. We upgraded the Pepeekeo repeater (146.88-Mhz) from a hybrid GE Master Pro (Tube finals) with the all solid state GE Master 2 removed from Mauna Loa.
6. We have built and are in the final burn in / testing stages for a new repeater at Kulani (146.82-Mhz).

It contains a Yaesu 7000 VHF repeater, RLC-4 controller, two each Alinco UHF link radios, a new Diamond 40Amp power supply and numerous other things.

7. We expect to do the actual change out early in 2006.
8. Our portable repeater was used at Mauna Loa (May 2005) during the change out period and is now operating from AH6HN QTH in HPP (146.68-Mhz). It is ready and available to be deployed in any emergency. You may remember we deployed it during the aftermath of Hurricane Iniki on Kauai. A future project is to upgrade that equipment.

Why are we doing this?

Previously, as you probably know, we built two repeater systems. One ties Kona and Waimea to Hilo and the other ties Naalehu to Hilo. With the completion of the new additions we will be able to talk from East Hawaii to West Hawaii and Kau.

Secretary's Minutes for BIARC General Membership Meeting

Saturday, November 12th, 2005

Call to order by the President at 2:05P

In attendance were 36 members and 7 guests (two from Kaua'i and one from Florida)

It is possible that there were additional persons who did not sign in. The sign-in sheet is attached to, and made a part of these minutes

Since we have a lengthy program, as well as a wonderful Thanksgiving feast afterwards, and that we must be pau by five o'clock, President Barbara [NH7FY] identified those who are guests.

Mention was made, and condolences extended to Shirley [NH7OH] on the death of her brother.

Next month's meeting (December) will not be held as usual, instead it will be at the Christmas party.

She then asked if there were any announcements from the audience.

Mike [NH7JT] stated that he had the ballots for the office of vice-president, and will distribute one to each member. He met with Susan [W7KFI] in Honolulu and she mentioned that she will try to depart Hawai'i around the end of this month. Susan also said that they are looking for someone to assume control of the Pacific Seafarers Net. This is where any operator can check-in with respect to trans-Pacific travel, i.e. urgent communications, route assistance, weather, etc. The net is operational every day at 17:25 HST on 14.313 MHz.

With no other official business, we got into the business of going on a travel journey to Turkey with our guide Ted [NH6YK]. What a wonderful way to see and feel the true essence of a foreign land- sitting and watching

some wonderful photographs of such an exotic place. All the while thinking about some other turkey. Ted made for a very interesting program because in addition to the visuals, he provided audio. Plus his commentary was very lively. Even his “quiz” about the area we were visiting was entertaining. Most impressive was the actual documentation that there ARE turkeys in Turkey.

Upon the conclusion of Ted’s presentation, we all got to partake in the wonderful meal. Thanks to Gloria who organized it, and to those who ably responded to her request for assistance. Sorry, but there won’t be any leftovers at our next meeting, all gone!

During the meal our Secretary distributed ballots which were returned to the election committee. After due time, and with ample notice to vote and return your ballots, the results were announced- our Vice-President for the year 2006 is....Barbara [NH7FY]. Congratulations to both of the candidates, the other being Sidney [NH7OD].

Adjournment by the President at approximately 4:30P

Dates of importance:

Saturday, December 10th - No meeting, but last day to reserve a table for the Christmas dinner

Monday, December 19th - Last day for reservations (and refunds) for the Christmas dinner

Thursday, December 22nd - Christmas dinner and inauguration of officers for 2006

Friday, January 6th - Board meeting

Saturday, January 14th - General Membership Meeting

-k- Mike Last [NH7JT] Secretary

BIARC MEMBERS DXCC STATUS

Following are the figures which were given to me for their DXCC list up to 18 Nov 2005. Currently there are 335 countries (entities) on the ARRL DXCC list and to be on the DXCC HONOR ROLL #1 list, you must have worked and have their confirmation from all 335 countries. BIARC boasts two such members and many others are moving up to reach this goal or HONOR ROLL which is 326.

The latest to achieve HONOR ROLL is Clarence AH7A. Congratulations Clarence.

CHARLES	W6DPD	335	HONOR ROLL #1
HARRY	KH6FKG	335	HONOR ROLL #1
JOHN	K6ESL	328	HONOR ROLL
WILBUR	KH7E	326	HONOR ROLL
CLARENCE	AH7A	326	HONOR ROLL
KEN	KH6CQH	313	
RICHARD	AH7G	300	
DORIS	KH6ER	261	
JOHN	KH7T	256	
EDWIN	W7GMH	250	
TUCK	KH6DFW	232	
CHUCK	AH7Y	223	
SUE	WH6AG	154	
RON	AH6HN	106	
JOYCE	WH6BIR	98	
BARBARA	NH7FY	230	
BOB	AH6J	75	
RAY	WH6CME	25	

BIARC DX 50 Award

So far the following BIARC members were awarded the BIARC DX 50 Award. To qualify for this award, just have 50 QSL Cards from 50 different countries listed in the current ARRL DXCC Countries list and have it checked by Wilbur KH7E or myself.

RON	AH6HN	JOHN	K6ESL
TUCK	KH6DFW	HARRY	KH6FKG
WILBUR	KH7E	KEN	KH6CQH
DICK	W4ZYV(AH7G)	DORIS	NH6ER(KH6ER)
CHARLES	W6DPD	EDWIN	W7GMH
SUE	WH6AG	JOYCE	WH6BIR

If you have any updates, please let me know by 1 November of each year.
De Harry, KH6FKG

BIARC Member's Photo Gallery



EdNH6HT and Sidney Singer



TedNH6YK



MikeKH6JQM



Kathleen (associate), Norm NH7CT, and Rick WH6FC



Bob Anderson KH6AS from Kauai, wife Ann, and her mother



Ed NH6HT, Ron AH6HN, Lori AH6OS, Jack KH6KT, Don NH6WW



Mai (associate) and Shirley NH7OH



Lori AH6OS and Gloria (associate)

BIARC Member's Photo Gallery



The Singer family - Solomon NH7ZE,
Soma, and Sidney



Clarence AH7A



Eddy W7GMH and Norm NH7CT



Kathleen (associate) watching ballot
counting by Ron AH6HN and Bob AH6J



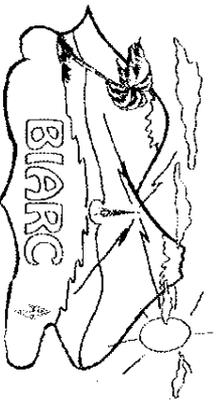
Ted NH6YK, Rick WH6FC,
and Rick WH6LU



Sean NH7SA



Harry KH6QM and Julie (associate)



Big Island Amateur Radio Club

P.O. Box 1938, Hilo, HI 96721

YOU ARE INVITED TO B.I.A.R.C.'S
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

It is time to make your plans and mark your calendars for the big Christmas Party. A wonderful time is planned for you and your guests.

Thursday, December 22, 2005

Hilo Hawaiian Hotel Waioli Lounge

5:00 p.m. No Host Cocktails

BIARC Entertainers

5:30 p.m. Bountiful Buffet Dinner

*Including Prime Rib and Crab Buffet, Pulefu Chicken, Short Ribs, Mahi Mahi, Pork Back Ribs and Country Baked Beans. And MORE!
Plus Draft Beer, Assorted Wines and Fruit Juices.*

Cost: \$32.00 per person all-inclusive

Or a fully stamped Queen's Court Card and \$3.20 per person to cover the tip.

Drawings for Prizes

And

Door prizes

Add to the spirit of the season by bringing a gift to exchange with a member.

Meet and greet your Old and New Board of Directors and Welcome your newly elected Officials.

Reservation Form

Please Print Your Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Attention Christmas Committee:

Please make reservations for a party of # _____ for the Annual Christmas Party. () I am enclosing my check for \$ _____.

() I am enclosing Queen Court Card/s and \$3.20 for my payment.

I am making reservations for a table for ten people. Please list their names and enclose the payment for their dinners.

Make checks payable to BIARC. And mail to P.O. Box 1938, Hilo, HI 96721. You may give your reservation form and payment to any member of the Board at a Friday Luncheon for prompt posting.

Need a ride?? Or, Will you offer to transport a member that needs a ride? Please contact Committee Chairman Lloyd Cabral KH6LC 966-7782 or President Barbara Darling NH7FY 982-9126.

REMEMBER the deadline date to make reservations for a table for a party 10 is December 10, 2005. So do it now. Reservations received after the deadline date will be accepted for Open Seating ONLY. FINAL date for reservations and refunds for those PAID but unable to attend is DECEMBER 19, 2005. Happy Holidays! See you there!

Big Island Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
 PO Box 1938, Hilo, HI 96721-1938
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL AND INFORMATION UPDATE

(If RENEWAL, include only: Signature, Date and any changes)

DUES ARE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2006

(Please print)

NEW () RENEWAL () INFO CHANGE ()

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

CALLSIGN _____ LICENSE CLASS _____ EXP DATE (MM/YY) ____ / ____

(For renewals only) UPGRADED FROM _____ CLASS DURING THE PAST YEAR

YEAR FIRST LICENSED _____ PREVIOUS CALLSIGNS _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

OCCUPATION _____ TELEPHONE (home) _____ (business) _____ BIRTHDAY _____

Email address: _____

I would like to receive my Newsletter by email (YES) (NO)

I HAVE: HF ___ VHF ___ EMERGENCY POWER. AT HOME ___ MOBILE ___

MEMBER OF: ARRL () ARES () RACES () MARS () OTHER _____

INTERESTS: HF (), VHF/UHF (), CW (), SSB (), FM (), DX (), T-HUNTERS (), PACKET ()

COMPUTERS (), SATELLITE (), RADIO REPAIR (), REPEATERS (), ANTENNAS ()

DO CLUB PROGRAMS (), TEACH LICENSE CLASSES (), FIELD DAY (), GOOD LISTENER ()

Hobbies: _____

Comments: _____

FULL MEMBERSHIP	\$20.00	\$ _____
STUDENT	\$10.00	\$ _____
ASSOCIATE (No license)	\$10.00	\$ _____
FAMILY (Another license in same household) Name/s _____	\$10.00	\$ _____
(Please submit a separate application for each member)		
SUGGESTED REPEATER DONATION	\$10.00	\$ _____
OTHER DONATION		\$ _____
TOTAL		\$ _____

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

New APPLICANT or UPGRADE – Please attach copy of your current license