

**Big Island Amateur Radio Club**  
**BIARC**  
**BULLETIN**  
**November 2005**

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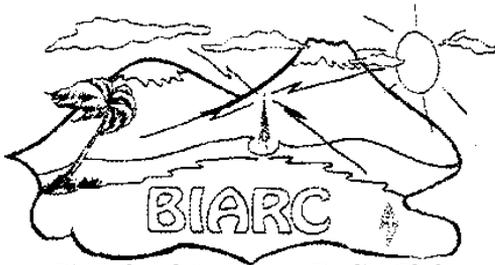
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Bob AH6J and John KH7T did an excellent job of organizing the annual Ham Fest in Waimea on October 8<sup>th</sup>. There were a total of 57 signing the register, including two VK's and a guest from Denmark. Before we know it we'll have to call this our International Ham Fest. Door prizes were handed out every half hour. By the end of the Fest we were getting used to Bob's whistle and knew to cover our ears if we were too close. Winners of door prizes were: Mike KH6JQM, Greg VK2TPL, Jeremy AH6V, Tom KH6KW, Ron KH6AH, Joanne xyl of Jim W6NIN, Tuck KH6DFW, Steve WH6N, Solomon NH7ZE, Henry KH6GQM, Barbara NH7FY, Eric KH6CQ, Dick AH7G, Gloria (Associate member), and Robert NH6AH winning the big prize of an Antenna Handbook. Gloria Whiteley was in charge of the refreshment table and as usual did a great job. Thanks Gloria. There seemed to be an abundance of radio equipment available and I saw many happy people lugging equipment to their cars and trucks. Ray WH6CME had left a Kenwood radio

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## Big Island Amateur Radio Club

Logo by Don Bartron NH6WW

### 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 membership meeting, at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, at 1:30 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](http://www.biarc.net)**

## NEXT MEETING Saturday, November 12th

At the Kea'au Community Center located off Old Volcano Road at the end of the street behind the Fire Station. We will start with our program on Turkey presented by Ted Brattstrom. A short membership meeting will follow. Anyone interested in ham radio is welcome to attend.

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### November Birthdays

Assoc.	Mae Brown	5th
KH6SKY	Jim Sky	12th
HN6V	Robert Van Geen	14th
NH6AH	Robert Oliver	18th
NH7RT	Nancy Parry	18th
KH6HME	Paul Lieb	23rd
KH7WG	Father Bartholomew	25th
AH7G	Dick Darling	30th

**Happy Birthday to all !!!**

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### 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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with us when he moved to Idaho with the proceeds to be donated to BIARC. Bidding started at \$30 and ended at \$130. Thanks Ray for your gift to BIARC. Bill KH7E had picked up equipment from Harry Barnes KH6QM that he also wanted to donate to the club and that netted us \$52. Thank you Harry. Testing was held for three hams. Jason passed his Technician test. Congratulations Jason. Kevin Bogan AH6QO, our ARRL Pacific Section Manager spoke at our opening and he also presented an award to Eric KH6CQ for ARRL Emergency Coordinator. Congratulations Eric. It was nice to have Kevin with us for the day as he doesn't come over from Oahu very often. It appeared that everyone had a great time and I'm sure we can plan on having another Ham Fest next year, possibly at the same place and around the same time. We'll keep you posted.

Our next BIG day will be November 12<sup>th</sup>. Ted NH6YK will be doing a program on his trip to Turkey this summer. They actually got to see turkeys in Turkey while there. In conjunction with his presentation we will be having a turkey dinner with the club providing the turkey, stuffing and gravy. We are asking that you bring a dish to share. We already have cranberry relish and 2 fresh pumpkin pies on the list. Please contact Gloria at 982-6615 or myself at 982-9126 to let us know what you'd like to bring so that we don't end up with all pies (For me that wouldn't be bad but I'm sure others would like to have other things with their turkey). The only business that I know of for that day will be election of officers for 2006.

Remember that our Christmas Party is coming up the following month so make your reservations early.

As you will note we have received permission from Peter Sur of the Tribune to copy the article he wrote on Eddy W7GMH/KH6. Since we do not have Secretary's minutes for this newsletter we are printing it this month.

Mike NH7JT is now at home after having two stents inserted and is feeling much better. He ran into Susan W7KFI again at Tripler Hospital. She is now scheduled to leave Honolulu the end of November and head for Johnston Island.

Our friend Max KH6ZM had a heart attack in October and he is at home recuperating now.

Lori AH6OS is in Colorado looking for a house to buy. She will return in November and then we'll find out when she and her Mother will make the big move. Her house here has been sold.

My message may be a little shorter than usual as I am writing it on October 11, the day before leaving for my two weeks in Florida to visit my parents and also to attend a niece's wedding in Cincinnati. By the time you receive this letter I will be back.

Happy Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving to all,

Barbara NH7FY

A Naval Life

veteran remembers the Mighty Mo, service

by Peter Sur

Tribune-Herald Staff Writer

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*A medal was presented to former USS Missouri radio operator Edwin Miller during the 60th anniversary commemorative ceremonies aboard the venerable battleship at Pearl Harbor on Sept. 2. It was one of only three handed out.*

*- WILLIAM ING/Tribune-Herald*

Last weekend, during the 60th anniversary of V-J Day, Eddie Miller visited his old workplace at the top of the USS Missouri.

He's 85 years old, but he still has enough energy to climb up 14 stories of the mothballed battleship to where he served in the summer of 1945.

In an interview Tuesday, the Hawaiian Paradise Park resident discussed growing up during the Great Depression, his numerous brushes with death in World War II and an atomic bomb that may be hidden in the Pacific.

At Friday's ceremony aboard the Missouri attended by 400 World War II veterans, Miller was one of three present to have served on the battleship.

"None of us are heroes. The ones who gave their lives are heroes," Miller said, while wearing a USS Missouri T-shirt, cap and pin. "I'm just a radio

man.”

Miller grew up in Portland, Ore. Upon enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1940, he was immediately put to work in Los Angeles teaching Morse code radio communications.

“Two hundred graduates, all 200 words a minute,” Miller said. “That was pretty good speed for four months.”

Miller himself was among the fastest communicators in the Navy and could tap out 10 to 12 dots and dashes per second. In 1940 he briefly held the world record of 63 words a minute. “Adm. (William) Halsey told me it sounded like a buzz,” he said.

War between the United States and Japan broke out after the Dec. 7, 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor, and by the end of that month Miller was deployed as part of a 16-man expeditionary force — a forerunner to the Navy SEALs — to the desolate Aleutian island of Kanaga.

There, 1,000 miles from the nearest Naval base, he was stationed initially to check the weather for the Doolittle raid on Tokyo.

While in the Alaskan archipelago, Miller participated in the forgotten Aleutian War, a two-year episode in which Japan invaded and captured a part of Alaska.

Miller remained on Kanaga for six months. One night, while stationed in the area, he was so close he heard Japanese music from nearby enemy forces.

Miller’s expeditionary force — which was reduced to five sailors — was finally rescued by a PBY seaplane.

“I lost all my teeth. They became sponges. They had to take them all out,” he said. After recovering in Oregon, “I put in six weeks’ training and I became a full-fledged commando.” He went back to sea.

Miller was on Guam when President Franklin D. Roosevelt died.

“That just hit. That hurt. That hurt bad,” he said. During the Depression, Miller had worked for the New Deal’s Civilian Conservation Corps. “I worked on dams, built bridges, fought forest fires,” he said.

Miller was stationed on the Missouri from July to August 1945. He sat in a room above the bridge, which gave a sweeping view of the ocean, and handled urgent communications. It was also unprotected.

“I felt I was a mighty good target up there, a sitting duck,” he said.

“When the bomb was dropped over Hiroshima, the Missouri lowered the guns, which meant we were no longer in conflict,” he said. The second bomb dropped, and prior to the signing of the instrument of surrender on Sept. 2, 1945, he was sent to Guam.

The chief petty officer remained on Guam for two months after the war, where he led 200 radio operators and 4,000 ships until being honorably discharged in November. By the time he got home, the celebrations had ended, and he joked about having to wait 60 years to enjoy the victory.

In the 1950s, Miller worked on radio equipment used in at least one hydrogen bomb test. As a civilian, he fixed television sets for 35 years, and he had his own television business for seven years.

Today, Miller is a member of the Big Island Amateur Radio Club. He’s kept

his same radio call sign for 68 years and six days as of Tuesday, and he has taken photographs as a hobby for 75 years.

The room where he sent radio communications from the Missouri was stripped of telegraph equipment when the battleship prepared for the Gulf War, but the ship is being restored to its 1945 condition.

Miller can easily recall the day he moved with his wife to the Big Island (April 5, 1988), and aside from some hearing loss received in the war, he's in excellent shape. He wants to come back for the 70th anniversary of V-J Day, in 2015.

"I'm still here. I love it," he said, while flapping his elbows. "I can stand and jump and walk."

While serving on the Missouri, Miller, who worked next to the encryption room, learned "three Buck Rogers bombs were shipped. Two arrived," he said using the name for the atomic bombs that devastated Hiroshima and Nagasaki. He believes that "one of them is on the bottom of the ocean."

"I had fun. I enjoy life. I'm not mad at anybody," he said.

"I love the Navy. Oh I tell you, I would do it again for my country," Miller said. He said he would do anything for his country, except commit murder. "I wouldn't want to shoot anybody. I'm a radio operator."

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# *BIARC Member's Photo Gallery*



Bob AH6J, Barbara NH7FY, Dewey NH6M,  
Kevin AH6QO - welcoming hams to Hamfest



Bob AH6J and John KH7T



Kevin AH6QO and Eric KH6CQ - Presentation of  
award for ARRL Emergency Co-ordinator



Solomon NH7ZE, Rick AH7H,  
John KH7T



Rick AH7H, Dick AH7G, Tuck KH6DFW



Corky W6ORS, Kevin AH6QO, Bob AH6J,  
Ted NH6YK



Jack KH6KT and Ed NH6HT

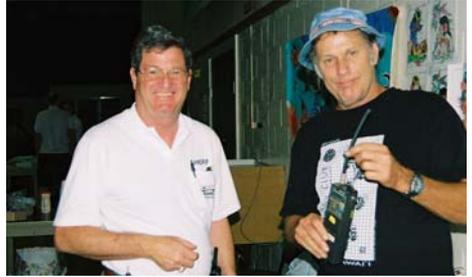


George KH6ANA, Sidney NH7OD

# *BIARC Member's Photo Gallery*



Shirley NH7OH



Ralph AH6RF and Sidney NH7OD



Fred KH6FI and Jack KH6KT



Dewey NH6M and Ron AH6HN



Ralph AH6RF, Stu KH7DX, Solomon NH7ZE, Jeremy KH7CN and Ed NH6HT



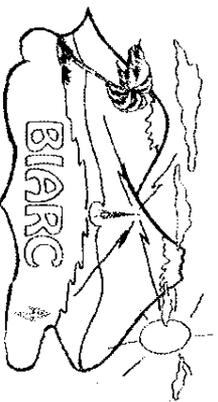
Gloria, associate and Food Chairwoman



Wilbur KH7E



Harry KH6FKG



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