

# **Big Island Amateur Radio Club**

# **BIARC BULLETIN**

**October 2005**

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

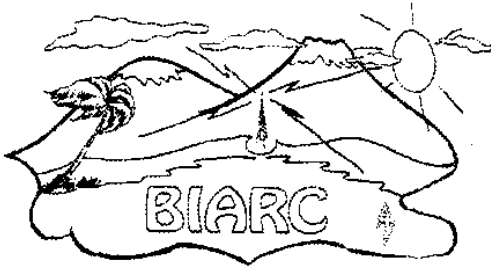
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September was a very busy month for BIARC. We started out the month with a pot luck get-together at Wailoa State Park in Hilo. A great time was had by all 26 who attended. The weather was perfect, the food great (especially all the desserts) and on top of everything Norm NH7CT brought his new radio to test out. He and his wife Kathleen are taking this radio on a cruise to Alaska, Russia, Japan, China and Korea. During the afternoon contacts were made with Japan, Palau and Rarotonga. Dick AH7G and I, NH7FY, talked to our friends Victor ZK1CG and Jim ZK1JD. What a great way to end the day.

As we were enjoying our day at Wailoa, Eddy W7GMH/KH6 and Chuck AH6SC were having a BIG time on Oahu. Eddy had been invited to attend the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the USS Missouri and Chuck made sure that he got there. Eddy is one of the last living radio operators from the battleship Missouri. Most of you probably read the great article that Peter Sur of the Hawaii Tribune wrote about Eddy (We are hoping to print it in our November newsletter) While on the Missouri they met up with our friend Susan Meckley W7KFI/mm . She was also operating the radio. She sent her best wishes to the members of BIARC. She will be leaving Honolulu after her engine is fixed and will head for Johnston Island and then on to the Marshall Islands.. Her current address is Rainbow Bay Marina Harbor Master, 57Arizona Memorial Drive. Slip 101, Honolulu, HI 96818: Attention USSU Dharma, Susan Meckley.

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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 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, October 8th

## Big Island International Swap Meet

The swap meet will be held on October 8, 2005 from 10AM to 3PM in the Waimea Elementary School Cafeteria, 67-1225 Mamalahoa Hwy, Kamuela, HI 96743. Doors open at 9AM for setup. Testing starts at 1:15 PM.

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### October Birthdays

NH6GG	Coco Pierson	2nd
WH6CYU	Sally Allen	9th
NH7NV	Dennis Leiser	11th
NH7SA	Sean Stueber	13th
KD6QAI	Kim Kleider	13th
NH7ZE	Solomon Singer	13th
KH6AT	Bryce Carr	14th
AH6SC	Charles Epperson	16th
Assoc.	Martin Gross	16th
NH7JT	Mike Last	21st
KL0VG	Cathy Cullings	27th
KH6HHD	Yozo Endo	28th
AH6HB	Ham Kaneshiro	29th
KH6QM	Harry Barnes	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 NH7HI \*  
147.38+ Waimea East KH7T  
443.20+ Hakalau (programable) AH6RF  
146.58s Hakalau (programable) AH6RF

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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We have all watched the Katrina disaster in the South this past month. As of today the mainland is starting with evacuations due to another hurricane, Rita. Many of us have wondered why the ham radio operators were not as visible as they were last year in Florida. Lack of communications seems to be the main complaint during and after the disaster. We here on the Big Island have been keeping our eyes on a couple storms headed our way. Hopefully we are prepared if we should happen to have one of them venture close to here. The disaster has made us very aware of how important our radios are in a situation like this. Please read Kevin Bogan's article for more information.

Our Ham Fest on October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Waimea Elementary School Cafeteria should be a great event. Setup starts at 9AM, "swapping" at 10AM and closing at 3PM. Testing is at 1:15PM. Contact Ron Phillips at 982-6513 if you are interested in testing that day.

Speaking of testing, there was testing done on September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Community College. Fred KH6FI upgraded to Extra, and Lena Cornwell, age 12, passed her Technician test. Congratulations to both of you. Lena's Mom and Dad (Madeleine KD6EPD and Kevin N6ABW) are hams and before long Lena's 9 year old brother will join them.

Our 13 year old ham Solomon has a new call sign NH7ZE. He requested a new call when he passed his General test. Solomon has started a Kid's Net on Sunday evenings at 7PM on 146.76+. Solomon is also going to be one of our new directors next year. Good luck and thanks Solomon.

Lori AH6OS and Gloria, Associate, have returned from their 11 day cruise aboard the Norwegian Wind around the islands and down to Fanning Island. They had smooth sailing except for slightly rough seas between here and Fanning Island. Lori should be on her way to Colorado to look for a new house in Pueblo West. We will miss her.

Also Nancy and Bill Parry will be leaving us shortly for the mainland. As of October 4<sup>th</sup> their temporary address is c/o 5605 New Vista Court, Rocklin, CA 95765. E Mail address is Billnancyparry@aol.com. They will

send their permanent address when they decide where they are going to settle down.

This summer Chip Angle N6CA of Southern California and Paul Lieb KH6HME attempted to contact one another on 10GHz via the well-known California to Hawaii propagation path (2400 miles over water path). They are continuing each summer to attempt to establish a world record terrestrial tropospheric ducting contact on the 10 GHz X-Band. Paul already holds many tropospheric ducting world records.

I talked to Sandra Collins and Ray Hicks WH6CME on September 20<sup>th</sup>. They moved into their new home about three weeks ago. Their new address is 1204 W. Emmy Court, Kuna, Idaho 83634 and their phone number is 208-922-9691. Ray can not put up an antenna in their sub-division so will be using his 2 meter radio there and hopefully when they get a computer he will be able to get on Echo Link. He is still trying to adjust to the weather and also to the trains that go right by their home. He asked me to tell everyone hello and that he misses us.

Mike Last NH7JT goes to Honolulu on September 28<sup>th</sup> for an angiogram and other testing. He was told to leave his return ticket open as they will determine what is to be done after the testing is complete. Please keep Mike in your prayers.

As you will notice in our Secretary's report for September 10, the nominating committee has come up with a great slate of officers for the upcoming election. Election will be held at our November meeting. Our November meeting will be very special in another way as well. Not only will Ted NH6YK be presenting his Turkey trip program but hopefully we will be having a turkey dinner too! A special thank you goes to the nominating committee and to all who have agreed to serve BIARC in 2006.

I am taking a trip to the mainland for two weeks in mid October to visit my parents in Florida and to attend the wedding of a niece in the Cincinnati area. Dick will be staying home to house and cat sit.

Hope to see many of you at the Ham Fest in Waimea. Aloha.

Barbara NH7FY

## BIG ISLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

General Membership Meeting - Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005

President Barbara Darling NH7FY opened the September 10, 2005 program for the day at 2:00 p.m. at the Kea'au Community Center. Members and guests introduced themselves and made short comments about recent events that happened to them. There were 20 members 4 guests and the main speaker for a total of 25 attending. The sign in sheet is made an attachment to these minutes.

Announcements were made. They were:

1. There will be a special FCC license test session at HCC Electronics classroom on September 14 at 3:15 PM. The cost is \$14. For More information contact Ron, AH6HN.
2. October 8, is the Hamfest at Waimea Elementary School Cafeteria. It is in place of the October meeting of BIARC. Doors open for setup at 9AM. It runs from 10AM to 3PM. FCC Amateur radio license testing will start at 1:15PM.

Other happenings are:

1. Gloria Whiteley and Lori Minor, AH6OS are off island on a cruise around the Hawaiian Islands and over to Fanning Island (T32).
2. Ed Miller, W7GMH and Chuck Epperson, AH6SC recently went to Honolulu as part of the Battleship Missouri 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Eddy's picture and great article were on the front page of the Hawaii Tribune Herald.
3. Solomon Singer, NH7YF, has a new call sign, NH7ZE, requested after he passed his General test.
4. A new shipment of QSL cards just arrived from the Honolulu QSL bureau.

President Barbara introduced the program speaker Dr. Don Hemmes of UHH who gave a very informative talk on mushrooms and fungi in Hawaii. There is one species that lives near Eucalyptus trees, is bright white in color and is deadly poison. Dr. Don Hemmes has written a book that helps identify species in the Hawaiian Islands. Some are very good.

After the program there was a short break for refreshments and social time.

The Business meeting started at 3:25PM.

The Secretary's report was accepted as published. Our secretary Mike Last, NH7JT, was not present so Bob Schneider, AH6J, took notes.

The treasurer's report was given by Ron Phillips, AH6HN. He reported that BIARC now has 114 members: one new student member joined last week. The total amount of cash on hand as of this date is \$1391.18.

The repeater report was given by Ron Phillips.

1. Pepeekeo has been intermittent. We suspect the controller. We may go up Thursday.
2. The new Kulani is under construction.
3. Mauna Loa has been having intermittent noise especially in the morning. It appears to be coming in on the UHF link and we suspect the source is at Waimea Hospital.
4. The Portable is in operation at Ron & Ed's house in HPP.

Health and Welfare reports that Mike Last is not doing very well. He is waiting on the VA to approve procedures. We wish him well.

Christmas party is still set for Thursday December 22 with no host cocktails at 5PM, seating at 5:30 and dinner about 6PM. Cost is \$32 and December 19 is the deadline for guaranteed seating. Filled in cards may be used to cover the cost however an additional \$3.10 is required for the tip. There will be no regular meeting of BIARC in December.

Inventory is in progress according to Wilbur Carlson, KH7E.

Web Site is being updated by Rick Frazier, AH7H. He said we can have reflector e-mail addresses in the form of call@biarc.net if we wish. Contact Rick AH7H if you are interested rickf@rickfrazier.com for more information.

Applications for Grants is being handled by Mike Last but since he has been sick, there is no report.

By Law Update has not been done.

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

1. Board meeting has been changed to every odd month unless there is urgent business.
2. A consensus of the members present wishes to continue monthly meetings of BIARC.
3. Special testing Wednesday September 14 at 3:15PM at HCC.
4. The Nominating Committee presented their slate. (see first column of page 8)

## Meeting Minutes Continued

**President** Wilbur Carlson, KH7E

**Vice President** Barbara Darling,  
NH7FY and Sidney Sellers, NH7OD.

**Secretary** Mike Last, NH7JT

**Treasurer** Bob Schneider, AH6J

**One Year Directors** (holdovers from  
2005 so no vote needed.)

Sean Stueber, NH7SA

Clifton Leonard, KH6XJ

Lloyd Cabral, KH6LC

Ken Cutting, KH7ZJ

### Two Year Directors

Richard Darling, AH7G

Ralph Fontaine, AH6RF

Don Bartron, NH6WW

Doris Carlson, KH6ER

Fred Benardella, KH6FI

Ron Phillips, AH6HN

Solomon Singer, NH7ZE

Rick Frazier, AH7H

Jeremy Punsalan, KH7CN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By Bob Schneider,  
AH6J.

From the SM Pacific Report,  
October 18, 2005 (*full text  
available at [www.biarc.net](http://www.biarc.net)*)

### Kevin Bogan, AH6QO

Much has happened since Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans and much of the Southern Gulf Coast. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those who perished in and those who survived the devastation. Our thanks go to the many volunteers who worked hard in the response portion. The response is still on-going. The recovery will take months for some and years for others. Those on Kaua'i; Saipan; Guam; other areas of CNMI, FSM, and American Samoa know very well the destructive force of nature. The American Red Cross (<http://www.redcross.org/>), The Salvation Army (<http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/>), and other organizations are still taking volunteers. Please visit their websites and volunteer if you can. Donations are helpful, too.

Did we learn anything from this recent disaster? Focus was placed on inadequate response on many levels including communications. I heard that about 1,000,000 people evacuated the city of New Orleans and that about 100,000 were stranded in the city, for one reason or another. It took days for agencies to begin to respond in some areas. Out of all of this, I learned the following:

1. I must be prepared as much as I can be personally because I may not be able to depend on others to help soon enough (e.g, 72+ hour pack, communications gear, plans for contacting others, assembly area, out of state POC, and more).
2. If I decide to evacuate, get out early rather than later.
3. Good communications may spell the difference between life and death for my



family, friends, and me. You may have learned other lessons. Please share them with me. Now is the hard part. What do we do to prepare? We are still in hurricane season and other emergencies may occur at any time. Start by assessing your needs. Even though it is an emergency that you may not have experienced before, you might be able to anticipate certain needs. Do a google search for Disaster Preparation and you will see many plans. After assessing your needs, develop a comprehensive strategy that encompasses what items to have, how to organize, how to transport it, where to go, and how to contact others for coordination. Next, develop a plan for your family. Then, go into action. Talk to your family about where and what to do. Make your 72-hour pack and keep revising it. Store what you eat and eat what you store. Use parts of your pack on a regular basis so you won't have to think about how to use items in an emergency. Participating in Field Day and the October 1, 2005 Simulated Emergency Test are great ways to test your equipment and survival gear. Please consider assisting in emergency communications. You can contact your local ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) Emergency Coordinator (EC) to get you started. In some areas, becoming part of the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) may be a good option, too. Becoming part of the team is rewarding, not to mention that it may turn around and help you in an emergency. If you are not sure whom to contact, you can contact your local ASM or write me (ah6qo@arrl.org, snail mail: Kevin Bogan, 6606 Kahena Place, Honolulu, HI 96825-1016. You can also visit the ARRL website for the Pacific Section and its info plus the ARRL website has info on Emergency Communications preparation, training, and volunteering (<http://www.arrl.org>).

While the recent disaster is still in our thoughts, please take action.

The Pacific Section Amateur Radio Emergency Service (PACSECARES) meets on Tuesday nights at 7:00pm on 7.080 MHz. We welcome all emcomm amateur radio operators to participate. We train in emergency procedures, emergency communications with a focus on message handling. We also conduct a session in digital communications (e.g., PSK31) as part of the net. The NCS is in the Hawaiian Islands and participation may be difficult for some areas. Please let me know if you conduct similar nets in your area.

June 25, Field Day 2005 was successful for many hams in the Hawaiian Islands. Barbara Darling of the Big Island ARC sent an ARRL-formatted message to me stating that at 1900Z they had twelve hams present and were expecting more. The Ko'olau ARC had a fun-filled Field Day at the Kualoa Beach Park. Strong contesting was the core of the operations with displays and presentations by Skywarn, American Red Cross, and ARRL. Walt, AH6OZ, and others provided the venue for many O'ahu hams to experience a great Field Day. Other hams operated from home: Lee Wical, KH6BZF, was one of them!

Cheers,  
Kevin, AH6QO [ah6qo@arrl.org](mailto:ah6qo@arrl.org)

### **New Kid's Net**

Solomon NH7ZE has started a new 2 meter Kid's Net which meets on Sunday evening at 7PM local time on 146.76. Good Luck Solomon.

# *BIARC Member's Photo Gallery*



Richard AH7G



Sidney NH7OD, Richard, AH7G, Rick WH6LU, Paul KH6HME, and Norm NH7CT



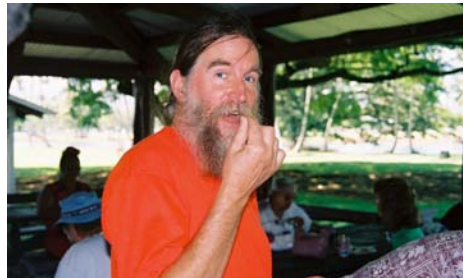
Bob AH6J and Richard AH7G



Esther XYL of AH6J



Joyce WH6BIR, Michelle granddaughter of KH7E, and Wilbur KH7E



Ken N6KB



Mike NH7JT, Lloyd KH6LC, and Robert NH6AH



Paul KH6HME, and Richard AH7G

# BIARC Member's Photo Gallery



Shirley NH7OH  
and Kathleen XYL of NH7CT



Shirley NH7OH  
Mary K6FK



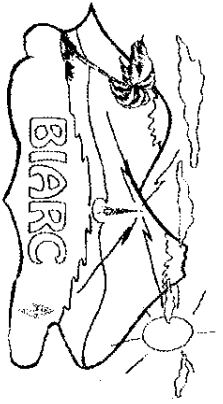
Solomon NH7ZE



Paul KH6HME, Ben NH7D, Wilbur  
KH7E, Lloyd KH6LC, Norm NH7CI, and  
Benjamin (club mascot)



Yoko XYL of NH7D  
and Maureen KH6MF



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