

**Big Island Amateur Radio Club**

**BIARC  
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## **General Membership Meeting Location Change**

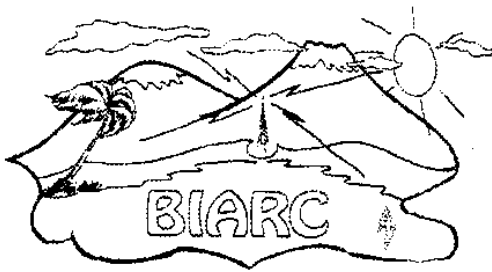
Starting with our March 11<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting we will be meeting at the Puna Congregational Christian Church because the Community Hall will be closed for ??? months for major renovations. We will keep you up-to-date on the progress of their work. The church is located just mauka of the Keaau Community Center where we usually meet, 4/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile from the Keaau McDonalds, past the post office and police station on the left hand side. We will be meeting in the pavilion behind the church. If you have any questions about this change call me at 982-9126

Barbara NH7FY

## **March 11th Program**

Dean Manley KH7B will be presenting a program on QRP. We would like to thank Dean for taking the time from his work schedule to do this program for us. We will also be having an ice cream social that afternoon.

Barbara NH7FY



## Big Island Amateur Radio Club

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### Officers 2004

President	Wilbur Carlson, KH7E	966-4676
Vice President	Barbara Darling, NH7FY	982-9126
Treasurer	Robert Schneider, AH6J	966-8146
Secretary	Mike Last, NH7JT	929-8422

### One Year Directors

Sean Stueber, NH7SA	933-2471
Clifton Leonard, KH6XJ	345-0545
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	vacant	
Co-Chair	vacant	
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

## 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.

**To receive your  
BIARC Bulletin by  
email, contact Sean at  
stuebers@verizon.net**

# NEXT MEETING

## Saturday, March 11th

At the Puna Congregational Christian Church. The program for the March meeting will be on QRP and will be presented by Dean Manley. We will also be having an Ice Cream Social. Anyone interested in ham radio is welcome to attend.

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### March Birthdays

W6DPD	Chuck McConnell	3rd
	Susan O'Neill	3rd
NH7OD	Sidney Sellers	5th
Assoc.	Julia Barnes	12th
KH7ZF	John Vurich	13th
WBORQL	Larry Sell	15th
KY6N	Ron Harris	18th
K6FK	Mary Brown	19th
Assoc.	Sandra Collins	19th
AH6HN	Ron Phillips	19th
NH7FY	Barbara Darling	20th
Assoc.	Kathleen Paik	25th
W7GMH	Eddy Miller	28th
WA6BZS	Bill Hudson	30th
KH7MS	Blake Stene	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 (100 Hz) NH7HI \*  
147.38+ Waimea East KH7T  
443.20+ Hakalau (programable) AH6RF  
146.58s Hakalau (programable) AH6RF

## **Geo-Caching**

While I was visiting my daughter in Florida this past October she and her husband took me out and gave me a lesson in geo-caching. They have been involved in this hobby for a couple years and they thought that we would be interested in it. Ham radios are also being used in conjunction with GPS equipment in this hobby. For Christmas they sent us a Magellan Explorist 500 GPS along with a book about geo-caching. There was an article in our local paper about a school in Waimea that is teaching the kids about GPS and they have started geo-caching too. I would really like some help in learning how to use our GPS instead of calling my son in law in Florida and having him try to explain it over the phone. Is there someone out there who can help me? There are web-sites on geo-caching (hunting for hidden caches all over the world). This could be an interesting hobby for our younger hams to get involved with too. Barbara NH7FY 982-9126

## **BIARC Membership Notice**

Remember to get your 2006 dues paid before March 31<sup>st</sup>. If they are not paid by then you will not be getting your newsletter.

## **Special Dates To Note**

Three special dates to mark on your calendar: May 27<sup>th</sup> we will have an outing on Coconut Island, June 23-24<sup>th</sup> Field Day at Hawaiian Paradise Park Activity Center and September 9<sup>th</sup> an outing at Wailoa State Park. We'll keep you posted as other activities are set up. Barbara NH7FY

## **Top of the World**

On February 4<sup>th</sup> Dean Manley KH6B went to the top of Mauna Kea (in the Hawaii snow country) to operate his QRP radio on CW. The park ranger didn't like his antenna location so refused to let him operate that day, but made suggestions for his next try. On Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> he will try again using a mobile rig for the monthly "Spartan Sprint". He will operate between 0200-0400 utc (Monday evening in the USA mainland) on 40-20-15-10 near the QRP CW frequencies. Please give a listen. Dean will be presenting our BIARC program at the end of that week so hopefully he can fill us in on his trek to the "Top of the World" at that time.

## BIG ISLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

General Membership Meeting - Saturday, February 11th, 2006

Call to order by the President (Wilbur [KH7E]) at 2P

In attendance were 23 members and 5 guests.

The sign-in sheet is attached to, and made a part of these minutes.

Those present introduced themselves.

A special announcement was made giving information as to the change of location for BIARC meetings for the next several months. The next meeting (March 11th) will NOT be held at the usual meeting facility. The upcoming meeting will be at the Puna Congregational Christian Church. It is located on Old Volcano Road, about 1/4 mile from where we usually meet. To find it, go past McDonalds (like you're going to the Kea'au Community Center) but don't turn left at the police station. Continue straight ahead and on the left is the Puna Congregational Christian Church (clearly identified with a large sign). We will meet behind the church building in the open pavilion. Get to know the location because this is where our regular Saturday meetings will be held until (and including) August 2006. We've not been evicted from Kea'au Community Center, just that the building will be undergoing extensive renovations. Aside from the new meeting location for these six months, during May we will have a get-together on Coconut Island. Then in September, BIARC will meet at Wailoa State Park. And in October it's off to Waimea for the Ham Fest.

Solomon [NH7ZE] mentioned that there will be a "young" hams" meeting after the regular meeting.

Bob [AH6J] reported that the Hospital Net will convene the first Saturday of each month. On March 4th a group of hams from O'ahu will come and set-up equipment at Hilo Medical Center. A discussion was held about the operation of the hospital equipment, and how could BIARC members be affiliated.

Ron [AH6HN] stated that on Friday, March 3rd at 1:30P there will be a test session in the electrical lab at Hawai'i Community College.

Mike [NH7JT] mentioned that a few weeks ago he had as a house guest, Jacqui Christian. She and her husband were visiting from Australia, and on their way to England. Jacqui has been a ham for a considerable time, first becoming licensed when she was growing up on Pitcairn Island. And most of her family, relatives and neighbors (on Pitcairn) are also amateurs.

Today's program was presented by Bob [AH6J] and Ron [AH6HN]. The topic was

repeaters, and they gave not only an overview of what they're all about, but also the details of how they operate, what is the sequence of operation when a repeater is keyed, and assorted other facts.

Then on to the business meeting-

Ron [AH6HN] indicated that the emergency net (controlled) will be active beginning on March 11th. And operating every two weeks from then at 7P (local) on 146.76 MHz.

It was indicated that the Secretary's report was printed in the newsletter.

The Treasurer reported that the treasury has a balance (subject to the usual audit, and not including funds received at this meeting) of \$1880.44. And the membership count is 62. Also, the Bill [NH7RQ- sk) Parry Memorial Fund had a balance of \$90, which was increased to \$100 most recently. Those wishing to contribute in memory of Bill can do so by sending a donation to the club. Please identify that the funds be designated for this fund.

Under committee reports:

Repeaters- all are operational (per Ron [AH6HN])

Health and Welfare- a sympathy card was sent to Nancy Parry [NH7RT] (per Doris [KH6ER])

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Whereas Bob [AH6J] had to resign his position of Treasurer, and in compliance with BIARC by-laws, nominations from the floor were entertained for selection of a replacement. It was presented by Dave [KH7SO] that Ed [NH6HT] H. Breen's name be placed in nomination for the position of Treasurer for the term that expires on December 31st of 2006. The motion was seconded by Barbara [NH7FY]. There being no other nominations, the selection process was closed. The members in attendance then voted, by show of hands, and unanimously approved the election of Ed H. Breen to the position of Treasurer of the Big Island Amateur Radio Club for the period of February 11, 2006 to December 31, 2006. President Wilbur [KH7E] then performed the act of swearing in Ed.

There being no other business, new or otherwise, the president closed the meeting at 3:45P

-k- Mike Last [NH7JT] Secretary

# BIARC Members Photo Gallery



Doris Carlson KH6ERA Two Year Director and Health and Welfare Chairwoman



Jeremy Punsalan KH7CN a two year director



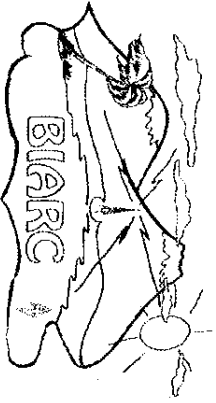
Wilbur Carlson KH7E our new president



Solomon Singer NH7ZE a two year director



Fred Benardella KH6FI a two year director



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