

# Big Island Amateur Radio Club

# BIARC BULLETIN

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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
Bill Parry, NH7RQ	962-6219
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	Clifton Leonard	KH6XJ

## 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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June has been a very busy month preparing for Field Day. A couple weeks ago we found out that Hawaiian Paradise Park was not available for our operation this year. Ken Cutting KH7ZJ volunteered the use of Hawaiian Acres Community Center in Kurtistown. By the time you receive this newsletter 2005 Field Day will be history. Ken Brown N6KB has done another great job of organizing with the assistance of Lloyd Cabral KH6LC. Gloria Whiteley (Associate member) agreed to be our Field Day Food chairman again this year which is very important to us. There are many other hams that make Field Day a big success.

I want to thank all of you for your concerns while I was laid up with my hand surgery. The stitches have been out for a couple weeks now and I am busy with rehab. It certainly is good to be able to write again and I know that Richard is glad that I am able to wash dishes again, even though he is a better dish washer than I. The hand is in A one condition for Field Day operating.

A couple weeks ago Susan Meckley W7KFI completed her 34 day solo voyage from Mexico to Hilo. We have enjoyed having her attend our Friday lunches at the Hilo Hawaiian and also our monthly meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>. We're hoping that she may be here for Field Day. When she leaves Hilo, she

will be heading up the Hawaiian chain and then on to the Marshall Islands.

I have been reviewing E Mail addresses on our roster. Some corrections have been made, but we need correct addresses for WY6G, NH7SW, N8ZBJ, KH7RR and KH6ANA. I also need a snail mail address for Kelly AH6NJ as I have a large number of QSL cards to send him. He has moved to Idaho recently.

Ron Phillips AH6HN printed out our 2005 membership cards and Eddie Miller W7GMH laminated them again this year. Our thanks to both of them for a great job.

Bill Carlson has finally received his new antenna and it should be operational by now.

Correspondence this month has been received from Kurt and Margot Vetter of Bavaria with best wishes for all our BIARC members. Also an E Mail from Mel Kernahan (an Associate member trapped in the jungle of the California mainland traffic) wishing she were here with us. She misses us all. Also an E Mail from Ted Brattstrom NH6YK from Turkey. They're having a great time. He says "Turkey is a blast". There is a chance that he may get on HF in 2-3 weeks while in Antalya (TA3). He doesn't know whether he can get on in

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## NEXT MEETING SATURDAY July 9th at 2:00 p.m.

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 Hawaiian program, then refreshments, and then have our short membership meeting.

Anyone interested in ham radio is welcome to attend.

## July Birthdays

KH6XJ	Clifton Leonard	2nd
AH6FC	Bill Carnet	9th
KH6ER	Doris Carlson	12th
KH6ANA	George Heloca	13th
AH6JA	Harvey Motomura	17th
KH7T	John Buck	19th
NH7SW	Josh Stueber	23rd
KH7SO	Dave Broyles	21st
AH6RE	Curtis Knight	27th

## Happy Birthday to all !!!

## 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.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Istanbul or not.

On June 3<sup>rd</sup> Chris Allen WH6DCC set a new record with 19 check-ins on the East Hawaii 2 meter net - also one of the longest nets of 50 minutes. With the repeaters improving all the time, we are reaching South Point, and before long we will hopefully get all the way around the island and beyond.

Bob Schneider AH6J has verified that the Waimea School has been reserved by John Buck KH7T for our swap meet in October.

I promised last month to give you the latest information on Rick Frazier AH7H and his wife Christine. Their new address in Volcano is: P.O. Box 124, Hawaii National Park, HI 96718 Phone 985-9169 and E Mail address rickf@rickfrazier.com

Rick AH7H gave the general membership information on setting up a new web site for BIARC. The Board will consider his proposals and then present it to the membership for consideration. If anyone has any ideas/information/feelings about the web site, please contact one of the directors before our July 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting. Your input is important to us.

At our June meeting, we made a presentation of a plaque to Michael Teixeira of Business Automation Inc. for their many years of excellent service. We found out also that Michael does computer repair work. Business Automation is located at 507 E. Lanikaula St. Thanks again Michael and Anna for your great work over the years.

Yesterday (June 17) we had a young reporter (Peter Sur) of the Hawaii Tribune join us at the Hilo

Hawaiian weekly luncheon. He interviewed many of the hams for an article on ham radio which he hoped to have in the Monday paper. The Tribune photographer took pictures on Saturday at the ham shack of Harry (KH6FKG) Nishiyama and his wife Sue (WH6AG) to accompany the article.

Chuck Cartwright AH7Y presented the club with an achievement award from the Geratol Net. Using the Club Call KH6EJ Chuck had worked and confirmed all 50 states in the Extra Class band of 75 meters. The award is dated June 7, 2005 and our Geratol number is 2429. Thank you Chuck for attaining this award for us.

Ann Miller, Associate member, and wife of Eddie W7GMH, is in the Hilo Hospital at this time. Hopefully by the time you receive this letter she will be on the mend. Our prayers are with her and Eddie at this time.

One of our biggest events of the year is taking place July 30<sup>th</sup> - The Volcano Rim Run. Sean Stueber NH7SA, assisted by Clifton Leonard KH6XJ, will take over net control with the help of Ron Phillips AH6HN and Harry Nishiyama KH6FKG. Hopefully Gloria Whiteley will be there to help record the runners numbers as they are called in to Net Control. Hope to see many of you there.

We are also looking forward to our Hawaiian program on July 9<sup>th</sup> at the Keaau Community Center. We have a great line-up of entertainers and special refreshments will be served. We're looking forward to our second-annual Hawaiian program.

Have a very safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Barbara NH7FY

BIG ISLAND AMATEUR RADIO  
CLUB

General Membership Meeting  
Minutes - Saturday, June 11th,  
2005

Call to order by the President at 2:05P

In attendance were 32 members and 3  
guests (sign-in sheet is attached to, and  
made a part of these minutes)

President Barbara [NH7FY] asked  
everyone to introduce themselves and  
indicate anything noteworthy (radio  
related or otherwise)

Of interest - one of the guests was  
from Florida, and another sailed to Hawai'i  
(without a crew!) from Mexico...non-stop.

The President announced that the  
location for the upcoming field day has  
been changed from Hawaiian Paradise  
Park to Hawaiian Acres. Information  
indicating this change will be sent via  
mail, telephone and email to those who  
received the initial advisory.

In addition, it was again reported that  
email delivery is an option for the  
newsletter. If you would like this method  
for receiving it, notify the editor.

A plaque was presented to Business  
Automation (via Michael Texeira) for the  
many years of service to BIARC in  
publishing our newsletter. Engraved was  
the club's logo, as seen on the cover of  
this newsletter, along with appreciation for  
services rendered. Thanks to Lori  
[AH6OS] for getting the plaque.

The program was presented by Ken  
[N6KB] and Lloyd [KH6LC]. They did an  
outstanding job demonstrating the  
procedure that will be utilized for field day.  
We were also given an in-depth  
presentation as to how contacts will be  
recorded on the computer. It was shown  
to be quite a time-saver whereby the  
program would, among other things,  
indicate if the station being worked was

already logged. As quickly as Lloyd (and  
other members) threw call signs at Ken,  
he was able to keep up, thanks to the  
keyboard and what it was connected to.

After a break for refreshments (thanks  
Gloria!), we re-assembled for the  
business portion of the meeting.

Secretary's report- as published in the  
May 2005 newsletter

Approved

Treasurer's report as furnished by Ron  
[AH6HN] indicates a balance of \$2389.77  
(subject to audit) (this report is attached  
to, and made a part of the minutes)

Approved

Membership is counted at 109

#### Committee Reports

Repeaters - Kulani and Mauna Loa  
have new equipment; Pepeekeo  
equipment has been changed

#### Old Business-

The action taken by the membership  
at the May meeting (May 14th) relative to  
allocating \$1000 for the repeaters, has  
been negated by the board. The reason-  
the action taken at the General  
Membership meeting was not in  
conformity with the by-laws. All major  
expenditures require the approval of the  
Board of Directors prior to being  
presented to the membership as a whole.  
At the Board meeting of June 3rd, the  
directors authorized the presenting of a  
motion to the membership whereby the  
sum of \$1000 will be identified for use for  
repeaters. Therefore the motion was so  
made by Ron [AH6HN], seconded by  
Lloyd [KH6LC] and approved by the  
membership.

#### New Business-

A call for operators and others to  
assist at Field Day was made.

A complete and thorough presentation  
was made by Rick [AH7H] regarding our  
website. He gave an overview as to what  
is required, along with the different means  
of achieving the goal. It is now up to the  
board of directors to review, digest,  
analyze and submit to the membership  
which course of action (if any) is in the  
best interests of BIARC with respect to  
providing club information and  
announcements via the internet. If you  
have any feelings about the website  
please advise a director prior to the board  
meeting (July 1st.)

A committee consisting of Ron  
[AH6HN], Lloyd [KH6LC], Harry  
[KH6FKG] and Nancy [NH7RT] has been  
formed to review the current by-laws, and  
make recommendations for changes  
thereto.

A complete inventory, to include  
photographs, of all the equipment that is  
owned, maintained, on loan to, or  
otherwise that which BIARC has custody  
of will be undertaken by Bill [KH7E] and  
Lloyd [KH6LC]. The Secretary has turned  
over to the committee a folder containing  
inventories and other notes pertaining to  
this endeavor.

A suggestion was made that a list be  
published indicating the items in  
inventory. It was the general consensus  
that such action would be premature at  
this time.

Adjournment by the President at  
4:10P

#### Dates of importance:

Saturday/Sunday, June 25th/26th - Field  
Day

Friday, July 1st - Board Meeting

Saturday, July 9th - General Membership  
Meeting

Saturday, July 30th - Volcano Rim Run

-k- Mike Last [NH7JT] Secretary



# BIARC Member's Photo Gallery



*Barbara NH7FY presenting a plaque to Michael Teixeira of Business Automation, Inc.*



*Gloria Whiteley, Associate Member and Refreshment Chairman*



*Susan Meckley W7KFI and Nancy Parry NH7RT*



*Barbara NH7FY and Susan Meckley W7KFI*

**W7KFI** .....DXpedition  
at

**USSV DHARMA**  
email=ussvdharma@yahoo.com

*Susan Meckley's QSL card featuring her sailboat*

## Pacific Section SM Report, May 18, 2005 Hawai'i

### Makani Pahili Hurricane Exercise:

Amateur Radio emergency communicators in the Hawaiian Islands participated in the week-long Makani Pahili Hurricane Exercise. On May 14, 2005 from 0900 to 1130 HST the Oahu Civil Defense Agency (OCDA) RACES formed teams that sent messages back to the EOC without using the repeater systems to simulate a worst case scenario. At the same time, the State Civil Defense RACES conducted simulated emergency communications from its EOC at Diamond Head. Additionally, HealthComm ran its nets. Many stations participated from locations around the islands. North Hawaii Community Hospital was a new addition. It communicated with both HealthComm on O'ahu and State CD.

### Silent Keys

We have had a number of recent Silent Keys. Lee Wical, KH6BZF, was kind enough to contribute this information.

George Masunari, AH6BZ, passed away, according to John Peters.

Seikichi "Sak" Uehara (Wahiawa), NH7AF passed recently.

Francis Theodore Blatt, KH6KH, born August 27, 1910, died January

13, 2005, at home in his sleep. He graduating from McKinley High School, and became Chief Radio Operator for McNeil & Libby where he installed the first inter-island wireless communication system. He worked at the U.S Navy Yard, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii from 1934-1945. He then became the Federal Aviation Agency Transmitter Station Chief for Hawaii from 1946 till retiring in 1970. (Contributed by Bob Schneider, AH6J).

Honolulu ARC: March 2005, Lee, KH6BZF, gave exams to 16 applicants of which only two didn't pass.

F5AVX, Paul, passed his element one (CW) Technician, General and Extra class exams in one sitting. Paul was one of the participants in the KH8SI, Swain's Island, DX pedition with others, K1ER/KH6, AH7C, JA1BK/KH6BK of Aiea.

### Oahu HamFest:

Warren KH6WM and Jim NH6YF, co-chairs, led a very successful HamFest on April 2. About 200 people enjoyed the many used items, the door prizes, and the BPL display by Joe Speroni, AH0A. We all look forward to another one next year.

Hurricane Season is just around the corner for most of us (American Samoa will be coming out of theirs, but the storm threats for them continue). Now is a good time to check your supplies and procedures.

### Field Day 2005:

June 25 and 26, 2005 are the dates for Field Day this year. Please check the ARRL website for all of the details (<http://www.arrl.org>). Here is a sampling of one on O'ahu:

"The Ko'olau Amateur Radio Club of Kaneohe cordially invites everyone to join us at Kualoa Beach Park, June 25th, for this year's Field Day event. It promises to be not only a fun event, but also an informative one for the media, elected officials, and the general public, as we have some special things planned." There is more to it and you may find it at <http://www.karc.us>.

If your club or organization is planning Field Day activities, please let me know so I can pass the info on to others.

If you are receiving this report through the mail (USPS, "snail-mail") only and not through e-mail, please let me know.

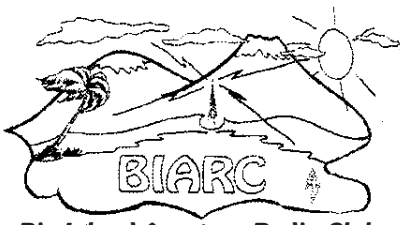
If you have information of interest to members in the section or to parts of the section, please let me know and I will include it subject to editing and space.

Cheers,

Kevin, AH6QO

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## MEETINGS & GET-TOGETHERS

### Membership Meetings -

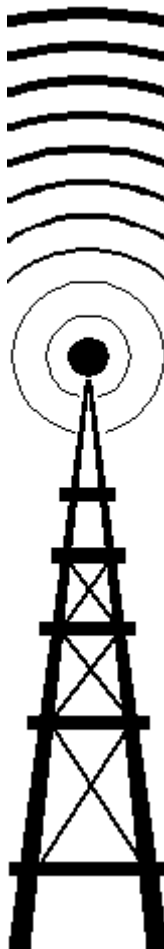
2nd Saturday of each month at the  
Kea'au Community Center at 2:00 p.m.

### 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.



## 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