



Newsletter – March 2012

President's Message March 2012

Snow on the mountains again as thunderstorms rolled across the island. Don't care for the lightning and thunder but the snow is great to look at from a distance. Being from Pennsylvania originally, I had my fill of driving in the ice and snow over the years. A couple years ago I had a ham operator from Arizona write and tell me that his friends would not believe him that he had seen snow in Hawaii. I wrote back and assured him that we definitely do get snow on top of the mountains and sent some pictures for him to show his friends. Spring is only a month away.

Our new Vice President Doug WH6DTD will be presenting our program on March 10th. His topic will be "What happens to your radio equipment after you go". Our club has quite a few older members who should be thinking about this topic. We have had quite a few of our ham friends pass away since Richard and I arrived here in 2000. (Dick NH6FP, Ed NH6HT, Harry KH6QM, Ed WH6AF, Doris KH6ER, Ray WH6CME, Ham AH6HB, Eddie W7GMH, Harry KH6FKG, Fred KH6FI, Al KH6IAA, Bill NH7RQ, Larry KH6ATQ, Kile WH7FB and two associate members Annette and Gloria) I have probably missed some, but this gives you an idea of how many friends our club has lost. The club has gotten involved in helping the families dispose of equipment either by selling or donations.

Had an E Mail from Denise Smith (Clarence AH7A's wife) from Mountain View, CA. They are getting settled in their new home and she is hoping that Clarence will find a local radio club there. The same day I also had an E Mail from Oleg RV3GM in Russia sending his regards to everyone and wishing all a Happy Valentine's Day. We have members all over the mainland and even in Russia. Temperatures in Russia have been -15 -30C recently.

We had a great ice cream social at our February (Valentine) meeting. The Mills family, especially Janet, is doing a super job handling the refreshments.

If you are not receiving your newsletter by E Mail please let us know. I had one ham who gets my E Mails but said he wasn't getting the newsletter. We have to make sure that Curt has the addresses for sending it out each month.

Richard and I attended the Emergency Preparedness Fair on Saturday at the LDS Church on Kilauea Ave. We found the displays very informative and are planning on going back again next year if they hold one. There were quite a few hams from our club in attendance.

Happy Easter to all, 73 Barbara NH7FY



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Hamfest	Bob Schneider	AH6J
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Meetings and Get-Togethers

Membership meetings – Second Saturday of each month at 2PM at the Kea'au Community Center

Board Meetings – will be held every other month 1 hour prior to the general membership meeting at the same location as the general meeting (January, March, May, July, September, November).

Friday Lunches – A group meets for lunch every Friday at 11:30 at Hokulani's Steak House in the mall at Kea'au near the Post Office.

East Hawai'i Net

The East Hawai'i Net meets on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 8AM HST on the 146.76 MHz repeater.

BIWARN Accessible Repeaters

Repeaters in bold font are BIWARN/MCDA linked. When operating over a link, remember to leave extra time in each transmission for the link to be established. The number in parentheses is the tone access frequency.

145.29-	HOVE-Ka'u WH6FC (100)
146.66-	HOVE (100)
146.68-	Kea'au limited area KH6EJ
146.76-	Kulani KH6EJ
146.82-	Mauna Loa ARES KH6EJ
146.88-	Pepe'ekeo KH6EJ (may be linked)
146.92-	Ka'u PD KH6EJ
146.94-	Haleakala Maui KH6RS (110.9)
147.02+	Haleakala Maui RACES AH6JA
147.04+	Mauna Loa RACES AH6JA
147.16+	Kona (Hualalai) WH6DEW (100)
147.32+	Waimea Hospital NH7HI (100)
147.38+	Waimea East KH7T experimental
442.35+	Ka'anapali Maui (136.5)
442.5+	Kea'au KH6EJ
443.40+	Ocean View KH7MS (77.0)
443.40+	Kona KH7MS (100.0)
443.65+	Ocean View Hub
444.225+	Haleakala Maui KH6RS (110.9)
444.45+	Parker Ranch KH6EJ (88.5)
444.9+	Hilo WH6FM WIN system (100)
444.775+	Hilo WH6FM XO system (123)

BIARC General Minutes for February 11, 2012

The general membership meeting was called to order by President Barbara Darling, NH7FY, at 14:00W. There was a round of introductions. There were 25 people on the sign in sheet. Special guests were Joe Speroni, AH0A from Oahu and Scott Bosshardt who wants to take the test. Robert Oliver, NH6AH, gave a brief description of a battery booster made by N8XJK that allows full power operation when a battery output is low. He recommends it to anyone who uses batteries to run their station. Denise Smith sent word that Clarence, AH7A, is doing OK. Oleg RV3GM from Russia sent his regards to everyone.

Joe Owen, KO4RR, gave about a one hour program on Scarborough Reef, along with a video. Joe Speroni, AH0A, gave a brief description of the last Hawaii QSO party operations and especially the group that went to Molokai's Kalaupapa peninsula. This year the contest will be the last weekend in August. Some details are yet to be worked out. Joe would like comments.

After the program there was a short refreshment break hosted by the Mills family. They are doing a good job so be sure to donate to the refreshment fund so they don't have to spend their own money purchasing the goodies.

The meeting was called back to order. The secretary's report was accepted. The treasurer reported that we have \$3,498.11 in the checking account as of last month. Report was approved. There are now 48 full members, 8 family members, 1 student and 4 associate members for a total of 61. 2012 membership dues are now payable. General dues are \$20 per year. Several more people paid their dues this meeting.

Milt Nodacker, AH6I, made the repeater report as Paul Ducasse, WH7BR, is on Oahu doing CAP business. Milt made a motion and Lloyd Cabral, KH6LC, seconded to authorize the purchase two batteries and a controller for Kulani at a cost of about \$800. Motion passed. Milt reports that Paul replaced the charge controller at Naalehu.

The BIARC website still needs some work and there are a couple people who are not receiving their e-mail copy of the newsletter. Please be sure we have your correct e-mail address.

Barbara reported that the KH6 QSL Bureau received 5,610 QSL cards since January first.

There was a discussion about the club's FT890 HF loaner radio. Richard Darling, AH7G, made a motion to appoint Milt the "rig tsar". Seconded by Dave Broyles, KH7SO, and passed.

The Hamfest is set for Saturday October 27 at the Keaau Community Center. The center is already reserved. There was some feedback from the Kona group. They like the event to be in Waimea. The discussion will continue however we expect to make the final arrangements the week of February 20. This includes talking to the Kona group on February 19 and getting it sanctioned by ARRL. Rent for the hall is \$100 with a \$200 refundable deposit.

There will be testing for all Amateur Radio licenses on Wednesday February 22 at 7PM at the LDS church on Ponahawai Street. The next class will start Tuesday March 20. Contact Milt if interested.

It was reported that Scotty, KH6AVF, is out of the hospital. John Buck reported that Kurt Shoemaker had a stroke and is in the Honokaa Hospital. Kurt lives about one mile above John's QTH in Waimea.

Max in Volcano has a 55 foot light weight tower available.

We need to make a trip to Pepekeo to repair the repeater and do some yard cleanup. Several people were interested.

Field Day will be at the Wailoa Visitors Center June 23 and 24. Robert Oliver, NH6AH is the chairman.

There will be an emergency preparedness fair Saturday Oct 18 at the LDS hall downtown.

Meeting adjourned at 16:05 W.
Respectfully submitted, Bob Schneider, AH6J



AH7G, NH7FY, and AH6J at the Waimea hamfest

10-10 International Net

The 10-10 International Net Mobile QSO Party will be held the third Saturday in March; this year March 17th from 0001 to 2359UTC. This is a mobile QSO Party so only mobile stations submit logs, however, fixed stations are encouraged to participate to help give out points and collect counties. Mobile applies to car, truck, RV, motorcycle, boat, plane or other modes of transportation. Marine and aeronautical mobiles must be able to establish counties of operation. The on-the-air exchange shall be callsign, name, QTH, 10-10 number if available and county. See www.ten-ten.org for details.

Remember 2012 is the 50th year for the 10-10 Anniversary QSO Party held all of 2012.

The HF ARES Net is Tuesdays at 7PM HST starting on 7.088.0 MHz, with 3.993.5 and 1.870 MHz also used, depending on conditions. Irene NH7PE



DX News from the Daily DX of 1-26-2012

V63YWR, William, is a new operator resident of Federai Island, Ulithi Atoll, OC-078, in the state of Yap, Micronesia. He is using an IC-718, 100 watts barefoot. William uses Amateur Radio mainly for family phone patches with AH7G in Hawaii but will happily exchange reports in a relaxed fashion (no pile-up style) with callers after the phone patch business is over. There are apparently no telephone lines on the island and the local inhabitants cannot afford to use satellite phones. "This is Amateur Radio as it used to be- I don't remember hearing phone patches in operation since the 1970's!" says 9M6DXX, Steve. Phone patches in operation at 0730, worked at 0900 on 14245 kHz with Richard AH7G, and John KH6DLK, also in the QSO. John also holds the call sign V63JB and is helping them install an HF radio system on Federai. William is currently using a long wire, but the KH6's are shipping out a Hex beam for him to improve his signal. AH7G will be getting QSL cards printed for V63YWR later. Thanks Richard AH7G



75 Meter Net Participation Requested

Hi, My name is Jim and I live in Oklahoma City. I found your club on the ARRL web site. Hopefully you can help me out with a contact on HF. I am a member of the 3905 Century Club and we run a WAS net on 75 meters. I need just one more state on the net and that

would be Hawaii. Would you put out the word to anyone in the club that can run HF on 75 meters. Our net starts taking checkins at 06:00 UTC on 3.902 MHz. That would be 8 PM local time. The net runs for a couple of hours so you could even check in a bit later as conditions do improve later in the evening.

My niece lives near Hilo. She is getting married in May, so I will be coming out to Hawaii for that. I am excited about the trip to Hawaii.

73 Jim N5OHL
Oklahoma City



KH6LC in the ARRL DX CW

Lloyd KH6LC organized a multi-operator multi-transmitter entry in this year's ARRL DX CW contest, held the weekend beginning the 17th of February. Participants were KH6LC, AH6RE, N6KB, NH6V, KH7Y, N6DA, W6SC, SM0DRD, and VE7AHA. Four stations were available to cover the bands that were open.

In spite of significant problems, the weekend was a good success, comparable to last year, as you can see in the summary:

Band	QSOs	Mults
160:	212	43
80:	774	57
40:	1503	58
20:	1343	58
15:	1734	58
10:	1617	58

Total:	7183	33

Total Score = 7,151,280

Multipliers were US States and Canadian provinces.



NH6V on 10 meters at KH6LC in the ARRL DX CW