

# Big Island Amateur Radio Club

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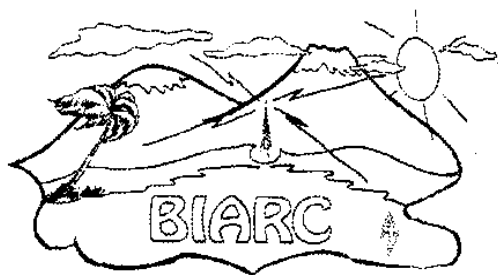
# Bulletin

## July 2007

### President's Message

The Hilo Hawaiian was extra busy with ham radio lunchers on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of June. I was kept busy passing the guest book around for signing. Gregg WH7FC of Hawaiian Paradise Park was there for the first time, hopefully not the last. Herb WY6G came over from the other side of the island with two guests from West Windsor, New Jersey, Al Katz K2UYH and his wife Sally. Chuck Corbett T32NCC of Fanning Island has had his boat the Tuaraoi in Radio Bay for repairs. He will be leaving shortly to go to Kona to have the boat hauled out for painting and further repairs and then will be heading back to Fanning Island. We were also happy to see Fred W6YM and his grandson Mike KI6ESO. Mike is visiting his grandparents for a few weeks this summer. Last summer while he was here he passed his Technician test. Nathan, our "Third Party" operator won the free lunch drawing.

By the time you receive this newsletter Field Day will be a memory. Plans were finalized at our June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. I will let Robert NH6AH write an article about Field Day for our next issue. Many pictures were taken by Larry



## Big Island Amateur Radio Club

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### Officers

President	Barbara Darling, NH7FY	982-9126
Vice President	Arman Wiggins, WH6BVZ	963-6846
Treasurer	Ed Breen, NH6HT	982-6513
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### One Year Directors

Richard Darling, AH7G	982-9126
Don Bartron, NH6WW	935-1258
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Ron Phillips, AH6HN	982-6513
Solomon Singer, NH7ZE	935-5563
Rick Frazier, AH7H	985-9169
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### Two Year Directors

Richard Fetchen, K3QHP	982-7426
Fred Honnold, W6YM	982-5226
Beau Mills, NH7WV	968-1271
Bob Schneider, AH6J	966-8146
Curtis Knight, AH6RE	966-8304
Syd Singer, WH6VO	935-5563

### Standing Committees

Service/Awards	Harry Nishiyama	KH6FKG
Co-Chair	Ron Phillips	AH6FN
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	Arman Wiggins	WH6BVZ
Repeater	Ron Phillips	AH6FN
Webmaster	Rick Frazier	AH7H

### Special Committees

Christmas Party	Gloria Whiteley	Associate
Club Improvement	H. Nishiyama	KH6FKG
Co-Chair	Ron Phillips	AH6FN
Field Day	Robert Oliver	NH6AH
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 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 and November)

### 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.

**Take a look at our  
newly updated  
website at  
[www.biarc.net](http://www.biarc.net)**

# NEXT MEETING

## Saturday, July 14th

Our regular monthly meeting will be held at the Keaau Community Center on July 14th at 2PM. Bob Schneider will speak about the ARRL and being a Section Manager.

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### July Birthdays

AH6FC	Bill Carnett	9th
KH6ANA	George Heloca	13th
KC7OKZ	James Todd	15th
AH6JA	Harvey Motomura	17th
KH7T	John Buck	19th
KH7SO	Dave Broyles	21st
AH6RE	Curtis Knight	27th

**Happy Birthday to all !!!**

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### REPEATERS

145.29- HOVE - KAU (141.3Hz) WH6FC  
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  
146.68- Keaau (portable) KH6EJ

NOTE: There are some privately owned repeaters, some with IRLP. For further info contact Ron AH6HN.

AH6SK, Eddie W7GMH, Bob AH6J and myself NH7FY for use in the newsletter and on the web site. There may have been others taking them too that I am not aware of. Five people tested in the morning. Pete WH7CB passed his General exam as did Sally WH6CYU (Come on Chris)!!!! Manuel of Hawaiian Paradise Park is a new technician. Ken, husband of Bonny KG6EHM of the yacht Moonbird, passed both the Technician and General exams. He was floating on cloud nine. Bonny and Ken both participated in radio operation most of the day and indicated that they had a great time at Field Day. They will be leaving Hilo in the next week or so, but we're looking forward to them returning in the future as their yacht is "based" in Hilo. They are planning on settling here after their sailing adventure is completed.

The weather for Field Day couldn't have been better, the people who attended had a great time and the food as usual was out of this world. (for me especially, the goat cheese made by Soma) I convinced her to trade the remaining goat cheese for some sweet potato pie. Thank you Gloria for the great job done on the food, to Robert for heading the Field Day operation this year and to all who helped and/or operated the radios.

Our next event will be the Wilderness Run on July 28<sup>th</sup> providing Madam Pele doesn't cause anymore problems. We have not heard any plans for cancelling the marathon so if you can help Sean please give him a call (933-2471). We can use your help.

A Happy and Safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July to you all.

Barbara NH7FY.

# Secretary's Minutes of General Meeting

June 9, 2007

Barbara NH7FY opened the meeting at 2:10PM at the Puna Congregational Christian Church in Keaau as the regular meeting place was rented for the whole day. Introductions were made.

Barbara reported that Sean NH7SA will be heading our Wilderness Run team on July 28<sup>th</sup> at Volcano National park. A sheet was passed around for people to sign up. Wayne "Big Dog" Joseph will be the new race director this year.

Secretary's report from May was approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report indicated we have \$2,484.50 in the bank at this time. Membership has increased to 108.

Repeater committee reported that everything is operating fine except that one link from Kau is down. They have not had a chance to check it out yet. Mark Goldman has donated some more equipment to the club, including a 2 Meter duplexer.

After a break for refreshments and socializing Robert NH6AH took over and led a discussion and planning session for Field Day. Setup will begin at 3PM Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the HPP Activity Center at 17<sup>th</sup> and Makuu. Gloria and Barbara will take care of the food setup. Pot Luck dinner will begin at 6PM. Testing will be done around 10:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara Darling NH7FY

## May Section Manager's Report

Pacific Section has 549 members compared to 551 members last month.

Regular club meeting are listed on the ARRL Pacific Section website.

Coming Events other then regular meetings are:

***June 1: First official day of Hurricane Season.***

June 2: Hurricane Preparedness Day – Kukui Grove Shopping Center on Kauai. Tnx WH6KS

June 9: Big Island ARC will meet at Puna Congregational Church at 2PM instead of the Keaau Community center. The May and July meeting will be at the Community Center as usual.

**June 23-24 Field Day weekend – Contact your local club for their details. SEE Below.**

July 28: Volcano Marathon and Rim Run at Hawaii Volcano National Park. See BIARC webpage

August 4: Honolulu Heard Walk starting at 7:30AM. Thanks Wayne Jones

September 22: Together We Prepare at the Kukui Grove Shopping Center, Kauai. Tnx WH6KS

October (TBA): 2007 Simulated Emergency TEST

October 6: EARC/KARC Hamfest on Oahu.

October 20: Big Island International Ham fest in Waimea (Kamuela) Tnx

**KH7T/AH6J – Please note this is a change from last month.**

October 27: Kauai United Way Walk-a-Thon. Tnx WH6KS

December: Christmas party time. Contact your local club.

**The PacSecARES HF Net** is Tuesday nights, 1900W - 7.080/7.088,

3.905/3.888, or 1.870 MHz depending on band conditions and freq

availability. Practice message handling. Stations are encouraged to send formal messages in ARRL Radiogram form.

**The Big Island ARES net** is Saturday at 7PM. It is growing in numbers and held on the BIWARN (Big Island Wide Area Network) system. At the moment BIWARN consists of six VHF repeaters on the Island of Hawaii. They are located at Kau, Kulani, Pepeekeo, Mauna Loa, Hualalai and Waimea.

**Guam Liberation Day** will be celebrated July 15 to 23 with a special call K6G. For more information contact the Marianas Amateur Radio Club. Contact Michael Wendt, AH2G, president of MARC for special instructions.

**Two Oahu Amateur Radio Classes** will be held Fall 2007. Both classes will be held at Kaimuki High School. Registration is late August. Cost will be \$10. Contact Warren Munro for more specifics.

Introduction to Amateur Radio will be Sept. 13 to Nov. 1 with 8 sessions on Thursdays.

Intermediate Amateur Radio will be Sept. 11 to Nov. 13 with 10 classes on Tuesdays.

**Special Oahu Testing** will be held Saturday June 9 at 9AM just before the KARC meeting (9:30) at Ho‘omaluhia Botanical Garden in Kaneohe. Contact Ray Moody, AH6LT at 808-941-9239 if you plan to attend.

**West Honolulu Amateur Radio Groups** meets June 7, Aug 2, Oct. 4 and Dec. 6, 2007 at 7:30 PM at Diners at Waimalu Shopping Plaza. All Hams and visitors are welcome. Thanks to Herb, KH7TK and George, AH7GK. WHARG is not an ARRL affiliated club.

**South Point Amateur Radio Club** will have a picnic and organizational meeting Sunday June 3 at noon at Kahuku Park in Hawaiian Ocean View Estates. This is a newly formed club which is not yet ARRL affiliated. Your SM will be there with brand new repeater directories for anyone that joins ARRL. Thanks Dennis, NH7OI EC Ocean View

**Field Day:** June 23 the Big Island will have five clubs with separate Field Day sites. They are BIARC, HARC, KHRC, SPARK AND Kona ARC. I believe this is the most for any island. Kauai, Maui and Guam plan to have at least one site on each island. There will be a combined EARC – KARC Field day at Kualoa Beach Park AKA Chinaman’s Hat on Oahu. This will probably be the biggest effort in the state.

**Happenings in May:**

**Big Island Citizens Corp** had their last meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>. New members



are Rolland Spoon from Kona and Ron Phillips from East Hawaii.

**On Kauai** the 147.04+ MHz RACES repeater is back in service. At the moment it is not linked to the rest of the state RACES system. Coverage is good from Kalaheo to Kapa'a. Thanks Jerry, KH6HU.

One of the many benefits of ARRL membership is the Volunteer Counsel program. Recently there was another antenna case in which the county refused to grant a tower permit. While the case has not been resolved, there is a good chance it will. First indications are the county employee involved was not familiar with PRB-1. Our VC informed him of the law.

**Hawaii State VOAD** met May 17, 2007. Thanks Kevin, AH6QO.

**HDXA awarded a Tiki** to Richard Darling, AH7G on May 13, 2007. See the Pacific Section webpage pictures to see the event.

**Annual Makani Pahili** hurricane emergency communications test was held Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 11AM. Thanks to all that participated. June first is the beginning of the Central Pacific Hurricane season. There have already been two named storms in the Eastern Pacific. Are you prepared? Thanks Kevin, AH6QO

This is a reminder to all Field Organization Appointees that you must keep your ARRL membership active to keep your appointment. You should also make a monthly report of your activities. Your SM and others read the various club web pages so please try to keep them up to date also. The following clubs need to update their information with ARRL: Kauai ARC, Pacific Radio Amateur Transmitting Society, Hawaii DX Assoc (Hilo) and Maui ARC. Next month Marianas ARC in Guam will need to update.

# BIARC Members Photo Gallery



Bonny Taggart KG6EHM



Ken Taggart

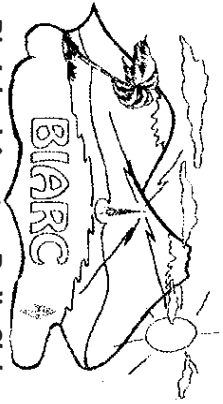
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Gregg Datlof WH7FC from HPP



Chuck Corbett T32NCC from Fanning Island



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