

Big Island Amateur Radio Club

BIARC Bulletin

September 2008

President's message for September, 2008

First I want to give a big THANK YOU to Paul Ducasse our Field Day Coordinator. Paul's hard work really made an excellent showing this year for KH6EJ. We all had lots of fun, there was a big turnout and lots of able operators to man the radios. Thanks to everyone for making this a very positive event for our club. We had many interested people stop by and ask good questions, plus we received some excellent press in the Herald Tribune, also many of the local radio stations. Our field day ARRL entry forms will be passed around at the September meeting so everyone can see how the club did score wise. The bottom line is 5,530 points, which is an excellent score given that to make the first contact we have to reach 2300 plus miles. Every contact is a DX QSO!! When I was on the West Coast in California we were real happy with a 3,000 point total. So a job well done by everyone. Let's do this again in 2009 Field Day.

I also would like to thank Dean KH6B for coordinating the Hilo Amateur Radio Club, Big Island Amateur Radio Club and the Hawaiian QRP club and Palmyra Island Amateur Radio Club HAMFEST on August 9th. There was a big turnout at the Wailoa River State Park in Hilo. The food was excellent and meeting of so many friends was lots of fun. We need to do this more often. As I see it, this is how we can build a strong amateur radio club and keep it growing. Thanks everyone for this hamfest success.

We have some catch up business to take care of at the September meeting; there will be a board meeting prior to the regular meeting. All board members please plan to attend.

Aloha, Fred KH7Y

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Officers

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| President | Fred Honnold KH7Y | 982-5226 |
| Vice President | Arman Wiggins WH6BVZ | 963-6846 |
| Treasurer | Ron Phillips AH6HN | 982-6513 |
| Secretary | Barbara Darling NH7FY | 982-9126 |

One Year Directors

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| Beau Mills NH7WV | 968-1271 |
| Bob Schneider AH6J | 966-8146 |
| Curt Knight AH6RE | 966-8304 |
| Richard Fetchen KH6WE | 982-7426 |

Two Year Directors

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| Richard Darling AH7G | 982-9126 |
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| Rick Frazier AH7H | 985-9169 |
| Paul Ducasse WH7BR | 985-9222 |
| Gregg Datlof WH7FC | 982-9838 |
| Peter Yoes WH7CB | 965-5429 |

Standing Committees

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| Service/Awards co-chair | Harry Nishiyama | KH6FKG |
| Education | Ron Phillips | AH6HN |
| Emergency Coord. | Harvey Motomura | AH6JA |
| Equipment | Harry Nishiyama | KH6FKG |
| Health&Welfare | Bill Carlson | KH7E |
| Hospitality | Barbara Darling | NH7FY |
| Newsletter | Gloria Whiteley | Associate |
| Programs | Curt Knight | AH6RE |
| Repeater | Arman Wiggins | WH6BVZ |
| Webmaster | Ron Phillips | AH6HN |
| | Rick Frazier | AH7H |

Special Committees

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| Christmas Party Improvement co-chair | Gloria Whiteley | Associate |
| Field Day | Harry Nishiyama | KH6FKG |
| Hamfest co-chair | Ron Phillips | AH6HN |
| QSL Bureau | Paul Ducasse | WH7BR |
| Volcano Run | Bob Schneider | AH6J |
| | John Buck | KH7T |
| | Barbara Darling | NH7FY |
| | Sean Stueber | NH7SA |

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 – every Friday at the Queen's Court Restaurant in the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. Meet in the lobby between 11:00 and 11:15, or we will see you inside in the far left corner.

East Hawai'i Net

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

BIWARN accessible Repeaters

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

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| 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- | Pepeekeo 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 |
| 147.32+ | Hilo Hospital NH7HI (100) |
| 147.38+ | Waimea East KH7T experimental |
| 442.35+ | Kaanapali Maui (136.5) |
| 442.5+ | Kea'au KH6EJ |
| 443.65+ | Ocean View Hub |
| 444.225+ | Haleakala Maui KH6RS (110.9) |
| 444.45+ | Parker Ranch KH6EJ (88.5) |

Harry Nishiyama

Harry KH6FKG had a stroke on August 9 and was admitted to Hilo Hospital. He was transferred to Hale Anuenue for rehab, but he is now in the Veterans Home across the street. It is suggested that any cards be sent to his home address: Harry Nishiyama, 1990 Hale Hooko, Hilo, Hi 96720



Harry KH6FKG



August 2008 ARRL SM Report

This report covers mid July to mid August

[The SM report has been edited owing to space limitations – some duplicate information and club information for clubs not on Hawai'i

Island has been removed.]

In the Atlantic area, Hurricane season is in full swing with tropical storm Dolly drenching Florida and several islands as this is being written. There is also a typhoon approaching Asia in the Western Pacific. This is a not too gentle reminder that June 1 was the official start of Hurricane season in the central Pacific. Please keep clear of 14.325 MHz which is the Hurricane Watch Net. Alternate frequencies are 7.268 MHz and 3.950 MHz. Echolink and IRLP are tied to node 9219. Thanks Lee, KH6BZF and Jim, WH6GS for the information.

The museum Ships Weekend was June 7-8 UTC, so for us in Hawaii it began at 2 PM local time Friday June 6 and ended 2 PM Saturday June 7 which is June 7-8 (UTC). This was the eighth annual participation in Museum Ships Weekend for the Battleship Missouri ARC (BMARC). Even though HF conditions were poor, they managed to work 630 contacts. Among the contacts were several WW2 Navy veterans and eight other museum ships.

On Saturday July 26, the Big Island ARC supported Big Island Road Runners at the annual Volcano Rim Run. Due to the recent volcanic eruptions at Halemaumau the 10 mile and 27 mile races had to change routes. Participants were warned that volcanic fumes might be present at some locations.

State VOAD will be putting on a training class on Saturday September 6. For more information contact Crichton Roberts, KH7MW

The Big Island International Hamfest and swap meet will be at the Waimea community center in Waimea (Kamuela) on Saturday October 4, 2008. It will be from 10AM to 2PM with doors open for setup at 9AM. It is sponsored by Big Island ARC, Kona ARS, Kohala Hamakua ARC and South Point ARC. Note this is the first Saturday of October. The event is free however registration at the door is required and donations will be accepted to offset costs. Sellers are asked for a 10% donation of their sales. There will be ARRL sponsored Amateur Radio Amateur License exams at a time to be determined. Please note that this is a non commercial event that promotes the trading of equipment and information

between hams and the general public and to promote the open exchange of information concerning the benefits of exploring Ham Radio as a hobby. Talk in will be on the BIWARN repeater system. In Waimea & Kona 147.16+ works OK. Contact name: John Buck, KH7T phone 808-885-9718 or email: kh7t@arrl.net Event Web URLs: <http://www.biarc.net> and <http://www.arrl.org/sections/PAC.html>

PACIFICON 2008 Is Coming Soon! October 17-19, 2008, San Ramon Marriott Hotel San Ramon, California. For Events, Latest Updates and Ticket Sales go to: www.PACIFICON.org

The Kona Amateur Radio Society continues to hold regularly scheduled meetings on the third Sunday of each month. In July the club's theme was American food in celebration of Independence Day. If you have any questions, contact Van NH7IT at 325-5223

ARRL Records show that Eran Agmon, WH6R, operated from Makapu'u point lighthouse during the National Lighthouse-Lightship weekend Aug 16/17. There were 380 stations on the air from 48 countries last year. Eran was on the Big Island for a visit but unfortunately your SM was off island at the time.

Hilo ARC sponsored a combined clubs get together Aug 9 at Wailoa park small pavilion. Dean said at least one member from each club on the island of Hawaii were in attendance. There was a pot luck and tailgate swap meet. Thanks Dean, KH6B

73, Bob Schneider, AH6J - ARRL Pacific Section Manager





Norm NH6I, Dean KH6B, Fred KH7Y, and Sidney NH7OD
at the picnic

Coming Events

The regular meeting of BIARC will be held Saturday, September 13 at 2 PM in the Kea'au Community Center. There will be a Directors' meeting at 1PM. The regular meeting speaker will be Ted Brattstrom NH6YK who will talk about the island of Kaho'olawe.

The **Big Island Hamfest** will be held Saturday, October 4, at the Waimea Community Center. Check the Section Manager's Report for more information





John KH7T and Paul KH6HME



Paul WH7BR in a typical pose

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