



Newsletter – September 2013

President's Message - September 2013

Doesn't seem that fall is here already. Before we know it Christmas will be here. Election time is upon us for the year 2014. I know that Milt AH6I has been getting nominations in line so that in our October newsletter we will have a slate of officers to present to you. Election will be at the November meeting with installation of officers at our December dinner. We can use a few more nominations as it would be good to have some "younger" hams in officer/director positions. You can nominate yourself if you feel so inclined or nominate someone else. Of course if you nominate someone else we do have to check to see whether they accept the nomination, as we will not railroad anyone into a position that they don't want.

The annual hamfest (hosted by the Kona club) is coming up on October 5th in Waimea at the Community Hall. Doors open for setup at 9AM with trading starting at 10AM. Testing will be held at 1PM with Milt AH6I in charge. BIARC is going to take charge of the refreshment area. We will welcome any refreshments that you would like to bring. We will have the coffee and Kona is going to bring a cooler with cold drinks.

The tee shirt order has a long way to go before we can order any shirts. We need an order of at least 36 shirts and as of today I have 11 orders. I will bring the order sheet to the September meeting and again to Waimea. If we don't have enough by then, I'd say that we won't bother to order any this year.

Had an E Mail from Ted NH6YK and he now has his new call from South Korea- HL2ZAC/NH6YK. I'm hoping that Curt will be able to put some of his E Mail in the newsletter.

I was very pleased with the turnout at our unplanned August meeting and very pleased that my husband was able to put his program together in those last couple days along with a slide presentation which he has never done before. John KH6DLK gave him instructions over the phone on how to set it up. And of course the ice cream was a big hit. By the time Richard got around to eating his he had to drink it. (He was too busy talking to hams about his different awards etc.)

August 24th is the Hawaii QSO Party. Hopefully we will have quite a few hams participating and hopefully they will win some of the awards. BIARC is one of the sponsors and has donated \$200 toward the purchase of plaques instead of paper certificates for awards this year.

August 31st there will be the first ever Puna Regional Emergency Preparedness Fair at the Keauu High School. It starts at 9AM and ends at 3PM. BIARC will have a booth as will many other organizations including Civil Defense. I'm sure there will be info in the newspaper concerning this event. Hope that many of you will be able to attend.

73 Barbara NH7FY



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President	Barbara Darling NH7FY	982-9126
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Two Year Directors

John Buck KH7T	885-9718
Mary Brewer WH6DYW	985-9595
John Bush KH6DLK/V63JB	935-5500

One Year Directors

Richard Darling AH7G	982-9126
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Paul Ducasse WH7BR	985-9222
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Standing Committees

Service/Awards	vacant	
Education	Milt Nodacker	AH6I
Emergency	Paul Ducasse	WH7BR
Equipment	Milt Nodacker	AH6I
Health&Welfare	Barbara Darling	NH7FY
Membership	Richard Darling	AH7G
Hospitality	Beau Mills	NH7WV
Newsletter	Curt Knight	AH6RE
Programs	Doug Wilson	KH7DQ
Repeater	Bob Schneider	AH6J
Webmaster	Curt Knight	AH6RE

Special Committees

Improvement	Vacant	
Field Day	Robert Oliver (969-9993)	NH6AH
Hamfest	Bob Schneider	AH6J
co-chair	Doug Wilson	KH7DQ
QSL Bureau	Barbara Darling	NH7FY

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 the Native Pasta and Steak in the Kea'au mall 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.

ARES Emergency Net

Meets Saturday evening at 1900 HST on the 146.76 repeater. Backup is 146.76 simplex. All are welcome to check in.

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 KH6HPZ (103.5)
147.04+	Mauna Loa RACES KH6HPZ
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 meeting minutes
Aug. 10, 2013**

President Barbara Darling, NH7FY, called the meeting to order shortly after 2 p.m., with 20 members and guests present. She said the club T-shirt order still is pending because we remain way short of the 36 shirts we need to place a minimum order. Men's and women's shirts are available. Want one? Give her a call.

QSL Bureau: In July, we received 1,810 cards from Switzerland, South Korea and France. Already in August, we have a batch of 2,200 from The Netherlands.

Nominations Committee: Milt Nodacker, AH6I, invites nominations from club members for officers and directors for next year. He has candidates for secretary and treasurer, although additional nominations are welcomed. But he has had no takers at all for the posts of president and vice president. Also, three board members are needed and he so far has received only one nomination. He said some "young blood" needs to be infused into the club leadership. He encourages club members to nominate either themselves or fellow hams.

Treasurer's report: Milt said very little has changed since last month. We had a balance of \$4,372 at the end of July.

Bob Schneider, AH6J, reported on the recent emergency communications standup for Hurricane Flossie, which, fortunately, changed course before slamming into East Hawaii, as had been expected. More and more hams and Community Emergency Response Teams are becoming involved in emergency preparedness and this is good. Bob noted that emergencies are the bread and butter of the ham world, where amateur radio operators can step in and serve their communities when other forms of communication are either overloaded or down.

Barbara, Richard Darling, AH7G, and John Bush, V63JB, talked briefly about their serendipitous recent on-air assistance during a crisis in Chuuk Lagoon. It all started when they heard a faint distress call from a boat stuck on the reef over in the lagoon while they were on the air doing their nightly message relaying work between Yap, over in the Federated States of Micronesia, Hawaii and the U.S. Mainland.

The rescue effort — which involved contact with Coast Guard officials in Hawaii and Guam, the folks on the boat, Barbara and Richard in Puna and John, temporarily over in California using a "big brother hex beam in Chico" — wound up on the front page of the Hawaii Tribune-Herald.

At one point, the scenario went something like this: John called the Guam Coast Guard; Richard talked to the guy on the boat; John held his cell phone up to the speaker so the Coast Guard guy in Guam could hear what was going on. Several days later, after various attempts to get the boat off the reef, the case apparently was turned over to FSM officials.

Barbara said the club needs to come up with a form that we can

have available in such instances. The form would have a list of important information for us to obtain and then write down while dealing with emergencies and assisting in communications. Richard said it was a new experience for him, after 60 years in amateur radio.

John said "emergencies and public safety are us," and we do need to have an emergency response template.

Bob put up a poster advertising the Puna PREP Fair Aug. 31 at Keeaau High School and encouraged club members to turn out for the event, which will offer all sorts of information and tips that we all need to know in an emergency.

Milt said a new Technician's class will start at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 5 at the Orchidland LDS Church, running for six Thursday nights and winding up with testing on Oct. 17.

Richard Darling then took command of the stage and delivered the afternoon's program titled "60-plus Years in Ham Radio ... and the Earlier Years." These six momentous decades-plus began when Richard, living in the Panama Canal Zone, was taking Morse Code classes at the Army camp there in 1947-48. The CW qualifications called for 13 wpm, minimum, and Richard recalled that he didn't even get up to a solid 5 wpm until 1952. He enjoyed shortwave radio until about 1953. As he got older, he'd listen to guys talking on AM on the ham bands, where he didn't need an oscillator to get a readable signal on 20 meters.

He's learned and done a lot during his first 60 years in ham radio. It mildly irks him, though, that for almost all of those six decades, he was mistaken about the identity of the Father of Ham Radio. He always had believed this luminary to be Hiram A. Maxim. Lo and behold: Not long ago he discovered the truth. The Father of Ham Radio, instead, was Hiram P. Maxim.

He brought along many of his awards, cards from all over the world, and other mementos of his years as a ham. Among the audience favorites: a "Ragchewers Club Certificate," his ARRL DX Century Club awards; the slides he showed of his travels with Barbara, most often with a ham connection, and frequently with magnificent birds, including Richard's favorite, the Fairy Tern.

Flipping through his photo folders filled with QSL cards, well-wishers enjoyed a quick trip around the globe. Among the rarities, a QSL card from North Korea was the envy of many.

Richard treasures the knowledge of geography and the world's peoples he's acquired, and lifelong relationships gained over the years. There's so much in ham radio to learn and try, and it's always changing. First licensed in the early '50s, Richard found when preparing to take his Extra class test in 2000, that "Technology did not stand still, waiting for me to get on the air." These days there are websites that will tell you where a radio operator is located, radio conditions in a location you want to work, sun spot cycles, etc.

Richard has benefited from the health and welfare which can be found in the world that is ham. His memories are many. In the

Army, he found "the only foreign country they'd let me go to was Texas." Stationed in El Paso, he entertained himself by connecting with Washington, D.C., on 6 meters.

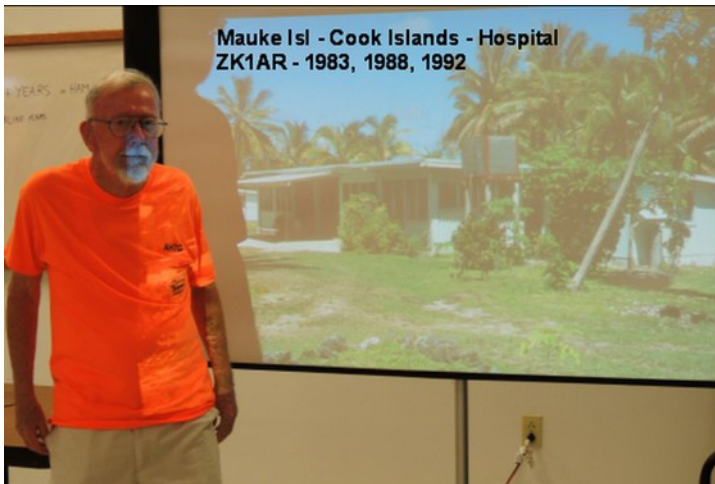
"I've had a love affair with amateur radio," said Richard. "I don't even want a cell phone, because I would want to use it, and that would take me away from ham radio."

A favorite story among many favorite stories in Richard's repertoire: In 1968, he received a QSL card from Antarctica. Cool, you say? Probably not too many hams down there with all of the penguins? Even cooler: Richard had made the contact on 20 meters in January 1965, when he reached the EIGHTS Research Station. But the postmark on the envelope from the U.S. Navy was Feb. 8, 1968. It turns out, that while on a mission to rescue a crew at the research station, Navy seamen had found Richard's QSL card, waiting to be mailed.

Due to logistics, Richard's musings on 60 years in amateur radio had to end before many in the BIARC audience were ready, leaving the door open, perhaps, for "60 Years as a Ham, Part II," in the near future.

In the meantime, it was time for ice cream.

Respectfully submitted,
Leigh Critchlow/WH6DZX
Secretary



Upcoming 2013 International Hamfest

The Kona Amateur Radio Society will be hosting the next international Ham Swap Meet in Waimea, on October 5th, 2013. We will be forming a group from club members to organize the event; parking, vendor placement, set up, testing, refreshments etc.

The Waimea radio club will be joining us on this project.

The venue is the Waimea recreation center, same location as past Swap Meets. The tentative schedule will be as follows:

8:00am Breakfast at Hawaiian Style Cafe

9:00am Vendor setup
10:00am doors open
12:00pm guest speakers, forum, presentations (your input)
1:00pm license testing
2:00pm wrap up clean up

There is always a good turnout from both sides of the island for this as well from off Island. Always a lot of great used ham radio gear, meeting old friends and meeting new ones.

Contact Stuart, KH7DX [808-896-1290](tel:808-896-1290) or
<mailto:kh7dx%40arrl.net>

with your offer of assistance for this always fun project. More updates as they come in, and thanks for supporting HAM Radio in these Hawaiian Islands, Stuart



10-10 International Net News

The next 10-10 QSO Party is the October 10th (10-10) sprint, 24 hours of activity on 10 meters. For you 10-10 members, an award will be issued for working all 10 US call districts.

Prepare for the fall CW QSO Party on October 19 and 20.

For DX chasers, Don N1DG and Jose CT1EEB will be in Mozambique with friends in mid-October using call C82DX. They confirm with LoTW and ClubLog. Dale N3BNA, Boyko LZ1QN and friends will be on Lampedusa Island in late October for the CQ SSB contest. Karl K4YT/ET3AA is back in Ethiopia for an unknown length of time, and a 12-man team is headed to Wake Island using the call K9W between September 20 and October 20. Plans are to be active on CW (28.023), SSB (28.485) and RTTY (28.080). Check their web site at www.wake2013.org.

Remember the HF ARES net at 7PM HST Tuesdays on 7.088 MHz

-Irene NH7PE



The 2013 Hawai'i QSO Party will be held over the weekend of 24 August. Full details are available on the event web site:

<http://www.hawaiiqsoparty.org/>

Clubs in Hawai'i with interest in HF operation promote this event to spur interest in Amateur Radio. Come join with us in making this year's event another success. Hawai'i, a very special radio destination, merits support from its Hams. We hope the contest will introduce newly licensed operators to the world of HF, DX'ing and contesting. And that it will encourage Hawai'i amateur operators to use their computer skills in conjunction with radio communications.

Participants will receive a certificate of performance, and plaques will be awarded to top scorers in categories where there was significant competition.



News from Korea

Annyeonghaseyo - 안녕하세요

This is the name of my local subway line - the Sinbundang Line - it is one of the most recent, and it also has a second name:



I finally got my permit/license and I am HL2ZAC - All foreign hams have the choice of being HL(call area)/HomeCall or HL(callarea)Z???. I'm in the second call area, and so, ZL2Z?? - and the other day, I got the AC part. OK, so I do have the Air Conditioner on often enough....

Now to set up some sort of antenna - alas, I think it's going to be an evening stealth antenna - as guess where I live this year!!! :-)

With luck, the image below has a blinking oval around my window... 2M/70cm no problem... I've got an arrow antenna aiming out the window - not that it is needed with the repeaters in reasonable view. I figure a 6M loop can be easy - then the tricky part will be HF... With no balcony - it's tricky to put an antenna out there (plus it will get cold in December :-)) I'll figure something out... hmmm, is it another teacher above me ????



73 - ted - HL2ZAC / NH6YK etc....



A Last Minute QSO Party Announcement

Hi all,

Just a short note about the 2013 Hawaii QSO Party beginning Friday, August 23rd at 18:00 Hawaii time for 48 hours. For details see the rules at,

www.HawaiiQSOParty.org

There will be four non-Hawaii bonus stations this year. Look for W7DRA, NN2DX, W7/NN2DX and IT9/NN2DX for contacts that count as 20x QSOs.

Hawaii clubs have an incentive to get members to operate. For every operator that logs at least five contacts the club earns an extra 25 QSO points!

This year high scoring stations in geographic regions are eligible for plaques, in addition to certificates, for their accomplishments. See the AWARDS tab on the contest site for details.

Based on reports, the KH6LC Super Station, the Battleship Missouri KH6BB, and a group from the KARC club will be operating from Kalawao County (pass the word to the County Hunters).

Why not join in even if for just a few hours to help put Hawaii on the Amateur Radio map.

Aloha es 73,

Joe/AH0A