

# Big Island Amateur Radio Club

# BIARC

# Bulletin

## December 2006

## ARRL Pacific Section News Summary

**Latest ... Thanksgiving Day there was a strong aftershock with little damage reported. The emergency nets came up immediately**

Sunday October 15th we had a severe earthquake centered on the Kona side of the Island of Hawaii. No Tsunami was generated. No one was killed. There was a lot of damage in many areas. Power was out on Oahu for many hours. **The next day there was a severe Thunderstorm.** The SM was on the Mainland attending Pacificon during the trouble. The command structure worked. Kevin Bogan, SEC, and others spent long hours at State CD. On the Island of Hawaii all the repeaters stayed up. The 7088KHz emergency net was in operation almost immediately.

Clem Jung said that due to upcoming priority events, they will not re-start or conduct any ham class at State Civil Defense Diamond Head until May or June 2007 at the earliest.

News thanks to Warren, KH6WM.

**Hawaii repeaters list is on <http://www.karc.net/HSRAC/index.html>.**

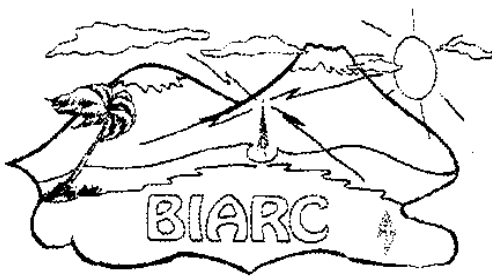
### EXAMS:

There is a new exam effective July 1 for the Technician License. The fee for all Amateur tests is still \$14. Hilo & Honolulu groups prefers cash while Maui wants check or money order. For those upgrading, **bring a photocopy of your current license**, your TIN, and a picture ID. All others, bring a picture ID that displays your SSN (if possible). All times and dates are subject to change. Special testing assistance or needs must be arranged in advance.

For test dates and times see:

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/examsearch.phtml?State=HI>

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## Big Island Amateur Radio Club

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### Officers

President	Wilbur Carlson, KH7E	966-4676
Vice President	Barbara Darling, NH7FY	982-9126
Treasurer	Ed Breen, NH6HT	982-6513
Secretary	Mike Last, NH7JT	929-8422

### One Year Directors

Sean Stueber, NH7SA	933-2471
Ken Cutting, KH7ZJ	938-5881
Lloyd Cabral, KH6LC	966-7782

### Two Year Directors

Richard Darling, AH7G	982-9126
Ralph Fontaine, AH6RF	963-5178
Don Bartron, NH6WW	935-1258
Doris Carlson, KH6ER	966-4676
Fred Benardella, KH6FI	968-1331
Ron Phillips, AH6HN	982-6513
Solomon Singer, NH7ZE	935-5563
Rick Frazier, AH7H	985-9169
Jeremy Punsalan, KH7CN	959-8510

### Standing Committees

Service/Awards	Harry Nishiyama	KH6FKG
Co-Chair	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
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	Barbara Darling	NH7FY
Repeater	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
Webmaster	Rick Frazier	AH7H

### Special Committees

Christmas Party	Gloria Whiteley	Associate
Club Improvement	H. Nishiyama	KH6FKG
Co-Chair	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
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, December 9th

Our regular monthly December meeting will be held at the Keaau Community Center on December 9th at 2PM. For new members, the center is located behind the Keaau Police Station and new clinic. Our December meeting will be our Christmas Turkey dinner. BIARC will supply the turkey and all dinnerware and drinks. We would appreciate potluck dishes to complete the meal. Please contact Gloria at 982-6615 to let her know what you would like to bring so that we don't end up with 10 dishes of mashed potatoes. If you have any ideas for entertainment please let her know also. Hope to see many of you there.

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## December Birthdays

WH6AG	Sue Nishiyama	15th
KH6FI	Fred Bernardella	25th
NH6HT	Ed Breen	29th

**Happy Birthday to all !!!**

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## 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 (100 Hz) NH7HI \*  
147.38+ Waimea East KH7T  
443.20+ Hakalau (programable) AH6RF  
146.58s Hakalau (programable) AH6RF

## EVENTS:

**Next years annual International Big Island Hamfest will be held on Saturday October 13, 2007 at the Waimea Community Center Saturday. Thanks go to John Buck, KH7T, for coordinating the event**

Field Day 2007 will be held on June 23-24, 2007.

There is a lot of information at the ARRL website for Field Day <http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd/>.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Daily 9AM - Hilo Amateur Radio Club & HI QRP Club — Jack in the Box Hilo

<http://www.chem.hawaii.edu/uham/hiqrp.html>

Every Friday 11:15AM - BIARC informal lunch. — Hilo Hawaiian Hotel Restaurant.

**NEW!! Kohala Hamakua Radio Club meets Every EVEN month on the Second Wednesday 7PM (1900W) at the \*\*North Hawaii Community Hospital in Waimea (Kamuela).**

**They meet on the second Sunday at 2PM (1400W) in ODD months in Hawi at the Kohala Community Center.**

**For more information, contact Norm Cohler NH7UA.**

<http://aditl.com/ham/khrc/index.html>

**NEW!! Second Saturday 2PM - Big Island Amateur Radio Club is back at the Keaau Community Center. The next meeting will be the Christmas Pot Luck on December 9th.**

**Thanks go to the Puna Congregational Christian Church for allowing BIARC to use their facilities during the construction.**

<http://www.biarc.net/>

**NEW!! Third Sunday 2PM to 5PM - Kona Amateur Radio Society - Meets at OTEC beach park at NELHA near Kona Airport. Pot Luck Lunch**

<http://www.cfht.hawaii.edu/~veillet/hwars.html>

## NETS:

Since the National Traffic System is not as strong in the Pacific Section as it could be, I have asked to be informed of nets, scheduled contacts, or regular chats that exist in the Pacific. Thanks to many operators for sending in their

information. Below is a listing of the nets. If you have an emergency and the only way to request help is by radio, please check in on any of these nets to pass your emergency traffic. Don't wait for an emergency, but try checking in and testing conditions. Also, get to know the great folks on these nets. Please let me know of corrections and of any more nets, skeds, chats, etc. Kevin

D=Daily, W=Hawai'i Standard Time zone, Frequency is in MHz.

1730Z/0730W D 21.355 Afrikaner Net Jimmy NX5B, NCS

1800Z/0800W D 14.273 Ohana Net KH6LJ Hawaiian Isles & W. Coast

1900Z/0900W D 7.290 Friendly Net KH6WM Hawaiian Isles

1900Z Sun/0900W Sun 14.282 AmSat Net NCS: W5IU, W7LB

2200Z/1200W D 21.402 Pacific Maritime Net NCS: KK7PR (Splinter group at 21.412)

0200Z/1600W D 7.088 Hawai'i Afternoon Net

0300Z/1700W D 14.313 Pacific Seafarer's Net NCS: KK7PR Ralph Aloha, OR

0400Z Sat/1800W Fri 14.291 ERRS Emergency Response International Communications Net

0445Z/1845W D 21.205 ANZA net

0500Z Mon/1900W Sun. 28.487 Aloha 10-10 International Net

0500Z Wed/1900W Tue 7.080 MHz or 3.905 MHz or 1.870 MHz Pacific Section ARES Net.

0515Z F.Sat.Sun.Mon./1915W Th.F.Sat.Sun. 14.183 ANZA net ZL1ANF Maurice (actually starts after the 15m net)

0630Z/2030W 7.088 Hawai'i Late Net

0700Z/2100W D 7.235 HHH Net

0800Z/2200W D 14.315 Pacific Interisland Net

FYI "W" time is HST which is -10 Hours from "Z" or Universal Standard time. At 14:01 W (2:01PM HST) it is 00:01 Z the next day.

# BIG ISLAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

## General Membership Meeting

Saturday, November 11th, 2006

Call to order by President Wilbur [KH7E] at 2:05.

In attendance were 27 members and guests.

The sign-in sheet is attached to, and made a part of these minutes.

Those present introduced themselves.

### Special Announcements:

Barbara [NH7FY] mentioned the grave condition of Kenny Bell [KH6AFQ].

### Program:

Today's presenter, Ted [NH6YK] treated us to a very interesting slide program (along with his excellent commentary!) of his trip around Australia. Just as we in Hawai'i have our meetings between vehicles and mongooses, and those on the mainland make contact with deer, Australians have major run-ins with kangaroos!

### Refreshments and social time

### Business Meeting:

Secretary's report – September's meeting minutes as published in the October BIARC Bulletin were approved

Treasurer's report - balance prior to today's meeting is \$881.32 (subject to audit.) Approved. Membership stands at 111, not including those who renewed/joined today- 72% of what was projected (155) for budgetary purposes. Ed [NH6HT] reported that two large expenditures were made during the prior month- repeaters: \$550 and insurance (liability) \$320

### Committee reports-

#### Repeater:

Ron [AH6HN] reported all repeaters are linked and operational;

Beau [NH7WV] and Fred [W6YM] donated coax cable for the BIARC's use;

Pacific Radio Group was graciously allowing BIARC the use of their site and storage container at South Point

#### Website:

No report

Christmas party:

Gloria [Associate] reported that all is on track for an excellent feast, to be held in conjunction with our regular December General Membership meeting. It will be on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at the regular meeting location. Please contact Gloria if you wish to bring some edible item, just so we don't have choke stuffing and nothing to wash it down with.

### **Old items-**

None

New items-

Bob [AH6J] presented a certificate of appreciation to Peter [WH7CB] and Paul [WH7BR];

Ron [AH6HN], Ed [NH6HT], Barbara [NH7FY] and Richard [AH7G] volunteered to establish a budget for the 2007 year and present it to the membership at the first meeting of the new year;

The Secretary will formulate a letter, for the President's signature, to the Puna Congregational Christian Church thanking them for the use of the facilities. Membership input was solicited to indicate if a monetary contribution should also be attached. Harry [KH6QM] made a motion that \$50 be donated to the PCCC in appreciation for the use of their facilities. Seconded by Doris [KH6ER], and approved by a vote of the membership;

The Treasurer will check with the bank as to what must be done (re: signature cards) due to election of new officers.

In accordance with the Bylaws, nominations (in addition to the already established slate of candidates) were solicited from the membership for any and all offices. There being none, nominations were then summarily closed and a motion was made, in light of the fact that but a single candidate was indicated for each available office, to deem that the slate of candidates (as proposed by the Nominating Committee) be duly elected. After the motion being seconded, the membership in attendance indicated concurrence. The following individuals have been selected by the membership of BIARC to serve in the capacity indicated for 2007, and agreed to be members of the BIARC Board of Directors. Installation will occur at the December General Membership meeting. Mahalo!

President – Barbara Darling [NH7FY]

Vice-President – Armond Wiggins [WH6BVZ]

Secretary – Ken Cutting [KH7ZJ]

Treasurer – Ed Breen [NH6HT]

Director - Two (2) Year

Richard Fetchen [K3QHP]

Fred Honnold [W6YM]

Beau Mills [NH7WV]

Bob Schneider [AH6J]

Curtis Knight [AH6RE]

Sid Singer [WH6VO]

Director - One (1) Year

Richard Darling [AH7G]

Don Bartron [NH6WW]

Doris Carlson [KH6ER]

Fred Benardella [KH6FI]

Ron Phillips [AH6HN]

Solomon Singer [NH7ZE]

Rick Frazier [AH7H]

Jeremy Punsalan [KH7CN]

It was suggested that of the \$54 received at the Hamfest, one-third (\$18) be given to KARS (Kona Amateur Radio Society) and an equal amount to KHRC (Kohala-Hamakua Radio Club). A motion to that effect was made (Ted [NK6YK]), seconded (Ron [AH6HN]) and approved by the membership in attendance;

Rich [WH6FC] will participate as a BIARC representative to ARES.

Dates to remember-

December 9<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)

General Membership meeting (2:00 PM)

This will be our annual Christmas dinner and installation of 2007 officers

January 13<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)

Board of Directors meeting (1:00 PM)

General Membership meeting (2:00 PM)

With no other business, old, new or otherwise, the President closed the meeting prior to 4:27 PM

-k- Mike Last [NH7JT] Secretary



## **BIARC Odds and Ends**

Paul (G4CCZ) and Lynda Simons had lunch with BIARC members at the Hilo Hawaiian the end of September. They are from Surrey, England. Paul is a 6 meter man and really enjoyed visiting with Paul KH6HME.

Our condolences go to Lori Miner AH6OS on the recent death of her Mother Dee. Lori will be returning to Hawaii with her Mother's ashes for service here possibly in April.

Nancy Parry NH7RT has recently bought a house with her daughter Janice in Roseville, California. Her new address is 5796 Olive Point Way, Roseville, CA 95678 and her new phone number is 916-761-6762.

We have heard from Chuck AH6SC that Susan Meckley W7KFI may be sailing from Honolulu and heading to Johnston Island.

The only business to be conducted at the December Christmas dinner will be installation of 2007 officers and directors. Please try to be present for this affair on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2PM at the Keaau Community Center.

Reminder: Membership dues for 2007 are due in January.

We were happy to see in the newspaper that the Kona ARC now has a "Legal" repeater site. Congratulations.

## **The Aloha Spirit**

To the participants of the BIARC 2M net: Thank you for your help to Dennis Bennett N5HEK during his visit here on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October. Several of you spoke with him via the repeater. He was tickled pink to have such a warm welcome. Some of you also were very helpful with suggestions with what he might see here. I met Dennis on a rather lengthy contact from his home in Bullard, Texas. He was planning this trip here and immediately got on with me to discuss his trip. I did subsequently meet him in person on the 28<sup>th</sup>. It goes to show that ham radio is a wonderful way to make new friends and to get insights about various places of the world. Thank you everybody for all the help.

Norm NH7CT

## **Message from KAN, JA1BK**

From KAN, JA1BK who operated from the new entity of Swains Island, KH8SI, to anyone who did not receive requests for all of your KH8SI qso's. He is holding your first request until he receives your card for the remaining qso's. Please send cards for the other contacts you made with KH8SI in an envelope. There is no need to send an SAE or additional money, just the cards. Once the cards are received and verified, he will return all confirmations in your original envelope. If you qsl'ed all of your contacts in your first envelope and did not make additional contacts, someone else may have used your call or we may have copied the call incorrectly. Please email me if that is the case. Otherwise just send your cards to Kan for the rest of your contacts.

Thanks for working us on Swains Island!

(Tets, AH7C's E-mail is: [AH7C@arrl.net](mailto:AH7C@arrl.net))

## **Mascot Now a Silent Key**

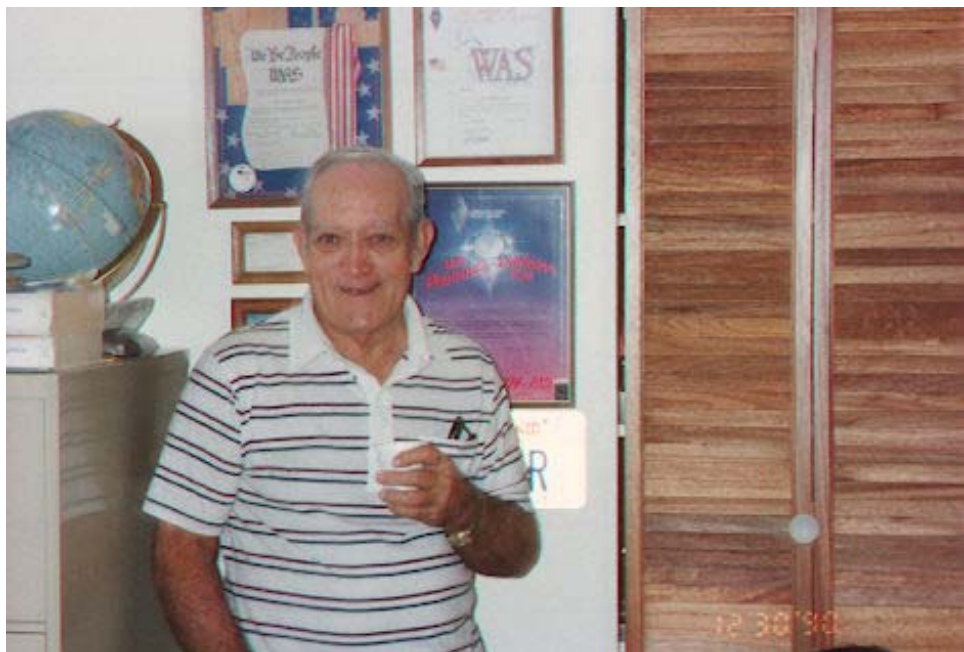
We were sad to hear about the death of our club mascot Benjamin J. Longfellow. Benjamin was owned by Lloyd KH6LC and attended many club functions with him. At Field Day you could see him under the radio tables keeping an eye on the operation. Benjamin was born on June 25, 1992 and died on November 2, 2006 which made him 14-1/2 years old- An old man by human standards. He will be missed by all of us.

## **Kenny Bell KH6AFQ- Silent Key**

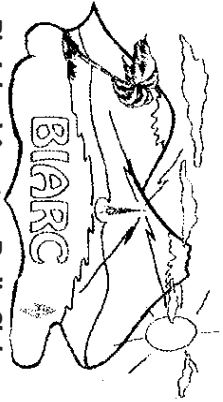
Kenny Bell KH6AFQ died on November 13 at the age of 91 at Hilo Medical Center. He had been an electrician for Hilo Transportation and Terminal, a member of the Kilauea Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons and an amateur radio operator (KH6AFQ). He is survived by his wife Clara (Momi), two sons Kenneth and Jerry and a daughter Leona, 15 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. He will be missed by the ham radio community.



Benjamin J. Longfellow, SK



Kenny Bell KH6AFQ, SK



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