# HONO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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## Our Strength is our Diversity-Join HARC

## President's Message

Here we go again

John D. Peters K1ER

President HARC

This is our Second meeting in 2010, please try to attend.

#### News and comments

I am very sorry to have to report that Dr Paul S. Honda AH6F died last year. Paul was recruited by Phil Preece and he was her dentist. I received the bad news from his widow Betty when she received the January HARC newsletter.

I do not know the date of his death.

Our January Meeting was short but we did hold the election of officers. To no one's surprise the current officers were allowed to continue in office. The saying "til death do us part" does not

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MAR IS A HARC MEETING MONTH!
Mark your calendar -PLEASE ATTEND!
Saturday Mar 20, 2010 0900-1100
SIZZLER at Pearl Ridge, on Moanalua Rd
Across the road from 1<sup>st</sup> HI Bank

ARRL NEWS and VIEWS Kevin AH6QO Pacific Sect ASM Bob Schneider AH6J SM

Oahu ARRL QSL BURO. Kevin has volunteered to take cards to meetings, and Ned has the cards in between meetings, Ned has the dead or outdated QSLs, and is the one who corresponds with Barbara Darling NH7FY, the overall Hawaii QSL Bureau chief (chiefess?).

Questions regarding QSL cards on O`ahu may be directed to Ned Conklin, KH7JJ at  $\underline{kh7jj@arrl.net}$ . Pick up your QSL cards at the HARC meeting.

The recent demonstration of the sirens and Police and Civil Defense readiness to respond to a Tsunami warning was very well done. Everyone was forced to leave the zones which could flood and the population was very cooperative. The Surface Navy either went to sea or sat in Pearl Harbor waiting for the Surge. The Submarines said "this is stupid" and just just the hatches and went back to coffee.

When the surge really did arrive it demonstrated that the NEW BREAKWATERS since the last event WORK! There was no surge in the harbor at Hilo.

If we ever do get an event like the one which hit Thailand, we know the State is READY. Lets hope we don't test an earthquake.

73 Bob and John and Ned

#### only apply to weddings.

The ARRL Volunteer Examiners tested some successful new hams before the meeting. We welcome them all to Amateur Radio.

# PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND, Get your questions answered!

HARC is doing things for Amateur Radio, by providing the IARU BEACON for Hawaii and a 2 meter repeater. (Both are KH6WO) The Beacon is a TS-50 with a control box which is linked to GPS time and keeps the time exact as well as changing the power 100/10/1 watt.

Lee Wical KH6BZF and his ARRL VE team frequently conduct amateur license tests. In order to be tested candidates MUST call Lee in advance. He won't have an exam for you otherwise.

#### **MEMBERSHIP** as in MORE!

We need to increase the number of hams and those who want to be hams, both in HARC and in Hawaii. If you know a ham who is not a member or HARC, invite him/her to join. If you know someone who might like ham radio, invite him/her to a meeting so we can sell ham radio.

IF YOU ARE OVER 70 AND YOUR BIRTHDAY IS IN Feb/Mar, your breakfast is on HARC. We value our senior and experienced members and want your stories. See me BEFORE you go to the cashier or GIVE YOUR RECEIPT.

#### WORLDRADIO INFORMATION

Rich W2VU Editorial Director, WorldRadio Online

WorldRadio Online has been posted as a PDF file. Go to the CQ website at < <a href="http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com">http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com</a>> and follow the WorldRadio Online link.

WorldRadio is now a free on line newsletter. John K1ER usually prints each issue and brings it to the Tuesday breakfast. Attend that if you want to read a paper version. I have the HARC membership Badge for:

Mike KH6HR

Dave KH6DD

Taka KH6CH

These 3 are ready to pick up at the March meeting. Let me know if you can't attend and want me to mail yours.

When you renew, I make a new HARC Badge or ID for you. Doesn't let you in ANYWHERE but it might impress people at a hamfest.

#### THE KH6WO BEACON

You may not have noticed but the keying is failing on the KH6WO/B. The beacon has a digital controller which receives a time signal and controls a TS-50. The CW is automatically generated, power changed, band changed so you get the callsign and a key down at 100, 10 and 1 Watt to test the path on every band. Listen on 14.100, 18.110, 21.150, 24930 and 28.200 and in order you'll find: 4U1UN, VE8AT, W6WX, KH6WO, ZL6B, VK6RBP, JA2IGY, RR9O, VR2B, 4S7B, ZS6DN, 5Z4B, 4X6TU, OH2B,CS3B, LU4AA, OA4B and YV5B.

The AGC is failing in our TS-50 so the CW is poor on 20 meters and a replacement TS-50 is on the way. Our beacon is the most recent one to have this problem. With every station identical, new problems move from one to another as hardware fails.

You should thank AND DONATE TO the NCDXF, Northern California DX Foundation to help support this world-wide HF beacon system. They provide and keep the hardware repaired. Thank Larry LeMone our club's on site rep near BYU/H.

If you have any questions about the beacons ask at the meeting.

ANY DX or CONTEST or ham topic is welcome.

73 John HAVE FUN! GET ON THE AIR!

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If you want YOUR STORY in the HARC Newsletter! You need to Write and submit it to the Editor. What are YOU doing that may interest Other members? Building new hardware? A taller tower? A new tower? A new antenna? Public service activities? Going on a Dxpedition? (I can suggest places for you to go.)

Whether you are a Dxer, or merely like to chat, or mostly listen on the HF Bands you should be noticing a slow improvement in the HF bands. The SUN remained at solar minimum levels longer than usual but does show Some signs of movement toward another Solar Maximum. We have even Been able to work a few people on 12 and 10 meters during the day. Today there is only one spot on the Sun and conditions are poor but you

If you need your QSL cards checked for DXCC, John K1ER is the HI DXCC Field Checker.

Must BELIEVE in DX and future great openings!

And even if you have no interesting story we WANT YOU at the HARC Meeting and you're welcome at the breakfast EVERY Tuesday at 7am at the Sizzler. About a dozen of us gather every week to chat, gossip, lie to each other and have breakfast. Visitors LOCAL and from out of town are always welcomed.

We have experts (REAL or IMAGINED) in every field! DX, Contest, Emergency, Antennas, Propagation etc.

CONGRATULATIONS TO KH6BB, the Battleship Missouri ARC on Receiving the USACA 1,000 level of the USA Worked All County Award.

You can view the award framed at the entrance to KH6BB on the MISSOURI.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance \$4,429.69 From Jan 20, 2010 statement

Expenses.

Newsletter print and mail Support for Amateur Radio in the Solomon Is (H44) You may pay dues at any time. We're

You may pay dues at any time. We're accepting 2010 now.

Repairs when needed to KH6WO/R or KH6WO/B.

These Members are CURRENT for 2010 or beyond. If you don't see your Name and Callsign please pay Your dues at the March meeting or by mail.

| KH6CH  | Yutaka (Taka)  | Arakaki   |
|--------|----------------|-----------|
| AH6QO  | Kevin C.       | Bogan     |
| NH7WG  | Bruce D.       | Bonbright |
| NH7QH  | Christopher S. | Colquhoun |
| KH7DD  | Dave           | Dengler   |
| KH6MEI | Wayne          | Greenleaf |
| KH6P   | Bernard Dan    | Greeson   |
| KH6OO  | William N.     | Kendall   |
| KH6MK  | Mel            | Koizumi   |
| AG3L   | Richard J.     | Luce, Jr  |
| KH6HR  | Michael K.     | Nishida   |
| AH7X   | Scott          | Nishimoto |
| K1ER   | John D.        | Peters    |
| KA4DPW | Joan E.        | Peters    |
| KH6JAM | Gail           | Silva     |
| KH6HAM | John           | Vorbau    |
| KH6BZF | Lee            | Wical     |
| WH6NG  | Thomas A.      | Wyatt     |
| W3GXK  | Mayer D.       | Zimmerman |

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

HARC MEETING

SIZZLER AT PEARL RIDGE

Time  $0900~\text{Sat}~\text{Mar}~20^\text{st}$ 

Breakfast, ham topics, Talk about DX, Prop, etc.

Breakfast Meeting

SIZZLER AT PEARL RIDGE

0700 to 0830 Every Tuesday

Gathering of Hams, about a dozen

KARC MEETING

BOTANICAL GARDEN IN KANEOHE

0930 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY EVERY MONTH

QCWA HONOLULU CHAPTER # 206

EVERY TUESDAY, 0800, SIZZLER AT PEARL RIDGE

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http://www.arrl.org

http://www.fcc.gov

http://www.grz.com

http://www.pdarrl.org

http://aditl.com/ham/harc.html

http://www.chem.hawaii.edu/karc

### **2010 Member Application Form**

New or renewal, same form. The best way to learn what your new license can mean is to chat with the old timers who've been there.

Mail a check to HARC.

We want you as a member of HARC.

Name — Callsign — Address— City — State/ZIPCODE — State/ZiPCOD

ARRL Member? o Yes o Life o No.

#### Dues for 2010 are and remain \$15

Mail to:

HARC

Attn: Treasurer

98-1547 Akaaka Street

Aiea, HI 96701-3051

#### HARC WANTS YOUR INPUT!

### HARC NEEDS YOU!

We need some volunteers for year 2009 in HARC. The work is not hard so volunteer at or before the meeting.

What would YOU like to do in HARC?

## **MEETING TOPICS**

We will hear from KEVIN our ARRL ASM, pick up your bureau QSL cards, and ask about the details of the response to the Tsunami Warning. On RF Hill we had droves of locals fleeing the low ground parked and watching for a water level rise in Pearl Harbor. DX, Contesting, Solar activity, Dayton, new SUNSPOT CYCLE and your interests. Find out about any members under the weather. Whatever YOU want to talk about.

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