

Wireless Dispatch

EMERGENCY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Nightly Nets 1930 HST on 146.88- & 444.500+MHz M-F

General Elections: October 24, 2002, The proposed slate was accepted and the new officers and directors are as follows:

Elected:

President - Kevin Bogan, AH6QO
Vice-President - Jim Connell, KH6JKG
Secretary – Crissy Terawaki Kawamoto, KH7CHI
Treasurer – Todd Kawamoto, KH7UK
Other Board of Directors:
Randy Kurashige, AH6Q
Russell Houlton, WH7O
David Cabatu, AH7E

Net Stats: December 2002 About 10-15 check-ins/night About 15-20 mins/night
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About a nickel a day keeps the repeaters in play. Support the EARC and send in your membership renewal form for 2003. Thanks!!

23 January 2003 7:00 p.m. ARC, 4155 Diamond Head Rd. 146.88-MHz talk in. General Membership meeting: Topic is HF propagation feedlines and antennas: Myths and Truths by Eran Agmon, WH6R. With his over twenty years of experience in communications, Eran brings a wealth of practical knowledge to this presentation. Confused about radials, ground planes, dipoles, verticals, baluns, and chokes? Listen to Eran and understand what works and doesn't work for HF. And please tell a friend! We invite all who are interested to come!

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EARC Schedule and events that affect members:

18 January 2003 - Big Island Simulated Emergency Test (SET) 7.088 MHz (3.905 MHz alt.)
23 January 2003 - General Membership meeting (see above)
10 February 2003 – Board Of Directors meeting
27 February 2003 – General Membership meeting Topic and location to be announced.

E.A.R.C. REPEATERS

Todd Kawamoto, KH7UK, Club Trustee

Diamond Head.....	VHF 146.880- UHF 444.500+
Honolulu Municipal Building.....	VHF 146.980- UHF 448.700-
Laie	VHF 146.640- Link to 146.76
Mauna Kapu.....	VHF 146.800- UHF 444.100+
Mt. Olomana.....	VHF 146.660- UHF 449.150-
Peacock Flats.....	VHF 146.760- Link to 146.64

President's Message

By Kevin Bogan, AH6QO

For October I wrote, “Good News! The repeaters have been up since June 25 thanks to the efforts of **Jim Connell, KH6JKG; Todd Kawamoto, KH7UK;** and others.” And it is still true! Thanks go out again to Jim and Todd for keeping them up.

More thanks go out to Dennis Yee, AH6P, and Dale Fajardo, AH7D, for having served on the Board of Directors and having been officers. Dale has moved to the mainland because of work and Dennis is still here, but his priorities keep him closer to home now. We thank them for having volunteered. We, also, thank all who have volunteered to be officers and directors for this year. There is no pay. In fact, most of the members of the board bear the burden of small costs out of their own pockets. Give them thanks the next time you see them (see the elections announcement above).

We have a stable and experienced board now. This year we will continue to provide the services mandated in our charter. The repeaters are in good shape. We will be providing testing in-house once we find a new coordinating VE. We have most of the Nightly Nets covered, but David, AH7E, Net Manager could use more help. If you have a particular interest now is a good time to become involved with the club. You can receive training and your support will help the club grow. Whatever your interest is bring it to the club and let's make it grow. New blood and energy is always welcome. Jim and Todd can always use help in maintaining the repeaters. Articles and info for the newsletter are always welcome. Help us make the club interesting, relevant, and vital.

In our next issue of the Wireless Dispatch – probably in March – we will begin the discussion on Field Day 2003. Other areas we will continue to explore are all things HF, digital modes, emergency communications and preparation. Let us know what topics you would like developed and those in which you can provide experience and knowledge.

Lastly, we support the Amateur Radio community. Please support us and take time now to fill in the renewal/application form and send in your dues. Thanks go to the many who have already done so and to those who do it now!

If you have any topics or issues you would like to discuss, please e-mail me at ah6qo@arri.net.

EARC Minutes of Board of Directors Meetings

14 October 2002

Meeting called to order: 19:07.

IN ATTENDANCE: David Cabatu (AH7E), Randy Kurashige (AH6Q), Jim Connell (KH6JKG), Todd Kawamoto (KH7UK), Crissy Terawaki Kawamoto (KH7CHI), Russell Houlton (WH7O), Kevin Bogan (AH6QO)

ABSENT: Dennis Yee (AH6P)

I. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES

- MSC: Russell/Jim
- August minutes approved.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

- No Treasurer's Report.
- Kevin just handed the treasurer's documents to Todd.
- Todd has purchased Quicken for the Mac.

III. TECHNICAL REPORT

- Control codes distribution: The control codes were distributed to the BoD at the meeting.
- Jim: All repeaters maintain their statuses from last month.
- Jim is in the process of putting up copies of our club license at each of the repeater sites; so far, he has posted a copy at Laie.
- Todd: Packet cluster is still operating as of Sunday, Oct. 13.

IV. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

- Proposed slate of nominees:
- President: Kevin Bogan
- VP: Jim Connell
- Treasurer: Todd Kawamoto
- Secretary: Crissy Terawaki Kawamoto
- BoD: According to the charter (per Kevin), we need at least three non-officer members on the Board of Directors. Right now, we have Randy Kurashige, Russell Houlton and David Cabatu.
- Crissy will send an e-mail to the listserv to remind the membership that the election is coming up next week. In a week, send another update, complete with the slate and other reminders.
- David will notify the NCSs to announce the election on the nightly nets.
- How should we stimulate participation by the membership? Questionnaire to membership?

V. WIRELESS DISPATCH

- Kevin will include the proposed slate of nominees in the most recent edition of the Wireless Dispatch and will try to mail it out tomorrow or Wednesday.

VI. NON-PROFIT STATUS

- Crissy let Kevin know about www.nonprofits.org, which details the responsibilities of non-profit organization. Kevin will pick out certain points and present his main points in an e-mail to the BoD.

VII. MEMBERSHIP

- We have gained one new membership since last month. We now have 55 paid-up members.
- Randy is considering generating a letter, inviting new hams to join the EARC.

VIII. NET MANAGER REPORT

- David: The Monday night nets seem to be the most popular ones; Tuesdays also draw a crowd.
- The revised net script has been distributed.

IX. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TOPICS

- October 24: Elections at Red Cross.
- November 20: OCDA Tour.

X. REPEATER USAGE

- Kevin circulated a list of events, for which organizers have previously approached us for repeater usage, that he will post on the website. The organizers of these events should still contact the EARC to give notice. The list will serve as an example of the events that we have supported in the community, as well as a way to promote the listed events.
- Greg Amancio sent Kevin a letter regarding the use of the DH repeater for the Honolulu Marathon, and the EARC has agreed to support the marathon's communications efforts.

XI. NEW ITEMS

- Jim: With Todd's help, Jim says he set up the Peacock Flats and Diamond Head repeaters to send out periodic voice announcements.
- Meeting adjourned, 21:18. MSC: Russell/Crissy.

11 November 2002

Meeting called to order: 19:11.

IN ATTENDANCE: David Cabatu (AH7E), Jim Connell (KH6JKG), Todd Kawamoto (KH7UK), Crissy Terawaki Kawamoto (KH7CHI), Russell Houlton (WH7O), Kevin Bogan (AH6QO)

ABSENT: Dennis Yee (AH6P), Randy Kurashige (AH6Q)

I. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER MINUTES

- MSC: Todd/David.

- October minutes approved as amended (to reflect "September" minutes being approved, not "August" minutes).

II. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Treasurer's report is pending. Computer problems and personal illness have been interfering with the transition. However, Todd expects to have a report available and e-mailed out prior to the next meeting.

- Todd has also been picking up the EARC mail, and we have several undeliverable issues of the Wireless Dispatch. These have been passed back to Kevin.

III. ELECTION RESULTS

- The election results were as follows:

- The membership voted to approve the number of members on the Board of Directors, to be set at seven for the year 2003.

- The results of the election were read to the membership by Tom McCurdy, and read as follows:

President: Kevin Bogan

Vice President: James Connell

Treasurer: Todd Kawamoto

Secretary: Crissy Terawaki Kawamoto

Board Members: David Cabatu

Russell Houlton

Randall Kurashige

IV. TECHNICAL REPORT

- Kevin sent Rick Ching, the new OCDA Communications Officer, a repeater status update.

- Jim placed a copy of the club license at Mauna Kapu, Laie and Olomana, as well as Diamond Head. The only remaining site that does not have a copy of the license posted, is OCDA. Jim will update the contact information on the packet cluster, as well.

V. WIRELESS DISPATCH

- Kevin mailed out the WD prior to the election.

- Kevin would like to streamline the WD, publishing it in such a way that the information that's already available on the website on a continually updated basis, becomes available on paper. Those members who have opted to receive the WD by e-mail could be directed to its electronic source; the rest of the membership would receive it by mail.

- Mailboxes Etc. on Waialae Ave. has a 3-cent per copy special on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kevin proposed that we try to keep copy costs down by taking advantage of that.

- Kevin's goal is to publish the next issue of the WD after the next general membership meeting.

VI. NON-PROFIT STATUS

- Kevin visited www.nonprofits.org, and a lot of what is required of non-profit organizations, have already been accomplished by the club.

- The question we need to ask ourselves is, do we want to make the investment in legal counsel and accounting advisement, in order to assist us in preparing for the transition to non-profit status. Is becoming a non-profit organization worth the effort involved? Kevin will check with the other clubs to get their input on the matter.

VII. MEMBERSHIP

- Randy was absent from the meeting due to illness.

VIII. NET MANAGER REPORT

- Nets are now held every weeknight.

- Kevin and David are working on NCS training.

IX. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TOPICS

- November 20: OCDA Tour.

- December: No meeting.

- January 2003: HF by Eran Agman (WH6R).

X. MEMBERS' ITEMS

- Badges: At the last general membership meeting, Kevin wore a name/callsign badge that he made up for himself. Russell moved to appropriate up to \$50 for Kevin to purchase supplies (badges, ink) to make name badges for the membership.

- MSC: Russell, Jim. Passed.

- Joe Ham Letter: No one has worked on it thus far. Todd suggested an e-mail welcome for renewals and new members; Kevin added that we could also send out welcome postcards. The issue will be discussed further over e-mail.

XI. NEW ITEMS

- None.

Meeting adjourned, 21:18. MSC: Russell/David.

Submitted by Crissy Terawaki Kawamoto, 11/11/2002.

Amateur Radio in Schools:

There is a push to involve more young people in Amateur Radio. If you are interested in helping the club develop stations or programs in schools, please contact me ah6qo@arrl.net.

Emergency Amateur Radio Club Membership Application Form

NEW MEMBERS JOIN IN: Jan-Mar \$20.00, Apr-Jun \$15.00, Jul-Sep \$10.00, Oct-Dec \$5.00.
RENEWALS: \$20.00 for the calendar year.

☐ New Member ☐ Renewal ☐ Address Change (if this only, do not include payment)

CALLSIGN _____ LICENSE CLASS _____ LICENSE EXP DATE _____

NAME _____
Last, First MI

Other Family Members: Name _____ Callsign _____

Name _____ Callsign _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ - _____

HOME PHONE: () _____ WORK: () _____ PAGER : () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ FAX: () _____

- ☐ I DO NOT want my e-mail address listed on the EARC website.
- ☐ I REQUEST that my e-mail address be listed on the EARC website's e-mail list.
- ☐ I would like to subscribe to the EARC e-mail listserv (no spam, just news!).
- ☐ I am willing to read the Wireless Dispatch online instead of receiving a paper copy (saves the club \$\$).

If you wish to submit this form by mail, please remit it, as well as a check for the amount specified to the EARC to the following address:

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January 2003 Meeting: HF Feedlines and Antennas: Myths and Truths presented by Eran Agmon, WH6R

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