

**Cathay April 2015**

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**Mission:** The Cathay Amateur Radio Club is basically an active social club of Ham Radio Operators and their spouses. We support local community requests for HAM emergency communications. Several of us are trained in CPR/ First Aid and are involved with community disaster preparedness.

**Monday Night Net Time:** 9 PM Local Time/PST, Frequencies: 146.67MHz -600KHz PL85.4 and 442.70 +5MHz PL 173.8. The repeaters are linked only during the CARC Monday night net.

Update: Link to repeater 442.70 is currently not active until further notice.

The CARC Monday night net is the best way to find out the latest club news.

All check-ins are welcome.

## Message from the President: George Chong, W6BUR

Hello CARC Members and Friends;

As mentioned in the prior newsletter, March 2015 we would publish additional pictures from the fabulous CARC Chinese New Year Luncheon. For those CARC members that may have not been in the prior pictures, here is another chance for you to see yourself in the pictures.



*Mrs. Lois Leong Tim*

*January 8, 1929 - March 12, 2015*

On a more personal note, I wish to express my deepest sympathy to my friend and longtime CARC member: John Tim - W6QNT.

John's wife: Lois Leong Tim passed away on Thursday, March 12, 2015 after a prolong battle with cancer.

She is survived by her husband of over 50 years, 3 children and 7 grand kids.

Lois was both a very dear friend to both me and my wife; Hetty.

We will always remember Lois as a very kind and giving person.

Lois would always volunteer without hesitation to help out at the CARC events and was a friendly person to all the CARC members.

She will be deeply missed by all that knew her.

By now you all must know that the Cathay Amateur Radio Club is more than just the run of the mill HAM club, we are an extended family and that we watch out for each other and when possible help each other out.

The **Featured Tech Article** resume in the May 2015 issue of the CARC Newsletter.

## **CARC Final Wrap-up News**

Chat sub s'em to all you CARC members! - George W6BUR.

## Public Service Announcements

### HAM CRAM / HAM Licensing

For upcoming HAM Licensing locations please refer to:

<http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-exam-session>

### Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS)

The Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS) was organized by the San Francisco Office of Emergency Services (OES) following the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake to support the communications needs of the City and County of San Francisco when responding to emergencies and special events.

The Auxiliary Communications Service holds General Meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at the San Francisco Emergency Operations Center, 1011 Turk Street (between Gough Street and Laguna Street), from 1900 hours to 2100 hours local time. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

The ACS Net begins at 1930 hours (7:30 p.m.) local time each Thursday evening, on the WA6GG repeater at 442.050 MHz, positive offset, tone 127.3 Hz. The purpose of this net is to practice Net Control skills, practice checking in with deployment status in a formal net, and to share information regarding upcoming ACS events. Guests are welcome to check in. ACS Members should perform Net Control duty on a regular basis. On the second Thursday of each month, the net will be conducted on the output frequency of the WA6GG repeater, 442.050 MHz no offset, tone 127.3 Hz, simplex.

For more information, please attend an ACS meeting or check in on a net, or call 415-558-2717.

Upcoming meetings: Tuesday 7pm, April 14, 2015  
Tuesday 7pm, May 19, 2015  
Tuesday 7pm, June 16, 2015

### Gilbert Gin (KJ6HKD)

Free Disaster Preparedness Classes In Oakland:

<http://www.oaklandnet.com/fire/core/index2.html>

CORE is a free training program for individuals, neighborhood groups and community-based organizations in Oakland. The underlying premise is that a major disaster will overwhelm first responders, leaving many citizens on their own for the first 72 hours or longer after the emergency.

If you have questions about the recertification process, you may contact the CORE Coordinator at 510-238-6351 or [core@oaklandnet.com](mailto:core@oaklandnet.com).

## **Free Disaster Preparedness Classes In San Francisco – NERT Taught by San Francisco Fire Department**

RSVP to [sffdnert@sfgov.org](mailto:sffdnert@sfgov.org) or call 415-970-2024 to register.

Visit [www.sfgov.org/sffdnert](http://www.sfgov.org/sffdnert) to learn more about the training, other locations, and register on line.

### **Upcoming Special NERT Events.**

#### **April**

6th & 7th: RECERT class 5 and 6, 6:30p-10:00p, SFFD DOT\*

18th: NERT Citywide Drill. Want to bring a friend? We need victims

#### **May**

2nd: Intro to NERT Comm Team (NCT) 101-103, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., SFFD DOT\*

13th: NERT Comm 201: Emergency Size-up & Messaging 6:30pm-9:30pm, SFFD DOT\*

16th: Firefighters assistance. This drill involves lifting and carrying 2 hr. drill, location & time TBD. Registration page time is not confirmed and is subject to change.

18th: NERT Comm 301: Hands on buttons, knobs & antennas, 6:30pm-9:30pm, SFFD DOT\*

19th: NERT Comm 401: Hands on msg passing and Scribing, 6:30pm-9:30pm, SFFD DOT\*

20th: NERT Comm 501: NET Control for NERT staging area, 6:30pm-9:30pm, SFFD DOT\*

Prerequisites: NCT 101-401

27th: NERT Coordinators and Leaders Meeting. 6:30pm-8:30pm, SFFD DOT\*

30th: Disaster Mental Health (NEW! pilot training)

**\* SFFD DOT is the Division of Training @ [19th Street/Folsom](#). (enter through yard on 19th and park along back wall) Division of Training classroom is in the 1-story building directly next to the Fire Station on the corner.**

## **San Francisco Police Department: Auxiliary Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT)**

The Auxiliary Law Enforcement Response Team (ALERT) is a citizen disaster preparedness program designed. The ALERT program is for volunteers 16 years of age or older, who live, work, or attend high school in San Francisco.

Graduates of the San Francisco Police Activities League (P.A.L) Law Enforcement Cadet Academy are also eligible to join.

ALERT volunteers will first complete the Fire Department's Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) ([www.sfgov.org/sfnert](http://www.sfgov.org/sfnert)) training and then graduate into an 8 hour Police Department course specifically designed for ALERT team members.

ALERT members will work closely with full-time and/or Reserve Police Officers in the event they are deployed after a disaster. The Basic ALERT volunteer will have no law enforcement powers other than those available to all citizens.

### **SFPD ALERT Training**

**The next ALERT training classes have been scheduled for TBD. The classes will be held at the San Francisco Police Academy, in the parking lot bungalow, from 8am-5pm (one hour lunch break).**

IMPORTANT- All participants must complete the background interview process in order to be eligible to attend the ALERT training class.

Eligible ALERT participants may register for a training class by contacting the ALERT Program Coordinator, Mark Hernandez, at [sfpdalert@sfgov.org](mailto:sfpdalert@sfgov.org), or by telephone at 415-401-4615.

### **SFPD ALERT Training Drill**

All active/trained ALERT members are asked to join us at our next training drill, on **Saturday, April 25th, 2015**. This drill will be held at the Police Academy; from 9am-1pm. Details will be emailed to active ALERT members, prior to the date of the exercise. All ALERT volunteers are required to participate in at least one training drill per calendar year in order to remain eligible for a deployment.

For more information on the San Francisco Police Department ALERT Program, email us at [sfpdalert@sfgov.org](mailto:sfpdalert@sfgov.org), or call Sergeant Mark Hernandez (SFPD, Ret.), SFPD ALERT Program Coordinator, at (415) 401-4615.

For additional information on the web please refer to:

<http://sf-police.org/index.aspx?page=4019>

## CARC Annual Chinese New Year Pictures (Part II):



Dave – WZ6X having a good time



Bart – K6VK, contributor of many CARC articles



George – W6BUR, CARC President picking a raffle winner



Mei Lin – KI6QXM (Ed Fong – WB6IQN daughter) provided invaluable service with both auction and settling luncheon bill.



Edison Fong – WB6IQN during the raffling of GP5/SSB



Mei Lin – KI6QXM (Daughter of Ed Fong – WB6IQN)



Foreground: Bill – KJ6QGK selecting the next winner of the raffle prize.



Paul – W6NDA, Rodney – KJ6DZI



Dan – K6GOW



Carla Bisagno - KF6KYB (guest of David – NC6D) holding her raffle prize.



Left to right: Richard – Brother of W6VVQ, Bob – W6VVQ



Hetty – WB6SHU, George – W6BUR, and Mike - KI6OID



Several CARC Members having lunch.



Mei Lin – KI6QXM displaying the CARC Luncheon raffle prizes



Gary – KN6LV and Chris – KE6FOX  
(xyl of Gary KN6LV)



Kim Lowe (mother of David Lowe) and David  
Lowe – both guest of KJ6DZI



Left to right: Ada Lowe, Denise So, Lavinda – KJ6WGV (All 3 guest of KJ6DZI)



Michael Moore – AF6A (guest of Ed Fong – WB6IQN) and Dave – NE5EE



Connie – KG6DKD (Guest of KJ6DZI) and Rodney – KJ6DZI



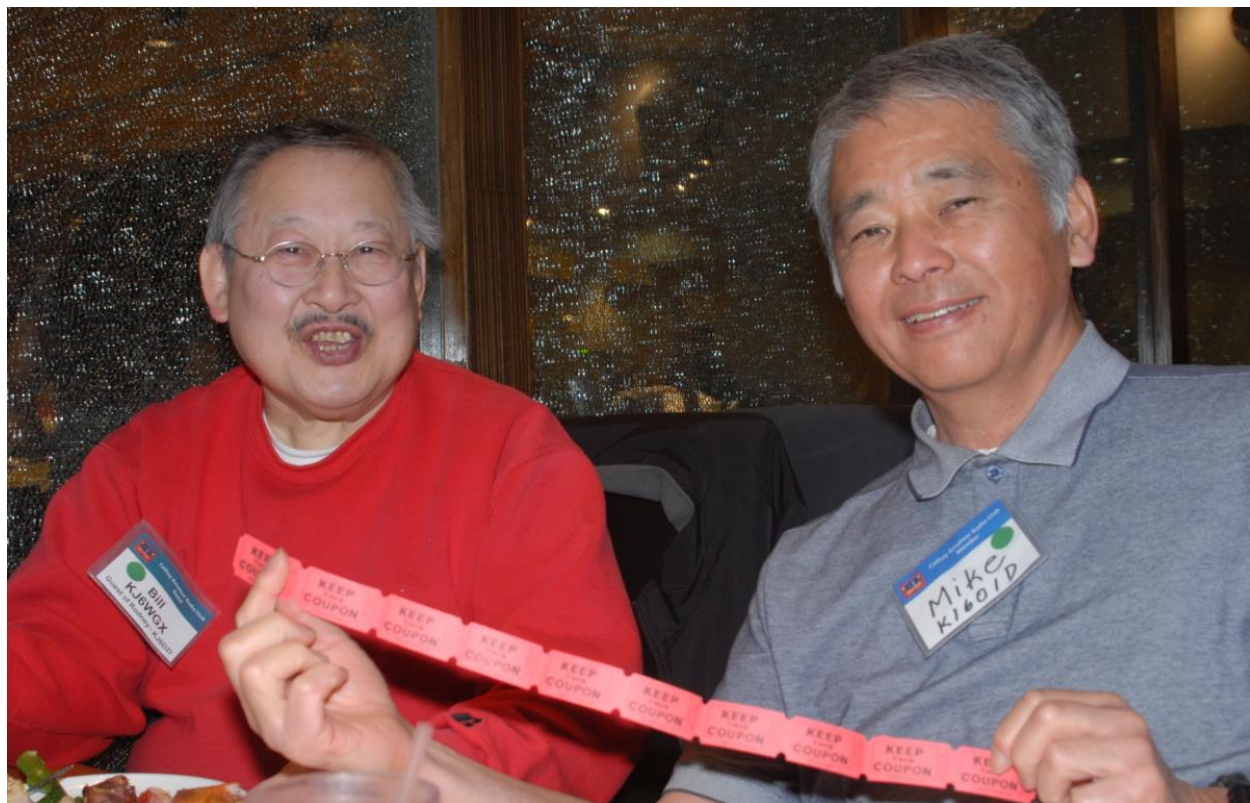
Left to Right: Austin Lu and Virginia Lu (sister of Austin) – both guest of WB6IQN



Diana – KG6IOH and Rosalin (xyl of Micheal Moore – AF6A / guest of Ed Fong – WB6IQN)



Brenna – Guest of Ed Fong –WB6IQN



Left to right: Bill - KJ6WGX (guest of KJ6DZI) and Mike -K160ID (displaying his raffle tickets – guest of Ed Fong - WB6IQN)



Left to right: Ada and Denise (guest of KJ6DZI)



Left to right: Catherine – KG6DKD and Stan-K6SDF (guest of KJ6DZI)



Left to right: David - KG6SWL and Paul - W6NDA after eating a huge meal



Sharon (xyl of Bill Jeong - KJ6WGX)



Grant – KJ6WGT, arriving in time for the raffle.



Leonard – NX6E, looking relaxed



Ed Fong - WB6IQN (holding jar) and Mei Lin – KI6QXM (in green) mixing up the raffle tickets just before selection



Live action of Kate (xyl of George – NT6G) helping out to select the next winning raffle ticket



Lavinda – KJ6WGV (in pink) and Denise So (in red – just learning she won a raffle prize)



Denise So (guest of KJ6ZI) proudly holding her winning raffle prize.



Left to right: Mia Ho and Ken Ho (both guest of WB6IQN)



Kate (xyl of George – NT6G) picking the next winning raffle ticket



Left to right: Cy – WB6TCF and Bob – K6OPD



Left to right background: Bob- KM6QP, Nelson - AD6XZ, Bart – K6VK  
Left to right foreground: David - KG6SWL, Judy – xyl of K6VK



Left to right foreground: Denise and Lavinda – KJ6WGV. Left to right background: Ada – guest of KJ6DZI, and Rodney – KJ6DZI



Left to right: Sharon, xyl of KJ6WGX and Bill – KJ6WGX (both guest of KJ6DZI)



Left to right foreground: Alon - KG6SGS and Donn - KG6SGS (red shirt).

Left to right background: Michael Moore – AF6A, (guest of Ed Fong) and Ed – WB6IQN



Foreground: Ada – guest of KJ6DZI (red scarf) holding bag to collect used name tags.

Left to right background: Grant - KJ6WGT & Rod KJ6DZI



Gary - KN6LV, Holding latest creation, a self-lighting candle



Chris - KE6FOX, XYL of Gary - KN6LV



Left to right: Donn - KG6SGS, Richard – brother of W6VVQ, Bob – W6VVQ, Alon - WA6GTY, Rodney – KJ6DZI, and Skip - KG6SCE