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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;

A belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.



**2016** is the **Year of the Monkey**, which begins on Monday, February 8, 2016.

If you were born in 1920, 1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, and 2016 you are a Monkey person according to the Chinese Calendar.

Yes, it is time to think about celebrating Chinese New Year which will take place on Monday, February 8, 2016 and will herald in the year of the Fire Monkey.

Folks born in the year of the Monkey tend to be witty, intelligent, have a big life, almost magnetic personality. Their personality traits are practical joker, curiosity, cleverness make for a very dynamic personality. They are fast learners, creative, inquisitive, ambitious, adventurous and enjoy mental challenges to keep them from getting bored. They are extroverted and can be communicated with easily. However, being the master of practical jokes they can be too much to handle at times.

The best mates for Monkey folks are Ox, Rabbit, Serpent, and Monkey. It is best to avoid mates that are Tiger or Boar. .

### **CARC Chinese New Year Luncheon**

Let us, CARC members come together and celebrate the Chinese New Year with a luncheon, from 10:30 am – 1 pm on Saturday, February 13, 2016. It will be held at KOME Restaurant in Daly City.

Please email early your RSVP: [bill.kc6pof@comcast.net](mailto:bill.kc6pof@comcast.net) , it will greatly assist us with planning, the printing of name tags and handling of several other logistical tasks.

Edison Fong is planning on some awesome raffle prizes, so you don't want to miss out on this event. The list of raffle prizes will appear in next month's newsletter (February 2016). We want to give Ed some time to secure the raffle prizes before we formally announce them.

I wish to express my many thanks to Ed for taking on this huge task on behalf of the CARC. **Further CARC luncheon details and signup information are contained in the latter part of this newsletter.**

This Christmas season was filled with wonderful parties.

Ed Fong - WB6/QN hosted a wonderful Christmas Party on December 15, 2105. For those that missed the party, there is a recap of the party with pictures in this newsletter.

I also hosted a Christmas party on December 25, 2015 for family and a few friends. We had over 20 folks at my party and your editor Rodney – KJ6DZI was witness as he enjoyed Prime Rib Dinner first hand.

Featured Tech Article will resume in April 2016 to keep the next several CARC newsletters to a downloadable size.

### **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, Jan 19, 2016  
Tuesday 7pm, Feb 16, 2016

### 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 (SFFD)**

On December 26, 2015 one of our SFFD NERT members, Ada Lowe (in picture below) performed life saving CPR on a stranger, an elderly lady at a restaurant.

Our congratulations to Ms. Ada Lowe for taking action and applying her life saving Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training.



Ms. Ada Lowe

### **Upcoming events**

#### **January 2016**

- 9 Triage Drill (you can also register a friend as a victim)
- 18 MLK Freedom March support
- 23 NERT Sponsored Ham Cram
- 25 NERT Graduate SFPUC drinking water training
- 27 NEN Awards

#### **February 2016**

- 6 Intro to NERT Communications (NCT) 101
- 11 NCT 201: Emergency Messaging
- 23 NCT 301: Hands on buttons & knobs and antennas

- 24 NCT 401: Hands on message passing and scribing
  - 25 NCT 501: NET Control for NERT staging
  - 27 SFPD ALERT Training  
Information and Application
- (You must apply early and pass a background to be considered for this training)

### **March 2016**

- 2 NERT Coordinators & Leaders meeting
- 5 Neighborhood Leadership College
- 10 Ask an Elmer: informal session with ham radio mentors
- 12 St. Patrick's Day Parade NERT marching Unit
- 16 NERT Communications 601/Social Media
- 19 Neighborhood Command Operations (NCP) I
- 29 ICS Forms Workshop

### **April 2016**

- 2 Neighborhood Command Operations II (Prerequisite NCPI)
- 5 Staging area command post set up & operations
- 17 NERT Citywide Drill (Sunday)

### **May 2016 – Sept 2016 (TBD)**

### **October 2016**

- 7-9 Fleet Week Humanitarian Village; NERT Outreach/Education booth.  
9:00a-3:00pm, Marina Green near Scott St.
- 15th: Save the Date! NERT drill

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

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

## **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 Saturday, February 27, 2106. 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 Practice/Training Drill**

All active/trained ALERT members are asked to join us for our next training drill, scheduled for Saturday January 30, 2016 9AM – 1PM. Details will be emailed to active ALERT members, prior to the date of the exercise. Participation is not required, but strongly encouraged.

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>

## **Recap of Ed Fong's Christmas Party 2015**

By Ed Fong (WB6IQN)

Our annual Christmas party was held Saturday December 19<sup>th</sup>. I couldn't count all the folks that attended but I would put it at 60+.

I like to thank everyone that provided the great food. This year we had much more exotic dishes.

Jim Luebke brought a wonderful rib roast with his own special recipe; it just absolutely melted in your mouth. Keith Synder brought a desert that his wife made that was to die for. Paul Unuenten brought his famous ribs that took him all day to barbecue.

I noticed there were several dishes from Lonarni's and Vinit and his wife brought samosa's.

My wife Sharadon made meatballs and lasagna. I tried several pies and they were delightful.

We had several folks that attend this year that were new to the group. Dr. Steve Stearns, the director of the Radiation Labs at Northrop Grumman and Keith Snyder an expert in antenna simulations came by with there lovely wives. I saw at least half a dozen satellite engineers from Loral.

Due to a special request, our raffle tickets were free and one given to each licensed ham. Non licensed hams were allowed to purchase one ticket per family.

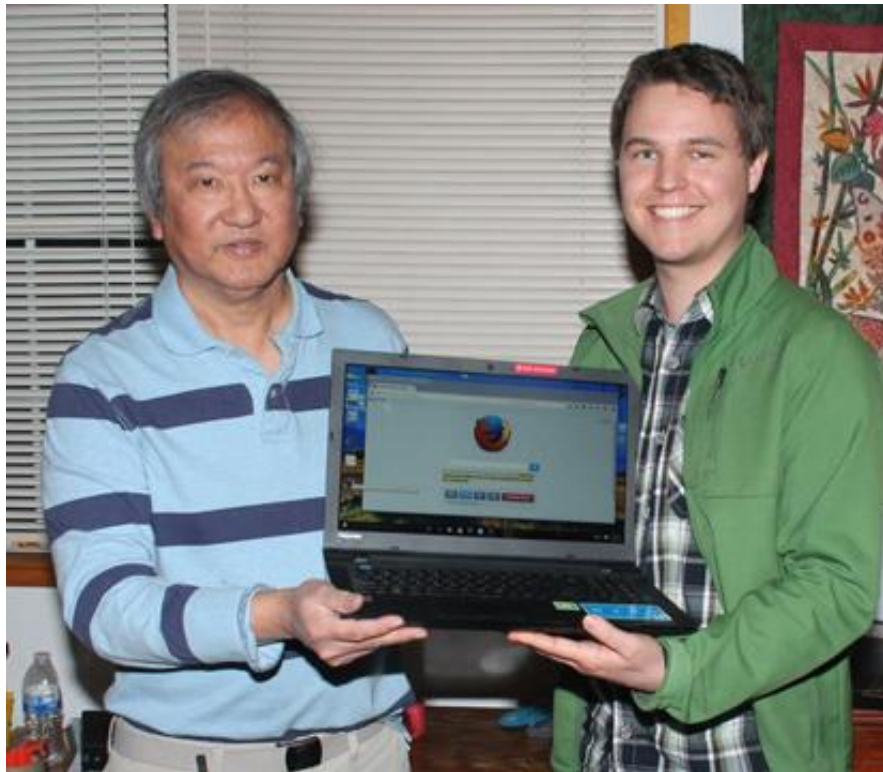
Many thanks to Nick Cassarino - K6VOA of CountyComm for donating many of the wonderful raffle prizes.

Our raffle prize winners were:

- Javen O'Neal KF7JO - Grand Prize Winner of the Toshiba Laptop a Quad Core with 4GB ram and 500 GB hard drive.
- Leonard NX6E - Clip Light
- Thomas Leibold KK6FPP- TBJ-1 Tri band base antenna
- Dave Chipman (microwave engineer)- REI convertible flashlight
- Constantine Spiridon (analog engineer) - rescue tap (Extreme Tape)
- Muse (will get his last name for you) - Digital Volt Meter
- Kerry Schutz (no call) Matlab Senior engineer- CountyComm military landing light

On the subsequent pages are pictures taken by both myself and Ron Quan during the Xmas party.





Left to Right: Ed Fong – WB6/QN presenting the raffled grand prize, Toshiba Laptop to a very happy: Javen O'Neal KF7JO.



Leonard NX6E holding his raffle prize winning: Clip Light



Left to right: Ed and Thomas Leibold - KK6FPP holding his newly won tri-band antenna



Left to right: Ed presenting Dave Chipman (microwave engineer)- his REI convertible flashlight



Left to right: Ed presenting Constantine Spiridon (analog engineer) a roll of Extreme Tape



Left to right: Ed Fong, Camron Schlinder, Violet Fong, and Alexander Hutchins.





Left to right: Keiko Synder (xyl) and Keith Synder - KI6BDR, world renown antenna designer



Dr. Steve Stearns - K6OIK and Joy Stearns - KG6SVO (xyl).



Brook Shriver picking a raffle ticket



Left to right: Teresa Forest, Fred Schlinder, and Jeff Hutchins - WB6BVD



Left to right: Ed Fong, Diana Lum - KG6IOH, Dr. Steve Stearn K6OIK, and Violet Fong



Kerry Schutz of Matlab winning the CountyComm military landing light



Right to left: Sara the mother Debbie Landberg inspecting the emergency tape.



Left to right: Leonard's xyl and daughters.



Vinit Varaj (director at Exar) and Robert Ogg (UCSC graduate student)



Left to right: Fred Schlinder, Alexander Hutchins, Jeff Hutchins - WB6BVD, Rena Yang, and Vladamir Rytikov





Left to right: Violet, Alex, Katherine and Mei-lin-KJ6QXM, our Ginger Bread Construction team.

Many thanks to our wonderful guests and sharing of their wonderful foods that made this Xmas party a very memorable one.

- Ed Fong (WB6IQN)

## December 25, 2015 Christmas Party at QTH By George Chong- W6BUR

I thought I would share with you folks a few pictures from my hosted Xmas party:



At the dinner table. Hetty and I are at the head of the table.



Some of the wonderful plentiful food at the party!



Wishing You All A Happy New Year! George - W6BUR



## **CARC Chinese New Year Luncheon**

### **2016 CARC Annual Chinese New Year Luncheon**

As for those of you that were able to attend the CARC luncheon last year, we enjoyed seeing each other and “yakking” it up. As word spread about our successful CARC luncheon get together, those who did not make it told us “We will be there for the next one”. This year it will also be a great opportunity to meet up with our newest club members and to renew our old friendships.

The time and date: 10:30 am - 1:00 pm Saturday February 13, 2016.

Location: KOME Japanese Seafood and Grill  
1901 Junipero Serra Blvd.,#A  
Daly City, CA 94104  
650-992-8600

Parking: There is free parking in the adjacent five story garage structure.

Cost: Special CARC Adult cost will be \$22.50 per adult.

Seniors over age 60 pay \$21.50

Children Pricing:

Age under 3: Free

Age 3-5: \$9.90

Age 6-8: \$12.38

Age 9-11: \$14.88

These Saturday prices includes: tax (9%), 15% tip, and reserved seating. As you know everything retail seems to goes up in price. So this year KOME Restaurant raised the prices slightly (50 cents) from last year but now charges for all beverages except water.

Beverage prices other than water, not included with the luncheon price:

Soda .....\$1.99 – free refill

Hot tea ....\$1.25 – free refill

Juice.....\$2.25

Sake.....\$7 – \$9, Hot Sake: \$4:30 – \$6:30

Beer.....\$4.99 – 6.99

**Please note that any beverage other than water not included with the price of the luncheon. If you order beverages not covered, you are responsible for paying the additional charges. At the end of the luncheon, using the honor system, we will collect any beverages monies previously not collected.**

For more info please see: [www.komebuffet.com](http://www.komebuffet.com)

**Luncheon money and optional beverage money will be collected at the start of the luncheon, so please have exact change ready! Please put on the CARC name tags that will be provided. We need it to identify who has paid and for head count to satisfy the restaurant.**

Please email Bill Chin ([bill.kc6pof@comcast.net](mailto:bill.kc6pof@comcast.net)) by February 8, 2016 if you are planning to attend the luncheon. We need your name with call sign and the names of your guests (with call sign if available) to create the necessary name tags that you will be requested to wear during the luncheon. The name tags help identify you for the pictures we put into our newsletter. Plus it helps us with money collection of who has paid up.

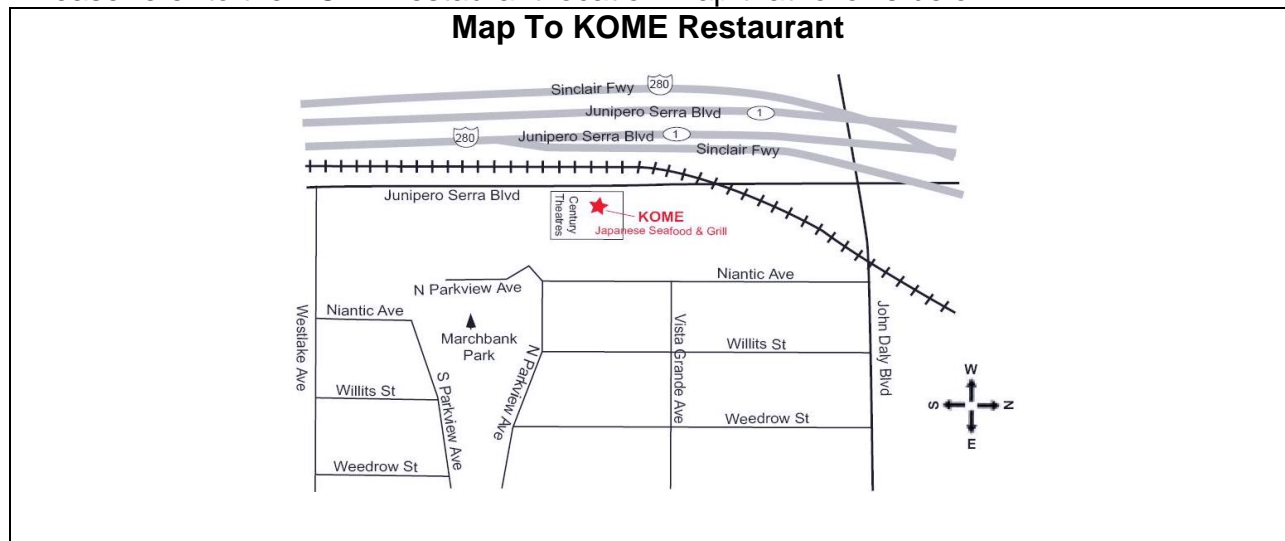
#### Driving Directions:

\* If coming from Hwy 280 Northbound, take the John Daly Blvd/Junipero Serra Blvd exit and continue north on Junipero Serra Blvd and side drive past the Century Theater ticket office.

After a series of small restaurants on the right hand side there is a 5 story parking garage, the entrance will be about 50 feet past KOME restaurant entrance doors.

\* If coming from Hwy 280 Southbound, take the John Daly Blvd/Junipero Serra Blvd exit. After crossing the traffic signal light intersection, in about 500 feet, turn left into the 5 story parking garage structure entrance.

Please refer to the KOME restaurant location map that follows below:



We have reserved the back area room at the KOME restaurant for use of the Cathay Amateur Radio Club. **At the restaurant door please identify yourself as being with the CARC and a KOME hostess will escort you to the back room. Please check in**

**with both Vince Chinn aka Mingie W6EE and Hetty WB6SHU so they can check your name off the attendee list and collect the money to pay the restaurant bill.** Hetty WB6SHU will make sure those senior citizens will get their dollar discount. Be aware that the early bird gets the worm, no feeding after 1PM; I hope we won't have to be booted out, hah-hah!

KOME restaurant is an all you can eat Asian buffet style dining offering a large choice of foods. KOME restaurant is where we held our previous Cathay Radio Club Chinese New Year Luncheon and it was a big hit with all the attendees. There is free parking at the adjacent 5 story parking structure. The Daly City Bart train stop is 2 blocks away.

Please arrive early; **the luncheon time (10:30 am-1pm) will quickly slip away while you are getting caught up with the latest news among our fellow club members, plus you don't want to miss the raffling of fabulous prizes.** The back room is fairly large is able to accommodate 150 guest. I doubt that our CARC members and friends would completely fill it, so feel free to invite additional guests.

The dining tables as I seem to recall were sort of like outdoor picnic types with individual chairs for seating. One other hint: If you are a great eater and love food, try not to choose any tables where the opposite end is against a wall. I found that it was really hard to maneuver quickly for more goodies!

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