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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.

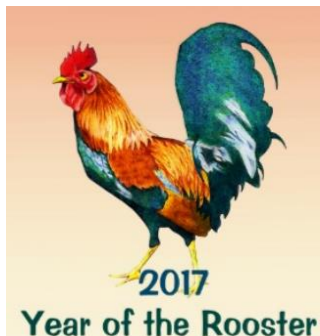
The CARC Monday night net is the best way to find out the latest club news.

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.



2017 is the **Year of the Rooster**, which begins on Saturday January 28, 2017

If you were born in 1921, 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017 you are a Rooster person according to the Chinese Calendar.

Yes, it is time to think about celebrating Chinese New Year which will take place on Saturday, January 28, 2017 and will herald in the year of the Fire Rooster.

Folks born in the year of the Rooster are very observant, hardworking, resourceful, courageous, multi-talented, and confident in themselves. Roosters are loyal and therefore make devoted friends and always keep their promises by being true to their word. In family life, they always help with the housework and have compassion for their partners. They concerned about their privacies and have both a mature and modest personalities that provide for a sense of security.

The best mates for Rooster folks are Ox, Serpent and to a lesser extend: Tiger and Dragon. It is best to avoid mates that are born in the year of the Rat, Rabbit, Horse, Rooster and Dog.

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 11, 2017. It will be held at KOME Restaurant in Daly City.

Please email early your RSVP: bill.kc6pof@comcast.net , it will greatly assisting us with planning, the printing of name tags and handling of several other logistical task.

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 2017). We want to give Ed some time to secure all 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 past Christmas season was filled with just lovely and fun parties.

Ed Fong - WB6/QN hosted a Christmas Party on Saturday December 10, 2016. 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 Sunday December 25, 2016 for family and a few friends.

We had over 25 folks at my party and your editor Rodney – KJ6DZI was witness as he enjoyed a Tri-Tip roasted beef and Chicken dinner first hand. My daughter Laurie came up from LA to prepare the dinner. My son Michael made a killer Chicken dish that was cooked in a pressure cooker to create a very moisture and tender meal. Many other family members pitched in and provided several other dishes.

Featured Tech Article will resume in April 2017 to keep the next several CARC newsletters to a downloadable size.

CARC Final Wrap-up News

I wish all our CARC members and friends a very Happy New Year.

I wish to thank our CARC members that set aside their valuable time to participate in our Monday night's nets.

Don't forget to keep your calendars clear for our luncheon event:

- Saturday February 11, 2017 for our CARC Chinese Year Luncheon

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 17, 2017
 Tuesday 7pm, Feb 21, 2017
 Tuesday 7pm, Mar 21, 2017

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.

Free Disaster Preparedness Classes In San Francisco – NERT Taught by San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD)

Upcoming events

January 2017

- 14 2MCM Ham Radio practice
Spreckels Lake, GG park, no RSVP needed
- 16 MLK Freedom March support and Outreach booth
- 27 NEN Awards
Join us to celebrate SF's amazing people including the NERT Leadership Award
RSVP required
- 28 NERT Sponsored Ham Cram - get your license in 1 day!
St. Mary's Cathedral Event Center, 1111 Gough St
Register (\$30)

February 2017

- 1 NERT Quarterly
All NERTs welcome for Program update and Networking
- 4 NCT** 101/201: Introduction to amateur communications/Hands on Buttons, Knobs & Antennas. Get your license January 28 and get started with radios at this beginner class Please register
- 9 Damage assessment & Emergency Message writing (critical NERT skill)
Please register
- 11 SFPD ALERT (Aux. Law Enforcement Response Team)
Applications must be received well in advance to allow for background check
Program Details and application in the SFPD ALERT section of this newsletter
- 11 2MCM Ham Radio practice
Spreckels Lake, GG park, no RSVP needed
- 22 NCT** 301: Hands on message passing and scribing
Please register
- 23 NCT** 401: NET Control for NERT staging
Please register

March 2017

- 4 Neighborhood Leadership College
Learn tricks and tips for Neighborhood Team building from NERT peers
Please register

- 7 Gas & Electric Safety for volunteer responders with PG&E
Please register
- 9 Ask an Elmer: informal session with ham radio mentors
Please register
- 11 St. Patrick's Day Parade NERT marching Unit
Please register
- 18 Neighborhood Command Operations (NCP) I
Registration open soon
- 25 NCP II (Prerequisite NCPI)
Registration open soon
- 28 NERT ICS Forms Workshop
Registration open soon

April 2017

- 4 Staging area DRILL
Registration open soon
- 17 NERT Citywide Drill, NERT graduates and victims needed
SAVE THE DATE!

RSVP to sffdnext@sfgov.org or call 415-970-2024 to register.

Visit www.sfgov.org/sffdnext 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) 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 SFPD ALERT training class have been scheduled for Saturday, February 11th 2017. The class 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, 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 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Saturday January 28, 2017. 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, 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 2016

By Ed Fong (WB6IQN)

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

What a great time we all had. About 50 folks showed up throughout the evening. This was the food place to be. Chinese, Middle Eastern, Italian, Indian, Pilipino, you name it. Food just kept arriving throughout the evening. I know now not to fill up early. Just sample stuff in the early evening to make room for later goodies. There were quite a few folks that made special desserts too.

I thank you all for doing making it such a great party. Neighbors were invited and of course ham radio friends and many of my co- workers I had the pleasure of working with throughout the years.

This year's Christmas raffle was a big hit with the party goers. Bob Vallio W6RGG (ARRL Director) came all the way from Castro Valley. Dave NE5EE, Diana KI6IOH, Rodney – KJ6DZI all drove all the way down from San Francisco

A very funny story occurred that evening with Bob Vallio. He originally wanted to come by the house and purchase one of our GP5 SSB SDR (software defined) radios. I suggested to him: "Why don't you come by later to join us for the Cathay Radio Christmas Party and take a shot at the raffle, where one of the raffle prizes is a GP5 radio. Since we did not charge for the raffle ticket and do not charge for the food, why not just join us. How can he loose?" So he did come by for the Christmas Party and fate was on his side. Sure enough, Bob won the raffle prize: GP5 SDR radio which saved him sixty bucks and he had a free great meal to go with it.

Since about half the folks were hams and the other half non hams were from the neighborhood, we gave the option of accepting \$100 cash in lieu of the grand prize BTech Triband mobile. Now that really electrified the entire room of party guests especially when I waved a crisp \$100 bill in the air as an alternate top raffle prize.

Congratulations to the winners.

- Btech Triband 25 watt mobile radio - Keith Synder –KI6BDR
- County Comm GP5 SDR radio - Bob Vallio W6RGG
- Thomas Leibold KK6FPP- 2 D cell Mag LED flashlight
- Dave Viera – Discrete 741 op amp
- Brook Schriever (college student) - Digital Multimeter
- Al Mendoza – renown Lockheed Satellite engineer - power strip



Check out some of the food here at 7PM. This was early evening, Dozens more dishes would come throughout the evening



One of my students, Ben Shayesteh, brought an hors d'oeuvre platter that was an absolute treat and delightful to look at.



Keith Snyder KI6DBR and his wife Keiko made a special Christmas desert. It was all grabbed up before I even had a piece



Left to right: Rod and Tony Sacco



Folks eagerly listening for the winning raffle numbers.



Ron Quan KI6AZB and Ravi Masand - movers and shakers of the Valley.



The ham radio table, left to right: Tony (blue shirt), Amanda, Diana Lum, Keiko, Keith, and Jim.



Left to right: Ed Fong presenting the grand prize Btech Triband radio to Guru antenna engineer Keith Synder KI6BDR.



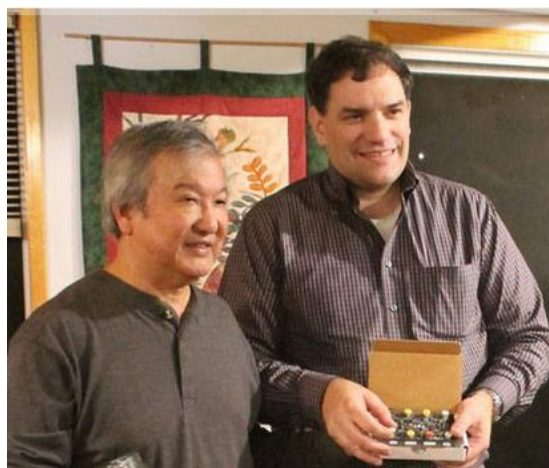
Left to right: Ed Fong offering Al Mendoza - retired satellite engineer after 40 years at Lockheed after choosing a powerstrip over a DVM raffle prize.



Left to right: Brook Schriever wins the DVM. As a science major in college it may come in handy for her. Ed Fong is presenting the prize to a very a happy winner.



Left to right: Ed Fong handing Thomas Leibold KK6FPP his Maglite Flashlight raffle prize



Left to right: Ed Fong and Dave Viera holding his new won raffle prize, a Discrete 741 op amp



Left to right: Ed Fong, Bob Vallio W6RGG with his newly won County Comm GP5 SDR radio



Left to right: Ed Fong and Al Mendoza just after winning the power strip raffle prize



Left to right: Violet Fong, seated Dave Gomberg - NE5EE(bearded), along with other folks watching the raffle.



Left to right: Thomas Leibold KK6FPP and friend, Amanda



Left to right: Rich Zeman (harmonic of WB6HUE) and his son, Greg



Christmas Party in full swing! Debbie Landberg wearing black top.



Left to right: Emily and Jimmy Yip, neighbors of Ed Fong



Jace Brehm - retired EE



Left to right: June, George and Ravi enjoying the conversation and food.



Traci Zhang and baby daughter Enya



Left to right: Fan Zhang with son Enzo



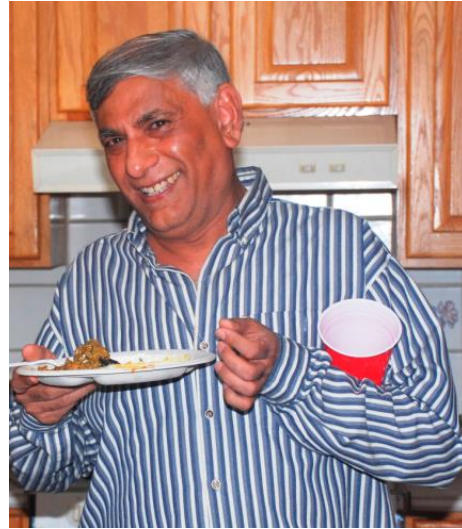
Left to right: Todd Erying and Ray Schriver enjoying the food and drink



Bob Yee – W6VVQ resting up after eating a tons of food.



Left to right Sharadon Fong with one of Ed's graduate students Ben Shayesteh.



Ravi Masand - Having a great time



Folks gathering around the ginger man decoration party



Left to right: Jim Fahy N6WKY and Ron Quan KI6AZB



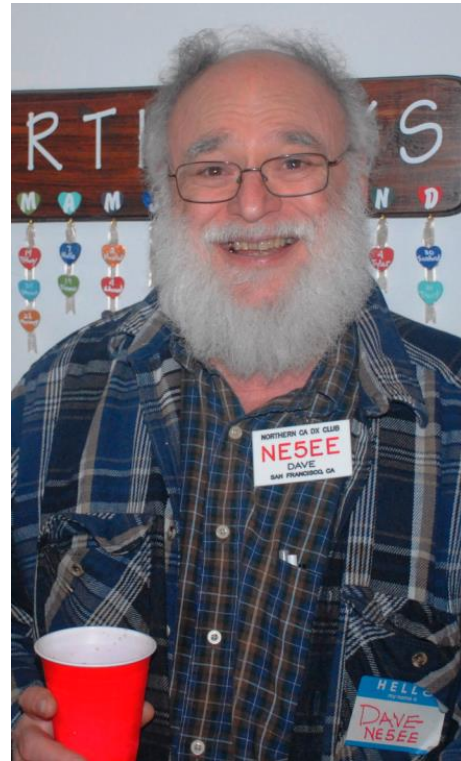
Party goers



Pauline (in red top) in deep conversation



Diana Lum –KG6ION



Dave Gomberg – NE6EE



Al Mendoza taking a moment during the party



Dorie Mendoza enjoying the party



Teresa Schlinder and Jeff Hutchins - WB6BVD



David taking in the party



Left to right: Debbie and Mike Langberg with Jeff Hutchins



Setting up the table for decorating the ginger man cookies, always a fun group activity



Enzo Zhang, holding a food plate almost as big as he is!



Christina Schriver engaged in conversation



Left to right: Carol Eyring KI6PUX (partial), David, and unnamed guest



Left to right: Violet, Brook and Amanda decorating the ginger man cookies.



David Cooper - K6WA



Dave Viera powering up the transceiver in Ed Fong's radio room man cave.

There were many more picture but we could not print them all in this newsletter.

Ed Fong (WB6IQN)

December 25, 2016 Christmas Party at QTH

By George Chong- W6BUR

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



Left to right: George Chong and grand daughter, Natalie.



Daughter Laurie preparing the Tri-Tip Roasted Beef that she cooked



Some of the delicious and plentiful food at the Christmas party!



Desserts that were being put on the table



Hetty taking a moment from her very busy schedule to Wish You All a Very Happy New Year



Here is my pal and George Chong
Wishing You All a Happy New Year

George Chong

2017 CARC Chinese New Year Luncheon

As for those of you that were able to attend the CARC Chinese New Year 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 11, 2017

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: 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 6-7: \$12.38

Age 8-10: \$14.88

The above Saturday luncheon prices includes: tax (9%), 15% tip, and the VIP reserved seating area. As you know everything retail seems to goes up in price. So this year KOME Restaurant bucked the trend and kept the prices the same from last year and continues to charges for all beverages except water. **Of course these prices are subject to increase at the time of the luncheon.**

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 the above prices are subject to changes in the New Year. Any beverage other than water is 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

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.

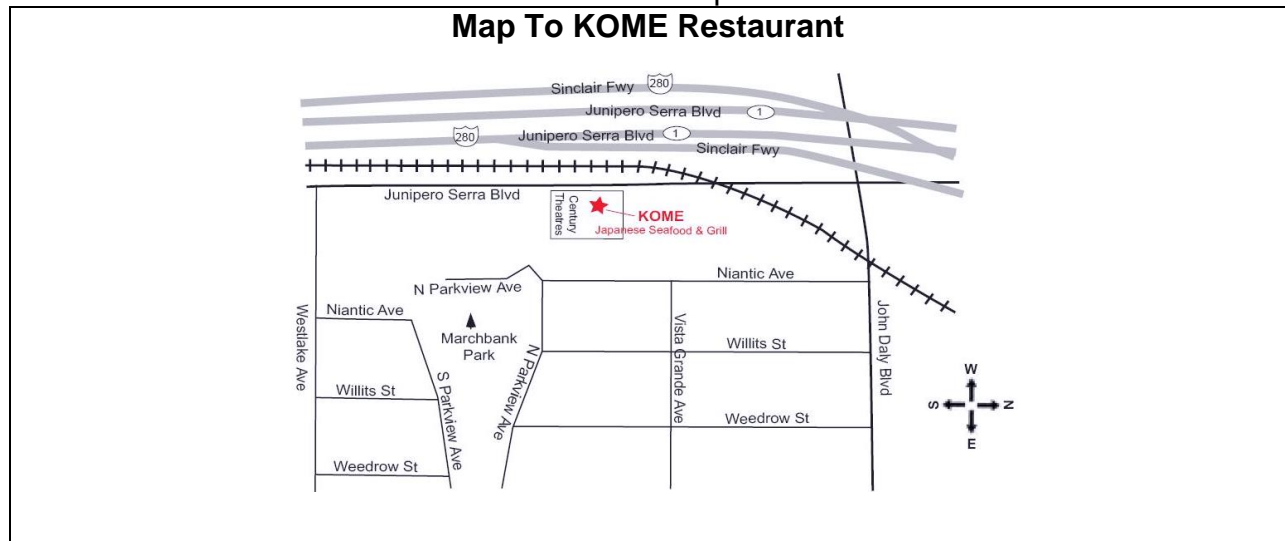
Please email Bill Chin (bill.kc6pof@comcast.net) by Friday February 3, 2017 if you are planning to attend the luncheon. We need your name with call sign and the names of your guests (with call sign if available) to create the necessary names tags that you will be requested to wear during the luncheon. 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 leftmost 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 130 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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