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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;

I wish to express my thanks to the wonderful CARC members that came up to our house (George's and Hetty's) to spend Field Day hanging out together. And special thanks to the folks that brought the food. Rose made a wonderful fruit salad that was out of this world.

This is the first year in recent memory that we served two different types of gourmet beer:

- Dark Lager beer brewed in St. Petersburg, Russia
- Dark Strong Ale beer brewed in Belgium

Needless to say the beer was a hit with the members along with the wonderful feast that people brought to the pot luck lunch.

Due to unforeseen circumstances some folks that were planning to attend the luncheon were not able to come so the turnout was not as busy as previous years. However at the same time; we were able to have more in depth one on one conversations.

The people in attendance were:

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| • Gary – KN6LV | • Wesley - KF6WDX |
| • Dirk – KE6ZUY | • Alon – WA6GTY |
| • Rose – xyl of Dirk | • Rodney – KJ6DZI |
| • Gilbert – KJ6HKD | • Hetty - WB6SHU |
| • Grant – KJ6WGT | • George – W6BUR |



Gilbert – KJ6HKD brought his newly acquired super compact flashlight that just impress everybody with the brightness

We had a huge feast of great food and great conversation.

Later in the evening we were able to setup and test an HF rig that one of our members brought. The setup required a power supply, antenna, speakers and a lot of careful zeroing in on active stations.

Being party animals, the event lasted until 11:45 pm. Yes, that right...11:45 pm at night we half expected the cops to show up and shut us down!

Below are some of the pictures from our club potluck luncheon:



Picture of the wonderful food that everybody brought to the Field Day Party



Left to right: Rose xyl of Dirk, Dirk – KE6ZUY, and Hetty - WB6SHU



George-W6BUR and Grant – KJ6WGT



Grant – KJ6WGT and Dirk – KE6ZUY



Alon – WA6GTY



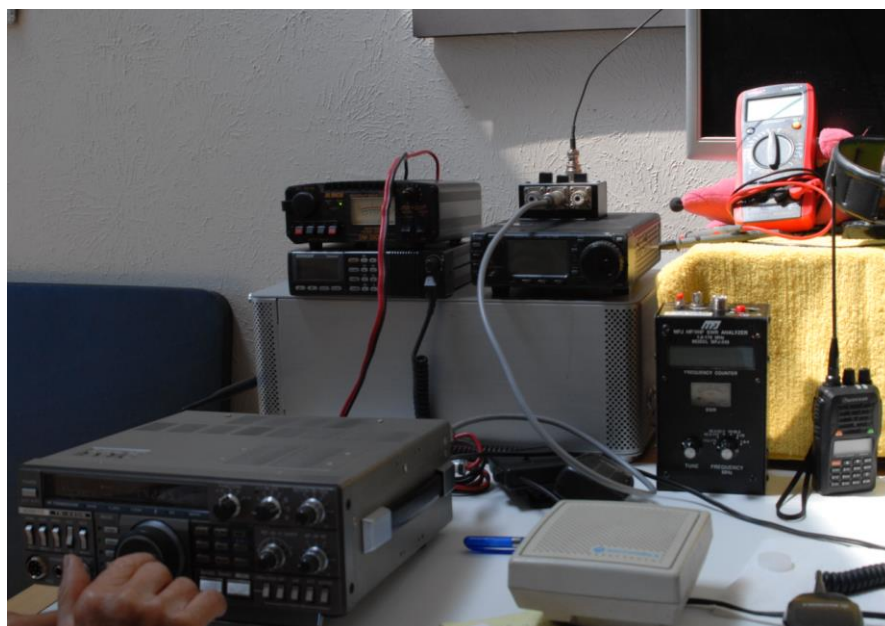
Gary – KN6LV



Left to right: Wesley - KF6WDX and Gilbert – KJ6HKD



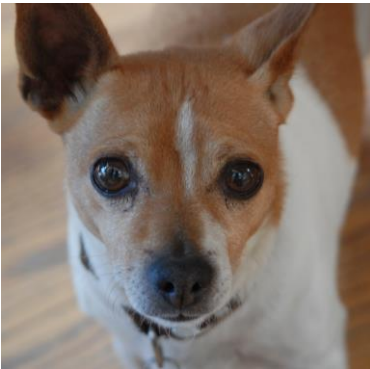
Left to right: Wesley - KF6WDX , Gilbert – KJ6HKD, Gary – KN6LV,
Alon – WA6GTY, and Hetty - WB6SHU



George – W6BUR: Dialing in HF to listen in on Field Day



Checking out the many different radios that Gilbert-KJ6HKD brought for a show and tell



Official Field Day Mascot



Fruit Salad provided by Rose

Snap Quiz: Guess who for Field Day QSO broke all records:

1. These two members started their QSO shortly after arriving.
2. At lunch time great food did not deter them from conversation.
3. Hours later when the rest of the members exchanged 73's and 88's.

4. Diner was served at approximately 7PM (left over food), the two members are still yakking.
5. Of course Hetty and George were all ears. (Interesting conversation is never boring.
6. It's been dark for many hours by now, but who cares? We wave good night to them both.
7. When they arrived home their wives asked "do you know what time it is?)
8. They left here (Field Day site) at quarter to midnight!
9. Who are they? Non other than KJ6DZI (Diz Zy Individual) and KJ6HKD (Ho Kia Doy).
10. Record QSO time, over 12 hours! These two guys really love to talk.

Without any PTT mike yet!

Featured Tech Article: Will be deferred into next month's newsletter.

Public Service Announcements Intro

Thank you for those members answering the call for volunteers to help out fellow CARC member Skip Weiss – KG6SCE with the Cancer Society Relay Fund Raiser.

I find it extremely gratifying when our club members come together to help out both the local community and each other.

Gary – KN6LV would like to call to your attention the California Extreme 2014 event that is schedule for this July 12-13, 2014. It is being held at the following location:

Hyatt Regency Santa Clara
5101 Great America Parkway
Santa Clara, California, USA, 95054
Tel: +1 408 200 1234
Fax: +1 408 510 6449
Email: qualityclara@hyatt.com

Further details about the California Extreme 2014 event are listed at end of the Public Service Announcement Section.

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>

Bart Lee – K6VK

LATEST ON California Historical Radio Society (CHRS) BUILDING PURCHASE...

The following statement was read at Radio Day By The Bay and is the latest information we have at this time about CHRS purchase of its future home at 2152 Central Avenue, Alameda – The New CHRS ‘Radio Central’

On April 23rd 2014 CHRS took possession of the historic building at 2152 Central Avenue in Alameda CA. It will now be known as CHRS ‘Radio Central’ and is now the Permanent home of the California Historical Radio Society and its’ programs, the Bay Area Radio Hall Of Fame and the Society Of Wireless Pioneers.

CONGRATULATIONS AND HAPPY 40TH BIRTHDAY CHRS! - Our favorite Historical Radio Society has done something that most non-profits only dream about... We have raised enough money to buy a permanent home!

As of today, **OUR CASH TOTAL BUILDING FUND DONATIONS** = \$1,053,700, spread across 448 donations! We need \$1.16 Million. **CURRENT TOTAL BUILDING FUND DONATIONS:**

This building is 114 years old and in some areas shows its’ age. We have some roofing issues, asbestos issues, minor termite damage and one tiny moldy closet. Don’t be scared, this building has great bones and all these problems can be corrected. We have a Boys Room and Girls Room with many more stalls than we will ever need and a bunch of 24” sinks. We need to turn these rooms into adult ADA bathrooms. It’s all doable. It just takes lots of money. Oh yes... We also have to build a Museum.

For additional information see: <http://www.californiahistoricalradio.com/>

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, July 15, 2014
Tuesday 7pm, Aug 19, 2014
Tuesday 7pm, Sept 16, 2014

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

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

Visit www.sfgov.org/sffdnert to learn more about the training, other locations, and register on line.

Upcoming Special NERT Events.

July To be determined, please check website for latest scheduled events.

* **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) 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, August 9th 2014 and Saturday, October 25th, 2014. 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, or by telephone at 415-401-4615.

SFPD ALERT Training Drill

All active/trained ALERT members are asked to join us for our next training drill, scheduled for ~~Saturday, July 12th, 2014 (TBD)~~ and **Saturday, November 1, 2014**. The drill will be held in the Police Academy (350 Amber Drive) parking lot from 9am-12pm. Details will be emailed to active ALERT members, prior to the date of the exercise. Participation is not required, but strongly encouraged.

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

An informational meeting will be held at the San Francisco Police Academy, located at 350 Amber Drive, Parking lot bungalows, on **TBD**, at 7pm. All members of the public are welcome. Interested individuals will have their questions about the program answered at the meeting.

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>

California Extreme 2014

California Extreme 2014
July 12-13, 2014
Hyatt Regency Santa Clara
11:00 am - 2:00 am Saturday
11:00 am - 9:00 pm Sunday

<http://www.caextreme.org/>

California Extreme is the "Classic Arcade Games Show". It's an annual celebration of coin operated pinball machines, video games and other novelties you once found in game arcades. All games on display are set for free play, so leave your quarters in the ash tray in your car. You won't need 'em.

Why A Game Show?

Arcades were once a fixture on the American urban landscape, and games were plentiful in rural cities too. The closest heir of today is the so-called "Family Entertainment Center", which is populated with a myriad of devices designed only to take your coins quickly and leave you with a pile of tickets, which you exchange for cheap, trashy toys.

This is entertainment? California Extreme was born with a desire to share fun coin op games that are in the hands of private collectors, and to hopefully spread the word that pinball machines were once plentiful, and that videogames were not synonymous with "martial arts" and violence. Buy/sell/trade!

The show is a great place to bring games you want to sell, and also a good place to add to your collection, or even start it! Not all games will be for sale; many collectors bring games to show (or show off!) that they would never sell.

So .. Can I play the stuff? Yeah .. Everything is on free play. You can play from the moment you arrive until we shut off the power at closing -- Play as many games as you want, in whatever order you want to.

There are *HUNDREDS* of games, all set to play for free. This is a your chance to try

those older games, or the newer games that you'd never put money into in an arcade.

There are also many games that never got produced, and are very hard to find.

For Ticket Information: http://www.caextreme.org/ticket_information

Hotel Information

*** Note: The Hyatt has run out of \$90 rooms in our block - rooms are still available at a higher rate. Alternate hotel information below. ***

California Extreme 2014 is being held inside the Hyatt Regency Santa Clara, a big, beautiful hotel with a giant ballroom. The block of rooms will be available for a fantastic rate of \$90 per night.

Rooms are available with two queen-size beds, or one king-size bed, at the same rate. This rate includes free parking for the show and the undying gratitude of California Extreme's staff.

To book your rooms online, click [here](#) The group rate of \$90 per night should be loaded automatically. Set your dates of arrival and departure, then click "Check Availability" to continue the booking process. If you are having trouble or the site rejects your reservation, please e-mail us; the block of rooms may need to grow!

If you prefer to reserve your room by phone, call the Hyatt at (888) 421-1442. To receive the show discount, you must mention "California Extreme" when you call.

Rooms at the reduced rate are only guaranteed through June 20, 2014, or whenever the hotel becomes sold out, so book early. Bookings after June 20 will be accepted only if the hotel has availability, and are not guaranteed to be at the \$90 rate. **(Note: in the past several years the hotel has sold out - you are encouraged to book early!)**

We strongly encourage you to consider using the show hotel for your stay while at California Extreme as it helps keep our costs down -- and besides, you won't even have to go outside! There are so many reasons to book your room, why not do it now?

Alternate Hotel Information

We have obtained a block of rooms at the Avatar hotel which is about one mile away from the Hyatt for \$95 / night for a room with one king bed or 2 double beds. To book, please call 408-235-8900 and ask for the California Extreme rate.

****New**** We have obtained a block of rooms at the Marriott hotel about one mile away from the Hyatt for \$89 / night for a standard guest room for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. To book a room, please call 800-228-9290 or 408-988-1500 and mention California Extreme Santa Clara July 2014.

We are working with other hotels in the area and will update this as soon as we have information.

Thanks and enjoy the show.