

Cathay Newsletter April 2009

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Mission: Cathay Amateur Radio Club is a social club of Ham Radio Operators and their spouses

Monday Night Net 9PM PT the best way to find the latest club news. All check-ins are welcome.
Frequency: 146.67MHz -600KHz PL 85.4 and 442.70 +5MHz PL 173.8 The repeaters are linked.

Washington High School Net Monday 7PM PT Frequency: 147.06MHz +600KHz PL 100
Net control is Nathan, KI6PVO. This is on the Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club Repeater.

Message from the President:

First things first.....We will begin by thanking Edison Fong, WB6IQN, former CARC President. It is very hard to imagine how much energy you have spent contributing to the CARC and its members. You put the Cathay Newsletter together, writing most of the material, you make decisions on the yearly club calendar, dig around for super prizes, lap tops, and 10 mega pixel cameras. What a great job you did. You were holding a full time job... you also have a family..... two lovely girls named Mei Lin and Violet and Sharadon, your "first lady". For all the years you've reigned. Sharadon has to be a great person to put up with your dedication to the club. I've lost track of how many years you

have put in as President of the Cathay Amateur Radio Club. I am pretty certain you now have the record. As we say in my former job, "you're a hard act to follow". Ed, I am glad that you are taking a breather, relax a little bit and do only what you want to do. Don't get me wrong, I am not putting you out to pasture..not by any means. You have accepted staying on as our prize Chairman and that's great, and our members will continue to raffle for prizes we are all accustomed to. You're our technical guru, so do whatever and whenever your heart desires.

HELLO GUYS AND DOLLS

It was great to see so many happy faces at our Annual Chinese New Year Banquet. I would like to thank a few people that made it work so well. Joe Lee, W6DOB on the banquet committee. Also to club Secretary Bill Chin, KC6POF, what a great job of tallying all the guests into a great guest list that the two ladies of W6QNT, John and W6BUR, George took such great care with, namely Lois Tim and Hetty Chong, WB6SHU. Lastly W6EE, Mingie our Treasurer to pay off the Silver Dragon for a fine meal.

NEW CARC MEMBER

Welcome to our newest member...Greg Chew, AF6IA. Welcome Greg - we all look forward to meeting you soon.

MEETING

CARC meeting second Saturday, 11 April 2009, at Harry's Hofbrau 1909 El Camino Real, Redwood City, CA 94063, (650) 366-3733, about one block north of Woodside Road (Hwy 84) after the DeAnza College swap meet. Those of you planning to come for the CARC meeting only, please come early. Maybe we can secure the back room for our meeting. They will not reserve. It's on a first come, first served basis. So if we are able to secure the back room at about 1130 or 1134 we could have a fairly private meeting. We will be wanting your input on ideas for activities and making plans for the coming year.

SPRING TOUR

We are in the planning stages of a spring tour. We have talked of a possible return to Angel Island, maybe as early as May. The island is rebounding from a fire of last October. This San Francisco landmark on the bay illuminates shadows of the past. Beginning this month 90 minutes docent-led tours of the immigration station will be given twice daily, Wednesday through Sunday. Since reservations are required we must, as a group, decide at this meeting which weekend and day, we would like to go. If you are interested, choose a preferred date, Sat May 30th or Sun May 31st. It would be a half-day event. Send replies ASAP to Joe W6DOB (w6dob@sbcglobal.net) or George W6BUR (w6bur@comcast.net). Don't forget to get the latest happenings on the Monday night net 2100 PT on 146.670Mhz minus offset, PL85.4Hz.

That's all for now.....Chat sup som.....W6BUR



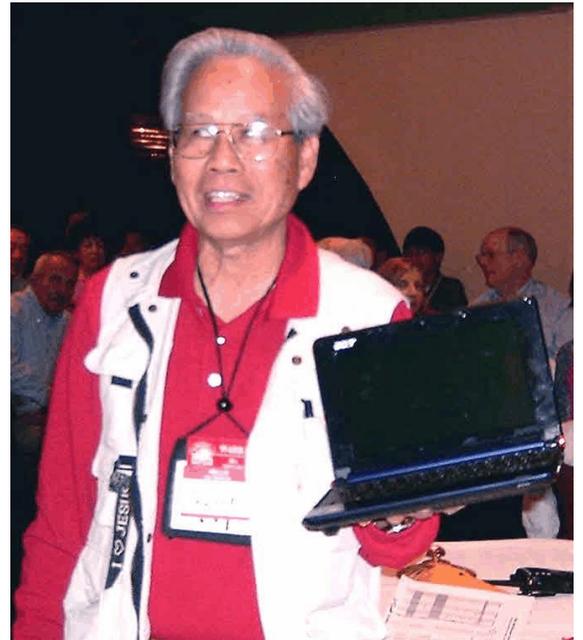
The whole group!

Banquet Report: (by Ed Fong WB6IQN)

I enjoyed seeing a lot of new faces at the annual banquet at the Silver Dragon. The weather was perfect. It was like a spring day. Usually in the middle of winter it is cold and rainy. We had 70 members and 9 kids. We even had Andy Oppel N6AJO of the ARRL. He is the Pacific Division Vice Director. I tried to swing around and introduce myself to everyone so if I missed you, it was not intentional.



Mei-lin, Katherine, Alexandria, Violet



Bill Fong W6BBA Winner of the laptop

Joe Lee W6DOB - playing the yee wu

Skip Weiss KG6SCE - won Yaesu FT1802



Eunice Chen winner of the Yaesu VX



Special thanks go to George W6BUR and Joe W6DOB for organizing it and Hetty WB6HSU and Lois XYLs. W6QNT for helping at the check-in. With the two for one deal we brought out a few people who otherwise would not have come. All paid members who came received the CREE AA LED flashlight. The meal was great as usual. Wesley Chee, the owner of the Silver Dragon did a great job as our host. The Peking Duck is still my favorite.



The winner of the grand prize was Bill Fong W6BBA. All that driving up from LA paid off. With the Acer Notebook computer with its built-in webcam, we should all see Bill on Skype. He should enjoy his state of the art laptop 2.1 pound computer. Second prize went to Skip KG6SCE with the Yaesu 1802 50 watt mobile. Eunice Chen won the Yaesu VX-150 handheld. She should get her license now.

Finalists for grand prize: Bill Fong, W6BBA; Dave Chan, KI6FPO; Nelson Doon, AD6XZ; and Cyrus Moy, WB6TCF

We also introduced new officers listed at the top of this newsletter.

Regular features: This is a proposed new section of the newsletter, please let us know how you like it!

Ham exams: (Walk-ins allowed unless otherwise noted)

| Date | Time | City | More info: |
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| 29 March | 0845 | San Francisco | http://www.hamcrams.com dave1@wcf.com |
| 11 April | 0900 | Mill Valley | Robert Jenkins 510-526-4089 |
| 26 April | 0900 | Oakland | David Otey 510-918-4627 |
| 13 June | 0845 | San Francisco | http://www.hamcrams.com dave1@wcf.com |

Web site reviews: The web is full of great info on most any topic, and ham radio is no exception. Today we feature the site of AC6V, SK. Rather than bore you with a lengthy description of this 132 page site, I will simply send you to the home page, <http://www.ac6v.com>

His son is still selling his books, they are terrific.

Lost and Found: A camera case left during a "field day" event at W6BUR's QTH. Just identify what's in it and it's yours. Email Bill Chin at bill.kc6pof@comcast.net

Want ads: Send your buy and sell listings for next month to davel@wcf.com

Deals: If you find a great sale price or discount, let me know. I will check it out and run it. davel@wcf.com

Harry's Hofbrau April 11, 2008

We went all out again. We have given away enough Japanese radios designed for ham use. Again, the club will offer a commercial radio. I know of no other ham club that offers a commercial radio for their raffle prize.

The grand prize for our April Meeting will a Motorola GP68 UHF commercial handie talkie. It covers 430-470 MHz. So it covers amateur, police, GMRS, and FRS, all in one radio without degradation in performance in both transmit and receive mode. Frequencies and PL can be front keypad programmable. The only thing it doesn't do is trunking. Ham's don't do trunking anyway. I have had one of these radios now for about 18 months and I must say, it is a very high performance radio. It has a very good combination of body chassis and antenna design which makes it an excellent performer. In my opinion, it's a great performer and certainly can run circles around most "ham" radios. It comes with programming software, drop in charger, manual, and belt clip. If you wish to find out more about this radio go to Google and just enter "Motorola GP68".

So come to the April meeting and enjoy the great atmosphere, the great company, four 9V batteries (see below) and the unique raffle prize of a Motorola GP68.

Pacificon:

Pacificon 2009 to be hosted by EMCOMMWEST, May 1, 2, and 3, at the Circus Circus Hotel, Reno, NV. The keynote speaker will be Steve Ewald, WV1X, Field Organization Supervisor from ARRL HQ; and the banquet speaker will be Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, who was in charge of Amateur Radio rules enforcement at the FCC when he retired. I hope many of you will be able to attend this year's Pacificon. More information is available at <http://www.pacificon.org>

Membership:

Have you renewed your membership for 2009? If not, you still can. Send your \$15 check (payable to Cathay Amateur Radio Club) to Bill Chin, Club Secretary at 43 Norwood Ave, Daly City CA 94015. We have 76 members for 2009, renew and continue to help the Club this year. Questions? Email Bill, KC6POF at bill.kc6pof@comcast.net

Frank Wing WB6YUT - SK: (by Bill Chin, KC6POF)

The Club offers condolences to Frank's family for their loss. Frank was a long-time member of the Club. Some of his family members were amateur radio operators and members of the Club. The Club appreciated Frank's support over the years. The following is an excerpt from the San Francisco Chronicle obituaries, March 11, 2009:

"After a six-month valiant and courageous battle to overcome multiple health challenges, Frank passed away peacefully on March 6, 2009. Born in Santa Barbara, CA on January 23, 1926, Frank always maintained an unassuming, keen, precise, perceptive and "sharp as a tack" persona throughout his entire life and illness. A committed optimist, who rarely complained and most recently defied all odds of his fate by astounding his medical team time and time again. Dearly beloved husband of the late Doris (Jear). Devoted father to his three children Collin, Garrick (Nenet) and Carolyn (Dennis Yee)."

Recycling Your Old Electronic Wastes (E-Waste): Current as of March 15, 2009

Wondering what to do with your old computers, monitors, telephones, TVs, VCRs, printers, etc? Here are some upcoming one-time and recurring local and free e-waste recycling events below. Be sure to check the listed websites for specific address, drop off times, any restrictions, and updates. Save these websites for future events in other areas.

Source: http://www.alliedwastedalycity.com/allied_news.cfm

Jun 13, Aug 8, Nov 14, Daly City, Daly City Hall parking lot

Source: <http://www.unwaste.com/event-calendar.php>

Mar 21-22, Clifford Elementary at Long's Parking Lot, Redwood City

Mar 21-22, City of Burlingame Parking Lot O, Burlingame

Mar 28-29, Corte Madera Towne Center, Corte Madera

Mar 28-29, Sports Basement, Presidio, San Francisco

Apr 4-5, American Canyon Middle School, American Canyon

Apr 4-5, Young Artist Symphony at Heather Farms Park, Walnut Creek

6 days a week (Mon-Sat), Oakland - Universal Waste Management Warehouse

Source: <http://www.noewaste.com/events.htm>

3rd Saturday, Chabot College, Hayward

3rd Saturday, Los Medanos College, Pittsburg

1st Saturday, Twin Peaks Elementary School, San Ramon

1st Saturday, Diablo Valley College, Pleasant Hill

Apr 17-19, Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton

5 days a week (Tues-Sat), San Leandro - Electronic Waste Management

Source: <http://www.aslrecycling.com>

5 days a week (Mon-Fri), San Jose – ALS Recycling

Source: <http://www.recycleforbreastcancer.org/dropoffanytime.htm>

7 days a week, San Ramon

Source: <http://www.acrrecycling.com>

5 days a week (Mon-Fri), Santa Clara

Source: <http://www.sfgoodwill.org/ElecRecycle2.aspx>

Many Goodwill Stores and Donation Centers offer recycling of electronics.