

## Cathay Newsletter December 2006

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**Mission:** The Cathay Amateur Radio Club is basically an active social club of Ham Radio Operators and their spouses

Monday Night Net Time: 9PM PST Frequency: 146.67MHz -600KHz PL85.4 and 442.70 +5MHz PL 173.8 The repeaters are linked. The Monday night net is the best way to find out the latest club news. All check-ins are welcome

### **President's Message Tony Halog – KR6EG**

This hobby of ours.

As many of you know, we usually have a trivia question during our Cathay Monday night club net, held on the W6BUR and N6MNV repeaters. With that in mind, here's a question for you: According to FCC Part 97.1, what is the basis and purpose of amateur radio?

I'll make it easy for you. Here's the answer.

Code of Federal Regulations.  
Revised as of October 1, 2005.  
Sec. 97.1 Basis and purpose.

The rules and regulations in this part are designed to provide an amateur radio service having a fundamental purpose as expressed in the following principles:

- (a) Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications.
- (b) Continuation and extension of the amateur's proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art.
- (c) Encouragement and improvement of the amateur service through rules which provide for advancing skills in both the communication and technical phases of the art.
- (d) Expansion of the existing reservoir within the amateur radio service of trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts.
- (e) Continuation and extension of the amateur's unique ability to enhance international goodwill.

Reflecting upon my performance as President of the club, and as an amateur radio operator at large, using a gimlet eye, I think I can honestly say I haven't been perfect, but I've tried my best and continue to do so.

So what have I done for amateur radio lately?

A. From almost the very beginning of my involvement in ham radio, I've been participating and learning as much as I can about emergency communications. My wife Connie KF6WEA and I were on duty on 11 September 2001. We continue to be involved in building communications support for the City and County of San Francisco.

B. Advancement of the art? Well, in order to do that, I decided to learn some history regarding amateur radio. I won't claim to be an expert, but I know a little about Marconi, Maxim and Morse. I took my license tests when we still had to identify circuit diagrams, and had to understand that a tube was more than the middle of the toilet paper roll. Am I up to speed with modern devices and terms? Well I haven't played with everything, but I know what Echolink, IRLP, APRS and PSK-31 are. I know that ATV is more than late-night adults-only cable TV entertainment. So, I might be able to hold my own in discussing the research and development done by amateur radio operators. By the way, did you know that hams have made contact just recently by bouncing lasers off clouds? True.

C. Have I followed the rules and regs? I'm relatively sure that I've been a pretty straight arrow. Have I let an occasional colorful word slip through? Well, yes.

D. As I write this article, Connie and I are in the midst of helping a group of folks study to take the Technician (Element 2) exam.

E. International goodwill? Sorry to admit, but my station is comparatively puny when it comes to shooting for rare (or even common) DX. It's not entirely for lack of trying. We're at the bottom of the propagation cycle, and my schedule doesn't easily coordinate with openings to working DX. But I try to be friendly whenever I'm on the air.

I think I've done something, if not nationally evident, to be a positive influence within amateur radio. Amateur radio is part of me now; and I'm a part of amateur radio. I'll contribute to ham radio as long as I can; as I have tried to emulate those who have gone before me and those who continue to Elmer me. Thank you all who have helped me along the way. I'm attempting to repay you by helping those who need assistance now.

73, Tony Halog - KR6EG

### **From the editor:**

I like to personally thank Tony for being President. He has worked hard to try to bring consensus to our group. It is never an easy task to try to get 100 people to agree on a single issue, but Tony has brought his professionalism to this position. One cannot satisfy all the people all the time, but Tony certainly did it with diplomacy. Good job, Tony.

### **Annual New Year's Banquet**

Next Year's (2007) annual Chinese New Year Banquet will be held at the Silver Dragon in Oakland. Thanks to Joe W6DOB for organizing it. This is a great restaurant with a private room. Bring your family and friends. The menu is a 10 course traditional banquet usually reserve for weddings. If you had to attend one event for the year, this is it. We expect about 100 people to attend. Please be prompt since the program will start at exactly 6:00PM. So set your calendars for Saturday February 10, 2007. The program will be as follows:

5:00PM Dinning room open and social time.

6:00PM Presentation on the history and traditions of Chinese New Year.

6:10PM Live Chinese music on the Er Wu (2 stringed instrument).

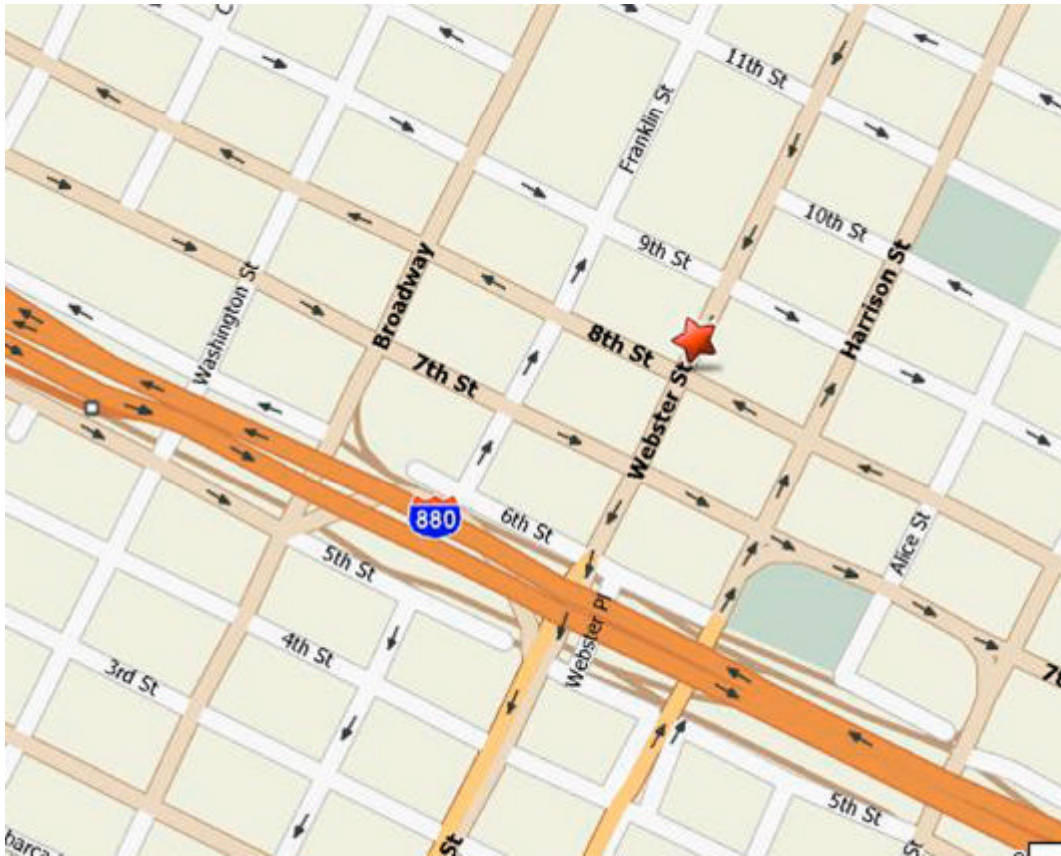
6:30PM Dinner begins.

7:30PM Raffle begins.

Dinner must begin promptly at 6:30PM because the resturant closes at 9:00PM. There will be a \$1 per ticket raffle for ladies only conducted by the Banquet Committee, separate from the radio raffle. Directions and address is as follows:

Silver Dragon Restaurant  
835 Webster St, Oakland, CA  
510-893-3748

There is street parking and a nearby parking garage. Below is the basic map.



**Directions:**

From South Bay: Take 880 north. Exit on the Broadway exit towards downtown. Proceed to 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Make a right on 9<sup>th</sup> Street and find street parking. There is a public garage on Franklin and 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

From North Bay: Take 880 South to San Jose. Exit on the Broadway/Alameda Exit. Stay straight, go on to 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn left on Broadway. Turn right on 9<sup>th</sup> Street. There is a public garage on Franklin and 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

Here are the conditions for the banquet.

1. All reservations and payments should be made by January 3, 2007.
2. Dinner seating will be open and non-reserved.
3. Kids under 12 are free. The Cathay Club invites these family members to chose from the standard Silver Dragon menu.
4. All requests for special needs should be included when making reservations.

The preliminary menu is:

- *Fried Stuffed Crab Claws*
- *Tree Mushroom w/Velvet Chicken*
- *Glazed Honey Walnuts w/Jumbo Prawns*

- *Tenderloin of Beef in XO Sauce (served w/Chinese broccoli)*
- *Braised Shitake Mushrooms (served w/tender greens)*
- *Golden Roasted Chicken*
- *Peking Duck w/Blossom Rolls*
- *Sweet and Sour Fillet of Fish*
- *Steamed Rice*
- *Beverages & Dessert (Oolong tea, sparkling cider & lychee nuts)*

Now that sounds like a great menu. Mark you calendars.

### **The Grand Prize for the Banquet**

OK folks, I have talked with members and a general consensus is that club members love good food and RAFFLE PRIZES. I'm not in charge with the food, but I am in control of the raffle prizes. With a 10 megapixel camera one year, three Yaesu FT817's, a Dell 7000 laptop, hey what can top that? That's what I said. Well, I looked around and asked around. People seem to like the FT817, but that was an all mode all band QRP radio. Not bad, but not suitable as a base station? Well, when I saw the Yaesu FT897, I decided that was a dream radio for any ham.

What more can you ask for? Here's are the features:

- *full 100 watts output on HF 160-10 meters*
- *50 watts out on 6 meters and 2 meters*
- *20 watts out on UHF*
- *all modes on all bands SSB, CW, AM, FM*
- *full DSP filters, adjustable from 60Hz to 6KHz.*
- *Dual VFO's, 200 memories.*
- *2 uncommitted slots. Can be used for AC switching powersupply, 4.5 Amp/hr battery, etc.*
- *Spectrum analyzer – built in spectrum analyzer*
- *Programmable repeater offsets, fully feature PL and DPL*

Hey, this is some radio. We need to sell at least a hundred tickets just to cover the cost of the radio. This radio meets the demand of the home DX'er, the casual home operator, the weekend camper, and most important, this radio is the ultimate for emergency communications.



Now this is a mighty fine radio. Buy a raffle ticket and this may be yours.

Well if you don't happen to win the Grand Prize, the second prize is not too shabby either. It's a genuine UHF Motorola GM300. This is the radio used by the police departments and fire departments throughout the world. We will program it to 16 channels of your choice. You really don't know what you are missing until you have tried one of these radios. No more intermod. No more overload. Great receive audio. Ask George W6BUR since he won one of these radios at the Spring 2006 meeting. Great for a mobile or base station. Thanks to Bob Fishman K6FSH for this donation.



A very respectable second prize, a Motorola GM300.

On top of that we have many other prizes including an all band SW radio, 50 piece tool set, 2 million candle spot light, just to name a few. Raffle tickets are \$5 each.

To qualify for the Grand Prize Drawing, you must be a paid member. You can join the club that evening if you wish to participate in the Grand Prize Drawing. Non members can still participate for the other prizes. Join that evening and you will qualify for a \$5 discount for next year's banquet. What a deal?

## **New Member Gary Crown AB6S**



Let's all welcome Gary Crown to our group. Gary is currently an applications engineer at National Semiconductor in Santa Clara. He was first licensed in 1962 as WN6GJT and later upgraded to Extra in 1976 with his present call of AB6S. Gary has worked as an engineer for over 30 years, almost all of it in some field of analog circuits. He is a graduate of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. His current position at National Semiconductor has him designing data acquisition circuits. From 1972-1975 he was in the Army Signal Corp. His home station consists of a Kenwood TS440 on HF and a Yaesu FT7800 on VHF and UHF. He is involved in ARES and presently resides in Pleasanton with his wife and 2 kids.

## **Remembering Our Veterans**



Bill Tom KN6QD, George Chong W6BUR, and Joe Lee W6DOB celebrating Veterans Day. Our salute to them for giving us the freedom we enjoy today. We are honored to have them as members of the Cathay Amateur Radio Club.

**2007 Membership Renewal and Banquet reservations**

	<b>Number</b>		<b>Amount</b>
Member Banquet \$30.00		Name (call sign)	\$
Spouse (or) Guest \$35.00 Banquet Kids under 12 free		Name (call sign)	\$
☺ 2007 Renewal \$15.00		Name	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>			\$

**2007 membership renewal information**

Membership or Roster changes  Especially email address.	
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Make the check payable to the **“Cathay Amateur Radio Club or CARC”** and mail the ballot and banquet reservations to Bill Chin KC6POF by December 31, 2006:

Bill Chin

43 Norwood Ave.

Daly City, CA 94015

If you have any questions on the membership or banquet email Bill at: *bill.email@juno.com*



## **Election Ballot 2007 Officers**

President of the Cathay Amateur Radio Club:

Edison Fong WB6IQN \_\_\_  
write-in \_\_\_

Vice President of Northern California:

Tony Halog KR6EG \_\_\_  
Howard Louie N6MNV \_\_\_

Vice President of Southern California:

Bill Fong W6BBA \_\_\_  
write-in \_\_\_

Treasurer:

Vince Chinn W6EE \_\_\_  
write-in \_\_\_

Secretary/Membership:

Bill Chin KC6POF \_\_\_  
write-in \_\_\_