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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.

Washington High School Net : Monday 7PM PST Frequency: 147.06.MHz +600KHz PL100 . Net control is Nathan KI6PVO. This is on the Mt. Diablo Radio Club Repeater

Message from Edison Fong WB6IQN July Picnic – Saturday July 25th

The next Cathay event will be at George's house in the Oakland Hills. This will be our summer get together in the East Bay. The format will be pot luck. No need to bring a desert. My wife Sharadon will order a ½ sheet cake since it will be my birthday. George and Hetty will provide for the drinks. Everyone is welcome. From children, wives, friends, potential hams, etc.

If you own a GP68 and need to program the firmware to your specific needs, I will have my laptop and software with me. One can program the power output on each channel both low and high and the

deviation for each channel. That is one advantage of a commercial radio over consumer HAM type radios. You also can program for separate encode and decode tones on the same channel. Hetty will have plants to give away and I am sure she will answer any questions you may have about gardening.

In keeping with the Cathay tradition. We will again have some great raffle prizes. The grand prize will be the ever so popular **Acer Aspire One** notebook computer. Just ask Bill Fong W6BBA about the one he won at the New Year's Banquet.

The Grand Prize for the Picnic – Acer Notebook Computer



In keeping with the tradition of offering the latest and greatest in technology, the raffle grand prize, will be a notebook laptop. This is just not another notebook laptop. This is a notebook using the new Intel Atom processor. This makes possible a 2 lb laptop with the following features; 160 Gigbytes of hard drive, 1.6 GHz processor, 8.9 in LCD screen with LED backlighting, 1024x600 graphics, 1.5 Gbyte of RAM, built in 802.11b/g/n WiFi networking, 2 USB 2.0 ports, multi-format memory card reader, and built-in webcam. With its light weight, you can take this laptop anywhere, you can do your work anywhere, do your email, spreadsheet, watch videos, it's just endless. Bill won the last one at the Chinese New Year banquet. Who is going to win

this one?

Really Cool Tactical Military Watch



This is another cool prize. This is a military tactical watch. It has a 24 hour dial and of course, it is crystal quartz accurate to within a minute per year. The case is made of a one piece machined anodized aluminum. It is not plastic like the cheap watches and the color should not rub off. The viewing window is true crystal, not plastic or glass. So it will be difficult to scratch. It's also waterproof down to 50 meters.

GP 4L – AM/FM/SW Radio with Clock and Flashlight



This is the new model and is now called the GP-4L (the L represents the new white LED flashlight they have incorporated into what was already a great radio). This is one of the greatest portable radios I have ever run into. It has a digital AM/FM radio, shortwave radio, including WWV with 40 meters and 20 meters. It has a LED white flashlight and a complete clock radio. All in a small package. No wonder it was rated as the best pocket radio around by *Popular Communications Magazine*. You will end up taking this radio to

wherever you go.

3 Watt LED Maglite



Mag Lite 3 watt LED flashlight. This flashlight is the talk of the town. Made of aircraft aluminum, it is waterproof and can also be used as a police night stick. There is a powerful 3 watt LED bulb running on 2 D size batteries. The super efficient LED bulb will give you about 15 hours of use on one set of batteries. It's really bright and with its focusing beam, it will easily throw a beam several hundred yards. I have had mine for about a year now and it is still on the original alkaline batteries.

3 Million Candle Power Spot Light



Now here is a really bright light. 3 million candle power. That's really bright, almost turning night into day. It's not LED, it is halogen. So not as efficient as the Mag Lite, but certainly much brighter. It has a built-in rechargeable battery and will last about 1 hour on a charge. Also comes with a 12v car adapter.

There will also be other prizes too many to name here. But don't just come for the prizes, come to meet all the good folks and come to my birthday party and celebrate me getting one year closer to retirement.

DIRECTIONS TO GEORGE'S (or you can always use www.mapquest.com):

FROM THE BAY BRIDGE OR EMERYVILLE:

Take #580E towards Hayward, exit on Keller Avenue, go uphill at Keller to dead end on Skyline, go North (left turn) onto Skyline Blvd for 1.75 miles....look for multiple mail boxes, turn right without passing the mail boxes up the private road. The number is 13310....We will be monitoring the 146.67 box.

FROM THE SOUTH:

Take #580W to KELLER AVENUE OFF RAMP and go uphill at Keller to dead end on Skyline, go North (left turn) onto Skyline Blvd for 1.75 miles....look for multiple mail boxes, turn right without passing the mail boxes up the private road. The number is 13310 Skyline Blvd. We will be monitoring the 146.67 box.

If you have not been to George's house, it is where the repeater is located. It is perched at the peak of Skyline Blvd. in the Oakland Hills. In the past, the potlucks have been a culinary dream. Better than any buffet in town. Guaranteed!!

Place: 13310 Skyline Blvd. Oakland CA

Phone: 510-638-6955

Time: 11 AM to 3PM

Food arrangement: potluck – no deserts since there will be a birthday cake.

Cost to members and non members: FREE!!