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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, As of 8/21/2023 we are switching over from using Repeater: WB6TCS to **Nick Cassarino's Repeater: WA6GEL UHF 444.800 Mhz, Offset +5 Mhz, CTCCS/Tone PL 179.9 Hz on Monument Peak, Milpitas.**

If you cannot reach the fore-mentioned machine, please use Ralph Kugler's KC6YDH cross band repeater at 147.51MHz VHF (Simplex, Carrier Access) during the radio net time. Coverage is western side of San Francisco and central Daly City.

The CARC Monday night net is the best way to find out the latest club news. All check-in are welcome.

Message on Behalf of the President: Leonard Tom, *NX6E*

Hello CARC Members and Friends;

Many thanks to both Nick Cassarino for the use of repeater – WA6GEL and Ralph Kugler's cross band repeater - KC6YDH for our CARC Monday Night Net.

Additional folks are needed to help out with conducting the CARC radio net on Monday nights. Please contact Ed Fong (edison_fong@hotmail.com) if you are interested.

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

Introduction Silent Key – Vincent Chinn – W6EE

It is with great sadness that I report the September 21, 2024. passing of distinguished CARC member; Vincent Chinn.

Please go further down this newsletter to read about Vincent Chinn.

Announcement of CARC Annual Christmas Party

Please mark your calendar: 6pm Saturday December 7, 2024 is the CARC Christmas Party Hosted by Ed Fong.

For further information please read the details at the bottom of this newsletter.

Tech Section:

The **Tech Section** was skipped this month to keep the size of this newsletter a reasonable length.

CARC Final News Wrap Up

Chat sub s'em to all you CARC members! - Leonard Tom, *NX6E*

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) is a unit of trained professionals who supply communications support to the agencies of the City and County of San Francisco, particularly during major

events/incidents. ACS goals are the support of gathering and distribution of information necessary to respond to and recover from a disaster.

The ACS Net begins at 1930 hours (7:30 p.m. PT) 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 perform Net Control duty on a regular basis. On the second Thursday of each month, the net is conducted in simplex mode on the output frequency of the WA6GG repeater, 442.050 MHz no offset, tone 127.3 Hz.

ACS holds its General Meetings on the third Tuesday of each month from 1900 hours to 2100 hours local time. Currently meetings are exclusively conducted over Zoom during the COVID-19 pandemic, ACS looks forward to meeting in person again as soon as possible.

Upcoming meeting dates in 2024 are:

- Nov 19, 2024
- Jan 21, 2025
- Feb 18, 2025

Location of in person future ACS meetings are yet to be determined as the regular location is under reconstruction. All interested persons are welcome to attend. For further information contact Corey Siegel KJ6LDJ <kj6ldj@gmail.com>.

For more information, please attend an ACS meeting, check in on the ACS radio net, or call 415-558-2717.

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

<https://sf-fire.org/nert/nert-calendar-meetings-trainings-events>

Training Classes
TBD

+ Recertifications
TBD

***SFFD DOT** is the Fire Department Division of Training. All participants walking, biking or driving **enter through the driveway gate on 19th St.** between Folsom and Shotwell. Parking is allowed along the back toward the cinderblock wall.

Visit www.sfgov.org/sffdnert 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 no longer need to complete the Fire Department's Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) (www.sfgov.org/sfnert) training and then graduate into two 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 (New Members)

The next SFPD ALERT training class has been scheduled for: TBD

*Class date indicated are only for new members

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, marina.chacon@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, via scheduled for on TBD

For more information on the San Francisco Police Department ALERT Program, email us at sfpdalert@sfgov.org, or call Lt. Marina Chacon (SFPD Ret.), SFPD ALERT Program Coordinator, at (415) 401-4615.

For additional information on the web please refer to:

<https://sfgov.org/policecommission/alert>

Silent Key, Vincent Mingie Chinn (W6EE) August 25, 1937 – September 21, 2024

By Ed Fong - *WB6IQN*



Northern California DX Foundation founding member Vincent Mingie Chinn, W6EE (formerly K6KQN)- Silent Key.

Vincent Chinn - founding member of the well-known Northern California DX Foundation (NCDXF) passed away peacefully at home Saturday September 21, 2024. He was 87 years old.

Vince Chinn was the architect of the NCDXF in 1973. With fellow hams Lee Shaklee W6BH (SK), Jack Troster W6ISQ (SK) and Don Schliesser K6RV (SK) began the support of DXpeditions. He was the last surviving member among this elite Ham group.

The foundation was formed by Vince to create an educational and scientific foundation that would qualify as a tax exempt entity under IRS rules. After all, Vince was a Certified Public Accountant (CPA). Contributions were then fully tax deductible and thus would give an incentive to give a larger amount to support DXpeditions. Over the years the foundation contributed millions of dollars to DXpeditions throughout the world.

They supported over 500 DXpeditions including to the Khmer Republic, Antarctica, the famous Kingman Reef, Palmyra Island, and Christmas Island, just to name a few remote locations.

Vince served as the past President of the Cathay Radio Club (CARC) and also served as its treasurer for over 30 years.

By profession, Vince was a CPA and gave tax advice to local ham clubs. In his spare time, he organized VE test sessions encouraging young folks in the local high schools to ham radio and emergency communications in the San Francisco Bay area. When the students passed the exam, he would gift them with a Baofeng UV5R radio, pre-programmed to work with the local repeaters. He was financier and the trustee of several repeaters.

He was an avid DXer working over 200 countries and also had a love for Collins equipment. Vince is survived by his wife Shirley, his children, Larry, Kathy and Lisa along with several grandchildren.

Follow Up –Vincent Mingie Chinn Memorial Services

By Rodney Yee – KJ6DZI

As many of you know the CARC mourns this year's passing of both Vincent Chinn – W6EE (former CARC treasurer) and George Chong – W6BUR (former CARC President). They were both instrumental in reviving and setting up the CARC into what it is today.

Some 49 years ago (1975), Vincent set up his own accounting business in the heart of San Francisco Chinatown. Today Vincent's accounting firm is still going strong, run by his son Larry and continues to provide invaluable service to the Chinatown community.

Vincent was known by everybody in Chinatown and was a Chinatown cultural icon. In his younger days, he was quite the athlete; playing tennis well before his days at the University of Notre Dame while winning many tournaments. In his later years he would continue to play tennis every afternoon.

Vincent passion toward HAM radio well known among the HAM community, since he had the biggest tower antenna right smack in the middle of Chinatown on Jackson street between Grant Ave and Kearny street. He was especially proud of his QSL contact post card from his Royal Highness Hussein Bin Talal then King of Jordan (1952-1999). He also had many other hobbies, too many to list. Yes, he was a man for all seasons and will be greatly missed by the Cathay Amateur Radio Club (CARC) and by all that knew him.

Services for Vincent Chinn where held at 10 am Wednesday October 9, 2024, Woodlawn Memorial Park. The Chapel was completely fill with at least 300 guests. The CARC club was well represented by: Alon Yu, Dale Rogers, Ed Fong, Howard Louie, Grant Gauger with wife (Austra), and myself (Rodney Yee). Several of our club members made speeches at the memorial, sharing our stories about Vincent.



One of many beautiful flowers at the memorial



Another gorgeous wreath among the many at the memorial.



Flowers provided by donations from CARC members: Alon Yu, Ed Fong, Ron Quan, and Rodney Yee



Flowers at the grave site

After the memorial service there was a very large luncheon held at the Grand Palace Seafood Restaurant in South San Francisco. The luncheon guest filled up the restaurant's entire mezzanine floor, must have been at least 200 attendees. The extensive luncheon menu was delicious and even included an unexpected surprise: delicious lobster.



Left to right: Austra Gauger, Lisa Chinn, Grant Gauger
Picture taken during the luncheon by Howard Louie



Left to right: Grant Gauger, Shirley Chinn (Vince's Widow), Kathy (Daughter)
Picture taken at luncheon by Howard Louie



Vince's daughter Lisa had Vince's old call sign made into a license plate for her car to honor her father.

Vincent would be extremely proud at how well his family planned and ran both his huge memorial event/luncheon. It went off very smoothly without issues.

End of Silent Key / Memorial

CARC Annual Christmas Party Hosted by Ed Fong WB6IQN

Ed Fong Annual Christmas Party – Saturday, December 7, 2024 6-10 PM

Where: 1163 Quince Ave. Sunnyvale, CA

Format: Potluck – bring your favorite dish.

Door Prize - Lenovo Thinkpad PC, uSDX+ HF transceiver, 120 MHz dual trace oscilloscope, Nano VNA-4H and more– each attendees gets one raffle ticket for FREE. Tickets will not be sold. If you bring a friend or spouse, each one will get a raffle ticket - FREE

Best directions given on www.googlemaps.com Call if you get lost 408-245-8210

Do you folks know of Prof. Hiroki Kato's AH6CY (formerly of Harvard University) work on preserving the history of WWII spy radios? Meet him in person. He is an authority on

WWII secret organizations such as SOE (special operations executives). These were the brave folks that snuck into enemy lines and provide vital information to win the War.

Prof. Hiroki Kato is a fascinating person and just a world of knowledge. He was only 3 years old when the Bomb dropped in Hiroshima and he survived.

There is no excuse not to attend. Not only that, it is FREE to all attendees. Just bring a dish to share. If you have ever been to our Cathay Radio Christmas Party, you know this is the event to taste foods from all over the world. Does not matter whether you like – barbecue ribs, salads, seafood, Chinese, Mexican, Italian, Korean, it will be there. All kinds of desserts served at the dessert table. Get ready to eat your heart out and meet new friends as well.



Just some of the food at previous year's Christmas Party.

Get a chance to meet some really cool folks that are movers and shakers in the Silicon Valley: Dr. Steven Stearns, Keith Synder, Ron Quan, Nick Cassarino, and Jim Walker.

Rules for the raffle - Every attendee will receive one raffle ticket - no charge at the door. This will make you eligible for the grand prize and raffle. This is our way of saying thank you for your support during the year at the events we have held.



1st Prize Lenovo – Thinkpad X240 i5 processor with 8GB of memory and 256GB SSD

Windows 10 Pro operating system

CNET rates this laptop a 4.3/5

Up to 15 hours battery life.

PC benchmark 4,717 - very respectable.

Less than 3 pounds 0.8 inches thick

USB 3.0

14 inch screen - just perfect to carry around.

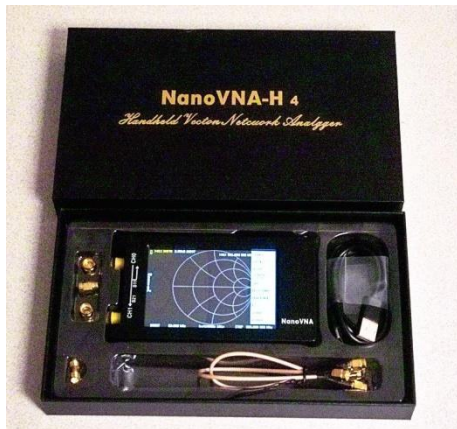
Intel HD4400 graphics processor

USB 3.0

Intel Cetrino Wifi.



DSO03D12 120 MHz dual trace scope with probes - features a built in DVM , Signal generator, and FFT spectrum analyzer.



Nano VNA - H4 - 4 inch 1.5 GHz VNA - Tuned antennas, duplexers, filters etc. Full touch screen. Latest version includes functions for TDR – time domain reflectometer.

Includes cables and full calibration kit.



uSDX+ - QRP HF transceiver - Covers 160-6 meters – SSB, CW, digital QRP transceiver. 5 watts CW – 10 watt SSB. Built in CW decoder, full DSP noise reduction. Complete with 4000 MaH LiOn battery, AC adapter/charger, Speaker/microphone



Baofeng UV5R x2 dual band handie talkie

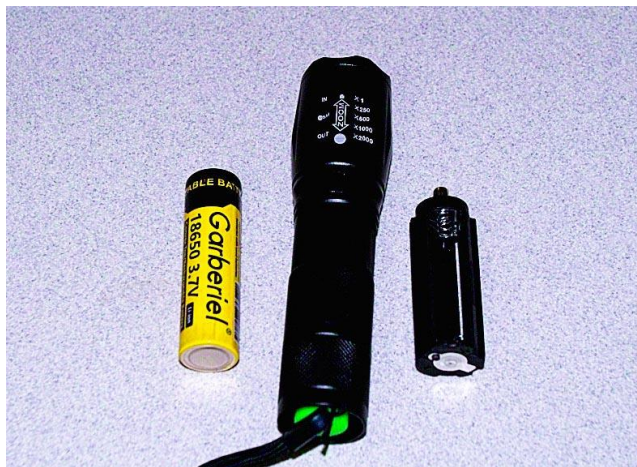
Drop in LiOn smart charge, 1800 Mahr LiOn, battery, belt clip, antenna

Frequency coverage:

- 65-108 MHz – FM broadcast – receive only
- 136-174 MHz – VHF – TX/RX
- 420- 520 - MHz - TX/RX

Full CTSS and DCS coding

Remaining prizes



Mil spec - 800 lumen aircraft aluminum LED flashlight with 18650 3000mAh battery and AAA battery adapter.

So mark your calendars for 6pm Saturday December 7, 2024. You must be present to win.