



**Cathay April 2018**

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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.~~

**QSY Change to transmission on another frequency / Repeater:**

Repeater: WB6TCS - RX 147.210, TX 147.810, Offset +0.6 MHz, CTCSS/Tone PL100 Hz

Please note: Repeater: N6MNV UHF 442.700 Mhz, Offset +5MHz, CTCSS/Tone PL 173.8 Hz in South San Francisco is cross linked every Monday Night Net at 9 p.m. to WB6TCS 2 meter repeater.

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;

As many you are well aware that our normal Monday Night Nets using W6BUR Repeater has been running into heavy radio interference. Denis L. Moore – WB6TCS has come to our rescue and has generously allowed the CARC club to use his repeater: WB6TCS for our Monday night nets.

Until further notice, our Monday night nets will use Denis L. Moore's 2 meter repeater and Howard Louie's UHF cross Linked repeater.

Repeater: WB6TCS – Denis L. Moore

Location: Oakland, Oakland Hills County: Alameda State: California  
RX 147.210 TX 147.810 Offset +0.6 MHz CTCSS/Tone PL 100 Hz

Repeater: N6MNV - Howard Louie

Location: South San Francisco County: San Mateo State: California  
RX 442.700 TX 447.700 Offset +5 MHz CTCSS/Tone PL 173.8 Hz

## **CARC Chinese New Year Luncheon – March 3, 2018 Recap**

I wanted to thank all those that attended (35 folks) and made our CARC Chinese New Year Luncheon at Kome Restaurant a complete success.

I also would like to welcome first time CARC Chinese Year Luncheon attendees:

- Howard Xiao – AJ6BV
- Todd Wen – KT6JK

Special thanks to Edison Fong – WB6IQN and Sharadon Fong (xyl) for providing the fabulous raffle prizes and conducting the raffle.

Also we are very grateful to Bob Lai for providing a generous donation of money and for Leang Yee – K6LJF for donation of additional prizes to assist us with the raffle.

We are also indebted to the administrative help provided by Ada Lowe, Lavinda Han, Denise So, and David Lowe.

The CARC members and guest were also very cooperative with the payment and out other request thus making the administrative functions less painful.

Ron Quan, Nelson Tom, Denise So and David Lowe assisted with picture taking.

Yes, it took the work of many people to pull off the luncheon, raffle and pictures to make this CARC Luncheon a huge success. We all had a great time with the entire event.

Additional write up and pictures are in the CARC Chinese New Year Summary section of this newsletter.

### **Other CARC News**

Several CARC members have requested that we change the CARC Monday Night Net time to an earlier time. They like an early time like 2030 Hrs. That would be a half hour sooner than the present time of 2100 Hrs.

Please email me [W6BUR@comcast.net](mailto:W6BUR@comcast.net) or when you are on the Monday night net express your thoughts as to your choice of having the CARC Monday Night Nets on either at 8:30 pm or 9:00 pm.

#### **Needing an ELMER –**

I bought a Vibroplex Lighting Bug Keyer # 267827 a few years ago at the Pacificon Swap meet and just set it on the bench. I would like to set it up and try to become proficient in using it.



I would like to find a local Elmer to help me set it up and work with me to begin using it. I would like to be able to drop in from time to time to see how you use your Vibroplex. Are you willing to be my new ELMER?

Let me know at [aa6mk1@gmail.com](mailto:aa6mk1@gmail.com) or on this site.  
VY 73,  
Mike Kelly, AA6MK

## **CARC Final Wrap-up News**

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

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>

### **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, April 17, 2018  
                                  Tuesday 7pm, May 15, 2018  
                                  Tuesday 7pm, June 19, 2018

### **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](mailto:core@oaklandnet.com).

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

<http://sf-fire.org/calendar-special-events>

Upcoming events

#### **April 2018**

14 2MCM Ham Radio practice

21 NERT Citywide Drill, NERT graduates and victims needed

#### **May 2018**

2 NERT Quarterly

12 2MCM Ham Radio practice

19 NERT Training Day - Third Saturday

#### **June 2018**

16 NERT Training Day – Third Saturday

RSVP to [sffdnert@sfgov.org](mailto:sffdnert@sfgov.org) or call 415-970-2024 to register.

**\*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 cinderblock wall.

Visit [www.sfgov.org/sffdnert](http://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 first complete the Fire Department's Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) ([www.sfgov.org/sfnert](http://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 SFPD ALERT training class has been scheduled for Saturdays, June 2, 2018. The class will be held at the San Francisco Police Academy, in the parking lot bungalow, from 8am-5pm (one hour lunch break) on Saturday.

**\*\*** Class dates indicated in red are only for new members who have not completed either SFFD NERT training or the SFPD Community Police Academy.

**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](mailto:sfpdalert@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, scheduled for an evening on 9:00 am – 1:00pm Saturday May 5, 2018. Details will be emailed to active ALERT members, prior to the date of the exercise. Participation is not required, but strongly encouraged.

For more information on the San Francisco Police Department ALERT Program, email us at [sfpdalert@sfgov.org](mailto: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>

## **Chinese New Year Luncheon Summary**

On Saturday March 3, 2018 the CARC held its Chinese New Year Luncheon Celebration at Kome Restaurant in Daly City.

Due to scheduling conflict several of our long time CARC members and supporters were not able to attend the luncheon. Nevertheless we still we had a good size crowd of 35 enthusiastic and fun loving attendees.

The raffle prize winner were:

John Tim – W6QNT: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Lenovo Thinkpad T410 Laptop

David Billeci – WA6UHA: 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Ematic 9 inch Tablet with keyboard

Diana Lum – KG6IOH: 3rd Prize: Baofeng's UV25x4 transceiver

Bob Torio – K6OPD: 4<sup>th</sup> Prize Tecsun PL880, portable SW radio

Todd Wen – KT6JK: MFJ-392B communications headphones.

Gilbert Gin – KJ6HKD: Astron 12 - 12A linear power supply.

Gordon Yee – KI6UH: Baofeng UV5R - 200 memory channel transceiver

Bob Lai – KM6QP: Countycomm GP5/SSB

Tony Dowler – K6BV: Lux Pro LED flashlight

Diana Lum – KG6IOH: Rayovac AA Batteries

Edison Fong - WB6IQN: Multi-meter



Left to right: Ed Fong presenting the Grand prize, John Tim – W6QNT holding his brand new laptop computer.





Left to right: Kathy- xyl of Dave WA6UHA and Dave Belleci – WA6UHA with his winning 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize raffle - Ematic 9 inch Tablet with keyboard.



Left to right Edison Fong – WB6IQN and Bob Torio – K6OPD with his newly won Tecsun PL880, portable SW radio



Left to right: Ed Fong, Todd Wen – KT6JK with his MFJ-392B communications headphone raffle prize. This was Todd's first time attending the CARC Chinese New Year Luncheon.



Left to right: Edison Fong – WB6IQN and Diana Lum – KG6IQH with her new Baofeng's UV25x4 new Triband Mobile 25 watt transceiver





Left to right Edison Fong – WB6IQN and Gibert Gin – KJ6HKD with his newly won Astron 12 - 12A linear power supply.



Left to right: Gordon Yee – HI6UH with his Baofeng UV5R 200 memory channel raffle prize and Edison Fong – WB6IQN.



Left to right: Tony Dowler – K6BV, past president of San Francisco Amateur Radio Club (SFARC) holding his new Lux Pro LED flashlight and Edison Fong – WB6IQN.



Left to right: Edison Fong – WB6IQN presenting to Diana Lum – KG6IOH her second winning raffle prize.





Left to right: Rose (xyl) and Dirk Thiele – KE6ZUY



Mike Kaufman – K6VCI



Left to right David Lowe and Kin Lowe (mother),  
guest of KJ6DZI



Denise So with her radiant  
smile, guest of KJ6ZDI



In foreground left to right: Skip Weiss – KG6SCE, Leonard Tom – NX6E, and Kira Leiss.

In mid-background left to right Ron Quan – KI6AZB, David Chan – WZ6X

In background is Wayne Lake – WD6DZS, David Kamita – KN60E



Left to right: Ralph Kugler – KC6YDH and Dennis Lee – AH6KD



Left to right: Wayne Lake – WD6DZS and David Kamita – KN6OE





Jane Griffith – N6UHT preparing to dig in.



Peter (Reese) Griffith – WA6VAQ.



Left to right: Ron Quan – KI6AZB and Rodney Yee – KJ6DZI



Ken Ho at the CARC luncheon solo. His lovely wife Mia was not able attend. Thumbs up at being at the luncheon with the CARC members.



Sharadon Fong xyl of Edison Fong



Edison Fong with his newly won multimeter



Left to right: Lavinda Han – KJ6WGV and Ada Lowe who were indispensable to help with the sign in process, money collection and other admin stuff to make the luncheon run smoothly.



Foreground left to right: Todd Wen – KT6JK, Gordon Yee - KI6UH, and Leonard Tom - NX6E





Howard Xiao – AJ6BV newly minted Extra ham (Feb 2018) still in high school and his father Steven Xiao.



Leang Yee – K6LJF giving his approval of the CARC Chinese New Year Luncheon



Left to right Bob Lai – KM6QP and Edison Fong – WB6IQN





Rose Thiele (xyl) and Dirk Thiele – KE6ZUY looking very happy at the luncheon.



Group photo just before start of the luncheon.



Picture of Ms. Ada Lowe working tirelessly at the end of the luncheon to collect the CARC Name Tags from the departing attendees. She has just collected the name tag from Ron Quan.

Many, many thanks to her dedicated and hard admin work on behalf of the CARC club.