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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.

Update: Link to repeater 442.70 is currently not active until further notice.

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;

CARC Chinese New Year Luncheon

A friendly reminder, the CARC is celebrating the Chinese New with a club luncheon at KOME restaurant at 10:30am Saturday February 15, 2014.

Please email Bill Chin (bill.kc6pof@comcast.net) if you are planning to attend the luncheon and the names of your guests. We need the names to make the necessary names tags that you will be required to wear during the luncheon.

Upon receipt of your payment at the luncheon, you will be issued a plastic CARC name tag that will be your receipt. If you don't wear the issued CARC name tag you will be charged twice for the luncheon, I am sure we don't want that to happen. Therefore, the wearing of the CARC issued name tags is mandatory.

At the end of the luncheon, please return the CARC issued name tags to Mingie (W6EE) so they can be repurposed.

The luncheon details are repeated from the January 2014 newsletter in the latter part of this newsletter.

Featured Tech Article

The Feature Tech Article will temporarily be placed on hold and will resume in the April 2014 issue of CARC.

CARC Final Wrap-up News

Please clear your calendars and attend the CARC Luncheon.

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>

Bart Lee – K6VK

LATEST ON CHRS BUILDING PURCHASE...

The following statement was read at Radio Day By The Bay and is the latest information we have at this time about CHRS' future at 601 Ashby:

“As you know, we have been fundraising for the last year with the goal of purchasing this building and land for CHRS' permanent home. We were supposed to buy the building and land from the new owner of KVTO as it emerged from bankruptcy. But, KVTO has now been sold to a company who is not inclined to sell CHRS the building and land.

We can safely report that our license to occupy KRE will be honored to its completion until December 31st of this year. We are not being asked to leave anytime soon and there is a possibility that we may be asked to remain beyond that date.

So, as much as we love it here, a museum needs a permanent home. We have already started an active search. We realize that we may be leaving a historical place, but the reality is that we need a permanent place for the CHRS collection, Maxwell and SOWP archives and Radio Hall of Fame.

The fund raising momentum is still with us. All of the major donors to the KRE purchase fund have assured us that their pledges will remain in place to purchase a permanent new home for CHRS.”

For additional information see: <http://www.californiahistoricalradio.com/>

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, Feb 18, 2014
Tuesday 7pm, Mar 18, 2014
Tuesday 7pm, Apr 15, 2014

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.

Free Disaster Preparedness Classes In San Francisco – NERT Taught by San Francisco Fire Department

RSVP to sffdnert@sfgov.org or call 415-970-2024 to register.

Visit www.sfgov.org/sffdnert to learn more about the training, other locations, and register on line.

Upcoming Special NERT Events.

February

1st: Intro to Ham Communications Team (HCT) 101, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., SFFD DOT*
Newly licensed or planning on getting your own HAM call sign? This introductory class has something for everyone—from HAM radios to cables to antennas and more. No HAM License required to attend. NERT Field Teams will communicate to NERT Staging Areas using HAM radios. Any HAM operators wanting disaster communication instruction are welcome after lunch.

[Register](#)

4th: NERT Communications: Messaging 6:30pm-9:30pm, SFFD DOT*
Size-up and creating a good message is one of the most important aspects of good communications. This class will cover good message writing and required content.

[Register](#)

15th: Neighborhood Coordinator/Leadership College, 8:30am-4:00pm, SFFD DOT*
This is designed for new coordinators or NERT grads who are interested in taking a more active role in your neighborhood team. All teams are looking for Block Captains

[Register](#)

18th: NERT Communications: Hands-on buttons & knobs & antennas, 6:30pm-9:30pm, SFFD DOT*

Get hands on help with using your radio. Assistance will be provided with programming, changing frequencies, setting tones etc. J-pole? We'll cover that and mag-mounts and more.

[Register](#)

19th: NERT Communications: Hands on message passing and Scribing, 6:30pm-9:30pm, SFFD DOT* Talk, talk, talk, listen, listen, listen, write, write, write. Communicating is all of these things done well.

[Register](#)

20th: NERT Communications: NET Control for NERT staging area, 6:30pm-9:30pm, SFFD DOT*

Radio communications often require talking with multiple people. This is a skill that must be learned and practiced. Join us for this new addition to the NERT communications training. Prerequisites: Hands-on buttons & knobs; Hands-on NERT messaging

[Register](#)

26th: NERT Coordinators and Leaders Meeting. 6:30pm-8:30pm, SFFD DOT*

[Register](#)

March

1st: Disaster Operations I, 8:30am-3:30pm, SFFD DOT*

Learn how to put ICS into practice in a classroom setting

[Register](#) (not yet open)

4th: ICS Forms workshop. All NERT grads welcome. 7:00p-8:30pm, SFFD DOT*

Review each NERT ICS Form. The forms are crucial for safety and accountability.

[Register](#) (not yet open)

* **SFFD DOT is the Division of Training @ [19th Street/Folsom](#). (enter through yard on 19th and park along back wall) Division of Training classroom is in the 1-story building directly next to the Fire Station on the corner.**

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) 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.

Upcoming ALERT Training

ALERT training class will be held at the San Francisco Police Academy, in the parking lot bungalow, from 8am-5pm (one hour lunch break). A new class is schedule as follows:

- **Saturday May 3, 2014**

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 the **May 3, 2014** training class by contacting the ALERT Program Coordinator, Mark Hernandez, at sfpdalert@sfgov.org, or by telephone at 415-401-4615. To register by email send your request to sfpdalert@sfgov.org with your NAME and PHONE NUMBER.

ALERT Training Drill

All active/trained ALERT members are asked to join us for our next training drill, scheduled for **Saturday, March 29th, 2014**. The drill will be held in the Police Academy (350 Amber Drive) parking lot from 9am-12pm. Details will be emailed to active ALERT members, prior to the date of the exercise. Participation is not required, but strongly encouraged.

ALERT Public Informational Meeting

An informational meeting will be held at the San Francisco Police Academy, located at 350 Amber Drive, Parking lot bungalows, on **Thursday, March 6th, 2014**, at 7pm. All members of the public are welcome. Interested individuals will have their questions about the program answered at the meeting.

For more information on the San Francisco Police Department ALERT Program, email us at 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>

2014 CARC Annual Chinese New Year Luncheon

As for those of you that were able to attend the CARC luncheon last year, we enjoyed seeing each other and yakking it up. As word spread about our successful CARC luncheon get together, those who did not make it told us "We will be there for the next one". This year it will also be a great opportunity to meet up with our newest club members.

The time and Date: 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM Saturday February 15, 2014.

Location: KOME Japanese Seafood and Grill
1901 Junipero Serra Blvd.,#A
Daly City, CA 94104
650-992-8600

Parking: There is free parking in the adjacent five story garage structure.

Cost: Special CARC Adult cost will be \$22.00 per adult.

Seniors over age 60 pay \$21.00

Children Pricing:

Age 3-5: \$7.00

Age 6-8: \$9.50

Age 9-11: \$13.00

These Saturday prices includes: tax (9%), 15% tip, and reserved seating along with free refills of soda and tea.

Please note that beer/wine/sake is not included with the price of the luncheon. If you order beverages not covered, you are responsible for paying the additional charges.

For more info please see: www.komebuffet.com (The link appears to be currently down).

Money will be collected at the start of the luncheon, so please have exact change ready! Please put on name tags that will be provided.

Please email Bill Chin (bill.kc6pof@comcast.net) if you are planning to attend the luncheon. Bill has graciously agreed to help us out during this function. We need your name and the names of your guests to make the necessary names tags that you will be required to wear during the luncheon.

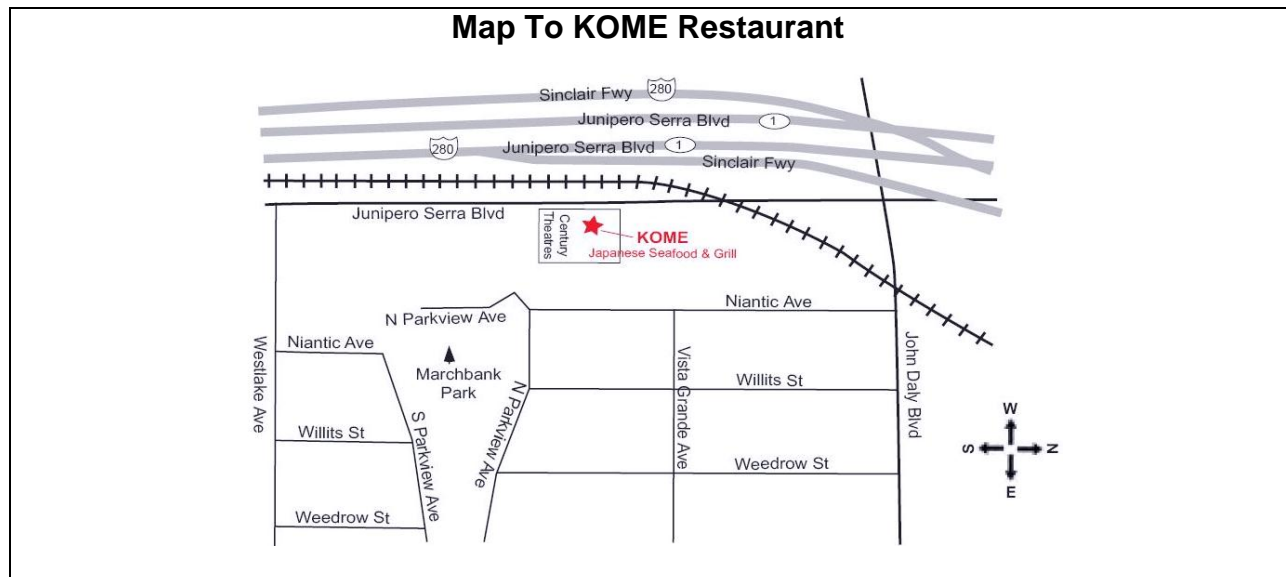
Driving Directions:

* If coming from Hwy 280 Northbound, take the John Daly Blvd/Junipero Serra Blvd exit and continue north on Junipero Serra Blvd and side drive past the Century Theater ticket office.

After a series of small restaurants on the right hand side there is a 5 story parking garage, the entrance will be about 50 feet past KOME restaurant entrance doors.

* If coming from Hwy 280 Southbound, take the John Daly Blvd/Junipero Serra Blvd exit. After crossing the traffic signal light intersection, in about 500 feet, turn left into the 5 story parking garage structure entrance.

Please refer to the KOME restaurant location map that follows below:



We have reserved the back area room at the KOME restaurant for use of the Cathay Amateur Radio Club. **At the restaurant door please identify yourself as being with the CARC and a KOME hostess will escort you to the back room. Please check in with both Vince Chinn aka Mingie W6EE and Hetty WB6SHU so they can check your name off the attendee list and collect the money to pay the restaurant bill.** Hetty WB6SHU will make sure those senior citizens will get their dollar discount. Be aware that the early bird gets the worm, no feeding after 1PM; I hope we won't have to be booted out, hah-hah!

KOME restaurant is an all you can eat Asian buffet style dining offering a large choice of foods. KOME restaurant is where we held our previous Cathay Radio Club Chinese New Year Luncheon and it was a big hit with all the attendees. There is free parking at the adjacent 5 story parking structure. The Daly City Bart train stop is 2 blocks away.

Since KOME restaurant opens its door at 10:30 AM we need to have most of our people "camp" early (kidding) at the door to situate our "hold" of a spot (within the glass partition) at the rear room. **Another reason to arrive early is that the luncheon time (10:30 am-1pm) will quickly slip away while you are getting caught up with the latest news among our fellow club members.** The back room is fairly large is able to accommodate 150 guest. I doubt that our CARC members and friends would completely fill it, so feel free to invite additional guests.

The dining tables as I seem to recall were sort of like outdoor picnic types with individual chairs for seating. One other hint: If you are a great eater and love food, try not to choose any tables where the opposite end is against a wall. I found that it was really hard to maneuver quickly for more goodies!

Your Hosts:

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Now saving the best for last, our distinguished CARC member: Edison Fong has secured for our luncheon party several outstanding raffle prizes for the CARC luncheon.

A description of the top raffle prizes are on the following pages.

Edison is mulling over providing additional raffle prizes that are not listed in this newsletter.

Three Cheers for Edison for going the extra distance to provide super raffle prize for our CARC luncheon.

First Prize - Kenwood KM V71 Full featured Dual Band Mobile



About the Kenwood KM V71, anybody would love to be the proud owner of one of these. full featured dual band mobile transceivers. Some of the key features are as follows:

- Full 2 independent transmitters and receivers.
- Even dual receive on the same band.
- Full 50 watts output on both VHF and UHF.
- Built in Echolink, removable front panel.
- 1000 memory channels (yes that was 1000) .
- Cross band repeat.
- Wideband receive 118-524 MHz. 800-1300 MHz
- Adjustable backlit for level and color
- Built in weather alert

2nd Prize - Lenovo Laptop



2nd prize – Laptop Computer

This brand new laptop computer may be your late Christmas present.

- Lenovo 4 GB Laptop 500GB of hard drive
- Is your old laptop ready for an upgrade? Well this could be it.
- Running Windows 8
- Dual core with a LED back lit screen
- High resolution camera for Skype ,
- Wireless 802.11n.

3rd raffle prize – Nifty Tool Set



Portable tool kit for you HAMs who are on the move!

- 9 screw drivers
- Soldering pencil
- Tube of solder
- Tweezers
- Crescent wrench
- Wire splicer
- Needle Nose Pliers
- And many more items.

4th Raffle Prize: Vector Pocket Generator



Here is one cool item portable power source. It features:

- Built in 50 watt AC inverter to run a laptop or LED lights.
- Has an outlet for 12VDC.
- Has a 4.5 amp hour gel cell.

This little puppy lighted up my Christmas during the Christmas Party for 4 hours.