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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, 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;

Many thanks to Mr. Denis L. Moore – WB6TCS for the use of his repeater for our CARC Monday Night Net.

I hope you all had a very Happy New Year.

CARC Christmas Party Recap Introduction

Ed Fong pull off another amazing Annual CARC Christmas Party that was very well attended this past December 14, 2019.

Write up and pictures from the Christmas Party are at the end of this newsletter.

Annual Dinner With Foothill Amateur Radio Society (FARS)

The FARS club invites the CARC club members and all local HAMS to their annual dinner to be held at 6:00 pm, Friday February 28, 2020 at the Michaels at Shoreline in Mountain View, CA.

Further details and sign up information are on the last page of this newsletter.

Upcoming Chinese New Year

The CARC annual Chinese New Year Luncheon is still pending further notice.



Chinese New Year for 2020 is on Saturday January 25, 2020, the Year of the Rat (metal element).

According to the Chinese calendar, folks born in the year of Rat are in 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, and 2020

Folks born in the year of the Rat are optimistic, energetic, clever and adapt quickly to new environments. They are creative and are great at taking advantage of opportunities. They are sensitive to other's emotions but are stubborn with their own opinion. Their personality is kind but on occasion their words may seem impolite and rude.

On the financial side, they like saving and can be stingy. They tend to be reliable and live a stable life. They may hold power and are able to turn unlucky events into fortune. They also pay attention to fine detail. They are a good fit for technical work, such as engineering and architecture.

The best mates for born in the year of the Rat, Ox, Dragon, and Monkey.

Additional Thoughts

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, January 21, 2020
 Tuesday 7pm, February 18, 2020
 Tuesday 7pm, March 17, 2020

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 (SFFD).

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

Upcoming events

January 2020

- 18 NERT Training Day - Third Saturday
Training Topics to be Announced
- 25 NERT Hosted Ham Cram - get your license in 1 day! Session info
(http://www.baears.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=65&Itemid=55)
Sign up (http://www.baears.com/index.php?option=com_seminar&Itemid=60)
- 29 NEN Awards - City Hall N. Rotunda
RSVP (<https://www.empowersf.org/nenawards2020/>)

February 2020

- 6 Psychological First Aid for NERT/MRC responders
Sign Up (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nert-graduatesmrc-members-psychological-first-aid-tickets-85716804269>)
- 15 NERT Training Day - Third Saturday
Training Topics to be Announced

***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 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.

SFPD ALERT Training (New Members)

The next SFPD ALERT training class has been scheduled for Saturday February 01, 2020 from 8 AM – 5 PM. 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 date indicated are only for new members who have not completed either SFPD 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, 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 on Saturday February 8, 2020 from 9 AM – 1pm. 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, or call Sergeant Mark Hernandez (SFPD, Ret.), SFPD ALERT Program Coordinator, at (415) 401-4615.

For additional information on the web please refer to:

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

Annual CARC Christmas 2019 Party Recap

By Ed Fong - WB6IQN

I want to thank all of you folks that came to the Christmas Party in December. We had between 40-50. See the enclosed pictures



Beginning of Christmas party at the entrée table. As party when on more guest showed up with additional food. Nobody when home hungry that evening!



The dessert and drink table stocked full of pies, cakes, cookies, drinks, and wines.

What makes this a great annual gathering are the terrific folks that come to the Christmas Party.



Folks hanging out on the couch as they enjoy the great food and conversation

During the party, there was a great discussion on the new NANOVNA. This is a super hand held network analyzer that was designed in Europe by a bunch of graduate students and now can be purchased for about \$50. No ham should be without one. At this price, it will become as common as a DVM. Leonard Tom (NX6E) provided a lot of inputs on the software available for the unit.



Left to right: Ron Quan - KI6AZB and Leonard Tom– NX6E. Note the empty plate that once held a pile of food! LOL!

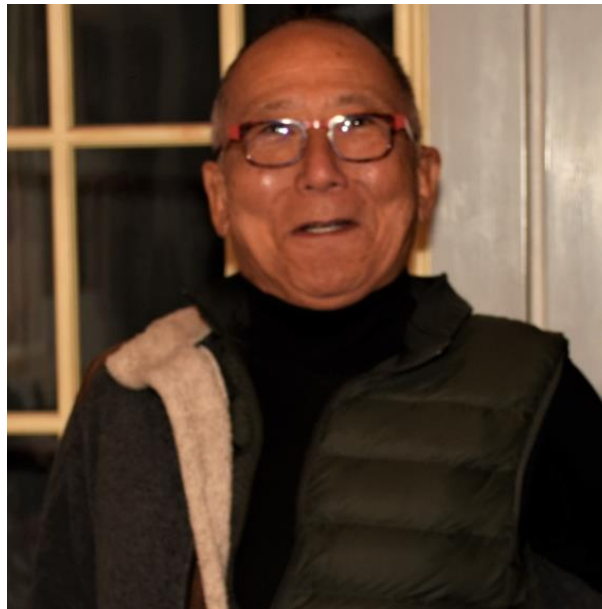


Christmas guest having fun.

I look forward to this Christmas event every year to catch up on the radio industry and enjoy talking about the latest and greatest in technology to come. My graduate students make contacts and begin their professional networking and we have the great raffle.



Left to right: young son and Gilles Ruymbeke.



Renowned Professor Hiroki Kato – AH6CY

Folks had great time talking with the distinguished Professor Hiroki Kato - AH6CY and his knowledge of the history of WWII and his knowledge particularly of WWII spies and the radios they used. I would have loved attending his classes.



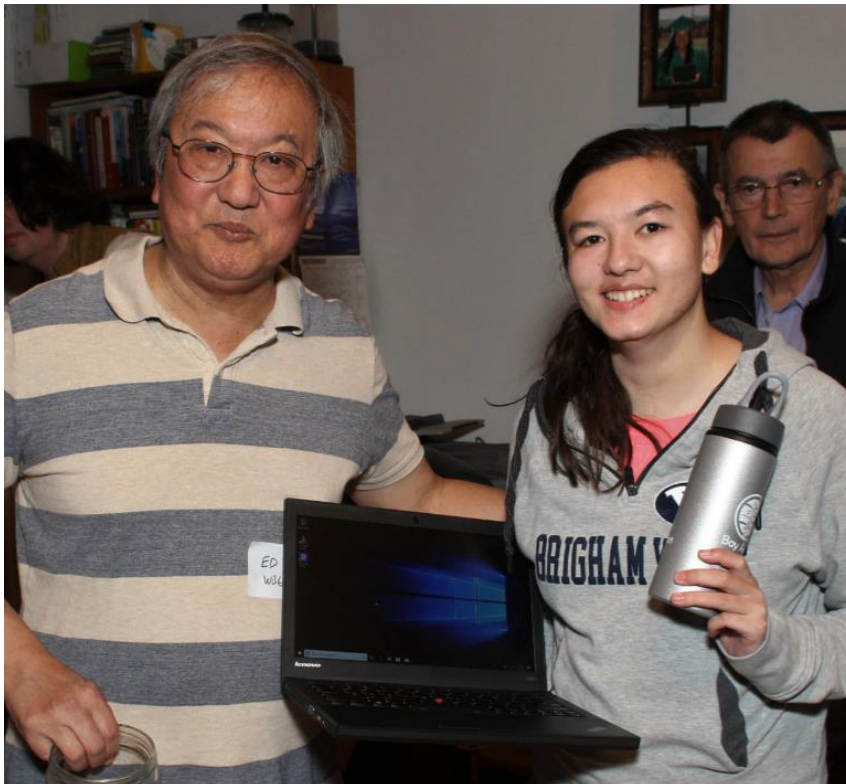
Left to right: Debbie and Mike Langberg

My daughter Violet – picked out the winning grand prize raffle ticket and it was mine. Wow!!! Just what I needed for Christmas.

I always look for to all the great variety of food folks bring. There was an international dishes of: Chinese, Italian, Middle Eastern, Costco Pizzas, homemade mac and cheese, salads, you name it. Now how often do we get treats like this? The dessert bar is just an experience by itself consisting of pies, cakes, homemade cheese cake, Middle Eastern Baklava, homemade brownies, exotic homemade cookies, all kinds of beverages. To sum it up, we had a variety of food to appeal to everybody's taste and nobody left hungry. We had so much food left after the party that folks were encouraged to take some of it home with them and they did.

Congratulations to all the winners of the raffle. At the party every attendee received one free ticket. This makes it fair and FREE for everyone that attended and present at the raffle drawing. Here is the summary of the winners.

- Lenovo Thinkpad Ed Fong WB6IQN
- Radioddity QB25 - quad band 25 watt transceiver Henry Strickland -W6REK
- GP5/SSB all mode HF receiver Richard Yee donated by County Comm
- Prolux Flashlight - Cindy Spencer KN6ANA
- NANOVNA - Truman Lindsey N6TRU
- Digital Multimeter - Dave Vieira KI6CLA
- 5amp/hr USB pack - Alexandria Hutchins



Left to right Ed Fong (Grand Prize Laptop Winner) and Violet Fong.



Left to right: Ed Fong-- WB6IQN presenting Radioddity QB25 prize to a very happy Henry Strickland -W6REK



Left to right: Richard Yee with his newly won GP5/SSB and Ed Fong-- WB6IQN



Left to right: Cindy Spencer KN6ANA holding her new won Prolux Flashlight and Ed Fong-- WB6IQN.



Left to Right: Truman Lindsey N6TRU with his NANOVNA and Ed Fong-- WB6IQN.



Left to right Dave Vieira KI6CLA with Digital Multimeter and Ed Fong – WB6IQN



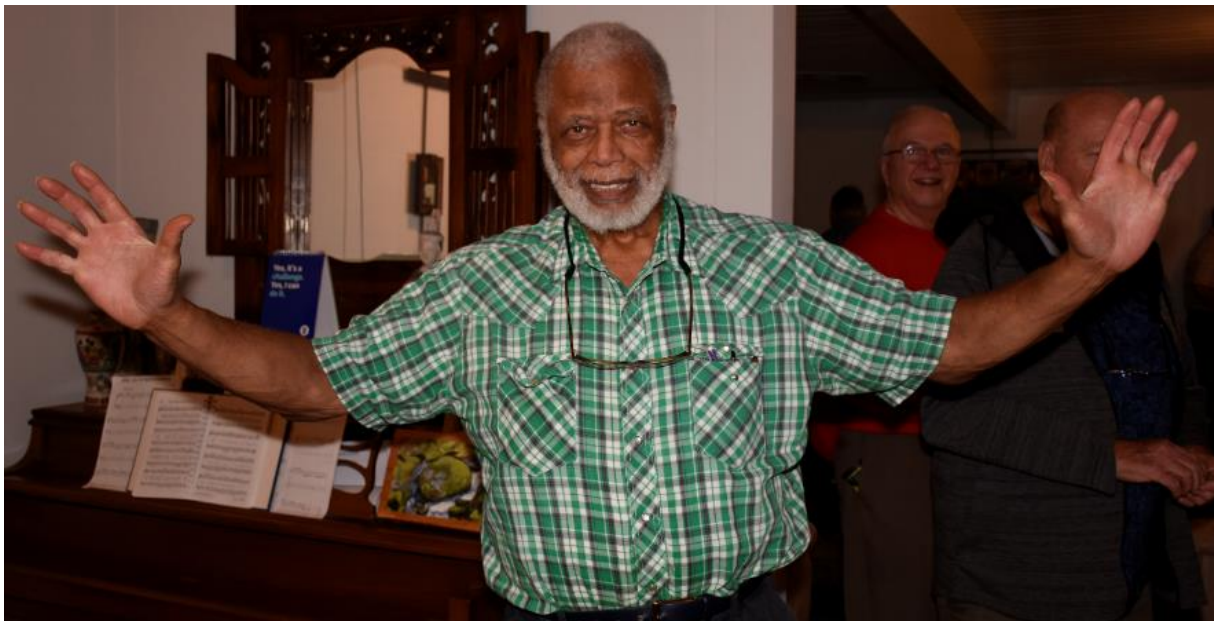
Left to right: Alexandria Hutchins with 5amp/hr USB pack and Ed Fong - WB6IQN



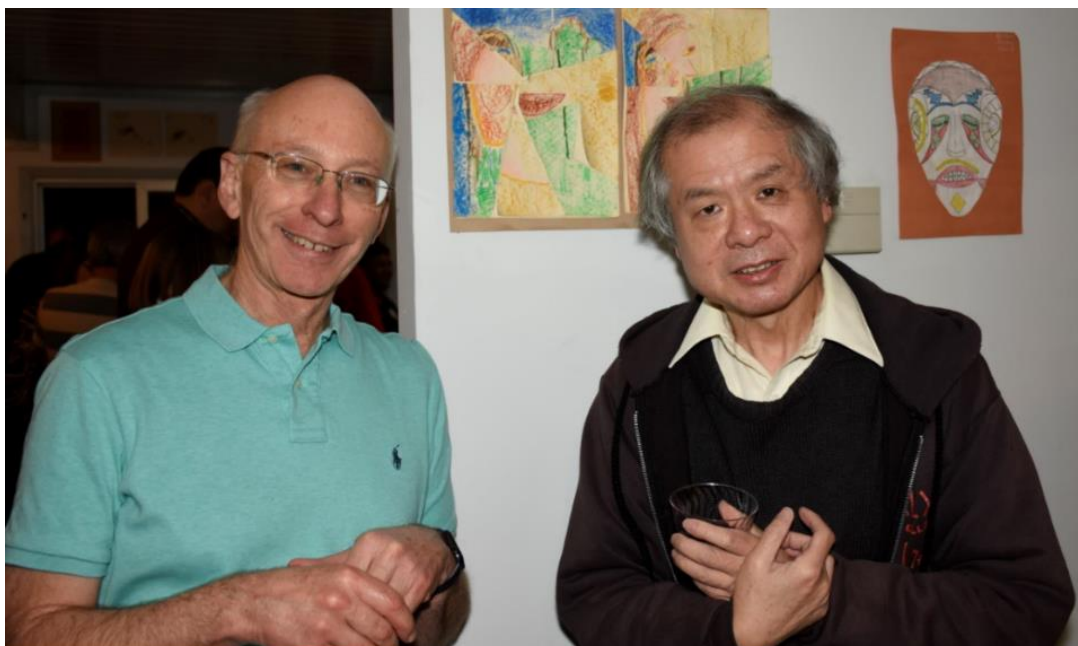
Walter – AG6FK



Camera shy xyl of Walter – AG6FK



Lloyd De Vaughns - KD6FJI with open arms welcoming the good holiday cheers



Left to right: Jeff Hutchins and Ron Quan-KI6AZB



Christmas Party Guest, left to right: SARES member and Natalie



Jim Fahy N6WKY



Left to right: SARES unnamed guest enjoying the food and June Martin



Left to right: xyl and Jim Walker



Left to right: Ann xyl of Jerry and Thomas Leibold -KK6FPP looking very relaxed and having a great time.



Left to right: Jerry and xyl Ann



Eduardo Munoz-Gutierrez -
KM6YML



Frank in white shirt seated in the midst of the party enjoying it all



Left to right: Paul Lazar - KN6DHY and Malu



Alexa xyl of KR6DD (Andrew J. Korsak)



Top of picture: Ben Deovlet - w6fdu, bottom of picture Amanda



Left to right: Mrs.Roddin (in purple coat),, Marc Roddin – KI6HLH (in red), and Truman Lindsey N6TRU (wearing tan vest) as he is talking to a barely visible Jim Fahy N6WKY



On left: big Dave Vieira KI6CLA in red sweater and other guest enjoying the party



Paul Zander – AA6PZ



Thomas Shanks – W4TCP



Left to right: Paul Lazar KN6DHY and George Martin - WA6UUJ



Left to right: Unnamed guest, Dave Cooper-K6WA



Bob Yee – W6VVQ



Group photo of Christmas party attendees



Ralph Kugler, KC6YDH



Ben Deovlet - w6fdu enjoying talking to Alexandria Hutchins who is in the right of this photo.



Alexandria Hutchins talking to Ben Devolet on the left photo

Ed Fong WB6IQ

FARS Winter Banquet February 28th, 2020

Program to be Announced

Our Speaker to be Announced

February 28th, 2020 - 6:00PM

Michael's at Shoreline
2960 No. Shoreline Blvd.
Mountain View, CA
650-962-1014



ICOM IC-7300 HF Transceiver

Schedule

6:00 PM	Arrivals. Cash bar opens.
7:00 PM	Dinner is served.
8:00 PM	Program begins.
9:00 PM	Raffle and wrap up.

Meal Choices

Vegetarian	Spinach and Cheese Tortellini, Alfredo	\$33
Chicken	Breast of Chicken Florentine	\$39
Fish	Broiled Salmon, Lemon Beurre Blanc	\$46
Beef	Roast Prime Rib of Beef, au jus	\$53



Prizes include: ICOM IC-7300 HF Transceiver, UF818A Drone, CS-580 DMR HT Transceiver, Nano VNA Network Analyzer.

Use this form to sign-up by mail, or go on-line at k6ya.org/bqs to sign-up. After February 20th, use the on-line sign-up instead of this form. If we receive your sign-up after February 24th, it will be handled as a [late sign-up](#). More information at: k6ya.org/bq. Mail this completed form with your **check, payable to FARS**, to:

FARS
 PO Box 112551
 Campbell, CA 95011-2551

FARS WINTER BANQUET SIGN UP FORM (February 28, 2020)

	Name & Call Sign	Meal Choice	Amount
You	_____	_____	_____
Email	_____		
Guest	_____	_____	_____
Guest	_____	_____	_____
Other (eg. Dues)	_____		
		Total	_____