



Cathay June 2016

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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;

There are lots of interesting events this June 2016 for our members to participate in: we have **Relay for Life** and the **CARC Annual Picnic/ARRL Field Day**.

Public Service Announcements Intro

Of special interest to our CARC members is follows:

- Cancer Society Relay Fund Raiser - CARC member, Skip Weiss - KG6SCE is requesting volunteers to participate in the upcoming Cancer Society Relay Fund Raiser. The American Cancer Society is hosting their relay for life event this coming June 04-05, 2016. **Further details provided in this newsletter.**
- I like to thank all the CARC members who responded to Skip's request for volunteers at the last year's Daly City Relay Fund Raiser event.
- From Michael John Torrey - KF6YRG, Alameda is also hosting a Relay for Life event. So if you are in the East Bay you might want to check it out at:
http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY16CA?pg=entry&fr_id=73686

ARRL Field Day Intro

Ed Fong – WB6IQN, is putting together a special CARC ARRL Field day event that will be held on Saturday June 25, 2016 at the Fairbrae Swim and Tennis Center. Further information is provided in this newsletter. My many thanks to Ed Fong – *WB6IQN* for his hard work on this combined ARRL Field Day and dinner - raffle event to make this an enjoyable event for our Cathay Radio club members.

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, Jun 21, 2016
Tuesday 7pm, July 19, 2016
Tuesday 7pm, Aug 16, 2016

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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)

Upcoming events

May 2016 – Sept 2016 (TBD)

October 2016

7-9 Fleet Week Humanitarian Village; NERT Outreach/Education booth.
9:00a-3:00pm, Marina Green near Scott St.

15th: Save the Date! NERT drill

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.

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

The next ALERT training classes have been scheduled for Saturday June 18, 2016. The class will be held at the San Francisco Police Academy, in the parking lot bungalow, from 8am-5pm (one hour lunch break).

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 Saturday August 6, 2016 9AM – 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:

<http://sf-police.org/index.aspx?page=4019>

The San Mateo 12th Annual Disaster Preparedness Day

Date: Sat, Jun 11, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: San Mateo County Event Center, 1346 Saratoga Drive, San Mateo, CA

Please Save the Date for the 12th Annual Disaster Preparedness Day to be held Saturday, June 11th, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. during the first day of the San Mateo County Fair at the San Mateo County Event Center, 1346 Saratoga Drive, San Mateo. This is a wonderful opportunity to assist our residents in preparing themselves and their families in the case of an emergency or natural disaster in our region.

Again this year, everyone that arrives BEFORE 11:00 a.m. on June 11th will receive free parking and free admission to the San Mateo County Fair.

Please share the info with your constituents, contacts, email and newsletter groups and on social media as appropriate.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 650-363-4572 or the Office of Emergency Services at 650-363-4790.

Thank you for your assistance. We look forward to seeing you at the 12th Annual Disaster Preparedness Day!

Supervisor Adrienne J. Tissier, County of San Mateo

From CARC Member Skip Weiss, KG6SCE

Event: Relay for Life / Daly City - A 24 Hour Cancer Society Relay Fund Raiser

Time: Starting at 10:00 am Sat June 4, 2016 and ending at 10:00 am Sun June 5, 2016

Location: Westmoor High School Sport Stadium
131 Westmoor Ave, Daly City, CA 94015
Entrance at corner of Del Prado Dr. & Mariposa Ave

Additional Information:

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?sid=128433&type=fr_informational&pg=informational&fr_id=56642

To Sign Up:

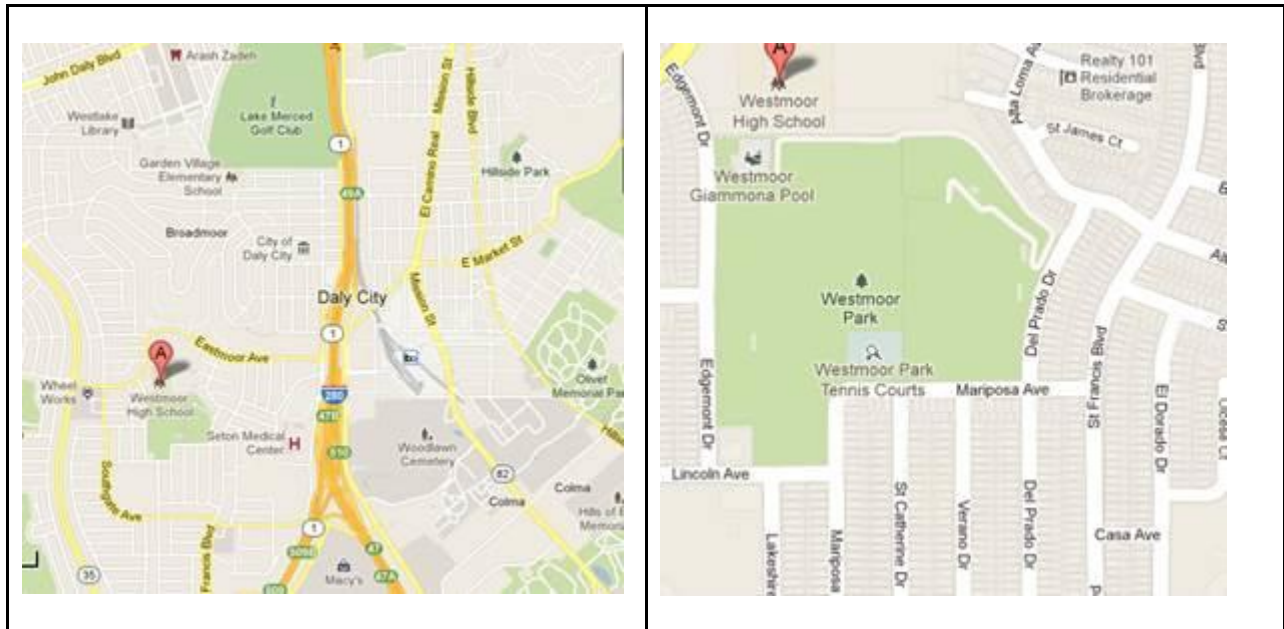
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Teams are needed to participate with this event.

Please contact Skip Weiss, KG6SC via email for further details.

- Email address: "Skip Weiss" calgrizzly@earthlink.net
- Subject Line: Relay for Life team formed
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Skip (KG6SCE) and his VFW are supporting this worthwhile event. Map of Westmoor High School Location is shown below (entrance located at the intersection of Mariposa Avenue & Del Prado Drive):



The Relay Event is:

- Organized, overnight community fundraising walk
- Teams of people camp out around a track
- Food, games and activities provide entertainment and build camaraderie
- Family friendly environment for the entire community

The scheduled activities are:

Opening Ceremony: 10:00 am Saturday, June 4, 2016

The Opening Ceremony brings everyone together for a high-energy event kickoff to celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, to inspire hope by sharing recent accomplishments and progress, and to remind everyone that while we are winning this battle, fighting cancer is a year-round priority.

Survivors & Caregivers Lap: 10:30am Saturday, June 4, 2016

During the Survivors & Caregivers Lap, upbeat music plays as all cancer survivors and caregivers at the event take the first lap around the track cheered on by the other participants who line the track, celebrating their victory over cancer and their fight to end cancer!

Luminaria Ceremony: 9:00pm Saturday, June 4, 2016

The Luminaria Ceremony is a time to remember people we have lost to cancer, to support people who currently have cancer, and to honor people who have fought cancer in the past. The power of this ceremony lies in providing an opportunity for people to work through grief and find hope.

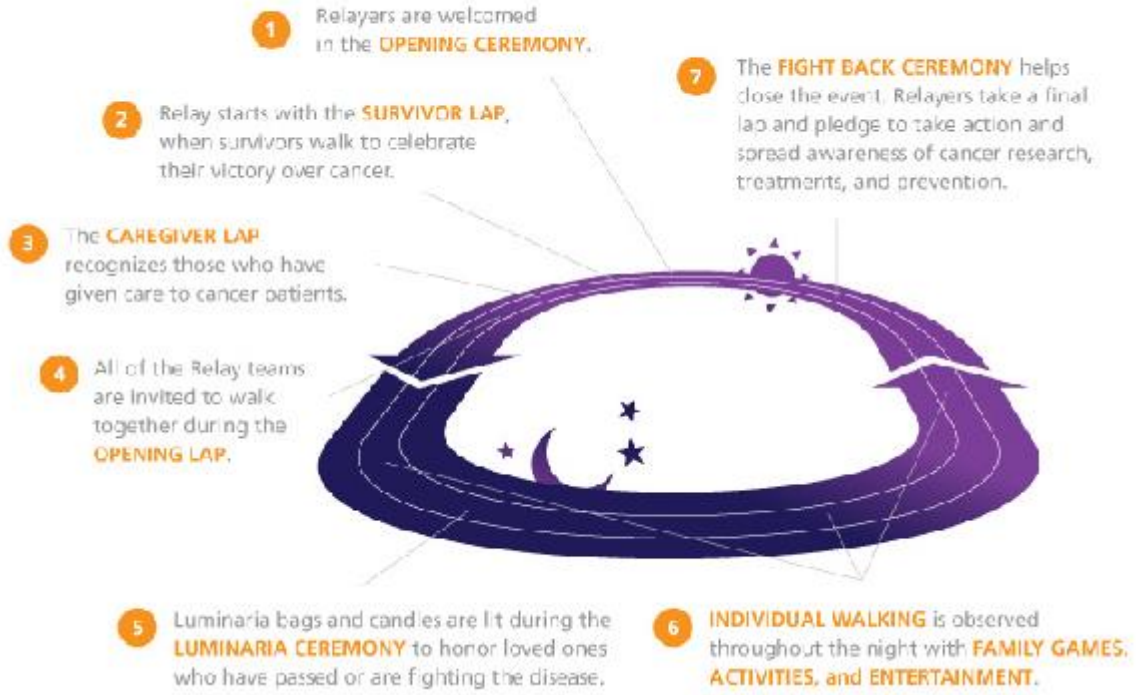
Fight Back: 9:30am (Sunday, June 5, 2016)

The Fight Back Ceremony symbolizes the emotional commitment we each make to the fight against cancer. The action we take represents what we are willing to do for ourselves, for our loved ones, and for our community to fight cancer year-round and to commit to saving lives.

Closing Ceremony: 10:00am (Sunday, June 5, 2016)

The Closing Ceremony is a time to remember the lives of those lost and to Celebrate that each of us has committed, through our participation in a Relay event, to fight back against this disease over the next year.

What is Relay for Life?



The 2016 Annual CARC Picnic /ARRL Field Day

By Ed Fong

Date : Saturday June 25 – starting at 1PM but dinner is at 5PM

Where: Fairbrae Swim and Tennis Center, 696 Sharaton Dr. Sunnyvale

Cost: Free to all CARC Members, family and friends

Raffle tickets: - \$5 each

RSVP: edison_fong@hotmail.com

Our CARC 2016 annual picnic will be once again a joint effort of the Sunnyvale Amateur Radio Emergency Service (SARES) and Cathay Amateur Radio Club (CARC). The Sunnyvale ARRL Field Day Site has been reserved June 25-26, 2016 at the Fairbrae Swim and Tennis Center

Please either bring a side dish (optional) or just buy more raffle tickets for the great prizes. The club will provide for all the main dishes. We will setup all the antennas on Friday June 24. We will have lots of fun getting together for this annual event.

We will party in comforts of the ample Fairbrae facilities. The address is 696 Sheraton Dr. in Sunnyvale. It is on the corner of Hollenbeck and Sheraton. This is a full service facility. We will use the Fairbrae recreational room for our Field Day site. This room is 60 by 80 feet. There will be plenty of tables, comfortable couches and a full commercial kitchen to heat up our food. There is also a ready to go barbecue for our hot dogs and burgers. For you folks that cannot live without internet, there is free internet service and even a 70 inch flat screen TV with ATT U-Verse.

There is a 25 yard lap pool and 2 tennis courts and showers. So it is going to be truly a family event, not just limited to ham radio. Bring your extended family. Just RSVP me at edison_fong@hotmail.com on how many folks you are bringing so I can purchase enough food. We have never had it so good.

This is not exactly what the ARRL had in mind for Field Day, but we will have lots of fun. Also there are plenty of trees for setting up of antennas.

We will start serving dinner at 5PM. The menu consist of –

- 1/3 lb Sirloin burger with all the trimmings
- Variety of salads
- Variety of chips
- Variety of drinks
- Apple pie and vanilla ice cream for desert

The raffle of prizes will begin after dinner – This year we will have the new Triband mobile radio from Baofeng. We will also have a Windows 10 laptop and the famous County Comm GP5 HF SSB SDR receiver. What club can boost prizes like that?



Grand Prize: 4 GB Laptop 500GB of hard drive running Windows 10 Quad core with a LED back lit screen. High resolution camera for Skype , Wireless 802.11n. Time to upgrade that old Windows XP machine.



2nd Prize: Baofeng's UV2501 + 220 new Triband Mobile 25 watt transceiver. This radio boast 200 memories, full software programmability, great bullet proof front end with 0.25 uV sensitivity, full FM broadcast radio, direct microphone key pad entry, and more.

The Frequency coverage:

- 65-108 MHz – FM broadcast – receive only
- 136-174 MHz – VHF – TX/RX
- 210-230 MHz - TX/RX
- 400- 520 - MHz - TX/RX

Full CTSS and DCS coding

Power – 10/25 watt (user programmable)

You will be proud to walk home with this radio.



3rd Prize: Countycomm GP5/SSB the latest and best portable hand held HF SSB receiver in the world. Fully software defined using the SiLabs 4734 DSP chip. Has software defined product detector and DSP SSB filters for true LSB and USB. 450 memories

Frequency Coverage –

MW/ AM: 520 – 1710 kHz (10K tuning step)

SW: 1.7-30 MHz AM/SSB/CW (with DSP SSB filters)

LW frequency: 150 – 522 kHz AM/SSB/CW

FM: 76 – 108 MHz – stereo

Displays ambient temperature in Fahrenheit or Celsius

Operating time: 225 hrs at 40% Volume

LCD Backlight

Accessories include: Stereo earphones, external AM ferrite antenna, external shortwave antenna, soft carrying pouch, and user manual



4th Prize: Beofeng UV5 - VHF/UHF 200 memory dual band HT with smart charger, Li-On battery, etc. 1/5 watt switchable, full CTCSS/DCS, 60 hour standby and more.

Other Prizes: There will also be many smaller prizes that will not disappoint those gear nuts in our mist.



Front entrance: Fairbrae Swim and Tennis Center



Swimming Pool at the Fairbrae Swim and Tennis Center



The Recreational Room at the Fairbrae Swim and Tennis Center.