

Cathay March 2014

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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;

Our Cathay club celebrated the Chinese New Year of the Horse with a turnout of 40 plus members, their spouses, and their guests.

Several club members that we have not seen in person for quite a while showed at our luncheon along with some new club members. **Now how about that for dedication from our fellow CARC members to attend our luncheon, it does not** get any better than that. For those CARC members who missed our fabulous luncheon, we hope you will try harder to clear your schedule for next year, we would certain enjoy your company.

My special thanks go out to the following people that took time out from their busy schedule to make this one of the best luncheon yet:

- Hetty – WB6SHU distributing out the CARC name tags.
- Mingie – W6EE for collecting and handling the money.
- Shirley – KF6WDD for assisting with the collection of the money.
- Bill – KC6POF, volunteering as temporary CARC secretary with the pre-registration.
- Edison - WB6IQN for obtaining the fabulous raffle prizes and handling the raffle.
- Gilbert – KJ6HKD for delivering Louis Dorrem's Ham Radio raffle donation.
- Louis Dorrem – WB6TXD for his generous donation toward the raffle of the PR-UV88 Dual band UHF/VHF Transceiver Ham radio (Louis was working that day and could not attend the luncheon).
- Grant - KJ6WGT for his generous donation of \$50.00 to be used to buy a radio for a HAM that does not yet have one.
- All the CARC members and guests who attendance made this luncheon memorable.

Other special thanks to our terrific Monday night net control folks who keeps our club active and together! These are the people that make the CARC president look good. Without the fore-mention people one can only wonder where would the club be? And without dues yet! I could never be this lucky again.

A summary report and pictures of the CARC Luncheon is included within this newsletter.

Of special note, in the Public Announcements section there are some big changes going on with the California Historical Radio Society (CHRS).

Another noteworthy **Public Announcement is from CARC member Skip Weiss** regarding the upcoming American Cancer Society Relay For Life Daly City Event.

CARC Final Wrap-up News

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Report on the 2014 Annual Chinese New Year Luncheon:

We were very lucky that many of our CARC members were able to alter their schedules to attend the luncheon. It so happened that our luncheon date was in competition with President's day weekend and the San Francisco Chinese New Year Parade. And yet we manage to pull in 40 plus people at our Annual Chinese New Luncheon.

Next year we will be more careful in choosing a luncheon date that is not so conflicting. .

Edison – WB6IQN out did himself by pulling off another hugely successful and memorable raffle of several terrific prizes.

The CARC luncheon raffle prize winners were:

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| • Lavinda Han, KJ6WGV | – Kenwood TM-V71 dual band mobile radio |
| • Grant Gauger, KJ6WGT | – Toshiba Laptop |
| • Judy Mears, xyl of Bart Lee (K6VK) | – Portable Power Pack |
| • Paul W6NDA | – PR-UV88 Transceiver HAM Radio |
| • Lavinda Han, KJ6WGV | – Technician tool set |
| • Leonard, NX6E | – Mag flashlight |
| • Leonard, NX6E | – Coast micro pliers |
| • Paul W6NDA | – High end DVM |
| • Skip KG6SCE | – Courvoisier Cognac VO gift set |



George (President CARC) – W6BUR and
Edison – WB6IQN



Hetty - WB6SHU,
xyl of W6BUR



Bill - KC6POF



Left to Right: Mingie – W6EE (CARC Treasurer) and Shirley - KF6WDD (xyl of Mingie)



Left to Right: Harry - KJ6DYY and Susan (guest of Harry)



Gary – KN6LV and Chris - KE6FOX (xyl of Gary)



Maria -W6SIJ (Gary's Mother)



Skip - KG6SCE, holding his winning raffle prize.



Clockwise starting from left (guests of Rodney -KJ6DZI): Lavinda – KJ6WGV, Ada, Jade Greer, and Diana Greer



Bill – KN6QD and Linda (xyl of Bill)



Elaine – guest of Bill KN6QD, xyl of John Craig - KN6TN



Judy (xyl of Bart) and Bart – K6VK both admiring her raffle prize that she just won.



Mike – KI6OID (guest of Edison)



Wayne – WD6DZS and Dennis – AH6KD



Left to Right: Rodney – KJ6DZI, Gilbert - KJ6HKD, Leang -K6LJF, and George-W6BUR (CARC President) watching the raffle unfold.



Left to right clockwise: Maria -W6SIJ (Gary's Mother), Gary – KN6LV, Bill – KN6QD and Chris - KE6FOX (xyl of Gary) watching the raffle selections.



Left to right: Howard –N6MNV, Paul –W6NDA, Diana – KG6IOH, and Bart – K6VK



Left to right: Kira (guest of KG6SCE), Harry – KJ6DYY, Dave- NC6D, and George – NT6G



Judy (xyl of Bart – K6KV) and Dave – NE5EE check out the raffle tickets.



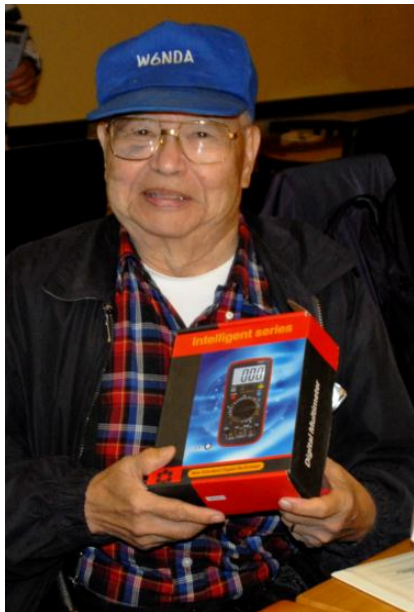
Edison - WB6IQN standing next to one of the grand prize winners (Laptop) – Grant – KJ6WGV. Grant is one happy HAM at that precise moment!



Leonard – NX6E smiling while holding his 1st of two winning raffle prizes.



Paul - W6NDA proudly holding his newly won portable PR-88 HAM radio, his 2nd winning prize.



Paul - W6NDA proudly holding his newly multi-meter, one of two prizes he won.



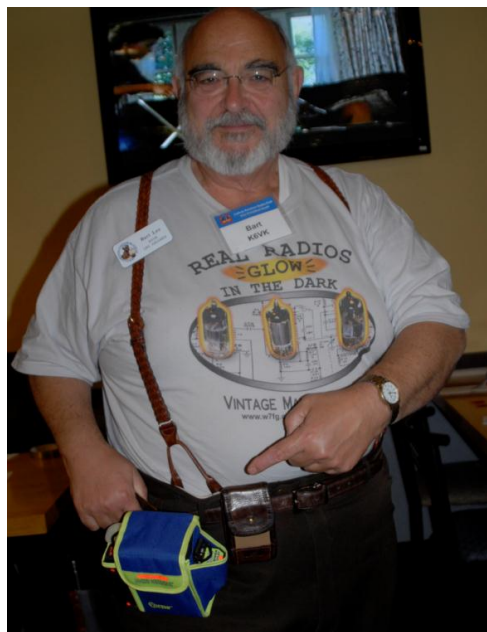
Leonard – NX6E holding his 2nd of the night winning raffle prize.



Left to right: Edison – WB6/QN handing over the grand prize Kenwood TM-71A to raffle winner: Lavinda- KJ6WGV (guest of Rodney - KJ6DZI).



Leang -K6LJF, looking very refreshed and dapper.



Bart – K6VK, testing out the Portable Battery wear ability on his belt.



George – NT6G, ready for anything!



Kate – xyl of George, gracing us with her lovely smile



Left to right: Judy (XYL of David - NC6D), KIRA (guest of KG6SCE), and David – NC6D.



Ron - KI6AZB, Author of (Build Your Transistor Radio)



Leonard – NX6E with his award winning smile just before winning two raffle prizes.



Diana – KG6IOH and Dave – NE5EE. They are both looking very happy to be attending the CARC Luncheon.



Mingie – W6EE (CARC Treasurer) handling the money from the luncheon



Edison – WB6IQN presenting Lavinda (guest of KJ6DZI) her first prize of the night, a tool kit.



Shirley - KF6WDD (xyl of Mingie) working to reconcile the sign up

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

California Historical Radio Society (CHRS) SEEKS DONATIONS FOR NEW LOCATION IN CENTRAL ALAMEDA

CHRS MUST VACATE 601 ASHBY AVE. BY MARCH 1ST – Yes our new landlord, Pham Radio Communications, have given us marching orders. We will be allowed to keep one room full of stuff at KRE if we can't get it all moved by the 1st. Our escrow agreement with the seller of 2152 Central Ave. allows CHRS to store items in the building during escrow. So, February is moving month. It is an enormous task, but we can do it. We will be putting out a schedule and many requests for volunteer packers and movers. Some items will be professionally moved. Please stay tuned. We will request work parties by email.

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CHRS SEEKS DONATIONS FOR RADIO CENTRAL IN ALAMEDA

by [steve](#) on December 30, 2013 in [News](#)

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FUND RAISING UPDATE - 52 DAYS REMAIN IN ESCROW.

As of 2/22/2014 our Fund now stands at **382** donations and pledges totaling **\$761,300!**

TODAY'S TOTAL BUILDING FUND DONATIONS – \$603,600.

THANK YOU! Our new radio face at the top of our site will reflect this. This is what we have in the bank. It will increase as your pledges are fulfilled and new donations come in. Even though we have a \$761K total this number represents donations that have come in AND pledges that are still due.

FUND RAISING MILESTONES – This is serious business... As part of the Purchase and Sales Agreement CHRS agreed to meet certain fundraising milestones toward the purchase. Please understand that the dollar amounts you see below include the Building Purchase Milestones PLUS the CHRS Milestones that will allow us to start improving and maintaining the property. If we raise just enough money to buy the building... we are in big trouble.

3/1/2014 is our 45 Day Milestone. We must be 55% funded at \$632,500

3/26/2014 is our 70 Day Milestone. We must be 70% funded at \$805,000

4/14/2014 is our 90 Day Milestone. Escrow Closes. We then have 15 days to be 100% funded at \$1,150,000

The dollar amounts in these milestones represent the amount needed for purchase AND initial improvements. Remember these dates... They are very important. If we miss any of these milestones... we have major problems.

This is 2152 Central Avenue, Alameda – The New CHRS Radio Central



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, Mar 18, 2014
Tuesday 7pm, Apr 15, 2014
Tuesday 7pm, May 20, 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.

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)

15th: **St. Patrick's Day Parade (NERT marching Unit)**

Meet at 2nd and Market Street at 10:30am.

The NERT Unit will be directly behind the Firefighters Local 798

Register (not yet open)

20th: Prepare to Recover. 6:30pm-9:30pm, SFFD DOT*

In preparedness, you increase your ability to recover. Join us for this new class!

Register (not yet open)

22nd: Disaster Operations II. 8:30am-3:30pm, SFFD DOT*

Pre-requisite: Disaster Operations I

Register (not yet open)

25th: Staging area drill, 6:00pm-9:30pm, SFFD DOT*

Put your neighborhood command center ICS to practice in preparation for the Citywide drill in April. Register (not yet open)

April

12th: **NERT Citywide drill - Save the Date!**

* 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>

Skip Weiss – KG6SCE

American Cancer Society: Relay For Life – Daly City

Estradas Restaurant Fundraiser: Wed, March 5, 2014!

Eat at Estrada's Restaurant on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 all day from 11am-9pm & they will donate 10% of your meal to Relay For Life of Daly City!

Located at 7440 Mission Street, Daly City, CA 94014, they were recently renovated by the Food Network's Restaurant Impossible!

To print flyer requesting 10% donation:

[http://relay.acsevents.org/site/DocServer/March52014_Estrada s Restaurant Fundraiser Flyer.pdf](http://relay.acsevents.org/site/DocServer/March52014_Estrada_s_Restaurant_Fundraiser_Flyer.pdf)

Relay Walking Event: Westmoor High School - Sport Stadium

Event Date: Saturday, June 21, 2014 - June 22, 2014

For more information: www.RelayForLife.org/DalyCityCA