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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;

I am very pleased to report that the Saturday February 28, 2015 Annual CARC Chinese New Year Luncheon at KOME Restaurant was a huge success.

The attendance of 66 CARC members, friends and family was the largest turn out since we began our luncheon at KOME Restaurant in Daly City back in 2012.

I have many thanks to **Bill Chin – KC6POF** for originally selecting the KOME Restaurant for its great food, huge menu, great parking, and large dining area.

A huge debt of gratitude goes out to both **Ed Fong - WB6IQN** and **Mei Lin Fong - KI6QXM**:

- For doing a fantastic job of obtaining \$1,000.00 worth of raffle prizes for the CARC luncheon.
- Conducted a flawless and fun raffle during the luncheon.
- Then at the conclusion of the luncheon, **they also came to our rescue** to help settle and resolve our huge KOME restaurant bill with the manager that in itself was no small easy task.
- Mei Lin did a great job of organizing and counting up the collection cash to pay the front desk and satisfy the restaurant manager.

I also thank the patience of our CARC members, friends and family for working with our DRAFTED volunteer registration staff (**Kira Liess, Ada Lowe, David Lowe, Lavinda Han-KJ6WGV, Rodney – KJ6DZI, Hetty - WB6SHU** and **George – W6BUR**). The volunteer staff stepped to the plate and handled the registration, collection of cash and handing out of badges with minimal disruption.

I also noticed that the issued CARC Luncheon ID Badges were a great way for members to move from table to table and introduce themselves to other members. Plus the badges provide to be invaluable to identify members in the various photographs.

Thank you CARC members, friend and family for wearing the CARD ID badges at the luncheon and returning them at the end of the luncheon. Those returned CARC ID Badges will be used for subsequent luncheon events.

Now for the moment you all were waiting for.....the winners of the raffle are:



Michael Moore – AF6A, (guest of Ed Fong) Grand Prize winner of the Lenovo 15' Laptop with Windows 8.1



Ken Ho – Retired CHP (guest of Ed Fong), Winner of the Apple iPad Mini.



Carla Bisagno - KF6KYB (guest of David – NC6D), winner of the Leixen VV898, full featured dual band mobile transceiver.



Denise So (guest of Rodney – KJ6DZI), holding her winning prize: Tecsun PL660 Portable SW radio.



Judy Chan – xyl of David - NC6D holding her Countycomm GP5/SSB best portable hand held HF SSB receiver in the world



Bob – KJ6OPD – Power Supply RPS 220 20 Amps continuous 25 Amp surge

Public Service Announcements Intro

CARC member **Skip Weiss - KG6SCE** is this year's 2015 Event Lead for the Relay for Life of Daly City, American Cancer Society fund raiser. Skip will be asking for volunteer communication support for the event. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Skip Weiss at Calgrizzly@earthlink.net.

The Featured Tech Article Intro

This month's tech article will be superseded with pictures taken at the **CARC Chinese New Year Luncheon (Part I)**. Due to the volume of the luncheon pictures, the remaining pictures will be posted in the subsequent issues of the CARC Newsletter.

CARC Final Wrap-up News

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>

Skip Weiss – KG6SCE

American Cancer Society: Relay For Life – Daly City

Estradas Restaurant Fundraiser: Thursday, March 12, 2015!

Eat at Estradas Restaurant on Thursday, March 12, 2015 “All Day Long Fund Raising Event” and they will donate a percentage of the cost of your meal to the Relay for Life of Daly City!

Estradas serves fine Mexican and Caribbean cuisine. Located at 7440 Mission Street, Daly City, CA 94014, they were recently renovated by the Food Network's Restaurant Impossible!

Also at 8pm on March 12, 2015 a special Karaoke event is also scheduled at the Estrada's restaurant and will run until closing time (May extend closing time to meet demand).

I (Skip) will be at the restaurant most of the day passing out flyers informing the customers to request that a percentage of their meal price to donated toward the Relay For Life of Daly City - June 2015 event.

Relay Walking Event: Westmoor High School - Sport Stadium
Event Date: 10am Saturday, June 6, 2015 - 10am June 7, 2015

For more information: www.RelayForLife.org/DalyCityCA

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 17, 2015
Tuesday 7pm, Mar 17, 2015
Tuesday 7pm, Apr 21, 2015

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

2nd: SFPUC Drinking Water. 6:30pm-8:30pm, SFFD DOT* . [Register](#)

7th: Firefighters assistance. This will be a 2 hour drill and location/time TBD
(The registration page time is not confirmed) . [Register](#)

4th: NERT Coordinators and Leaders Meeting. 6:30pm-8:30pm, SFFD DOT* [Register](#)

11th: ICS Forms workshop. All NERT grads welcome. 6:30pm-8:30pm, SFFD DOT* [Register](#)

12th: Ask an Elmer: informal session with ham radio mentors. 6:30pm-8:30pm, SFFD DOT* . [Register](#)

14th: **St. Patrick's Day Parade (NERT marching Unit) New green vests will be issued.**
11am at 2nd & Market Street [Register](#)

18th: NERT Communications 601: Social Media, 6:30pm-9:30pm, SFFD DOT*

Pre-requisite: NCT 201, twitter account

If you are new to twitter, please review the following: [Twitter support 101 & tutorial video](#) [Register](#)

21st: Neighborhood Command Operations I, 8:30am-3:30pm, SFFD DOT*

Learn how to put ICS into practice in a classroom setting [Register](#)

25th: Prepare to Recover. 6:30pm-9:30pm, SFFD DOT*

In preparedness, you increase your ability to recover. Join us for this new class! [Register](#)

28th: Neighborhood Command Operations II. 8:30am-3:30pm, SFFD DOT*

Pre-requisite: Neighborhood Command Operations I [Register](#)

31st: Staging area drill, 6:00pm-9:30pm, SFFD DOT*

Put your neighborhood command center ICS to practice. Read Eventbrite description details carefully.

[Register](#)

April

18th: 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.

SFPD ALERT Training

The next ALERT training classes have been scheduled for **TBD. The classes 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 Training Drill

All active/trained ALERT members are asked to join us for our next training drill, scheduled for **Saturday, April 25, 2015**. 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.

SFPD 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 **TBD**, 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>

CARC Annual Chinese New Year Pictures (Part I):



Left to Right: Skip-KG6SCE, Kira (guest of Skip-KG6SCE), Hetty - WB6SHU, Mei Lin - KI6QXM, Lavinda-KJ6WGV, George – W6BUR (CARC President)



Left to Right: Austin Lu and Virginia Lu (sister of Austin) – both guest of WB6IQN



Foreground, left to right: Diana - KG6IOH and Dave - NE5EE
Background, left to right: Rosalin and Michael – AF6A (both guest of WB6IQN)



Left to right: Dennis – AH6KD, Mia Ho and Ken Ho (both Guest of WB6IQN)



Left to right: Jon – KI6RT (guest of WB6IQN), Sharon –xyl of Bill, Bill – KJ6WGX (guest of KJ6DZI), and Mike – KI6OID



Left to right: Dave – WZ6X, Frank – W6GSR, Bob – KM6QP, Nelson - AD6XZ, and Bart - K6VK



Gilbert – KJ6HKD



Judy – xyl of Bart Lee - K6VK



Left to right: Hetty – WB6SHU and Leang – K6LJF



Foreground, left to right: Bernard Louie – K6KBL and Bob – K6OPD
Background, left to right: Gil – KJ6HKD and Cy – WB6TCF



Left to right: Dave – WZ6X, Frank-W6GSR, and Bob KM6QP



Left to right: Ron – KI6AZB and Leonard – NX6E



Left to Right: Kate (xyl of NT6G), George – NT6G, and David - NC6D



Left to right: Dirk-KE6ZUY, Judy – xyl of K6VK, Nelson - AD6XZ, Paul – W6NDA, Linda (xyl of KN6QD) and barely visible is Bill – KN6QD)

On far right is Bart – K6VK, a big time contributor to the CARC Newsletter.



Left to right: Ada Lowe, Denise So, and Lavinda Han (Guest of KJ6DZI)



Left to right: Kira (KG6SCE guest & CARC registration volunteer) and Skip – KG6SCE



Mother and Daughter moment: left to right: Sheradon Fong (xyl of WB6IQN) and Mei Lin Fong – KI6QXM



Left to right: Edison Fong – WB6IQN and Susan Fong (sister of WB6IQN)



Sharon xyl of Bill – KJ6WGX



Left to right: Connie: sister of Harry – KJ6DYY,
and Harry – KJ6DDY



left to right: Bart – K6VK and Jon Kim – KI6RT (guest of WB6IQN)



Left to right: Harry-KJ6DDY, Emma – xyl of Harry, with children: Lilly and Liam.



Left to right: Alon WA6GTU and Donn – KG6SGS (guest of WA6GTU)



Foreground, left to right: Linda (xyl of Bill), Bill – KN6QD - holding up a custom California DMV License Plate and thereby insuring that the CARC Editor does not screw up misprinting his call sign ever again!

Background: Gary-KN6LV, Ron - KI6AZB, and Leonard – NX6E

More pictures from the 2015 CARC Chinese New Year Luncheon will follow in the April 2015 CARC Newsletter.