



## Cathay March 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;

As many of you know we just a very successful CARC Annual Chinese New Year Luncheon at Kome Restaurant on February 13, 2016. It was the culmination of a lot of hard work behind the scenes by the following folks: Ed Fong – WB6IQN, Bill Chin – KC6POF, Leonard Tom – NX6E, Hetty – WB6SHU, Ada Lowe, Kim Lowe (mother of Ada), and Rodney Yee – KJ6DZI.

Both Hetty and I greeted long time CARC members and their guest that we had not seen in a long time. I was particularly pleased to see Bill Fong – W6BBA and his new bride, Pauline Lam. The both flew in from New York then to Los Angeles and then drove up to the Bay Area to attend our CARC luncheon. Now how is that for long distance commitment to our club!

Among the youngest club member attendees was Bernard Louie (a young raising star in our club). Bob Lai – KM6QP introduced to the club his new wife, Yuli Hu. Some folks like Alon Yu, Donn Walklet, Gil Gin, Grant Gauger, John Tim, Bart Lee and many others from the East Bay Area braved the difficult traffic on the bay bridge to attend our annual Chinese New Year luncheon.

I appreciate the luncheon attendees cooperating to help us out by wearing the CARC name tags and having the correct change amount. Some of the attendees were asking about the purpose of the CARC issued name tags and to answer that question:

- Proof of payment
- Identify our CARC attendees
- Instant Ice-breaker
- Encourage the mingling of our club members
- Allow the restaurant staff to do a proper head count for billing purposes
- Assist us with our attendee check list and reconciliation with the restaurant
- Allow our CARC to be known and show our proud association with it.
- Identifying folks for our picture captions in this newsletter

We had 48 people attend our Annual CARC Chinese New Year luncheon and that it was so popular that most of the folks stayed until the very end at 1pm at which point we were informed our time was up and to leave the restaurant so the staff could clear the tables for the next luncheon party.

Many thanks to Edison Fong – WB6IQN being a one man army of doing another great job hosting the ever so popular raffle of wonderful prizes during the CARC luncheon.

Additional write-ups and pictures of the luncheon are in the last section of this newsletter. We are indebted to Edison Fong – WB6IQN, and Ron Quan - KI6ABZ, and Ada Lowe for providing many of the pictures taken at the luncheon.

As many of the luncheon attendees know, we enjoyed a very special treat provide by Mrs. Kim Lowe (Ada and David Lowe's mother). Mrs. Lowe shared with the luncheon crowd her home made traditional Chinese New Year pastries that she stayed up the night before to bake fresh just for us. These traditional old time pastries Chinese New Year favorites were:

- Combs - To comb in good luck
- Wheels - For your travel to distance places in good luck
- (Kok ji) - To have your wallets/purses filled with wealth
- Lycee Candy - For a sweet year
- Tie a knot - For good friendships

Several of the Chinese luncheon guests remarked that they have not seen this suite of wonderful pastries since their own childhood days. Mrs. Lowe is definitely somebody special that we will have to invite for next year's luncheon.

The featured Tech Article will resume in April 2016 to keep this CARC newsletters to a downloadable size.

### **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>

### **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, March 15, 2016  
Tuesday 7pm, April 19, 2016  
Tuesday 7pm, May 17, 2016

### **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](mailto:core@oaklandnet.com).

### **Free Disaster Preparedness Classes In San Francisco – NERT Taught by San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD)**

#### **Upcoming events**

#### **March 2016**

- 2 NERT Coordinators & Leaders meeting
- 5 Neighborhood Leadership College
- 10 Ask an Elmer: informal session with ham radio mentors
- 12 St. Patrick's Day Parade NERT marching Unit
- 16 NERT Communications 601/Social Media
- 19 Neighborhood Command Operations (NCP) I
- 29 ICS Forms Workshop

#### **April 2016**

- 2 Neighborhood Command Operations II (Prerequisite NCPI)
- 5 Staging area command post set up & operations
- 17 NERT Citywide Drill (Sunday)

#### **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](mailto:sffdnert@sfgov.org) or call 415-970-2024 to register.

Visit [www.sfgov.org/sffdnert](http://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](http://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 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](mailto: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 May 7, 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](mailto: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>

## Recap of CARC Annual Chinese New Year Luncheon

By Rodney Yee (KJ6DZI)

Our raffle prizes were worth \$700.00 and the winners were as follows:

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| • Grand Prize Toshiba Windows 10 Laptop:          | Paul Kitagaki - W6NDA |
| • 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize Ematic Windows 10 Tablet: | Bill Chin - KC6POF    |
| • Yaesu V3 plus aux battery:                      | Bernard Louie - K6KBL |
| • Countycomm GP5 SSB Receiver:                    | Bill Fong - W6BBA     |
| • Countrycomm GP4 SW Receiver:                    | Bart Lee - K6VK       |
| • Cables To Go Tool Set:                          | Bart Lee - K6VK       |
| • Eneloop Rechargeable Battery Set:               | David Chan - NC6D     |
| • 5AH USB Battery Backup, Solar charge:           | Lavinda Han – KJ6WGV  |
| • Radio Shack LED Flashlight:                     | Bill Fong – W6BBA     |
| • Digital Multi-meter:                            | John Tim - W6QNT      |
| • UCO Lumora LED Lantern:                         | Ron Quan – KI6AZB     |
| • Maratac™ TLL Strobe Aircraft Landing Light:     | Bart Lee – K6VK       |



Left to Right: Ed Fong – WB6/QN presenting the raffled grand prize, Toshiba Laptop to a very happy Paul Kitagaki - W6NDA





Mia Ho and Ken Ho posing for the camera during the luncheon.



Bill Jeong – KJ6WGX of American Red Cross.



Left to Right: Grant Gauger – KJ6WGT, Edison Fong – WB6IQN, and Ken Ho – guest of Ed.





Left to right: Alon Yu-WA6GTY, Donn Walklet-KG6SGS, and Hetty Chong-W6SHU



Mother and Son: Kim & David Lowe, guest of Rodney (KJ6DZI)



Susan Fong – sister of Ed Fong



Interior picture of Kome Restaurant that hosted several years of our luncheons.  
Bill Chin – KC6POF (below) did a great job of selecting this restaurant.



Left to right: Bill Chin – KC6POF and Flo Chin – xyl





Left to right: Foreground – Kate Griffin. Background: David Chan-NC6D, Judy Chan (xyl of David Chan), and Diana Lum-KG6IOH



Left to right: Pauline Lam (xyl of Bill Fong) and Bill Fong – W6BBA



Left to Right Center: Leonard Tom - NX6E (wearing gray hat) and Edison Fong – WB6IQN



Wayne Lake – WD6DZS, guest of Edison Fong



Right to left: Diana Lum – KG6IOH and Bart Lee - K6VK





Left to right: Peter Hendler – KEGG (guest of Ed), and Lavinda Han – KJ6WGV (guest of Rodney)



Ralph Kugler – KD6YDH, holding his winning Baofeng transceiver raffle prize (guest of Edison)



Left to right: Susan Kamita (daughter) and David Kamita – KN6OE (guest of Ed Fong)



Skip Weiss – WG6SCE



Leonard Tom – NX6E



Left to right: Bill Fong – W6BBA holding his winning raffle prize, Edison Fong – WB6IQN



Left to right: Raymond Chan – guest of Bill Fong and Sun Kim – guest of Gilbert





Left to right: David Chan – WZ6X and Paul Kitagaki – W6NDA (Grand Prize Toshiba Laptop Winner)



Ada Lowe, guest of Rodney Yee – KJ6DZI



Left to right: Ed Fong – WB6IQN, Bernard Louie – K6KBL, Bill Fong W6BBA, and John Tim – W6QNT





Left to right: Ed Fong, George Chong W6BUR holding tri-band antenna, and Rodney Yee – KJ6DZI



Left to right: Ed Fong – WB6IQN presenting “Aircraft Landing Light” raffle prize to Ron Quan – KI6ABZ



Denise So, guest of Rodney – KJ6DZI



Left to right: Ed Fong – WB6IQN presenting raffle prize, Eneloop rechargeable battery to Judy Chan (xyl) and David Chan – NC6D



Left to right: Leang Yee – KJ6LJF and Rodney Yee – KJ6DZI



Left to right: Bart Lee – K6VK and Judy Mears.





Left to right: Ed Fong – WB6IQN, Bill Fong – W6BBA with his newly won GP5 raffle prize and George W6BUR looking on.



Left to right: Dave Gomberg – NE5EE and Bart Lee – K6VK. They are both holding a tri-band antenna



Left to right: Gilbert Gin – KJ6HKD and Sun Kim



Left to right: Kate Griffin (xyl) and George Griffin – NT6G

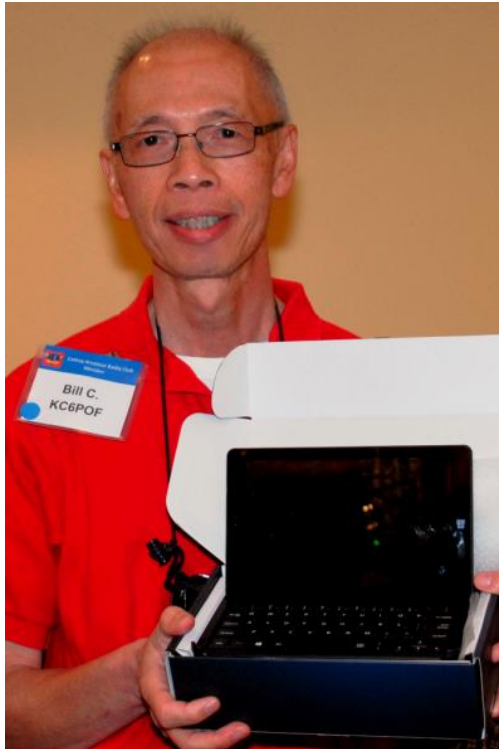


John Tim – W6QNT



Left to right: Bob Lai – KM6QP and Yuli Hu (xyl)





Bill Chin – KC6POF with his newly won Windows tablet raffle prize.



Left to right: Ed Fong – WB6IQN and Lavinda Han – KJ6WGV holding her USB Battery raffle prize.



Left to right: Ed Fong – WB6IQN and Bernard Louie – K6KBL with raffle prize Yaseu VX-3R.



Left to right: Rodney – KJ6DZI and Hetty Chong - WB6SHU ready to strangle KJ6DZI.



Left to right: At top of picture is Ralph Kugler – KD6YDH (guest of Susan Fong), Flo Chin (xyl of Bill chin), Hetty Chong – WB6SHU (in blue top), and Bernard Louie – K6KBL ( wearing red stripped top - the youngest and newest CARC member at the luncheon – note his smile after winning the Yaseu VX3 with aux battery pack raffle prize)





Left to right: Paul Agronin (guest of Susan Fong) and Susan Fong (sister of Ed Fong)



Left to right: Ed Fong – WB6IQN presenting “Aircraft Landing Light” raffle prize to Bart Lee - K6VK. Yes, Bart won 3 raffle prizes that night.



Luncheon Guest awaiting the raffle to start





Bob Lai – KM6QP shaking up the raffle tickets and helping out to select the winning raffle prize ticket.



Raffle prizes setup on the table (note: Apple Ipad was not part of the raffle)



Edison Fong – WB6IQN mesmerizing the attendees by demonstrating the UCO Lumora LED Lantern raffle prize that was won by Ron Quan - KI6AZB.

You can almost imagine Ed saying: "Now for my next magic trick is the rabbit out of the hat".



Edison Fong – WB6IQN raffling the portable Ematics Windows 8.1 Tablet.



Bart Lee – KV6X holding up his newly won Countrycomm GP4 SW Receiver.



Bart Lee – KV6X holding up his 3<sup>rd</sup> winning raffle prize, tool set.





Left to right Background: Standing up- Mike Kaufman asking Ed Fong to check his raffle ticket.

Left to right: Foreground: Bill Chin KC6POF in red shirt, Peter Hendler – KEGG in plaid shirt back turned, Flo Chin (xyl) in red jacket,



Left to right: David Kamita – KN6OE, Ralph Kugler – KD6YDH, Ed Fong – WB6IQN, Peter Hendler – KEGG, and Lavinda Han – KJ6WGV