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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 want to thank all folks that attended the CARC Chinese New Year Celebration Luncheon held at the Kome Restaurant in Daly City on February 11, 2017.

We had an excellent turn out of 47 folks that joined us for a fun luncheon and raffling of prizes. Many of our attendees stayed until our 1pm deadline to vacate the VIP room to allow the next party to occupy the area. Yes, the luncheon time just flew by as both Hetty and I greeted each luncheon guest while collecting payment and issuing out name tags. Of course we greatly assisted by Hetty xyl, Ada Lowe, Lavinda Han-KJ6WGV and of course myself. I appreciate the cooperation and patience's we received from all the CARC luncheon guest.

To pull this luncheon off, it was the culmination of a lot of hard work behind the scenes by the following folks: Ed Fong – WB6IQN, Violet Fong, Sharadon Smith Fong, Bill Chin – KC6POF, Hetty – WB6SHU, Ada Lowe, Lavinda Han - KJ6WGV, Rodney Yee – KJ6DZI, and of course myself (George – W6BUR)!

Several of the new attendees were wondering about the purpose of the names tags and to repeat myself from previous newsletters:

- Provide 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

The KOME restaurant manager really appreciated that we had name tags to identify all our CARC guest so it made it much easier to count up our guest and tally up our bill. Plus with our newly instituted attendee/payment list we were able to quickly prove that our head count match that of the physical count by the KOME restaurant and identify the seniors. The KOME restaurant reconciliation process is normally one of the more difficult tasks at the luncheon but we managed to streamline it for this year.

I am also very proud that our CARC guests paid up their beverage bill using our honor system of payment that was collected along with the badges at the end of the luncheon. We came out even with the money collected.

Many thanks to Edison Fong – WB6IQN being a one man army of doing another great job hosting the ever so popular raffle of well received prizes during the CARC luncheon. Ed's daughter Violet Fong was extremely helpful with the raffle and his wife Sharadon Smith Fong stood by in the wings to assist.

Additional write-ups and pictures of the luncheon are in the last section of this newsletter. We are indebted to both Howard Louie – N6MNV and Ron Quan - KI6ABZ for taking many of the pictures taken at the luncheon.

As good fortune would have it, Grant Gauger's wife Austra made a timely recovery from her pulled back muscle to attend our CARC luncheon. That turned out to be a very pleasant surprise and as a plus, she was able to help Grant him carry off his cache of newly won raffle prizes, LOL!

Long time CARC member Leang Yee – KJ6LJF was very lucky at the luncheon, he won the Grand raffle prize: Toshiba Laptop and also won the MJF 882 1-200 MHz Watt/SWR Meter. Leang Yee also had to travel all the way from Petaluma to attend the luncheon, I sure he was smiling on the long drive back home with his grand prize in his car trunk!

Several our CARC members missed the luncheon because they had to work that weekend and others sent there personal regrets.

Ms. Ti Michelle Connelly - NJ6T sends her greeting to the CARC from Yuma, Arizona. She wished us all a Happy Chinese New Year and regrets not being able to travel at this time to attend our club luncheon as she has in the past.

Many of our club members were wondering about our distinguished CARC member Bart Lee – K6VK not at the luncheon who has attended all our past luncheons. Bart sent his regrets and wishes he could have attended our luncheon. However to make it up to us, Bart provided us an interesting article for our next's month newsletter.

Yes, we are blessed to have very loyal and dedicated CARC members. I wish all our CARC members well and hope to meet up with them in the near future.

CARC Final Wrap-up News

In the public service announcement section, please read "**2 M CW NET**" Mike Kelly's request for folks to join his CW net.

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>

2 M CW NET

We are looking for new members to join our CW Net. If you enjoy CW and want to improve or maintain your skill level then we want you!

Our CW net runs daily except Sunday on 144.455 at 5 PM. We start on FM on voice to check in and then go to CW then come back to FM to finish up and sign off. The net runs for 15 minutes to a half hour depending on the radio traffic.

Originally, we had five members and subsequently three members have dropped out for various reasons. We would like to get back to 5 +/- members to join us. If this interest you or do you know someone that might be interested then please contact me at (aa6mk1@gmail.com) for further information or join us on the air.

73,

Mike Kelly AA6MK
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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 21, 2017
Tuesday 7pm, Apr 18, 2017
.....Tuesday 7pm, May 16, 2017

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)

Upcoming events

March 2017

- 4 Neighborhood Leadership College
Learn tricks and tips for Neighborhood Team building from NERT peers
Please register
- 7 Gas & Electric Safety for volunteer responders with PG&E
Please register

- 9 Ask an Elmer: informal session with ham radio mentors
Please register
- 11 St. Patrick's Day Parade NERT marching Unit
Please register
- 18 Neighborhood Command Operations (NCP) I
Registration open soon
- 25 NCP II (Prerequisite NCPI)
Registration open soon
- 28 NERT ICS Forms Workshop
Registration open soon

April 2017

- 4 Staging area DRILL
Registration open soon
- 17 NERT Citywide Drill, NERT graduates and victims needed
SAVE THE DATE!

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 SFPD ALERT training class has been scheduled for Saturday, June 3rd 2017. 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 9:00 am – 1:00 pm Saturday April 29, 2017. 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>

Recap of 2017 CARC Annual Chinese New Year Luncheon

By Rodney Yee (KJ6DZI)

Our raffle prizes were worth over \$600.00 and the winners were as follows:

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| • Grand Prize Toshiba Windows 10 Laptop: | Leang Yee – KJ6LJF |
| • Btech 2501-220 triband mobile: | Howard Louie - N6MNV |
| • Countycomm GP5 SSB Receiver: | Grant Gauger – KJ6WGT |
| • Bridgecom 220MHz HT: | Vic Black – AB6SO |
| • 10Ah USB Solar Power Pack: | Donn Walklet – KG6SGS |
| • Prolux LED Flashlight: | Ron Quan – KI6AZB |
| • MJF 882 1-200 MHz Watt/SWR Meter: | Leang Yee – KJ6LJF |
| • LED Desk Lamp with USB outlet: | Grant Gauger – KJ6WGT |
| • Digital multi-meter: | Mia/Ken Ho – Retired CHP |
| • Digital multi-meter: | Sharon Jeong xyl of KJ6WGX |
| • Journeymans knife: | Dave Gomberg – NE5EE |
| • AA Batteries 36 box Rayovac: | Ron Quan – KI6AZB |
| • Multi-head screw driver | Wayne Lake – WD6DZS |
| • UCO Lantern | John Tim - W6QNT |
| • Dual Band Antenna: | Howard Louie – N6MNV |



Left to right: Ed Fong – WB6IQN presenting to Leang Yee – KJ6LJF holding his Grand Raffle Prize, a Toshiba Laptop with an Intel i5 CPU.



Howard Louie - N6MNV with his newly won Btech 2501-220 triband mobile and (not shown) dual band antenna



Grant Gauger – KJ6WGT with his Countycomm GP5 SSB Receiver



Vic Black – AB6SO proudly holding his Bridgecom 220MHz HT



Donn Walklet – KG6SGS, with a sly smile displaying his newly won the 10Ah USB Solar Power Pack



Ron Quan – K16AZB with his powerful new Prolux LED Flashlight. Ron also won the rayovac batteries



Leang Yee – K6LJF displaying his newly won MJF 882 1-200 MHz Watt/SWR Meter



Grant Gauger – KJ6WGT picking up his newly won LED Desk Lamp with USB



The lovely Mia Ho (xyl Ken Ho) won the digital multi-meter



Sharon Jeong – won the 2nd multi-meter



Left to right: Dave Gomberg – NE5EE and Diana Lum - KG6IOH. Dave won the Journeymans knife.



Wayne Lake – WD6DZS won the multi-head screw driver



John Tim - W6QNT won the UCO lantern



Left to right: Ed Fong – WB6IQN, Leang Yee – K6LJF, Leonard Tom – NX6E, and Wayne Lake - WD6DZS.



Left to right: Ed Fong – WB6IQN and Violet Fong (daughter)



Bill Jeong – KJ6WGX



Bill Chinn –KC6POF waving
hello to all you CARC members



David Chan - NC6D and Skip Weiss - KG6SCE



Gilbert Gin – KJ6HKD enjoying the sushi



Mina Sun Kim – Guest of KJ6HKD



Violet Fong – daughter of Ed Fong -
WB6IQN



Sharadon Smith Fong – xyl of Ed Fong –
WB6IQN



Kim Low – mother of Ada Lowe



Lavinda Han – KJ6WGV



Kelly Tuttle – WB6AAJ having a good time



Mike Kaufman – K6VCI



Standing: Gordon Yee - . Seated Left to right: Dave Crocker – W6VYC and Vic Black – AB6S0



Mia Ho (xyl) and Ken Ho – retired CHP and guest of Edison Fong – WB6IQN



Left to right: Dave Chan - WZ6Z and Bob Lai – KM6QP



Gordon Yee – KI6UH, guest of Ed Fong



Paul Kitagaki – W6NDA



The lovely and radiant Kate Griffin (xyl) and George Griffin – NT6G



Left to right: Bill Chinn – KC6POF and Judy Chan (xyl of David Chan -NC6D)



Davie Chan – WZ6X with his million dollar smile



Left to right: Hetty Chong – WB6SHU, George Chong – W6BUR, Lavinda Han – KJ6WGV, and Ada Lowe – during the collection and name badges distribution.

We are indebted to both Lavinda and Ada with helping out at the luncheon.



Left to right: Alon Yu – WA6GTY, Tracy Walklet (xyl), Donn Walklet – KG6SGS, and Margo Yu (xyl)



Some of the chaos that ensued during the money collection and name badge process!



Left to right: Grant Gauger – KJ6WGT and Austra Grant (xyl)



Left to right: Violet Fong and Hetty Cheong – WB6SHU



Left to right: George Cheong – W6BUR (CARC President) and Hetty Cheong – WB6SHU (xyl)



Left to right: Austra Gauger (xyl), Grant Gauger - KJ6WGT, and Leang Yee – KJ6LJF as they prepare to haul out their new won raffle prizes. Note the very happy and priceless smiles on their faces!



Left to right: Dave Chan - WZ6Z, Bob Lai – KM6QP, and Ed Fong – WB6IQN (trying to wolf down luncheon before the raffle)



Left to right: Leang Yee – KJ6LJF, Lavinda Han – KJ6WGV, and Ada Low (in back ground)



Picture of the raffle prizes assembled by Ed Fong just before the actual raffle.



Left to right clockwise: Gilbert Gin – KJ6HKD, Leang Yee – KJ6LJF, Lavinda Han - - KJ6WGV, and Mina Sun Kim. Mina is wondering what is taking so long for the picture to be taken!



Left to right: Violet Fong, Ed Fong – WB6IQN, Vic Black – AB6S0, John Tim - W6QNT, and Paul Kitagaki – W6NDA



Exterior of KOME Restaurant, where the CARC Luncheon was held this Feb 11, 2017

My apologies to the CARC Chinese New Year luncheon attendees whose photos did not come out well or were missing from this newsletter. Notably among the missing folks in the photos were of the following attendees:

- Dave Crocker
- Dave Billeci and Kathy Billeci
- Ralph Kugler

The missing photos of the luncheon attendees including those mentioned above were not intentional, rather just an oversight during a very dynamic situation where folks were leaving the seating area to stand in line at the different buffet counters to load up on the delicious food. I was extremely busy taking some of the pictures and greeting our late guest and did not start eating until after 12:30pm.

Many thanks to all those folks that attended our CARC Chinese New Year Luncheon and made it a huge success! It was good to see several CARC members mixing among each other and engaging in conversation.

Rodney Yee (KJ6DZI)