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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 wish you inform the CARC membership that Bill Chin, KC6POF has stepped down as the club secretary effective 9/11/2013. Our current editor, Rodney Yee - KJ6DZI will assume the role of the CARC secretary. Bill will remain an active CARC member but with no official club duties or responsibilities. However from time to time, Bill may choose to volunteer to assist our club with activities.

I and the entire CARC wishes to thank Bill Chin for his many years of his dedicated and loyal service as our club secretary. Bill has always gone above and beyond of what the club has requested of him.

Silent Key

I just learned that my longtime friend and former CARC member, Howard Allen Yuen – W6OAA just recently passed away. A tribute to Howard is in the Silent Key section of this newsletter.

2013 CARC Annual Picnic

Many of our CARC members have informed me that Ed Fong did a wonderful job of hosting the CARC Annual Picnic on Saturday September 14, 2013. We had several new folks attend the CARC annual picnic for the first time with some fifty people in attendance. Pictures taken at the event are enclosed in this newsletter. My thanks go out to Ron Quan – KI6AZB for providing many of the wonderful picnic pictures.

Featured Tech Article

The Tech Article feature will resume in the November 2013 issue of the CARC newsletter.

CARC Final Wrap:

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>

Bart Lee – K6VK

LATEST ON CHRS BUILDING PURCHASE...

The following statement was read at Radio Day By The Bay and is the latest information we have at this time about CHRS' future at 601 Ashby:

“As you know, we have been fundraising for the last year with the goal of purchasing this building and land for CHRS' permanent home. We were supposed to buy the building and land from the new owner of KVTO as it emerged from bankruptcy. But, KVTO has now been sold to a company who is not inclined to sell CHRS the building and land.

We can safely report that our license to occupy KRE will be honored to its completion until December 31st of this year. We are not being asked to leave anytime soon and there is a possibility that we may be asked to remain beyond that date.

So, as much as we love it here, a museum needs a permanent home. We have already started an active search. We realize that we may be leaving a historical place, but the reality is that we need a permanent place for the CHRS collection, Maxwell and SOWP archives and Radio Hall of Fame.

The fund raising momentum is still with us. All of the major donors to the KRE purchase fund have assured us that their pledges will remain in place to purchase a permanent new home for CHRS.”

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, Oct 15, 2013 Practice Messaging
Tuesday 7pm, Nov 19, 2013 TBD
Tuesday 7pm, Nov 19, 2013 TBD

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.

Upcoming Special CORE Events.

October

5th Oakland Chinatown Safety Fair 9am – 2pm

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.

October

1st: 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.
Prepare for the Oct 5 & 19 drills!
Register: <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/7404722725>

5th: NERT Staging Area Drill. All NERT grads welcome. Location TBD
This drill focuses on setting up and managing a neighborhood team staging area.
Practice Incident Command System skills. Bring: NERT ID, helmet, vest, gloves, water, pencil and go-bag. Wear long pants, sturdy shoes and sunscreen. Dress for weather.
Register: <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/7404780899>

19th: Save the Date! NERT Neighborhood drill day.
Registration: registration not open

23rd: NERT Coordinators and Leaders Meeting. 6:30pm-8:30pm, SFFD DOT*
All NERTs welcome
Register: registration not open

* 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). An upcoming new class is schedule as follows:

- **Saturday, January 18th, 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 January 18, 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 Information Meeting:

An informational meeting will be held at the San Francisco Police Academy, located at 350 Amber Drive, Parking lot bungalows, at **7pm on Thursday December 5, 2013**.

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>

Silent Key



Howard Allen Yuen – W6OAA, former CARC member passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sept. 22, 2013. Howard was 100 years old; he was born on 4/11/13 in Grass Valley, CA.

George Chong, our current CARC president met Howard on the 10 meter amateur radio band back in the early 1950s. They struck up a lifelong friendship and discovered that they both had careers in broadcast engineering in radio and TV. Shortly afterwards, Howard became a member of the Cathay Amateur Radio Club.

In those early years, Howard lived close to Chinatown and only a few blocks away from George and they would hang out together. Howard was one of the few early CARC members that had a mobile 10 meter rig and would make frequent radio calls to George before going to work.

Not widely known at the time, Howard was the first Chinese American working in the Bay Area broadcast industry. He started out worked as a broadcast engineer in Grass Valley area and was lured to the San Francisco Bay Area for the opportunity to work for a big time station that was just getting into television, KPIX. Early on KPIX was located at the top of the Mark Hopkins Hotel well within walking distance for Howard's daily commute.

Howard retired from Westinghouse KPIX, Ch.5 after a long and successful career with them.

He loved HAM radio, talking with his friends around the world. He also loved gardening and was an avid 49er fan.

Howard is survived by his wife of 66 years, Hazel, children Linda (Richard), Jeff (Ellen) & Gale (Rich), grandkids Donine (Aaron), Rudy(Connie), Ryan & Jonathan, and great-grandkids Chloe, Ethan & Austin.

A memorial service will be held on October 10th @ 1:30pm, Cornerstone Trinity Baptist Church, 480 Teresita, San Francisco, CA 94127. For additional information please see the following: www.info@cornerstonetrinity.org (415) 566-5756

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Chinatown YMCA or Grace Community Church. Special thanks to Janet's Residential Facility for their wonderful love & care.

See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=howard-yuen&pid=167188773#sthash.VdchSWBJ.dpuf>

2013 CARC Annual Picnic – By Ed Fong, photos by Ron Quan and Rodney Yee

Once again we all had a great time at the annual Cathay Picnic. There were about 50 people in attendance. I saw quite a few new faces and as luck will have it, one of the new attendees won the Apple iPad (Bill Jeong).

The food was great. Nothing beats 1/3 lb. premium patties from Smart and Final. Rodney and I along with several other wonderful people made burgers to order on the grill (single, double, with cheese, etc.). I have tried burgers from Safeway, Costco, etc. The store “Smart and Final” has the best. Their beef seems to be the most juicy and tasty. Some 60 burgers were served and consumed. On top of that, 40 premium all beef kosher hotdogs were consumed.

To top it off, people brought all kinds of great dishes. Fruit salad, great deserts, Dave and Diana brought the Costco sheet cake. The club provided for 5 gallons of ice cream. I doubt anyone left the picnic hungry.

There was a half size Olympic swimming pool and two tennis courts but no one took up that offer even though we paid to have access. I think that’s a good hint that people come to enjoy talking with their fellow hams.

Bill Jeong - KJ6WGX won the iPad and the Journey's edge knife. Beginners luck. Lavinda Han - KJ6WGV won the Baofeng UV-5R prize – beginners luck again. Congratulations. What a great introduction to ham radio for these folks. Other lucky winners were: Leonard Tom (NX6E) – Tool Set, Lloyd De Vaughns (KD6FJI) – Tool Set, Jeff Hutchins (WB6BVD) - Mag D size, Leang Yee (K6LJF) DBJ-1 antenna, and Stanley Tom – DBJ-2 antenna.

I like to welcome Lavinda Han (KJ6WGV), Bill Jeong (KJ6WGX), Allen Chung (KI6YRL), Christine Chung (KJ6WHF) and Stan Tom to the Cathay group. I may have missed some other new members that attended and I apologize.

The next big event is the Christmas Party in December. See you there.

- Ed Fong

The following are pictures taken at the picnic:



Ed Fong's signaling:" Let the raffle begin"



Violet Fong(Ed's daughter) helping out with the raffle



Vanessa Ralintas (Violet's friend) 2nd helper with the raffle.



Bill Jeong - KJ6WGX, Grand Prize Winner of the mini-ipad



Leang Yee - K6LJF, raffle prize winner of a DBJ-1 antenna.



Bill Jeong - KJ6WGX, with his pocket knife raffle prize. Yes, Bill won two raffle prize that afternoon.



TBD



Voilet is in the background. In the foreground is Howard Louie - N6MNV



Attendees gathering for the raffle.



Lavinda - KJ6WGV with Baofeng UV-5R prize



Leonard Tom - NX6E with Tool Set raffle prize



Lloyd – KD6FJI with tool set prize



Stan Tom with his raffle prize, J-pole Antenna



Stan Tom (Guest of KJ6DZI) and Ron Quan - KI6AZB



David Wong – KG6WL and Bob Lai - KM6QP



Allen Chung - KI6YRL



Christine Chung – KJ6WHF



Daughter of Allen and Christine Chung



Aidan Chung, son of
Allen & Christine Chung



Lloyd De Vaughns – KD6FJI



Professor George Vendelin



Irina and Greg Zeman



Duc Lee N6PXM and Dave Vieira KI6CLA



Dave Gomberg - NE5EE



Diana Lum - KG6IOH



Kate Griffin, Stan Tom, Duc Lee N6PXM, Ed Fong WB6IQN, Dave Vieira KI6CLA



Winners: XYL of Bill Jeong, Lavinda - KJ6WGX, and Bill Jeong - KJ6WGV



Stan Tom (guest of KJ6DZI), Charlie, Leonard Tom – NX6E



A couple talking to Dave Vieira - KI6CLA