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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;

The recent Annual 2014 CARC Picnic was well attended this past September 13, 2014.

I was not able to attend the event as I was participating in an HAM contesting event. However, I had our Editor: Rodney KJ6DZI attend in my absence. From his reports, it was well attended by our CARC members and other HAM invitees. He even helped out with the barbecuing which is a big deal since he claims he does not know what he is doing. Obviously, Edison must be a good barbecue teacher along with his many other talents.

I was pleased to hear that long time member Daniel - K6GOW was able to make the picnic.

A write up of the event along with pictures is in the 2014 CARC Annual Picnic Recap section of this newsletter.

FYI, **Pacificon** annual event is occurring: October 10-12, 2014 at the Marriott Hotel in Santa Clara. Please see public announcement section for more information.

As many of you already know that the CARC club was founded by US Military Veterans and that many of our club members including myself have served in the US Army Air Corp.

In celebration of Veteran's Day please join me (non-veteran's invited too) for lunch:

11am – 2pm Tuesday November 11, 2014
Buffet Fortuna Restaurant
800 Broadway, Oakland, CA
(510) 839-1688

I will keep it short, 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, Oct 21, 2014
Tuesday 7pm, Nov 18, 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.

October

17th: Loma Prieta commemoration event. TBD

18th: **the Loma Prieta 25th Anniversary October Drill - Save the Date!**

8:30 am – 3:00 pm, Ft. Mason Great Meadow near Bay Street & Octavia Street

* 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 **Saturday, October 25, 2014**. 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 Training Drill

All active/trained ALERT members are asked to join us for our next training drill, scheduled for **Saturday November 1, 2014**.

The drill will be held in the Police Academy (350 Amber Drive) parking lot from 9am-1pm. Details will be emailed to active ALERT members, prior to the date of the exercise. Participation is not required, but strongly encouraged.

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

An informational meeting will be held at the San Francisco Police Academy, located at 350 Amber Drive, Parking lot bungalows, at **7pm January 15, 2015**. 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>

Pacificon

<http://pacificon.org/>



Pacificon 2014, a regional Centennial event celebrating 100 years of the [ARRL](#), returns to the Santa Clara Marriott Hotel at [2700 Mission College Blvd in Santa Clara, California, 95054](#). The convention takes place Friday, October 10th through Sunday, October 12th, 2014.

Pacificon 2014 is the ARRL Pacific Division Convention, produced every year by the [Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club \(MDARC\)](#).

2014 CARC Annual Picnic Recap

by Ed Fong – WB6IQN

We had another great event for our 2014 CARC Annual Barbecue Picnic at the Fairbrae Swim and Tennis Center in Sunnyvale this past Saturday on September 13, 2014.

Lots of new comers HAMS came up from the radio swap meet to attend our barbecue event. We had well over 50 folks attend. There were numerous families with kids that enjoyed the swimming pool.

My wife, Sharadon, did all cooking for the desert and side dishes. George Hugh, W0WEB was the head chef on the barbecue. He was the past president of the SF Radio Club.

Rumors are getting out among us HAMS that the CARC Annual Barbecue is some terrific party and one not to miss. Why not? My wife really prepared a great meal.

Here is the rundown of what we had on the menu:

- 1/3 pound premium sirloin burger patties (with cheddar cheese optional) on toasted hamburger buns.
- Hebrew National premium hotdogs with buns and all the fixings. For those folks that showed up late, we reopened the grill and cooked it up to order.
- Side dishes - ravioli pasta salad, potato salad, orange Jell-O salad, and macaroni salad
- Fruit dishes - watermelon, apples, and cantaloupe
- Nachos – with salsa and cheese (we rented a hot nacho cheese dispenser for the day)
- Desert - hot apple pie with choice of vanilla or chocolate ice cream.
- Can sodas, orange juice, and purified bottled water.

This event is getting so popular we had two elected public officials attend. Congress Woman Judy Chu of the 32nd district. She is the daughter of Judson Chu. And not least, Dean Chu (former Mayor of Sunnyvale) was also in attendance with his two daughters.

The raffle was a sold out picnic event. With two grand prizes – an Apple iPad mini and a Zastone MP900 (Yaesu FT8800 clone) full feature dual band mobile donated by Lou Doren WB6TXD. What HAM radio club can boast of such top notch prizes?

As everybody knows, it was fair and square. Demetri's son (I would say he is about 3 years old) picked the ticket and it was my ticket. This is just what I wanted and needed.

I was going to go buy an Apple Mini-iPad for my daughter Violet right after the picnic on the condition that if I did not win one.

Violet had been patiently waiting for years for me to get her an Apple iPad mini. It was only fitting that she will receive one from me, since my she assisted me in the past and currently with the CARC picnic setup work, collecting the raffle money, and including doing some barbecuing to keep up with the hungry HAMs.

1st Grand Prize Winner of Apple iPad mini – Ed Fong WB6IQN

2nd Grand Prize Winner of the Zastone dual band transceiver: Howard N6MNV.

3rd Prize Winner of the Tecsun PL660 portable shortwave radio, Howard N6MNV.

Yes, that is no typo that Howard won twice!

Other Prize winners were:

Judson Chu - W6WTY - Cables To Go – tool set

Nick Cassarino – N6NSA – 2 D cell Mag flashlight

Bill Gerrey - WA6NPC - 6 piece screw driver set

George Hugh – W0WEB - 8 LED flashlight with laser

We had tons of leftover food, we gave away whole unopened boxes of apple pies, along with other food. Nobody left the picnic hungry and those who snagged the leftovers did very well.

Special Message Of Thanks To the Cathay Radio Club and Picnic Attendees



I like to thank the Cathay Radio Club for the Apple iPad our family won at the annual picnic. I have wanted one for the last 3 years. My dad (Ed Fong WB6IQN) always thought it was too expensive. Last Christmas he even bought me an Android tablet. It was OK, but nothing can beat an Apple iPad.

My new iPad is fast, easy to operate and has the Facetime application which is unique to Apple. I use it every day to check my Facebook, cruise the internet and check my email not to mention all the cool games I have download. Oh, I almost forgot, it has an awesome camera.

Violet Fong



On far left: Grand Prize Winner of the Apple MiniPad: Ed Fong - WB6IQN
On the right: Violet Fong, Ed's Daughter holding her new Apple MiniPad



Howard N6MNV, holding the 2nd Grand Prize the MP900 Zastone dual band transceiver



Left to right: Bill Gerrey - WA6NPC holding his prize: 6 piece screw driver set, George Hugh – W0WEB display this prize: 8 LED flashlight with laser



Raffle winner: Nick Cassarino–N6NSA with his newly won 2 D cell Mag flashlight



Winner of the Tecsun PL660 portable shortwave radio, Howard N6MNV



Grand Daughter of Judson Chew -
W6WTY - Cables To Go – tool set



Steve – Fairbrae club house manager with Sharadon



Brenna Fong – World Class Satellite
Engineer



Austin Lew – World Class Satellite
Engineer.



Bob Vallio - W6RGG in red shirt just being his usual reserved and shy self



Jim Fayh - N6WKY chatting with Bob Vallio – W6RGG



Ron Quan - KI6AZB Super-duper analog engineer



Left to right: Mei Lin Fong – KI6QXM with Congress woman Judy Chew



Judy Chu's assistant chatting with Carol Eyring - KI6PUX



Prof. George Vendelin – Famous emeritus RF professor.



Carol Eyring - KI6PUX and Todd Eyring KJ6WBK



Picnic attendees awaiting the raffle drawing



Left to right: U.S. House of Representatives Congress woman Judy Chu, Dean Chu (former Mayor of Sunnyvale) , and Judson Chu - W6WTY



George Hugh – W6WEB hamming it up for the camera. He did the invaluable service of barbecuing during most of the picnic.



Dan - K6GOW – longtime member



Dirk- KE6ZUY – longtime member



Another picture of folks enjoying the wonderful picnic food



Left to right: Jeff Hutchins - WB6BVD, Wilma – daughter in-law of Judson Chu, and Ed Fong - WB6IQN



Judson Chu's granddaughters – Liane and Karie



Jim Walker - KB6NRD (senior satellite engineer)



Kaylene – Daughter Carol and Todd Erying.



Folks awaiting the outcome of the raffle



Marc and Bob - Call sign TBD



Todd Eyring – KJ6WBK



Folks queuing up to receive the food hot off the barbecue grill.



Chu family and friends



Unnamed guest of CARC member



Dave Vieira - KI6CLA (circuit designer)



Judy, xyl of David - NC6D



David- NC6D



Judson Chu daughter in-law Wilma



Judy Chu's assistant



Some serious eating going on here! Dave – KG6SWL, Bob – KM6QP, and Howard – N6MNV



Another picture of folks munching on the great eats