

## Cathay Newsletter January 2007

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**Mission:** The Cathay Amateur Radio Club is basically an active social club of Ham Radio Operators and their spouses

**Monday Night Net Time:** 9PM PST Frequency: 146.67MHz -600KHz PL85.4 and 442.70 +5MHz PL 173.8 The repeaters are linked. The Monday night net is the best way to find out the latest club news. All check-ins are welcome

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Hi folks:

Well, this really isn't a full fledge newsletter but I just want to remind you of the prizes that will be raffled off at this week's Chinese New Year Banquet. If haven't made your reservations yet, email back Bill Chin *KC6POF*. I think we still have a few spaces. \$30 for members and \$35 for guest.

Thanks to Joe *W6DOB* and the banquet committee for organizing it. The Silver Dragon in Oakland is a great restaurant with a private room. Bring your family and friends. The menu is a 10 course traditional banquet usually reserve for weddings. If you had to attend one event for the year, this is it. We expect about 100 people to attend. Please be prompt since the program will start at exactly 6:00PM. So set your calendars for Saturday February 10, 2007. The program will be as follows:

5:00PM Dining room open and social time.

6:00PM Presentation on the history and traditions of Chinese New Year.

6:10PM Live Chinese music on the Er Wu (2 stringed instrument).

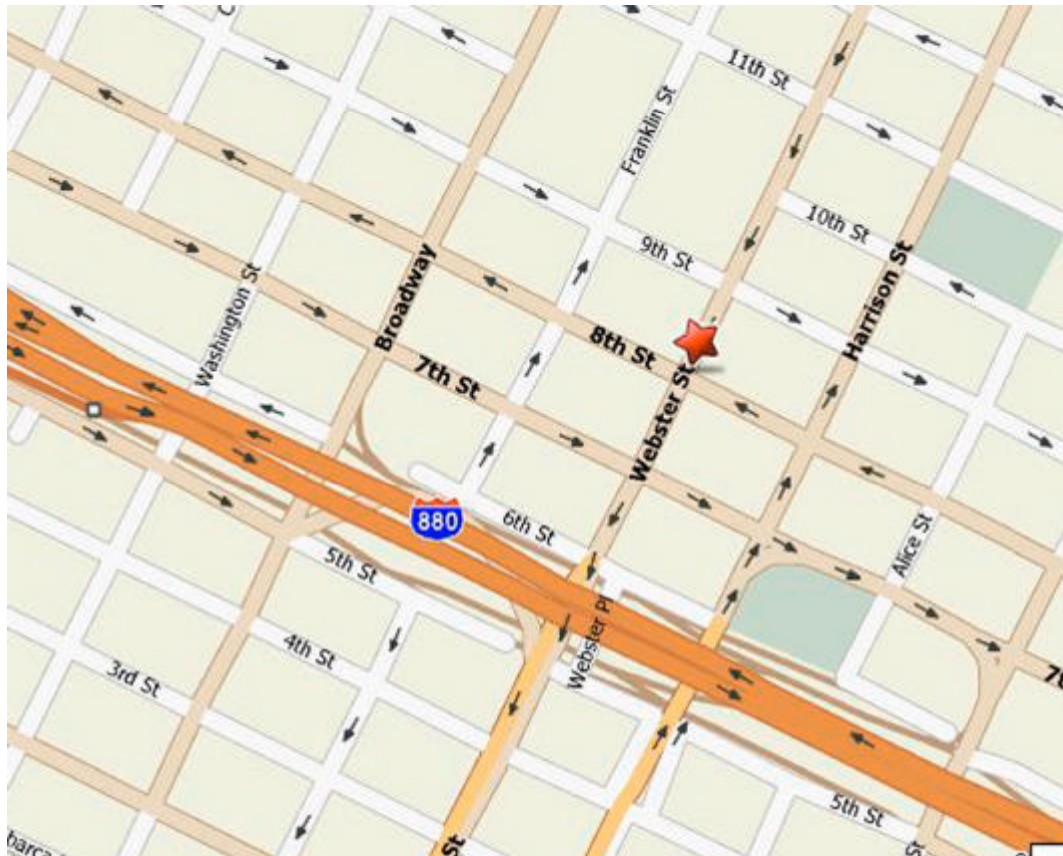
6:30PM Dinner begins.

7:30PM Raffle begins.

Dinner must begin promptly at 6:30PM because the restaurant closes at 9:00PM. Directions and address is as follows:

Silver Dragon Restaurant  
835 Webster St, Oakland, CA  
510-893-3748

There is street parking and a nearby parking garage. Below is the basic map.



**Directions:**

From South Bay: Take 880 north. Exit on the Broadway exit towards downtown. Proceed to 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Make a right on 9<sup>th</sup> Street and find street parking. There is a public garage on Franklin and 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

From North Bay: Take 880 South to San Jose. Exit on the Broadway/Alameda Exit. Stay straight, go on to 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn left on Broadway. Turn right on 9<sup>th</sup> Street. There is a public garage on Franklin and 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

Here a summary of the top raffle prizes, so bring your \$5 for each ticket. The more you buy, the better your chances of winning.



The grand prize will be a Yaesu FT897. This is an all mode, all band radio. 100 watts out on HF, 50 watts on VHF and 25 watts on UHF. Built in keyer, general coverage receiver, scanner, etc. It can be operated as a portable with built in battery packs, a base or mobile.



A very respectable second prize, a Motorola GM300. This is 16 channel UHF professional radio used by police, fire, and law enforcement. The club will program the radio to 16 frequencies of your choice. Your intermod problems will be history using this radio. Thanks to Robert Fishman K6FSH for donating this prize.





Check out this state of the art Epson R340 printer. Uses archival 6 color inks, has a built in 2.4 inch LCD screen, reads from CD's and DVD's, and reads flash drives. It can print without a PC.



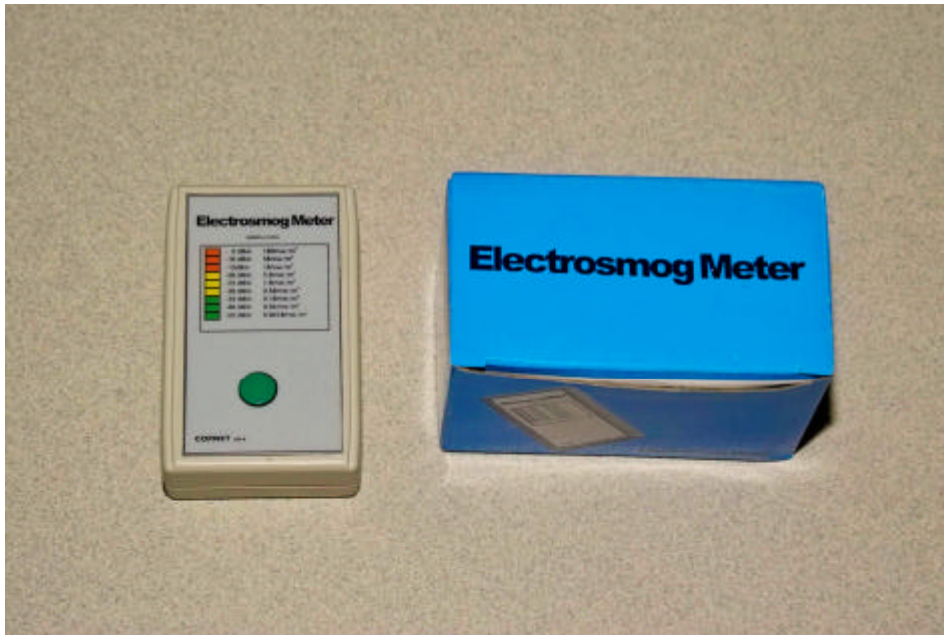
How about this 55 piece tool set from Kronus. Very durable and great for those emergencies. It's got pliers, a hammer, torx, flat heads, wire strippers, level, hex key, etc.



How about a power inverter for those blackouts and camping trips? It can run your laptop from your car without that expensive 12v adapter. A must have for emergencies.



The GP-4L is one of the greatest portable radios I have ever run into. It has a digital AM/FM, shortwave radio, including WWV. It has a LED white flashlight and a complete clock radio. All in a small package. No wonder it was rated as the best pocket radio around by Popular Communications. You will end up taking this radio to wherever you go.



Here an item that you don't see too often. This is an active calibrated RF field strength meter that is sensitive up to 2.4 GHz. It is calibrated to read down to  $-55\text{dBm}$ . So it will spot those cordless phones, 802.11 signals around your neighborhood, not to mention testing your HT.

This is just to mention a few of the prizes. There will be numerous other smaller prizes. Joe has even made arrangements for a special prize for the ladies.

See you there.

Ed Fong WB6IQN