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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 PST, Frequencies: 146.67MHz -600KHz PL85.4 and 442.70 +5MHz PL 173.8. The repeaters are linked. 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

After a year in hibernation, our Cathay Amateur Radio Club newsletter is back by popular demand! We need CARC members to submit articles of HAM interest for publication. Please send your written articles to me for review.

This past year 2011 was very challenging for the Cathay Amateur Radio Club. As a result of Hurricane Katrina and the earthquake in Christ Church, New Zealand the local communities that we are part of and serve have placed new emphasis on disaster preparedness with special request for emergency HAM radio communications.

As many of you know the Cathay radio club over these many years has been a steadfast community resource for supporting emergency HAM radio communications. The year 2012 is shaping up to be a very busy year for the Cathay radio club in supporting the additional community requests for HAM radio resources.

To meet these requests, we have started an initiative for the Cathay Radio Club to actively recruit new members. Working with the Chinatown Disaster Preparedness Committee, we have begun to actively reach out to the Boy Scouts of America, Salvation Army, and SF NERT members, NGOs (Non Government Organizations), Churches and the public at large to become licensed HAM in San Francisco. We will be hosting a "HamCram session" in SF Chinatown early February 2012 as part of our initiative.

Annual upcoming the 2012 Chinese New Year's Luncheon:



2011 is the **Year of the Dragon**, which begin on Tuesday, January 23, 2012.

If you were born in 2012, 2000, 1988, 1976, 1964, 1952, 1940, 1928 you are a Dragon person.

Dragon folks exhibit the traits of Intelligence, free spirit, innovative, enterprising, fearlessness, passionate, self assured.

I have mentioned a number of times on the 9 pm Cathay Amateur Radio Club Monday's Net about the upcoming Chinese New Year CARC buffet style luncheon. Since us HAM radio people are "trained" on short notices...I know we can pull this off with no problems...right?

Well, the time has arrived for our annual Chinese New Year get together. You and yours significant others are all invited to celebrate the Chinese New Year of The Dragon with our fellow CARC members.

I know many of you have other plans, but who doesn't? We will definitely miss those that are unable to attend the luncheon. It seem that our entire CARC members last got together at about the same time last year and it was sure fun to see so many familiar faces, a sight for my sore eyes.

Those folks who were not able to attend the CARC Chinese New Year luncheon and those that haven't been on the CARC Monday night radio net.... YES we want you back as active members. We miss hearing your call signs on our Monday night radio net as we do not have nearly as many sign-in as when our club was in full swing.

To those active CARC members, we can hear your voices but have not seen most of you eye ball to eye ball. The die-hards are still on the weekly Monday night net, and so are our dedicated net controllers,

god bless them all, they are truly a great bunch! What would we do without them? It would be wonderful once more to have the entire Cathay club members together in one place and reminisce the early days when we ran our radios with vacuum tubes and setting up a radio camp site for our field day.

As for those of you that were able to attend the CARC luncheon last year, we enjoyed seeing each other and yakking it up. As word spread about our successful CARC luncheon get together, those who did not make it told us "We will be there for the next one". This year it will also be a great opportunity to meet up with our newest club members.

The time and Date: Saturday 10:30 AM - 1:00 AM February 4, 2012.

Location: KOME Japanese Seafood and Grill

1901 Junipero Serra Blvd.,#A

Daly City, CA 94104

650-992-8600

Cost: Special CARC Adult cost will be \$18.00 per adult.

Seniors over age 60 pay \$17.00

Children Pricing:

Age 6-8: \$9.00

Age 9-11: \$11.00

Prices includes: tax, tip, reserved seating
and unlimited soda or tea.

FYI, KOME raised their adult prices by 1 dollar since our last visit.

For more info please see: www.komebuffet.com

Money will be collected at the luncheon, so please have exact change ready!

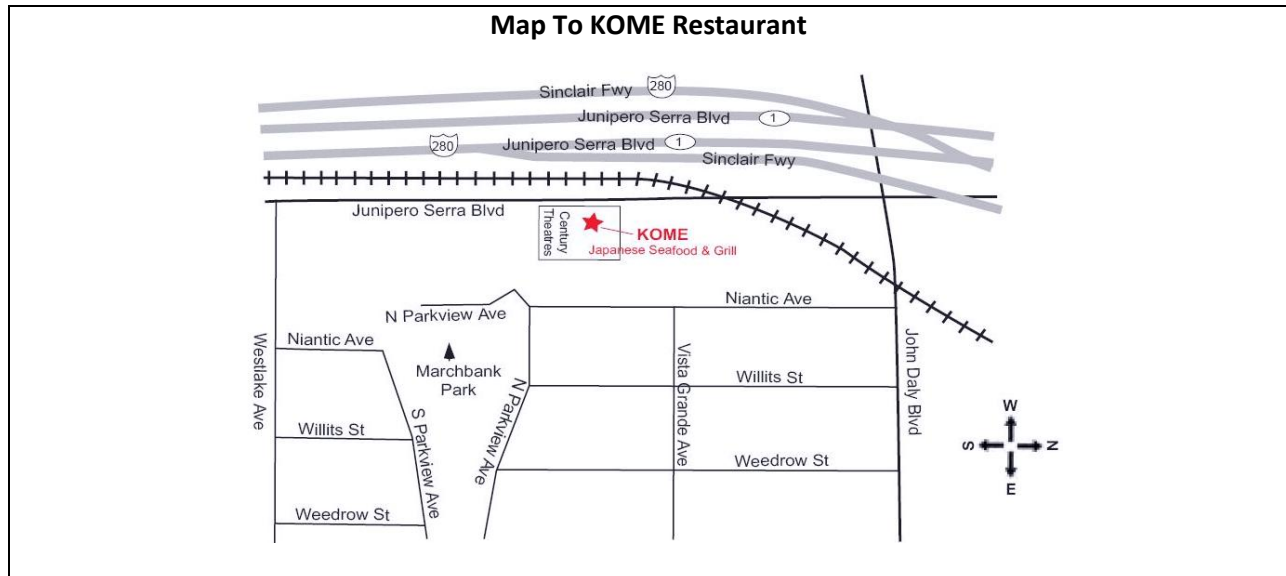
Driving Directions:

* If coming from Hwy 280 Northbound, take the John Daly Blvd/Junipero Serra Blvd exit and continue north on Junipero Serra Blvd and side drive past the Century Theater ticket office.

After a series of small restaurants on the right hand side there is a 5 story parking garage, the entrance will be about 50 feet past KOME restaurant entrance doors.

* If coming from Hwy 280 Southbound, take the John Daly Blvd/Junipero Serra Blvd exit. After crossing the traffic signal light intersection, in about 500 feet, turn left into the 5 story parking garage structure entrance.

Please refer to the KOME restaurant location map that follows on page 4:



We have reserved the back area room at the KOMÉ restaurant for use of the Cathay Amateur Radio Club. **At the restaurant door please identify yourself as being with the CARC and you will be escorted to the back room.** Please check in with both Vince Chinn aka Mingie W6EE and Hetty WB6SHU so they can check you name off the attendee list and collect the money to pay the restaurant. Hetty WB6SHU will make sure those senior citizens will get their dollar discount. Be aware that the early bird gets the worm, no feeding after 1PM; I hope we won't have to be booted out, hah-hah!

KOMÉ restaurant is an all you can eat Asian buffet style dining offering a large choice of foods. KOMÉ restaurant is where we held our previous Cathay Radio Club Chinese New Year Luncheon and it was a big hit with all the attendees. There is free parking at the adjacent 5 story parking structure. The Daly City Bart train stop is 2 blocks away.

Since KOMÉ restaurant opens its door at 10:30 AM we need to have most of our people "camp" early (kidding) at the door to situate our "hold" of a spot (within the glass partition) at the rear room. **Another reason to arrive early is that the luncheon time (10:30 am-1pm) will quickly slip away while you are getting caught up with the latest news among our fellow club members.** The back room is fairly large is able to accommodate 150 guest. I doubt that our CARC members and friends would completely fill it, so feel free to invite additional guests.

The dining tables as I seem to recall were sort of like outdoor picnic types with bench seating. One other hint: If you are a great eater and love food, try not to choose any tables where the opposite end is against a wall. I found that it was really hard to maneuver quickly for more goodies!

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