

## Summary of SARES ARRL Field Day and Picnic 2018

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Wow!!!! Were you there with us this past June 23, 2018 SARES/CARC Field Day? If not then you missed one of the great ARRL Field Day's of all time, we had a huge turnout.

The ARRL report said that the HAM band conditions were fair? Not with us. With the invaluable help of Jim Fahy N6WKY we put up some super antennas with his custom built antenna launcher. We got the 20 meter antenna in place and way in the clear that made a huge difference with our successful distant HAM radio contacts. Everything we heard we could talk back to.

With the Apple building across the street almost completed, they were no longer using there building construction arc welding tools that was causing interference noise. The noise level was down (S-3 to S-4).

We setup and operated 2A in both SSB and CW. However, most folks came to our ARRL Field Day not for so much to operate on the HAM bands but for the socializing with other hams and club members, enjoying good foods, and maybe even for raffle prizes. Oh, I almost forgot, many folks came because our Fire Department indoor facilities were excellent, we had AIR CONDITIONING, running water, ice making machine, and a "real" bathroom. It was a hot day with temperatures in the 90s. All the other groups in our area (FAR, PARA, WVARA, CARES) were all outdoors without air conditioning.

Here is summary of our score. Watch for us in QST. We operated under the call sign K6SNY (SNY for Sunnyvale)

No bad considering our main objective was to have fun.

	Phone	CW	points
80 mt	18		18
40 mt	45	17	79
20 mt	82	22	126
2 mt FM	7		7

Public location	100
Information table	100
Educational	100
Red Cross visit	100
Elected official	100
Safety Officer	100
Youth participation	100

Total of 930 points (highest score ever for us)

The food that several people donated was very much appreciated and greatly contributed to the success of the ARRL event. Rodney and his group from San Francisco which included Ada Lowe, Kim Lowe, Lavinda Han and especially Ada's mom that did her superb cooking and assisted with clean up.

We had more than enough food to feed our crowd of some 50 – 60 folks for dinner and with around 80 people that showed up throughout the day. We had 60 folks sign the HAM attendance log. If we got points for attendance, we would have won hands down with such a large participation among the HAM community.

The food consisted of

- Individual 1/3 lb Sirloin burgers with all the trimmings (Cheese, tomatoes, etc). Many folks were looking for the traditional hamburger buns. We need to tell them next year we use Boudin Sour dough and Tillamook Cheddar cheese (nothing but the best for SARES/Cathay members). Maybe we should purchase some cheap buns next year. We had two loafs of Boudin bread left over.
- Kim Low's homemade tasty Chinese vermicelli noodle dish
- Several pounds of Marinated Chicken strips (a crowd favorite) from Thomas Leibold - KK6FPP who very patiently BBQ it all afternoon long.
- Variety of homemade salads
- Homemade Pasta salad (from Sharadon Fong)
- Several large bags of a variety of different chips
- Watermelons (Lavinda Han) and hand selected Chinese Loquat fruit (Kim Low)
- Home prepared deep fried smelt (fish) from Ada Low
- Pot Stickers from Denise So
- Variety of ice chilled canned soft drinks
- Apple pie, Lemon, Raspberry, Blue Berries Pudding Ring Cakes
- Can of whipped cream, very popular with the kids.
- Decorated ARRL Special Ordered Chocolate Sheet Cake
- Several gallons of Vanilla Ice Cream

Of special note: Thomas Leibold - KK6FPP generously volunteered his time (most of the afternoon) to barbecue the hamburger patties along with his donated delicious marinated chicken strips.

Even the Sunnyvale Fire Department personal joined us for dinner and we gladly shared our plentiful supply of food with them. They even gave us a guided tour of their fire station and showed us a variety of equipment (oxygen mask, several different Jaws of Life tools, and other various equipment). As stated earlier everybody loved Thomas Leibold's BBQ chicken including the Fire Department personnel.

The list of raffle winners and prizes were as follows:

- Grand Prize Winner: HP Elite i5 laptop with Windows 10 – Bob Deovlet W6FDU
- Btech UV25x4 25 watt Triband mobile – Todd Eyring KJ6WBK
- Lux pro LED flashlight – Jim Moss - W9JIM
- Countycomm GP5 SSB receiver – Ben Deovlet W6FDU
- MFJ SWR Wattmeter (Donated by Liang Chang) - Ben Deovlet W6FDU
- Digital multi-meter Harbor freight – Terry Nakashima WB6PVU
- 50 foot of antenna cord – Chris Zhao KK6JUW
- USB power pack with solar charging - Paul Gorny KK6HWN
- Diamond CSH777 dual band antenna (donated by Joy Robins) - Will Chao KM6LTE
- 36 AA Rayovac batteries - Jeff Hutchins former WB6BDV
- 36 AAA RayoVac batteries - Bob Frosthlm KO6LU

Next event - End of Summer Pizza and Lasagne party at my house.



Left to right: Ed Fong - WB6IQN presenting the grand prize laptop to Bob Deovlet - W6FDU who previously mentioned that: "He Never Wins Anything".



Left to right: 2<sup>nd</sup> top raffle prize - Btech UV25x4 25 watt Triband mobile being presented to Todd Eyring KJ6WBK by Ed Fong - WB6/QN



Jim Jim Moss - W9JIM holding his newly won raffle prize, Lux Pro LED Flashlight



Bob Devlet - W6FDU holding his 2<sup>nd</sup> winning prize: Countycomm GP5 SSB



Bob Deovlet - W6FDU holding his 3<sup>rd</sup> and final winning prize: MFJ SWR Wattmeter



Chris Zhao KK6JUW - holding his newly won 50 foot antenna cable. He initially drove down from the North Bay to buy the cable!



- Paul Gorny KK6HWN won the USB power pack with solar charging



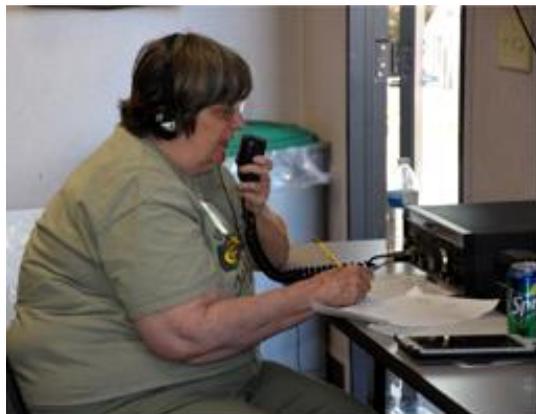
Will Chao KM6LTE with his Diamond CSH777 dual band antenna



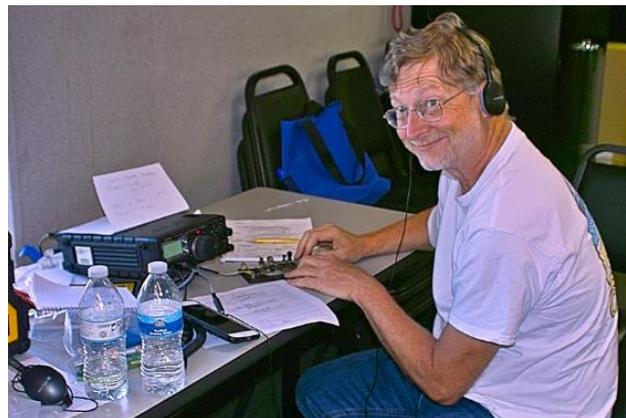
Jim Fahy (W6WKY) with his custom built rig to shoot up high a lead guide line for the antenna setup.



Yes, free food brings a smile to everyone's face.



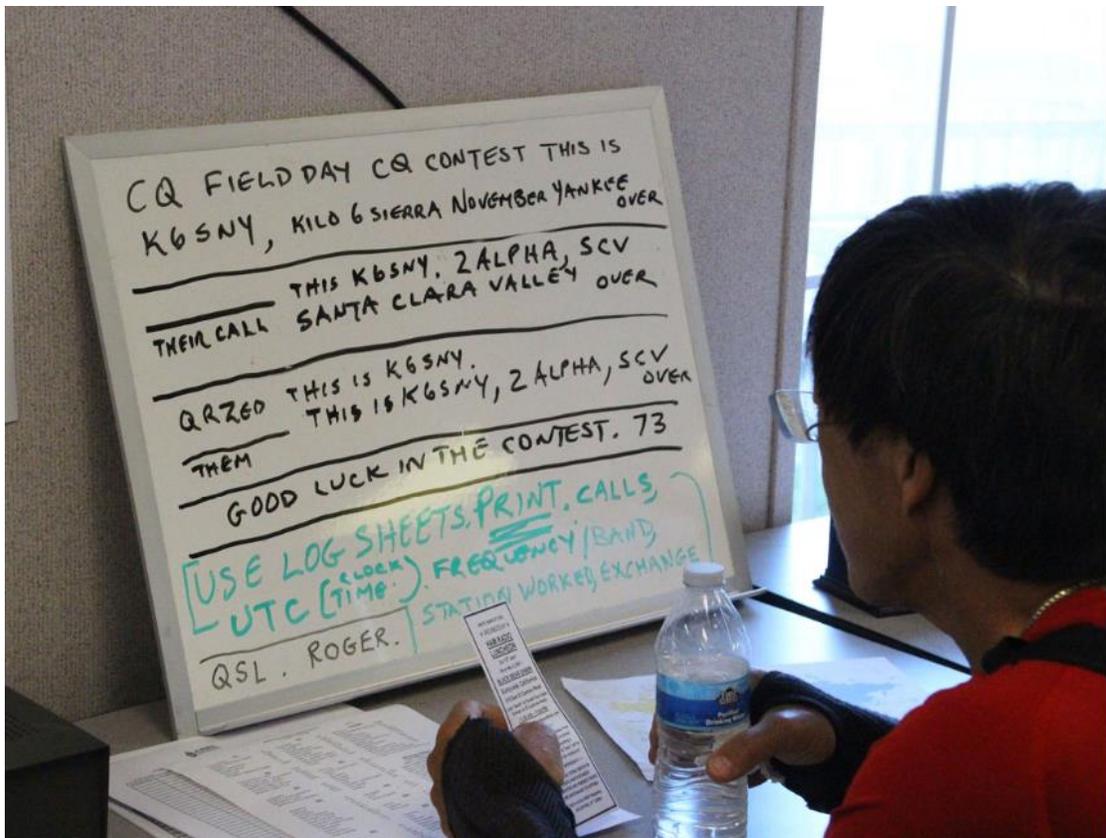
Making contacts on the net using the DRAKE receiver



Using CW to make contacts



Folks awaiting the beginning of the raffle



Gordon Yee -KI6UH reviewing field day contact instructions



Thomas Leibold - KK6FPP who very patiently BBQ it all afternoon long. He donated several pounds of chicken tenders that he marinated in a homemade Vietnamese sauce the night before and that has become his signature piece. Thomas also BBQ all the hamburger for the entire dinner without a break to feeding some 80 hungry folk. He went well beyond the call of duty on our ARRL field day.



Jim Fahy (W6WKY) in foreground in light blue T-Shirt



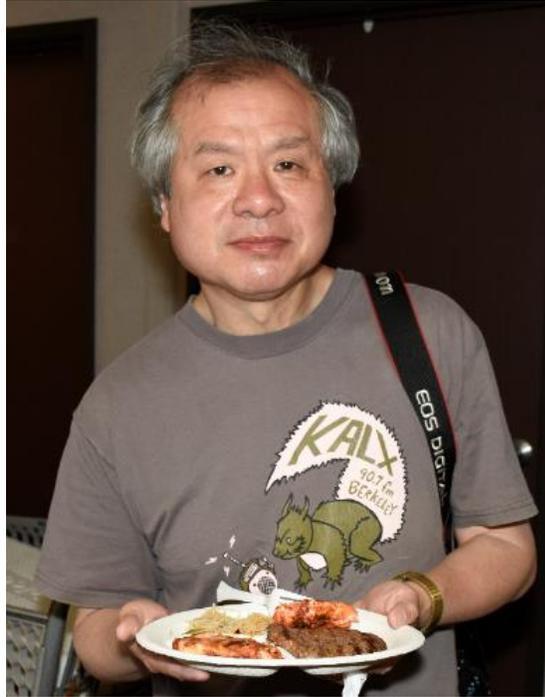
SARES/Cathay Club members and guest convening for the raffle.



Two of the attendees entering the room where the food has been laid out..



Two of the Fire fighters that generously gave our SARES/Cathay Club an exclusive private tour of FireStation#2.



Ron Quan - KI6AZB



Chris Zhao KK6JUW



Another picture of the attendees



Family posing with Ed Fong (second from the left)



Left to right: Kim Lowe setting up the food she made, Gordon Yee – loading up.



Left to right: Lavinda Han, Ed Fong, Kim Lowe, Ada Lowe, Denise So



Decorated ARRL Special Ordered Chocolate Sheet Cake