

# Event Report



Cupertino  
ARES/RACES

## 1. Overview

**Description:** Cupertino Tournament of Bands  
**Event Date:** 11-Oct-2003  
**Plan Date:** 02-Oct-2003  
**Report Date:** 25-Nov-2003  
**CARES Event:** CUP-03-10E  
**RACES Event:** n/a  
**Control:** Cupertino ARES

## 2. Event Plan

**General Information:**

- The [Cupertino Tournament of Bands](#) (T.O.B.) is our "Home Town" show. Bands from throughout California compete in a parade in the morning and a field show in the evening.
- Sponsored by the [Freemont Union High School District](#).

**Event Objectives:** After expenses, proceeds from this event go directly to the Homestead High School MUSIC BOOSTER fund.

**Event Organizers and contacts:** Tom Brown, Volunteer Coordinator: (408)730-8307

**Event Plan:**

Saturday 11-Oct-2003	
9:00am	Parade Setup
10:00am	Parade begins
11:30am	Parade ends
12:30pm	Clean-up ends

## 3. Preparation

**Contacts:** Stuart Chessen KF6RZR, Cupertino ARES (408)257-6858  
 Jim Oberhofer, EC, Cupertino ARES, (408)839-8798, [kn6pe@arrl.net](mailto:kn6pe@arrl.net)

**CARES Objectives:**

- Provide communications support for the Cupertino TOB event
- Check out the coverage of the K6FUZ repeater

**CARES Plan:** Saturday, 11-Oct -2003

9:00am	CARES check-ins, in front of Longs Drugs, Stevens Creek Blvd
10:00am	Parade begins
11:30am	Parade ends
11:45am	Regroup, debrief

**CARES Event Material:** None.

**Communication Requirements:** The following are the requirements for communication support during this event.

### CARES Net

CARES will operate an open net from the CARES NCS location, in front of Longs Drug Store. This operating position will support general check-ins to the CARES net, net control, and health and welfare checks.

- Communications Approach:** The following communications approach will be used:
1. Amateur Radio: CARES will use ham radio for CARES Net
    - The CARES Net will use the K6FUZ Repeater.
  2. FRS Radios may also be used by Event Coordinators as their primary communications method.

- Resource Plan: Festival Operations**  
Resources will be deployed in this order:
1. NCS operator
  2. Band staging area, Vicinity of Cupertino City Hall, Torre Avenue
  3. Band disband area, Cupertino High School, Finch Ave
  4. Judges reviewing stand
  5. Review coordinators
  6. Rovers

- Command and Control: Festival Operations**  
CARES will operate an open net on the K6FUZ repeater. An NCS station will be established for support and coordinator.

- Equipment:** The following equipment is required to support this event.
1. HTs. All CARES members should bring their HT for portable operation. Additional battery packs should be available if you intend to cover both a morning and afternoon shift.
  2. Portable Station. CARES will set up a portable station at CARES Booth.
  3. CARES members should wear their CARES vest

- Assumptions:** The following assumptions were developed to support this plan. CARES must have these assumptions validated to maintain the effectiveness of this plan.
1. none.

#### 4. Results

**Participants:** Chuck AD6CL  
John KD6DNB  
John KG6HVJ  
Dave KF6JOL  
Ian KG6JWG  
Kris KG6KPB  
Takeo KG6NCB  
Jim KN6PE  
Chris KG6PJJ  
Allan KD6QPP  
Eric KG6QPT  
Stuart KF6RZR  
Dan KA5TAA  
Cherrie Chui  
Laurence Lee  
Tyler Flavell

**Narrative:** 0900. Stuart established the CARES NCS location. Opened the net, took check-ins and made field assignments.

1145, NCS secured the net. All members were directed back to the NCS position for a debrief.

- What worked:**
- We passed the bulk of our message traffic early in the event, primarily between event coordinators. Once the parade kicked off, it ran very smoothly.
  - Because we used the K6FUZ repeater, we had good end-to-end coverage along the entire parade route.

- What didn't work:**
- We could have used more information about the event, including: rest rooms, order of the march, lost and found, location of buses, location of specific bands, etc.
  - We could have easily used better logistics support at the beginning and end points of the parade route.
  - Some members re-discovered the sleep mode of their radios... had to turn that feature off to ensure no messages were missed.
  - We had a few rovers on bikes, and could have used more fixed position operators.
  - Most of the parade coordinators didn't know we were going to be there, or how to use us.

## 5. Conclusions

Overall, from a CARES perspective, this response demonstrated there is a need for amateur Radio support for events like this. Similar to what we discovered during the Lunar New Year's Parade, we need to get involved earlier to help identify what we can do and how we can add value during the event.

## 6. Pictures



**Bands on the move**



**The CARES Response Team**

From left to right, kneeling: Cherrie, Chuck AD6CL, Stuart KF6RZR, Takeo KG6NCB. Standing: John KG6HVJ, Allan KD6QPP, Ian KG6JWG, Eric KG6QPT, Laurence, Dave KF6JOL, Kris KG6KPB, Jim KN6PE, Dan KA5TAA, Tyler, John KD6DNB, and Chris KG6PJJ.