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## N5TD Memorial Fund Established

In honor of Charlie Schlieper, N5TD, *Silent Key*, Temple Amateur Radio Club is establishing the *N5TD Memorial Scholarship Fund*.

Visit <http://www.tarc.org> to make an online donation to the *N5TD Memorial Fund*, c/o the Temple Amateur Radio Club. All donations will go toward establishing the “Charles R. Schlieper Technical Scholarship” at Temple College. The Temple Amateur Radio Club will be asked to (at least) match your contributions. Charlie enjoyed teaching more than any other aspect of amateur

radio. Every club activity was an opportunity for Charlie to teach what he knew to others. The classes he taught were obviously so, but his Field Day setups, his meeting presentations, even his informal experimenting reported at coffee were opportunities to share with the rest of us what he had recently learned. Please honor Charlie's tradition of teaching with your contribution. You may also contribute at the next club meeting, or by mailing your check to the Temple Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 616, Temple, TX 76503.



**Charles R. Schlieper, Jr., N5TD**

August 26, 1935—June 13, 2009

Contribute to the N5TD Memorial Scholarship Fund today

### At Our Next Meeting

**August 6**  
TARC meeting  
**Annual Ice Cream Social**  
Bring the family, bring the dog (just kidding), and bring an appetite for ice cream. If you have a favorite topping or cookies, bring some. Plus, you'll find great camaraderie and conversation. Join us on August 6 at 7:00 p.m. at Western Hills Church of Christ in Temple.

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## A Note from KB5DC TARC Supports '09 Parade

To everyone who has called, sent cards, or written messages of condolence, or shown support in other ways, my family and I thank you for sharing some of your thoughts and memories of your experiences with Charlie. Anyone who knew Charlie knew he did truly love Ham Radio and experimenting with all aspects of it. He looked forward to when something new came out just so he would have something new to experiment with. He loved to learn how things worked, and then to share what he'd learned with any others he could get to listen to him. He actually seemed to draw nourishment from helping others solve their technical problems. So, do him proud and keep spreading the spirit of Ham Radio, get on the frequencies and keep the air waves flowing, embrace the hobby and enjoy it to the fullest, and learn all you can learn then pass it on to someone else.

— Kay Schlieper, KB5DC & family

Once again TARC supported the Belton 4th of July Parade. As usual, our turn out was excellent, with about fourteen folks turning up to help out with the parade line up. By now everyone is very familiar with the process and all went very smoothly. We received a nice thank you note from the Belton Chamber of Commerce indicating the important role we play in making this event happen. I would like to add my thanks to all that came out to help. Also, I would like to recognize the important role the N5DJJ repeater plays in giving us solid communications with the hand-held radios in Belton. Thanks and 73 - Darwin K5DOA



### KEY CLICKS FROM THE ARMADILLO

...Belton's 4th of July Parade went well, thanks to the leadership of K5DOA. See his report elsewhere on this page.

...Field Day '09 was June 27-28. Details were not available for the Bulletin at deadline time.

...Club meeting is Aug. 6.

...Remember the N5TD Memorial Scholarship Fund with generous—and continuing—gifts. See page 1.

...TARC Bulletin is distributed to most members in an online digital edition in pdf format. If you need a printed copy, notify John KE5C or Mike WA5EQQ.

...Most weekdays and Saturdays, area hams meet for coffee at McDonalds' at IH-35 and Adams Ave. from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited, so come on by and add your 2-cents' worth.

...Dates to Remember: Next year's spring HamEXPO! is April 17, 2010. The fall date is Oct. 2, 2010. Mark your calendar now.

...TARC Net — Mondays at 7 p.m. on 146.820 MHz (PL 123.0). Get the net habit.

...See you on at the TARC meeting on Aug. 6.

# Ice Cream Social

Thursday, August 6

At the Monthly TARC Meeting

Bring the Family, or Guests

If you have a favorite Ice Cream Topping, or Cookies...bring that

Come Enjoy the Evening



## WALTER CRONKITE, KB2GSD (SK)

Legendary CBS newsman Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD, who held the title of "Most Trusted Man in America," passed away Friday, July 17 after a long illness. He was 92. The avuncular Cronkite anchored the CBS Evening News for 19 years until 1981 when he retired. During that time, he reported on such subjects as the Kennedy assassinations, the Civil Rights movement, the Apollo 11 lunar landing, Vietnam and the Vietnam-era protests, the Arab-Israeli Six Day War, Watergate and the Begin-Sadat peace accords.

Cronkite, an ARRL member, narrated the 6 minute video "Amateur Radio Today" <<http://www.arrl.org/ARToday/>>. Produced by the ARRL in 2003, the video tells Amateur Radio's public service story to non-hams, focusing on ham radio's part in helping various agencies respond to wildfires in the Western US during 2002, ham radio in space, and the role Amateur Radio plays in emergency communications. "Dozens of radio amateurs helped the police and fire departments and other emergency services maintain communications in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC," narrator Cronkite intoned in reference to ham radio's response on September 11, 2001. "Their country asked, and they responded without reservation."

— via The ARRL Letter, July 24, 2009



**Amateur Radio  
— Ham It Up!**

## More Recollections of Charlie N5TD

**Last month's issue of TARC Bulletin carried dozens of tributes to Charlie Schlieper, N5TD, on his becoming a Silent Key. However, space did not allow printing all of the comments about Charlie, and so the remaining notes are included below.**

All: This is shocking news. Charlie was a great friend to all in TARC and will be missed by all of us. He was always one the first to greet and help those of us new to the world of Ham Radio. Our thoughts and prayers and with Kay and the Schlieper family.

Bob Parker, AE5HW

Charlie, Kay, and my Robert (W7KPW) were very good HAM friends for many years. I was introduced [to that group] in 1983 when Robert and I were married. This is a shock and sadness hard to accept. My prayers are with the family.

Eula Jett

It is with great regret that it is necessary by the turn of events to have to state my condolences to Kay, Carl and the rest of the Schlieper clan how much I will miss Charlie.

Charlie and Kay have been friends of mine for almost 40 years...yes we go way back. Charlie and I at one time had consecutive call signs but, of course, his was ahead of me.

Kay, if there is anything I can do to be of help please let me know. Losing ones

spouse is a terrible experience, as Jim W5RYV and I can attest. May you find some peace knowing that Charlie is no longer suffering and is in a better place.

Old Vern, W5WDW

What a shock to get the phone call about Charlie passing. Amateur Radio has lost a major supporter and Elmer. Charlie has helped countless people learn about amateur radio and become ham operators over the years. He talked to me about getting a ham license since I already had a commercial license. I finally took the bait and Charlie gave me a Tech test at his house back in the mid '70s. Like many others, I owe Charlie for helping me into ham radio. My wife, Sherry, WD5GGS, said she was glad we went out to eat with Charlie and Kay not long before Charlie's death. We had no idea it would be the last time we sat down to eat together. I talked to Charlie on the .82 repeater the morning he passed away and again there was no warning it would be our last QSO. You never know when the end comes for life or relationships. I will miss Charlie, as will many others.

I pray for comfort for Kay and Carl in this most difficult time of loss. Good-bye old friend....

Anthony Mikulastic, WB5TTY

Charlie was a very good friend of mine, and was my Elmer the many years that I was stationed at Fort Hood. [I] would like to offer my condolences

Dan, KF4MND

A lot of HAMs will never get to meet someone like Charlie, but I'm glad I did.

Sam, N5PAY



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Temple Amateur Radio Club, Inc.  
P.O. Box 616  
Temple, TX 76503

Temple Amateur Radio Club meets the first Thursday of each month from 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the Church of Christ in Western Hills, 210 N. General Bruce Dr., in Temple—across I-35 from Starbucks Coffee. Refreshments are served, and guests are invited and welcome!

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