

OUR VALUES AND PRIORITIES

MORE THAN REPEATERS

Repeater is the Arizona Repeater Association's middle name. Providing reliable amateur radio repeaters is our passion. Our goal is to serve and benefit the amateur radio community, and in so doing, benefit the general public

We welcome all licensed amateurs -- ARA members and non-members -- to use our repeaters, but users should be aware that not all on-air activities are prioritized or valued equally. Although we deal with repeaters specifically, we acknowledge and encourage all aspects of amateur radio.

ARA VALUES AND PRIORITIES

The ARA has three clear priorities for our repeaters –

1. Emergency communications
2. Public service comms
3. Everything else

The ARA embraces the following values that are central to our ethos. The ARA repeaters and their users are expected to:

1. Promote **community and mutual support** among hams. The ARA pioneered the philosophy of “you support your repeaters, we'll support ours, and both allow each other's hams to use one another's repeaters freely.” As a result, Arizona repeaters are mostly open to all, as opposed to other neighboring states.
2. Encourage all hams on the repeaters to **grow, learn, and become competent** operators. The ARA values individual learning and raising the bar to support the priorities of emergency and public service communications. Furthermore, the ARA values users organizing themselves as they see fit to support emergency and public service communications. Therefore, the Board of Directors encourages the approval of nets and on-air activities that promote learning and preparation for emergency and public service purposes.
3. Encourage **peace** among hams. We appreciate those who promote a fraternal culture on the repeaters that encourages, includes, welcomes, accepts and

uplifts others. Whereas some might take the view that unnecessary controversy, profanity, and caustic attitudes are valid methods to stir up interest and activity on the repeaters, we find that such behavior drives away the kind of users we value. Such attitudes and behavior have no place on our repeaters. ARA guidelines are intended to promote family-friendly repeaters, and may be stricter than FCC rules. The FCC fully supports repeater owners enhanced guidelines, and will enforce them when necessary.

ARA GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The ARA leaders believe in these guiding principles:

1. **Wider influence bears higher responsibility** to uphold these values and priorities. Users and on-air activities bear more responsibility to promote the above values and priorities when using wide-area, linked repeater constellations than when using single, stand-alone repeaters. So, on-air behaviors and cultures that are tolerated on a stand-alone repeater may not be acceptable on linked repeaters.
2. The ARA leadership believes we have a responsibility to **behave honorably**, leading by example on all these values and priorities. We address individual behavior issues individually, in private, whenever possible. We address on-air culture issues through positive peer pressure, not through heavy-handed tactics or public complaining, whenever possible. We keep any of our arguments, contentions, or inter-personal clashes behind closed doors and off the air.