

# The Texan

Newsletter of the Texas NTS CW Net (TEX)

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This is a short-newsletter month, primarily statistics and feedback.

## 7290 Picnic Reminder

Since the next newsletter may not be out in time, I wanted to include a reminder that the 7290 picnic will take place at Riverbend Park in Smithville, Texas, on May 14.

The net's website at <http://www.7290trafficnet.org/> has more information.

## TEX Mailbox:

I am sorry to report that the mother of **Tom, NK5Z**, passed away. Tom is still very busy taking care of her estate details. We offer our sincere condolences and look forward to hearing you again once you are ready to resume traffic activities, Tom.

Received a note from **Pat, KD5TXD**, along with her TSN Corner input. She wrote: Here is the TSN Corner for March. We had a good camping trip this month. It was short but very much needed. We got to stop by and see Rodney in Goliad at the county fair. The fellows had a Special event station set up. They were making contacts on 40 and 20 meters. We tried and tried to catch a ground wave to make contact with them and that didn't work. Thank goodness for good old 2 meters.

All in all, it was a successful mini camping trip. We did not have any flat tires. Charles packed four spare tires for the trip. Our record on flats is three in one camping trip. And our pup, Baby Beau, was the best. He is going to be a good camping pup. When we stopped to visit Rodney and the fellows the pup sat in the middle of the group and minded his manners very well while we all chatted about radio and stuff.

Thanks and 73!! Pat KD5TXD

**Rodney, W5DY**, sent a "Ham Resume", which I will save for the longer newsletter next month. That is a good idea for each of us to generate for the reading enjoyment of all. Rodney also wrote: I will be speaking at the Alamo Area Radio Association at their meeting on May 11th in San Antonio. I will also be speaking at the 7290 picnic on May 14th in Smithville. Both as South Texas Section Traffic Manager. My topic for each will be mainly traffic handling and something about ham radio in general.

I was asked by the AARO for a resume, which I submitted. I have never done a "Ham Radio" resume before, but attached is what I came up with. Some of the years may be off by one or two, but what the heck! I can't remember that far back. I blame CRS!

73, Rodney

**Benny, K5KV**, who often joins us from his "vacation" QTH in Star, TX, wrote: I hope you guys can hang on another year. About this time next year, I will be residing in Star and can help with NCS duty.

If they ever wise up about SPAM, I will be glad to do RN5 duty. What a waste now when I listen to RN5 when they beg for a CAN rep volunteer and I am not permitted to help (*due to a policy to not accept GMF or IQI SPAM – ed.*).

The Rayne hamfest was yesterday and I talked with Mickey K5MC and to my surprise, Mickey is discouraged with NTS.

73, Benny K5KV

As the NCS/Liaison stations know, **Charlie, W5GKH**, has some health issues that prevent him from using his radio for the next 2 weekends, at least. Sam, W5CU, did a great job filling in for his Sunday NCS slots and Pat filled in on the late Monday NCS slot this past weekend. We wish you well, Charlie, and hopefully everything can be resolved while still allowing you to "play radio" once again.

**Rodney, W5DY**, reports that his Ten Tec Omni V came down with a serious illness and had to be sent back to Ten Tec for "treatment". In the meantime, he is using his backup 706 rig but cannot use his "Big Dog" amplifier with it. Welcome to the peanut-whistle club, Rodney ☹ Sure hope Ten Tec can get you back up again soon.

## TEX Net Topics

Thanks go to Pat, KD5TXD, Jay, N5PWG, and Mike, W5TMO, for responding to my plea last month for help with NCS and liaison duties. Jay has taken Tuesday early NCS and both RN5 slots on Tuesday until Tom, NK5Z, returns. Pat is now the late Tuesday NCS, and Mike has started taking Thursday late NCS. As noted above, temporary substitutes are needed for Charlie's slots, shown with yellow highlighting in the duty roster, for April 17, 18, 24, and 25. Sam and Pat have offered to take some NCS slots, but early Monday NCS and both Monday RN5 slots are open.

We still need help with **11** open NCS/liaison slots, including **2** open *primary* NCS slots and **4** open *primary* RN5 slots (all shown in **red**). Please consider taking one of these, or even just an open backup position. Thursday and Saturday RN5 liaisons are sorely needed.

Thanks to Sam, W5CU, Jay, N5PWG, Charlie, W5GKH, Scott, W5ESE, and Rodney, W5DY, we managed to get through the month without missing any RN5 liaisons.

### TEX CW Net Weekly Schedule

Local	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>NCS #1</b>	W5GKH	N5PWG	KD5TXD	Open	N5PWG	Open	W5GKH
Backup	Open	W5ESE	W5DY	W5DY	W5DY	W5DY	W5CU
<b>NCS #2</b>	W5GKH	KD5TXD	KD5TXD	W5TMO	N5PWG	W5DY	W5GKH
Backup	K6JT	W5TMO	K6JT	K6JT	K6JT	Open	W5CU
<b>RN5 #1</b>	W5GKH	N5PWG	W5CU	Open	N5PWG	Open	W5CU
Backup	W5DY	Open	W5DY	Open	W5ESE	W5ESE	W5GKH
<b>RN5 #2</b>	W5GKH	N5PWG	W5CU	Open	K6JT	Open	W5CU
Backup	W5DY	Open	K6JT	W5DY	N5PWG	K6JT	W5GKH

TEX/1: **3541**/7108 at 19:00 local; TEX/2 **3541**/1841 at 22:00 local

RN5/1: **3567**/7108 at 19:30; RN5/2: **3567** at 21:30 local

TSN: **3552** - 19:45 local; CAN: **3552**/7052/7108 - 20:30 local; PAN: **3552**/7052- 22:30 local

RN5 Backup: W5CU, W5DY, W5ESE, W5GKH, K5GM, K6JT, N5PWG, K5RG

NCS Backup: W5CU, W5DY, W5ESE, K6JT, N5PWG, K5RG, KD5TXD, W5TMO

#### Statistics:

Check-ins and traffic were about the same as last month, on average.

Rodney, W5DY, with 39 (63%) took first honors. Gary, K5QOW, with 26 (42%) took second, edging out Mike, W5TMO, in 3<sup>rd</sup> with 25 (40%). Honorable mention also for Floyd (24), Sam (23), and Jay (22). Thanks to all who checked in for your support.

The only visitor check-in was Jeff, WB8WKQ, from MI to bring us some traffic. It was good to hear Marty, WA5MS, checking in again after a long absence.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 2.1 per net session (2.25 last month). Net time averaged 11.7 minutes per session (compared to 12.1 last month). Check-ins averaged 5.0 per session (4.9 last month).

#### TEX Net Statistics (March 2011)

			Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
Call		QNI						
W5CU	Sam	11	23		8			
*		12			6			
W5DY	Rodney	16	39	2	5			
		23		4	4			
N5EL	Floyd	24	24					
*		0						
W5ESE	Scott	29	29		1			5
*		0						
W5GKH	Charlie	8	16	8	6			
*		8		8	6			
K5GM	Pete	1	1					
*		0						

Call		QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
W9GVW	Eric	3	10					
*		7						
K6JT	Steve	18	49	7	2		18	
*		31		8	12		31	
KA5KLU	Doug	1	1					
*		0						
K5KV	Benny	1	1					
		0						
W6LFB	Jim	5	5					
*		0						
WA5MS	Marty	4	4					
*		0						
N5NVP	Jim	0	15					
		15						
N5PWG	Jay	11	22	9	9			
*		11		4	3			
K5QOW	Gary	16	26	1		14		
*		10				5		
K5RG	Ken	1	9					
*		8						
W5TMO	Mike	0	25					
*		25						
KD5TXD	Pat	4	11	4				4
*		7		7				5
WB8WKQ	Jeff	1	2					
	MI	1						
Totals		312		62	62	19	49	14
				100%	100%	31%	79%	23%
QTC 1		42	130					
QTC 2		88		Sessions:		62		
Time 1		354	723					
Time 2		369						

The roster has been updated to restore Marty, WA5MS, who started checking in again from Highland Village (DFW area). I also added Jeff, WB8WKQ, who has checked in occasionally for several months. Jeff is a very active traffic handler (check the BPL statistics in QST if you don't believe me) and a good operator. He is also the EAN liaison station on CAN on Thursday evening when I am NCS there, always with a good signal.

## TEX Roster

Call	Name	Location / Notes	Call	Name	Location / Notes
N5BA	Brian	Houston	N5NK	Rondel	Zephyr
W5CU	Sam	Edmond OK	WB5NKC	Arley	Oklahoma City OK
* W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	N5NVP	Jim	Scott LA
N5EL	Floyd	Temple	* N5PWG	Jay	Pasadena
* W5ESE	Scott	Dripping Springs	K5QOW	Gary	Reagan Wells
W5GKH	Charlie	West Columbia	WA5MUF	Bill	Watauga
K5GM	Pete	Austin	* K5RG	Ken	Houston
W9GVW	Eric	San Antonio	W5ROK	Steve	Richardson (K6JT)
AA5J	Lee	Arkansas	N0SSS	Adam	Oklaunion
KJ9J	Newt	Pharr TX (winter)	W5TMO	Mike	Austin
K5JRN	Si	Austin	W5TV	Tom	Nacogdoches
* K6JT	Steve	Plano	KD5TXD	Pat	Kingsville
KA5KLU	Doug	San Antonio	K5RDW	RD	Vilonia AR
* K5KV	Benny	Star	W5UFK	Ken	College Station
* W6LFB	Jim	Denton	WB8WKQ	Jeff	Michigan
WA5MS	Marty	Highland Village	* NK5Z	Tom	Conroe
N7NET	Scott	McKinney	W5ZD	Pat	Kingsville (KD5TXD)

\* Capable of 160 meter operation

### Operating:

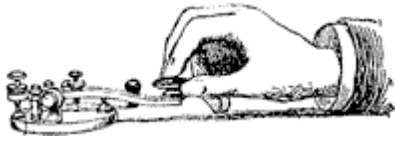
Band conditions at 7 have been pretty noisy with generally weak signals. We will do some tests this month to determine if 40 meters might be usable for the early session. At a minimum, it may support passing some traffic that is otherwise difficult to do with the weak signals, noise, and fading we are currently experiencing.

Late TEX seems to be holding up well since the time change. No long skip was noted since then, nor has there been long skip on the early session, at least not in my recollection.

Until next month,

73, Steve

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## TSN Corner

Texas Slow Net (Daily) 1945 CT 3552.0 KHz +/- QRM  
[http://www.atcweb.com/tsn/Texas\\_Slow\\_Net.htm](http://www.atcweb.com/tsn/Texas_Slow_Net.htm)  
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 TSN Net Manager

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### Greetings from the Wild Horse Desert – home of your TSN Manager

Thanks to Carroll, KB5TCH, in Douglasville for being our Friday night NCS station. Carroll has been holding Friday night together for years and TSN really appreciates the help. It is good to have some old friends stop by. Thanks to N5NVP, AA5J, K5KV, K5GM for checking in. You are welcome every night on TSN. Greetings to WB8W, Bob in OH, and AK4GY, Russ in TN. Great to have you check in. Thanks to all who made TSN a regular part of their evening.

### MARCH 2011 TSN Roster

Call	Name	City	ST	Call	Name	City	ST
W5AS	Club Call		OK	W8LKI	Wolfe	Defiance	OH
K5AVJ	Lynn	Abilene	TX	KC0M	Larry	Branson	MO
ND0CW	David	Newburg	ND	KD5MMM	Phil	Fentress	TX
K0CMH	Craig	St Louis	MO	N7NET	Scott	Allen	TX
W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	TX	N5NK	Rondel	Zephyr	TX
W5ESE	Scott	Dripping Springs	TX	WB5NKC	Arley	Oklahoma City	OK
WD0ESF	Mike		KS	WB5NKD	Pat	Oklahoma City	OK
K5FAL	Curt	Edmond	OK	N5NVP	Jim	Scott	LA
K5GM	Pete	Austin	TX	AA5NZ	Web	Goldthwait	TX
KD5GM	Louis	Deer Park	TX	N5PWG	Jay	Pasadena	TX
W9GVW	Eric	San Antonio	TX	N0SSS	Adam	Oklunion	TX
AK4GY	Russ	Lewisberg	TN	KB5TCH	Carroll	Douglassville	TX
WR9H	Herbert	Rockford	IL	W5TMO	Mike	Austin	TX
KE5HCM	Patti	Kerville	TX	KD5TXD, W5ZD	Pat	Kingsville	TX
AA5J	Lee	Cabot	AR	KD5VGJ	Jay	Flower Mound	TX
K6JT, W0CXX	Steve	Plano	TX	K4VIZ	Tom	Conway	AR
N0JL	Jim	Chilliecothe	IA	W4VLL	Victor	Pembroke	VA
AA5JW	Carl	Stafford	TX	W5VXI	Dave	Caddo Mills	TX
K9JWV	Jim	St. George	UT	WB8W	Bob	Cincinnati	OH
KT4KL	Alton	Bandera	TX	WB5WKQ	Jeff	Dryden	MI
K5KV	Benny	Star	TX	NK5Z	Tom	Conroe	TX
KB5KWO	Steve	Norman	OK				

This is a great place to learn how to handle traffic on CW. If you are a voice net traffic handler this is a great addition to your amateur radio skill set. See you on the air!!

### TSN Activity Report for March, 2011

Total Sessions 31, Total Check-ins 136, Total Traffic 32 by 17 different operators.

### March 2011 QNS

QNI	Callsign	Name	QTH
31	WB5NKC	Arley	OK, Oklahoma City
31	WB5NKD	Pat	OK, Oklahoma City
22	AA5JW	Carl	TX, Stafford

QNI	Callsign	Name	QTH
10	KB5TCH	Carroll	TX, Douglassville
9	KD5TXD, W5ZD	Pat	TX, Kingsville
7	KD5MMM	Phil	TX, Fentress
6	W5VXI	Dave	Caddo Mills, TX
6	WD0ESF	Mike	KS
4	W5ESE	Scott	TX, Dripping Springs
3	W5DY	Rodney	TX, Goliad
1	AA5J	Lee(Chuck)	AR, Cabot
1	N5NVP	Jim	LA, Scott
1	K5KV	Benny	TX, Star
1	WB8W	Bob	OH, Cincinnati
1	W5AS	Club Call	OK
1	K5GM	Pete	TX, Austin
1	AK4GY	Russ	TN, Lewisberg

**73!!**  
**Pat KD5TXD**  
**March 31, 2011**