# The Texan

## Newsletter of the Texas NTS CW Net (TEX)

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### **Summer Ending**

In keeping with the every-other-month cycle, this will be a shorter newsletter. Primarily feedback from y'all and a few news items.

Here we are in the waning days of summer now. The days are getting shorter (well, at least the amount of daylight is), and before too long it will be getting dark by 7 PM and early TEX. We will keep using 7053 KHz for early TEX as long as we can, possibly until late September, or beyond if we are lucky. However, conditions may change at any time, so be prepared to QSY to 80 on some nights.

Some of you have said you are tired of the heat and are ready for cooler weather. While it is true we've had another hot one (over 100 here in the DFW area for much of July and early August), it was not as hot as last summer. Personally, I'll take the heat any time compared to ice and snow. I do not like the cold. The only down-side is my electric bill for the 3 air conditioners here (including the separate unit for my father). Still dreaming of building a new place with geothermal cooling/heating and solar panels connected to the grid on at least an acre of land, no CC&R restrictions, with room for a couple Rhombics (although I'd settle for a couple of good, high, Inverted-Vee or Bazooka antennas). Well... some day.

### Pete, K5GM, Steps Down as TCC Director After 29 Years

By now most of you know that Pete, K5GM, has relinquished the directorship of the Cycle 4 Transcontinental Corps operations. The new Central Area TCC Director, as selected by the Central Area Staff, is Benny, K5KV. Congratulations and thanks to Benny!

What you may not know is that Pete performed this important function for nearly 30 years !! The TCC is a fundamental part of NTS, handling traffic between the 3 area nets (PAN, CAN, EAN). Much of that traffic has dwindled in recent years, as I am sure Pete can tell you. When he first started as TCC Director, from my own experience in NTS, I know it was not uncommon for the TCC liaison station to handle at least a dozen messages each session, often with even more (20 and up). Now, on my 2 skeds (TCC Golf - CAN to PAN, TCC Fox - PAN to CAN), it is rare to have more than a couple messages each session (although I have had as many as 8 from PAN to CAN at times).

Please join me in sending a big THANK YOU to Pete for his many years of service. He did not "retire" from NTS, so look for him on TEX more often now.

### **TCC Stations Needed**

Those of you with TCC assignments, please continue to support Benny in his efforts to keep NTS going. There are some openings in the duty roster that Benny needs help with. In particular, note the following (local time days):

Sunday: TCC Foxtrot needed (formerly WB5NKC, who is now off the air)

Monday and Friday: TCC Charlie needed

TCC Foxtrot (or just Fox) entails checking into the Pacific Area Net (PAN, 7052 KHz, 0330Z) and picking up traffic from TCC India destined for CAN. It can also be handled by a schedule outside the net, such as a 20 meter contact the next day, depending on the TCC India station's capabilities. Ken (K5RG), Rodney (W5DY), and I have Fox skeds. This is best handled by a station further west (such as Texas, OK, AR, or LA) for easier propagation to the Pacific area. It is my favorite sked since I know quite a few of the traffic handlers there from my many years in southern California.

TCC Charlie entails checking into CAN (7052 KHz, 0130Z) and picking up traffic for the eastern area (EAN). That is usually handled by an out-of-net sked later in the evening, but sometimes the TCC Kilo station (in the eastern area) is also on CAN for a sked during/after the net. Pete (K5GM) and Sam (W5CU) have skeds for Charlie. The Monday slot is open due to KJ4FDV going away to school this month, and Friday has been open for some time. This is best handled by a station further east for easier contact with EAN stations, but it is also workable for Texas / Oklahoma stations who have good signals.

Note that it does not take a big antenna and high power to handle these -- I do it with my compromise stealth G5RV and 100 watts, so don't let that stop you.

If you would like to try out one or more TCC skeds, contact Benny on TEX or myself via E-mail and let us know.

### **TEX Mailbox:**

**Scott, N7NET**, liked the picture of the man standing in his canoe in Rodney's article last month. Scott wrote: The photo of the standup-canoe caught my interest. When I was a kid on the Oregon Coast in the 1940s I used to see an old man ply the briny waters of Coos River in a dory about three times each week. He had a long extension for his outboard and he was always standing, rain or shine. I never learned his name or what business he was tending to. And I still wonder, some 65 years later.

### Scott/n7net

**Pat, KD5TXD**, liked the article from Bud, W2RU, that was in last month's newsletter. She also has something that needs some help and may be of interest to some of you out there. Pat

wrote: After reading Bud's article I realize that I am sitting on a gold mine if I can just get some help with it. When he asks, "Who's responsible for training?" it struck a note here. Pat and Arley have been running this TSN training net for years. The lessons probably need to be reviewed to make sure they are fully what is needed for modern training as there are a few differences in how Arley's lessons go vs. actual net practice. We do the lessons in NTS format. We have 54 lessons in the "Basic Course", 36 in the "Advanced Course", 32 in the "Liaison Course", 26 in the "NCS Course", and 9 in the "Instructor Course". That is 150 if I counted the groups correctly. We talk about finding frequencies, message format, message handling, liaison duties and more in these lessons. Some of them seem outdated to me because I haven't encountered their topics in my traffic handling experience.

Like any kind of activity, folks have to make a commitment to learning. I know my CW code is on the poor side mostly because I have not had the time to keep it sharp, but I literally learned code by going through these TSN lessons every night and with help from Floyd. I learned CW by copying these lessons and then copying Pat on her ARTS net. For a while I had my speed almost up to TEX quality. I am struggling to keep TSN going because it was such a great help to me. Surely I am not the only person it has benefited?

TSN is a tool that all Sections and Areas could use. I run TSN with a straight key. I probably should be using my iambic. I believe Pat always used a straight key. I never tried to go up to RN5 because I believed I would be a drag on their speed requirements and simply not be able to keep up. Now I am close to being a drag on TEX.

Would there be someone who could review the TSN lessons and help me up-grade them to meet the training needs? Would there be anyone in other areas who would like to have a copy? All I ask is that they share any changes or updates with me so I can keep TSN's lessons relevant. With Arley and Pat off the air I have been questioning the value of TSN but by Bud's comments it might just be exactly what y'all need on NTS again. They can e-mail me pja@atcweb.com.

**Benny, K5KV**, had a little better luck than I did on the "Night of Nights" last month. Benny wrote: Hi Steve, I heard:

KPH on 6, 8, 12, 17, 22 KFS on 12 KSM on 6, 8, 12 WLO on 4, 8, 12, 16

I heard WLO work KKUI and heard KKUI on the 8 MHz frequency, all around 0130Z. I did not hear anything on MF except a NDB near 426. I was using the Omni 7 with the Off-center fed antenna.

Also, I worked K6KPH on 20 and noted that KPH was not as strong on 12 MHz as KSM and KFS. They said they would tell the transmitter department and half an hour later the signals were about the same. Guess I was able to help them.

73, BENNY K5KV

Rodney, W5DY, lost his amplifier (pet named "Big Dog") power supply due to a nearby lightning strike that traveled in through the power lines. Rodney wrote (on July 18): Bad news, I had a lightning strike today. I know it got the power supply for the amp. Don't know exactly what damage was done to the rest of the station, but right now, I am off the air. I will let you know sometime tomorrow about the rig, etc.

Fortunately, the rest of the equipment appeared to be in working order so Rodney was soon back on the air. Big Dog had to go to the "hospital", though, and is still there.

**Frank, W4DLZ**, forwarded the following link to a very old book (circa 1870) on the web that describes the state of the art at that time, including all about the landline telegraph. You history buffs will want to take a look. Try this: <a href="http://www.insulators.info/books/mpet/">http://www.insulators.info/books/mpet/</a>

73, Frank W4DLZ

**Pat, KD5TXD**, sent along the following with her TSN Corner input: Well, local club action here in the Wild Horse Desert. Earlier in the year we lost a very important club member, WA5SWC became a SK. He was in the process of fixing up a trailer for the club, complete with an antenna tower, rotator, generator and "dog house" for the ham gear. The base trailer had been donated by one of his long time customers. It was going to be the club's emergency communications trailer and Field Day super antenna array.

WA5SWC put a 52 ft crank up tower on the trailer. He built fold out braces for it to stabilize the trailer when the tower is tilted up and raised. This is the same kind of tower that Charles has cemented in our yard with no antennas. WA5SWC was really good at devising things that worked. He set up the tower on top of a frame above the equipment "dog house". The tower is balanced so that when it is released from its locked traveling position it can slide until it naturally tilts over. Then a wench is used to complete the tilt up. It cranks up to a full height of 52 feet. It is super easy to work on the antennas when it is in its down position. We miss Lynn, WA5SWC, very much but think of him often and have a great emergency tool to remember him by. We have work to do on the trailer. It needs wood work and re-painting. We should be able to have a wood and paint party to get that completed when the weather cools off a bit.

Thanks and 73!! Pat KD5TXD

## **TEX Net Topics**

There are a few backup slots still open (shown in *yellow*) but only **3** open liaison slots, all of them for Late RN5 on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday (all shown in **red**). Since I am backup for these, with Rodney taking them when I cannot, we usually have them covered, but there are times when both of us are unavailable. If you are willing to take any of these or any of the open backup slots, please let me know.

The TEX Duty Schedule and Roster are shown on the following page (for easier printing of a single page). NCS stations should have a copy of this handy both to remind you of your skeds and to easily look up names of stations you may not be familiar with. There were no changes since last month.

## **TEX CW Net Weekly Schedule**

| Local  | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| NCS #1 | W5GKH  | N5RL    | KD5TXD    | KD5TXD   | N5RL   | K5KV     | W5GKH  |
| Backup | Open   | W5ESE   | W5DY      | W5DY     | W5DY   | W5DY     | W5CU   |
| NCS #2 | W5GKH  | K6JT    | W5TMO     | W5TMO    | K5KV   | W5DY     | W5GKH  |
| Backup | K6JT   | Open    | K6JT      | K6JT     | K6JT   | K6JT     | W5CU   |
| RN5 #1 | W5GKH  | N5RL    | W5CU      | K5KV     | N5RL   | K5KV     | W5CU   |
| Backup | W5DY   | Open    | W5DY      | Open     | W5ESE  | W5ESE    | W5GKH  |
| RN5 #2 | W5GKH  | Open    | W5CU      | Open     | K6JT   | Open     | W5CU   |
| Backup | W5DY   | K6JT    | K6JT      | K6JT     | W5DY   | K6JT     | W5GKH  |

TEX/1: **7053**/3541/7108 at 19:00 local; TEX/2 **3541**/3643/1841 at 22:00 local RN5/1: **7108**/3567 at 19:30; RN5/2: **7108**/3567 at 21:30 local

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

RN5 Backup: W5CU, W5DY, W5ESE, W5GKH, K5GM, K6JT, K5KV, K5RG

NCS Backup: W5CU, W5DY, W5ESE, K6JT, K5KV, K5RG, N5RL, W5TMO, KD5TXD

### **TEX Roster**

| Call    | Name    | Location / Notes | Call   | Name  | Location / Notes    |
|---------|---------|------------------|--------|-------|---------------------|
| N5BA    | Brian   | Houston          | N7NET  | Scott | McKinney            |
| W5CU    | Sam     | Edmond OK        | N5NVP  | Jim   | Scott LA            |
| K5CZ    | Ed      | Temple           | K5QOW  | Gary  | Reagan Wells        |
| W5DH    | Tom     | Dallas           | WA5MUF | Bill  | Watauga             |
| W4DLZ   | Frank   | Florida          | W5OMR  | Geoff | Houston             |
| * W5DY  | Rodney  | Goliad           | * K5RG | Ken   | Houston             |
| N5EL    | Floyd   | Temple           | N5RL   | Randy | San Antonio         |
| * W5ESE | Scott   | Dripping Springs | W5ROK  | Steve | Richardson (K6JT)   |
| W5GKH   | Charlie | West Columbia    | N0SSS  | Adam  | Oklaunion           |
| K5GM    | Pete    | Austin           | W5TMO  | Mike  | Austin              |
| W9GVW   | Eric    | San Antonio      | W5TV   | Tom   | Nacogdoches         |
| AA5J    | Lee     | Arkansas         | KD5TXD | Pat   | Kingsville          |
| K5JRN   | Si      | Austin           | K5RDW  | RD    | Vilonia AR          |
| * K6JT  | Steve   | Plano            | W5UFK  | Ken   | College Station     |
| KA5KLU  | Doug    | San Antonio      | KS5V   | Ed    | Bulverde            |
| * K5KV  | Benny   | Star             | WB8WKQ | Jeff  | Michigan            |
| * W6LFB | Jim     | Denton           | * NK5Z | Tom   | Conroe              |
| WA5MS   | Marty   | Highland Village | W5ZD   | Pat   | Kingsville (KD5TXD) |

<sup>\*</sup> Capable of 160 meter operation

### Statistics:

Traffic was slightly down but checkins were about the same as June. Only one RN5 slot was missed.

Randy, N5RL, again had outstanding participation with 54 out of 62 (87%) taking first, followed by Benny, K5KV, again in 2nd with 39 (63%). Rodney, W5DY, with 30 (48%) was again 3rd. Thanks to all of you who checked in for your support. It was another good month.

We had only one visitor to the net: Frank, W4DLZ, from FL.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 2.8 per net session (3.0 last month). Net time averaged 12.0 minutes per session (compared to 13.7 last month). Check-ins averaged 5.7 per session (5.6 last month).

**TEX Net Statistics (July 2012)** 

| Call  | Name    | QNI | Total | NCS | RN5 | TTN | DFW | TSN |
|-------|---------|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| W4DLZ | Frank   | 0   | 5     |     |     |     |     |     |
|       | Florida | 5   |       |     |     |     |     |     |
| W5CU  | Sam     | 12  | 23    |     | 8   |     |     |     |
| *     |         | 11  |       |     | 6   |     |     |     |
| W5DH  | Tom     | 15  | 15    |     |     |     | 15  |     |
|       |         | 0   |       |     |     |     |     |     |
| W5DY  | Rodney  | 15  | 30    |     |     |     |     |     |
|       |         | 15  |       | 5   | 2   |     |     |     |
| W5ESE | Scott   | 22  | 22    |     | 1   |     |     |     |
| *     |         | 0   |       |     |     |     |     |     |
| W5GKH | Charlie | 10  | 20    | 10  | 5   |     |     |     |
| *     |         | 10  |       | 10  | 6   |     |     |     |
| K5GM  | Pete    | 5   | 14    |     |     |     |     |     |
| *     |         | 9   |       |     |     |     |     |     |
| W9GVW | Eric    | 8   | 8     |     |     |     |     |     |
| *     |         | 0   |       |     |     |     |     |     |
| K6JT  | Steve   | 19  | 49    |     |     |     | 10  |     |
| *     |         | 30  |       | 4   | 15  |     | 30  |     |
| K5KV  | Benny   | 18  | 39    | 6   | 8   |     |     |     |
|       |         | 21  |       | 4   | 1   |     |     |     |
| WA5MS | Marty   | 6   | 6     |     |     |     |     |     |
| *     |         | 0   |       |     |     |     |     |     |
| N5NVP | Jim     | 0   | 7     |     |     |     |     |     |
|       |         | 7   |       |     |     |     |     |     |
| K5QOW | Gary    | 13  | 13    |     |     | 13  |     |     |
| *     |         | 0   |       |     |     |     |     |     |
| K5RG  | Ken     | 7   | 22    |     |     |     |     |     |
| *     |         | 15  |       |     |     |     |     |     |
| N5RL  | Randy   | 27  | 54    | 8   | 9   | 13  |     |     |
| *     |         | 27  |       |     |     | 22  |     |     |

| Call   | Name | QNI | Total | NCS  | RN5       | TTN | DFW | TSN |
|--------|------|-----|-------|------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|
| W5TMO  | Mike | 0   | 19    |      |           |     |     |     |
| *      |      | 19  |       | 8    |           |     |     |     |
| KD5TXD | Pat  | 8   | 8     | 7    |           |     |     | 8   |
| *      |      | 0   |       |      |           |     |     |     |
| KS5V   | Ed   | 0   | 2     |      |           |     |     |     |
| *      |      | 2   |       |      |           |     |     |     |
| Totals |      | 356 |       | 62   | 61        | 48  | 55  | 8   |
|        |      |     |       | 100% | 98%       | 77% | 89% | 13% |
| QTC 1  |      | 63  | 174   |      |           |     |     |     |
| QTC 2  |      | 111 |       | 9    | Sessions: | 62  |     |     |
| Time 1 |      | 355 | 745   |      |           |     |     |     |
| Time 2 |      | 390 |       |      |           |     |     |     |

### Operating:

There has been some confusion about how to count traffic on the net. Those stations reporting "thru" traffic are indicating they have additional messages to either relay or deliver. However, as far as the traffic count reported goes, ONLY those messages actually handled on the air during the net should be counted.

Similarly, there is some confusion about when to close the net if stations are still handling traffic. It is perfectly valid to close the net once all stations have either been excused or sent off frequency to handle traffic, even if they have not finished that traffic at net close time. A good NCS will then monitor the side frequency to make sure the stations are in contact before shutting off the rig. A really conscientious NCS will wait for the stations to finish and then call each of them, telling them the net is QNF (however, this is not needed if the stations were told they were QNX after finishing the traffic when they were sent off).

In other words, there is no need to keep the net open, just waiting for the last stations to finish sending their traffic. Close it and go check on them.

Until next month, 73,

Steve K6JT

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## TSN Corner

Texas Slow Net (Daily) 1945 CT 3552.0 KHz +/- QRM <a href="http://www.atcweb.com/tsn/Texas\_Slow\_Net.htm">http://www.atcweb.com/tsn/Texas\_Slow\_Net.htm</a>
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TSN Net Manager

The telegraph key image is courtesy of FCIT

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

TSN made it through another month. Once again, we would not have had a net without KB5TCH and KD5MMM calling the net and sending training lessons. We missed one night due to storms while Carroll was on vacation and I couldn't connect the antennas. Another evening when I couldn't make the net Phil stepped in and called when he realized I wasn't there.

Last month's Texan newsletter had a glimmer of hope for TSN when I read W2RU's comments. I e-mailed to him and told him about the TSN training lessons. Maybe someone out there can put the lessons to use in other places.

Good news, Arley and Pat, WB5NKC and WB5NKD, are in a trailer home. Arley was in the hospital for a while and they are both struggling with health issues. Arley does not have his rig set up yet and being in a trailer park that will be a trick to do. However, he does have his computer and Internet access so he will be able to get out a bit of traffic through Winlink thanks to Steve's assistance with Winlink directions.

If you have time and are interested in helping us out, please drop me an e-mail at <a href="mailto:pja@atcweb.com">pja@atcweb.com</a>. We really need someone who can call the net on Tuesday. And it would be above and beyond the call of duty if someone could help with sending the training lessons. Thanks to all!!

### July 2012 TSN Roster

| Call   | Name      | City             | ST | Call         | Name    | City          | ST |
|--------|-----------|------------------|----|--------------|---------|---------------|----|
| N5AF   | Sam       | Cleveland        | TX | K9JWV        | Jim     | St. George    | UT |
| W5AG   | Arch      | Lafayette        | LA | K5KV         | Benny   | Star          | TX |
| W5AS   | Club Call |                  |    | K7KV         | David   | Auburn        | WA |
| K5AVJ  | Lynn      | Abilene          | TX | KB0LF        | Fred    | Murray        | NE |
| N9AWP  | Edward    | Markleville      | IN | W8LKI        | Wolfe   | Defiance      | ОН |
| WA4BAM | John      | Miami            | FL | K5MDK        | Mike    | Plano         | TX |
| W4CCU  | David     | Pensacola        | FL | KD5MMM       | Phil    | Fentress      | TX |
| K0CMH  | Craig     | St Louis         | MO | WB5NKC       | Arley   | Oklahoma City | OK |
| ND0CW  | David     | Newburg          | ND | WB5NKD       | Pat     | Oklahoma City | OK |
| AB0DK  | Dave      | Kirksville       | MO | N5NVP        | Jim     | Scott         | LA |
| K5DMC  | Jerry     | Kiln             | MS | K5OAI        | Sam     | San Angelo    | TX |
| W5DPT  | Louis     | Deer Park        | TX | K9PUI        | Dick    | Indianapolis  | IN |
| W5DY   | Rodney    | Goliad           | TX | KE5PYF       | David   | Fort Worth    | TX |
| W5ESE  | Scott     | Dripping Springs | TX | K5QOW        | Gary    | Reagan Wells  | TX |
| WD0ESF | Mike      | Medicine Lodge   | KS | N5RL         | Randy   | San Antonio   | TX |
| WD9F   | Woody     | Springfield      | IL | KB5TCH       | Carroll | Douglassville | TX |
| K5FAL  | Curt      | Edmond           | OK | KD5TXD, W5ZD | Pat     | Kingsville    | TX |
| AG9G   | Dwight    |                  |    | WB5UPS       | Ron     | Port Neches   | TX |
| K5GM   | Pete      | Austin           | TX | N5UZ         | Rick    | Cedar Park    | TX |

| Call   | Name  | City         | ST | Call   | Name | City        | ST |
|--------|-------|--------------|----|--------|------|-------------|----|
| AK4GY  | Russ  | Lewisberg    | TN | K4VIZ  | Tom  | Conway      | AR |
| WD5ILB | Bob   | Azle         | TX | W5VXI  | Dave | Caddo Mills | TX |
| AA5J   | Lee   | Cabot        | AR | WB8W   | Bob  | Cincinnati  | ОН |
| N0JL   | Jim   | Chilliecothe | ΙA | WB5WKQ | Jeff | Dryden      | MI |
| K6JT   | Steve | Plano        | TX | N5XGG  | Joe  | Colmesneil  | TX |
| AA5JW  | Carl  | Stafford     | TX | WJ5Z   | Roy  | Tyler       | TX |

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 July 2012**Total Sessions 29, Total Check-ins 80, Total Traffic 24 by 8 different operators.

**July 2012 QNS** 

| July | Callsign     | Name    | QTH            | STATE |
|------|--------------|---------|----------------|-------|
| 22   | KB5TCH       | Carroll | Douglassville  | TX    |
| 21   | KD5TXD, W5ZD | Pat     | Kingsville     | TX    |
| 15   | W5VXI        | Dave    | Caddo Mills    | TX    |
| 10   | KD5MMM       | Phil    | Fentress       | TX    |
| 5    | WD0ESF       | Mike    | Medicine Lodge | KS    |
| 3    | W5DY         | Rodney  | Goliad         | TX    |
| 2    | N5NVP        | Jim     | Scott          | LA    |
| 2    | N5RL         | Randy   | San Antonio    | TX    |

73!! Pat KD5TXD July 31, 2012

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### **RN5 Corner**

Region Net 5 (Daily) 1930 CT on <u>7108</u> and 2130 CT on <u>7108</u> or 3567 Alternate Frequency 3567 (early) or 3598 when conditions warrant Serving TX, OK, LA, AR, MS, TN, AL, and FL Frank Thrash W4DLZ (W4DLZ@YAHOO.COM)

RN5 Net Manager

Hello again and welcome to the Sixth edition of the *RN5 Corner*.

In this edition I'd like to address the need to make NTS more accountable such as having radiograms arrive at their destination within a 24 hour period instead of days or never and handling instructions being ignored.

Without these things, why even have a message system? With what we've been doing when having traffic go outbound after the late nets, it would be nice to have delivery the next day. But now on daytime CAN there are only about 12 sessions a month being called, as not enough personnel exist to man DCAN.

So CANW came about as a late night clean up...

This CANW isn't meant to eliminate anything, but rather to enhance everything, including CW Nets. During cycle 4, traffic is sent on nice and timely, but if any after hours traffic is going out, such as from Late RN5, CAN NIGHT WATCH can get it into the Digital RMS Express system described on page 40 of the 2012 May QST.

I am an RMS Express go to station and so is Steve K6JT. IT REALLY WORKS and complements our regular NTS. No TNC is needed and everything is free. I will gladly answer any questions you have about CANW.

CANW operates from 0100 to 0400 ZULU on 3807.5 SSB, CW or Digital. I will be an NCS there when I fix my amp.

Also I want to try to help keep the ALA CW Net operating... As you have read before, Trey, KJ4FDV, has already left for school. He had to resign as NM of the AL CW section net as well as his RN5 and TCC slots since he will not have a radio to use at school and he likely won't have the time, either. Tom, WA4ZPZ, after some encouragement, is willing to take the NM position. But he has problems, too. Tom lives in a VERY strict (and very restrictive) location where the deed restrictions not only prohibit antennas but ALSO transmitters !!! He has managed to work around this, but was recently forced to take down his push-up pole when a neighbor complained. His G5RV has been re-oriented to be not so visible and so far it is working well enough for him to be heard on 40 meters throughout 5-land.

Hope to have my AMP going soon and to get my antennas higher.

Thanks to ALL FRANK W4DLZ RN5/4 CW Net Mgr.

Received the following from Dean, W8IM, detailing the EAN and eastern net performance for June. I thought it would be interesting to you to compare what is happening there to what is happening here in the Central area. It would be even more interesting to have similar statistics from the Pacific area to compare, too. It certainly looks like EAN and its component regions are holding up better than here in the Central area.

### **EASTERN AREA NTS REPORTS Jun-12**

| Submitted by KW1U   | / EAS Chai                         | ſ                           |                                 |   | ۵, ۵                                      | Overall                       | % Rep                                       |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------|---|
| Net / Mgr   | # Ssns                             | # Msgs<br>Passed            | Ave msgs<br>per Ssn             | Rate =<br>Tfc/Min   | % Rep<br>Section<br>to Region             | Rep to<br>Area per<br>Area NM | Region to<br>Area per<br>Area NM            |
| Cycle 2   |                                    |                             |                                 |   |   |                               |   |
| EAN / KW1U  | 30                                 | 191                         | 6.4                             | 0.292   |   | 93.3%                         |   |
| 1RN / N1UMJ<br>2RN / W2MTA<br>3RN / W3TWV<br>4RN / AJ4TH<br>8RN / N8IXF   | 59<br>30<br>29<br>42<br>41         | 86<br>20<br>7<br>202<br>237 | 1.5<br>0.7<br>0.2<br>4.8<br>5.8 | 0.193<br>0.133<br>0.038<br>0.222<br>0.319                     | 62.3%<br>63.3%<br>75.9%<br>86.7%<br>51.0% |                               | 93.3%<br>93.3%<br>96.7%<br>83.3%<br>90.0%   |
| Cycle 3   |                                    |                             |                                 |   |   |                               |   |
| 1RN / W1KX<br>2RN / W2MTA   | 29<br>30                           | 30<br>114                   | 1.0<br>3.8                      | 0.219<br>0.435  | 73.0%<br>97.8%                            |                               |   |
| Cycle 4   |                                    |                             |                                 |   |   |                               |   |
| EAN / W2RU  | 30                                 | 571                         | 19.0                            | 0.880   |   | 97.1%                         |   |
| 1RN / W1KX<br>2RN / WI2G<br>3RN / WB4FDT<br>4RN / K4BG<br>8RN / WB9JSR  | 60<br>60<br>53<br>60<br>No report  | 211<br>79<br>48<br>301      | 3.5<br>1.3<br>0.9<br>5.0        | 0.426<br>0.383<br>0.199<br>0.360                              | 92.0%<br>96.0%<br>95.3%<br>91.8%          |                               | 100.0%<br>100.0%<br>90.0%<br>96.7%<br>93.3% |
| Totals  | 553                                | 2097                        |                                 |   |   |                               |   |
| Transcontinental Co<br>KW1U / Dir   | rps                                | Cycle 2                     |                                 | Transcont<br>WB8WKC   | inental Corp<br>) / Dir                   | S                             | Cycle 4                                     |
| Function Tfc<br>Total Tfc<br>Successful Skds<br>% Success<br>%Rep to EAN/2  | 137<br>274<br>85<br>98.8%<br>98.3% |                             |                                 | Function Total Tfc<br>Successful Successful Successful Rep to | ul Skeds<br>ss                            |                               | 325<br>643<br>111<br>92.5%<br>98.3%         |
| Total NTSM Tfc<br>Total NTSD Tfc  | 2559<br>11462                      |                             | WB2FTX / A                      | .DC; #  | digital stns r                            | eporting:                     | 33  |
| Total Traffic   | 14021                              |                             |                                 |   |   |                               |   |
| Rate = Total traffic passed divided by total time in session  % Representation Sections to Region = according to Region net managers  % Representation Region to Area = according to Area net managers  TCC % Representation to EAN = according to Area net managers  Total NTSM Tfc = traffic passed on manual directed nets |                                    |                             |                                 |   |   |                               |   |

Total NTSM Tfc = traffic passed on manual directed nets

Total NTSD Tfc = traffic reported to Area Digital Coordinator

# **RN5 Duty Roster**

| Local  | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| NCS #1 | Open   | W4DLZ   | W5CU      | WA4ZPZ   | W4QAT  | W4DLZ    | K4VIZ  |
| NCS #2 | Open   | W4DLZ   | W5CU      | WA4ZPZ   | W4QAT  | W4DLZ    | K4VIZ  |
| CAN TX | Open   | WA4ZPZ  | K4VIZ     | K5KV     | K4VIZ  | K5KV     | K5KV   |
| CAN RX | Open   | WA4ZPZ  | Open      | K6JT     | W4DLZ  | W4DLZ    | W5CU   |
| DRN5   | Open   | Open    | K5RG      | Open     | Open   | Open     | Open   |

# **July 2012 Statistics**

| SESSIONS   | 60  |
|------------|-----|
| QTC        | 196 |
| QNI        | 422 |
| QTR        | 819 |
| CAN TX REP | 92% |
| CAN RX REP | 90% |
| DRN5 REP   | 52% |

The following roster shows active stations coming to RN5 from their various states.

# **Region Net 5 Roster**

| Call   | Name    | State | Call   | Name   | State |
|--------|---------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| W4AGL  | JIM     | FL    | AA4HT  | BOB    | FL    |
| K4AKC  | TOM     | AL    | W8IM   | DEAN   | FL    |
| WA5CAV | DICK    | LA    | WA5JAN | JIM    | AR    |
| W5CU   | SAM     | OK*   | K6JT   | STEVE  | TX    |
| AC5CW  | ERIC    | LA    | KA5KLU | DOUG   | TX    |
| KO9D   | BENNY   | IN    | K5KV   | BENNY  | TX    |
| W4DLZ  | FRANK   | FL    | WA5LQZ | ALAN   | LA    |
| K5DMC  | JER     | MS    | K5MC   | MICKEY | LA    |
| WD4DNC | BARRY   | FL    | N5NVP  | JIM    | LA    |
| AD4DO  | JOHN    | FL    | K4PG   | KEVIN  | FL    |
| W5DTR  | CURT    | IL    | WA4PIZ | JIM    | AL    |
| K1DW   | DALLAS  | LA    | W4QAT  | PAT    | AL    |
| W5DY   | RODNEY  | TX    | K5RG   | KEN    | TX    |
| NY4E   | BILL    | FL    | N5RL   | RANDY  | TX    |
| W5ESE  | SCOTT   | TX    | W4SQE  | ANDY   | TN    |
| KJ4FDV | TREY    | AL    | W6SX   | HANK   | CA    |
| KC4FL  | JOHN    | FL    | KI5T   | WADE   | LA    |
| KA4FZI | PHYL    | FL    | K4VIZ  | TOM    | AR    |
| W5GKH  | CHARLIE | TX    | K6YR   | ROB    | CA    |
| K5GM   | PETE    | TX    | WA4ZPZ | TOM    | AL    |

<sup>\*</sup> When W5CU is not present on Late RN5, OK traffic may be sent to the TX station

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