

# The Texan

Newsletter of the Texas CW Traffic Net (TEX)

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## Christmas CW Jokes By Enzo M0KTZ

Received a link to the following from Frank, KR5N, the former president of the Collins Amateur Radio Club (of which I am a member). Tried out a couple of them and enjoyed the challenge at 35 wpm. Haven't listened to them all, so not sure about their all being funny. Anyway, the link is: [https://m0ktz.katolaz.net/jokes.html?utm\\_source=amateur-radio-weekly&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=newsletter](https://m0ktz.katolaz.net/jokes.html?utm_source=amateur-radio-weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter)

The author, Enzo, M0KTZ, wrote the intro as follows (click the above link for the actual jokes).

He wrote: You find below a collection of ham/CW-themed Christmas-Cracker jokes. They come from a challenge put up by Steve G4OCP at Essex CW ARC, who wanted to celebrate the festive season in style: sending to each other jokes in CW! I mentioned the challenge to my son Giorgio, and we ended up spitting out the jokes you find below, one after the other, more or less in the same order as they are listed. Just one of them is not genuinely ours (can you spot it?), and the blame for the worst ones is obviously on me HI HI.

The 28 jokes have been converted in CW using [ebook2cw](#) by [Fabian DJ5CW](#). I went for some usual speeds, but I can definitely add more if you like.

You are free to share these jokes as you wish, and to add a link to this page if you want. But do so at your own risk: I do not accept any responsibility for the social, economic, physical and psychological consequences you might suffer if you use or misuse any of these jokes. Suggestions, critics, and feedback to be sent directly to me via my email (available from my page at QRZ.COM, and also in a more convenient version [here](#)).

### Excerpt from Jack, W5TFB's Book

Here is the next excerpt from Jack's book. Jack prepares to run a chess tournament and does some more fancy cooking. Also more anecdotes about life in Louisiana.

Mae came in. She looked exhausted. I asked, "All night?" "Almost. I went to bed around 3, but I finished the pointless busywork." I started the toast. The toaster had a sensitive uncalibrated

temperature control. I finally got it set for whole wheat bread. I had not remembered to set out the butter but did now. Mae was sipping her OJ. She asked if there was any coffee, and I poured her a cup and warmed it. "Cream?" She said no, black. I nodded my approval and brought it with her toast.

"Tell me more about the chess tournament. How do they decide who wins what? How do they decide who plays whom? I don't remember your telling me: How many games do you lose to be eliminated?"

"There is a complicated but well-defined algorithm to answer the first two questions. It is implemented in a computer program I helped write. No one is eliminated, but you can withdraw at any time. The main purpose of the pairing is to see to it that in each round after the first you play someone as close to your playing strength as possible. For example, if you win your first game then you will play someone in the second round that has also won his/her first game, or perhaps has drawn, rarely lost. The assignment of colors is random in the first round, and after that is arranged so that no player has White or Black more than three times or fewer than two. This is the rule that is always followed for players who do not withdraw.

"Wins count 1 point, draws 1 point, and a loss 0 points. For example, at the start of the third round, players with two draws are grouped with players with one win and one loss. The computer takes care of everything, even assigning which board your next game is played at. The boards are numbered. Boards with the lower numbers generally have the better players.

"The prizes are trophies. In this tournament any player who gets a score of 3 points (of 5) will receive one. As you probably would guess, the prizes are worthless, sort of like a soccer or bowling trophy, having value only to the person who earns one. Most people who play do so for fun, not for the plastic. OK, sometimes a marble base and a metal placard to engrave what position the trophy represents and the player's name.

"Based on limited experience playing you and Sue I think you will win 3 or 4 points. You will probably not win 5, for there is a master, Craig Cain, playing. He is not invincible but is good and should beat you. He has beaten me twice in tournaments but a 14-year-old drew Cain, who was and is 16, in a simultaneous demonstration. Cain finished 21-1-0, meaning he won 21 and drew 1, with no loss."

Noting the time, Mae said she had to go. She thanked me for breakfast and kissed me on the cheek. I think I blushed.

Sue came down just in time to see Mae pedal away. Her hair was damp, so she had showered. That seemed like a plan, but I wanted to do laundry first. I needed to buy decent clothes for the tournament. At least buy something with no holes. I asked Sue what she would have for breakfast. She said I know. (I did not!) Then she said a cup of coffee and some toast, maybe with scrambled eggs. I told her to tell me 40 minutes before she wanted the eggs. She said, "OK, I want them."

I put butter in a shallow skillet, got out four eggs and the cream, found dried tarragon.

She gave me a hug and nibbled my earlobe, making me tingle. Maybe this was the solution to a problem I had pondered for almost all my life: what are earlobes for? I had a puppy who nibbled on it but that doesn't count. He nibbled everything.

"Mae's bedroom has a door to an adjoining room too, like mine. She used to use the other room as a place to study. Now she mostly uses the library. She used to have friends overnight but hasn't since the seventh grade. I don't know why. In the sixth grade she had a six girl slumber party."

I said, "I need to do laundry and go shopping for some decent clothes."

"Unless you want to go to Lafayette, there is only one store. It is good but expensive. It is run by a couple. He used to be mayor and she is a retired seamstress, her eyesight now not up to it as a steady task. She really does all the work. They have four employees in all, counting a buyer/accountant. Most of my clothes were bought there. They don't advertise and don't need to."

The butter had melted, and I gently poured the lightly beaten egg-cream-tarragon mixture in. I had already put a heat disperser under the skillet, and lowered the heat. The idea is to cook slowly so that the egg morsels are firm but moist, and all about the same size, a half teaspoon or so. It requires constant attention, although I could talk and do it at the same time.

Patience helps. I was used to a small cast iron skillet, but this one would do. It was stainless steel joined to a heavy aluminum bottom, probably better.

"Would you like company shopping? We could take the Z and I could treat you to lunch at a homey Cajun place."

"I would love that." (I was not sure about the shopping. Most women drive me crazy when I try to shop with them. Agnes was the only exception. She has this view that you should know exactly what you want and minimize the time spent in a store. I can't remember ever going shopping with her.)

Sue was beside me, watching. I was using a chopstick and teaspoon to make the eggs behave. They were cooking too fast so I turned the heat way down. A little won't do it. I asked, "Who set the minimum adjustment? It is just perfect."

"I did. I had to borrow a narrow screwdriver. Our computer guru has an incredible selection. Since we went to all Macs and the Sun server running Unix we have had no problems. He comes in Sunday morning at 1 to perform an incremental backup on every computer over the network and do a full scan for junk. I don't really know what he does. Everything just works. He and his son are partners in his consulting business. The son configured the Sun firewall. We have never had one problem since we changed to the Sun and Apple hardware, and Unix."

The eggs were almost done, so I turned off the fire and asked if she wanted toast. She did, but just half a slice, so I turned to that and got out plates to serve her. That done I went to put laundry in and showered. The laundry would take an hour or so, but the store probably opened at 10. If there was anything I liked at the clothing store I could wear it for lunch, although a homey Cajun place would probably not have a dress code.

When I came down from the shower she complimented me on the scrambled eggs. I had to admit that most cooks in a rush would not have 40 minutes to prepare that dish, and said a 5 minute job using a spatula will have the same nutritional value.

Sue said, "But you of all know that the value of food does not begin when it reaches your tummy." I just nodded.

There was a long silence. Up until now that meant that one of us was in a huddle with himself, and since it wasn't me, I asked, "What?"

I am sure she wanted to say more, and I certainly did, but I kissed her and gave her a hug, and said I needed to put the wash in the dryer. She told me I could wear the clothes I was wearing earlier today, that it wasn't a fancy store, just ordinary people.

"So they don't have a floorwalker in a tux?" She giggled, "No, not even one in overalls with a straw hat." I told her I would take the wash out of the machine and leave it in the basket and we could go. She said, "I'll fetch the Z. It needs to go around more often than it does." I dressed and checked my stash. I had a little over \$500. When you drive a 15 year old car that has been wrecked, held together with duct tape and bailing wire, you need some cash. The wash had finished and I noticed someone else had taken it out and put it in my (really Sue's) basket. Both machines and the dryer were going. She had her car waiting for me. I climbed in. I never liked the 240-Z. The seats were too low and the engine noise was excessive and raspy sounding while accelerating. For two years I owned a Toyota Celica which I loved. It did everything right, got 40 mpg, 45 highway, with me driving, handled better than the Z, and was fun to drive. It was totaled in Midland while parked. I was visiting the woman I used to dance with whose husband had fallen off a mountain. I wasn't expecting anything, just wanted her to know I care.

She had a beautiful daughter named Amber that had red hair like her father. Sue drove like the Russians were on the freeway chasing her. When we got to the store she looked at me and asked if I was OK. I didn't exactly rush from the car and kiss the ground, but I had to fight it off. I told her I know she can drive but must have learned how in Germany. She confirmed that, but gave me a look. There the first rule is, 'A miss is as good as a kilometer.' The rest are extreme. For example, 'If you can see the headlights of the vehicle behind you then you are going too slow. Increase your speed.'

I liked the store. The owner recognized Sue, came over and asked if she could help us. I told her what I wanted, three days worth of sturdy respectable but not fancy clothes, and about what I wanted to spend. All must be mostly cotton and washable in a machine using water. I told her I strongly preferred blue and a light rose color with no pattern. And I told her what size I thought I was. I came out with three cotton-polyester blend pants and six shirts, and also six pairs of socks, all together within my budget. I wore navy blue pants and a short sleeved light rose casual shirt, and new shoes. The shoes brought me over budget but the ones I was wearing were really ratty looking, just not so noticeable with old clothes. Sue lent me the difference.

We got to the Cajun restaurant, more like a diner/beer-joint with a dance floor. There was a small stage with an upright piano, chairs, and drums but no players. We were the only

customers in sight, but it was just noon. The bartender yelled through a window, probably to the kitchen, "Sue's ici." A man came out of a swinging door and greeted us in French. Sue returned the greeting, and (I think) asked what he had for today. He told her, I had no idea precisely what, but it was about cooking. It took him a while to say.

She led me to a table and translated. "They have fresh roast leg of venison that has marinated two days, but it won't be ready for another 30 minutes, and will be better in an hour. We could go for a walk. The cook is Bill Sevier, and it will be worth the wait. I'm sorry about the French but he can't, or won't, speak English. The deer was taken two weeks ago and butchered immediately, and has been hanging in his locker. I used to obtain all my meat here, but I just don't eat meat as much as I used to. There is so much from the garden, and people bring me meat when they have extra, I guess because I give away so much from the garden."

"Can we get water now? I'm thirsty. There is something in that store's air that may have caused it. Yes, a walk would be good."

She told the barkeep we would have water and be back in an hour. Outside, she said, "The docks are a little more than a mile from here. Would that be a good walk?"

I said, "There are only good walks. Let's go."

Sue is still good to walk with. She sets a pace that is just right for a talking walk, only no one was talking. After about two blocks she asked, "Do you remember what I told you the last time we were together?"

"How could I forget? I said, 'You what?' which was not a nice reply and probably hurt your feelings. I had no idea what 'I love you' meant."

"That is what my grandmother said. I was crying, and she asked me why and I told her. It surprised me that I could tell anyone, but I felt so all alone. We talked about it for a while, and she explained that boys my age mature more slowly than girls, probably because of the way the society of the past hundred thousand years developed. A girl my age would probably be pregnant or have a child, and those feelings hold everything together, especially the mother and helpless child. The father would be much older. And that same girl would die before she was 35."

I knew that was not true in all the details. Even as short a time as two thousand years ago girls were not sexually mature until they were at least 17. I said nothing.

She continued, "If it had not been for that long talk I think I would have died. I wanted to, but she told me how I could forgive you and that I must live, for surely you would find me."

I didn't pick on her about her pronouns. "It is true that I looked, but you were not found. I didn't find you now, I just happened to notice a lot of you in Mae and asked her what her grandmother's maiden name was. She told me, and here we are. I did have a little more data. I knew it was your 70th birthday and you had a sister a year younger who was giving you a party. Mae told me."

“But we have a lot of catching up to do. I haven’t told you anything except sketchy things about business which I’m sure you do not care about.” “It isn’t that I don’t care. There are other things that I would rather hear about, but that I certainly would not ask.” “Why not?”

“Fear. My respect for your privacy. That it might lead to my telling you something which would make you send me away, or, worse, want to but not do it. The trouble with a past is there is so much of it. I can’t tell everything because most of it I don’t understand or remember. Why don’t you ask more?” That was a sleazy trick I was sorry for as soon as I said it. “I said that wrong. You will ask when you ask, and tell when you tell. If ever.”

“Yes, and my ‘Why not?’ was thoughtless as well.” “It wasn’t offensive. Mine was.” I could smell the bayou. I liked that word, which came to us via Louisiana French, from Choctaw bayuk meaning ‘small river forming part of delta.’ It wasn’t bad, but we are not all that close to the original. We were going down a gentle grade. I asked, “Is that an icehouse? Do you remember the one in Wichita Falls on Scott street?”

“Yes to both. This one still makes and stores hundred pound slabs of ice but doesn’t deliver any more. Most of it is coarsely crushed and sold to shrimpers.”

“I remember walking to it (at the corner of Scott and Ohio) one Saturday afternoon with you. It was a hot September day and they gave us paper cups full of crushed ice.”

“I had forgotten. That was a nice day. By the time we got to the library we were out of ice, so we went inside. It was always cool there. You could not stay because you had to get back to work.

“The docks are just around this bend. It is fun to be here at dawn. Now there will be a few idle shrimp boats, but early the place is bustling. The shrimpers actually catch crayfish here. The shrimp are south where the water is saltier. They can live in this water but not breed.”

“We called them ‘crawdads’ when I was a kid. You could catch them with bacon on a string.”

She nodded, and said, “A lot of people call them crawfish here.” We sat on a rail beside one of the docks. She asked, “Shall we go back?” So we did. I asked, “How does Bill make any money? There was no one there at noon.” She said, “It is packed at night. The people who go there work during the day. Bill also sells most of his stuff to restaurants. He delivers in the afternoon, sometimes cooked food as well. He has a large smokehouse at his home. He is probably the best butcher in Louisiana, certainly the best I have heard of. His sausage is heavenly but I seem unable to digest as much as I can eat. He also has a separate bakery with a huge wood-fired oven.

“I have never tasted leg of venison.” “Did Bill say what the marinade was, and the sauce?” “Only in a general way. When he talks about food and cooking he assumes that everyone knows everything. For example, he will list what’s in it but not how much. He never shares a recipe either. Many people do not know how to taste, although I don’t know any.”

“Sadly, I do.” I decided to press just a little. “Can you remember any of the elements of the marinade?”

"I may not have them all right. He takes no prisoners when speaking French. Let's see: white wine, vinegar, olive oil, carrot, onion, celery, parsley, whole cloves and peppercorns. I think that is all. It is for a 3 kilogram leg. Soak for 2 days at 10° C.", "50° F. The inside door of my icebox is 45°.

"To serve, carve venison and place slices on a warmed serving plate and spoon sauce over. Pass remaining sauce with the meat."

"That sounds good, but expensive. I guess you can reuse the marinade."

"Oh, I forgot to tell you. I never pay for anything at Bill's. He drops by my garden when he needs fresh herbs and vegetables, and when the sweet corn is ripe he gets all he can use. He has a large grill."

We were nearly there. It smelled good outside, and I was hungry. Our table was set with fresh water and basket of French bread, made that morning. "I suppose Bill is a baker as well?"

"Yes, that is another thing, but most restaurants can't afford what he charges. Anyone can make French bread. Oh, by the way, he is from Belgium, not France."

Bill brought the platter out, and the hot sauce. He said (I learned soon) that he couldn't stay, he needed to make deliveries. Sue said that he usually sits with her while she eats. She said, "He tells me he likes my accent, and that my French is perfect, but I know better."

We started eating. We didn't have a lot, looked like half a pound or so in all. I have never had such tender venison. The sauce was good. I do not want to shock anyone, but it was perfect for dipping torn-off ends of the bread. We finished everything, took our dishes to the kitchen, and I washed them, giving the final rinse in the sterile sink. Sue dried them and put them up.

The barkeep had already wiped off the table, so we were finished. I left a couple of dollar bills on the bar. There was a couple at the other end of the bar having beer. It was almost 1430 when we got back, so I took the bag of clothes we bought and went to dry the wash. The dryer was not in use. Back in the house I hung up the clothes. The closet did not look so sadly empty now.

I decided I would go for another walk. I had not seen the orchard. Most of the trees are dormant. Sue might enjoy showing me around. I needed more data.

I reached the orchard. The first thing I noticed was the heavy mulch, and the complete absence of weeds. I knew that they did not use chemicals to control weeds. Another was the size. It was much bigger than I thought. The trees were not clumped, but were spread out randomly except for plum and peach trees that have to be together so they will pollinate. The result was that it felt like a natural forest. There were teak benches scattered around. I sat on one and found it to be comfortable, a good place to read or daydream. Still, it was clearly a working orchard

I headed back to the house. It was at least ten degrees cooler in the woods, about the same as the inside of the house. Of course it was a cool day. Sue kept the house between 69° and 79°. In the office they controlled between 72° and 76°. That was all done automatically, with individual controls for each room regulated in the house by the library computer and in the office by the Sun. It probably had trouble with swing seasons, especially in the office. I

stopped by the laundry to pick up the dried clothes. Those quarters had analog controls, but with sensors to turn everything off when the area was not occupied except to keep the relative humidity below 50%.

Sue was in the front room reading. I noticed what it was. Sue didn't seem to care if I knew. I had enough sense to say nothing. Cute comments are rarely a good idea.

I went upstairs, unlocked my side of the closet door, undressed, and fell down on the big bed, too much for one day. I had to be in Lafayette before dusk, and earlier would be better. I needed to talk to Sue and Mae soon. I was pooped, just everything. I set my little timer for 99 minutes 99 seconds (the maximum) and crashed. I may have slept, but Sue had entered from her side. I looked at the time. It was almost 3. I turned off the alarm...

*To Be Continued if there is still interest*

### **TEX / RN5 Mailbox:**

Please send in your feedback, gripes, and suggestions. The mailbox only had a few inputs for TEX and RN5.

From Jon, **KZ5Z** Jan 11:

A friend shared this article on the Smithsonian website about the new popularity of Morse Code. It is a good article although I have to differ with them a little on their explanation of International morse evolving from American Morse in 1851 since the railroad used American Morse until recently. Anyway it is a good article. Glad new hams are getting into it when they don't have to. Sam, It also talks some about mountain topping. 73, Jon

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(You may have to copy and paste the link into your browser)

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From Sam, **W5CU** Jan 11

It is a good article. Some of my SOTA goat friends forwarded it, as the first part is about the Colorado "legend" WG0AT! Thanks for sharing. I've been chasing TN8K, the Czech Republic dxpedition to the Republic of Congo. CW seems alive and well based on the pileups! I've managed to work them on 40, 20 and 17 so far, but it hasn't been easy with a wire. CW, of course! 73 / Sam

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From James **WB8SIW** Jan 25

Hello Everyone:

Information on the Radio Relay International "I Am Safe" program, developed in cooperation with a number of organizations, is now available on our website. Here is a link to the RRI blog article officially announcing the program:

<https://radiorelay.org/f/i-am-safe-program>

More details will be forthcoming in the next issue of the "QNI Newsletter."

For those who missed the news about the expansion of the RRI Digital Traffic Network to Puerto Rico, feel free to read that article on our blog as well:

<https://radiorelay.org/f/press-release---dtn-expands-to-puerto-rico>

Thank you, 73,

Radio Relay International

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From Dave, **K5IX**, Jan 31

Steve,

Thanks for the TEX newsletter. I appreciate all the hard work required to pull it off every two months.

Although my home QTH is Brackettville, I am also near enough to Del Rio to make it practical to accept QTCs for that area. So please update my location on the TEX Roster to "Brackettville/Del Rio" so if liaisons hear of QTCs for either town they'll know I'm available to take it on TEX. I can also work 160m in a pinch--requires a bit of antenna system reconfiguration but I had a lot of fun in last weekend's CQ 160m CW contest.

TEX is either right a dinnertime or after bedtime but I try to QNI as often as I can for my CW fix!

73,

Dave K5IX

Brackettville/Del Rio

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To Geoff, W5OMR:

Hello Geoff,

Good to see you checking into TEX again after a long absence and especially thank you for handling some of the TTN/7290 traffic liaisons.

I have added you to the roster of TEX stations and put you back on the list to receive notifications when the next TEX newsletter comes out (later this month). I also changed the email address I had for you to the one you put at the bottom of your QRZ bio and am sending this to you at that address to make sure it works.

73, Steve

From Geoff, **W5OMR**, Feb 6

Awesome, thank you so much!

I'll be back tonight. I think with 1 QTC for RN5 (if I can find it)

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From James, **WB8SIW**, Feb 11

Hello Everyone:

Radio Relay International has issued an operating directive on the subject of interoperability. It addresses the origination of non-standard message formats and the use of protocols that may significantly degrade net efficiency when messages are transferred between digital circuits and manual mode nets. The operating directive can be found here:

<https://radiorelay.org/f/rri-operating-directive-interoperability-requirements>

On a related note, all traffic handlers are invited to visit the RRI web page for a variety of traffic handling information as well as an on-going series of blog articles with information about current developments in the traffic system. [www.radiorelay.org](http://www.radiorelay.org)

Lastly....keep your eyes open for the forthcoming issue of the "QNI Newsletter," which will be issued within the next few days. As Paul Harvey used to say; "standby....for news!"

73,

Radio Relay International

(Note: Check <http://www.QNI-Newsletter.net> for the upcoming issue in a few days)

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## **TEX Net Topics**

The TEX Duty Schedule and Roster are shown below. If you are willing to take any of the open positions or want to change your assignment, please advise so the schedule may be updated. There are some openings and an update to the Roster.

Although TTN/7290 liaison had never been shown in the table, it is very important, particularly for the late TEX session to handle the incoming CAN/RN5 traffic, so an entry is shown. Jon, KZ5Z, and Randy, N5RL, have been handling most of these when needed, so they are shown for at least one night each. Geoff, W5OMR, in San Antonio has also been bringing traffic to early TEX from the TTN/7290 net. Thank you, Geoff, and great to have you coming to TEX again after a long absence.

We are still missing coverage for 4 NCS, 2 RN5/1 and 1 RN5/2 slots. Now that Sam is back from CO, he is able to help with some of the early nets.

### TEX CW Net Weekly Schedule

Local	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
NC 1	Open	N5RL	Open	W9VE	N5RL	No Net	KZ5Z
Backup	Open	Open	KZ5Z	N5RL	Open	No Net	Open
NC 2	Open	K6JT	K6JT	K6JT	Open	No Net	KZ5Z
Backup	Open	Open	KZ5Z	KZ5Z	KZ5Z	No Net	Open
RN5 1	N5RL	KZ5Z	Open	KZ5Z	Open	No Net	KZ5Z
Backup	Open	Open	KZ5Z	Open	Open	No Net	Open
RN5 2	W5CU	K6JT	K5RG	K6JT	Open	No Net	KZ5Z
Backup	Open	KZ5Z	W5CU	KZ5Z	Open	No Net	Open
TTN/7290	Open	N5RL?	Open	KZ5Z?	Open	Nada	Open

TEX/1: **3541**/7108/3593 at 19:00 CT; TEX/2 **3541**/3593/1841 at 22:00 CT

RN5/1: **3567**/7108 at 19:30; RN5/2: **3567**/7108/3598 at 21:30 CT

TSN: **3570** - 19:45 CT; CAN: **3552**/7052/3590/7108 - 20:30 CT; WAN: **3552**/7052 - 22:30 CT

RN5 Backup: K5RG, N5RL, KZ5Z, W5CU

NCS Backup: K5RG, N5RL, KZ5Z, W5CU

### TEX Roster

Call	Name	Location / Notes	Call	Name	Location / Notes
KW5AS	Skip	Victoria	* K5KV	Benny	Star
N5BA	Brian	Houston	* W6LFB	Jim	Denton
WA5CAV	Dick	Pineville LA	WA5MS	Marty	Argyle
W5CU	Sam	Edmond OK, /0 CO	NM5M	Eric	Plano
N5CXX	Steve	Richardson (K6JT)	N7NET	Scott	Crossett AR
W5DAE	Don	San Angelo	* KB5NJD	John	Duncanville
W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	W5OMR	Geoff	San Antonio
W5ESE	Scott	Dripping Springs	* K5RG	Ken	Houston
* W5FEA	Jim	Graham	N5RL	Randy	San Antonio
K5GM	Pete	Tennessee	KD5RQB	Jason	Atlanta
KM0I	John	Hattiesburg MS	KD5TXD	Pat	Kingsville
KA9IKK	Bill	Katy	W9VE	Don	Dallas
* K5IX	Dave	Brackettville/Del Rio	WB5VIH	Dave	Merkel
K5JFB	Jim	Fort Worth	NA5YO	Doug	Palacios
K6JT	Steve	Plano	KZ5Z	Jon	Springer OK

\* Capable of 160 meter operation

## Statistics:

### December 2022:

Don, W5DAE, took first place with 46 (90%), Jon, KZ5Z and Randy, N5RL, tied for second with a close 44 (86%), and Jim, W5FEA, was third with 24 (47%). Thanks again to all who checked in.

Visitors: Dean, W8IM, from Florida. Doug, NA5YO, has been added back to the roster after a long absence. Good to hear you, Doug.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Note there were 51 sessions reported out of a possible 52 (no Saturday nets). Traffic averaged 0.65 per net session (0.9 last month). Net time averaged 10.4 minutes per session (10.3 last month). Check-ins averaged 4.4 per session (4.5 last month).

#### TEX Net Statistics (December 2022)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
WA5CAV	Dick	1	1					
		0						
W5CU	Sam	5	8	3	3			
*		3		1	2			
W5DAE	Don	23	46					
		23						
W5FEA	Jim	13	24		1	4		
*		11				5		
W8IM	Dean	1	1					
*	FL	0						
K5IX	Dave	10	20					
		10						
K6JT	Steve	0	14					
*		14		13	8		14	
K5KV	Benny	0	2					
		2						
K5RG	Ken	0	5					
*		5			5	1		
N5RL	Randy	24	44	9				
*		20			2	1		
W9VE	Don	15	16	4	1		14	
		1						
NA5YO	Doug	0	1					
		1						
KZ5Z	Jon	21	44	10	20			
	OK	23		11	9	3		
Totals		226		51	51	14	28	0

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
				98%	98%	27%	54%	0%
QTC 1		6	33					
QTC 2		27	Sessions:		52			
Time 1		292	530					
Time 2		238						

### January 2023:

Don, W5DAE, was 1<sup>st</sup> with 51 (98%), Jon, KZ5Z, was a very close 2<sup>nd</sup> with 50 (96%), and Randy, N5RL, was 3<sup>rd</sup> with 48 (92%). Thanks again to all of you who checked in.

Visitors: Dave, AB0DK, from Missouri and Steve, K0XP (an old friend of mine from years ago when he was WB6PKA), from California

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Note that there were 52 sessions reported out of a possible 52 (no Saturdays). Traffic averaged 0.8 per net session (0.7 last month). Net time averaged 10.1 minutes per session (10.4 last month). Check-ins averaged 4.8 per session (4.4 last month).

### TEX Net Statistics (January 2023)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
W5CU	Sam	11	13					
*		2						
W5DAE	Don	25	51					
		26						
AB0DK	Dave	1	1					
	MO	0						
W5FEA	Jim	10	19					
*		9						
K5IX	Dave	12	25					
		13						
K6JT	Steve	0	11					
*		11		11	7		11	
K5KV	Benny	2	3					
		1						
W5OMR	Geoff	5	5			3		
		0						
K5RG	Ken	0	6					
*		6			4			
N5RL	Randy	24	48	11				
*		24		1				
W9VE	Don	17	18	4			17	
		1						
K0XP	Steve	0	1					
	CA	1						

KZ5Z	Jon	24	50	11	24			
	OK	26		14	15			
Totals		251		52	50	3	28	0
				100%	96%	6%	54%	0%
QTC 1		13	40					
QTC 2		27		Sessions:		52		
Time 1		286	526					
Time 2		240						

### Operating:

Traffic came back up slightly but is still way below last year's average. There hasn't been that much on RN5 (or CAN) for Texas. We all missed out on sending Holiday greetings to our friends and relatives.

Thanks very much to Jon, KZ5Z, for handling the majority of RN5 liaisons, both to and from TEX. Unfortunately there are not many stations on RN5 who will take traffic to CAN or who bring it from CAN. Sam, Ken, and I are about the only ones, but we don't cover that many days each week.

I had problems with my rig last month that turned out to be power supply problems, fixed by buying a new 12-14V supply capable of 30A. Also had some antenna issues aided by a new tuner and changing the port used on the rig. Thanks to Jon, KZ5Z, for filling in when I could not get on the air and for his efforts in trying to help me resolve the rig issues.

Time changes back to Daylight on March 12. Net times stay at the same local time, as always.

Here are the composite reports for the last 2 months for traffic handled at the region and above levels. Traffic totals were up significantly from those in November, consistent with the count from October.

### Central US Nets Activity for December 2022

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	13	17	65	73	0.233
Cycle 2 9RN*	14	193	86	78	2.474
Day 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area #	13	28	53	68	0.412
Night 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area**	52	135	187	506	0.267
Night 9 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	60	360	209	416	0.865
Night 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	59	27	153	235	0.115
Day Central US	13	103	107	219	0.470
Night Central US @	31	410	155	413	0.993
Day Inter-Area Traffic	39	80	36		92%

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Night Inter-Area Traffic	93	283	89		96%
Total Voice/CW Nets		1636	1140	2008	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
KE5YTA Central Area RN5		269	129	140	
N9VC Central Area 9RN/TEN		2414	701	1713	
Digital Stations (13)		332	165	167	
Total DTN Digital		3015			
Total Central US		4651			
* Not Radio Relay International affiliated					
@ Manager resigned, nominations open. Composite from NCS reports received					
** Nominations open for manager - thanks to NCS stations for statistics					

### Central US Nets Activity for January 2023

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	13	22	61	72	0.306
Cycle 2 9RN*	14	193	86	78	2.474
Day 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area #	13	15	56	68	0.221
Night 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area**	52	97	200	397	0.244
Night 9 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	54	294	189	308	0.955
Night 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	53	37	153	257	0.144
Day Central US	13	131	117	282	0.465
Night Central US @	31	292	155	330	0.885
Day Inter-Area Traffic	39	79	39		100%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	80	150	77		96%
Total Voice/CW Nets		1310	1133	1792	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
KE5YTA Central Area RN5		285	145	140	
N9VC Central Area 9RN/10RN		2949	1014	1935	
Digital Stations (14)		332	176	156	

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Total DTN Digital		3566			
Total Central US		4876			
* Not Radio Relay International affiliated					
@ Manager resigned, nominations open. Composite from NCS reports received					
** Nominations open for manager, thanks to NC Stations for statistics					

**DTN Access:**

KE5YTA Pactor 1800-0600 CT Mon/Tue and Tue/Wed, Wed 1800 to Mon 0600  
Center Frequencies: DTN 3591, 7103, and 14098; RMS Winlink 3.589 and 7.1024

N9VC Pactor + VARA 24/7 except when on HF Nets

Center Frequencies (both Pactor/VARA) 3591.9, 3593.9, 7102.4, 14110.4

Keep sending your TEX net reports and inputs for this Newsletter to me, either on the air via TEX or RN5, via Winlink, or via standard Email.

Wishing everyone Good Health in 2023. Happy Spring soon.

Until April, 73, Steve K6JT

TEX Newsletter Editor and Statistician

## TSN Corner

Texas Slow Net (Tuesday - Friday) 1945 CT 3570.0 KHz +/- QRM

Website: <http://www.k6jt.com/tsn/>

Net Manager: Jason KD5RQB, [fallishere2@hotmail.com](mailto:fallishere2@hotmail.com)



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### Greetings From Northeast Texas

Jason, KD5RQB, has been calling the net when he is able. Help is needed for more support of TSN. Jason tries to call up the net Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Please look for him.

### Net Control Stations

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
(No Net)	(No Net)	(KD5RQB)	(OPEN)	(KD5RQB)	(KD5RQB)	(No Net)

### TSN Activity Reports

Month	QNI	QTC	QTR	Nr. Operators	Sessions
December 2022	No Report	0			?
January 2023	No Report	0			?

### TSN Roster (January 2019 to Current Date)

Callsign	Name	QTH
KX5C	Ron	SILSBEE, TEXAS
W5DAE	Don	SAN ANGELO, TEXAS
W5ESE	Scott	DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS
KK4HCF	Sam	MARYSVILLE, TENNESSEE
KD5RQB	Jason	ATLANTA, TEXAS
N5XGG	Joe	ROCK ISLAND, TEXAS
WB8YLO	Steve	TOLEDO, OHIO
KD5ZCQ	John	ATLANTA, TEXAS

Stop by any evening Tuesday through Friday on 3570kHz at 7:45 p.m. CT and start the net if you do not hear anyone there. 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!!

73, Jason KD5RQB

## **RN5 Corner**

RRI Fifth Call Area Net (Daily) 1930 CT on **3567** and 2130 CT on **3567**  
Alternate Frequency 7108 or 3598 when conditions warrant  
*Serving TX, OK, LA, AR, MS, TN, AL, and NFL*  
Due to Frank W4DLZ becoming a Silent Key  
Nominations are still open for Net Manager

Hello all and welcome to Edition 88 of the **RN5 Corner**.

Thanks again to everyone who is supporting RN5 and especially to the NCS stations for their reports. Most nights continue to be covered and reported (other than Saturdays, which remain optional).

Sam, W5CU, has returned from Colorado to his Oklahoma QTH. He had a good time over the holidays there in snow country but came back sick with a virus or two. Thankfully he has now recovered and is resuming his regular schedules. Sam and Ken are the only ones besides me who go to CAN. Sam is the only one who takes RN5 traffic there. We need more help with CAN liaisons.

Jack, K5WNU, had some health issues but seems to be doing well once again.

Another big Thanks to Jon, KZ5Z, who continues an outstanding job of being on nearly all RN5 sessions and helping out with NCS duties when needed. Jon really helped me when I was having some rig (power supply) problems and even sent me some fuses.

Following is a list of the stations sending NC reports for October and November (in order from earliest date station first reported that month). Thanks to everyone for supporting RN5. There are a lot of empty CAN liaison slots.

December: W5CU 11, KZ5Z 14, K5WNU 16, K6JT 9, WA5CAV 2 (reported no net)

January: KZ5Z 13, K5WNU 22, K6JT 7, W5CU 10

Thanks to all for your support of RN5, especially regulars WA5CAV, W5CU, K5WNU, KZ5Z, K6JT, N5RL and K5RG. John KC4FL, Dean W8IM, and Ben KZ8Q, check in from FL some nights.

Please continue to pass AR traffic to the TEX liaison station to take for the 7290 Traffic Net. If there is no TEX liaison, these may be sent to the 7290 Traffic Net manager, KA5AZK at Winlink dot org (also see below for subject line restrictions). OK traffic can now be sent to Jon, KZ5Z. Jon also checks into TEX so TX traffic can be sent to him if no other TEX liaison.

TN traffic can be sent to Jim, WA4VGZ, who is the manager of cycle 2 RN5 and located in TN. Use WA4VGZ@Winlink.org. For Winlink addresses via E-mail, be sure to put //WL2K as the first 7 letters (including space) in the subject line. AL traffic can be handled by sending it to Don, WV5Q@Winlink.org. Don is a digital traffic station located in MS, but he has connections with AL SSB nets for passing traffic.

(Schedule, statistics, and roster on the next page)

### RN5 Duty Roster

Local	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
NCS #1	K5WNU	K5WNU	W5CU	K5WNU	K5WNU	(No net)	KZ5Z
NCS #2	K5WNU	K6JT	W5CU	K6JT	K5WNU	(No net)	KZ5Z
CAN TX	Open	Open	W5CU	Open	Open	(No net)	Open
CAN RX	Open	Open	W5CU	K6JT	Open	(No net)	Open
DRN5	Open	K6JT	K5RG	K6JT	Open	(No net)	Open

### 2022-23 Statistics

MONTH	DECEMBER	JANUARY
SESSIONS	50	52
QTC	135	97
QNI	187	200
QTR	506	397
AVG QTC	2.7	1.9
AVG QNI	3.7	3.8
AVG QTR	10.1	7.6

The following roster shows stations coming to RN5 in the past 5 years and their states.

### Region Net 5 Roster

Call	Name	State	Call	Name	State
WB5BNV	FRED	MS	K6JT	STEVE	TX
WA5CAV	DICK	LA	WD5JTZ	MIKE	LA
W5CU	SAM	OK / CO	KZ8Q	BEN	FL
W4DLZ	FRANK	(SK)	K5RG	KEN	TX
W5DY	RODNEY	TX	N5RL	RANDY	TX
W5FEA	JIM	TX	K4VIZ	TOM	AR**
KC4FL	JOHN	FL	K5WNU	JACK	MS
K5GM	PETE	TN	KZ5Z	JON	OK / (TX)
W8IM	DEAN	FL			

\*\* K4VIZ is only marginally active. Send AR to the TEX station for the 7290 net (do not use DRN5 since there is only an occasional AR liaison station there).

73, Steve K6JT  
 Newsletter editor and RN5 statistician