The Texan

Newsletter of the Texas NTS CW Net (TEX)
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In Memoriam - Floyd N5EL

As most of you know, Floyd, N5EL, became a Silent Key on January 2 in a Belton, TX, nursing home. He was 84. He was the recipient of the Pfeiffer Pfist award in 2006, which was presented to him at the 7290 picnic. Floyd also served as assistant manager of TEX during that time but was forced to resign due to failing health soon after. His XYL Wilma, N5ELW, became a silent key in 2008, and Floyd's health continued to deteriorate even more after that.

His last check-in to TEX was in June this past year. He had found it increasingly difficult to sit up due to severe back pain, so was not very active on the radio in the last year.

Floyd had been very active at the Temple Texas Railroad Museum giving demonstrations of Landline Morse. In fact, there is a video of him that you can watch via the link on the TEX website to the 7290 Picnic video (click the link on the top of the video page for the RR Museum). The 7290 picnic video also has the presentation of the Pfeiffer Pfist to Floyd.

The following obituary was taken from the Scanio-Harper funeral home web site. Floyd can never be replaced - his expertise in landline Morse was top-notch, and his skill and knowledge with Bug keys was the best I have every known.

Floyd Bumpus, age 84 of Temple died Wednesday January 2, 2013 at Stoney Brook of Belton. A memorial service was held at 1300 Monday, January 7, at Scanio Harper Funeral Chapel with Rev. Johnny Miller officiating. A private burial took place on Tuesday, January 8, at Bellwood Memorial Park.

Mr. Bumpus was born July 26, 1928 in Indianola, Oklahoma, to sharecroppers Louis Alva and Louisa D'Abry (Prater) Bumpus. He was reared and educated in Indianola then moved to Conway, Arkansas, where he and his twin brother joined the Navy during World War II. He met and married Wilma Ruth Bishop on February 2, 1947, in Conway, Arkansas. Mr. and Mrs. Bumpus were residents of Temple since 1994.

Mr. Bumpus was a member of Oak Park United Methodist Church in Temple. He was a member of American Legion #144 in Temple and the American Radio Relay League. He was an Amateur Radio Operator for 56 years. His call sign was N5EL and his twin brother Lloyd, who preceded him in death, was N6EL. He retired from the Aluminum Company of America (ALCOA) in Bauxite, Arkansas, where he worked as the sheet metal foreman.

Survivors include daughter Linda Kay Lake of Waxahachie, a son David Bumpus and his wife Bonnie of Belton, daughter Roxanna-Bumpus Ginnett and husband Roger of Italy, Texas, and daughter Susan Bumpus-Simmons and husband Mike of College Station, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Oak Park United Methodist Church at 5505 S. 31st Street, Temple, Texas, 76502.

Pat, KD5TXD, was very close to Floyd, and here is her memorial to him:

Remembering Floyd. Floyd Bumpus is the fellow who became my code buddy. When I first started learning Morse code to take the license test I had heard about such people but there was no one in our area that could help me as a code buddy. I struggled and managed to squeak past the code test and continue my licensing studies. I became interested in traffic handling and spent most of the day going from one traffic net to the next. The Daytime Texas Traffic net on 40 meters at 8:30a.m. was all but un-hearable for me. One morning I heard only one of the stations checking in. It was Arley up in Oklahoma using CW. Hearing that so clearly changed my mind about Morse code. I had to learn code well enough to function, better than the 5 wpm licensing requirements.

Checking into the Oklahoma Slow Net and the Texas Slow Net became a daily habit for me. I was improving slowly and got up enough courage to try checking into TEX. The TEX folks were flying along and I understood little. K6JT suggested to Floyd that he take me on as a code buddy project. Floyd and I talked by phone and agreed on a time and frequency. Being a code buddy was not something new for Floyd. He was a code buddy for many folks over many years. Floyd patiently slowed down to my speed and we had our first QSO. It was fun.

Here was one of the flying fast TEX fellows taking time for slow me. What a grand kindness! What a patient soul!

Floyd was there every morning, regular as the sun rising. We talked about gardens, family, and railroading. Floyd always wanted me to learn Land Line. I promised to work at it. My one track mind prevented me from learning Land Line. My concentration was on International code. Each day Floyd increased the speed slightly. Some days I wasn't copying well and he slowed back down. Floyd always knew instinctively the psychology of making a session successful. He built up my speed enough so I could join in with the TEX folks on the net. I was still very slow compared to the rest of TEX, but I could participate.

Floyd would invite others to join us on our morning QSO. He had a friend in Temple who was also working on improving CW. It was nice to have another struggling person to share the effort. Often after Floyd and I completed our QSO there would be someone waiting in the wings to visit with Floyd. I would send my 73 and listen. Suddenly there would be someone calling for N5EL and going really, really fast.   Floyd would answer and they would carry on a conversation for some time at significant speed. Their brief conversation compared to hours of time that Floyd and I spent. They exchanged volumes of friendly conversation in brief moments. On a couple occasions Floyd would not be on the air at the scheduled time. I would call for N5EL with no answer. Then, that fast friend would call me. He would painfully slow down for me and we would visit until Floyd arrived. Floyd had folks that he would make schedules with who worked Land Line code with him on HF. I listened to one of those QSO's and they buzzed along way too fast for me to follow.

Charles and I would meet Floyd and Wilma at the Belton Ham Fest. Sometimes we would see him at the 7290 picnic. Floyd invited me to the Belton Train Depot to meet his telegraph friend Norm. They demoed the telegraph equipment. Together they knew everything about Land Line Morse and telegraph operations. When the two of them worked some code for demonstration they were both like kids at Christmas. It was total joy for the two of them. On one trip Norm was not available to meet us. Floyd took us up to the telegraph room and while we were visiting a family group came in with several children. Floyd instantly turned into the telegraph operator explaining all the intricate details in a fashion that kids love. The whole family was captivated by Floyd's inescapable charm. Then Floyd turned to me at the other end of the table and told me that he was going to send me code for the demonstration (just like he did with Norm). My gut froze in terror. Floyd added that we would use International rather than Land Line. He tapped out a phrase for me to copy. To the amazement of all, including me, I head copied the phrase and recited it back for the family.

Floyd loved trains, the telegraph and CW. He even taught his little dog to bark out in CW for treats. When Wilma passed away it was really difficult for Floyd. I managed to visit a couple times. We would meet with Norm and talk code, trains and what ever came to mind. It seemed there was always an empty seat for those visits. Floyd and Wilma are together now. I have lost my code buddy, but it's OK because they are together. 73 es 88 N5EL de KD5TXD.

We miss you, Floyd. Godspeed !

Here is the 2nd installment of the George Hart Series, for your reading pleasure.

RANDOM RECOLLECTIONS OF AN OLD HAM

A journalistic history of the life and times in Amateur Radio of George Hart, W1NJM
by George Hart W1NJM

Bunch with Uncle Martin's advice and assistance, ran an electric line up to his attic room and from there proceeded to run extensions all over the room and down the stairs. There was no BX cable, much less Romex, in those days. The line from the laboratory to Martin's room was two separate wires, and from this room to Bunch's attic room ran in channels carved in wood strapping along the baseboard and up the stairs. When the installation was complete, Bunch proceeded to erect a control panel on the wall alongside his big iron bed and lines back down the stairs to the first three steps. These attached to homemade switches made from Meccano parts, one switch on each step. Then he placed a board over each switch so that anyone stepping on it would close the switch. The wiring was configured so that anyone mounting the steps would cause lights to light on the switchboard, thus notifying him that someone was coming up.

He planned to add another switch on his board which would give the approaching person a jolt of electricity if he continued up the stairs without permission, but found that the standard house voltage was not high enough to penetrate normal shoes. So he obtained a standard lead acid storage battery and a tungsten charger and used a spark coil to supply the necessary voltage. He laid copper screening across the first three steps so that pressure would set off the spark coil with a voltage high enough to penetrate even rubber-soled shoes. This had the desired effect and gave Bunch considerable glee when an intruder (usually one of his three brothers, but visiting teenagers as well) was subjected to the startling shock. I suspect Bunch had a sadistic side to his nature.

As time went on, Bunch added refinements to his setup. He set up three lights at the top of the steps: a white one and a red one. When someone wishing to enter his domain stepped on the first step,a light would go on on Bunch's switchboard, but nothing would show at the top of the steps. The second step would show either a white light or a red one, depending on how Bunch had it set up. If a white light. It meant OK to come up. A red light meant keep out. If a red light showed and the person stepped on the third step, he would received a sharp jolt from the spark coil. Bunch could have it set up so it operated automatically, or he could operate it manually. The former was intended to forbid entry even if Bunch was not in his room.

But the system had an outstanding flaw. One could easily outwit the system by avoiding that third step and continue up the steps whether the the light showed white or red. Bunch eliminated this by putting metal screening over all the steps and wiring the spark coil to all of them, plus to the metal doorknob so that the spark coil would activate when the doorknob was turned or could be activated manually to shock anyone on any of the steps. It was wickedly ingenious. He also wired his bed so that he could shock anyone leaning on it (but the high voltage would not penetrate the mattress) and various chairs and other items of furniture in the room. Throughout his teens he exercised complete domination of his attic room. Our

father who was quite elderly, hardly ever ventured up the steep stairs. On only one occasion can I remember a visit by him to Bunch's third floor domain, subject to be covered later.

(To be continued in part 3)

TEX Mailbox:

Charlie, **W5GKH**, sent in the following: The part of "Recollections" about the gas light fixtures reminded me of the combination gas and electric fixture that was in the dining room in my grandparents upstairs part of the duplex where we lived on Emerson Street in Houston (we lived downstairs). I believe that I saw that fixture using the gas part only once. The photo shows both sets of my grandparents with a lot of my father's side aunts, uncles and cousins. My mother is holding me in her lap. You should recognize me by the back of my head.
73, Charlie W5GKH

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Received a response regarding the counting of "thru" traffic from Hank, **W6SX**, who used to be a neighbor of mine in CA while he was RN6 manager. He also forwarded the info to W2RU, the EAN net manager. Hank wrote: As I understand and execute policy by K6YR, the PAN manager, PAN does not count "thru" traffic. And, I wish people wouldn't list it -- sometimes confusing under marginal conditions. Ski Exuberantly, Hank, W6SX

W2RU's response was: Nor does EAN count it. I fail to understand how ANY net could logically count it. Kinda like walking into a store at Christmas time with $100 in my wallet, browsing the shelves, and walking out without having spent any money there. Why would the store get to claim its sales were $100?

So at the Area level, "thru" traffic is not counted (nor for TEX).

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Received the following from Pete, **K5GM**, and Scott, **W7IZ**, concerning routing of Eastern Canada traffic:

For the past three and one half years, following deactivation of the Eastern Canada Region Net (ECN) due to lack of participation, routing for traffic into and out of the Eastern Canadian provinces has been through the Second Region Net (2RN) in Eastern Area. However during that time, such traffic has been handled primarily by one "iron man" station. There has been little participation by other Canadian stations and 2RN has asked to be relieved of its ECN responsibilities effective January 1, 2013. It has always been the goal to re-activate the ECN, however to date the future of NTS in Canada appears to be uncertain. This is still a work in progress. In the meantime there needs to be an interim plan for routing of traffic into and out of the eastern provinces. The following is suggested. Please make note and spread the word.

* Until further notice, unless you are able to pass such traffic directly to an Eastern Canadian station, traffic going into Eastern Canada may be routed via the NTSD (NTS Digital Network).
* This can be accomplished at the section, region or area level.
* Area Digital Coordinators should inform their MBO operators as needed that traffic destined to Eastern Canada be routed to WB2FTX MBO in Eastern Area where it will be picked up by Digital Relay Stations (DRSs) from Eastern Canada.
* Outgoing traffic from the provinces may be listed on any net for entry into NTS/NTSD. We welcome participation from our neighbors to the north.
73, Marcia KW1U
Eastern Area Staff Chair

Note that K6JT and K5RG are able to place traffic into NTSD should you have any Eastern Canada traffic to send.
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Received the following from Scott, **W7IZ**, concerning use of solar lights (normally used for outdoor night lighting) during a power failure. We have a few of these here decorating the front yard. Never thought about using them in an emergency, but sure does make sense. Here's the article:

THIS IS REALLY A GREAT THING TO KNOW........SO LOGICAL!

You can buy the individual solar lights at Walmart for under $3.00 and at Home Depot for under $4.00.

I have a friend who used her Solar Lights inside the house at night when the electric power went off during a hurricane. She stuck them in jars and bottles and said they gave off plenty of 'free light' in each room. She put them outside in the daytime and brought them back inside at night for several days while the power was off. They are safe to use and cheaper than batteries. She recommended we bring a Solar Light into our own house one night to test it for ourselves.

Due to a thunderstorm, we lost power for about 5 hours one night. We were scrambling around in the darkness, looking for matches, candles, and flashlights. Then we looked outside and noticed our Solar Lights shining brightly all around the patio, stairs & dock. My wife walked outside and brought several of the solar lights inside. We stuck the Solar Light pipes into plastic drink bottles and they made the nicest, brightest, safest, lighting you could imagine. We put one in the bathroom, one in the kitchen and in the living room.

There are many types of Solar Lights available. We bought quite a few and put them all around our yard. They look nice and do not attract flying bugs like the outdoor lights around our doorway. The lights we have fit into 20-oz. water bottles and also fit into most larger 2 liter bottles. If you need a weight in the plastic bottle to keep them from tipping over, put in a few of the colorful flat marbles they put in aquariums and vases. You can also use sand, aquarium gravel, or whatever you have available.

The Solar Lights we have are perfect inside our home. They burn all night when needed and next day we take them back outside where they recharge and are ready for use again when

needed. Solar Lights are the perfect light solution for power outages. I had never thought of it before seeing what my friend did, and now you know about this idea too.

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Heard from Carol, **W6CL**, who has joined us several times from Tulsa, OK. Carol wrote: Hi Steve, Thanks for your message.

You asked about my CW net activity. At one time, I was involved with the Oklahoma Liaison Net, which disbanded many years ago because of lack of participation. I'm now more active on CW nets because Joe bought a K3 and the matching amp for me for Christmas. It's a nice CW rig.

Joe's call sign (N6CL) might be familiar to you because he writes a VHF column in CQ Magazine. Also, he is editor of CQ VHF Magazine.

I've never resided in California as the call sign might indicate. Joe thought it would be fun to have matching call sign suffixes, so when this call sign became available, I got it. I'm originally from the Tulsa area.

I'm sorry to hear about your dad. I'm also totally blind (occasionally I see very bright lights, but no perception of what I am seeing), and I've been this way since birth because of too much oxygen in the incubator. I was about three months premature, and weighed approximately two pounds.

I'm doing your email on a portable Braille computer because Joe has so much stuff on my computer desk at the moment that I'm unable to get to it, so that's why I gave you Joe's address. He will download the message. Eventually I'll be back to my standard computer and email.

Thanks again for your message. Take care and I'm looking forward to hearing you on future nets.

73, Carol

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Jo Ann, **KA5AZK**, sent a reminder about the next 7290 picnic. She wrote: Just to let you know if you haven't heard already, that the 7290 Traffic Net Picnic will be on April 20 at the Lodge building near Taylor. This is the same location as last year. We will have our normal catered BBQ at 4 PM using the same catering company that we've used for several years.

Since we ended up on the same weekend as the Belton Hamfest, I will adjust the speakers schedule. Taylor and Belton are only about 40 miles apart and since Belton is over about noon hopefully this won't be a problem.

Please watch www.7290trafficnet.org for details as they become confirmed.

73, Jo Ann KA5AZK
Manager 7290 Traffic Net
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TEX Net Topics

There are still 7 backup slots open (shown in *yellow*) and the *1* open liaison slot (shown in **red**) is still in need of a station for Thursday early RN5. How about at least signing on for one of the backup slots, even if you can't make it all the time that evening? Thanks to Rodney for filling in most Thursdays.

The TEX Duty Schedule and Roster are shown on the following page (for easier printing of a single page). NCS and liaison 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.

If you are scheduled for an NCS or Liaison slot, and you cannot make it, if at all possible, please notify both K6JT and W5DY (see email addresses at top of page 1) as soon as you can before the net meeting so that the backups can be alerted.

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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	K5KV	N5RL	W5CU	*Open*	N5RL	K5KV	W5CU
Backup	W5DY	*Open*	W5DY	*Open*	W5ESE	W5ESE	*Open*
RN5 #2	K5KV	K5KV	W5CU	K6JT	K6JT	K5KV	W5CU
Backup	W5DY	K6JT	K6JT	*Open*	W5DY	K6JT	*Open*

TEX/1: **3541**/7053/ 7108 at 19:00 local; TEX/2 **3541**/3643/1841 at 22:00 local
RN5/1: **3567**/7108 at 19:30; RN5/2: **3567**/7108 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, K5GM, K6JT, K5KV, K5RG, N5RL
NCS Backup: W5CU, W5DY, W5ESE, K6JT, K5KV, K5RG, N5RL, W5TMO, KD5TXD

TEX Roster

	Call	Name	Location / Notes	Call	Name	Location / Notes
	N5BA	Brian	Houston	WA5MS	Marty	Highland Village
	W6CL	Carol	Tulsa OK	N7NET	Scott	McKinney
	W5CU	Sam	Edmond OK	N5NVP	Jim	Scott LA
	W5DH	Tom	Dallas	K5QOW	Gary	Reagan Wells
	W4DLZ	Frank	Florida	WA5MUF	Bill	Watauga
*	W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	W5OMR	Geoff	Houston
	N5EL	Floyd	Temple	* K5RG	Ken	Houston
*	W5ESE	Scott	Dripping Springs	N5RL	Randy	San Antonio
	W5FEA	Jim	Graham	W5ROK	Steve	Richardson (K6JT)
	W5GKH	Charlie	West Columbia	W5TMO	Mike	Austin
	K5GM	Pete	Austin	W5TV	Tom	Nacogdoches
	W9GVW	Eric	San Antonio	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	W5ZD	Pat	Kingsville (KD5TXD)

* Capable of 160 meter operation

Statistics:

Traffic was somewhat down from November, but check-ins were up (so net time was also slightly up). No RN5 slots were missed, although there was no RN5 NCS a couple of sessions. If you are the RN5 liaison and don't hear the NCS, but do hear other stations sending "RN5?", go ahead and start the net if you feel up to doing so. Benny and Sam have been very good about doing this.

Benny, K5KV, with 50 out of 62 (81%) just edged out Jim, W5FEA, with 49 (79%) and Rodney, W5DY, with 48 (77%) taking first through third in what might be called a "photo finish". Thanks fellows for your excellent support. Thanks to all of you who checked in for your support, too. It was another good month.

We had several visitors to the net including Ken, W7EKB, from Idaho, Frank, W4DLZ, from Florida, Kevin, K4PG, from Florida, Jeff, WB8WKQ, from Michigan, and the lone Texan, Geo, K5TR, from Austin.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 3.6 per net session (3.9 last month). Net time averaged 13.7 minutes per session (compared to 12.2 last month). Check-ins averaged 6.4 per session (5.6 last month).

TEX Net Statistics (December 2012)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
W6CL	Carol	3	5					
		2						
W4DLZ	Frank	0	2					
		2						
W5CU	Sam	17	33		8			
*		16			6			
W5DH	Tom	14	14				14	
		0						
W5DY	Rodney	26	48	2	7			
		22		5	1			
W7EKB	Ken	0	1					
	Idaho	1						
W5ESE	Scott	6	6					
*		0						
W5FEA	Jim	27	49			2		
*		22				2		
W5GKH	Charlie	8	16	8				
*		8		8				
K5GM	Pete	6	15					
*		9						
W9GVW	Eric	4	4					
*		0						
K6JT	Steve	19	49	1			11	
*		30		6	9		29	
KA5KLU	Doug	1	1					
*		0						
K5KV	Benny	23	50	4	8			
		27		5	16			
W6LFB	Jim	5	5					
*		0						
WA5MS	Marty	1	1					

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
*		0						
N5NVP	Jim	1	9					
		8						
K4PG	Kevin	1	1					
	FL	0						
K5QOW	Gary	17	17			17		
*		0						
K5RG	Ken	3	12					
*		9						
N5RL	Randy	13	29	7	7	2		
*		16				12		
W5TMO	Mike	0	13					
*		13		7				
K5TR	Geo	0	1					
	Austin	1						
KD5TXD	Pat	12	12	9				12
*		0						
KS5V	Ed	1	3					
*		2						
WB8WKQ	Jeff	0	1					
	Michigan	1						
Totals		397		62	62	35	54	12
				100%	100%	56%	87%	19%
QTC 1		95	225					
QTC 2		130			Sessions	62		
Time 1		436	851					
Time 2		415						

Operating:

I received a forwarded posting on the ARRL NTS Officials site made by N9ACQ from Benny, K5KV, who asked for my comments. This posting was about "saving" NTS, but Bill, N9ACQ, actually proposed doing away with TCC, Region, and Area nets along with the current NTS Digital system in favor of an all Winlink 2000 peer-to-peer system using "Target Stations".
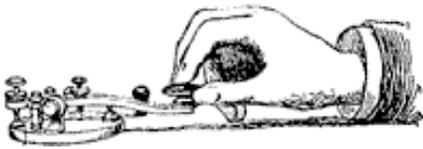
I did not agree with very many of the posted items. I already sent Bill (directly) my responses, but have not heard anything from him. I also sent those responses to the Central Area TCC, Area, and Region 5 net managers for info as well as to contacts in the Pacific and Eastern area. I did receive a response from the Eastern Area digital coordinator thanking me for my comments regarding preserving both NTS and NTSD operations.

I do not want to publish the entire set of N9ACQ's comments and my Responses here, but if you are interested you can read them at:

https://dl.dropbox.com/u/73013707/Responses%20to%20N9ACQs%20Posting.pdf

Until next month, 73, Steve K6JT

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TSN Corner

The telegraph key image is courtesy of FCIT

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

Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year. TSN survived the year. We miss Pat and Arley but they are active on WINLINK. We always appreciated that they were always there on the TSN net. Now I want to report the heroic efforts of Carroll, KB5TCH. Carroll has checked into and/or called TSN on 325 of the 366 days this year (Leap year). **That is a 89% checkin rate!!** Thanks, Carroll. We would be lost without you.

We managed to have 32 messages this month thanks to W5DY stopping by with some holiday greetings for us. Thanks, Rodney. Joe, AC5BE, also generated a couple messages for us. One night that Rodney stopped by we were sending the training lesson about "All net members are encouraged to originate messages". How important is that training lesson!! So my New Year's resolution is to originate some messages and see if our TSN members will also generate some messages. We aren't going to go crazy with it, but it is part of training so we need to follow up on our training lessons.

TEX folks are always welcome. We might be fumbling around a bit, but stop by and join us when you can and thanks to K5KV, N5NVP and W5FEA for their visits this month. It has also been a treat to hear W6CL checking in from Tulsa.

If you have time and are interested in helping us out, please drop me an e-mail at pja@atcweb.com. We have some available evenings if anyone would like to take on NCS duties. And it would be above and beyond the call of duty if someone could help with sending the training lessons. Thanks to all!!

December 2012   TSN Roster

Call	Name	City	ST	Call	Name	City	ST
K5AVJ	Lynn	Abilene	TX	K5MDK	Mike	Plano	TX
WA4BAM	John	Miami	FL	KD5MMM	Phil	Fentress	TX
AC5BE	Joe	Houston	TX	WB5NKC	Arley	Oklahoma City	OK
W6CL	Carol	Tulsa	OK	WB5NKD	Pat	Oklahoma City	OK
AB0DK	Dave	Kirksville	MO	N5NVP	Jim	Scott	LA
W5DPT	Louis	Deer Park	TX	K5OAI	Sam	San Angelo	TX
W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	TX	N4OLN	Gary	Conyers	GA
W5ESE	Scott	Dripping Springs	TX	K9PUI	Dick		IN
WD0ESF	Mike	Medicine Lodge	KS	K5QOW	Gary	Reagan Wells	TX
W5FEA	Jim	Graham	TX	N5RL	Randy	San Antonio	TX
AG9G	Dwight			KB5TCH	Carroll	Douglassville	TX
K5GM	Pete	Austin	TX	KD5TXD, W5ZD	Pat	Kingsville	TX
AA5J	Lee	Cabot	AR	W5TMO	Mike	Austin	TX
N0JL	Jim	Chillicothe	IA	WB5UPS	Ron	Port Neches	TX
K6JT	Steve	Plano	TX	K4VIZ	Tom	Conway	AR
AA5JW	Carl	Stafford	TX	W5VXI	Dave	Caddo Mills	TX
K5KV	Benny	Star	TX	WB8WKQ	Jeff	Dryden	MI

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 December 2012
Total Sessions 31, Total Check-ins 91, Total Traffic 32 by 12 different operators.

December 2012 QNS

December	Callsign	Name	QTH	STATE
29	KB5TCH	Carroll	Douglassville	TX
22	KD5TXD, W5ZD	Pat	Kingsville	TX
9	WD0ESF	Mike	Medicine Lodge	KS
7	AC5BE	Joe	Houston	TX
6	KD5MMM	Phil	Fentress	TX
6	W6CL	Carol	Tulsa	OK
4	W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	TX
2	K5KV	Benny	Star	TX
2	N5NVP	Jim	Scott	LA
2	W5FEA	Jim	Graham	TX
1	W5VXI	Dave	Caddo Mills	TX
1	WB8WKQ	Jeff	Dryden	MI

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Pat KD5TXD
January 3, 2013

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Region Net 5 (Daily) 1930 CT on **3567** and 2130 CT on **3567**
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Hello again and welcome to edition Eleven of the **RN5 Corner**.

We are very sad to lose another of our CW traffic handling brethren. Pat, W4QAT, became a silent key on December 26. The picture here shows Pat along with some other RN5 regulars, taken at the last Huntsville Hamfest. From left to right are W4DGH, K4RIX, K4NA, W4SQE, W4QAT, and KJ4FDV. The obituary from the Tuscaloosa newspaper follows.

Minter Angell "Pat" Patterson, age 88, died Dec. 26, 2012, at home. Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012, at Memory Chapel Funeral Home with Rev. Tim Lien officiating. Burial followed in Memory Hill Gardens with Memory Chapel Funeral Home, a Dignity Memorial Provider, directing.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Maude Elizabeth Rainey Patterson; his parents, Herman Scott and Ivel Angell Patterson; three brothers, Scott, John, and Herman Patterson; and three sisters, Ivel Caldwell, Jo Wright, and Belle Bigger.

Survivors include his daughters, Sandra Elizabeth Patterson, Linda Annette Patterson, Lorie Patterson DuBose (Marc), and Mary Ann Patterson Hankins (Gary); grandchildren, Elizabeth DuBose Hayes (Jason), David Marcus DuBose (Nicole), Catherine DuBose Dickens, Daniel Patterson DuBose (Simone), Mary Beth Thompson (Dave), Matthew Patterson Hankins, Andrew Cole Hankins, and John Rainey Hankins; great-grandchildren, Emily Angell Hayes, Anna Elizabeth Hayes, Madeline DuBose Hayes, Lily Catherine Hayes, Ava Mills DuBose, Archer David DuBose, Evan DuBose Dickens, and Marcus Daniel DuBose; and many nieces and nephews.

He was born in Mobile, Alabama on March 6, 1924. He was a graduate of Murphy High School in Mobile. He was a World War II veteran, having served in the Pacific with the 888 Signal Corp Depot Aviation. He was employed by South Central Bell for 44 years. He was an active ham radio operator (call sign W4QAT) since World War II. He was a member of the Telephone Company Pioneers and a long-time volunteer at DCH Regional Medical Center. Most importantly he was a faithful servant of God and a member of Riverwood Presbyterian Church. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He was a faithful friend to many. He loved eating out

every day. The restaurants in town won't be the same without him. He kept his mind sharp working crossword puzzles, cryptograms, Sudoku puzzles, and playing solitaire on his iPhone. He loved working on his computer, receiving and sending many emails daily. He had a wonderful sense of humor and a generous heart. He always had a blonde joke or an Auburn joke ready to tell. He will be deeply missed but we know he is home at last with his Lord and his beloved wife, Elizabeth.

Pallbearers were his sons-in-law, Marc DuBose and Gary Hankins; and grandsons, David DuBose, Daniel DuBose, Jason Hayes, Dave Thompson, Matthew Hankins, John Hankins, and Andrew Hankins.

Memorials may be made to Riverwood Presbyterian Church Building Fund, 501 Rice Valley Rd. N., Tuscaloosa, AL 35401.

Condolences may be offered at www.memorychapelfuneralhome.com.

As you know, Pat was the Friday NCS on RN5, and an active member of the Alabama net (ASN), having operated faithfully for years. He is greatly missed.

Central Area Night Watch (CANW) no longer exists as there weren't any volunteers for NCS. If there is late outbound traffic, and no DRN5 station, K6JT (via the TEX liaison) or myself are WinLink GOTO stations and can take outbound late traffic..

As you probably also know, Richard, NF5B, had to resign as the Central Area Staff Chairman, due to the need to relocate when his housemate had to move to assisted living. Richard, being blind, was unable to continue on his own so he has moved back to Iowa with his father. We regret Richard and Kathleen's departure and wish them the best. Thanks, Richard, for attempting to fix NTS.

Nominations for the Central Area Staff Chair are needed...anyone..?

If you take a look at the duty roster on the next page, you will see many openings. We need help from people as NCS and CAN Liaison if we are to successfully continue RN5. Note that WA4ZPZ, K5KV, K6JT, W4DLZ, W5CU, W4AGL, and especially K4VIZ are maxed out. I have noted that Ben KZ8Q, often volunteers for the DRN5 duty. Ben, how about making it "official" and taking one or more of the open DRN5 slots in the duty roster?

Anyone, please contact me for information on NCS or CAN Liaison duties if you are not sure about how to proceed but want to help. I will be happy to bring you up to speed.

Note also that K6JT is listed as CAN Rx for Thursdays. He may not be the TEX liaison on early RN5, but since he is CAN NCS, he is able to bring back any RN5 traffic. Quite often, though, Sam, W5CU, who is the EAN Tx liaison on CAN, will take the RN5 traffic on CAN to assist Steve. There is still an opening for CAN Tx on Thursday, however.

Frank W4DLZ, RN5/ CW Net Mgr.

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RN5 Duty Roster

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

December 2012 Statistics

SESSIONS	61
QTC	153
QNI	397
QTR	636
CAN TX REP	91%
CAN RX REP	96%
DRN5/CANW REP	57%

The following updated roster shows active stations coming to RN5 and their sections.

Region Net 5 Roster

Call	Name	Section	Call	Name	Section
W4AGL	JIM	FL	W8IM	DEAN	FL
K4AKC	TOM	AL	WA5JAN	JIM	AR
WA5CAV	DICK	LA	K6JT	STEVE	TX
W5CU	SAM	OK*	KA5KLU	DOUG	TX
AC5CW	ERIC	LA	K5KV	BENNY	TX
KO9D	BENNY	IN	K8KV	BEN	FL
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	KZ8Q	BEN	AL
K1DW	DALLAS	LA	K5RG	KEN	TX
W5DY	RODNEY	TX	N5RL	RANDY	TX
NY4E	BILL	FL	W4SQE	ANDY	TN
W5ESE	SCOTT	TX	W4SU	JERRY	AL
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
AA4HT	BOB	FL			

* When W5CU is not present on Late RN5, OK traffic may be sent to the TX station

73, Frank W4DLZ