

# *The Texan*

Newsletter of the Texas NTS CW Net (TEX)

**\*\* See "TSN Corner" and "RN5 Corner" on the Last Pages \*\***

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## **The Pfeiffer Pfist Award**



The last newsletter described the 7290 picnic and the award of the Pfeiffer Pfist to Pete, K5GM. At that time, there was no photo available showing Pete with the award. I am happy to include one in this issue along with another photo of a newsletter clipping (next page) showing Pete in 1957 when he had the call W7WAH. Here is what Pete wrote about it:

Attached is a copy of an old print of a picture that appeared in PANN (Pacific Area Net News) published by Vic Gish, W7FIX, long-time Washington State SCM in the 1950's. The receiver, an S-76, belonged to W7TIQ (later N7AZU) (SK) and was borrowed while Paul was in the Navy. The antenna lead-in was twinlead connected to the Heath AC-1 atop the Heath AT-1 (modified per Oct. 1955 QST). The antenna was an 80 meter flat-top Windom. A home-brew modulator and carbon mike are beside the AT-1 behind my head; used very little(!). The QSL's were arranged in approximate map locations.

*Editor:* Sure brings back memories of those early days. I also notice the Heath VF-1, needed to break the "rock bound" operating methods of those days (Novices still had to use crystals). I started a few years later than Pete, in 1961, but had similar rigs, starting with a Heath DX-20 and Hallicrafters S-40A. The receivers (and VFOs) drifted in frequency a lot, making tweaks necessary during QSOs.

Do any others of you have pictures showing your shack setup from the 50's, 60's, or 70's? Would sure be interesting to everyone to put into the next newsletter(s), along with a brief description like the one Pete provided. Thanks again, Pete. Great to see you still going strong after over 60 years!



**Pete, W7WAH / K5GM in 1957**

### **W7VSE's Stories**

This month, I am happy to feature another couple of stories from Vic, W7VSE. I don't think I have had either of these in the newsletter before. So enjoy and once again, thanks to Vic.

### **Control Tower Story**

This incident happened a long time ago. It was around 1960, I think, and Medford was a combined Radio Station and Tower here at the Medford airport. Of course we had to keep both Station and Tower open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We worked shifts. 8am to 4pm, 4pm to midnight and midnight to 8am. We were there weekdays, weekends and

holidays. The show must go on. We usually had 3 or four controllers on duty during the busy day watch, two on the evening watch, and one on the Graveyard shift (from midnight to 8am).

This incident occurred on the evening shift on the day that Senator John F. Kennedy arrived for an appearance downtown. He was to attend a political meeting. The Secret Service men had arrived early and came up to the tower and briefed us on the Senator's visit. They warned us to be on the lookout for any person, or persons that might be lurking anywhere, especially on top of buildings. They gave us a number to call if anything out of the ordinary happened.

The airplane with Kennedy arrived in due time and they had the appropriate speaker's stand and chairs for quite a few people. This was on the tarmac, just below the tower. We had a bird's eye view of the proceedings, but could not hear the speeches.

After the speaking was over, a long entourage of official cars departed for town. We were relieved to see them go, as some traffic had been held up, and we had been scanning the neighborhood as we had been told.

Soon, it started to get dark, and there were only Gene Mars on the Station position, and me on the Tower side. The Station operator had to make a weather broadcast twice an hour for the pilots. Gene Mars had just stomped on the push-to-talk pedal and started his weather broadcast when something banged into the west side of the tower with a loud THUMP! We were still a bit nervous from the Secret Service visit, and it scared us both. Gene lifted his foot off the mic switch and said, "Go see what that was."

There were 53 steps that came up from the lobby to the tower. (No elevator) Going down about ten steps from the tower level, there was a landing with a door to go down and also a door that opened to the outside catwalk that went all the way around the tower. That door had a glass window in it. I walked down to that door and peered out the glass window, trying to see what had struck the tower. I couldn't see anything. So I pushed the door open a few inches and still saw nothing, so I opened the door wider to go out on the catwalk. A cock pheasant jumped up flapping his wings trying to scale the wall and he was almost in my face and scared me badly. I think I came close to having an unscheduled bodily function. But I shut the door and shakily climbed the few steps back up into the tower. Gene interrupted his broadcast, again, and asked me what I'd found? I told him it was a cock pheasant. He said, "Go catch it." I told him to go catch it himself; I was too shaken up. After he finished the broadcast, he did go catch it and took it home with him. He said he was going to release it in the wilds. I've often wondered if he did.

I know I will never forget John F. Kennedy's visit...

Vic Seeberger

### **Back in 2012**

Back in 2012, I received a letter from Bob, W2CKL, from back east, in Hunter, NY. Bob had recently got his Technician Ham license and, I think he was about 30 years old. He passed the Tech Ham Exam without having to pass the Morse code exam. He wrote a nice letter and sent me a copy of my original QSL card that I had sent to another ham in New York in 1967.

Bob had found a box full of QSL cards from a deceased Amateur, in a store, and he bought the box and took it home.

He then researched all the Ham calls in that box of cards, and tried to find out if there were any of those hams still around. He then wrote letters and sent copies of the QSL cards to the ones that he thought were still active. He gave his address, phone number and email address in his letter. Of course, I sent him an email and thanked him for the letter and congratulated him on getting his Ham ticket. For the past three years we have been exchanging emails, and have become well acquainted. He lives in an apartment and works weekdays in a recycling plant in Albany, NY; then he goes home to Hunter, NY, where he lives with his mother, for the weekends. He was learning to operate his Ham rig, on phone, and almost anti-Morse Code, when we first started communicating on email. I told him some of my past experiences with military operation and my 30 Years with the FAA. I also sent him some of my life stories about my military and amateur use of the Morse code. I also mentioned that Morse code had been the love of my life. It is fun, and probably saved my life in WW2.

As we continued to the emails, he decided he wanted to learn the code, which he did. The he got into building QRP (low power) transmitters. Somewhere along the line, he upgraded his license. He started going around to the mountain-tops and trying to work the world on CW with just a few watts of power. I continued to compliment him and gave him as much support as I could via letters and email. The first part of this year, he told me he was studying for his Amateur Extra Class license. In July I received the following email from him:

“Vic, Thanks for all your help. I’ve said it before, and I’ll say it again, if it wasn’t for your encouragement and stories, I probably would have never taken the Exam, and I sure would have never learned to love the code. When people ask me who got me interested in Morse Code, I tell them: Vic, W7VSE, CW man since 1934, AACS during the war guiding planes over the hump, and still pounding away on the 80 meter traffic nets. It makes them really sit up and take notice! It’s like saying Fred Astaire taught me to dance, or Roy Clark taught me to play guitar. It’s true, even non-hams know the Wartime Ops are the best of the best.

The Extra Class test was nerve-racking at the start. It took place at RPI (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute) in Troy, NY. This is a very old and respected Engineering School. The campus is impressive and a few of the buildings even have Ivy covering the brick, like a movie. HA! Once I found the building the test was in, I felt a bit better, and I was still a half hour early. When I started the test, I felt better all the time, because I actually knew the answers. HA! There were only a few that I had to go back to at the end and double check my math, or give it a little more thought.

The other fellow taking his Extra passed also, and 2 out of the 3 taking their Tech Exam passed. I took my time, and it was great when the Volunteer Examiner told me I passed and gave me the paperwork. When I walked back across campus to the parking lot, I had a spring in my step, some would say a strut, HA! Best 73, Bob”

### **TEX Mailbox:**

Not a lot of mail about TEX received in the last couple months. Please take some time to send in your comments, gripes, suggestions, or just newsy items.

From **Tom, W5DH**, June 12: I really appreciate your sending the Newsletter so faithfully. Moved to retirement facility couple of years ago and am very much doubtful of future HF operations. Just wanted to let you know that so if you want to drop me, I'll be making no contribution to the good of the order. Have enjoyed keeping up with things though. 73 and hope things go well for you all in the future.

Tom Covert, W5DH

*No problem keeping you on the list, Tom. If you do NOT want to continue receiving the newsletter, just let me know. Steve*

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**George, K5BMR**, sent the following on July 11: Subject: Sunspot Activity

100 DAYS OF SPOTLESSNESS: As of today, the sun has been without sunspots for 100 days in 2018. If current trends continue, 2018 will end with a 10-year low in sunspot counts. This is a sign that Solar Minimum is approaching even more rapidly.

<https://spaceweatherarchive.com/2018/05/01/sunspots-vanishing-faster-than-expected/than-forecasters-expected/>

What does this mean for us on Earth? Ironically, low solar activity boosts cosmic rays.

K4SX, Ron Lowrance, k4sx@arrl.net

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**JW, WB8SIW**, on July 18 wrote: The July, 2018 issue of the QNI Newsletter is now available at:

<https://qni-newsletter.net/>

or <https://qninewsletterdotnet.files.wordpress.com/2018/07/qni-2018-71.pdf>

At 47 pages, there is a lot of information in this issue that will be of interest to not just traffic operators and EmComm volunteers, but also the average radio amateur.

Please feel free to share this link with your fellow radio amateurs, club members and so forth.

Thank you, 73,  
James Wades (WB8SIW)

Topics Include:

Portable Mobile Operation

Installing a Signalink USB

Barometers, Anemometers.....

The Misplaced Radiogram

Local EmComm Training

FLDIGI RRI Radiogram Option

Some Thoughts on QRZ.com

Playing the Piano

RRI at FCC EmComm Forum

Prototype Hamwatch in Maine

Zello Training Net Available

Revitalizing EmComm

WinLink/RRI Traffic Exchange  
Common Text Bulk Traffic Status  
Radiogram Common Texts—Keeping Track  
Training Column—Net Efficiency  
August 25 Exercise Scheduled

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When we learned KB5TCH had become a silent key (See TSN Corner), I contacted **Don, W5DAE**, about possibly doing a few NCS slots for TSN in his place. Don wrote: Will try to keep it going. I own 2 ranches that keep me running a lot. Don't have a key in the truck, not that I could use it, as I am new at CW and trying to learn may not allow me to do the net call every evening, and I don't care to do the formal invitation for QNI and QTC, etc. Thanks for the offer and thanks to all. W5DAE / Don

Then received the following on Aug 3: I called net today and nobody came and not a good job on my part. Did the best I could for the first time at it. Will try to keep it going.

73, W5DAE / Don

*If any of you have the time, please try to check into TSN on Tue, Thur, or Friday and take the NCS slot or help out Don. Thanks!*

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Many of you are registered RRI operators, so you may be interested in getting a name badge. Received the following on August 6 from **JW, WB8SIW**:

Just a reminder....

We have received some inquiries about RRI name badges. The link below will take you to our exclusive provider of Radio Relay International name badges. This is your chance to wear the RRI logo with pride.

Please note that one must be an RRI registered radio operator to order the name badge. If you have not yet registered, please visit our web page at:

<http://radio-relay.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/RRI-Registration-Form-1601-Final-Approved-2017-5-1-T.pdf>

You can order your name badge here:

[https://www.thesignman.com/clubs/radiori\\_memb.html](https://www.thesignman.com/clubs/radiori_memb.html)

73, JW (WB8SIW)

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## TEX Net Topics

The TEX Duty Schedule and Roster are shown below (some updates). CAN, WAN and early RN5 remain on 40 meters. TEX and late RN5 continue on 80 meters. While 80 meters has been somewhat weak for early TEX, it is usable and so we are not planning a move to 40. NCS can assign those with traffic who have marginal connectivity to go to 40 to try there.

## TEX CW Net Weekly Schedule

Local	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>NCS #1</b>	W5FEA	N5RL	W5FEA	N5RL	N5RL	W5FEA	W5CU
Backup	N5RL	W5FEA	K5GM	W5FEA	W5DY	W5DY	W5FEA
<b>NCS #2</b>	W5DY	K6JT	K6JT	K6JT	K5GM	W5DY	K6JT
Backup	K5GM	W5FEA	W5DY	W5DY	W5DY	W5FEA	W5CU
<b>RN5 #1</b>	N5RL	W5FEA	K5GM	W5FEA	W5DY	N5RL	W5CU
Backup	W5DY	N5RL	W5DY	N5RL	W5FEA	W5FEA	W5FEA
<b>RN5 #2</b>	W5CU	K6JT	K5RG	K6JT	K5GM	W5DY	W5CU
Backup	W5FEA	W5DY	K6JT	W5DY	W5DY	W5FEA	K6JT

TEX/1: **3541**/7053/3595 at 19:00 CT; TEX/2 **3541**/3595/1841 at 22:00 CT

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

TSN: **3570** - 19:45 CT; CAN: **7052**/3552/3595/7108 - 20:30 CT; WAN: **7052**/3552 - 22:30 CT

RN5 Backup: W5CU, W5DY, W5FEA, K5GM, K6JT, K5RG, N5RL

NCS Backup: W5CU, W5DY, W5FEA, K5GM, K6JT, K5RG, N5RL

## TEX Roster

Call	Name	Location / Notes	Call	Name	Location / Notes
KW5AS	Skip	Victoria	* N7NET	Scott	McKinney
N5BA	Brian	Houston	* KB5NJD	John	Duncanville
WA5CAV	Dick	Pineville LA	K9NY	Bill	Canyon Lake
W5CU	Sam	Edmond OK	K1PKZ	Paul	Tom Bean
W5DAE	Don	San Angelo	WA5PRI	Don	Thibodaux LA
W4DLZ	Frank	Florida	W5QLD	Ron	Corpus Christi
* W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	K5QOW	Gary	Reagan Wells
* W5ESE	Scott	Dripping Springs	* K5RG	Ken	Houston
* W5FEA	Jim	Graham	N5RL	Randy	San Antonio
W5GKH	Charlie	West Columbia	W5ROK	Steve	Richardson (K6JT op)
K5GM	Pete	Austin	KD5RQB	Jason	Atlanta
W9GVW	Eric	San Antonio	W5TMO	Mike	Austin
KA9IKK	Bill	Katy	K5TSK	Jim	Pearcy AR
* K6JT	Steve	Plano	KD5TXD	Pat	Kingsville
* W6LFB	Jim	Denton	NE5V	Chris	Liberty Hill
WA5MS	Marty	Argyle	WB8WKQ	Jeff	Michigan
NM5M	Eric	Plano	K6YBV	Bob	Placerville CA

\* Capable of 160 meter operation

## Statistics:

### June 2018:

Jim, W5FEA, with 60 out of 60 (100%) continued his run on perfect attendance. Rodney, W5DY, with 51 (85%) was 2<sup>nd</sup>. Don, W5DAE, with 46 (77%) rounded out the top 3. Honorable mention to Pete, K5GM, and Randy, N5RL, both with over 40. Thanks again to all of you who checked in for your support.

There were no visitors who are not on the regular roster.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 2.7 per net session (3.2 last month). Net time averaged 11.1 minutes per session (compared to 10.9 last month). Check-ins averaged 5.4 per session (5.3 last month).

**TEX Net Statistics (June 2018)**

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
WA5CAV	Dick	0	2					
	LA	2						
W5CU	Sam	4	9	2	3			
*		5			5			
W5DAE	Don	22	46					
		24						16
W5DY	Rodney	28	51	1	7			
		23		10	2			
W5FEA	Jim	30	60	13	12	18		
*		30			4	30		
W5GKH	Charlie	3	5					
*		2						
K5GM	Pete	19	44		4			
*		25		4	5			
W9GVW	Eric	5	5					
*		0						
K6JT	Steve	12	32	1			12	
*		20		16	10		20	
W6LFB	Jim	1	1					
*		0						
K5QOW	Gary	10	10			10		
*		0						
K5RG	Ken	0	5					
*		5			4			
N5RL	Randy	25	42	13	4	1		
*		17						
K5TSK	Jim	3	3					
	AR	0						
WB8WKQ	Jeff	0	8					



	MI	8						
Totals		323		60	60	59	32	16
				100%	100%	98%	53%	27%
QTC 1		68	162					
QTC 2		94		Sessions:		60		
Time 1		312	668					
Time 2		356						

## July 2018:

Jim, W5FEA, with 62 out of 62 (100%) continued his “perfect attendance”. Rodney, W5DY, edged out Don, W5DAE, for 2<sup>nd</sup> with 52 (84%), and 51 (82%), respectively. Thanks again to all of you who checked in for your support.

Visitors not on the roster included Bill, KA9IKK, who has returned after a long absence so now added to the roster, and Brian, N5BA, from Houston.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 2.5 per net session (2.7 last month). Net time averaged 10.2 minutes per session (compared to 11.1 last month). Check-ins averaged 5.6 per session (5.4 last month).

### TEX Net Statistics (July 2018)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
N5BA	Brian	2	4					
		2						
W5CU	Sam	4	11	4	4			
*		7			7			
W5DAE	Don	27	51					
		24						11
W5DY	Rodney	30	52		6			
		22		11	10	1		
W5FEA	Jim	31	62	15	11	25		
*		31			2	30		
W5GKH	Charlie	3	3					
*		0						
K5GM	Pete	21	46		4			
*		25		3	2			
W9GVW	Eric	9	10					
*		1						
KA9IKK	Bill	5	11					
*	Katy	6						
K6JT	Steve	11	33	1			11	
*		22		17	6		22	
KB5NJD	John	2	2				1	
		0						

NM5M	Eric	0	1					
		1						
K1PKZ	Paul	1	1					
		0						
K5QOW	Gary	6	6			6		
*		0						
K5RG	Ken	0	4					
*		4			4			
N5RL	Randy	23	44	11	6			
*		21						
WB8WKQ	Jeff	0	9					
	MI	9						
Totals		350		62	62	62	34	11
				100%	100%	100%	55%	18%
QTC 1		76	154					
QTC 2		78		Sessions:		62		
Time 1		327	631					
Time 2		304						

### Operating:

Sadly, I have learned that KB4RGC became a silent key last month, so the messages for CWOPS and FISTS participants will be handled by others. In fact, I have seen some from Glenn, VE3GNA, for CWOPS already. Unfortunately, he also has not added an op note, so I need to ask him to do so at his earliest convenience. In the interim, we should add one for service message to VE3GNA, Tamworth ON K0K 3G0 (love those Canadian zip codes, eh?) before forwarding on to an unsuspecting delivery station.

We will be in early Autumn before the next newsletter. Although TEX will not change frequencies, there might be changes to RN5, CAN, and WAN as we transition to winter propagation. Hopefully that propagation will be better than it has been in the past months! NCS and liaison stations, at a minimum, will be notified as soon as changes become known.

Take a look at the QNI Newsletter at the link shown in the TEX Mailbox section. There is an exercise on August 25 that some of you may be interested in. Very low key operation and a good chance to test out any new equipment.

Here are the composite reports for the last 2 months for traffic handled at the region and above levels. Some reports were only partially complete due to illness or resignation of the respective managers, as indicated in the notes. Totals were down somewhat from the immediately prior 2 months but still respectable and closer to "normal". 9RN, both cycles, and CAN had very high traffic counts once again.

### Central US Nets Activity for June 2018

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5th Call Area \$	13	53	51	88	0.602
Cycle 2 9RN*	13	322	39	60	5.367
Day 10th Call Area #	12	67	56	104	0.644
Night 5th Call Area	40	61	154	382	0.160
Night 9th Call Area	54	383	150	632	0.606
Cycle 4 TEN*	54	64	185	348	0.184
Day Central US	13	229	93	227	1.009
Night Central US@	30	518	214	746	0.694
Day Inter-Area Traffic	52	165	46		88%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	80	308	77		96%
Total Voice/CW Nets		2170	1065	2587	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
KM0R Central/10th HUB		1147	576	571	
WB9FHP 9 <sup>th</sup> Call HUB		6290	3369	2921	
Digital Stations (6)		3237	1332	1905	
Total DTN Digital		10674	5277	5397	
Total Central US		12844			
* Not Radio Relay International affiliated					
# Manager recovering - thanks Dave, ND0CW, and Bob, W0LAW for their reports					
@ Manager resigned, nominations open. Composite from NCS reports received					
\$ Manager had stroke, in rehab, totals from KC5OZT report					

### Central US Nets Activity for July 2018

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5th Call Area \$	12	37	54	77	0.481
Cycle 2 9RN*	12	247	46	63	3.921
Day 10th Call Area #	12	20	49	89	0.225
Night 5th Call Area	34	55	144	315	0.175
Night 9th Call Area	58	388	177	634	0.612
Cycle 4 TEN* No Report	57	59	197	336	0.176
Day Central US	12	183	91	235	0.779
Night Central US@	31	429	226	534	0.803
Day Inter-Area Traffic	48	129	46		96%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	81	230	78		96%
Total Voice/CW Nets		1777	1108	2283	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
KM0R Central/10th HUB		1170	589	581	
WB9FHP 9th Call HUB		4371	2331	2040	
Digital Stations (10)		2673	1249	1424	
Total DTN Digital		8214	4169	4045	
Total Central US		9991			
* Not Radio Relay International affiliated					
# Manager recovering - thanks Dave, ND0CW, and Bob, W0LAW for their reports					
@ Manager resigned, nominations open. Composite from NCS reports received					
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Until October, have a great start of Autumn, and may the band conditions improve !

73, Steve K6JT

## TSN Corner

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

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Photo Courtesy of VE3UU

## Greetings From Northeast Texas

Very sad to report that Carroll, KB5TCH, has become a silent key. You will note that he was single-handedly calling up the net for the 3 nights a week that it met.

Have been in contact with Don, W5DAE, who is willing to try to keep some things going, but is not too confident in his attempts at NCS, since he has had virtually no practice and only the on-the-air observance of Carroll. Other stations who are able and can spare the time, please contact Jason at the email address in the header above to give one or more nights a try.

## TSN Activity Reports

Month	QNI	QTC	Nr. Operators
June 17 Sessions	40	16	4
July 11 Sessions	26	11	4

## Net Control Stations

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
No Net	No Net	Don W5DAE?	(Open)	???	???	No Net

## June 2018 QNS

Name	Callsign	QNI
CARROLL	KB5TCH	17
DON	W5DAE	16
SAM	KK4HCF	6
RON	KX5C	1

## July 2018 QNS

Name	Callsign	QNI
CARROLL	KB5TCH	11
DON	W5DAE	11
RON	KX5C	2
SAM	KK4HCF	2

### TSN Roster (January 2018 to January 2019)

Callsign	Name	QTH
KX5C	Ron	SILSBEE, TEXAS
W5DAE	Don	SAN ANGELO, TEXAS
W5ESE	Scott	DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS
KK4HCF	Sam	MARYSVILLE, TENNESSEE
WD8LDY	David	BRIDGEPORT, WEST VIRGINIA
KD5RQB	Jason	ATLANTA, TEXAS
KB5TCH	Carroll	SILENT KEY
N5XGG	Joe	ROCK ISLAND, TEXAS
WB8YLO	Steve	TOLEDO, OHIO

Stop by any evening Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday on 3570kHz at 7:45p.m. CT.

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 **7108** and 2130 CT on **3567**

Alternate Frequency 7108 or 3598 when conditions warrant

*Serving TX, OK, LA, AR, MS, TN, AL, and NFL*

Frank Thrash W4DLZ ([W4DLZ@WINLINK.ORG](mailto:W4DLZ@WINLINK.ORG))

Net Manager

Hello guys and welcome to Edition 61 of the **RN5 Corner**.

Happy to have Jerry, W4SU, back again after being off the air in June due to health issues. Thanks to all who continued to send him your net reports. He has stopped entering the calls of individual stations and their function, so numbers for QNI, QTC, and QTR are sufficient.

Jack, K5WNU, has been a regular now that he has a new wife who keeps him closer to home ☺ Thanks for all your support, Jack, with RN5 and CAN liaisons, too.

Sam, W5CU, had some work being done at his home near OK City, so he was off the air for a while. Look for Sam from his main home or his Eastern OK second home now. He no longer will be going to Colorado.

Nice to hear Ben, KZ8Q, on again from time to time from his FL location. Dean, W8IM, has also checked in a few times lately, and John, KC4FL, continues to regularly check in from FL.

AR traffic continues to be a problem. There were a few stations checking into the 7290 Traffic Net who would take the traffic, but the primary one has had to discontinue operation due to his Parkinson's disease becoming much worse. For now, continue to pass AR traffic to the TEX liaison station to take to 7290 if there is no other outlet. Note also that Bill, N9ACQ, the manager of daytime RN5 and an AR station, is still off the air due to the stroke he had some time ago.

As always, we need NCS and Liaison stations. Thanks to those of you who fill in the open slots. Tom, WA4ZPZ, is still only able to come to late RN5 since we are back to Daylight Time. Conditions continue to be mixed, and traffic is light from CAN, although there has been quite a bit going TO CAN. For now, the early session remains on 40 meters.

73, Frank W4DLZ

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

### RN5 Duty Roster

Local	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
NCS #1	W5FEA	Open	W5CU	W4SU	W4SU	Open	Open
NCS #2	W5FEA	K6JT	W5CU	K6JT	W4SU	Open	WA4ZPZ
CAN TX	Open	Open	Open	W4SU	W4SU	Open	W4SU
CAN RX	W5CU	Open	Open	K6JT	WA4ZPZ	Open	W5CU
DRN5	Open	K6JT	K5RG	K6JT	Open	Open	Open

### 2018 Statistics

MONTH	JUNE	JULY
SESSIONS	40	34
QTC	61	55
QNI	154	144
QTR	382	315
AVG QTC	1.5	1.6
AVG QNI	3.9	4.2
AVG QTR	9.6	9.3

The following roster, which has not been updated, shows stations coming to RN5 in the past 2 years and their states.

### Region Net 5 Roster

Call	Name	State	Call	Name	State
WA4BAM	JOHN	FL	W8IM	DEAN	FL
WA5CAV	DICK	LA	K6JT	STEVE	TX
W5CU	SAM	OK*/CO	KZ8Q	BEN	FL
W4DLZ	FRANK	FL	K5RG	KEN	TX
W5DY	RODNEY	TX	N5RL	RANDY	TX
W5FEA	JIM	TX	W4SU	JERRY	AL
KC4FL	JOHN	FL	K4VIZ	TOM	AR**
W5GKH	CHARLIE	TX	K5WNU	JACK	MS
K5GM	PETE	TX	WA4ZPZ	TOM	AL

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

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

73, Frank W4DLZ