

The Texan

Newsletter of the Texas NTS CW Net (TEX)

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From the TEX Manager

Things are going OK except for the same old fact that more people are needed for NC and liaison stations. There are a few that are doing a lot and could use some help. If anyone wants a NC or liaison slot, please say so. Your wish will be granted.

When checking into the net as RN5 rep, on the early net, the liaison should check in as "to RN5" and on the late net "from RN5". On those nights when there are different early and late RN5 liaisons, which is most of them, there is no need for the early RN5 rep to check into late TEX unless traffic was received. In that case, check in when the call for stations with QTC is given. Anything else is not needed. Whoever was the rep on the early session has no bearing at all on the late session. Also, if there is outgoing RN5 traffic listed on the late session, do not route it to the "from RN5" liaison since they won't be going to RN5 the following night. Instead, ask for a volunteer to take it and hold it for the early session or otherwise handle it.

73, Rodney W5DY

Story by Scott, N7NET

Here is the next chapter of a new original work by Scott, N7NET. Enjoy, and once again, thanks to Scott.

Rose, Chapter 6

The colors and the imaginative designs featured on some of Charlie's QSL cards fascinated Rose. Many were the products of print shops, while others were definitely the creations of skilled hands and gifted artists. In addition, many of the countries represented in these QSLs were from places she'd always believed were backward, perhaps incapable of such creations.

By the time Charlie had finished the pickup she had one card she wanted more detail about.

"This one," she said, passing a card to him that pictured a radio sitting on a grass mat in what appeared to be a third world country. "Is this for real?"

"Yes, I remember this one. He and I have QSOed several times. He's a civil engineer. He earned his degree in the United States. His countrymen financed his education. He has returned to his homeland to help engineer roads, bridges, and buildings."

"How interesting," she remarked, studying the card again. "I should go home. My folks will be worried about me."

"You haven't had lunch, have you?" he asked.

"No, I'll eat at home."

"May I take you to lunch at May's?"

"I don't know if my father would approve. You and I haven't known each other very long, you know."

"There's a phone on the wall. Call them," he suggested.

She was hesitant. He wondered if that hesitation was because she didn't want to have lunch with him.

"If you'd rather not have lunch, I understand."

She went to the phone and Charlie stepped outside so she could talk privately.

"Mother said it would be okay," she said, joining him on the sidewalk.

"And your father, how does he feel?"

"Well, he's a little over protective. I'm his little girl, you know. But Mother said it would be okay."

"Artie, I'll be at May's if something comes up." Charlie shouted across the shop.

Virgil didn't mend any fences, nor did he fix the flat tire on the wheat drill after returning home. Instead, he headed for his favorite chair which gave him a view of the lane leading to his house as well as the kitchen clock.

Anne knew he was stressed, but she offered no comfort. Instead, she brewed a pot of coffee.

Then the phone rang.

Virgil heard enough of the conversation to know that Anne was consenting to her having lunch with that guy running the shop. He thought she must be out of her head. But he held his tongue. He knew he was over protective. It was tough turning loose. Even worse, he knew

the day was coming when all this would be beyond his control. His stomach turned at the thought.

At last, the pickup came into view. As badly as he wanted rush out to meet his daughter in the drive with a thousand questions, he kept his seat and waited.

"How does the pickup run?" he asked as she entered the living room.

"It runs good, Daddy, better than it ever has since I started driving. And the clutch doesn't chatter," she replied, dropping her purse on the sofa and then taking a seat across the room from him, waiting for the questions. She saw him glance at her mother and then noticed the stern set of her mouth. She knew he'd been warned to keep his trap shut.

"Did you learn some geography, Rose?"

"Yes," she said, describing the array of artwork and photos she'd seen. "I'll never look at overseas countries the same way again."

(To be continued)

TEX Mailbox:

On June 28, **Dean, W8IM** wrote: Tnx signal report on RN5. I do have remote privileges with my local radio club, St Petersburg ARC (SPARC) W4GAC/W4TA. The remote rig is a K3 with KA1500 amp to a full in the clear inverted vee for 160-30 meters plus a log periodic 20-6 meters all auto tune and beam has remote control rotator so fb option for me to use. As mentioned last night of course, only one at a time can use it so not always available and also if club members are using the station locally the remote is bypassed. The remote trustee NY4I has the power level max at 600 watts on 80 and 160 but 40 and above full 1200-1400 watts.

So net result is I am able to get into RN5 once again a little more active, just never know for sure the rig will be available. NY4I and myself are the principle users at this point and the remote is not open to non SPARC members.

73 Dean W8IM

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On July 28, **James, WB8SIW** wrote: Hello Everyone:

Just a quick note to let everyone know that the latest issue of the "QNI Newsletter" is now available for download at:

<https://qninewsletterdotnet.files.wordpress.com/2019/07/qni-2019-7.pdf>

Also, I'd like to make a polite request of our readers. As you may know, it takes some effort to assemble a quality newsletter, even when published quarterly. Please consider writing an article about a subject related to traffic handling, emergency preparedness or simply something Amateur Radio related. One need not be Ernest Hemingway, Henryk Sienkiewicz or some other great author. What is important are the ideas and individual experiences of our community. Perhaps you would be willing to tell us how you got involved in traffic handling?

Perhaps you have some experiences that would be of interest to your fellow RRI or NTS traffic handlers? Has your EmComm group conducted an emergency exercise recently? If so, what lessons did you learn? Why did you become a radio amateur? Write it up and send it to me. We will edit it and format it for the newsletter.

We need a greater diversity of voices in QNI. Please consider submitting an article for our next issue! In the meantime, we hope you enjoy the latest edition of "QNI."

73, James Wades WB8SIW

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Also see the RN5 Corner for additional emails. Please send in your comments, questions, gripes, or other TEX-related correspondence for inclusion in the newsletter.

73, Steve

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TEX Net Topics

The TEX Duty Schedule and Roster are shown below (as updated by W5DY).

TEX CW Net Weekly Schedule

Local	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
NC 1	W5FEA	N5RL	W5FEA	N5RL	N5RL	W5FEA	W5CU
Backup	N5RL	W5FEA	K5GM	W5FEA	W5DY	W5DY	W5FEA
NC 2	W5DY	K6JT	K6JT	K6JT	K5GM	W5DY	W5CU
Backup	K5GM	W5FEA	W5DY	W5DY	W5DY	W5FEA	W5FEA
RN5 1	N5RL	W5FEA	K5GM	W5FEA	W5DY	N5RL	W5CU
Backup	W5DY	N5RL	W5DY	N5RL	W5FEA	W5FEA	W5FEA
RN5 2	W5CU	K6JT	K5RG	K6JT	K5GM	W5DY	W5CU
Backup	W5FEA	W5DY	W5CU	W5DY	W5DY	W5FEA	W5FEA

TEX/1: **3541**/7106/3593 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: **7052**/3595/3552/7108 - 20:30 CT; WAN: **7052**/3552 - 22:30 CT

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

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

	Total	NC	NC-BU	RN5	RN5-BU	DAYS OFF	
K6JT	5	3	0	2	0	4	Su-M-F-Sa
W5DY	14	2	5	2	5	1	Su
W5FEA	17	3	6	2	6	0	SORRY
N5RL	8	3	1	2	2	2	W-Su
K5GM	5	1	2	2	0	4	T-T-S-S
W5CU	6	2	0	3	1	4	TWTFSS
K5RG	1	0	0	1	0	6	MTTFSS
OPEN	0	0	0	0	0		
	56	14	14	14	14		

TEX Roster

Call	Name	Location / Notes	Call	Name	Location / Notes
KW5AS	Skip	Victoria	NM5M	Eric	Plano
N5BA	Brian	Houston	N7NET	Scott	Crossett AR
WA5CAV	Dick	Pineville LA	* KB5NJD	John	Duncanville
W5CU	Sam	Edmond OK	K9NY	Bill	Canyon Lake
W5DAE	Don	San Angelo	K1PKZ	Paul	Tom Bean
* W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	WA5PRI	Don	Thibodaux LA
* W5ESE	Scott	Dripping Springs	K5QOW	Gary	Reagan Wells
* W5FEA	Jim	Graham	* K5RG	Ken	Houston
W5GKH	Charlie	West Columbia	N5RL	Randy	San Antonio
K5GM	Pete	Austin	W5ROK	Steve	Richardson (K6JT op)
W9GVW	Eric	San Antonio	KD5RQB	Jason	Atlanta
KM0I	John	Hattiesburg MS	W5TMO	Mike	Austin
KA9IKK	Bill	Katy	K5TSK	Jim	Pearcy AR
K5IX	Dave	Brackettville	KD5TXD	Pat	Kingsville
* K6JT	Steve	Plano	W9VE	Don	Dallas
* W6LFB	Jim	Denton	WB8WKQ	Jeff	Michigan
WA5MS	Marty	Argyle	K6YBV	Bob	Placerville CA

* Capable of 160 meter operation

Statistics:

June 2019:

Don, W5DAE, with 59 of 60 (98%) was first place. Rodney, W5DY, was second with 56 (93%). Randy, N5RL, was a close third with 55 (92%). Thanks again to all of you who checked in for your support.

There was one visitor – Chris, N8AI, from Richmond – all other stations are on the roster.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 2.2 per net session (1.8 last month). Net time averaged 10.3 minutes per session (compared to 10.0 last month). Check-ins averaged 5.2 per session (5.8 last month).

TEX Net Statistics (June 2019)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
N8AI	Chris	2	3					
	Richmond	1						
W5CU	Sam	5	13	2	3			
*		8		2	5			
W5DAE	Don	29	59					
		30						
W5DY	Rodney	27	56	3	6	1		
		29		9	5	6		
W5FEA	Jim	21	34	11	6	21		
*		13		1	3	13		
K5GM	Pete	14	42	1	5			
*		28		6	5			
K5IX	Dave	2	6					
		4						
K6JT	Steve	0	12					
*		12		12	8		12	
K5QOW	Gary	2	2			2		
*		0						
K5RG	Ken	0	7					
*		7			4			
N5RL	Randy	28	55	13	10	2		
*		27				1		
W9VE	Don	12	12				12	
		0						
WB8WKQ	Jeff	0	11					
		11						
Totals		312		60	60	46	24	0
				100%	100%	77%	40%	0%
QTC 1		45	131					
QTC 2		86		Sessions:		60		
Time 1		303	620					
Time 2		317						

July 2019:

Don, W5DAE, and Rodney, W5DY, with 61 out of 62 (98%) tied for first. Randy, N5RL, was 2nd with 54 (87%), and Jim, W5FEA, was 3rd with 50 (81%). Thanks again to all of you who checked in for your support.

It was good to have Marty, WA5MS, check in after a long absence and also Jim, N5NVP, checked in from LA after a few years absence. Welcome back to both. The rest of the stations are on the roster.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 2.0 per net session (2.2 last month). Net time averaged 10.6 minutes per session (compared to 10.3 last month). Check-ins averaged 6.5 per session (5.2 last month).

TEX Net Statistics (July 2019)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
N5BA	Brian	0	1					
		1						
W5CU	Sam	8	17	5	5			
*		9		5	9			
W5DAE	Don	31	61					
		30						
W5DY	Rodney	30	61	2	4			
		31		11	3	1		
W5FEA	Jim	24	50	12	10	23		
*		26			4	24		
K5GM	Pete	13	40		5			
*		27		3	4			
W9GVW	Eric	4	4					
*		0						
KA9IKK	Bill	11	24					
*		13						
K5IX	Dave	12	28					
		16						
K6JT	Steve	0	13					
*		13		12	7		13	
WA5MS	Marty	9	9					
		0						
N5NVP	Jim	2	3					
	LA	1						
K5QOW	Gary	2	2			1		
*		0						
K5RG	Ken	0	6					
*		6			4			
N5RL	Randy	28	54	12	7	2		
*		26						

K5TSK	Jim	1	1					
		0						
W9VE	Don	20	20				20	
		0						
WB8WKQ	Jeff	0	10					
		10						
Totals		404		62	62	51	33	0
				100%	100%	82%	53%	0%
QTC 1		54	123					
QTC 2		69		Sessions:		62		
Time 1		352	660					
Time 2		308						

Operating:

The summertime 7052 frequency seems to be working well for CAN. 80 meters has also stabilized for both RN5 and TEX with decent conditions on both sessions for the most part, so they will stay on 80. Although there have not been very many sunspots, propagation on the low frequencies is working well enough. Not the case for 20 meters, though.

Here are the composite reports for the last 2 months for traffic handled at the region and above levels. New managers for daytime CAN (Jerry, N9TU) and RN5 (Jim, WA4VGZ) are now onboard and doing a good job.

Central US Nets Activity for June 2019

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5 th Call Area	12	29	50	95	0.305
Cycle 2 9RN*	12	389	80	98	3.969
Day 10 th Call Area #	12	29	41	84	0.345
Night 5 th Call Area**	47	75	181	382	0.196
Night 9 th Call Area	58	174	180	494	0.352
Night 10 th Call Area	53	44	143	251	0.175
Day Central US	12	97	67	161	0.602
Night Central US @	28	234	171	480	0.488
Day Inter-Area Traffic	48	76	46		96%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	80	134	79		99%
Total Voice/CW Nets		1281	1038	2045	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
WB9FHP Central Area HUB		5742	3106	2636	

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Digital Stations (12)		1923	764	1159	
Total DTN Digital		7665	3870	3795	
Total Central US		8946			
* Not Radio Relay International affiliated					
# Manager recovering - thanks Dave, ND0CW, and Ron, WB9WKO for their reports					
@ Manager resigned, nominations open. Composite from NCS reports received					
** Nominations open for manager - thanks to NCS stations for statistics					

Central US Nets Activity for July 2019

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5 th Call Area	14	32	56	101	0.317
Cycle 2 9RN*	14	254	79	100	2.540
Day 10 th Call Area #	13	21	43	120	0.175
Night 5 th Call Area**	55	48	204	361	0.133
Night 9 th Call Area	59	133	189	407	0.327
Night 10 th Call Area	60	65	156	296	0.220
Day Central US	14	119	83	201	0.592
Night Central US @	31	139	195	414	0.336
Day Inter-Area Traffic	56	34	56		100%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	93	76	86		92%
Total Voice/CW Nets		921	1147	2000	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
WB9FHP Central Area HUB		4093	1701	2392	
Digital Stations (12)		1666	1209	457	
Total DTN Digital		5759	2910	2849	
Total Central US		6680			
* Not Radio Relay International affiliated					
# Manager recovering - thanks Dave, ND0CW, and Ron, WB9WKO for their reports					
@ Manager resigned, nominations open. Composite from NCS reports received					
** Nominations open for manager, thanks to NC Stations for statistics					

Keep your TEX net reports going to Rodney and send me any items for the newsletter. Copy Rodney on them if they are directly related to net operations.

Until October, hope we all have a good summer and start of autumn. If any frequencies change (e.g. return to 80 for CAN), a notification will be sent out.

73, Steve K6JT
TEX Newsletter Editor

TSN Corner



Photo Courtesy of VE3UU

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

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

Net Manager: Jason KD5RQB, fallishere2@hotmail.com

Greetings From Northeast Texas

Jason, KD5RQB, has finally been able to return to operating on the air. He has resolved the antenna issues and is anxious to return to some traffic handling. But help is needed for more support of TSN. Jason calls up the net Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday when he is able. Please look for him.

Net Control Stations

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

TSN Activity Reports

Month	QNI	QTC	Nr. Operators
June 12 Sessions	12	0	1
July 9 Sessions	9	0	1

TSN Roster (January 2019 to December 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
N5XGG	Joe	ROCK ISLAND, TEXAS
WB8YLO	Steve	TOLEDO, OHIO

Stop by any evening Tuesday through Friday on 3570kHz at 7:45p.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 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 open for Net Manager

Hello all and welcome to Edition 67 of the **RN5 Corner**.

Again, thank all you NC Stations for sending your reports to me. There were 13 reports missing for June and 7 reports missing for July, primarily for the early session. Please try to get the NC reports to me as soon after the session as possible. I am on RN5 Tue and Thu and TEX Tue/Wed/Thu to receive them. Thanks also to those of you who go to CAN to pick up RN5 traffic and bring it to the late session.

Here is a list of the stations sending NC reports for June and July (in the order from earliest date first reported):

June: W5CU 11, K5GM 6, W5FEA 11, K6JT 8, WA4ZPZ 3, K5WNU 1, W8IM 2

July: W5CU 19, WA4ZPZ 6, W5FEA 14, K5GM 5, K6JT 7, K5WNU 3, WA5CAV 1

Thanks to all of you and please continue to fill in as you are able. If you show up and there is no NCS and you do not want to do a formal net callup, just send RN5? a few times. If nobody answers in a couple minutes, please just report that as 1 station QNI, 0 traffic, 3 minutes.

There are many openings for both NCS and CAN liaison stations as shown in red in the Duty Roster. CAN liaison stations are asked to briefly open the net to handle any listed traffic if there is no formal NCS. If you have CAN traffic, please take it directly to CAN if there is no volunteer on RN5. For CAN to RN5 traffic, if any of you are available at 2030, please try to at least listen to CAN and if traffic for RN5 is listed and no other station checks in, get the traffic and bring it to the late net session.

Tom, WA4ZPZ, is not allowed to raise his antenna until one hour after dark, which now occurs after CAN but before late RN5. So he is unable to check into CAN or call up early RN5. Tom will continue to call up late RN5 as shown in the duty roster.

On August 7, Jack, K5WNU wrote: I will be off the air for the next 12 days. Headed to Maryland to visit my son. Catch you guys as soon as I get back.

On August 6, Sam, W5CU wrote: Howdy, just a reminder that I will be out of town beginning Thursday, Aug. 8th through Sunday, Aug. 18th on a Grand Canyon raft trip. Any help in picking up my NCSs and liaisons (as well as the former-W4SU slots that I've been covering) will be greatly appreciated. Thanks again. 73, Sam

Thanks for your support of RN5. Regulars include WA5CAV, on nearly every session, K5WNU, W5FEA, N5RL, W5CU, W5DY, K5GM, K6JT, K5RG, and WA4ZPZ. John, KC4FL, continues to regularly check in from FL. Ben, KZ8Q, and Dean, W8IM, check in from FL some nights. Dean is using the radio club station remotely and generally has a great signal, so he has also helped out by taking NCS when no other station is available.

Please continue to pass AR traffic to the TEX liaison station to take to the 7290 Traffic Net. If you are able to get on SSB during the day, there is always a TN station on DRN5, where Jim, WA4VGZ is now manager. From Jim's reports, it appears there are often also stations in LA, MS, AL, KY, and KC4FL is regular checking in. DRN5 meets at 1025 CT on 7280 KHz, Mon, Wed, and Fri only.

The AL day net, managed by KI4ZZD, meets at 1000 CT on 3965 KHz, providing an AL outlet.

As always, we need NCS and Liaison stations, please let me know if you are willing to sign up for a regular slot in the schedule that follows.

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

RN5 Duty Roster

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

2019 Statistics

MONTH	JUNE	JULY
SESSIONS	47	55
QTC	75	48
QNI	181	204
QTR	382	361
AVG QTC	1.6	0.9
AVG QNI	3.9	3.7
AVG QTR	8.1	6.6

The following roster shows stations coming to RN5 in the past 3 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*	KZ8Q	BEN	FL
W4DLZ	FRANK	(SK)	K5RG	KEN	TX
W5DY	RODNEY	TX	N5RL	RANDY	TX
W5FEA	JIM	TX	W4SU	JERRY	(Retired)
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 since there is only an occasional AR liaison station there).

73, Steve K6JT

Newsletter editor and RN5 statistician