

The Texan

Newsletter of the Texas CW Traffic Net (TEX)

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7290 Picnic Rescheduled

This is the time of year when the 7290 picnic would take place (June / July). It was rescheduled to October as reported a couple months ago, but due to ongoing spread of the COVID-19 virus, that has also changed. Here is what Jo Ann, KA5AZK, wrote:

After much consideration and talking to the other officers, the 50th annual 7290 Traffic Net picnic will not be held this year. This decision did not come easy, I know all of you enjoy our yearly get together, but for several reasons I believe this is the correct and most responsible decision. This is the first time, that I am aware of, that we have had to cancel the picnic. Even though I realize everyone has the right to decide for themselves if they wanted to come, I just couldn't stand it if anyone became ill after attending.

We live in an unusual time now, I'm sure not many of us remember anything like this. Let's hope and pray that they will find a vaccine that will stop this virus just as they did for Polio.

We will have the picnic next year. I am looking forward to trying a new location, seeing all of you again, and a later date to avoid thunderstorms better. The building is beautiful and in a park setting, which makes it more picnic like. A new date for the 2021 picnic is set for October 2, 2021 at the Rockdale location.

Again, I am very sorry to have to do this but I do it with everyone's well being in mind. So see you next year.

Jo Ann Keith KA5AZK
7290 Traffic Net Manager

Gary, K5QOW, Silent Key

Received the following from Jo Ann, KA5AZK a couple weeks ago: I am so sorry to have to pass along sad news... Eric W9GVW let me know this afternoon that Gary K5QOW became a SK yesterday (July 24) because of Congestive heart failure. No arrangements or other info

are available yet. This came as a shock to me, Gary was just on the net this week. Please keep Carolyn and the family in your thoughts and prayers. 73, Jo Ann KA5AZK

While Gary had not been too active lately on TEX, he was still on the roster and had been fairly regular on the early net up until about a year ago. He started in 2011 after retiring as a United Methodist minister (he signed emails as a Located United Methodist Elder back then). Gary was severely injured in a motorcycle crash in July 2011. After recovering somewhat, in 2013 he sent an email that he was having trouble copying CW, possibly due to the head injuries he suffered, so would not be carrying out the TTN/7290/TEX liaison duties, although he could still operate on voice. That was the last email I received.

May you Rest in Peace, Gary. You are missed.

Here are some links to his obituary. His memorial service was August 8.

<https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/17635619/Gary-Richard-Curry>

<https://www.rekfunerals.com/obituary/Gary-Curry>

Amateur Radio (Part 1) By Vic, W7VSE (SK)

This story was first received from Vic in 2014. Very happy to have it for your reading pleasure.

While employed at the FAA Overseas Radio Station, KSF, at the old terminal building at San Francisco Airport for about two years, in the 1950s, I was happy with the work. We were still using the International Morse code for air-to-ground communications with the aircraft. All the military planes carried a Morse operator. Some of the airlines were still using it, especially the overseas flights. But, as they say "all good things have to come to an end," and so it was with Morse code. They started converting over to radiophone for their air-to-ground communications. I was beginning to witness International Morse Code following in the footsteps of the Original "Landline" Morse Code and becoming obsolete. This had been happening for quite a while.

I loved the code and wanted to continue using it. They used it for a few years after that with the ship-to-shore stations. So, if I stayed with the Morse code, I would have to get a job with one of the shore stations. They were still operating in California, Washington State, and Florida and possibly some on the east coast. And how long would they stay in the Morse code business?. I didn't want to raise my family at any of those locations. So, I decided to get an Amateur Radio license and I could work my beloved code at home, wherever I was, whenever I felt like it. I got a book with all the required things to learn, and started studying for my Amateur FCC license, my "Ham" ticket. After a few months, I thought I was ready to take the test from the FCC. I read in the paper that the downtown San Francisco office of the FCC was giving the Amateur license exams on Thursday. I thought it would be an all day affair, from 8 to 5, so I showed up at the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) office at about 10AM that morning. When I went in, there was nobody in the office except a pretty secretary.

She asked me what I wanted, and I told her I was there to take my “General Class” Amateur Radio Operator’s examination. She smiled, and told me that the Exams had started at 8AM and were all finished about 930AM. My face was red. I told her that I guess I didn’t read the fine print in the paper. While we were talking, one of the FCC Examiners came in from another room and asked what I wanted. I told him I just wanted a Ham license so I could use the Morse code on the air, and I guess I would have to come back at the next time the exams were available. He smiled and told me to come on in the back room. I did, and he handed me a paper to fill out. I didn’t know it, but it was the exam for a “Novice” Amateur License. The questions were ridiculously easy. He sent some code to me on an oscillator, and had me send a couple of words on a hand key, and said that I had passed, and my FCC Amateur Radio license would be in the mail soon.

I left there feeling good. Only later did I learn that the Novice license I received, as KN6CTW, was only good for a small portion of the band, and you were limited to 75 watts of power, and other restrictions such as crystal control. If I had remained in California and upgraded to General Class, my call would have been K6CTW. I never did get on the air with that call.

(Editor’s Note: That call now belongs to Ken Miller, an old friend of mine, who I am still trying to convince to move to Texas)

Shortly after that, I was transferred to the FAA INSAC (Interstate Airways Communications) Station, SLC, Salt Lake City, Utah, There was an FCC office in town, and soon I went down and passed the General Class exam and received the call W7VSE. Inquired around, and found a WW2 aircraft transmitter and receiver with a homemade AC power supply. I put an antenna up in the trees and got on the air. My first contact was with another Ham who was way across town in Salt Lake City. But it worked and I was elated. Later on, while in Medford, OR, I drove over to Klamath Falls and passed the Extra Class License Exam. It was a tough written test, with diagrams of a power supply and an audio amplifier stage, with components and values, as I remember. Also had to qualify at sending and receiving Morse code at 20 words per minute. The code was no problem, and I had been studying the FCC rules and regulations and other material in a handbook over a long period of time. I had memorized several schematic diagrams that might be needed when I took the exam. Learning the diagrams and component values was the most difficult part of the examination, for me. My hours of study efforts paid off, and I passed the Extra Class Exam.

I had gotten interested in getting a DXCC (DX Century Club) certificate. This award requires Radio contact, and certification cards (QSL cards), for one hundred different foreign countries and the 100 cards had to be sent by mail to American Radio Relay League (ARRL) in Newington, Connecticut for confirmation to get this award. One thing that kept me wanting to get an Extra Class license was the fact that the FCC divided up frequencies on the Amateur radio bands, and an Extra Class license was required to operate on the low 25 Kilocycles of each band. And this was where most of the DX (Foreign) countries were found. So, after I got my Extra, I got busy and got the DXCC. I continued working countries after that and ended up confirming 207 countries. There were a bit over 300 countries available at that time.

But then I discovered “Traffic” nets, and this completely changed my Ham activities, and my life. The ARRL sponsored something called the National Traffic System (NTS). These Hams were handling message traffic just like I did in the US Army Air Corps for four years. The Amateur message traffic consists of short radiograms from anyone that wanted to partake in

the free message service to anyone in the USA and some foreign countries. The NTS had Local nets, Section nets, Region nets, Area nets, and something called the TCC (Trans Continental Corps). The nets meet every day at the same time on the same frequencies. The nets have an NCS (Net Control Station) and liaison to the other nets.

The National Traffic System was originated by George Hart, W1NJM, at W1AW, ARRL Headquarters in Connecticut. I talked with him a few times on CW (Morse Code) and I found out he was in the AACS (Army Airways Communications System), just as I had been, during WW2. When he found out I had been in the CBI (China, Burma India) theatre of war, he told me that he had been scheduled to join us in the CBI, but they decided he was needed more in North Africa, so they diverted him there. He did the same kind of work that I did.

George worked at ARRL Headquarters, in Newington, CT, before WW2 and returned to his job after the war. He was a very shrewd man and he had the foresight to see that the Amateur Radio system had the personnel, and was a natural place to handle message-traffic similar to what we did in the U.S. Army Air Corps, AACS.

He went to work and devised the National Traffic System that covered the USA and had links to other countries of the world. He did a great job, and I suppose it had to be modified a bit here and there as time went by. It is still functioning today.

However, with the advent of cell phones, the computer, the Internet, etc, the amount of messages has greatly decreased, and the system is in danger of becoming obsolete. It seems the present generation wants "instant gratification" and do not want to wait a day or so for a telegram to be delivered, even though it is free.

I started checking into the Oregon Section Net (OSN) every evening when I wasn't working, and after a while I was appointed Net Manager of OSN. This lasted a couple of years. I was also doing liaison work to the Region Net (RN7) where liaisons from seven sections (Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, British Columbia and Alberta) meet twice every night. Soon I found myself as a Net Control Station one night a week on both sessions of RN7. I was also doing liaison duty to the area net, PAN (Pacific Area Net), where several liaisons from Region Nets exchange traffic. Also TCC (Trans Continental Corps) operators send and receive messages from and for other areas. Then I became a Net Control Station on PAN. The Net Manager's job for RN7 became available and I was selected for that job. A TCC spot was needed on PAN to receive traffic going to an Eastern Area TCC schedule the following day. I did this, along with my other duties, for several years. Then ARRL decided that each section needed a Section Traffic Manager, (STM). I was the first STM for Oregon, appointed by the SM (Section Manager). I held this STM position for many years.

The ARRL gives an award called the BPL, (Brass Pounders League) certificate. The requirement for this award is to send and receive a total of 500 messages in any Calendar month. Or you could get the BPL for having a combined total of 100 originated and delivered messages in any month. If you succeeded in getting three BPLs, you were awarded the BPL Medallion. This is no small task, but there was an abundance of message traffic being handled in those days, and I love to handle traffic. After I retired from the FAA, over a period of many years, I could go to the Ham shack every night, and I amassed 129 (one hundred twenty nine) BPL awards. This would be almost impossible today, with the small amount of message traffic being handled.

And all this time I am doing many other things on the Ham bands. I enjoyed every minute of it. I joined the local Rogue Valley Amateur Radio Club (RVARC) and attended meetings for several years. I was their first Emergency Coordinator for Jackson County, and with some help from ARRL Headquarters, I drew up the first emergency plan for the RVARC. I also participated in the "Field Day" activities, once a year, for quite a few years. This is one time each year that the Ham Club members set up a portable, gasoline-powered, field site and demonstrate their ability to operate during emergency conditions. Usually lasts over one weekend, and it's a lot of fun.

Over the years, I had the pleasure of using my Ham radio to talk to four of the old 10th Communications Squadron buddies of the AACS that I was with in the Air Corps while I was in China and India: John Osborn, in Indiana. Fred Winters, W2PZF, in New York and Florida, Leonard Bullock, W5ESH. in San Angelo, TX, and Robert M. Sutton, in Houston, TX. They all had Amateur Radio licenses. I also visited each of them at different times.

(To be continued)

US Navy and Early Wireless

This is from the Summer 2018 OOTC Newsletter sent to me by Pip, WB4FDT. All of the TEX net old newsletters and data that Pip sent have been covered. Pip also sent several bulletins from the Louisiana CW net from the early 70's. If anyone is interested in those, I would be glad to forward them. A brief look did not reveal any familiar callsigns from LA stations that still check into TEX or RN5. Thanks again, Pip. As mentioned last issue, if you are interested in the OOTC and the Spark Gap Times newsletter, you can join with 40 or more years of on-the-air activity. See <http://ootc.us/>. Now the story...

The United States Navy was among the pioneers of wireless. In 1888, a Lt. Bradley Fisk wound a number of turns of insulated wire around the USS Neward lying at the New York Navy yard and likewise around a yard tug. He could receive signals a short distance away with a telephone receiver. The system, however, was called induction wireless and Fisk could not claim the invention of wireless.

By 1898, Marconi had founded the American Marconi Company in Wellfleet, MA. A year later the Navy gave Marconi permission to install wireless sets on three Navy vessels. Two of them were the USS Connecticut and the USS Virginia. The first official Naval message actually took place on September 30, 1899, when Marconi sent the following message:

VIA WIRELESS TELEGRAPH

To: Bureau of Equipment, Washington, DC

From: USS Connecticut

"Under way in Naval parade via NAVESINK station. Mr. Marconi succeeded in opening wireless telegraphic communication with shore at 1234 PM. The experiments were a complete success."

SIGNED Blish, Lt. USN

The message was received at the Highland Station on the New Jersey coast. The following year, three US Naval officers were sent to Europe to examine all of the various wireless equipment. German equipment was chosen by the officers and by 1901 all major ships in the US Fleet had been equipped with German-made wireless.

Within a few years, the Navy was buying equipment from France, England, and the US. In 1903, the New York Navy Yard had a wireless school established with 13 students, and by 1904 the Navy had 18 shore stations and thirty-three ships equipped with wireless. Teddy Roosevelt's "Great White Fleet" in 1907 went around the world and 20 of its ships had wireless equipment, mostly DeForest. By 1908, the communication distance was 2900 miles, in a contact between the USS Connecticut near New Zealand and the Naval wireless station at Point Loma, CA.

In less than 10 years, Naval wireless communication on ships had gone from virtually nothing to reliable communications over several thousand miles ! Reminds me of the first computers bought at Radio Shack in 1985 compared to computers 10 years later!!

TEX / RN5 Mailbox:

From Hank, **K5TSK** on June 16: I know you guys must be aware of the same things I see. I also know when you get in a routine like checking into and listening to traffic nets, it's very hard to change. The old frog in the boiling water.

I used to love listening and trying to hard copy CAN traffic. Or I would originate a piece of traffic to the west coast on 7290. Then watch it bounce around Texas, RN5 and follow it to CAN, sometimes TCC. Observe the occasional error, or change for clarification. Great fun. Took me a long time to quit. Gets to be a habit.

When I was a young man, I thought I needed to be a preacher. I really think message handling is hard wired into some folks. That doesn't make you a good one. Hi.
73, Hank

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From Sam, **W5CU**, on June 23: Beginning tomorrow night I will NCS both sessions of Wed. RN5 on 7108, the alternate 40m frequency; if that frequency is busy, I will go up to the closest clear frequency. Jack or someone please make that announcement on 3567 for the benefit mainly of KC4FL and WA5CAV who don't have email or don't publish their email addresses.

80 meters is a challenge for me at this time of the summer particularly on receive due to the distances involved and summer noise up here. Thanks and 73.
Sam W5CU

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From John, **KC4FL** on Jul 30: The late session is also difficult for me. Jack in MS is ok but Dick in LA is not very good lately. OK and TX are impossible right now. It will be Sept. before conditions get better.
73, John

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From Pip, **WB4FDT**: I enjoyed the newsletter great job! W7VSE:
I apparently missed what he was doing in China. Do you have that part? In the last part he

lands in China and in the next part he's home. You should go to the OOTC website and click on the Spark gap times issues beginning about 2014 or so. Lots of neat historical stuff (See <http://ootc.us/>)

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From George, **K5BMR**, Aug 5: A lot of great old aircraft here never to be seen again. http://www.dhc-2.com/Monthan_Memories.html

AAAAHHH THE LOCKHEED'S

TEX Net Topics

The TEX Duty Schedule and Roster are shown below (as updated for W5DY, N5RL, W5CU and deletion of the Saturday early and late nets). It no longer shows Rodney's last schedule. Note the many Open positions. If you are willing to take any of them, please advise so the schedule may be updated. Also note that early RN5 is now primary on 7108.

TEX CW Net Weekly Schedule

Local	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
NC 1	W5FEA	N5RL	W5FEA	N5RL	N5RL	No Net	W5CU
Backup	Open	Open	K5GM	W5FEA	Open	No Net	W5FEA
NC 2	Open	K6JT	K6JT	K6JT	K5GM	No Net	W5CU
Backup	K5GM	W5FEA	Open	Open	Open	No Net	W5FEA
RN5 1	N5RL	Open	K5GM	Open	Open	No Net	W5CU
Backup	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	No Net	Open
RN5 2	W5CU	K6JT	K5RG	K6JT	K5GM	No Net	W5CU
Backup	Open	Open	W5CU	Open	Open	No Net	Open

* **W5CU** has set up his station in Colorado and plans to be there through September. Sam has trouble on the early sessions due to propagation.

TEX/1: **3541**/7106/3593 at 19:00 CT; TEX/2 **3541**/3593/1841 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**/3552/3590/7108 - 20:30 CT; WAN: **7052**/3552 - 22:30 CT

RN5 Backup: W5CU, K5GM, K5RG, N5RL

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

TEX Roster

Call	Name	Location / Notes	Call	Name	Location / Notes
KW5AS	Skip	Victoria	WA5MS	Marty	Argyle

Call	Name	Location / Notes	Call	Name	Location / Notes
N5BA	Brian	Houston	* W6LFB	Jim	Denton
WA5CAV	Dick	Pineville LA	NM5M	Eric	Plano
W5CU	Sam	Edmond OK	N7NET	Scott	Crossett AR
N5CXX	Steve	Richardson (K6JT)	* KB5NJD	John	Duncanville
W5DAE	Don	San Angelo	K9NY	Bill	Canyon Lake
W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	K1PKZ	Paul	Tom Bean
W5ESE	Scott	Dripping Springs	WA5PRI	Don	Thibodaux LA
* W5FEA	Jim	Graham	K5QOW	Gary	Reagan Wells
W5GKH	Charlie	West Columbia	* K5RG	Ken	Houston
K5GM	Pete	Austin	N5RL	Randy	San Antonio
W9GVW	Eric	San Antonio	KD5RQB	Jason	Atlanta
KM0I	John	Hattiesburg MS	W5TMO	Mike	Austin
KA9IKK	Bill	Katy	K5TSK	Hank	Pearcy AR
K5IX	Dave	Brackettville	KD5TXD	Pat	Kingsville
K5JFB	Jim	Fort Worth	W9VE	Don	Dallas
* K6JT	Steve	Plano	WB8WKQ	Jeff	Michigan

* Capable of 160 meter operation

Statistics:

June 2020:

Jim, W5FEA, was first place with 45 (96%), Don, W5DAE, was 2nd with 40 (85%), and Pete, K5GM, was third with 32 (68%). Thanks again to all of you who checked in for your support.

Jack, K5WNU, was visiting from MS – other stations are on the roster.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Note there were 47 sessions reported out of a possible 52 (no Saturday nets). Traffic averaged 2.2 per net session (1.9 last month). Net time averaged 10.2 minutes per session (compared to 11.8 last month). Check-ins averaged 3.9 per session (5.4 last month).

TEX Net Statistics (June 2020)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
W5CU	Sam	0	4					
*		4		2	2			
W5DAE	Don	20	40					
		20						
W5DY	Rodney	7	11					
		4						
W5FEA	Jim	23	45	17		23		
*		22		5	1	23		
K5GM	Pete	13	32		8			
*		19		6	10			

KA9IKK	Bill	6	13					
*		7						
K5IX	Dave	1	1					
		0						
K6JT	Steve	0	11					
*		11		11	7		11	
K5JFB	Jim	1	4					
		3						
K5RG	Ken	0	5					
*		5			4			
N5RL	Randy	12	15	6	10			
*		3			1			
W9VE	Don	1	1				1	
	Dallas	0						
WB8WKQ	Jeff	0	1					
		1						
K5WNU	Jack	0	1					
	MS	1						
Totals		185		47	43	46	12	0
				90%	83%	88%	23%	0%
QTC 1		13	105					
QTC 2		92		Sessions:		52		
Time 1		215	478					
Time 2		263						

July 2020:

Don, W5DAE, was 1st with 50 (93%), Jim, W5FEA, was a close 2nd with 49 (91%), and Rodney, W5DY, was 3rd with 26 (48%), barely edging out Pete, K5GM, who had 25. Thanks again to all of you who checked in for your support.

Sad to see that Jim, K5JFB, who had 23 check-ins last month did not return this month. There were no visitors.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Note that there were 51 sessions reported out of a possible 54 (no Saturdays). Traffic averaged 2.0 per net session (2.2 last month). Net time averaged 9.9 minutes per session (compared to 10.2 last month). Check-ins averaged 4.1 per session (3.9 last month).

TEX Net Statistics (July 2020)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
W5CU	Sam	0	8					
*		8		2	8			
W5DAE	Don	24	50					
		26						

W5DY	Rodney	9	26	1				
		17						
W5FEA	Jim	23	49	17		22		
*		26		2		26		
K5GM	Pete	5	25		5			
*		20		8	4			
KA9IKK	Bill	2	4					
*		2						
K5IX	Dave	4	5					
		1						
K6JT	Steve	0	15					
*		15		15	11		15	
KB5NJD	John	3	3				1	
		0						
K5RG	Ken	0	5					
*		5			5			
N5RL	Randy	11	18	6	6			
*		7						
Totals		208		51	39	48	16	0
				94%	72%	89%	30%	0%
QTC 1		0	104					
QTC 2		104		Sessions:		54		
Time 1		184	506					
Time 2		322						

Operating:

The curtailment of nets on Saturday night seems to be working OK with Sunday nights picking up the traffic instead. RN5 is experimenting with using 40 meters, at least for the early session. This also allows Sam, W5CU, to NCS or check-in from Colorado.

We are desperately in need of more NCS/backup stations and particularly RN5 liaison stations. Monday late TEX has no assigned NCS and multiple backup NCS slots remain open. RN5/1 has 3 open slots and all backup positions remain open as well.

Randy, N5RL, is still having some major health issues and is not always capable of taking the slots shown for him in the duty roster. Rodney checks in to the net when he feels well enough but cannot commit to NCS or RN5 liaison duties. Sam, W5CU, was able to operate from Colorado on the late nets where propagation was favorable for 80 meters. Note that Sam has some electrical wiring problems at the Colorado QTH. When he is using his amplifier, at times the breaker will give out, forcing him to go reset it before he can continue. So if Sam suddenly disappears in mid-transmission, be patient and give him time to do the reset. Sam expects to be in CO through September.

Although RN5 major participants voted to cease scheduled weekend net call-up, Jack, K5WNU, has been calling up the net and anyone who wants to call the net is welcome to do

so. Since TEX no longer meets on Saturday, perhaps having RN5 also just skip Saturday would be acceptable.

As mentioned before, CAN has moved to 40 meters. Early RN5 can also move to 40 (7108). NCS stations may do this after announcing the move on 3567 at net startup time, even for the late session. Early TEX is a candidate for movement to 40 (7106) but there does not appear to be an urgent need to do so. As with RN5, the NCS may make the move after starting the net on 3541 and announcing the move. Using 40 would help Sam make it to early TEX and RN5 from Colorado, but 40 appears to have longer skip for the remainder of the TEX stations.

Here are the composite reports for the last 2 months for traffic handled at the region and above levels. Traffic was way up in June, exceeding 10,000, as many license exams were resumed using remote access (by FCC approval).

Central US Nets Activity for June 2020

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5 th Call Area	13	377	66	99	3.808
Cycle 2 9RN*	13	308	78	67	4.597
Day 10 th Call Area #	13	32	56	86	0.372
Night 5 th Call Area**	42	44	152	309	0.142
Night 9 th Call Area	59	474	207	776	0.611
Night 10 th Call Area	57	50	160	284	0.176
Day Central US	12	137	76	251	0.546
Night Central US @	30	545	187	650	0.838
Day Inter-Area Traffic	36	88	36		100%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	68	263	68		100%
Total Voice/CW Nets		2318	1086	2522	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
WB9FHP Central Area HUB		5814	3150	2664	
Digital Stations (11)		2141	926	1215	
Total DTN Digital		7955	4076	3879	
Total Central US		10273			
* 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					

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
** Nominations open for manager - thanks to NCS stations for statistics					

Central US Nets Activity for July 2020

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5 th Call Area	14	18	79	117	0.154
Cycle 2 9RN*	14	337	77	95	3.547
Day 10 th Call Area #	14	65	67	91	0.714
Night 5 th Call Area**	41	76	145	330	0.230
Night 9 th Call Area	55	470	192	651	0.722
Night 10 th Call Area	60	49	164	290	0.169
Day Central US	14	165	82	298	0.554
Night Central US @	31	633	189	627	1.010
Day Inter-Area Traffic	42	109	42		100%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	83	298	82		99%
Total Voice/CW Nets		2220	1119	2499	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
WB9FHP Central Area HUB		3682	1517	2165	
Digital Stations (12)		1862	618	1244	
Total DTN Digital		5544	2135	3409	
Total Central US		7764			
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Keep sending your TEX net reports and inputs for this Newsletter to me, either on the air on TEX or RN5, via Winlink, or via standard Email.

Until October, let's hope propagation gets better and we can all continue to get outside a little more to enjoy the end of summer and start of fall. Stay safe – masks and proper social distancing are still highly advised and required in Texas and other states right now.

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



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Greetings From Northeast Texas

Jason, KD5RQB, has been calling the net when he is able. He is still working long hours (in the food service industry) and not home some evenings. 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
June 2020	12	0	72	1	12
July 2020	16	0	144	1	16

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
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 73 of the ***RN5 Corner***.

Thanks to all RN5 Stations for manning the NCS and CAN liaison slots and sending your reports the last couple months. Please try to get the NC reports to me as soon after the session as possible. Participation has fallen off for CAN and TEX liaisons. The net members voted to skip Saturday and Sunday, but usage shows that skipping only Saturday would be best with more traffic coming from CAN on Sundays.

Following is a list of the stations sending NC reports for June and July (in order from earliest date station first reported). Jack, K5WNU, has stepped in to fill many NCS slots (thanks!). Other help will be much appreciated. Thanks to you all for supporting RN5!

June: K5WNU 30, K6JT 8, K5GM 1, W5CU 3

July: N5RL 1, K6JT 10, W5CU 13, K5WNU 13, K5GM 3, WA5CAV 1

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. Thank you, Dick, WA5CAV, for reporting these.

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. Jack, K5WNU, went on vacation for about a week in July. Thanks to others, especially Sam, for filling in during his absence.

Thanks for your support of RN5. Thanks to regulars WA5CAV, on nearly every session, K5WNU, K5GM, K6JT, and K5RG. John, KC4FL, continues to regularly check in from FL. Ben, KZ8Q, and Dean, W8IM, check in from FL some nights. Jeff, WB8WKQ, has also been occasionally checking in from Michigan. Please continue to pass AR and OK traffic to the TEX liaison station to take to the 7290 Traffic Net.

TN traffic can be sent to Jim, WA4VGZ, who is the manager of cycle 2 RN5 and located in TN. Reach him via Winlink (preferred). Use WA4VGZ at Winlink dot org and be sure to put //WL2K as the first 7 letters (including space) in the subject line. He also occasionally has a check-in from AL so that traffic could be sent to him for the daytime net.

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

RN5 Duty Roster

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

2020 Statistics

MONTH	JUNE	JULY
SESSIONS	42	41
QTC	44	76
QNI	152	145
QTR	309	330
AVG QTC	1.0	1.9
AVG QNI	3.6	3.5
AVG QTR	7.4	8.0

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	K6JT	STEVE	TX
WA5CAV	DICK	LA	KZ8Q	BEN	FL
W5CU	SAM	OK* / CO	K5RG	KEN	TX
W4DLZ	FRANK	(SK)	N5RL	RANDY	TX
W5DY	RODNEY	TX	W4SU	JERRY	(Retired)
W5FEA	JIM	TX	K5TSK	JIM	AR**
KC4FL	JOHN	FL	K4VIZ	TOM	AR**
W5GKH	CHARLIE	TX	WB8WKQ	JEFF	MI
K5GM	PETE	TX	K5WNU	JACK	MS
W8IM	DEAN	FL	WA4ZPZ	TOM	(Retired)

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

** K4VIZ and K5TSK are 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

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