

# *The Texan*

Newsletter of the Texas CW Traffic Net (TEX)

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

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## **New Issue of QNI Newsletter**

There are several articles of interest to TEX and traffic handlers in general in the new issue of QNI. It is available at:

<https://qni-newsletter.net/2021/07/19/july-2021-issue/>

Articles include:

1. Secrecy of Communications?
2. Some Lessons from Field Day
3. Traffic First
4. Signal Reports
5. Denial & the Connectivity Delusion
6. Denville Township, NJ Takes First Place in EmComm Exercise
7. Originating & Delivering Radiograms and Radiogram-ICS213 messages
8. Powerwerx DB-750X Review
9. The HRO Sixty
10. Clear and Right the First Time
11. "The River Guide"
12. New Handling Instructions
13. Neighborhood Hamwatch

I particularly refer you to the New Handling Instructions article and solicit your opinion and thoughts on these suggested additions. Here is a partial reprint of that article:

In order to facilitate specialized radiogram forms, we propose the addition of the following handling instructions to the traffic system:

**HXI:** Delivery via Internet email preferred.

**HXJ:** RRI Radiogram-ICS213. Please deliver using RRI form 1703 or equivalent.

**HXX:** Holiday season radiogram. Please deliver using RRI form 1801– Christmas or equivalent.

**HXL:** Railroad museum demonstration telegram. Please deliver using RRI form 1901–Telegraph

Do you have other suggestions? Are these necessary? Please let me know. *Steve*

### **Wednesday Late TEX on 3546 Update**

We have been holding late TEX on 3546 on Wednesdays since before the last issue of this newsletter went out. Upon checking 3541 during the net and afterward, it has been found to be quiet. Don't know what happened – did they move their suggested range of frequencies downward or has the time changed? At any rate, starting next month (September), we will try moving back to 3541. If there is QRM, we can move to 3546. Thanks to the CWOPS group for whatever they did to help us handle traffic on our normal nightly frequency.

### **Excerpt from Jack, W5TFB's Book**

Here is the next excerpt from Jack's book. Jack passes his commercial license tests but Sue leaves for Germany. Continuing with the next part with his finding Sue many years later.

At work we had a subscription to Sam's, a publication that had service facts about everything electronic. It also had manuals on obtaining Commercial FCC tickets. Jerry wanted the First Class Phone ticket, which would let him work as a chief engineer for a radio station, and the video endorsement so he could do the same for TV. I thought that would be an incredibly boring job.

We studied for the exam together. I wanted the radar endorsement. No one in Wichita Falls had one. It was hard. For me the hardest part was all the regulations. Jerry had trouble with the EE math, which is easy if you know complex number arithmetic and some linear algebra. Our friend Homer Huddleston's father was an attorney (oil) and went to Dallas regularly, and we hitched a ride with him. The FCC office was in the same building his company had offices in. Homer was W5TLW. The father had a really comfortable car, a shiny white Lincoln with a spare tire mounted on the back in a round chrome container. It was really snazzy. We had a moody 1948 Plymouth the color of dirty vomit.

We went, skipping school, and passed everything we took. If I had missed one more I would have failed the radar endorsement. Sam's was weak on that one, and I wasn't all that swift myself. With that I could work for the FAA. I never did as an individual. They used us as consultants. I was the only one in Wichita Falls licensed to adjust their radar sets. I also worked on the Air Force avionics at Shepard Field. They didn't care if I looked like I was twelve.

Sue and I tried the Mathematics Magazine problems, and did about one a month, which we sent in. They never printed one of our solutions. They do print a list of names of the people who submit correct solutions. When I taught at Texas A&M I read solution submissions a couple of years for the Monthly, but had to quit when the NASA work got to be so heavy. It takes more time than you would think. The work for the Monthly was confidential. One of the

problems was actually wrong, and I got a little paper out of my example that showed the theorem to be proved was false.

The spring semester ending was sad. Sue's father was transferred to Germany. Sue was good at languages and knew German and French as well as English, but she didn't like it there. The two sisters stayed to finish school. Their grandmother stayed with them. That was rough, losing a friend I was so close to. The day she left she told me she loved me. I said, "You what?" I was dumbfounded. We promised to keep in touch but she never sent me her address, and I never heard from her. I guess I handled the love thing wrong.

### ***Finding Sue***

It was Saturday 17 November, 2008. I was not lost, but I didn't know where I was. Not lost because I knew how to return to where I came from. Starting well east of Lafayette Louisiana, near I-10, I had been walking east alongside I-10 for an hour, and was in Breaux Bridge. I got caught in an afternoon shower, and the sun was casting long shadows peeking under the heavy clouds. Some of the lightning was pretty close, and I felt disoriented.

A girl, looked 14 or 15, said, "Mister, are you OK? That one was close." I had to strain to hear her for my ears were ringing. I told her I was fine. She tilted her head to the left.

The girl was vaguely familiar. She said, "You are not from around here." I confessed. She said, "I'm from New Iberia." I said that's where they make Tabasco Sauce. She said, "I wish they would go somewhere else. When the wind is just right it burns your eyes. What are you doing over here? Trying to eat up all our good food I bet."

I said, "Yes, but I'm really here because a friend died and his wife wanted me to come help with everything."

She said, "Out here?"

"No, west of here near I-10. They're having the funeral, probably over, the burial, and a party afterward. I did everything I could to help but I don't go to funerals. I do like walking." There was something about the way her eyes sparkled, the way she tilted her head when listening. I asked, "And why are you out here? The weather looks bad still, although it may not rain again."

She explained, "I had to come up for air. My Grandma is having a birthday party given by her younger sister, only a year younger. They just talk about old times as if they were yesterday. She is 70 today. I can't stand the old talk, and they don't have any recent music, just scratchy old stuff. Have you ever heard of Bill Haley? She wiggles like a bait pot full of earthworms when he plays and sings. Uncle Johnny is always trying to get in my pants, and they keep feeding him beer."

I had a hunch, nothing mystical: Sue's birthday is 17 November, and she would be 70 today. I asked, "Where are your parents, if you don't mind my asking?"

"Oh, they be dead, long ago, when I was little. I don't remember them. I don't go to funerals either, especially not living ones like they're having in there now. My Grandma brought me up,

and I only let her down once, last year; old Doc Hammond got rid of it and she never knew. What about you? It will be dark in an hour. We are headed towards my grand-aunt's house. I guess you could sleep in the old Packard if you are tired."

I decided to test my intuitive feeling. "Do you know your Grandma's maiden name?"  
"Sure, Susan Marie Barber. She never married. They named me Marie after her, but everybody calls me Mae. Why?"

I lied, "Oh, nothing special. Just curious. Just one more question, if I may, before we arrive. Has she ever mentioned a man named Jack?"

She tilted her head to her left, taking me in. Sue did that when thinking. "You are Jack. I thought so, not from the beginning, from your questions. You'll have to ask her that. I've heard about you from her sister Brenda. Why didn't you answer her letters? To reach Sue you will need to pass Brenda, who is not your greatest fan. You hitched?"

"I was but not now. I didn't answer her letters because I never received any. I would have, there was so much I wanted to tell someone and it seemed like she was the only one I knew. I didn't have any other friends."

"Well, we're here. I think they're out back. Watch out because if you are not nice Brenda and I will throw you to the 'gators." I didn't call her on the 'gators threat. I knew they were rare here. Most of those were pets that grew too big and were let go.

"I'm always nice." We walked into the space between the house and barn. The barn was in better shape than the house, which needed a new roof. A beagle mix, puppy really, ran out to greet Mae, who called her Jo. She checked me briefly, I guess I passed. I saw an old Packard, sitting on concrete blocks topped by 2 by 6's. The hood was open, and I wandered over to look at it. It was in beautiful condition, clean, belts and hoses and wires looked new. I counted: yes, a straight 12 block, at least 74 years old. That's when the last one was made. It seems that the man under it was Uncle Johnny. He wiggled out, wiped off his hands on a dirty once red rag, and told me his name, John. I told him mine, and we shook hands. He said he used to work in the plant in Lafayette but it closed and he was just helping out his Ma until he could find work. He looked about 50-55.

I asked if he had her running yet, and he said she would start but only ran a few minutes and then died. I don't know much about cars but my uncle in Clovis New Mexico used to have one like this. I remembered that the choke was real sensitive. It seemed possible that Uncle Johnny didn't know that, and it might get me some points with Brenda, no harm in trying. "May I try it? I just want to see how it sounds."

It was pulled out all the way. I started the engine, and, as she warmed up eased the choke in until the engine wasn't running rough or missing. I fed a little gas; I had forgotten how much torque this engine had. I climbed out, Johnny got in, and gently gunned it. He as one happy camper. Later I could tell him what I did and show him how. I realized I was taking a chance; Brenda might think John was a good-for-nothing bum and wished the car would fall off its perch and crush him.

When he finally turned it off and shut the hood the two women came out. "Ma, I got the car running good." (There goes plan A. Plan B had to wait, and I didn't like it.) I recognized Sue. She looked healthy. She hadn't noticed me yet. Brenda said something to John I didn't catch. Mae was walking briskly toward her grandmother. I was trying to be invisible. Jo noticed I wasn't occupied and rolled over to get her underside petted. She wasn't fat, but was too big around to be a standard beagle. Maybe some basset hound. She hadn't shown me her voice yet, but that wouldn't decide anything.

Mae and Sue were in the house. The screen door to the back porch didn't look right. The bottom hinge was about to come off and the door was at a funny angle. I would call Lethe (the widow) as soon as I got a chance and leave a message telling her where I was. There was a public phone at a gas station about two blocks away. Brenda was grilling John, sitting next to him in the old car. He kept looking at me and I kept being invisible. It was clear that Brenda didn't believe John. If he started the car now it would run fine, provided it would start. Probably would, it hadn't had time to cool much. I noticed that he pumped the gas peddle before starting the car, so that would insure a rich mixture even if the choke were set for a lean mixture as it was now. Sure enough, he started it, and it missed a bit but after a second start ran fine. She got out (it was pretty far to the ground, but she made it), and both headed for the house. I walked over to the old Packard, pulled the choke all the way out (Plan B), and headed to the gas station. I could indeed sleep nicely in the car. The back seat was better than Lethe's couch.

Returning from the call (which turned out to be a local call), I was almost run over by Mae roller skating. Evangeline Street was a gravel road but one side had a concrete sidewalk. Kind of weird. She said her Grandma wanted to sleep on it before deciding whether to see me. Mae told me to sleep in the Packard, and that Uncle Johnny wanted to put the tires on it in the morning now that he had it running good. I told her I'd be glad to help. (So Mae didn't know. Good. She could have; I guess she wasn't paying attention.) I wasn't hungry, ate some junk food at the gas station. I was tired, mainly from driving about 300 miles, then cooking for Lethe for four hours. I felt grimy as well, but last time I checked I smelled better than John. The barn didn't have running water that I could see. If I offended anyone they could ask me to leave or show me where I can clean myself. I didn't care one way or the other, but tomorrow, when John showed off his great mechanic work, was going to be fun to watch, and I wanted to. Not to be with them. I figured it would go a mile or two before quitting. I imagined myself sitting on a lawn chair sipping mint juleps when they returned, on foot. I have no idea what a mint julep is, but it sounds southern, and there was no lawn chair in sight. That's what imagination is for, to supply items when they are scarce.

To be fair to John, probably no one he knew had ever seen a car with a manual choke, and the thing was not visible since it was hidden by the steering column and wheel. The last car made in the US with one appeared in 1974. John would have been about 14 then. The choke control was dusty, and I took care not to make it look recently used, using only my fingernails. The grease I ate at the gas station was gone, sort of digested. Their outhouse was dusty, so they had modern plumbing, but I used it. I spotted a hose going to the house I had missed before, turned on the water, and splashed cold water on my face and arms, ran my fingers through my long dirty gray hair, and played with Jo. It was getting dark, so I climbed in the car, rolled up my sweatshirt for a pillow, and slept.

*To Be Continued*

## TEX / RN5 Mailbox:

Please send in your feedback, gripes, and suggestions. The mailbox has been nearly empty since the last newsletter. Here are a few inputs.

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From Ken, **K5RG**, July 14:

The good news here is that I am fully operational with some reservations. One oddity is that after 25 years I am now bothering the house TV but only when on my 40 Meter Window. When I am on the 40 meter beam, which is much closer to the house – no TVI problems. I think I know why but I am not sure.

One new item is that I have had to reschedule is my trip to Nepal. It was originally to be in October 2020, got moved to October 2021 and now I've had to move it to April 2022. To add to the complexity, I am planning on taking a recently acquired ICOM IC-705 into the Khumbu. Not sure what I can do with 10 watts but having a 9N1?? callsign is going to be cool. You can imagine the administrative overhead in getting permission to do this – but hopefully we're on the right path. All the change in travel plans is due to COVID. Americans don't realize how bad it is in places like India and Nepal – we're very lucky all things considered.

73, Ken K5RG

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Also from Ken, **K5RG**, July 15:

On the business side, let me know your thoughts on handling AR, AL and TN messages for which there isn't an RN5/Cycle 4 outlet, at least on Wednesdays. I think for the most part I've been putting it on DTN/Winlink Express vectored toward the RRI Region 5 outlet and or sending it to Jo Ann of 7290 fame who is always very gracious in handling it for me. She was supposed to speak at the Texas City Hamfest last weekend but had to cancel for unknown reasons. Probably a good decision, since all the action was in the flea market!!

73, Ken K5RG

*Ken, and others who get AR, AL, and TN messages, see the RN5 Corner in this issue for how to handle those. It is true, there are no longer any stations on evening RN5 for any of them.*  
Steve

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From Jo Ann, **KA5AZK**, August 4:

I am getting the 7290 picnic organized for Oct 2. It is scheduled to be in Rockdale TX on Oct 2 this year. Hope some TEX folks can make it. 73, Jo Ann KA5AZK

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From Rodney, **W5DY**, August 6

Hi Steve, I know it is a minor thing, but most nets do not start on the hour, therefore making the QTR turned in more than it should be. Each NC should make a note of the actual starting time, then the actual QNF time. The difference will be the actual QTR and should be turned in as such.

I have noticed this in the past few months. Over a period of time, it will add quite a lot to the actual QTR. Don't know if it makes any difference or not, but if you think it does, then an email should be sent to EVERY NC informing them of this.

73, Rodney

Answer to Rodney:

Hi Rodney, I was not aware that nets were not starting on time since I start mine exactly to the second (on my WWVB clock). As far as accuracy for QTR is concerned, if TEX were a region or above net where the Rate (traffic / time) was a factor, then yes, it would be important. That applies to RN5 and CAN. But as a state net with no rate calculations, it really does not make much difference if it is a few minutes off. We don't get paid by the hour any more :-)

73, Steve

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## TEX Net Topics

The TEX Duty Schedule and Roster are shown below. If you are willing to take any of the open positions, please advise so the schedule may be updated. Note that early RN5, CAN, and WAN have all moved to 40 meters as described below the schedule.

W5CU is now often in Colorado (/O), and propagation does not support him on early TEX. Early RN5 is now on 40, which should help Sam. Sam will try to keep his skeds on Monday and Wednesday evenings, but will no longer be on Sunday evenings, as shown below.

### TEX CW Net Weekly Schedule

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

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**/3590/3552/7108 - 20:30 CT; WAN: **7052**/3552 - 22:30 CT

RN5 Backup: K5GM, K5RG, N5RL

NCS Backup: W5FEA, K5GM, K5RG, N5RL

### TEX Roster

Call	Name	Location / Notes	Call	Name	Location / Notes
KW5AS	Skip	Victoria	WA5MS	Marty	Argyle
N5BA	Brian	Houston	* W6LFB	Jim	Denton
WA5CAV	Dick	Pineville LA	NM5M	Eric	Plano
W5CU	Sam	Edmond OK, /0 CO	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	* K5RG	Ken	Houston
K5GM	Pete	Austin	N5RL	Randy	San Antonio
W9GVW	Eric	Silent Key	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 2021:

Don, W5DAE, was first place with 46 (94%), Jim, W5FEA, was a close 2nd with 45 (92%), and Rodney, W5DY, was third with 36 (73%). Thanks again to all of you who checked in.

Visitors: None, but good to have Doug, NA5YO check in again.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Note there were 49 sessions reported out of a possible 52 (no Saturday nets). Traffic averaged 2.2 per net session (1.6 last month). Net time averaged 12.6 minutes per session (10.9 last month). Check-ins averaged 4.5 per session (4.9 last month).

### TEX Net Statistics (June 2021)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
N5BA	Brian	2	3					
		1						
W5CU	Sam	0	10		1			
*		10			8			
W5DAE	Don	23	46					
		23						
W5DY	Rodney	18	36	3	3			
		18						
W5FEA	Jim	20	45	12	2	20		



Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
*		25		5		25		
K5GM	Pete	6	22		4			
*		16		7	3			
K5IX	Dave	3	3					
		0						
K6JT	Steve	0	13					
*		13		13	9		13	
K5RG	Ken	0	4					
*		4			4			
N5RL	Randy	16	22	9	2			
*		6						
W9VE	Don	14	14		1		14	
	Dallas	0						
NA5YO	Doug	1	1					
	Palacios	0						
Totals		219		49	37	45	27	0
				94%	71%	87%	52%	0%
QTC 1		7	109					
QTC 2		102		Sessions:		52		
Time 1		257	616					
Time 2		359						

### July 2021:

Jim, W5FEA, was 1<sup>st</sup> with 49 (94%), Don, W5DAE, was a close 2<sup>nd</sup> with 47 (90%), and Rodney, W5DY, was 3<sup>rd</sup> with 39 (75%). Randy, N5RL, was very close with 37. Thanks again to all of you who checked in for your support.

Visitors: Bob, N8RS, from MI, and Luck, WA4STO, from NE.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Note that there were 52 sessions reported out of a possible 54 (no Saturdays). Traffic averaged 2.5 per net session (2.2 last month). Net time averaged 11.8 minutes per session (12.6 last month). Check-ins averaged 4.8 per session (4.5 last month).

### TEX Net Statistics (July 2021)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
N5BA	Brian	1	1					
		0						
W5CU	Sam	0	6					
*		6			4			
W5DAE	Don	24	47					
		23						
W5DY	Rodney	18	39	1	2			
		21			1			

W5FEA	Jim	22	49	13	3	23		
*		27		5		27		
K5GM	Pete	5	24		4			
*		19		8	5			
KA9IKK	Bill	1	2					
*		1						
K5IX	Dave	2	4					
		2						
K6JT	Steve	1	15					
*		14		14	9		14	
K5RG	Ken	0	5					
*		5			5			
N5RL	Randy	19	37	11	2			
*		18			2			
N8RS	Bob	0	1					
	MI	1						
WA4STO	Luck	0	1					
	NE	1						
W9VE	Don	16	16				16	
		0						
NA5YO	Doug	1	1					
		0						
Totals		248		52	37	50	30	0
				96%	69%	93%	56%	0%
QTC 1		13	129					
QTC 2		116		Sessions:		54		
Time 1		246	613					
Time 2		367						

## Operating:

(From the QNI Newsletter) When establishing contact to exchange traffic, it is helpful for the transmitting station to have an indication of signal quality at the receiving station. This allows the transmitting station to adjust his sending technique to ensure the best possible readability on the first transmission. If the circuit is marginal, a CW operator may slow his speed or repeat unusual names and words in the radiogram. Likewise, a phone operator may use more phonetics.

On CW, an exchange might be:

TX Station: HW CPY?

RX Station: QRK3 (Use QRK1 to QRK5) QRV K

TX Station: HR NR ...

Here are the composite reports for the last 2 months for traffic handled at the region and above levels. June was quite good for the manual nets due to Field Day traffic.

### Central US Nets Activity for June 2021

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	13	215	63	104	2.067
Cycle 2 9RN*	12	251	59	103	2.437
Day 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area #	13	23	55	90	0.256
Night 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area**	56	127	211	503	0.252
Night 9 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	57	446	227	503	0.887
Night 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	58	52	172	287	0.181
Day Central US	13	101	61	220	0.459
Night Central US @	30	619	178	607	1.020
Day Inter-Area Traffic	39	57	38		97%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	72	259	71		98%
Total Voice/CW Nets		2150	1135	2417	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
WB9FHP Central Area HUB		4845	2360	2485	
KE5YTA Alternate Hub		445	289	156	
Digital Stations (14)		1455	464	991	
Total DTN Digital		6745	3113	3632	
Total Central US		8895			
* 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 2021

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	13	18	53	72	0.250
Cycle 2 9RN*	13	284	69	67	4.239
Day 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area #	13	27	57	79	0.342

<b>Net</b>	<b>Sessions</b>	<b>QTC</b>	<b>QNI</b>	<b>QTR</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Night 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area**	46	99	151	376	0.263
Night 9 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	52	385	196	440	0.875
Night 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	58	50	163	267	0.187
Day Central US	13	88	70	239	0.368
Night Central US @	31	580	183	536	1.082
Day Inter-Area Traffic	39	50	38		97%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	82	282	80		98%
Total Voice/CW Nets		1863	1060	2076	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
WB9FHP Central Area HUB		6148	3039	3109	
KE5YTA Alternate HUB		357	231	126	
Digital Stations (10)		1344	372	972	
Total DTN Digital		7849	3642	4207	
Total Central US		9712			
* 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 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.

Hope you all have a good summer and enjoy the warmth (compare now to the awful cold last February).

73, Steve K6JT  
TEX Newsletter Editor and Statistician

## TSN Corner

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

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

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



Photo Courtesy of VE3UU

## Greetings From Northeast Texas

Jason, KD5RQB, has been calling the net when he is able. There have been no other check-ins for several months. 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 2021	12	0	108	1	12
July 2021	13	0	104	1	13

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

Alternate Frequency 7052 or 3598 when conditions warrant

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

Due to Frank W4DLZ becoming a Silent Key

Nominations are still open for Net Manager

Hello all and welcome to Edition 79 of the **RN5 Corner**.

Early RN5 continues on 40 meters (7108). Late RN5 remains on 80.

Sam, W5CU, is still vacationing in Colorado and has cut back on his skeds, although as of this writing he is in OK again for a few days. He is no longer on Sunday nights and also no longer doing CAN liaison duties other than Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Following is a list of the stations sending NC reports for June and July (in order from earliest date station first reported that month). Thanks to you all for supporting RN5!

June: K5WNU 35, W5CU 11, K6JT 9, K5GM 1

July: W5CU 13, W8IM 5, K6JT 9, K5WNU 14, K5GM 2

As you can see, Jack, K5WNU, and Sam, W5CU, are the most active in calling up the net. Good to see Dean, W8IM, helping out, too, especially with Jack going on vacation to TN this summer. Thanks, Dean. Note that many sessions went uncovered during July, so any other stations who are able, please call up the net if you don't hear anyone. Since there are so few RN5 liaisons to CAN, incoming CAN traffic that could be handled is being routed by other means. Note that Saturday nets are still optional, and there are now no regular assignments for Sunday.

Thanks to all for your support of RN5, especially regulars WA5CAV, K5WNU, W5CU, K5GM, K6JT, and K5RG. John, KC4FL, continues to regularly check in from FL. Ben, KZ8Q, and Dean, W8IM, check in from FL some nights, although it has been difficult for them with the current poor conditions. It has been easier for them on 40 for the early net. Note that Jeff, WB8WKQ, who was occasionally checking in from MI, has had serious surgery and is still recovering, having had to go back to the hospital for follow-up care.

Please continue to pass AR and OK traffic to the TEX liaison station to take for the 7290 Traffic Net. If there is no TEX liaison, these may be sent to the 7290 Traffic Net manager, KA5AZK at Winlink dot org (also see below for subject line restrictions).

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

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

### RN5 Duty Roster

Local	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
NCS #1	K5WNU	K5WNU	W5CU	K5WNU	K5WNU	(K5WNU)	Open
NCS #2	K5WNU	K6JT	W5CU	K6JT	K5WNU	(K5WNU)	Open
CAN TX	Open	Open	W5CU	Open	Open	Open	Open
CAN RX	Open	Open	W5CU	K6JT	Open	Open	Open
DRN5	Open	K6JT	K5RG	K6JT	Open	Open	Open

### 2021 Statistics

MONTH	JUNE	JULY
SESSIONS	56	46
QTC	127	99
QNI	211	151
QTR	503	376
AVG QTC	2.3	2.2
AVG QNI	3.8	3.3
AVG QTR	9.0	8.2

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
WB5BNV	FRED	MS	WD5JTZ	MIKE	LA
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	HANK	AR**
KC4FL	JOHN	FL	K4VIZ	TOM	AR**
K5GM	PETE	TX	WB8WKQ	JEFF	MI
W8IM	DEAN	FL	K5WNU	JACK	MS
K6JT	STEVE	TX	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

Newsletter editor and RN5 statistician