

The Texan

Newsletter of the Texas CW Traffic Net (TEX)

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7290 Picnic this October

From Jo Ann: Hello from the 7290 Traffic Net. It's almost that time again, our annual picnic will be held on October 29 and we will be back at the Lodge building at Beyersville near Taylor. They have rebuilt the building that burned recently.

We will have our normal catered BBQ at 4 PM on Saturday, a build your own sandwich lunch, which is provided by the net also, on Saturday around 11- 12. The BBQ price this year is \$19.00 a plate. Jim W5IM, our net treasurer, is taking reservations.

Friday evening at 6 PM we will gather at the Sirloin Stockade in Taylor for a Dutch treat dinner and fellowship.

Please consider this your invitation to attend and tell us a little about what's happening in your area. We look forward to seeing you. Please let me know if you can attend.

More info is on our website of 7290trafficnet.org and there will be more coming.

73,
Jo Ann KA5AZK
7290 Traffic Net Manager
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THE YEAR 1905

From Scott, N7NET: This will boggle your mind, I know it did mine!

The year is 1905. More than one hundred years ago. What a difference a century makes!

Here are some of the U.S. statistics for the Year 1905 :

The average life expectancy in the U.S. was 47 years.

Only 14 percent of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars.

There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S., and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California.

With a mere 1.4 million people, California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!

The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents per hour.

The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per **year** .

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year,

a dentist \$2,500 per year,

a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$ 4,000 per year, and

a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births in the U.S. took place at home .

Ninety percent of all U.S. doctors had no college education.

Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost four cents a pound.

Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen.

Coffee was fifteen cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason.

Five leading causes of death in the U.S. were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza

2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars.

Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii, and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was only 30!!!

Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and ice tea hadn't been invented yet.

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Two out of every 10 U.S. adults couldn't read or write.

Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstores.

Back then pharmacists said, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health." (Shocking!)

Eighteen percent of households in the U.S. had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.

There were about 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.

And I forwarded this from someone else without typing it myself, and sent it to you in a matter of seconds!

Try to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years.

Excerpt from Jack, W5TFB's Book

Here is the next excerpt from Jack's book. Jack finishes helping Sue's granddaughter and illustrates his chess skills.

I walked back, let myself in, and went to the room I had called the family room. I selected a book by Wolfgang Uhlmann, Winning with the French. I had an earlier edition in my library. The defense is well-suited for someone like me, who can put up with a cramped position to finish with a superior pawn structure and an easy to win end-game. The first two moves (two person moves per move) are 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5. When my opponent lets me I always play the Nimzovich (Winawer) Variation.

I have only lost two tournament games playing it, both to Grandmaster Brieger. It is especially good against a player who must attack at all costs, for there is really nothing to attack until late in the game. I spent the rest of the morning playing through several of the games in which I would not be able to use the Winawer (which is actually the invention of Nimzovich). I have tried playing it with White, playing 1 e3, hoping for the continuation 1 . . . e5 2 d4 d5, but Black has too many ways to transpose into a game, not to my liking, in which 1 e3 is actually a wasted move.

There was a book about the opening I didn't have, by Gary Lane, in Sue's downstairs library. I was studying the second game when she came in from work. "Oh! You are here. I didn't see your car."

"That is good, for it is not there. I decided to go for a walk after taking Mae and forgot I drove. This is part of being an absent minded professor. How was work?"

"Good. You realize I can't talk about it. At least I won't."

"Yes. I probably wouldn't understand it anyway. I invest only in index mutual funds and leave them alone except for a yearly rebalancing."

"What kind of return have you been getting?"

I'm not sure I knew but I had a good guess. "Over the last three years, about 17%. So far this year, a loss of about 22%. That is after I got out of junk bonds and increased the international and real estate components. Three years is short, and all markets have been good until recently."

"Well, you are doing better than I am. The company just barely made 13% last year. And the risk must be large compared to yours. It makes me wonder, but unfortunately I am trapped by my own short-sighted generosity. We keep cash in index funds and long term investment in actively managed real estate (condos, office buildings and shopping malls). The real estate has been good for us, especially after the 2001 crash in equities. The downside is it is not at all liquid. The income is invested in the index funds to balance our risk tolerance. It seems as if we are more conservative than you are."

"So you are essential to the company? That is, the company will not continue to exist without you?"

"In anything like its present form, no, it won't. I don't micromanage anything, but I'm the only one who knows everything. The CEO is really a glorified office manager. He does a good job at that. He was the best head of planning and money management we have had, but he is no CEO. He doesn't understand what the research component of the company is for. I have heard him complain that they didn't make any money, just spend it, but it is just the opposite." I said I had a question not about all of this. She nodded, so I asked, "Do you know when school gets out? I should leave 20 minutes before."

"I'm not surprised you are trying to wiggle out. You ask good questions that are not easy to answer, and I can see you have something else on your mind. I don't think it is chess. You will

tell me when it is your time to tell. School gets out thirty minutes from now. I'll go cook something for dinner."

I was anxious to go because I was afraid something had happened to Mae. Connie had not called. Perhaps she had a report from one of her spies. I wanted to hear what happened after school was out, so I left.

I walked fast and was there in I'd guess 13 minutes. I opened the Civic, locked it from inside, noted the green light flashing, and turned on local sound. Just classroom noises. I felt better. I had Sue's cell phone with me. I asked to borrow it, and she didn't even ask why, just handed it over. This might create a rift that is hard to repair, but it was what I had to do. The noises were accompanied by local noises of cloth moving, so I thought she was still wearing the wire undetected and was OK. Someone had asked her a question and the red light was on as she said she couldn't comment. Once on the machine apparently recorded for two minutes or so. The teacher asked for quiet. I didn't know what Mae's last class was, but she was definitely in class, probably taking or just finishing a test.

It sounded like someone entered the room. In a few moments someone, it sounded like the teacher, told Mae she had to report to the office after school. I called Connie Owens. I got her secretary who said she was still in court but should be back soon. I told her what had just happened and that I needed advice. On her suggestion, I called the detective; no answer at his office, but he answered his cell. I told him who I was, he said he knew, and told him what I had just heard.

"Yes, I heard that as well. I don't think there is anything to worry about. I have an agent in the office now, and I am in the parking lot. Is that you in the old Civic?" "Yes."

"Good. I am going to walk to the school now, only to be close, not because I think I will be needed. Continue to record and listen. I will be listening as well, on foot. If something goes badly wrong, shots fired for example, call 911, but I'm sure we have it under control. Mae is a resourceful and brave young woman, and it would be best if she gets out of this with minimal intervention. Connie's agent from Lafayette is unarmed but she is a black belt in tae kwon do. She is also wearing a wire, but it is hidden in her hair. I am also monitoring everything going on with her."

He got off the phone. I heard the school bell ring. The phone rang. It was Connie's secretary relaying the message that Dr. Owens had constant communication with her agents in New Iberia and that I was to remain at my post. She tried to make a joke by asking if I had any Valium. I just said, "Funny." and closed the connection. I have never been calmer.

So I am backup to a backup. These were once standard military tactics, to have two layers of forces. They used different words during WWII, but that's what it amounted to. One of the reasons we are so crummy at war now is we have abandoned the whole concept of reserve units; as a result we wear out our whole force and have to throw in new poorly trained and, before they even leave here, demoralized troops.

I was still concerned. Connie Owens didn't answer the question about what she was after, helping Mae or taking down the system, and I was afraid Mae might be a pawn to sacrifice.

No help for it now. My part of this is to wait. Anyway, Mae is closer to being a Queen than a pawn.

Mae seemed to enter the office. The hall noises went away. She sat (which makes a distinctive noise). Someone I had not heard before commanded Mae to come into his office. He asked the other 'student' what she wanted and she said she was called to see Mr. Wills and would wait. Mae asked whoever it was to leave the door open but he slammed it shut. He yelled at her, "Who do you think you are anyway, coming in, destroying school property, disobeying direct orders from my representative, assaulting my Assistant Principal?"

Mae said, "I don't answer questions containing unsupported declarations, and that one has three. You must have abilities of some sort, but they are not up to the present emergency. If you are thinking of bullying me then you should leave that to the police or the mob or a street gang. You are clearly not capable of it, and your assistant principal certainly isn't, although that is traditionally that person's job.

"Do you know what false imprisonment is? If you detain me now it will be by force. To win a civil lawsuit I don't even have to prove you intended to restrict my movements. Courts have awarded generous punitive damages if the use of force to hold me is proven, damages that the school district cannot pay without committing political suicide, and I have a prima facie case even with nothing more. For example, account for the section of rubber hose in your upper right desk drawer. I don't believe you can. Scores of small children have felt it. I know they would like to tell about that, but I doubt if they would need to. DNA on the hose is testimony enough." Mae left his office and the school.

Waiting for Mae, I wondered what had happened to the 'girl' waiting for Mr. Wills. If I understand how they worked the situation in Lafayette, by the end she would probably have some DNA to show for it. I thought we could tell Sue now.

Mae got in the Civic. I had forgotten to unlock her side, but did soon enough. I leaned over and opened her door and turned off the wire. Mae was excited. "Did you get it all?" "Yes, I'm sure I did. You are simply amazing. Do you think we can tell Sue now? She is wondering what's up."

Mae said, "Let me talk to her. It is not time yet, for we don't know about the 'student.' " I had to agree.

"We should go. Sue will have dinner ready for us, and she has had a hard day."

"All her days are hard, but you are right. Tonight would be good for chess. I feel on top of the world. I have never played an expert." I was sure she didn't know that old song. Anyway she left out 'I'm sittin' ' and replaced it with 'I feel.' I could definitely sense the intense feeling. Adrenaline will do that, but there is a downside too, although rare in naturally induced situations in healthy people.

We arrived.

Sue met us at the door. She was upset. (She had never been able to hide that, or at least she never tried to hide it from me.) She handed Mae a note, saying, "This woman called. Twice. She wants you to call as soon as you get home. You can use the phone in the sitting room."

So that's what they call it. I didn't know so I had it 'family room.'

Mae went there and I followed Sue to the kitchen. The dining room table was set, and what she had cooked smelled good. Sue said, "What's going on?"

That was one I couldn't duck without telling a direct lie, so I said, "It has to do with something that happened at school Monday, yesterday. Mae said she would talk to you about it this evening. I know a little about it. The woman who called is Connie Owens, a lawyer in Lafayette, who is helping. I got her name from lawyers in Houston and College Station I know well. Mae has proved she can take care of herself. You will be proud of her."

Mae entered. I didn't hear her coming, but I was talking. She was wearing a huge grin.

Sue noticed, and asked. "Is there anything you want to tell us? Dinner can wait."
Mae started, "It is a long story, although it happened in a short time. Let me start at the end. Jack will want to hear this. Connie just told me. She is an attorney in Lafayette who is advising me pro bono.

"Mr. Wills has been arrested, taken by the Sheriff. Mr. Zieglar has been detained for questioning and his office sealed. The FBI is there, and Special Agent Sneider, a nice woman, wants to question me this evening if you (meaning Sue) permit it. If so, you will be present. It shouldn't take long, for they have almost everything recorded.

"It turns out that this situation has been under investigation for several weeks. Ms Sneider said I was the first student to directly confront the school administration, and that was all they needed. I will not have to go to court unless we seek damages. You might want to consider that."

No one had anything to say, so she continued, "Now the beginning. Yesterday after school Mr. Wills asked me to come to his office. He is the Assistant Principal. The hall was empty and no one else heard it. Once inside he locked the door and tried to touch me like Uncle Johnny does, but he seemed to know what he was doing. I stopped him and let myself out of his room. When I came home I needed to talk to someone so I told Jack. He ordered me to go write a complete account of the event. "I didn't know what he was going to do, but he called a couple of lawyers in Texas he knows, which led to Dr. Owens. She had dealt with this stuff in Lafayette and told me what to do. A local PI I never met left what he called a wire in our mailbox, told Jack it was there. I didn't see any actual wires. What it was is a small thin telephone-like device that transmits what it hears to a remote recorder. It came with a skin colored band-aid that would conceal it without making much of a bump. I put it on my shoulder where it could easily be seen if you looked. That way it wouldn't seem like it was hidden if I were, for some reason, searched."

I said, "You didn't tell me that. I saw it but thought you had scraped your shoulder."

Mae said, "I didn't tell you because you might have tried to talk me out of it. Remember Poe, though, The Purloined Letter. If it fooled you, who knew I had that secret, what about someone who just thought I did. They did search my purse and books, but Jack foresaw that and kept the recorder in his car across the street. It performed perfectly."

Sue said, "So that is why your car was gone all day."

I said, "It was our opinion that you might feel a need to injure Mr. Wills, as I wanted to, but that wouldn't solve the problem unless carried to an intolerable extreme. What did you say, Mae?"

"I said I thought you might kill him."

"Just so, and all the runaround today has been to keep that from happening." To Mae, "What else?"

Mae continued, "Let's see. I got Linda from the office to watch the purse search, and when that was over gave it to her and asked her to put it in a safe place. Then I demanded they search my locker, inventory the contents, and seal it. The woman balked but I insisted. All this is recorded, and I'm sure you will be allowed to hear the recording. I am almost certain the recording belongs to me.

"The locker, as I knew, was empty, and the janitor sealed the door by passing a wire through the hole where my lock was and placing his special seal on it. I'll bring that home tomorrow if they let me. I can see no reason why they wouldn't."

I noticed Mae's voice was getting a little rough, so I fetched a glass of water for her. She took a sip, then another, and continued. "Nothing much happened except people kept hounding me for my story but Dr. Owens said it was essential that I talk to no one about this, not one word. I thought that would be awkward so I just said 'No comment,' as if I meant it, which I did. "Last night I thought about what I would say if Mr. Ziegler called me to account, and stayed up late going over various things that might happen. I picked the three that seemed most likely. I even ranked them in order: Mr. Z and Mr. Wills, closed door; Mr. Z and office worker; and Mr. Z alone. The last seemed most likely.

"I walked down to the library and got a book I had looked at, an ACLU book The Rights of Students. There is a long chapter that deals with Illegal Imprisonment. Around here I have heard False instead of Illegal. It turns out that students of any age cannot be locked up by the school without due process. If it happens by accident, for example locking someone in a restroom you didn't know was there, it is only a tort, for which damages can be sought. If deliberate, then it is a felony and civil actions often result in punitive damages being awarded in addition to jail time for the party, or at least probation and a hefty fine. Because of the wire it wouldn't just be the word of a student against powerful adults. I didn't know it but everything was being recorded by two recorders, not just the one in Jack's car.

"Since the best position I could hope for was the third one, I decided to prepare for that to the point of actually writing out what I would say and how I would react to what Mr. Ziegler said, which seems tricky but, in any situation, there are only a few possibilities. Having the wire gave me the confidence I needed to speak forcefully." She turned to me, and said, "Why not

get the recording? I would like to hear it before they take it away. I can make a recording of it for us to keep. Then there are the notes I wrote last night; I couldn't have slept until I did that."

I brought it from the car. I wasn't worried that it might have been taken because of the company's security system. Movement in the parking lot was an event that would get the attention of the guard. Sue said, "Let's hear it."

I didn't know how much incidental activity would be on the tape. There was surprisingly little, only about a half hour in all. Mae had her little recorder going beside it, set for 1.75 ips so she would get two hours on a 60 minute cassette tape with little loss in understandability. Only ten minutes into the playback Special Agent Sneider knocked on the door. Mae turned both machines off and the three of them went into the sitting room. When I hear something like that I imagine a room that sits.

I went back to the chess board. It didn't seem likely that we would play tonight, but I wanted to at least finish the game I had started. Gary Lane may know all about the opening but he made it difficult to follow. Each half-move had, on average, four replies analyzed to death. Most books on an opening only follow two lines, and that only every other player move. To do more is bewildering, but that is how you analyze. I was just starting a third game, a variation that had a black pawn structure similar to the Caro-Kann, an alternative to the French that doesn't lock in the black QB, but denies the QN the square c6. And anyway the right place for the c pawn is c5. The party came out from the sitting room, Ms Sneider left, and we went back to the dining room. The Blackmar-Diemer Gambit would have to wait.

I set the table for dinner. Looked like we were having vegie tempura with some mustard based sauce. Simple. They returned, and Sue served the light dinner. She had a little speech prepared.

Sue said, "They think they have enough without Marie's testimony, that they may even get a confession from Wills by using it to contradict his statement taken under oath. She said she couldn't discuss any civil action. If Mr. Zieglar stonewalls or lies they will prosecute him for injury to a child. The rubber hose is almost a confession. Marie will be in neither loop.

"I owe you two an apology. You were right, if I knew I would have taken direct action. That is how I have always solved problems but since I didn't know, and have an active imagination, I didn't know what to think. This woman calling my man; what for? And what was it, Jack and Marie all of a sudden being together all the time? There are only a few ways to lose a man, and these two were at the top of the list."

"I use the word lose in the sense of to have something taken away. That is what it felt like. That someone was taking Jack away, and I didn't even know who. If it were Marie it would be a double loss, more than I could stand."

"Sue, she's just a kid who, I admit, has performed well above her age, but still a kid. And Dr. Owens was all business, and didn't tell me anything. It was as if I were the enemy."

"I know all of that now. You did what you had to do, and both did it well, beyond anyone's reasonable expectation."

Mae was looking at me. I certainly can't read minds, usually not even faces, but Mae said, without speaking, 'I told you so!' I suppose it was the 'my man' phrase.

We finished the Japanese dish. Sue said she wanted to hear the rest of the tape, so Mae started both recorders and we left, I guess to play chess.

She set up the board, and extended hands with a pawn in each. I always take the left if it is an even day, the right if odd, so I took the left, drew black. We settled down, she set the clock to blitz, which I am terrible at. Whole game in 5 minutes. I started her clock and she surprised me by playing 1 Nf3, a hypermodern opening that could transpose into almost anything. I opened the second game, played with all moves in 10 minutes per side, with the same move. (In duplicate bridge each pair has a 'card' on which you state what conventions you play. Butch Barber and I had 'We play what you play' on our card. Club bridge has a lot of coffee-house psychology.) We followed the same moves as the first game until the 11th move. I had thought about what she did, decided I could improve on it, and did. She won both games on time. That is, I ran out of time before she did.

"I win because my opponents blunder. Why do you think I prefer closed positions?"

"I know why. I always play closed positions against impatient players. Where did you pick up the R'eti opening? And I didn't blunder, I just ran out of time."

"I don't remember, some old book that said it was inferior. And, funny, I always thought running out of time a blunder. Live and learn."

"By Ruben Fine?" Mae said. "I don't know. Could we go over the games tomorrow, I'm about to crash." I told her I was tired too. I put up the pieces, returned the books to the sitting room, and thought about the day. Sue had already gone upstairs, now Mae. I turned off all the lights downstairs and sat on that couch that seemed to fit me. There was a moon, not visible from where I was sitting, but it was bright outside, and some light was coming down the stairs. I thought about being Sue's man, not exactly that, but when did I become Sue's? I've always thought I was my own man. I know it is a common expression, but she put something uncommon in it. I'm not even sure I can be Sue's, that if she had me she would not have a whole man. And I don't want to tell her that, for she is fun to play with. I know these arguments with myself seldom do any good. I decided to quit it and think about Mae's problem, if she has one. Yesterday morning when she was being searched several kids heard what she said to the woman. It was not the best of her speeches, that one was for Mr. Ziegler, absolutely brilliant. It is a shame it can't be published.

Sue had told me Mae had skipped the second and fourth grade and was now a Junior, but seemed to fit in well. I wasn't impressed by that, but it was by her vocabulary, knowledge of literature, her outstanding ability to think on her feet, and her instinct for survival. I am good at the first two, excellent with the third, and no good at all at the last.

I noticed this line of internal talk was about to enter a loop, so I went to bed. Despite being tired and worn out it took a long time before sleep came to me. I kept thinking about her.

When would she be gone? That is the wrong way to say it. Would I ever know she is gone? I had run out of clichés. Time, for example, does not heal, nor does it tell. And it may not even

have any physical reality. Oh, I know, speed of light ties time and distance together. Too tired to think clearly.

To Be Continued

TEX / RN5 Mailbox:

Please send in your feedback, gripes, and suggestions. The mailbox was pretty empty again this past month for TEX and RN5 business.

Jun 18, Scott **N7NET**: I'm moving in with my daughter and her husband. Radio other than an HT will most likely be out of the question.

73 de Scott

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Jun 28, **N5RL**: Hi Guys, Early TEX worked so well on 40 meters on 29 June (Z) that I will try to use it for the early session for as long as the propagation is so much better than what 80 meters has been like. I don't think it would work nearly as well though for late TEX due to the band stretching out as the evening wears on. So expect me to continue using it for my assigned net nights of Tuesday and Friday. I would recommend other NCS stations give it a try as well. Signals and noise levels were far superior to any recent Early TEX sessions on 3541 Khz.

73 de Randy N5RL

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Jul 25 from Jon, **KZ5Z**: Hello Steve. Just wanted to say that the 40 meter band was great tonight so guess past few days have just been solar conditions. Everyone was very readable from W5CU who is about 100 miles away to W8IM in Florida. W5FEA was about 20 over 9.

73, Jon

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Jul 18 **WB8SIW**: Hello Everyone:

Over the weekend, we completed the task of developing a new RRI web page. Many of the documents formerly available on the old RRI web page have been transferred, and various summaries of RRI programs and policies are outlined to provide a more concise and better understanding of RRI. We also removed some information that was deemed obsolete or non-essential. Please take a look at the web page and let us know what you think.

In the coming weeks, we will be adding more content based on the same general design. Please be sure to share the new web page URL with others in the amateur radio community.

The new URL is: www.radiorelay.org

Thank you,
James Wades (WB8SIW)

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WB8SIW: A new issue of the "QNI Newsletter" is now available on the QNI Newsletter web page at: <http://www.qni-newsletter.net>

73, JW

There are several things of interest to TEX and general traffic handlers such as a new proposed set of numbered radiogram messages (replaces the ARL set) that you are invited to comment on before it goes "live" in October. Be sure to check it out.

Contents include:

The First Woman Telegrapher, Remote Control Hazards, World's Fastest Telegraphers, How to Set Up a Message Center, Skinning a Mule, The National Response Plan, American District Telegraph (ADT), The National NC-183NR Receiver, Press Wireless, **Updated "ARL" Numbered Radiograms**, Fire Alarms by Telegraph, Motivations? And FLASH—New Welfare Radiogram Text Creator

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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. Now with K5GM gone to TN, we are missing coverage for 4 NCS slots (thanks to the backups for handling them) and 3 RN5/1 and 2 RN5/2 slots. The roster was not updated. Note that early RN5 and also early TEX have now moved to 40 meters (7108). Note also that Sam, W5CU, is still in Colorado.

TEX CW Net Weekly Schedule

Local	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
NC 1	W5FEA	N5RL	W5FEA	W9VE	N5RL	No Net	Open
Backup	Open	Open	K5GM	N5RL	Open	No Net	W5FEA
NC 2	Open	K6JT	K6JT	K6JT	Open	No Net	Open
Backup	W5FEA	W5FEA	KZ5Z	KZ5Z	KZ5Z	No Net	W5FEA
RN5 1	N5RL	KZ5Z	Open	KZ5Z	Open	No Net	Open
Backup	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	No Net	Open
RN5 2	W5CU	K6JT	K5RG	K6JT	Open	No Net	Open
Backup	Open	KZ5Z	W5CU	KZ5Z	Open	No Net	Open

TEX/1: **7108**/3541/3593 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: K5RG, N5RL, KZ5Z

NCS Backup: W5FEA, K5RG, N5RL, W5DY, KZ5Z

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, /0 CO	K9NY	Bill	Now Wisconsin
N5CXX	Steve	Richardson (K6JT)	K1PKZ	Paul	Silent Key May 2020
W5DAE	Don	San Angelo	WA5PRI	Don	Thibodaux LA
W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	* K5RG	Ken	Houston
W5ESE	Scott	Dripping Springs	N5RL	Randy	San Antonio
* W5FEA	Jim	Graham	KD5RQB	Jason	Atlanta
K5GM	Pete	Tennessee	W5TMO	Mike	Austin
KM0I	John	Hattiesburg MS	K5TSK	Hank	Retired
KA9IKK	Bill	Katy	KD5TXD	Pat	Kingsville
K5IX	Dave	Brackettville	W9VE	Don	Dallas
K5JFB	Jim	Fort Worth	WB5VIH	Dave	Merkel
K6JT	Steve	Plano	WB8WKQ	Jeff	Silent Key Feb 2022
* W6LFB	Jim	Denton	KZ5Z	Jon	Springer OK
WA5MS	Marty	Argyle			

* Capable of 160 meter operation

Statistics:

June 2022:

Jon, KZ5Z, took first place with 50 (96%), Randy, N5RL, was 2nd with 49 (94%), and Jim, W5FEA, and Don, W5DAE, tied for third with 48 (92%). Thanks again to all who checked in.

Visitors: None

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Note there were 52 sessions reported out of a possible 52 (no Saturday nets). Traffic averaged 0.5 per net session (1.0 last month). Net time averaged 11.8 minutes per session (11.8 last month). Check-ins averaged 5.3 per session (5.7 last month).

TEX Net Statistics (June 2022)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
W5CU	Sam	1	3					
*		2						
W5DAE	Don	23	48					
		25						
W5DY	Rodney	19	31					
		12						
W5FEA	Jim	23	48	7		23		
*		25				25		

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
K5GM	Pete	3	7		1			
*		4						
K5IX	Dave	8	12					
		4						
K6JT	Steve	0	14					
*		14		14	9		14	
K5RG	Ken	2	7					
*		5			5			
N5RL	Randy	24	49	7	2			
*		25			3			
W9VE	Don	8	8	3			8	
		0						
KZ5Z	Jon	24	50	9	20			
	OK	26		12	8			
Totals		277		52	48	48	22	0
				100%	92%	92%	42%	0%
QTC 1		2	26					
QTC 2		24	Sessions:		52			
Time 1		311	611					
Time 2		300						

July 2022:

Jon, KZ5Z, was 1st with 52 (100%), Don, W5DAE, was 2nd with 49 (94%), and Randy, N5RL, was 3rd with 43 (83%). Thanks again to all of you who checked in.

Visitors: None

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 52 (no Saturdays). Traffic averaged 0.7 per net session (0.5 last month). Net time averaged 10.8 minutes per session (11.8 last month). Check-ins averaged 5.4 per session (5.3 last month).

TEX Net Statistics (July 2022)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
N5BA	Brian	0	1					
		1						
W5CU	Sam	6	10		1			
*		4			3			
W5DAE	Don	24	49					
		25						
W5DY	Rodney	18	37					
		19						
W5FEA	Jim	17	37	5		17		
*		20		1		20		

K5IX	Dave	18	20					
		2						
K6JT	Steve	0	13					
*		13		13	9		13	
K5RG	Ken	1	5					
*		4			4			
N5RL	Randy	20	43	7	1			
*		23						
W9VE	Don	15	15	5			15	
		0						
KZ5Z	Jon	26	52	9	23			
	OK	26		12	9			
Totals		282		52	50	37	28	0
				100%	96%	71%	54%	0%
QTC 1		9	37					
QTC 2		28		Sessions:		52		
Time 1		296	561					
Time 2		265						

Operating:

Besides early RN5, CAN and WAN, TEX/1 has now moved to 40 meters and seems to be working better there than on 80 (with the occasional poor propagation evening). All will stay on 40 for the remainder of the summer. Conditions seem to be OK for 80 meter operation later in the evening.

Our traffic count has become very low the last couple months as you saw earlier. Some VE1IJ messages are starting to show up, but not as many as when Glenn was in Ontario. If you have the time, please consider sending some greeting messages to friends, relatives, or those stations you work on the air.

While it is becoming more difficult to find phone numbers, there are a few new web sites to try besides the normal 411.com and whitepages.com. Reverse lookup for numbers on messages you receive are also easier with websites such as Cocofinder. Other sites are spokeo, peoplefinder, truecaller (which also has a mobile app), spydialer, CellRevealer, Spytox, Zlookup, and AnyWho. Many will give reverse lookups for free, but most also have a paid option to get more information. I have not tried all of them yet, so let me know if you find one that is especially good (and free).

Here are the composite reports for the last 2 months for traffic handled at the region and above levels. Traffic totals continue to drop lower compared to previous months.

Central US Nets Activity for June 2022

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5 th Call Area	13	26	64	73	0.356
Cycle 2 9RN*	13	280	71	69	4.058
Day 10 th Call Area #	12	36	44	59	0.610
Night 5 th Call Area**	52	71	188	426	0.167
Night 9 th Call Area	50	283	163	310	0.913
Night 10 th Call Area	55	41	122	232	0.177
Day Central US	13	222	77	236	0.941
Night Central US @	29	354	147	384	0.922
Day Inter-Area Traffic	39	127	39		100%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	39	213	39		100%
Total Voice/CW Nets		1653	954	1789	
DTN Digital \$\$			Received	Sent	
KE5YTA Central Area RN5		516	302	214	
N9VC Central Area 9RN/TEN		1734	374	1360	
Digital Stations (14)		711	363	348	
Total DTN Digital		2961			
Total Central US		4614			
* Not Radio Relay International affiliated					
\$\$ See times and frequencies following the next month's data					
@ 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 2022

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5 th Call Area	11	7	45	58	0.121
Cycle 2 9RN*	13	186	68	57	3.263
Day 10 th Call Area #	12	17	52	63	0.270
Night 5 th Call Area**	52	75	173	413	0.182
Night 9 th Call Area	54	259	172	332	0.780
Night 10 th Call Area	61	73	139	305	0.239

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day Central US	13	118	84	219	0.539
Night Central US @	31	342	148	336	1.018
Day Inter-Area Traffic	39	91	37		95%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	93	220	76		82%
Total Voice/CW Nets		1388	994	1783	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
KE5YTA Central Area RN5		477	274	203	
N9VC Central Area 9RN/10RN		1959	497	1462	
Digital Stations (14)		371	198	173	
Total DTN Digital		2807			
Total Central US		4195			
* Not Radio Relay International affiliated					
@ Manager resigned, nominations open. Composite from NCS reports received					
** Nominations open for manager, thanks to NC Stations for statistics					

DTN Access:

\$\$ KE5YTA Pactor 1700-2400 CDT M-F, 24 hours Sat / Sun

\$\$ Center Frequencies: DTN 3591, 7103, and 14098; RMS Winlink 3.589 and 7.1024

\$\$ N9VC Pactor + VARA 24/7 except when on HF Nets

\$\$ Center Frequencies (both Pactor/VARA) 3591.9, 3593.9, 7102.4, 14110.4

Keep sending your TEX net reports and inputs for this Newsletter to me, either on the air via TEX or RN5, via Winlink, or via standard Email.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer and the start of Autumn.

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



Photo Courtesy of VE3UU

Greetings From Northeast Texas

Jason, KD5RQB, has been calling the net when he is able. 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 2022	14	0	98	1	14
July 2022	12	0	72	1	12

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
KD5RQB	Jason	ATLANTA, TEXAS
N5XGG	Joe	ROCK ISLAND, TEXAS
WB8YLO	Steve	TOLEDO, OHIO
KD5ZCQ	John	ATLANTA, TEXAS

Stop by any evening Tuesday through Friday on 3570kHz at 7:45 p.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 85 of the **RN5 Corner**.

Thanks again to everyone who is supporting RN5 and especially to the NCS stations for their reports. Most nights continue to be covered and reported (other than Saturdays, which remain optional).

Sam, W5CU, is still in Colorado and continues to support RN5 and CAN. 40 works well for him early and so far his signal on the late net has been respectable. Pete, K5GM, moved to TN last month but is not set up yet.

Jack, K5WNU, was off the air for a few days due to antenna damage from a severe storm. He had to wait for help to fix the antenna. He is back on the air now but is still having some receive noise problems (cannot copy K6JT).

Jon, KZ5Z, is doing an outstanding job checking into or controlling nearly all RN5 sessions. Thanks, Jon!

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 everyone for supporting RN5. We can really use CAN liaison help – there are a lot of empty slots.

June: KZ5Z 13, K6JT 9, W5CU 10, K5WNU 19, WA5CAV 1

July: K5WNU 5, K6JT 9, KZ5Z 28, W5CU 10

Thank you all for your support of RN5, especially regulars WA5CAV, W5CU, K5WNU, KZ5Z, K6JT, and K5RG. John, KC4FL, continues to regularly check in from FL. Ben, KZ8Q, and Dean, W8IM, check in from FL some nights.

Please continue to pass AR 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). OK traffic can now be sent to Jon, KZ5Z, who is checking in regularly and has the 2 Sunday night NCS slots. Jon also checks into TEX so TX traffic can be sent to him if no other TEX liaison.

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. For Winlink addresses via E-mail, 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	(No net)	KZ5Z
NCS #2	K5WNU	K6JT	W5CU	K6JT	K5WNU	(No net)	KZ5Z
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

2022 Statistics

MONTH	JUNE	JULY
SESSIONS	52	52
QTC	71	75
QNI	188	173
QTR	426	413
AVG QTC	1.4	1.4
AVG QNI	3.6	3.3
AVG QTR	8.2	7.9

The following roster shows stations coming to RN5 in the past 5 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	(Retired)
KC4FL	JOHN	FL	K4VIZ	TOM	AR**
K5GM	PETE	TN	WB8WKQ	JEFF	(SK)
W8IM	DEAN	FL	K5WNU	JACK	MS
K6JT	STEVE	TX	KZ5Z	JON	OK / (TX)

** 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