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Newsletter of the Texas NTS CW Net (TEX)
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Pfeiffer Pfist and 7290 Traffic Net Picnic

It is that time of year again… The 7290 Traffic Net picnic will be held this year on May 12 once again at the SPJST Lodge Hall #48, 10450 FM 619, Beyersville (Taylor), TX. More information will be available on the http://www.7290trafficnet.org/ website as the time draws nearer.
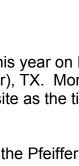
I am pleased to announce that Pete Jordahl, K5GM, is the recipient of the Pfeiffer Pfist award for 2018. Hopefully Pete will be able to make it to the picnic where Rodney, W5DY, will make the presentation. Rodney already has the new plaque ready with Pete's name and call added to it. Pete was unanimously approved by all former Pfist award holders that are still active. Congratulations to you, Pete !!

At this time, due to health issues, I do not believe I will be able to make it to the picnic. As in the past couple years, I plan to prepare something for Rodney to read in my absence. Someone please get a picture of the PP award presentation to Pete by Rodney and send it to me for the next newsletter.

Another New QNI Newsletter

James Wades, WB8SIW, always a prolific writer, has published another QNI Newsletter, which is available on http://www.qni-newsletter.net/ . This issue contains a variety of topics, one of which I highly encourage you to read concerning proposed policy for Bulk Messages. After reading, please submit any comments to me and I will pass them along to the RRI Board. Topics in this issue include:

1. First Quarter Exercise April 21
2. The Origins of the Radiogram
3. VEC Data Harvesting Program
4. Enlightened Leadership?
5. Delivering Radiograms
6. Restoring a Neutrodyne
7. **Proposed Policy Governing Bulk Message Originations**
8. Registered Radio Operators to be Paired with REACT Units
9. WTSHTF: Why We Do This

Dave the Traffic Handler

Another story from Scott, N7NET for your reading pleasure. Thank you again, Scott

More than two decades have passed since I met Dave, WB7VSN. It was a chance encounter. I was the new guy on the Oregon Section Net and everyone had to slow down. Before the net closed someone urged the group to move to another 80m frequency where the Idaho-Montana Net was scheduled to begin at the next quarter-hour.

Without a doubt, my slow fist, and the hesitancy, I stood out in glaring contrast to those seasoned speedsters. Many of them had once represented the railroads. Others were former US Signal Corps people. Dave, discovering we were neighbors, radio-wise, called me on the phone. And from that moment a warm friendship developed.

Dave, a Native Son of Southern California was nine when his mother felt she could trust him to find his way round Los Angeles on his own. That was probably because she realized he would venture no farther than the Southern Pacific Depot. That was where he caught the fever for American Morse.

The dispatchers realized they had a budding telegrapher in their midst, so they encouraged him to seize an idle wire and send "HAM HAM": an invitation to any other "novice" who might be hanging out at a different dispatch office like San Diego, Bakersfield, Sacramento, or any other location in between. When someone responded with a like signal the two of them put their skills to work learning trains orders and Western Union traffic.

Dave, like others, found the code infectious. By the time he was old enough to hire on he'd already been handling Western Union traffic when the dispatcher was tied up with train orders.

Responding to his draft notice, Dave served with the Army Signal Corps as a telegrapher, handing International Morse traffic. He was now bilingual in code. His ability to handle either language with ease at 65 wpm was not to go unnoticed. He soon became General MacArthur's personal telegrapher while in the Philippines.

Dave is a modest person, not prone to bragging. Little more was said about his duties in connection with MacArthur other than it had happened. I assumed much of what he might have shared was still classified, so I didn't press him with questions.

Our friendship was still relatively young when he acquired permission from the American Morse Club to initiate a Eugene, Oregon Chapter (EUG). He approached me to be the Secretary and Newsletter editor. Of course, learning American Morse was a rigid requirement.

I was successful, after a fashion, though I doubt a less qualified traffic handler had not yet been located.

Up until this time I was often overwhelmed with the speeds these folks sent their traffic. But after I learned to copy American Morse I discovered part of this confusion was caused by their mixing a few American characters with International. They all did it from time to time and they called it "Box Car-ing". What a hoot that became sometimes.

Ace Holeman, a retired Pennsylvania railroad dispatcher, devised a home-brew appliance in his QTH and railroaders were encouraged to dial it up. As many as a dozen at a time, as I recall, could gather round-table fashion and hash over the old days.

The newsletter was published using my Commodore 64 and dot matrix printer. Nearly 30 members received the newsletter via USPS, including two women who had become railroad dispatchers after all the men in their two depots were drafted. One copy of the newsletter went to headquarters.

The EUG Chapter conducted several demonstrations. One occurred at the Brownville, Oregon Depot, the location of the first narrow-gauge in Oregon's Willamette Valley. Another demonstration took place at a model railroad show. Visitors were encouraged to write a radiogram message at the front desk. The message was then sent to a sounder in another room. One of the messages was for a man's daughter and featured a heart. Directions for drawing the heart were sent over the wire via American Morse and the receiver duplicated the heart in the other room. When the father picked up the message, he said: "This isn't my writing".

This experience is a bit removed from amateur radio. However, none of it would have occurred had it not been for the amateur radio CW Nets and the folks who lit up the airwaves with their bugs. In spite of the fact that I was winging it most of the time, it is a highlight of my radio hobby. I would do it again in a heartbeat.

Scott also wrote: I forgot to explain the pictures. The group was taken at the Brownsville, Oregon Railroad Museum after a demo. Dave is the one in the striped shirt. Vic Seaburger, w7vse, is sitting down.

The keys are Dave's collection at his home. Somewhere I have the photo of his railway agent look alike.

In the text of this story I've mentioned Holeman's landline setup for allowing up to a dozen operators to chat in round table fashion.

On Samual Morse's 200th (?) birthday, Australia was awarded a free call day by their AT&T counterpart and they dialed the only US phone number they had, which was Dave's, so they could call the Blackstone Hotel in Chicago and join in the blowout. They began sending in International over the American line and caused a lot of confusion for Dave.

TEX Mailbox:

From **Jim**, **K5TSK**: I appreciate the updating of the RN5 roster and info on the latest newsletter.

Relicensed in Nov. 2015 to extra class and made my first 30 contacts on a brand new Bencher iambic paddle and FTdx3000.

Had been a ham before and had at that time aspired to being a CW traffic handler. Checked into the OSN net managed and run by Arley and Pat, WB5NKC and NKD. Tried to get fast enough to QNI RN5, but knew CAN was out of reach. Always thought that the CW handlers were the cream of the crop. Also did a few QNI to Daytime RN5 and back then they did handle traffic. *Ed Note: They still do and could use more check-ins Monday, Wednesday, and Friday on 7280 KHZ at 1025 local.*

So, when I got my latest license, I decided to listen to a few nets. LSN, TEX, RN5 and CAN CW and found I could almost copy most.

Set about using various software to get my hand copy on paper up to CAN speed. Jerry (W4SU) would verify I worked hard on that for at least six months. Just about got there and even checked into CAN four or five times in a volunteer role, when no one else showed. Then the bush war set in between ARRL and RRI. Because I was listening to CAN almost every night, I copied several things that I would rather have not heard. Seemed that there was an active campaign to shut out EAN, or EAN stations. Just made me sick.

Decided too many ego trips going on in present day traffic handling and I basically quit. There are times when it seems that RRI has gotten the better of the scuffle, but there aren't any winners in this. Not sure what good I would have done. Would have tried, but that is over.

I still listen some to RN5 and CAN, but don't plan on joining. Also dropped my ARRL membership, because those idiots had a big part in all this. I tried early on to get Arkansas back trying to do traffic work after seeing several stations rebuked for bringing traffic to 'so-called' traffic nets. ARRL Arkansas folks just don't seem to see any need for traffic on the nets I've listened to. Ended up being rebuked myself.

There are times when I think about all the work I spent trying to get my code up, just to see things develop the way they did, and it makes me mad. So if you have seen me show my tail, that's the reason.

In any case, the latest roster shows it as it really seems to be. Thank you for that.

73, Jim K5TSK

Ed Note: Thanks for the candid discussion, Jim. You are certainly welcome to check into TEX any night and we might even have some AR traffic for you. The CAN/RRI discussion was part of an attempt to reduce the load on the IATN (formerly TCC) operators, particularly in Western, who had to keep 2 schedules to get Eastern traffic. Eastern is the only area with both ARRL NTS and RRI stations – Central and Western are nearly 100% RRI for region and above. CAN still accepts EAN check-ins and handles any traffic they bring. So also trying to re-unite with our brethren there. Feelings still run high on both sides, however, as you have witnessed.

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Also from **Scott, N7NET**: QNI-2017 and the thoughts concerning low power and emergency communications. I'm an active member of Post 111 in Crossett, Arkansas. We are just now tying the ribbon on a post station that has been months in the making - finding new technicians, building a room, getting the commanders signature. We sent away for a Post Call Sign this past week. Much of the information in QNI are the issues we've been addressing the past few weeks.

And last, the editor of QNI is suggesting people initiate some messages for the net. I'll do that this evening. 73, Scott

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From **Rodney, W5DY**: There is entirely too much emailing of traffic going on now, not digital, email. I can see a lot of confusion coming from all of this, but don't know what to do about it. 7290 is an independent net, so they are not under anybody's rules and can pretty much do what they want. Jo Ann is against emails, but the way the band has been it is either use email or the traffic doesn't get passed.

I have really upped my traffic count by acting as a QNB when I can hear both stations. This helps keep traffic out of emails, too. Most of the NC's will ask for somebody to QNB, but there are a couple who yell email right off the bat. I don't like this at all, but again, what can I do? It is not only 7290. I have heard it on TTN and DTTN also.

Passing traffic by radio (CW or SSB) is our means of keeping in practice for the "real thing". This business of using email is taking that away and some folks are not going to be prepared for the "real thing". I still only use my radio for traffic and refuse to use email. I don't even have Winlink anymore.

OK, I'm off my soapbox now, hihi. 73, Rodney

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From **Sam, W5CU**, on March 7: Howdy. I'm in CO until next Wed. I arrived last night and noticed that the antenna tuner wouldn't tune as normal. This morning revealed that my dipole support rope had broken and the antenna was buried in the snow. I dug all of it out today except about 6' that is embedded in a block of ice (refrozen snowmelt - it was 13 degs. this A.M.). That part will have wait until the big melt-off in April, I guess. I have an old OCF dipole with me that I will try to string up tomorrow if I can dig out the center insulator of the buried antenna and get to the coax terminus, but it will not be very high.

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From **JW, WB8SIW**: Here's the YouTube URL for the Ham Radio Now episode featuring Radio Relay International:

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=Dg7YWLP2DHI

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George, K5BMR, wrote: Wow! When I read this, it sounded like a big problem and with his bad English skills, one should know to run away as fast as you can… I Googled this and it appears to be real and a lot of other folks have been bilked. 73, George

http://forums.qrz.com/showthread.php?447305-Anatomy-of-an-Internet-Scam-at-QRZ

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Ken, K5RG, wrote on March 22: Guys (another diatribe from K5RG),

I am a little upset these days and I hate to dump on you so please accept my apology in advance.

The problem the traffic system (whatever we call it now - IATN, RRI, NTS, 7290, etc.) has these days is lack of participation, which is only being severely impacted by bulk messages. The immediate traffic system management goal should be to have a net participation schedule where the managers have no assignments and can direct their energies to filling in when needed. I can't believe that such guys like N9CK, K6YR, W5CU, K5GM and so forth really enjoy spending their time attempting to pass large numbers of messages that should be sent via email, USPS, etc. It is my belief that you can't generate a need if that need doesn't exist. I believe that the 'system' should be up and running when needed for emergency purposes in addition to recognizing the real world as it exists; specifically, there is such a thing as the Internet. There is an equation that ties participation to passing messages but the key resources of the traffic system don't need to spend their time handling large numbers of bulk messages. I am not sure what that balance might be but when I get stuck with 20 bulk messages and nobody to pass them to, I am not a happy camper. I hope you all saw the article on how hams don't seem to recognize the real world as demonstrated by their past acceptance of SSB and so forth.

I will be in France for the next 12 days, available via email but I've made no attempt to back stop my TCC skeds on Monday and Wednesday. It is not in my personality to further burden the guys who are already over booked to stay up to midnight handling bulk messages that in my opinion should be sent via email or some semi-automated method.

I will assist when possible but will minimize my support of handing bulk messages. When I can't handle bulk messages within the next traffic cycle, I will service them back to the originator as we have no outlet if none existed at the time. I've done it for so many stations for so long, that for the most part they just die on my desk. That seems to be about 70% these days for my skeds on Monday and Wednesday.

Please bear with me, I am just getting grumpy as I see the light at the end of the tunnel it seems.

My best as always, Ken K5RG

Ed Note: There are others who share your views, Ken. That is why RRI is trying to establish new guidelines for bulk traffic origination – see the QNI issue.
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From **George, K5BMR**: HOWDY ALL,

The 729Ø Net was recently presented with a Medallion from the DPS Emergency Management Office for our participation in the Hurricane Harvey Disaster assisting the State Operations Center. A picture of the Medallion is on the QST Page of the 729Ø Web site.
73, GEORGE K5BMR

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Received the following information from **Fred, WB5BNV**: The Department of Homeland Security's National Coordinating Center for Communications response to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau request for comment on response efforts in the 2017 hurricane season is shown below, FYI.

February 28, 2018
John O'Connor, Director of the National Coordinating Center for Communications, submitted feedback to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau request for comment on response efforts in the 2017 hurricane season. Mr. O'Connor responded to two questions regarding the use of Amateur radio volunteers, including 1) To what extent were response efforts facilitated by amateur radio operators? and 2) Going forward, should efforts be made to increase the use of amateur radio services in connection with the planning, testing and provision of emergency response and recovery communications? Mr. O'Connor commended the performance of amateur radio operators during the 2017 hurricane season and emphasized amateur radio operators are invaluable during emergency communications response. Mr. O'Connor also asked the Commission to review aspects of FCC Part 97 Amateur Radio Service Rules, which place operational and technical restrictions on the use of new technologies. The report can be found online at: https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/102221867611691/DHS%20NCC%20Reply%20Comments%20FCC%20PS%20Docket%2017-344%202017%20Hurricane%20Season.pdf

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TEX Net Topics

The TEX Duty Schedule and Roster are shown on the following page. Rodney has completely re-done the duty schedule, after coordinating with those involved, so be sure to take a look. Thank you, Rodney, Jim, Randy, Sam, and Pete. There are no longer open slots, the backups having been put into most of them and a new backup chosen. Thanks to all who are helping out and also the backup stations for those slots when the regular station is unavailable. Added K9NY to the roster since Bill has been a regular check-in.

CAN and WAN and both RN5 sessions continue on 80 meters. There are no immediate plans to move TEX or those two to 40 meters, but it could happen in the next few weeks.

TEX CW Net Weekly Schedule

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

TEX/1: **3541/**7053/3595 at 19:00 CT; TEX/2 **3541/**3595**/**1841 at 22:00 CT
RN5/1: **3567**/7108 at 19:30; RN5/2: **3567**/7108/3598 at 21:30 CT
TSN: **3570** - 19:45 CT; CAN: **3552**/7052/3595/7108 - 20:30 CT; WAN: **3552**/7052 - 22:30 CT

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

TEX Roster

	Call	Name	Location / Notes		Call	Name	Location / Notes
	N5AF	Sam	Cleveland	*	N7NET	Scott	McKinney
	KW5AS	Skip	Victoria	*	KB5NJD	John	Duncanville
	N5BA	Brian	Houston		K9NY	Bill	Canyon Lake
	WA5CAV	Dick	Pineville LA		K1PKZ	Paul	Tom Bean
	W5CU	Sam	Edmond OK		WA5PRI	Don	Thibodaux LA
	W5DAE	Don	San Angelo		W5QLD	Ron	Corpus Christi
	W4DLZ	Frank	Florida		K5QOW	Gary	Reagan Wells
*	W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	*	K5RG	Ken	Houston
*	W5ESE	Scott	Dripping Springs		N5RL	Randy	San Antonio
*	W5FEA	Jim	Graham		W5ROK	Steve	Richardson (K6JT op)
	W5GKH	Charlie	West Columbia		KD5RQB	Jason	Atlanta
	K5GM	Pete	Austin		W5TMO	Mike	Austin
	W9GVW	Eric	San Antonio		K5TSK	Jim	Pearcy AR
	K5JRN	Si	Austin		KD5TXD	Pat	Kingsville
*	K6JT	Steve	Plano		NE5V	Chris	Liberty Hill
*	W6LFB	Jim	Denton		WB8WKQ	Jeff	Michigan
	WA5MS	Marty	Argyle		K6YBV	Bob	Placerville CA
	NM5M	Eric	Plano		W5ZD	Pat	Kingsville (KD5TXD)

* Capable of 160 meter operation

Statistics:

February 2018:

Jim, W5FEA, with 56 out of 56 (100%) continued his run on perfect attendance. Randy, N5RL, with 53 (95%) was close to perfect. Rodney, W5DY, with 48 (86%) was 3rd. Thanks again to all of you who checked in for your support.

There were only 2 visitors who are not on the regular roster – Hal, NN8L from MI and Byron, W8SYD from San Antonio.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 2.0 per net session (1.8 last month). Net time averaged 10.4 minutes per session (compared to 10.6 last month). Check-ins averaged 5.9 per session (5.8 last month).

TEX Net Statistics (February 2018)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
WA5CAV	Dick	0	1					
	LA	1						
W5CU	Sam	6	13		6			
*		7			7			
W5DAE	Don	17	39					10
		22						
W5DY	Rodney	24	48	13	4			
		24		7	2			
W5FEA	Jim	28	56	7	5	19		
*		28		1	2	27		
W5GKH	Charlie	6	12					
*		6						
K5GM	Pete	18	44		2			
*		26		4	4			
W9GVW	Eric	1	1					
*		0						
K6JT	Steve	9	29				9	
*		20		16	9		20	
NN8L	Hal	0	1					
	MI	1						
W6LFB	Jim	3	3					
*		0						
KB5NJD	John	1	1				1	
		0						
NM5M	Eric	0	2					
		2						
K5QOW	Gary	11	11			8		
*		0						
K5RG	Ken	0	5					

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
*		5			4			
N5RL	Randy	28	53	8	10	1		
*		25						
W8SYD	Byron	0	1					
	San Antonio	1						
WB8WKQ	Jeff	0	9					
	MI	9						
Totals		329		56	55	55	30	10
				100%	98%	98%	54%	18%
QTC 1		53	114					
QTC 2		61		Sessions:		56		
Time 1		297	581					
Time 2		284						

March 2018:

This was an amazing and record-setting month for TEX as well as the entire Central Area.

Jim, W5FEA, with 62 out of 62 (100%) continued his "perfect attendance". Rodney, W5DY, was an excellent 2nd with 56 (90%), and Pete, K5GM, with 49 (79%) was third. Thanks again to all of you who checked in for your support.

Visitors not on the roster included John, KM0I, from Missouri, and Benny, K5KV, from Star.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 3.4 per net session (2.0 last month). Net time averaged 11.9 minutes per session (compared to 10.4 last month). Check-ins averaged 5.5 per session (5.9 last month).

TEX Net Statistics (March 2018)

Call		QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
WA5CAV	Dick	1	1					
	LA	0						
W5CU	Sam	6	12		6			
*		6			6			
W5DAE	Don	19	39					
		20						9
W5DY	Rodney	29	56	15	4			
		27		8	4			
W5FEA	Jim	31	62	10	6	28		
*		31			1	31		
W5GKH	Charlie	3	6					
*		3						
K5GM	Pete	24	49		6			
*		25		4	5			
W9GVW	Eric	3	4					

Call	Name/Loc							
*		1						
KM0I	John	0	4					
*	MO	4						
K6JT	Steve	8	31				8	
*		23		18	10		23	
K5KV	Benny	1	1					
		0						
W6LFB	Jim	1	1					
*		0						
K9NY	Bill	10	11					
	Canyon Lake	1						
K1PKZ	Paul	1	1					
		0						
K5QOW	Gary	3	3			3		
*		0						
K5RG	Ken	0	5					
*		5			5			
N5RL	Randy	19	40	6	9			
*		21		1				
K5TSK	Jim	2	2					
	AR	0						
WB8WKQ	Jeff	0	10					
	MI	10						
Totals		338		62	62	62	31	9
				100%	100%	100%	50%	15%
QTC 1		115	211					
QTC 2		96		Sessions:		62		
Time 1		375	736					
Time 2		361						

Operating:

The RRI Field Deployment Exercise – CW, will be on April 21, 2018, Time: 1600Z to 1900Z. See the QNI Newsletter for more information on this. Since I have battery operation capability on both CW and Digital (Digital Traffic Network), I hope to participate in the RRI exercise this month.

Those of you who handle the KB4RGC messages for CWOPS and FISTS participants, may have noticed that the place of origin is either in New Mexico or Louisiana, depending on the location of the message signatory. The messages also have HXC on them, so a return service message is solicited. All are reminded that those service messages should be sent to KB4RGC, who is located in Raleigh, NC. While what he is doing is correct – place of origin is that of the signatory, there are many operators who do not check his location and simply route to the place of origin, which is incorrect. I have started putting an OP NOTE after the signature on all of these that I relay saying to Reply to KB4RGC Raleigh NC.

You should all be aware of this, and if you get any service messages for him in Louisiana, please re-route them to the proper place. Do not attempt to send them to RN5 for the Louisiana rep (WA5CAV) or the TTN / 7290 nets for a Louisiana QNI.

Here are the composite reports for the last 2 months for traffic handled at the region and above levels. Some reports were only partially complete due to illness or resignation of the respective managers, as indicated in the notes. February was very light, but March was indeed a record month.

Central US Nets Activity for February 2017

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5th Call Area $	12	24	57	94	0.255
Cycle 2 9RN*	12	118	59	87	1.356
Day 10th Call Area #	11	45	51	121	0.372
Night 5th Call Area	56	54	246	541	0.100
Night 9th Call Area	53	134	136	295	0.454
Cycle 4 TEN* No Report				1	0.000
Day Central US	12	99	87	208	0.476
Night Central US@	28	152	188	397	0.383
Day Inter-Area Traffic	48	53	48		100%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	78	61	73		94%
Total Voice/CW Nets		740	945	1744	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
KM0R Central/10th HUB		962	489	473	
KK5QT 5th Call Area HUB No Report		0			
WB9FHP 9th Call HUB		2810	1429	1381	
Digital Stations (6)		1048	519	529	
Total DTN Digital		4820	2437	2383	
Total Central US		5560			
* Not Radio Relay International affiliated					
# Manager recovering - thanks Dave, ND0CW, and Bob, W0LAW for their reports					
@ Manager resigned, nominations open. Composite from NCS reports received					
$ Manager had stroke, in rehab, totals from KC5OZT report					

Central US Nets Activity for March 2018

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5th Call Area $	13	35	57	97	0.361
Cycle 2 9RN*	13	532	58	115	4.626
Day 10th Call Area #	13	41	57	110	0.373
Night 5th Call Area	42	75	194	380	0.197
Night 9th Call Area	57	538	187	594	0.906
Cycle 4 TEN* No Report				1	0.000
Day Central US	13	384	97	266	1.444
Night Central US@	31	642	228	848	0.757
Day Inter-Area Traffic	52	198	52		100%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	87	387	85		98%
Total Voice/CW Nets		2832	1015	2411	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
KM0R Central/10th HUB		1461	700	761	
KK5QT 5th Call Area HUB RESIGNED					
WB9FHP 9th Call HUB		6026	3329	2697	
Digital Stations (10)		1170	558	612	
Total DTN Digital		8657	4587	4070	
Total Central US		11489			
* Not Radio Relay International affiliated					
# Manager recovering - thanks Dave, ND0CW, and Bob, W0LAW for their reports					
@ Manager resigned, nominations open. Composite from NCS reports received					
$ Manager had stroke, in rehab, totals from KC5OZT reports					

Until June, have a great late Spring and early Summer !

73, Steve K6JT

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

I wanted to start this issue by welcoming Joe N5XGG from Rock Island, Texas to the net. Welcome to the net Joe, please check in as often as you can.

In March, David WD8LDY from Bridgeport, West Virginia checked into the net. It was good to hear David on the net.

I want to thank Mr. Carroll KB5TCH for his dedication to the Texas Slow Net. Mr. Carroll was NCS every session of TSN during the month of March. THANKS Carroll

TSN Activity Reports

Month	QNI	QTC	Nr. Operators
February 14 Sessions	35	14	4
March 18 Sessions	43	16	4

Net Control Stations

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
No Net	No Net	Carroll KB5TCH	(Open)	Carroll KB5TCH	Sam KK4HCF	No Net

February 2018 QNS

Name	Callsign	QNI
CARROLL	KB5TCH	14
DON	W5DAE	10
SAM	KK4HCF	10
JOE	N5XGG	1

March 2018 QNS

Name	Callsign	QNI
CARROLL	KB5TCH	18
SAM	KK4HCF	15
DON	W5DAE	9
DAVID	WD8LDY	1

TSN Roster (January 2018 to January 2019)

Callsign	Name	QTH
W5DAE	Don	SAN ANGELO, TEXAS
KK4HCF	Sam	MARYSVILLE, TENNESSEE
WD8LDY	David	BRIDGEPORT, WEST VIRGINIA
KD5RQB	Jason	ATLANTA, TEXAS
KB5TCH	Carroll	DOUGLASSVILLE, TEXAS
N5XGG	Joe	ROCK ISLAND, TEXAS
WB8YLO	Steve	TOLEDO, OHIO

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

This is a great place to learn how to handle traffic on CW. If you are a voice net traffic handler, this is a great addition to your amateur radio skill set. See you on the air!!

73,
Jason KD5RQB

RN5 Corner
RRI Fifth Call Area Net (Daily) 1930 CT and 2130 CT on **3567**
Alternate Frequency 7108 or 3598 when conditions warrant
Serving TX, OK, LA, AR, MS, TN, AL, and NFL
Frank Thrash W4DLZ (W4DLZ@WINLINK.ORG)
Net Manager

Hello guys and welcome to Edition 59 of the ***RN5 Corner***.

RN5 continues to limp along. Frank, W4DLZ, is back on the air again, but his participation is still limited. Still getting things set up in his new location and taking care of his health.

Please continue to send your NCS reports to Jerry, W4SU, who acts as unofficial assistant manager for RN5, collecting the net reports and producing the monthly composite. Thank you very much once again, Jerry. Note that with his abbreviated schedule, he comes to RN5 only 3 or 4 nights per week but will still accept any AL traffic.

Sam, W5CU, is operating from OK, but he was in CO briefly during the last 2 months and will likely go there again soon as summer approaches and everything thaws out.

Dick, WA5CAV, continues to check into RN5 for LA. Thank you, Dick, for your continued support of RN5. Dick occasionally also checks into the TEX CW net.

Jack, K5WNU, wrote: Hey guys, I'm back on the net in a limited basis. Currently running between 2 houses and only one has a rig. LOL. Anyway, I got engaged at Christmas and will be married in May. Should be able to handle more stuff then when I only have one house. Good to be back and sorry I haven't been much help for awhile. 73, Jack K5WNU

John, KC4FL, continues to regularly check into RN5 from FL. We can pass traffic for the state to John in lieu of routing it through the Eastern Area and Region Net 4 for the small amount that trickles in these days.

Thanks also to the other TEX liaison stations who come to RN5 including W5DY, W5FEA, K5GM, N5RL, and K5RG.

We still need NCS and Liaison stations as you can see from the duty roster. Thanks to those of you who fill in the open slots. Tom, WA4ZPZ, is now only able to come to late RN5 since we are back to Daylight Time, and may also soon have to give up his Friday CAN RX liaison. Conditions continue to be mixed, and traffic is only coming in as a trickle from CAN. Consideration is now being given to changing to 40 meters, at least for the early session. No changeover date has been set, but NCS stations may move the net at their discretion after sufficient announcement on 80. Thanks to all of you for your support and hanging in there.

73, Frank W4DLZ

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

RN5 Duty Roster

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

2018 Statistics

MONTH	FEBRUARY	MARCH
SESSIONS	56	42
QTC	54	75
QNI	246	194
QTR	541	380
AVG QTC	1.0	1.8
AVG QNI	4.4	4.6
AVG QTR	9.7	9.0

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

Region Net 5 Roster

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

* When W5CU is not present on Late RN5, OK traffic may be sent to the TEX station
** K4VIZ is only marginally active. Send AR to the TEX station for the 7290 net (do not use DRN5).

73, Frank W4DLZ