

# *The Texan*

Newsletter of the Texas NTS CW Net (TEX)

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

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## **From the TEX Manager**

All NC stations should release their reps last (DFW then TTN then RN5, in that order). If traffic is listed after the reps have been released but there are still stations other than the reps who have not been released, then it is the responsibility of the NC to take the traffic. This is what I consider releasing the reps too early.

The NC is not responsible for late traffic (just before or after QNF). If you can't be on time, don't list traffic, take it yourself to wherever it goes or be on time for the next net and then list your traffic.

Secondly, all traffic for RN5 needs to be cleared as soon as possible since there is such a short window between nets.

Both of the above are for the early net sessions. On the late session, if reps have been released and gone and late traffic comes in, it is OK to QTA it. The way I look at it, whoever has traffic needs to be on time.

73, Rodney W5DY

## **Long Skip is Still With Us**

The change to daylight time brought several nights of long skip, which seemed to occur right after late RN5. Stations that were heard on RN5 could no longer be heard on late TEX. With the return of some sunspots, that seems to have abated somewhat, or perhaps it is just due to the passage of time into the summer season.

The SDR in northern Utah proved to be very useful on those nights when the band went "out". Everyone could be heard on that receiver even when direct reception was impossible or at best so weak there was no chance to copy callsigns.

For those of you who monitor or check into the 7290 net, it is worth noting that there has also been severe long skip during the daytime on 40 meters. Once again, the northern Utah SDR

is useful to hear the NCS station and quite a few of the others on there even when direct receipt was too weak. Seems like the skip zone was about as far as Dallas to south of Houston. The only problem with the SDR at that time is that it may also be receiving what appears to be a Japanese SW broadcast station right around 7290.

So if you have not yet done so, try out at least the Northern Utah station, which seems to always have lots of stations logged into it. First go to <http://www.websdr.org/> using Firefox for best results. From there, select North American stations. You will then see a number of them available for use, with the Northern Utah station near the first listed. Choose that one by clicking on the link under the station's name. You can then input the band and frequency and mode from the keyboard and you will see the waterfall display of signals.

You will find that tuning slightly off of, for example, 3541, is needed to match the same offset pitch as your radio. This seems to vary depending on the SDR used. Up or down about 30 Hz seems to work best. Give it a try when you can't hear the NCS, particularly on late TEX.

### **Story by Scott, N7NET**

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

### **Rose, Chapter 4**

"Do you want to go to lunch with us, Artie?"

"Us? What do you mean by us?"

"Rose is a girl I met. I'm taking Rose and her family to May's for lunch."

"This will give May something new to talk about," said Artie, adding, "thanks, but I just ate. I'll stay here and run the booth for you while you're gone."

"That's great."

Soon he spotted Rose in the crowd headed his way. He waited for them and then the four of them walked to May's which was also located on the square

"So what do you do when you aren't at the Lord's Acre Day Celebration?" her father asked after they were seated at a table.

"I run Henry's Automotive."

"Henry died a couple years back. I used to take my pickup there. Did you buy the place?" her father asked.

"Henry was my father. I worked in the shop through high school and until I was drafted."

"Army?"

"Yes. Signal Corps."

"So are you're not a combat veteran?" her father asked.

"Nope, I'm not a combat veteran. No decoration here. I never saw any action. I was a radio operator."

"Oh?" her father said, a judgmental tone creeping into his voice.

"Virgil, don't be rude," Rose's mother scolded.

"You could say that, I guess. I heard the war from afar."

"How so?" he asked, placing his elbows on the table and leaning forward.

"I was a radio operator in Iceland. We, my fellow compatriots and I, relayed weather reports to aircraft that were being ferried to the European theater. Much of the radio traffic was coded messages. But we didn't try to decipher them, even if we could have. But you are right. I never saw any action."

"Virgil is my name. This is my wife, Anne. And of course you already know Rose," her father said.

Charlie was relieved to see Virgil lose some of his edge. The stern appearance seemed embedded in his face, but part of that was because of his bushy eyebrows and his handlebar mustache.

"Was it cold in Iceland?" asked Rose after a lengthy pause in the conversation.

"Very, and windy. And it was not uncommon to experience winds exceeding one-hundred miles per hour. But our quarters and our workplace were both comfortable, heated by natural steam coming from the ground."

"Really? But when you were outside, how could you walk in wind like that?" asked Rose.

"We couldn't. We had ropes along the pathway that we used when the snow or sleet was too severe to see. Sometimes I had to get down on all fours and crawl," Charlie explained.

May had been busy with other customers, but now she was approaching with menus and four glasses of water.

"Charlie. How is the message sending going?"

"Good. Better than I'd hoped for," he replied, then made the introductions around the table, Virgil, Anne, and Rose.

May knew them, of course.

"So how long have you been out of the army?" Anne asked.

“Three weeks tomorrow. It’s been a busy time with getting my dad’s shop going and preparing for this celebration.”

“So you are you getting customers at the shop?” asked Anne.

“Oh yes. I learned the mechanic trade from my dad while I was still in high school. We worked in the shop together. So I had my own following.”

“I’m curious, about this radio thing. Evidently you had the radio before you were drafted, yet radio and auto mechanics seem so far apart from each other,” said Anne.

“They are. Dad didn’t have a lot of time to spend with me. So after Mom passed away he helped me join the Cub Scouts. One thing led to another. Eventually there was an opportunity to earn a merit badge by learning Morse code. My friend, Artie, and I – when we were ten years old – learned the code together. The Cub Scouts used code oscillators that produced a tone. Of course, the two of us, a couple of kids, we didn’t have oscillators. I’d read how the navy used lights to signal other ships. So we used pieces of broken mirrors and played war games, flashing coded messages to each other. It was all just for fun until Artie flashed a message from three blocks away about an old lady who had fallen in the street. I was able to call for help on the phone.

I guess Pete, the fellow at the radio repair shop, heard about our good deed. He invited us to his ham station in the back room of his shop. It wasn’t long before both Artie and I earned our Class B license. The rest of it is history, as the saying goes.”

He could see by the way Rose’s eyes were glazed over that she was not interested in radio talk.

“Are you out of school?” Charlie asked her.

“I graduate next spring.”

“Then off to college?”

“I think so. I’d like to be a teacher.”

“What would you like to teach?” he asked between bites.

She finished chewing her last bite before she responded. “High school,” she began, “I’m most interested in geography.”

“Ah, geography. I suppose the geography ties closely with geopolitics. That should be very interesting. In my radio experience, not in the army, but in ham radio, I’ve talked to dozens of countries. I can show you cards, QSL cards, confirming my contacts from most of these countries. Some of them are pretty interesting.”

“Talked?” asked Rose.

"Well, in Morse code, of course. My fist does the talking, so to speak, no pun intended."

"So they all spoke English?"

"No, not all of them. But with Morse we hams have a means of working around the language barrier with Q-signals. Most radio operators the world over know enough of them to hold a brief conversation. QTH followed by the name of his city and country tells me where he lives and the same for him. If I sent QTH Butler Missouri USA he knows where I live. Oh my," he said, glancing at May's wall clock, "I need to get back to the radio booth."

(To be continued)

### **Vic, W7VSE, Silent Key**

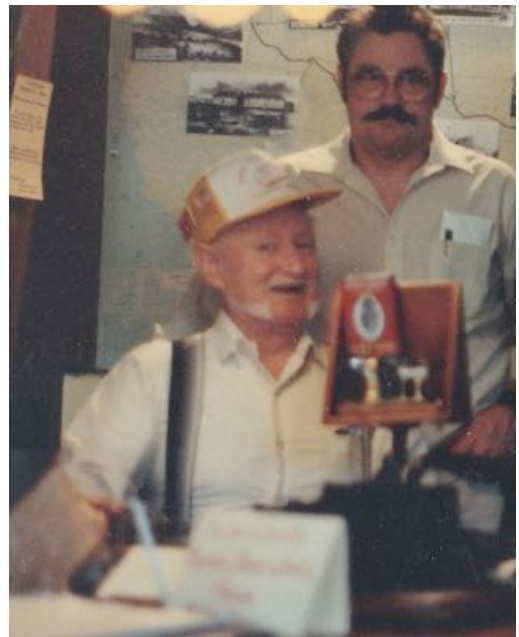
We have all enjoyed many stories from Vic, W7VSE, in the past several years. Sad to report that Vic has gone to his reward. He is definitely missed. The following was received from his son in New Mexico: This is Vic's son from NM. Sorry to tell you but Dad passed on Sat. 7th of Feb. Thank you for your friendship... God Bless

Dan Seeberger  
575 631 3663

From **Jim, K9JM** (Western Area Coordinator of RRI): I only had one eye ball QSO with Vic, it was about 20 years ago. The family was driving down I5 through Medford and there was a special event railroad exhibition. At the front entrance they had a set up one end of landline telegraph, and they were 'talking' with someone in the back using sounders. I asked if Vic was there, and he was the guy in the back. They were not using International Morse Code, rather some landline version... I asked if I could use International Morse, and they said sure. So, I took the key, and somehow from the cadence... and the use of International Morse... Vic was able to recognize my fist through the sounders. This is most remarkable because he didn't know I was in the area, and I always send with a keyer and somehow my cadence with a straight key came through. Vic was great guy, and he will be missed.

Keep moving... or else they will throw dirt on you.  
73 de Jim K9JM

From **Don, W7GB**: I knew Vic for many years. Handled a lot of traffic with him. Roomed with him at Hamfair in Tacoma and at Seapac. He was RN7 manager for maybe 25 years. I visited with him in Medford twice. I've got many memories of W7 Vic Seeberger Esquire! He brought his guitar to ham doings. I remember traffickers having a beer in Vic's room at Seapac singing along with Vic while he played his guitar. Northwest Director Mary Lewis, W7QGP, joined us and had a beer and sang with us. How 'bout that?! Mary had lost hubby Harry, W7JWJ, so we all had a good time with Vic. Ah yes, many memories!  
73, Don W7GB



Vic, W7VSE and Scott, N7NET

### TEX Mailbox:

Final message from **Jerry, W4SU**, on Feb. 28 (March 1Z nets):  
Good morning Steve,

Yes, I was planning to call CAN tonight. If someone has filled that slot I'm more than happy for him to start now. But even better, why don't you take it tonight. All would be happy to hear you. I will call RN5 and QNI CAN as the RN5 rep. ....

I wrote the above after reading your question about tonight, and I just now read your other comments. So yes, I'll call early-RN5 and then see you on CAN. I will also be ECHO, even though I can barely hear the Golf station most nights.

I'm not exactly gleeful about leaving the nets, but I really need to complete some goals here before jumping back in. That will be several months at least. Tomorrow I'm disconnecting all my equipment and storing it in a closet to remove any temptation to monitor the nets to be certain you guys are surviving without me. (joke)

W5CU, N9CK, N0SM ..... three guys who make a tremendous difference and who I believe are essential to survival of CAN.

So tonight will be my final night on the air. Has anyone asked Dick to be NCS? He checks into RN5 almost every night and is very capable of doing as much as anyone.

Very 73, Jerry W4SU

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From **George, K5BMR**. This is a link to a short video about those with "The Knack" (which some of us have noticed as a cause of becoming engineers). It has been around for a while, but still a good one: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g8vHhgh6oM0>

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From **Jim, W5FEA**, in a discussion about the long skip we saw right around the time change: As for 160 meters... I only have the G5RV antenna, which actually works on 160, but I don't think it works very well. There's a 3 block by 1 1/4 block field behind my house but there are several open areas which probably would not support a super long wire antenna, plus a high voltage line runs parallel with my back fence and I would have to run under it at 12 to 14 feet and then up over a big oak tree, but like you said, very few are 160 capable.

Take Care and 73, Jim

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From **Randy, N5RL**, Eric, W9GVW, had surgery on his foot and was in the hospital for a time near the beginning of April. This surgery was on the opposite foot and so now he has two imperfect flippers. I'm sure he is not a very happy radioman at this moment.

73 !

Randy N5RL

*P.S. Randy included Eric's cell number but it is not being shown here for his privacy. Hopefully you are now up and around once again, Eric.*

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From **Jim, K9JM**: All those who like moldie oldies... my old friend W2TR (ex WB2WZG) found a recording of the New York State (WNY + ENY) Sectional net being controlled by W2FR (ex W2SEI) Howie, circa about 1970.

<http://k9jm.com/NYS%20Net.mp3>

Interesting to hear fists of that era again.

73 de Jim K9JM

*Ed: Enjoyed listening to this recording. Sure brought back memories of the way it used to be with lots of traffic. Some good ops on there. Enjoy!*

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From **Rodney, W5DY**, on April 17: Hi again Steve, I had the operation yesterday and stayed in the hospital overnight. Just got home about an hour ago. Seems though all went as expected. Looking at 4 to 6 weeks healing up. I may not be on the radio for a while. Right now I am just glad to have it over with and back home.

73, Rodney

*Ed: Yes, very glad it is finished and now you can rest for a while. Hopefully will heal quickly enough so you can resume your radio activities. We have missed you.*

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## TEX Net Topics

The TEX Duty Schedule and Roster are shown below (as updated by W5DY). K6JT is shown highlighted due to not being always available, although another trip to FL is not immediately planned.

### TEX CW Net Weekly Schedule

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

TEX/1: **3541**/7106/3593 at 19:00 CT; TEX/2 **3541**/3593/1841 at 22:00 CT

RN5/1: **3567**/7108 at 19:30; RN5/2: **3567**/7108/3598 at 21:30 CT

TSN: **3570** - 19:45 CT; CAN: **3552**/3595/7052/7108 - 20:30 CT; WAN: **3552**/7052 - 22:30 CT

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

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

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

### TEX Roster

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

\* Capable of 160 meter operation

### Statistics:

**February 2019:**



Jim, W5FEA, and Rodney, W5DY, each with 56 of 56 (100%) tied for first place. Randy, N5RL, and Don, W5DAE, tied for second with 48 (86%). Pete, K5GM, was third, with 40 (71%). Thanks again to all of you who checked in for your support.

John, KM0I, checked in from MS and welcome to K5IX, Dave in Brackettville. Both of them have now been added to the roster. Bob, KC5T, checked in from Conroe and Doug, KG5YTS, checked in from Dallas.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 2.7 per net session (1.4 last month). Net time averaged 12.0 minutes per session (compared to 10.8 last month). Check-ins averaged 6.7 per session (6.1 last month).

### TEX Net Statistics (February 2019)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
N5BA	Brian	3	3					
		0						
W5CU	Sam	3	14	2	2			
*		11		2	5			
W5DAE	Don	25	48					12
		23						
W5DY	Rodney	28	56	1	5			
		28		8	1			
W5FEA	Jim	28	56	14	11	28		
*		28		1	4	28		
K5GM	Pete	20	40	1	4			
*		20		5	5			
W9GVW	Eric	21	26					
*		5						
KM0I	John	0	4					
	MS	4						
KA9IKK	Bill	7	11					
*	Katy	4						
K5IX	Dave	4	4					
	Brackettville	0						
K6JT	Steve	5	17				3	
*		12		12	8		12	
W6LFB	Jim	3	3					
*		0						
NM5M	Eric	0	1					
		1						
W5QLD	Ron	2	2					
		0						
K5QOW	Gary	1	1					
*		0						
K5RG	Ken	0	6					
*		6			5			

N5RL	Randy	25	48	10	6			
*		23						
KC5T	Bob	0	1					
	Conroe	1						
K5TSK	Jim	2	2					
	AR	0						
W9VE	Don	18	18				18	
	Dallas	0						
WB8WKQ	Jeff	0	14					
	MI	14						
KG5YTS	Doug	1	1					
	Dallas	0						
Totals		376		56	56	56	33	12
				100%	100%	100%	59%	21%
QTC 1		88	149					
QTC 2		61		Sessions:		56		
Time 1		388	674					
Time 2		286						

### March 2019:

Jim, W5FEA, with 62 out of 62 (100%) was again first. Don, W5DAE, was 2<sup>nd</sup> with 55 (89%), and Steve, K6JT, was 3<sup>rd</sup> with 45 (73%). Thanks again to all of you who checked in for your support.

Ron, W5QLD, checked in from Corpus Christi, and Bob, KC5T checked in from Conroe. The rest of the stations are now on the roster.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 1.8 per net session (2.7 last month). Net time averaged 11.1 minutes per session (compared to 12.0 last month). Check-ins averaged 6.8 per session (6.7 last month).

### TEX Net Statistics (March 2019)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
N5BA	Brian	2	3					
		1						
W5CU	Sam	9	17	3	5			
*		8		3	5			
W5DAE	Don	27	55					
		28						12
W5DY	Rodney	22	42	1	6			
		20		6	1			
W5FEA	Jim	31	62	17	13	31		
*		31		1	4	31		
K5GM	Pete	16	40					
*		24		5	1			
W9GVW	Eric	19	27					

*		8						
KM0I	John	0	3					
	MS	3						
KA9IKK	Bill	14	19					
*	Katy	5						
K5IX	Dave	14	20					
	Brackettville	6						
K6JT	Steve	14	45		2		4	
*		31		16	16		31	
W6LFB	Jim	2	2					
*		0						
W5QLD	Ron	1	1					
		0						
K5QOW	Gary	1	1					
*		0						
K5RG	Ken	0	6					
*		6			4			
N5RL	Randy	21	37	10	5			
*		16						
KC5T	Bob	1	1					
	Conroe	0						
K5TSK	Jim	2	3					
	AR	1						
W9VE	Don	19	19				19	
	Dallas	0						
WB8WKQ	Jeff	0	16					
	MI	16						
Totals		419		62	62	62	54	12
				100%	100%	100%	87%	19%
QTC 1		61	112					
QTC 2		51		Sessions:		62		
Time 1		372	689					
Time 2		317						

### Operating:

NCS operation was covered in the message from W5DY at the beginning.

The possible use of Software Defined Radios to overcome long skip conditions, especially on late TEX was again described.

Here are the composite reports for the last 2 months for traffic handled at the region and above levels. KC5OZT, the manager of daytime CAN, who also was keeping daytime Region 5 statistics, was injured in a fall and could not submit reports.

### Central US Nets Activity for February 2019

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area \$				1	0.000
Cycle 2 9RN*	13	422	132	91	4.637
Day 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area #	10	11	26	49	0.224
Night 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area**	46	81	211	432	0.188
Night 9 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	54	201	133	482	0.417
Night 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	48	12	102	188	0.064
Day Central US				1	0.000
Night Central US@	28	278	189	574	0.484
Day Inter-Area Traffic					0%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	63	81	60		95%
Total Voice/CW Nets		1086	853	1818	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
WB9FHP Central Area HUB		4979	2804	2175	
Digital Stations (10)		2233	781	1452	
Total DTN Digital		7212	3585	3627	
Total Central US		8298			
* 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, no report from KC5OZT, who was injured and recovering					
** W4DLZ, manager silent key - thanks to W4SU for statistics					

### Central US Nets Activity for March 2019

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area \$	7	7	23	56	0.086
Cycle 2 9RN*	11	252	72	74	2.932
Day 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area #	12	25	35	67	0.244
Night 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area**	60	67	259	454	0.108
Night 9 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	59	147	152	403	0.280
Night 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	59	33	142	248	0.066

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day Central US &	5	55	27	52	0.593
Night Central US@	31	233	218	450	0.348
Day Inter-Area Traffic &	20	33	20		100%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	83	126	82		99%
Total Voice/CW Nets		978	1030	1804	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
WB9FHP Central Area HUB		4591	2530	2061	
Digital Stations (12)		2239	872	1367	
Total DTN Digital		6830	3402	3428	
Total Central US		7808			
* 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, totals from WA4VGZ and W4NWT reports					
** Nominations open for manager, thanks to NC Stations for statistics					
& Manager recovering from a fall, totals from K5BMR NCS reports					

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

Until June, hope spring's conditions are better than winter's !

73, Steve K6JT

TEX Newsletter Editor

## TSN Corner

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

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

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Photo Courtesy of VE3UU

## Greetings From Northeast Texas

Jason, KD5RQB, has a new antenna and is attempting to call the net a few nights a week, so please listen for him and check in to support his efforts.

## Net Control Stations

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
(No Net)	(No Net)	(Open / KD5RQB)	(OPEN)	(Open / KD5RQB)	(Open / KD5RQB)	(No Net)

## TSN Activity Reports

Month	QNI	QTC	Nr. Operators
February 12 Sessions	12	0	1
March 12 Sessions	12	0	1

## TSN Roster (January 2019 to December 2019)

Callsign	Name	QTH
KX5C	Ron	SILSBEE, TEXAS
W5DAE	Don	SAN ANGELO, TEXAS
W5ESE	Scott	DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS
KK4HCF	Sam	MARYSVILLE, TENNESSEE
WD8LDY	David	BRIDGEPORT, WEST VIRGINIA
KD5RQB	Jason	ATLANTA, TEXAS
N5XGG	Joe	ROCK ISLAND, TEXAS
WB8YLO	Steve	TOLEDO, OHIO

Stop by any evening Tuesday through Friday on 3570kHz at 7:45p.m. CT and start the net if you do not hear anyone there. This is a great place to learn how to handle traffic on CW. If you are a voice net traffic handler, this is a great addition to your amateur radio skill set. See you on the air!!

73,  
Jason KD5RQB

## **RN5 Corner**

RRI Fifth Call Area Net (Daily) 1930 CT and 2130 CT on **3567**

Alternate Frequency 7108 or 3598 when conditions warrant

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

Due to Frank W4DLZ becoming a Silent Key

Nominations are open for Net Manager

Hello all and welcome to Edition 65 of the ***RN5 Corner***.

Thank you all, NC Stations for sending your reports to me. There were only 2 reports missing for the entire month, which is a record total for many months now. It is not necessary to show the liaison state for stations that checked in, or even the stations, although that is interesting, just the QNI/QTC/QTR totals, which may be abbreviated as I/C/R or, for example, 5/1/10 for 5 stations, 1 piece of traffic, 10 minutes. While traffic is not flowing in any great amount from CAN, there is some to keep things a little interesting, and outgoing traffic to CAN is pretty good.

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

K6JT is highlighted because he will be located in Florida from time to time, but will keep the indicated skeds while in Texas. No trips are planned in the next couple months.

Note also that Jerry gave up his Thursday CAN NCS slot as well as IATN Echo on Thursday. K6JT has been taking the CAN NCS and Echo since Jerry retired, both of which he had before Jerry took them over.

Thanks to all of you for supporting RN5. Regulars include WA5CAV, K5WNU, W5FEA, N5RL, W5CU, W5DY, K5GM, K6JT, K5RG, and WA4ZPZ. John, KC4FL, continues to regularly check in from FL, and Ben, KZ8Q, also checks in from FL some nights.

Please continue to pass AR traffic to the TEX liaison station to take to the 7290 Traffic Net if there is no other outlet. TN traffic can also be handled that way.

As always, we need NCS and Liaison stations, please let me know if you are willing to sign up for a regular slot in the schedule that follows. I know W5FEA, W5CU, and K5WNU have been taking several of the open nights. The schedule was updated per feedback from Tom, WA4ZPZ. Hopefully Tom can continue to operate the early net for a while until late sundown forces him to keep his antenna down per his HOA requirements.

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

### RN5 Duty Roster

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

### 2019 Statistics

MONTH	FEBRUARY	MARCH
SESSIONS	46	60
QTC	81	67
QNI	211	259
QTR	432	454
AVG QTC	1.7	1.1
AVG QNI	4.6	4.3
AVG QTR	9.4	7.6

The following roster, which has been slightly updated, shows stations coming to RN5 in the past 3 years and their states.

### Region Net 5 Roster

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

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

\*\* K4VIZ is only marginally active. Send AR to the TEX station for the 7290 net (do not use DRN5).

73, Steve K6JT

Newsletter editor and RN5 statistician