

The Texan

Newsletter of the Texas CW Traffic Net (TEX)

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From the TEX Manager

If we don't get some help with NC & liaison duties, we are going to have to shut down at least 2 days per week, perhaps weekends like RN5 has done.

Propagation seems to be a little better now with the time change. Still unpredictable but overall better. Unfortunately we now have problems on Wednesday evenings because the contesters continue to go until 0400Z, which is now 11 PM local. Also some trouble on Thursday evenings with contesters. Do the best you can and NCS stations please have some of those you can hear call for QNI.

73, Rodney W5DY

Home at Last – Part 1 By Vic, W7VSE (SK)

The last few issues have had a story from Vic about his time during WW II in the Army Air Corps. This story, also from Vic, tells about what happened upon his return from his duty in China.

October 1944. It was nice to be home again. I got the old 4-door brown 1937 Chevy out of the cobwebs in the garage. It had not been driven for quite a while. I got some help and we pushed it and got it started and it ran good. I drove it up a block to the Sinclair service station, parked it by a pump and told Charlie Hunter to "fill 'er up." He filled the gas tank and I got some money out to pay him. He said, "Where are your gas coupons?" I said, "What in the hell are gas coupons?" and then told him I had been in China and India for two years and didn't know anything about coupons. I was in my Army Air Corps uniform. He looked at me for a few seconds, and then he said, "Aw, get the hell out of here!" For the rest of my 30-day stay in Waurika, I got all the gas I needed and coupons were not mentioned again.

Charlie Hunter and I were old friends from way back. We lived just a few houses apart. The first paying job I ever had was mowing his lawn, with an old push mower, for 25 cents a week.

My grandmother that raised me was the only mama I ever knew. She was 70 years old now, (I was 22), and we decided we would go visiting kinfolk. We got in that old Chevy and drove about 120 miles down to Ft. Worth, TX, and visited my great Uncle and Aunt, Gibbs and Maggie Layton, and their two sons, Mose and Ted Layton.

Mose was a very successful man. He had been an engineer on the Rock Island Railroad. Just before the war he started driving a dump truck and parlayed that into 3 trucks and drivers. Then he organized a company with a fleet of trucks and heavy equipment for building and repairing highways.

Ted Layton, his brother, started up a sand and gravel supply business and also really did well. We had visited the three Layton families many times before the war.

I was thinking about bending the rules again. Oklahoma was a “dry” State. You could not buy liquor anywhere in the State except from a bootlegger, or drive just across the state line into a “wet” Texas County and buy all you wanted. I figured I could get a whole case and bootleg some of it to finance my partying. I took Uncle Ted aside and asked if there was a wholesale liquor house in town. He told me exactly how to get there. So, I made a trip, by myself, to that liquor store and bought a whole case (12 fifths) of good bourbon whiskey for 60 dollars, 5 bucks a bottle. That booze would bring 10 or 12 dollars a bottle in Oklahoma. I put the case in the trunk of the Chevy. I didn’t tell Mom about this. But when we drove back to Oklahoma I really started feeling guilty. What if the cops stopped us and found that booze? I sweated a whole lot and drove very low and slow all the way back home. I did not get stopped, thank goodness. I don’t think Mom ever knew about it.

I found I was not a good bootlegger. I got too worried about getting caught bootlegging and going to jail. So I sold one bottle of that whiskey to Henry Davis, who ran the service station a block south of us, I only charged him 5 bucks for the bottle—same as I had paid for it. I won’t go into the gory details of that remaining time at home, but we did have fun.

But, again, all good things come to an end, and I said my good byes and boarded a steam train at the Old Rock Island Depot. I had orders to report to the AACS detachment at Selfridge Field, near Detroit Michigan. It was a long train ride. I was stationed at Selfridge field for several weeks and was not assigned to any duty. I had signed up for a three-year hitch in the Army Air Corps, and it had now been about three and a half years. I had the required “points” to be discharged, but they told me that all Morse code men were “frozen” and would have to remain in the service until further notice. They also said I would probably be sent overseas again, possibly to the Philippine Islands. So, I went into town as often as I could and had fun. One bar I went into in Detroit, was the longest bar in the world, I guess. You walked into the bar on one street and the bar ran continuously for a whole city block, with another entrance on that street. They had a “dumb waiter” system that brought food up from a kitchen in the basement. One day I was sitting there in that bar, just a few stools in from one street. I was having a beer and talking with a pretty girl. Suddenly, they had a fire in the basement. They didn’t tell us to leave, so we sat there, drinking our beer and watching the firemen bring in their equipment from the hydrant outside, and take it down the stairs to extinguish the fire. It was quite a commotion. Soon, it was all over.

Now I could elaborate on taking that girl home on the bus in the suburbs and spending the night with her French maid. But that would be bragging. Let's just say I had an enjoyable time while stationed at Selfridge field.

But in a few weeks, I received news that I could hardly believe. They told us that the entire AACCS detachment, there at Selfridge, was being transferred to Shepherd Field, Wichita Falls, TX, and that was only 35 miles from my hometown of Waurika OK!

(To be continued)

TEX AND TSN 1974

Here are some tidbits from one of the newsletters sent to me by Pip, WB4FDT. Thanks again, Pip.

Flash: Ken, K1ONW/5 is now W5UGE (in 1974). (Recall that Ken is now K5RG and still active on TEX).

Sadness is (from the TEX Slow Speed newsletter):

1. Being on the tower and finding you have the wrong wrench.
2. Field Day and Rain
3. Drilling a hole off center
4. Soldering the leads on a phone plug and forgetting the cover
5. Dropping a screw down the middle of a chassis
6. Listening for Oscar
7. Copying W1AW at 20 WPM
8. Mounting the diode backwards
9. A poor ground on a bad day
10. The lower end of the sunspot cycle with one more country needed for DXCC Honor Roll.

TEX statistics in April 1974: QNI 527, QTC 352 in 58 sessions; March 1974: QNI 451, QTC 362 in 62 sessions. *Compare those with the 2 months in the following sections of this newsletter.*

The Central Area Net (CAN) is scheduled for this coming October in New Orleans. The RN5 meeting is held concurrently with the CAN meeting. *Back then, the ARRL provided funds to sponsor high level NTS meetings. That stopped more than 2 decades ago.*

Speaking of higher nets, the primary RN5 frequency for the summer is 7.095 for the early session, but the late session is usually on 3.645, the old home stand. CAN now uses 7.067. Band conditions lately have been so poor that it is difficult to find them on ANY frequency.

Congratulations are in order to Ed, WB5AMN, as net manager of TTN for his success in setting up the very fine liaison system with TEX. We know that this fine relationship will continue with the fone nets – what would we do with our traffic without them?

Ken, STEX RM, formerly K1ONW/5, now W5UGE, is moving into a new house, but we don't see how he can buy more ham gear, what with buying dishwashers, dryers, and every

appliance you can think of. Pete, W7WAH/5, moved into a house of his own June 15, and believe it or not, he has also applied for a "5" call (*now K5GM*). An antenna committee will soon have Pete back on the air.

In later issues of the bulletin, Ken, W5UGE, has promised to provide technical info of benefit to net members. A couple of them include a discussion of the use of full break-in (QSK) in handling traffic, and how to accomplish this. Another one should cover the best way to zero beat a transceiver with the net control station, a very difficult problem with some transceivers.

Pete, W7WAH, checked in on April 30, 1974, saying he now qualifies as an old timer. His novice license was dated April 30, 1954.

Coronavirus Ham Radio Guidelines

Thanks to Steve, N0SM, for passing along these guidelines that were created by Wayne, W4TZB.

Amateur Radio operators are requested to adapt to the Coronavirus mitigation guidelines as they apply to amateur radio operating:

- All ham radio operators are encouraged to stay at least 6 feet from the microphone in order to maintain proper separation from others. The distance may be reduced if a mask is put on the microphone.
- CW operators should wear appropriate gloves when handling keys. Keyboard CW operators should disinfect their keyboards.
- There should be no more than 10 stations on the same frequency at the same time.
- Disinfect all knobs, switches, etc. before operating ... especially touch screens and PTT.
- Shoe covers should be worn when using foot switches. Use of hands-free VOX is strongly encouraged although from 6 feet away, it may be necessary to shout.
- Disinfect all antenna cables coming into the station.
- Only mobile stations and walkie-talkie contacts are permitted where sit-down service has been banned. The 6 ft microphone separation guideline is suspended for these types of operation, but the use of a mask on the microphone is strongly recommended.
- Mobile operators are encouraged to remain in their vehicles except to get necessities.
- Operators should leave their operating positions only for necessities.
- Outdoor antenna work is allowed as long as there is social distancing among all who are present.
- Hoarding of batteries, spare tubes, etc. is discouraged and is unfair to others. We are in this together.
- New equipment and parts should be ordered "to-go" online for front porch delivery.
- Do not test (tune) your equipment unnecessarily. Testing should be reserved for those who actually need it. Your understanding and cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

TEX Mailbox:

From Jim, **K9JM**: I was sorry to learn of Vic's passing. I visited him several times in Medford OR while my daughter went to Southern OR Univ about 10 years ago.

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From JW, **WB8SIW**, Mar 30: Here is the final version of QNI, Vol 9, Issue 1, which is being posted to the QNI Newsletter website today. <http://www.qni-newsletter.net/> . *Lots of good information, including the following, among others:*

Commercial Codes, Restructuring the Traffic System, CW: The Cockroach of EMCOM, Narcissism, Narratives & Negativism, The war on Winlink, Beware of Incompetent Technicians, The Worlds Longest Telegram, The YTG Story, Traffic in the time of COVID-19. Recommended reading.

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Received the following on March 4th from Sam, **W5CU**'s wife Leslie, as forwarded by Ken, **K5RG**. *Many of you know that Sam had surgery. We were all very happy to receive this news: Sam's surgery went well yesterday. He had 3 bypasses. All of his disease was in one area of his heart, all the other arteries look good. Surgeon said he can do anything a 30 yr. old could do after six weeks. He's sitting up eating pancakes this morning so I guess he is already feeling better. Thanks for all the prayers, Leslie*

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Received the following on March 6 from Randy, **N5RL**: I'm back from more surgery but I will be checking in again to TEX. I might be erratic at first due to more recovery but I'll eventually work the kinks out. Discharged on Wednesday. 73, Randy N5RL

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Received this from Sam, **W5CU**, on March 12: Follow up with the surgeon is Mar 25, following which I hope to be released to drive and will begin cardiac rehab, then another 3 weeks until all restrictions are lifted. And I have a very strong addition now to my collection of scars on the upper torso, hopefully the collection is now complete. I'm not sure where you are with the weekend-off proposal for RN5, but I think that it's a very good idea. We could monitor CAN on weekends for any inbound RN5 traffic, on an as-available basis. 73 / Sam W5CU *It was approved by all those who voted on the weekend RN5 cessation – Ed.*

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From George, **K5BMR**: Howdy all, I have viewed this several times and each time I am amazed at the skill of the trainer and the discipline of the eagle. Take a look via this link: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/6g95E4VSfj0?rel=0&controls=0&showinfo=0>
73, George

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TEX Net Topics

The TEX Duty Schedule and Roster are shown below (as updated for W5FEA, who is no longer going to or from RN5 and for N5CXX replacing W5ROK).

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

* **RN5** primary participants voted to cease having early or late nets on Saturday and Sunday so no assigned TEX liaisons, but stations may still call up the net if desired

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

RN5 Backup: W5CU, W5DY, K5GM, K5RG

NCS Backup: W5CU, W5DY, K5GM, K5RG

	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	9	3	6	0	0	0	Fri
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	WA5MS	Marty	Argyle
N5BA	Brian	Houston	NM5M	Eric	Plano
WA5CAV	Dick	Pineville LA	N7NET	Scott	Crossett AR
W5CU	Sam	Edmond OK	* KB5NJD	John	Duncanville

Call	Name	Location / Notes	Call	Name	Location / Notes
N5CXX	Steve	Richardson (K6JT)	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	KD5RQB	Jason	Atlanta
W9GVW	Eric	San Antonio	W5TMO	Mike	Austin
KM0I	John	Hattiesburg MS	K5TSK	Jim	Pearcy AR
KA9IKK	Bill	Katy	KD5TXD	Pat	Kingsville
K5IX	Dave	Brackettville	W9VE	Don	Dallas
* K6JT	Steve	Plano	WB8WKQ	Jeff	Michigan
* W6LFB	Jim	Denton	K6YBV	Bob	Placerville CA

* Capable of 160 meter operation

Statistics:

February 2020:

Don, W5DAE, was first place with 56 (97%). Jim, W5FEA, with 52 (90%), edged out Rodney for second, and Rodney, W5DY, was third with 51 (88%). Thanks again to all of you who checked in for your support.

Mike, NS5J, was visiting from NM and Kent, K9ZTV was visiting from MO – other stations are on the roster.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 1.5 per net session (1.3 last month). Net time averaged 8.4 minutes per session (compared to 8.9 last month). Check-ins averaged 5.3 per session (4.6 last month).

TEX Net Statistics (February 2020)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
N5BA	Brian	0	1					
		1						
WA5CAV	Dick	0	2					
		2						
W5CU	Sam	8	20	4	4			
*		12		4	10			
W5DAE	Don	28	56					
		28						
W5DY	Rodney	25	51	4	8			
		26		8				
W5FEA	Jim	28	52	21	12	28		
*		24			4	24		

K5GM	Pete	16	36		5			
*		20		6	4			
KA9IKK	Bill	3	4					
*		1						
K5IX	Dave	6	10					
		4						
K6JT	Steve	0	11					
*		11		11	7		11	
K5RG	Ken	0	7					
*		7			4			
N5RL	Randy	20	34					
*		14						
N5SJ	Mike	0	2					
	NM	2						
W9VE	Don	2	2				2	
	Dallas	0						
WB8WKQ	Jeff	0	16					
		16						
K9ZTV	Kent	1	1					
	MO	0						
Totals		305		58	58	52	13	0
				100%	100%	90%	22%	0%
QTC 1		35	88					
QTC 2		53		Sessions:		58		
Time 1		242	488					
Time 2		246						

March 2020:

Don, W5DAE, was 1st with 55 (89%), Rodney, W5DY, was 2nd with 50 (81%), and Jim, W5FEA, was 3rd with 48 (77%). Thanks again to all of you who checked in for your support.

The only visitor was Fred, WB5BNV, from MS.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 1.5 per net session (1.5 last month). Net time averaged 8.7 minutes per session (compared to 8.4 last month). Check-ins averaged 5.0 per session (5.3 last month).

TEX Net Statistics (March 2020)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
WB5BNV	Fred	1	1					
	MS	0						
W5CU	Sam	4	10	3	3			
*		6		3	6			
W5DAE	Don	30	55					

		25						
W5DY	Rodney	24	50	6	10	4		
		26		9	3	4		
W5FEA	Jim	27	48	20	8	27		
*		21		3	6	20		
K5GM	Pete	12	38	2	5			
*		26		4	3			
KA9IKK	Bill	14	17					
*		3						
K5JRN	Si	2	4					
*		2						
K5IX	Dave	9	9					
		0						
K6JT	Steve	0	12					
*		12		12	8		12	
K5RG	Ken	0	9					
*		9			4			
N5RL	Randy	19	33					
*		14						
K5TSK	Jim	2	2					
		0						
W9VE	Don	5	5				5	
	Dallas	0						
WB8WKQ	Jeff	0	17					
		17						
Totals		310		62	56	55	17	0
				100%	90%	89%	27%	0%
QTC 1		38	90					
QTC 2		52		Sessions:		62		
Time 1		254	538					
Time 2		284						

Operating:

As mentioned in Rodney's column, we are desperately in need of more NCS stations and particularly RN5 liaison stations.

Randy, N5RL, is still home recuperating and unable to resume duties, but we are happy to have him check in when he feels up to it. Jim, W5FEA, was getting burned out so he has given up RN5 and CAN liaison and NCS duties, although he is still active on TEX and TTN. Those who feel capable of doing NCS or liaison, please seriously consider taking on scheduled duties. Thanks to those who fill in when there are absences due to illness or travel.

RN5 major participants have voted to cease scheduled weekend net call-up (Sat and Sun) although anyone who wants to call the net is welcome to do so.

We may be moving some nets to 40 meters (CAN and perhaps early RN5) soon. No plans for TEX at this time.

Here are the composite reports for the last 2 months for traffic handled at the region and above levels. Both months' traffic was quite low compared to past months. Peter, DL4FN, is still out for as much as 2 or 3 months while he heals from injuries from being hit by a car. Because Hamfests and Volunteer Examiner sessions (at clubs) have been canceled due to the lock-down in most states, welcome messages to new hams have nearly vanished.

Central US Nets Activity for February 2020

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5 th Call Area	12	9	49	78	0.115
Cycle 2 9RN*	12	209	52	45	4.644
Day 10 th Call Area #	12	15	47	74	0.203
Night 5 th Call Area**	54	66	213	393	0.168
Night 9 th Call Area	53	206	128	397	0.519
Night 10 th Call Area	54	58	120	278	0.209
Day Central US	12	103	63	198	0.520
Night Central US @	29	355	189	448	0.792
Day Inter-Area Traffic	36	86	36		100%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	73	198	71		97%
Total Voice/CW Nets		1305	968	1911	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
WB9FHP Central Area HUB		2153	1069	1084	
Digital Stations (13)		1226	357	869	
Total DTN Digital		3379	1426	1953	
Total Central US		4684			
* Not Radio Relay International affiliated					
# Manager recovering - thanks Dave, ND0CW, and Ron, WB9WKO for their reports					
@ Manager resigned, nominations open. Composite from NCS reports received					
** Nominations open for manager - thanks to NCS stations for statistics					

Central US Nets Activity for March 2020

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5 th Call Area	13	5	49	88	0.057
Cycle 2 9RN*	13	306	87	72	4.250
Day 10 th Call Area #	13	26	48	88	0.295
Night 5 th Call Area**	50	60	194	371	0.162
Night 9 th Call Area	57	239	160	497	0.481
Night 10 th Call Area	61	57	173	286	0.199
Day Central US	13	105	75	176	0.597
Night Central US @	31	335	199	479	0.699
Day Inter-Area Traffic	36	81	34		94%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	75	155	75		100%
Total Voice/CW Nets		1369	1094	2057	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
WB9FHP Central Area HUB		1759	882	877	
Digital Stations (11)		1065	363	702	
Total DTN Digital		2824	1245	1579	
Total Central US		4193			
* Not Radio Relay International affiliated					
# Manager recovering - thanks Dave, ND0CW, and Ron, WB9WKO for their reports					
@ Manager resigned, nominations open. Composite from NCS reports received					
** Nominations open for manager, thanks to NC Stations for statistics					

Keep 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 for lots more sunspots in 2020 and enjoy the summer as much as you can given the Stay-at-Home directives in effect.

73, Steve K6JT
TEX Newsletter Editor

TSN Corner



Photo Courtesy of VE3UU

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

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Greetings From Northeast Texas

Jason, KD5RQB, has been calling the net when he is able. He is now working long hours (in the food service industry) and not home many evenings. Help is needed for more support of TSN. Jason tries to call up the net Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Please look for him.

Net Control Stations

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

TSN Activity Reports

Month	QNI	QTC	QTR	Nr. Operators	Sessions
February 2020	12	0	84	1	12
March 2020	3	0	9	1	3

TSN Roster (January 2019 to Current Date)

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

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

73, Jason KD5RQB

RN5 Corner

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

Alternate Frequency 7108 or 3598 when conditions warrant

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

Due to Frank W4DLZ becoming a Silent Key

Nominations are open for Net Manager

Hello all and welcome to Edition 71 of the **RN5 Corner**.

Thanks to all NC Stations for doing a great job manning the NCS and CAN liaison slots and sending your reports the last couple months. Please try to get the NC reports to me as soon after the session as possible.

A poll of all known active stations came up with the desire to not hold nets on Saturday or Sunday evenings. So there will be no assigned stations for these, but if you are available and want to start the net, please go ahead. Jack, K5WNU, has been doing this the last couple weeks on Saturdays.

Jim, W5FEA, as you will note from the NCS totals below, has been carrying far too many of the nets as NCS and CAN liaison. After months (years?) of this (THANK YOU, Jim), he has decided he needs to cut back on his activities. So he is taking a bit of a vacation from RN5 and CAN duties. Sam, W5CU, other than an absence for a triple bypass operation last month, is also carrying a lot of the nets. One wonders if that may be why he had to undergo the bypass operation? Anyway, we are all thankful that the surgery was a success and Sam now appears to be recovering nicely and is back on the air again.

Following is a list of the stations sending NC reports for February and March (in order from earliest date station first reported). Jack, K5WNU, has stepped in to fill some of Jim's former duties (thanks!). Other help will be much appreciated. Thanks to you all for supporting RN5!

Feb: W5FEA 26, W5CU 21, K6JT 7, K5GM 1

Mar: W5FEA 19, K6JT 8, K5GM 3, W5CU 10, K5WNU 10

If you show up and there is no NCS and you do not want to do a formal net callup, just send RN5? a few times. If nobody answers in a couple minutes, please just report that as 1 station QNI, 0 traffic, 3 minutes.

There are many openings for both NCS and CAN liaison stations as shown in red in the Duty Roster. CAN liaison stations are asked to briefly open the net to handle any listed traffic if there is no formal NCS.

Thanks for your support of RN5. Special thanks to Sam, W5CU, and Jim, W5FEA, who handled many NCS slots as shown above. Thanks also to regulars WA5CAV, on nearly every session, K5WNU, W5DY, K5GM, K6JT, and K5RG. John, KC4FL, continues to regularly check in from FL. Ben, KZ8Q, and Dean, W8IM, check in from FL some nights. Jeff, WB8WKQ, has also been checking in from Michigan. Please continue to pass AR traffic to the TEX liaison station to take to the 7290 Traffic Net.

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

RN5 Duty Roster

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

2020 Statistics

MONTH	FEBRUARY	MARCH
SESSIONS	55	50
QTC	66	60
QNI	213	194
QTR	393	371
AVG QTC	1.2	1.2
AVG QNI	3.9	3.9
AVG QTR	7.1	7.4

The following roster shows stations coming to RN5 in the past 3 years and their states.

Region Net 5 Roster

Call	Name	State	Call	Name	State
WA4BAM	JOHN	FL	K6JT	STEVE	TX
WA5CAV	DICK	LA	KZ8Q	BEN	FL
W5CU	SAM	OK*	K5RG	KEN	TX
W4DLZ	FRANK	(SK)	N5RL	RANDY	TX
W5DY	RODNEY	TX	W4SU	JERRY	(Retired)
W5FEA	JIM	TX	K5TSK	JIM	AR**
KC4FL	JOHN	FL	K4VIZ	TOM	AR**
W5GKH	CHARLIE	TX	WB8WKQ	JEFF	MI
K5GM	PETE	TX	K5WNU	JACK	MS
W8IM	DEAN	FL	WA4ZPZ	TOM	(Retired)

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

** K4VIZ and K5TSK are only marginally active. Send AR to the TEX station for the 7290 net (do not use DRN5 since there is only an occasional AR liaison station there).

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