

# *The Texan*

Newsletter of the Texas CW Traffic Net (TEX)

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

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## **Sadly, Another Silent Key**

Very sorry to report that Eric, W9GVW, of San Antonio became a silent key March 15.

Many of you who attended the 7290 traffic net picnics will remember Eric with his great mobile setup and his telescopes for star gazing at night on Saturday after the picnic program. According to QRZ.com, he was born in 1949, so just a little over 70 years old. The following is taken from his QRZ bio along with the picture.



This picture is me (age 5 or so) with the Remco crystal set (anybody out there get theirs to work???) that my grandpa Bill, W9IMQ gave me for Christmas (yes, it was called that back then :P) I loved it but it probably was in irreparable pieces by sundown, knowing my curiously destructive nature...

(Also, that's a 14" Black and White MUNTZ TV in the background!)

Well, I went on to officially enter the magical world of ham radio at the tender early age of 13 :) Nowadays, being an amateur astronomer as well as radio operator, I've calculated the first "dit" I ever sent is now out past one of the major stars in the Big Dipper (hope the content of my QSOs won't spark some kind of Intergalactic War or something!)

My first call was WN9GVW, issued back in 1963, and at that time I had assumed I'd get the 1x3 that I thought it would morph into, but as luck would have it they were issuing "WA" calls instead (RATS!). 49-odd (and they have been ODD!) years later, I get my new call--W9GVW--and my teenage wish!!

I retired from the USAF in 1991, after hamming aeronautical mobile and from exotic extremes such as Alaska, England, Greece and Okinawa, Japan. I also spent time on the air from Panama, Diego Garcia BIOT, and the "Black Pearl of the Pacific" (If you know the phrase, you know where I'm talking about) After retiring, I was looking for a low-stress job, so I ended up teaching elementary science in the public school system here in San Antonio. Perhaps one of these days I'll get around to setting up a ham station at the school. Any equipment donations out there? HI HI. And after 12 years of that I retired again...and then along comes age 62!

Another dream achieved: endless time for Ham Radio, and enough dinero for all the nicknacks and gizmos my station had been needing for a long time.

Lately, I operate mostly CW (a lot from the mobile) on the low end of 40 and 80 meters as well as being active in CW traffic handling. Occasionally I'll hand out a few points in contests, but I much prefer ragchewing to contesting. And, yes, CW still ROCKS!!! (Try it, you'll LIKE it!!!) Oh, and I'm dabbling lately with various digital modes, and I'm amazed what you can work with a watt and a wire, even when the bands are "dead"!

Well, that's about it...God Bless y'all, and see you on the bands!  
73 DE Eric W9GVW

*Rest in peace, Eric. You are definitely missed. Military Honors Memorial Apr 29, see Mail from KA5AZK in the TEX/RN5 Mailbox.*

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

As promised last newsletter, I am starting to publish excerpts from the book that Jack wrote that I helped him with as a proofreader. The first part is from the Foreword and tells about his early start with math, school and electronics.

#### *Foreword*

*I should not talk so much about myself if there were anyone else I knew as well.  
—Walden Henry David Thoreau,*

I was 13, had just passed the second-class FCC phone test (which let me work on two-way radios), and had a job working for Frank Rose and Cecil Schroder. My bench was in the back where customers could not see a child repairing their radio or TV. They paid me 25/c an hour. In today's money that would be \$6.50. I think they hired me because I was so small and limber I could install and service two-way radios in cars and airplanes. Frank, a good-sized man and not at all limber, could not do that. Cecil was, well, pretty. He spent most of his time in the field. His wife was pretty, now I would say sexy. Frank's wife was plain but sweet, named Rose, making her Mrs. Rose Rose. She answered the phone in the afternoon and did the books.

I liked the work, partly physical and all mental. In addition, it got over; that is, you could know roughly how much time a job would take. I kept a journal and a log of the jobs I had done. When there was no work, I studied electronics and built test equipment. I built most of the test equipment in large WWII surplus olive drab steel index card boxes. Frank, a pack rat, had scores of them.

I turned 14 that summer. I would be in the ninth grade, but I didn't want to be. The eighth grade was a disaster. The only good grade was the first. Miss Simon was a pretty young blonde who liked everyone and knew what we could do. She let me help teach the others to read. My old man taught me to read. Before first grade I was reading Hardy Boys and Oz books at night.

The second grade was bad. The art teacher put on a fake demonstration of our drawing 'talent.' She sketched in light chalk on the rough paper and we were supposed to color it on stage as if we were doing the invention. She had drawn me a horse's head and shoulder, which didn't look all that good to me, so I drew a mom and pop giraffe with a baby. They weren't so good either, but at least they were mine. I don't think she even noticed. Third grade was terrible. I joined the class in January. I knew more than the teacher about everything. I am not making this up. By then I had a multiplication table of two digit numbers stored and accessible. Using that I could easily multiply two four digit numbers without making the full Wallace tree. I could also use it in reverse to do division without the regular algorithm. That was tricky and hard to explain but it was fast and worked. This ticked her off, to put it mildly. I got to know the folks who worked in the office well.

The only other memorable years were sixth and eighth, both with sadistic 'teachers,' both old battleaxes and both hated boys. Some girls were disliked as well. The eighth grade teacher taught math but didn't know any. She was a show-all-work freak. I made an F and they wanted me to repeat it but I convinced Mr. Roberts, the boss, that I could do it, just not her way. He put me in his algebra class, although his specialty was history. I learned he is a marvelous math teacher, the best I had until E. R. Keown.

I have recently written this story but at the time I didn't have a computer, so it is fairly fresh in my head. In Wichita Falls, ninth grade was in middle school (7–9). They called it Junior High back then. Swanee Roberts was the school principal and my algebra teacher, and Konnie Jo Kubaca was my English teacher. I always tried to sit on the front row (I didn't yet have glasses and was, if not correctable, legally blind; it was correctable, only 20/400).

Konnie Jo was from Europe by way of Cuba, and only taught that one year. By chance, there was a smart kid in the class who was also nearsighted and without glasses, sat on the front row of both classes next to me. She was sexually mature and I was over a year from that so that isn't what this is about. Her name is Sue Barber. She knew more math than I did, and I had read a lot more than she had. I was reading Mark Twain, O'Henry, and Henry James, having got over my Joseph Conrad phase. I also read Darwin and William James. So I knew how good writing sounds, and was better at that than anything else except electronics, a useless obsession.

The algebra class had all the school losers, the bottom tenth of the set of people who were allowed in algebra. I don't think that is right, but Mr. Roberts was a master at rescuing lost causes. Sue was in a military family; she had been in six schools in three countries in four years. Her daddy was a master sergeant in the Army Air Force. The composition of the English class was just random. The plan for the English class was unique. Here's how it went, except for weeks with exams (two—the mid-term and the final).

Monday She wrote a quotation on the board. They were from all over. We copied it down and were supposed to think about it, what it meant, what it had to say to us, and write a short essay. After the first week the person who wrote the best essay the preceding week read it in class. (One only got to read once every six week period, so that was only three times a semester.) Then she would go over the stuff in the textbook.

Tuesday Free discussion of the quote. If no discussion there would be a quiz about Monday's textbook lesson. After two weeks discussion flourished.

Wednesday At the start of the class everyone had to turn in the completed essay on the quotation or an outline of it. Then more textbook stuff.

Thursday Textbook stuff. By the end of the second week, the class was active, with almost everyone participating.

Friday If not before, submit the essays. Discussion of difficulties. Textbook stuff.

How different was the algebra class! There was little structure but much control. Students with a question had to stand. Questions were allowed at all times, on any subject, except during exams. Students had to stand when the teacher arrived and not be seated until he either sat himself or said "Ladies and gentlemen, please be seated." No joke, he did that. Every day after the first.

Each day, after the class started, Mr. Roberts wrote a problem on the board. It wasn't about what we were doing in class, but it was a math problem. I have no idea where he got them: he may have cooked them up himself. I remember a few of those. At any time except during an exam one could stand and say that they had a solution to problem  $n$ , and go to the board to present their solution. There was no restriction on the number of times one could do this other than once a problem had been correctly solved it was off the list.

I tried that at A&M my first year to teach and the entire class marched to the Department Head and complained.

You got a point if your solution was correct and lost a point if it was incorrect. You got 0 if it was correct as far as it went but not complete. I stood up when he said this, and asked, "What if you present an extension of the problem, and solve that as well." I gave an example. He said, no, just the problem itself, although that is something to consider later. I was still standing, and asked, "What are the points for?" He explained that the final exam is 100 points and the accumulated points, positive or negative, are added to the final exam grade each semester. He also told me to sit down, only one question at a time.

Then he turned around and wrote the first problem on the board.

You have a drawer with four pairs of green socks and five pairs of red socks. How many socks do you need to take out of the drawer, in the dark, to make certain you have a matching pair? What if you needed to be sure you had a pair of red socks? A red sock and a green sock?

He turned around and saw Sue and me standing. We didn't look around, but it seems no one else was. I think he didn't expect this, so he told me to leave the room and let Sue give her solution, and then I could give mine. That was fine. When I was recalled, I gave mine. Three for a pair, ten for a guaranteed red pair, eleven for a red and green, and the simple proof that it works. We each got a point. I could drag this out and give more examples, but by the end of the first six weeks, Sue had 17 points, I had 16, and several others had negative points. The first week of problems were all simple applications of the pigeon-hole principle, attributed to Dirichlet, but surely Euler and even Euclid must have known it. Later there were counting problems.

After the first six weeks Mr. Roberts asked Sue and me to come to his office after school. The Friday before he gave the first algebra exam. It had six routine problems and four problems like the daily problems. I didn't know how I did, but Sue told me she got all ten. That afternoon (it was Monday) Mr. Roberts handed us the exams. I made 125 and Sue made 130. I missed part of the first problem because I didn't read it right. Each routine problem was worth 15 points and the rest were 10. Mr. Roberts said, "You were the only ones in the class who got any of the last four questions. You are the only ones with positive bonus points. If you keep it up you probably won't even have to take the final. I think you are out of my league, and I have a proposal for you.

"I would like for you to work with each other independently. There is a room connected to the library with a table and copious blackboards. It is now used for meetings, but none is scheduled at the time of my class because I attend all meetings. You each possess insight with devastating perspicacity, beyond any I have encountered at any level. Starting tomorrow I propose that you go to the conference room instead of my class. On Thursday leave an outline with the secretary of what you have done and on Friday turn in a detailed report of what you have discovered, and after school present those results to me and possibly others." I stood up. (We were sitting in nice chairs in front of his desk.) He said, "You don't have to stand to ask a question in here."

I sat and said, "Will you still give us the daily questions? Those attract and hold our attention. Miss Kubaca does something similar, except only once a week."

Sue said, "I agree with Jack, at least about your class. I have always loved math but never a math class before this one. And Jack is the first I met who can keep up with me." He said, "Yes. You have English across from the library, and the room is on the way back to the office. I can drop the daily question off after the math class. If I do that, though, you have to give me your independent solutions the next day in exchange for the next question."

We agreed to his proposal, and left.

*To Be Continued*

## **TEX / RN5 Mailbox:**

Feb 18 from **Scott, W7IZ**: Hi Steve, thanks for another nice newsltr! I enjoyed reading about Jack W5TFB, I remember his call from PAN but didn't work him or maybe did work him once or twice. Here we've had our 2nd COVID shots and are ready for the next thing coming around the corner!

73/Scott W7IZ

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Feb 18 From **Jo Ann, KA5AZK**: Hi Steve,  
Thanks for the newsletter. Sorry I forgot to tell you the Ham with Jack in that picture was our Assist Mgr Don Perese AC5XK. He was living in San Antonio at the time but QRZ shows him in Washington DC now. He was a great guy and spoke multiple languages. 73, Jo Ann KA5AZK

*Thank you, Jo Ann. Interesting about Don. When I took over as TEX manager, I asked Don to be the assistant manager, which he did for a while until he left the area (as you indicate).*

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Feb 18 from **Sam, W5CU**: I enjoyed reading the TEXAN newsletter, as usual - excellent and much appreciated! I am sorry to hear that W5TFB became a SK. Jack was living in College Station when I was a student at Texas A&M, although I don't recall ever meeting him in-person or hearing him on the air while I lived there (1971-73) I was not active on TEX at the time but later, when I was in grad school in Houston rediscovering CW, I remember he was active on TEX and NTS. Nice guy, excellent operator.

73, Sam W5CU

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Feb 19 from **Jack, K5WNU** (RN5): (Status after Rotator Cuff surgery) Still have to use my sling/brace but I cheat a little and take it off to copy traffic. Just using my fingers not my arm. Anyway, glad to be back on the air. 73's.

Jack K5WNU

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Feb 20 from **Bill, KA9IKK**: Hi Steve, hope you are warming up after the winter storm. We went 48 hrs without power and had difficulty trying to find another home which still had heat for the nights. Fortunately we did not experience any broken pipes and our water supply was not severely affected. I hope all Tex members did not suffer much damage and are doing well.

The Houston Local Traffic Net is going strong and we have been training new traffic handlers. Some of our members are also active on 7290 and Ken, K5RG also serves as one of our liaison stations

Hopefully we can train some of the new traffic handlers on CW and increase Tex participation. I am also helping to teach radiograms and traffic handling to the Boy Scouts  
I always enjoy reading the Tex Newsletter and appreciate all the time and effort you spend putting it together

73 for now and stay warm and safe

Bill KA9IKK

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Mar 4 from **Jerry, AD0A**: Hey Steve. So nice to hear you again. I am now in Kingman AZ...getting closer to you, hi! Doing ok except still battling my post radiation facial pain and seeing a specialist in Scottsdale AZ sometime soon. Doing traffic three days a week or more if the AZ Traffic and Emergency Net has outgoing traffic they want me to take, which I did tonight. Hope all is well with you and Grace and maybe one of these days I will slip down to see you in my new 2021 Honda HRV vehicle. Again, it was so good to hear your fist again, Leroy was listening to us, hi. 73! jv

*Received after he checked into CAN while I was NCS. JV (which he goes by on the air – his initials) and I are old friends from California days. He mentions Leroy, whose call was WB6ZKK. JV and I paid for Roy's funeral when he became a SK.*

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This just received (Apr 12) from **Jo Ann, KA5AZK**: Hi all, Here are some arrangements for Eric's memorial from his cousin in San Angelo.

"If you are able to attend, Eric's military honors burial will be at Fort Sam Houston on Thursday, April 29, at 2:15 p.m. It will be a brief ceremony - military honors only - as we did not have time to make arrangements with a funeral home and do not have an officiant.

Please know that any of his friends from the ham community are most welcome to attend.

Many thanks for your friendship to my cousin. Jodi Huybers"

Did some more digging and found a little more info on Eric's memorial: He was cremated and will be buried at the National Cemetery at Ft Sam Houston in San Antonio. The address is 1520 Wurzburg 78209. Phone is 210 820 3891. Check at the gate for the pavilion he will be at and be sure to take a mask, as of today they are required. The ceremony will be a Military Honors service and will be brief.

Hope some will be able to attend. 73, Jo Ann KA5AZK

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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.

### TEX CW Net Weekly Schedule

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

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

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

TSN: **3570** - 19:45 CT; CAN: **3552**/3590/7052/7108 - 20:30 CT; WAN: **3552**/7052 - 22:30 CT

RN5 Backup: W5CU, K5GM, K5RG, N5RL

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

### TEX Roster

Call	Name	Location / Notes	Call	Name	Location / Notes
KW5AS	Skip	Victoria	WA5MS	Marty	Argyle
N5BA	Brian	Houston	* W6LFB	Jim	Denton
WA5CAV	Dick	Pineville LA	NM5M	Eric	Plano
W5CU	Sam	Edmond OK	N7NET	Scott	Crossett AR
N5CXX	Steve	Richardson (K6JT)	* KB5NJD	John	Duncanville

Call	Name	Location / Notes	Call	Name	Location / Notes
W5DAE	Don	San Angelo	K9NY	Bill	Canyon Lake
W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	K1PKZ	Paul	Tom Bean
W5ESE	Scott	Dripping Springs	WA5PRI	Don	Thibodaux LA
* W5FEA	Jim	Graham	* K5RG	Ken	Houston
K5GM	Pete	Austin	N5RL	Randy	San Antonio
W9GVW	Eric	San Antonio	KD5RQB	Jason	Atlanta
KM0I	John	Hattiesburg MS	W5TMO	Mike	Austin
KA9IKK	Bill	Katy	K5TSK	Hank	Pearcy AR
K5IX	Dave	Brackettville	KD5TXD	Pat	Kingsville
K5JFB	Jim	Fort Worth	W9VE	Don	Dallas
K6JT	Steve	Plano	WB8WKQ	Jeff	Michigan

\* Capable of 160 meter operation

## Statistics:

### February 2021:

Jim, W5FEA, was first place with 42 (88%), Don, W5DAE, was 2nd with 38 (79%), and Rodney, W5DY, was third with 22 (46%). Thanks again to all of you who checked in.

Visitors: Dave, AB0DK in Missouri, Dave, K5TS in Louisiana, Carl N5XE in Oklahoma.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Note there were 43 sessions reported out of a possible 48 (no Saturday nets). Traffic averaged 1.2 per net session (1.1 last month). Net time averaged 9.4 minutes per session (compared to 9.5 last month). Check-ins averaged 4.3 per session (4.4 last month).

### TEX Net Statistics (February 2021)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
N5BA	Brian	4	9					
		5						
W5CU	Sam	4	12	4	4			
*		8		4	8			
W5DAE	Don	19	38					
		19						
AB0DK	Dave	0	1					
	MO	1						
W5DY	Rodney	15	22		1			
		7						
W5FEA	Jim	22	42	11		22		
*		20		2		19		
K5GM	Pete	3	15	1	2			
*		12		5	2			
K5IX	Dave	4	4					



Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
		0						
K6JT	Steve	0	10					
*		10		10	7	1	10	
K5JFB	Jim	4	5					
		1						
KB5NJD	John	7	7				2	
		0						
K5RG	Ken	0	4					
*		4			4			
N5RL	Randy	17	21	6	4			
*		4						
K5TS	Dave	1	1					
	LA	0						
K5TSK	Hank	1	1					
		0						
W9VE	Don	12	12				11	
	Dallas	0						
N5XE	Carl	1	1					
	OK	0						
Totals		205		43	32	42	23	0
				90%	67%	88%	48%	0%
QTC 1		13	56					
QTC 2		43		Sessions:		48		
Time 1		244	450					
Time 2		206						

### March 2021:

Don, W5DAE, was 1<sup>st</sup> with 50 (93%), Jim, W5FEA, was a close 2<sup>nd</sup> with 49 (91%), and Rodney, W5DY, was 3<sup>rd</sup> with 39 (72%). Thanks again to all of you who checked in for your support.

There were no visitors.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Note that there were 54 sessions reported out of a possible 54 (no Saturdays). Traffic averaged 1.7 per net session (1.2 last month). Net time averaged 11.1 minutes per session (compared to 9.4 last month). Check-ins averaged 4.8 per session (4.3 last month).

### TEX Net Statistics (March 2021)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
N5BA	Brian	5	8					
		3						
W5CU	Sam	4	14	3	3			
*		10		5	9			
W5DAE	Don	24	50					

		26						
W5DY	Rodney	21	39	2	5			
		18						
W5FEA	Jim	23	49	11		22		
*		26		1		26		
K5GM	Pete	7	25		4			
*		18		8	4			
K5IX	Dave	12	13					
		1						
K6JT	Steve	0	13					
*		13		13	9		13	
KB5NJD	John	1	1					
		0						
K5RG	Ken	0	4					
*		4			4			
N5RL	Randy	18	29	11	2			
*		11						
W9VE	Don	13	13				13	
	Dallas	0						
WB8WKQ	Jeff	0	1					
		1						
K5WNU	Jack	0	1					
	MS	1						
Totals		260		54	40	48	26	0
				100%	74%	89%	48%	0%
QTC 1		7	91					
QTC 2		84		Sessions:		54		
Time 1		268	600					
Time 2		332						

## Operating:

We are still in need of more NCS/backup stations and particularly RN5 liaison stations. Multiple backup NCS slots remain open. RN5/1 has 3 open slots and all backup positions remain open as well. Thanks to those of you who fill in when you are able.

Now that daylight time is in effect, severe QRM to the Wednesday evening late net occurs due to the CWOPS CWT contest that starts right at late TEX time. Accordingly, I have changed the frequency (Wednesday late net only) to 3546 (up 5).

Long skip is still occurring some evenings, even with the time change. Fortunately it is getting to be less often, and increased sunspots are being reported, which helps a lot. There are no plans to move either TEX or RN5 to 40 meters yet.

Here are the composite reports for the last 2 months for traffic handled at the region and above levels. February traffic dropped off significantly. March improved by about 2000.

### Central US Nets Activity for February 2021

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	12	12	67	91	0.132
Cycle 2 9RN*	12	216	48	47	4.596
Day 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area #	12	51	51	73	0.699
Night 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area**	46	77	158	368	0.209
Night 9 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	52	427	132	430	0.993
Night 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	49	21	154	266	0.079
Day Central US	12	145	64	224	0.647
Night Central US @	28	598	176	472	1.267
Day Inter-Area Traffic	36	121	34		94%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	72	320	70		97%
Total Voice/CW Nets		1988	954	1971	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
WB9FHP Central Area HUB		3507	1734	1773	
KE5YTA Alternate Hub		205	139	66	
Digital Stations (12)		1558	529	1029	
Total DTN Digital		5270	2402	2868	
Total Central US		7258			
* 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 2021

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	14	42	63	102	0.412
Cycle 2 9RN*	14	209	60	48	4.354
Day 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area #	14	82	66	88	0.932
Night 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area**	59	146	254	568	0.257

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Night 9 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	60	502	192	608	0.826
Night 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	56	88	171	384	0.229
Day Central US	14	140	73	235	0.596
Night Central US @	31	712	195	595	1.197
Day Inter-Area Traffic	42	95	40		95%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	80	250	76		95%
Total Voice/CW Nets		2266	1190	2628	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
WB9FHP Central Area HUB		4505	2265	2240	
KE5YTA Alternate HUB		232	130	102	
Digital Stations (13)		2034	665	1369	
Total DTN Digital		6771	3060	3711	
Total Central US		9037			
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# Manager recovering - thanks Dave, ND0CW, and Ron, WB9WKO for their reports					
@ Manager resigned, nominations open. Composite from NCS reports received					
** Nominations open for manager, thanks to NC Stations for statistics					

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

73, Steve K6JT  
TEX Newsletter Editor and Statistician

## TSN Corner

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

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

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



Photo Courtesy of VE3UU

## Greetings From Northeast Texas

Jason, KD5RQB, has been calling the net when he is able. There have been no other check-ins for several months. Help is needed for more support of TSN. Jason tries to call up the net Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Please look for him.

## Net Control Stations

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

## TSN Activity Reports

Month	QNI	QTC	QTR	Nr. Operators	Sessions
February 2021	12	0	96	1	12
March 2021	9	0	45	1	9

## 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 still open for Net Manager

Hello all and welcome to Edition 77 of the **RN5 Corner**.

We are very happy to have Jack, K5WNU, back on RN5. He is still healing from the rotator cuff surgery on his left side but able to handle his bug and write. Again, many thanks to Sam for covering so many nets while Jack was unable to operate.

Happy to have some new stations checking in to RN5. Please welcome Fred, WB5BNV, from Mississippi, frequently on the early session, Mike, WD5JTZ, from Louisiana, and Bill, WA4FAT, from Alabama.

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

February: W5CU 28, K6JT 7, K5GM 2, K5WNU 9

March: W5CU 17, K5WNU 32, K6JT 9, K5GM 1

As you can see, Jack, K5WNU, and Sam, W5CU, are calling up the net almost by themselves. A standing ovation for them and their efforts! If you show up and there is no NCS and you do not want to do a formal net call-up, 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.

CAN liaison stations are asked to briefly open the net to handle any listed traffic if there is no formal NCS. Dick, WA5CAV, checks into nearly every net and can take Louisiana traffic.

Thanks to all for your support of RN5, especially regulars WA5CAV, K5WNU, W5CU, K5GM, K6JT, and K5RG. John, KC4FL, continues to regularly check in from FL. Ben, KZ8Q, and Dean, W8IM, check in from FL some nights, although it has been difficult for them with the current poor conditions. Jeff, WB8WKQ, has also been occasionally checking in from Michigan. Please continue to pass AR and OK traffic to the TEX liaison station to take to the 7290 Traffic Net.

TN traffic can be sent to Jim, WA4VGZ, who is the manager of cycle 2 RN5 and located in TN. Reach him via Winlink (preferred). Use WA4VGZ at Winlink dot org and be sure to put //WL2K as the first 7 letters (including space) in the subject line.

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

### RN5 Duty Roster

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

### 2021 Statistics

MONTH	FEBRUARY	MARCH
SESSIONS	46	59
QTC	77	146
QNI	158	254
QTR	368	568
AVG QTC	1.7	2.5
AVG QNI	3.4	4.3
AVG QTR	8.0	9.6

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

### Region Net 5 Roster

Call	Name	State	Call	Name	State
WB5BNV	FRED	MS	WD5JTZ	MIKE	LA
WA5CAV	DICK	LA	KZ8Q	BEN	FL
W5CU	SAM	OK* / CO	K5RG	KEN	TX
W4DLZ	FRANK	(SK)	N5RL	RANDY	TX
W5DY	RODNEY	TX	W4SU	JERRY	(Retired)
W5FEA	JIM	TX	K5TSK	HANK	AR**
KC4FL	JOHN	FL	K4VIZ	TOM	AR**
K5GM	PETE	TX	WB8WKQ	JEFF	MI
W8IM	DEAN	FL	K5WNU	JACK	MS
K6JT	STEVE	TX	WA4ZPZ	TOM	(Retired)

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

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

73, Steve K6JT

Newsletter editor and RN5 statistician