

# *The Texan*

Newsletter of the Texas NTS CW Net (TEX)

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

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## **The 7290 Traffic Net Picnic**

The 7290 Traffic Net picnic was held this year on May 12 once again at the SPJST Lodge Hall in Beyersville (Taylor), TX. Rodney, W5DY, represented TEX and announced the Pfeiffer Pfist award going to Pete, K5GM. Pete was not present, so Rodney shipped it to him.

Here is what Rodney reported: Took a few pictures at the picnic (two included here – see below). WA5YZD, Roy from Austin, talked about the help of the 7290 net during hurricane Harvey.



The first picture shows Paul Gilbert KE5ZW, the new South Texas Section Manager. The other picture shows Gary, WA5VAS, receiving the Whitney Nugget Award from Jo Ann, KA5AZK.

There were myself, Randy N5RL, Gary K5QOW and Doug NA5YO for Tex CW in attendance.

There are more pictures taken by Norman AD5EF and Jo Ann, which are in the pictures section of the <http://www.7290trafficnet.org/> website

along with Jo Ann's summary of what transpired.



The Tex CW portion of the picnic went well with Pete K5GM being honored as the recipient of the PP Award. I then read the speech you sent me:

Good afternoon everyone and thanks to Rodney for once again filling in as TEX manager in my absence. I would really like to be with you all, but medical conditions prevent that at present.

Thank you all for your continued excellence in handling traffic. The 7290 and Texas Traffic Nets handle the majority of messages destined for not only Texas but also adjoining states

such as Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas and some further away as well. The TEX net handles very few by comparison, and most of those either leave via 7290 and TTN liaisons, notably W5FEA and N5RL, or enter TEX to go to the region net, notably via W5DY as well as W5FEA. Many thanks to the liaison stations on TEX.

I also want to especially thank George, K5BMR, and of course Jo Ann, KA5AZK, for providing liaison services via digital to and from my station. Much of the digital traffic goes to them for relay on 7290.

Although conditions have been poor recently on 40 meters during the day, thank you all for staying with it and continuing to support the nets. In spite of the awful propagation, traffic totals for the last 2 months have been outstanding and the best in the years I have been keeping track of them. On the upper nets of Radio Relay International, including region and area, traffic for March was 2,832 on the voice and CW nets, while April was 2,723. The digital traffic was even higher than normal, at 8,647 in March and an astounding 11,356 in April for total traffic in the Central Area of 11,489 in March and 14,119 in April. Much of the digital traffic for Texas and Arkansas is also sent for distribution via the 7290 net and also TTN via the TEX liaison and K5BMR and KA5AZK. In fact, the 7290 Traffic Net is the only way to get traffic into Arkansas, the local nets there refuse to handle any traffic.

So the system remains healthy and once again, thanks to all of you for your dedication.

Now, Rodney will talk about the Pfeiffer Pfist award, which goes to Pete Jordahl, K5GM, this year. Pete has been an active traffic handler, primarily on the CW nets, for over 50 years and is quite deserving of this honor. Unfortunately, he is also unable to be here today. As some of you may know, Pete is confined to a wheelchair due to having had childhood polio. He requires an assistant to transport him and help him. His assistant was not available to work today, so Pete was unable to come.

Over to you now, Rodney, and thanks for everything you do to help TEX and the 7290 traffic net. 73 to all. Steve K6JT, TEX Manager and Central Area Coordinator of the Radio Relay International system.

### **K5RG's Trip to 9N Land**

In my past trips to Nepal and specifically Namche Bazaar, the Sherpa capitol in the Everest region, I've looked at a single tea house/hotel off in the distance from Namche located on a distant mountain top. This location had to have a commanding view of the entire Mt. Everest valley. I thought about visiting the location named Kongde in 2014 with the XYL Camille but my outfitter said that the only viable plan would be to fly to the tea house via helicopter. Not letting go of the plan, this year I decided to trek by myself to the location against the better advice of my outfitter. The trek to Namche Bazaar took 3 days and it would take another 3 days of trekking to keep the daily altitude gain to Kongde within safe limits (1000 feet per day).

The last day would be the crux of the trip since there is no civilization except at the end points of the path. With my guide Sonam Sherpa, my porter Phuna, I left Thame (3800 meters) at 5 AM heading to Kongde pulling in 12 hours later. It was harder than expected since the path initially went to 4000 meters but then dropped down to 3200 meters before reaching Kongde at 4250 meters/14,000 feet. By the end of the long day, I felt like I had actually climbed it

twice. The 3 days spent at the tea house were well worth the effort even with the daily cloud cover not allowing a completely clear day but typical for the pre-monsoon period. It is exciting watching the clouds roll in at your feet. The trek down was a more direct path, only taking 4 hours but with an altitude loss of 1640 meters/5280 feet. I then returned back to Kathmandu and took a quick 3-day trip to Nepal's vacation spot Pokhara



before returning to W/K land, a 20-hour flight with a time difference of 11 hours and 45 minutes, almost exactly on the opposite side of the world from Texas. It is good to be back with the high temperatures, high humidity and high QRN but home nonetheless.

My favorite picture of the trek is shown above. Everest is off of my left shoulder with the peak just in the clouds.

73, Ken, K5RG

### **CW Forever Poem #2**

(Courtesy of Vic, W7VSE – age 96 and Scott W7IZ)

YOU SURE HAVE, AT TIMES, THOUGHT INTO THE PAST.  
WHERE SOME THINGS GO, WHILE OTHERS LAST.  
WHAT COMES TO MY MIND IS THE OLD MORSE CODE  
THAT HAS WANDERED THE PAST FROM MANY ABODE.

TO TALK WITH ONE'S FINGERS IS SURELY AN ART  
OF ANY INFO YOU WANT TO IMPART.  
IN MOST CONDITIONS THE SIGNALS GET THRU  
WHILE THE SAME ABOUT PHONE IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE.

THOSE DITS AND DAHS CUT THRU THE TRASH  
OF NEARBY NOISE OR LIGHTENING'S CRASH.  
TO THE SENSITIVE EARS OF THE HAM RECEIVER  
WHO RECORDS THIS DATA WITH ARDENT FEVER.

HE KNOWS HE'S DOING SOMETHING UNIQUE  
(IN POOR CONDITIONS, THAT'S QUITE A FEAT.)  
TO ROGER THE MESSAGE THAT CAME OFF THE AIR  
THESE "BRASS POUNDERS" SURE DO HAVE THIS FLAIR.

THEY SAY MORSE OPS ARE A DYING BREED,  
BUT DON'T DESPAIR, THERE'S ALWAYS THAT NEED.  
WHEN CONDITIONS GET ROUGH FOR THE NEW AUTOMATION,

JUST REST ASSURED, THERE'LL BE A NEED FOR YOUR STATION.

"CW IS DYING," BELIEVE IT NEVER,  
THE MODE WILL BE 'ROUND FOREVER AND EVER.  
BUT ONE THING IS SURE, WHAT WE REALLY NEED  
IS TO RELAY OUR KNOWLEDGE TO THE YOUNGER BREED.

TO CARRY THE TORCH LONG AFTER WE'RE GONE,  
TO SEND MORSE CODE THRU THE AIR LIKE A SONG.  
WHEN AT LAST SILENT KEYS PULL THAT FINAL LEVER,  
WE CAN REST IN PEACE, IT'S "CW FOREVER!"

WA1TEY

### TEX Mailbox:

Heard back from **Jim, K5TSK**, regarding the last newsletter content. Jim had some good observations and ideas, which have been forwarded to the RRI Training manager (K6HTN).

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**Scott, N7NET**, is working on a new story entitled Rose. Hopefully we will have a chapter for the next newsletter.

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**George, K5BMR**, wrote: Found the ATC audio for flight SW 1380

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fASCzgKS0Qg>

ALL WENT WELL WITH A BAD SITUATION... THIS LADY PILOT WAS AF-15 PILOT IN IRAQ AND AFGANISTAN

Being a pilot, I can understand the poise it would take in that situation as well as skill to pull it off... I flew into Love field in the mid 60's when it was the Dallas airport, about 5 PM and the approach control and tower were most anxious for me to get out of their airport.

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On April 18, late TEX had an almost complete outage for local propagation. Fortunately, **Jeff, WB8WKQ**, checked in from Michigan and saved the day. He wrote:

I apologize for not doing NCS's command timely, but you should have heard it from this end. There were at least three, and at times I think four of you all transmitting at the same time. I work DX and contests, and I couldn't make anything out of all of that when it was occurring. What also is strange, you would think Steve's modest setup would have him being weaker, but all of the TEX stations were nearly the same exact signal strength here in Michigan. So trying to copy NCS's commands with three or four stations, all of equal strength, was impossible.

But, I was excited to be of some assistance. For about 4 minutes there were stations sending "TEX?". I almost thought about picking up the net myself, but that would have been way too strange. Steve finally picked it up, but was only hearing me, I think.

Hope things improve for you guys and best regards to all.

73

Jeff Miller WB8WKQ

Hi guys:

One of our locals in Michigan stated that something happened with Solar winds around 0200z (last night locally). He follows all these propagation maps, solar indexes and stuff like that. I know "zip" about it, but it was interesting that he commented about how strange things were last night.

So maybe that had something to do with what you folks experienced last night. Hopefully things are back to normal.

73

Jeff Miller WB8WKQ

*Thanks once again for saving us, Jeff ☺*

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On Apr 23, received the following from **Rodney, W5DY**:

Here is a link to some interesting reading about NTS observations.

<https://www.eham.net/articles/12198>

73, Rodney

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Received the following on June 5<sup>th</sup> from **Sam, W5CU**:

All, I am at the CO QTH and had intended to do all my skeds from here, but Murphy has struck and caused my dipole to break off and get hung up 50 feet in a pine tree. Since I came without any spares, I will be off the air while here. I'll be back in OK next Tuesday or Wed. Any help filling in my missed liaisons and NCS would be appreciated.

Just to let you know what is going on, we have put the CO home up for sale and now have a contract on it. I am moving the furniture that is left back to our other second home 2 1/2 hours east of OKC on lake Tenkiller, where I have previously moved and set-up my Yaesu station. I am going to greatly miss this place, but there are too many bad memories from the explosion and fire a year ago, too far to drive, plus grandkids in OKC that we love to spoil. The move takes place next Monday, after which I'll be /5 for a few days and then back in Edmond next Saturday.

Sorry to miss, but things should settle down soon and I will be more reliable.

73 / Sam W5CU

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## TEX Net Topics

The TEX Duty Schedule and Roster are shown below. Rodney's new duty schedule seems to be working out well, although some of us still have trouble keeping track of the changes.

CAN and WAN and early RN5 have changed to 40 meters. TEX and late RN5 continue on 80 meters. There are no immediate plans to move TEX or late RN5 to 40 meters, but it could happen if conditions continue to deteriorate in this time of sunspot minima. One change might be for early TEX to move to 40, which is always the prerogative of the NCS.

### TEX CW Net Weekly Schedule

Local	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>NCS #1</b>	W5FEA	N5RL	W5FEA	N5RL	N5RL	W5FEA	W5CU
Backup	N5RL	W5FEA	K5GM	W5FEA	W5DY	W5DY	W5FEA
<b>NCS #2</b>	W5DY	K6JT	K6JT	K6JT	K5GM	W5DY	K6JT
Backup	K5GM	W5FEA	W5DY	W5DY	W5DY	W5FEA	W5CU
<b>RN5 #1</b>	N5RL	W5FEA	K5GM	W5FEA	W5DY	N5RL	W5CU
Backup	W5DY	N5RL	W5DY	N5RL	W5FEA	W5FEA	W5FEA
<b>RN5 #2</b>	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: **7108**/3567 at 19:30; RN5/2: **3567**/7108/3598 at 21:30 CT

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

Call	Name	Location / Notes	Call	Name	Location / Notes
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:

### April 2018:

Jim, W5FEA, with 60 out of 60 (100%) continued his run on perfect attendance. Rodney, W5DY, with 54 (90%) was 2<sup>nd</sup>. Randy, N5RL, with 44 (73%) rounded out the top 3. Thanks again to all of you who checked in for your support.

There were no visitors who are not on the regular roster.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 3.4 per net session (3.4 last month). Net time averaged 10.75 minutes per session (compared to 11.9 last month). Check-ins averaged 5.3 per session (5.5 last month).

### TEX Net Statistics (April 2018)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
WA5CAV	Dick	0	1					
	LA	1						
W5CU	Sam	10	20	3	6			
*		10			8			
W5DAE	Don	21	43					
		22						12
W5DY	Rodney	27	54	5	5			
		27		9	5			
W5ESE	Scott	1	1					
*		0						
W5FEA	Jim	30	60	11	9	26		
*		30				30		
K5GM	Pete	16	41		4			
*		25		4	4			
W9GVW	Eric	4	4					
*		0						
K6JT	Steve	10	32				10	
*		22		17	9		22	
K5KV	Benny	1	1					
		0						

K5QOW	Gary	4	4			3		
*		0						
K5RG	Ken	0	4					
*		4			4			
N5RL	Randy	26	44	11	6	1		
*		18						
K5TSK	Jim	1	1					
	AR	0						
WB8WKQ	Jeff	0	10					
	MI	10						
Totals		320		60	60	60	32	12
				100%	100%	100%	53%	20%
QTC 1		107	204					
QTC 2		97		Sessions:		60		
Time 1		327	645					
Time 2		318						

## May 2018:

This was another very good month for TEX as well as the entire Central Area.

Jim, W5FEA, with 62 out of 62 (100%) continued his “perfect attendance”. Rodney, W5DY, tied with Don, W5DAE, for 2<sup>nd</sup> with 52 (84%), and Pete, K5GM, with 48 (77%) was third. Thanks again to all of you who checked in for your support.

Visitors not on the roster included Doug, NA5YO, and Rob, K6YR, from CA. Also good to see Scott, W5ESE check in again.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 3.2 per net session (3.4 last month). Net time averaged 10.9 minutes per session (compared to 10.75 last month). Check-ins averaged 5.3 per session (5.3 last month).

### TEX Net Statistics (May 2018)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
WA5CAV	Dick	0	1					
	LA	1						
W5CU	Sam	6	14	2	3			
*		8		1	7			
W5DAE	Don	26	52					
		26						11
W5DY	Rodney	29	52	3	5			
		23		10	4			
W5ESE	Scott	1	1					
*		0						
W5FEA	Jim	31	62	16	12	27		



*		31			1	31		
W5GKH	Charlie	4	6					
*		2						
K5GM	Pete	20	48		6			
*		28		3	4			
W9GVW	Eric	3	3					
*		0						
K6JT	Steve	11	35	1			11	
*		24		17	13		24	
K5QOW	Gary	5	5			3		
*		0						
K5RG	Ken	0	2					
*		2			2			
N5RL	Randy	19	37	9	5	1		
*		18						
K5TSK	Jim	1	1					
	AR	0						
WB8WKQ	Jeff	0	4					
	MI	4						
NA5YO	Doug	2	2					
		0						
K6YR	Rob	0	1					
	CA	1						
Totals		326		62	62	62	35	11
				100%	100%	100%	56%	18%
QTC 1		98	199					
QTC 2		101		Sessions:		62		
Time 1		330	673					
Time 2		343						

## Operating:

I again remind all who handle the KB4RGC messages for CWOPS and FISTS participants, for which the place of origin is either in New Mexico or Louisiana, depending on the location of the message signatory, that problems may arise with service messages. The messages also have HXC on them, so a return service message is solicited. 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 27610. I also asked KB4RGC to change his format to include this line (and I encourage any of you relaying these to do the same). KB4RGC agreed to do so but said it would take some time. I have not seen any from him with the op note since that exchange.

If you get any service messages for him in Louisiana or New Mexico, please re-route them to the proper place. Do not attempt to send LA to RN5 for the Louisiana rep (WA5CAV) or the TTN / 7290 nets for a Louisiana QNI.

Field Day is coming up the last weekend of June (23-24). TEX will observe the normal schedule but will likely need to use 3595 as net frequency. I suspect RN5 will use 7108 early and possibly also for late if not 3598. CAN will also likely use 7108. See the alternate frequencies on the Net Schedule and Roster page.

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. April was an outstanding month once again.

### Central US Nets Activity for April 2018

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5th Call Area \$	13	8	54	86	0.093
Cycle 2 9RN*	13	438	44	76	5.763
Day 10th Call Area #	13	85	54	126	0.675
Night 5th Call Area	45	124	212	464	0.267
Night 9th Call Area	59	603	195	697	0.865
Cycle 4 TEN*	60	70	214	372	0.188
Day Central US	13	337	82	222	1.518
Night Central US@	30	629	218	714	0.881
Day Inter-Area Traffic	52	215	52		100%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	84	338	77		92%
Total Voice/CW Nets		2847	1202	2757	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
KM0R Central/10th HUB		1730	864	866	
WB9FHP 9 <sup>th</sup> Call HUB		5974	3338	2636	
Digital Stations (6)		3692	1408	2284	
Total DTN Digital		11396	5610	5786	
Total Central US		14243			
* 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					

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
\$ Manager had stroke, in rehab, totals from KC5OZT report					

### Central US Nets Activity for May 2018

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5th Call Area \$	13	22	50	102	0.216
Cycle 2 9RN*	12	464	61	88	5.273
Day 10th Call Area #	11	41	42	104	0.394
Night 5th Call Area	46	97	209	435	0.223
Night 9th Call Area	58	464	175	608	0.763
Cycle 4 TEN* No Report	51	79	164	331	0.239
Day Central US	13	234	93	297	0.788
Night Central US@	31	501	204	692	0.724
Day Inter-Area Traffic	52	165	52		100%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	70	218	65		93%
Total Voice/CW Nets		2285	1115	2657	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
KM0R Central/10th HUB		1157	572	585	
WB9FHP 9th Call HUB		5390	2959	2431	
Digital Stations (10)		2661	1041	1620	
Total DTN Digital		9208	4572	4636	
Total Central US		11493			
* 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 August, have a great Summer, and may the sunspots be with us !

73, Steve K6JT

## TSN Corner

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

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Photo Courtesy of VE3UU

## Greetings From Northeast Texas

Ron KX5C from Silsbee, Texas and Scott W5ESE from Dripping Springs checked into the Texas Slow Net during the month of April. It is always good to hear them on the net.

The 48th Annual 7290 Picnic was held in Taylor, Texas on May 12, 2018. Carroll KB5TCH attended the annual event. See the 7290 net website (<http://www.7290trafficnet.org/>) for pictures.

## TSN Activity Reports

Month	QNI	QTC	Nr. Operators
April 16 Sessions	42	16	5
May 14 Sessions	37	13	4

## Net Control Stations

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

## April 2018 QNS

Name	Callsign	QNI
CARROLL	KB5TCH	16
DON	W5DAE	12
SAM	KK4HCF	10
RON	KX5C	3
SCOTT	W5ESE	1

## May 2018 QNS

Name	Callsign	QNI
CARROLL	KB5TCH	14
DON	W5DAE	9
RON	KX5C	8
SAM	KK4HCF	6

### TSN Roster (January 2018 to January 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
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 on **7108** 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](mailto:W4DLZ@WINLINK.ORG))

Net Manager

Hello guys and welcome to Edition 60 of the ***RN5 Corner***.

Frank, W4DLZ, was back on the air again, but his antenna was knocked down by heavy storms and is not working well yet, so participation is still limited.

Jerry, W4SU, will be pretty much off the air in June due to health issues. He wrote: You can ask the guys who call the net to email their net reports to me this month and I will keep populating the spreadsheet and send the report as usual. I have stopped entering the calls of individual stations and their function, so numbers for QNI, QTC, and QTR will be sufficient. But I don't mind if they keep sending them just as they have been. I hope to be back on the air in July.

Jack, K5WNU, wrote the following on May 6: Got married yesterday. Should be able to be more regular on the net from now on. Thanks for your patience. 73, Jack K5WNU  
*Congratulations, Jack !*

Then on June 2 he wrote: I told Jerry that I would cover for him on all his assigned nights, however, I will not be able to do the first and third Thursday of the month but I can catch all the rest. Can't do CAN NCS though. Lol. Anyway, I have his duty nights pretty well covered. Jack K5WNU *Thanks very much, Jack!*

Sam, W5CU, had some problems with his antenna in CO (see the TEX Mailbox). He will be back on the air around June 12<sup>th</sup> from his Eastern OK second home.

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.

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.

We still need NCS and Liaison stations as you can see from the duty roster. W4SU is shown in red due to his June absence. 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. Conditions continue to be mixed, and traffic is only coming in as a trickle from CAN. It was decided to change the early session to 40 meters.

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	K6JT	K5RG	K6JT	Open	Open	Open

### 2018 Statistics

MONTH	APRIL	MAY
SESSIONS	45	46
QTC	124	97
QNI	212	209
QTR	464	435
AVG QTC	2.8	2.1
AVG QNI	4.7	4.5
AVG QTR	10.3	9.5

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