

# *The Texan*

Newsletter of the Texas NTS CW Net (TEX)

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## **From the TEX Manager**

The Pfeiffer Pfist award was not given to anyone this year. With all the medical stuff I had going on, I plain forgot about it. It will stay with Pete K5GM, who certainly deserves it, for another year.

Sometimes, the early session has had very bad conditions. There are not enough who can go to 160 meters, so the NC may have to try 40 meters. Even if the net can be held on 3541, the NC still can send those with traffic to 40 meters if needed. Note that CAN is now on 40. RN5 remains on 80 for now.

The 7290 picnic was just held in May at the hall just south of Taylor, TX. It had the smallest turnout since I have been going to them (first one I went to was in 1980 at Kerrville). There were only 2 people from Tex CW, K5QOW and myself. Usually there are about 7 or 8 from Tex in attendance. There are some good pictures on the 7290 website. Next year it will be at the same place and will be the 50<sup>th</sup> picnic.

73, Rodney W5DY

## **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 5**

Charlie walked Rose and her parents as far as his booth. He wanted to ask Rose for a date, but with him being older by five years, he wasn't sure how her father would react. Something in their conversation hinted that they were farmers. So she would probably not get into town except during the weekends. Any chance of seeing her often was remote. However, she called the shop the following day.

"I'd like to see your QSL collection," Rose said.

“Sure, anytime you like, Rose,”

“My father wants to know if you can work on his pickup tomorrow?” she asked.

“What kind of work?”

“He thinks it needs clutch work – disc, pressure plate, and turn the flywheel. And then he’d like you to tune the engine, too.”

The following morning, shortly after eight, Virgil brought his pickup to the shop. Rose was with him, so Charlie took Rose into his radio shack and retrieved several boxes of cards from a closet. After setting up a folding table and chair he left Rose to sort through them at her leisure.

“If you have any questions I’ll be in the shop. I remember some of the QSOs.”

“QSOs?”

“Conversations. Radio people call them QSOs. It’s another Q-signal. You may find some of the cards stating: FB QSO. FB means Fine Business, it was a good conversation. Others refer to fists. We call the hand that works the key a fist. Each fist has its own distinctive rhythm, or signature, each as distinctive as one’s voice,” Charlie explained. Then, almost as an afterthought, he unrolled a world map, so that she could locate the countries from which the cards had been sent.

Then he returned to the shop and started on Virgil’s Chevrolet pickup. Anne waited in the Ford sedan she’d driven to the shop.

“How long do you think it will take?” Virgil asked.

“We should have it finished by noon.”

After Charlie started working Virgil and Anne drove to May’s for breakfast.

“Hello Virgil. Hello Anne,” said May as she placed menus before them. “Where is Rose?”

“Rose is down at Henry’s Automotive. We’re having Charlie work on the pickup,” Anne explained.

“Do you know Charlie well?” Virgil asked.

“Yes, he’s lived here all his life. His mother died when he was a youngster, so it’s been he and his dad. He’s a fine young man.”

“That’s good to hear,” Virgil said

“He’s a fine young man,” she repeated, sensing there was more to the question than was stated. “What can I get for you?”

“Ham and eggs over medium, wheat toast, and coffee,” said Virgil.

“I’ll have the same,” said Anne.

“What are we going to do with our time? The pickup won’t be ready for nearly four hours,” said Virgil, sipping his coffee nervously.

“We can go home. I’m sure there are things needing attention. You mentioned a flat tire on the wheat drill, and the west fence on the north forty needs mending. I know I can use this time to prepare some apple jelly and pear butter,” Anne suggested.

“What about Rose? Are you suggesting we leave her here in town, at the shop?”

“Of course,” said Anne, touching the back of his hand. “She will be fine. She is getting an education that might be useful when she goes off to college. She can drive the truck home when it’s ready.”

“I’m not so sure that’s a good idea,” objected Virgil, tugging at his handlebar.

May pushed through the kitchen door and started for their table with their orders.

“Can I get you anything else – salsa, catsup?”

“I think we’re good,” said Anne, smiling.

“Do you really think she will be alright?” Virgil asked, after May was out of earshot.

“Tell me your worst fear, Virgil,” she urged.

“I suppose you’re right,” mumbled Virgil, digging into his breakfast.

Anne could see that he was uneasy, but she let the matter drop and they ate in silence.

(To be continued)

### **K9EQ’s Ham Radio Rules**

The following was received from Brian, N5BA. It is humorous, but more true than we would like in some cases. Note this is copyrighted with the following, which is provided per applicable laws.

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Sometimes you need rules. Sometimes you don't. Well here are some more. The list will grow as life's experiences dictate. The value of each rule will vary, of course. And rule n+y may conflict with rule n. That's just how life is.

Let me know if you have a rule suggestion which I can add to the list. Credit will be given.

1. Economics of RF transmission and reception: You can never have too many radios.
2. Conservation of energy: More power is better than less power unless more power is too much power.
3. Lifecycle planning: Always have a pair and a spare. (Credit to K8PE, Doug Myers, SK, who knew things broke and the frequency and degree to which they broke increased with lack of replacement part availability.)
4. Theory of adapter availability: Where  $A_0...A_n$  is the collection of RF adapters available to you, your project will require adapter  $A_x$  where the likelihood of  $A_x$  not being in the set  $A_0...A_n$  increases with inconvenience and urgency.
5. Basis of learning: If it ain't broke we haven't learned anything yet.
6. W6PC's corollary to the basis of learning: If it ain't broke, you're not running enough power.
7. Improbability of simultaneous events: The likelihood that two stations will transmit at exactly the same time increases with the number of stations on the channel, the length of silence since the last transmission, and the interest level of the conversation.
8. N2PSR's corollary to the improbability of simultaneous events: The likelihood that two stations will transmit at exactly the same time increases with the duration of a heated discussion regarding politics, religion, sports, or digital operation on V/UHF bands.
9. Return on investment: 90% of the money should be spent on the radio and 10% on the antenna because you use the radio.
10. Return on investment as applied to antennas: A 50% increase in performance requires a 200% increase in investment.
11. Corollary to return on investment as applied to antennas: Evidence shows it's possible to increase the antenna investment and get less performance.
12. Reliability: The more stuff you have, the more stuff you'll have that doesn't work.
13. Functionality: The more buttons and knobs your radio has, the less likely the buttons and knobs will be in the correct position for the desired functionality.
14. Corollary to functionality: As the importance of a contact increases, the probability that all the radio's buttons and knobs will be set correctly decreases.
15. Functionality as applied to mobile operation: The need to change a radio's settings increases with the average traffic congestion multiplied by the percentage of crazy drivers on the road.
16. Communication reliability: The probability that a weak, uncopiable station will be clearly readable when they sign off is one.
17. Artificial intelligence: Amateur Radio equipment has a sense of humor.
18. Corollary to artificial intelligence: The equipment's view of humor is the inverse of your view of humor.
19. ROI of artificial intelligence: The greater the equipment's humor, the more it will cost you.
20. Environmental factors affecting artificial intelligence: If the radio is uncomfortable in any way (i.e., hot, wet, improperly supplied with power), probability increases that it be even funnier.
21. Cultural factors affecting artificial intelligence: Make sure your radio is friends with its antenna.
22. Comparative intelligence: Never buy a radio that is smarter than you are.

23. Financial relativity: Given an actual investment in a radio of N dollars, your spouse will value the investment at 2N.
24. Corollary to financial relativity as applied to free and used equipment: N is the minimum of the radio's actual value or your weekly income.
25. Mindfulness: You *can* have too many radios.
26. Information theory: The ability to locate needed information in the manual decreases with radio complexity and the urgency of the information need.
27. Corollary to information theory: The probability of finding required information in the manual increases if you already know what you need to know.
28. Theory of information access: If you search for the required information in the manual it's available using Google. If you search for the required information using Google, it's in the manual. If you ask for the required information, the answer will be wrong. If you just push the button anyway, there's a 50% chance you'll be right.
29. Corollary of information access: Correct answers become less correct when translated into your language.
30. Conservation of user interfaces: No matter how similar two radios are, the function of their user interfaces will differ in some critical but subtle way.
31. Accuracy of information: A repeater directory's accuracy decreases with your distance from home.
32. Theory of antenna design: Does not apply to actual antennas.
33. Theory of environmental impact on antenna construction: The performance of an antenna increases with decreasing temperatures multiplied by increasing wind speed during its installation. (Credit to every Ham in the upper midwest.)
34. Theory of astronomical and meteorological attitude distribution: For half the people the earth is sunlit, for half the people it is dark, and the other half have a cloud over their head.
35. Relativistic time dilation effect on net scheduling: You'll remember the net is on in time to hear "... we now return the repeater to normal operation."
36. On the relative performance of conductors with regards to non-symmetric antennas: A wire is always more efficient than dirt.
37. On the psychology of those who prefer to use dirt as a major antenna component: Ease of installation is an attractive demon.
38. K5KOY's observations on relationships and radio inventory: Your and your partner's opinion may not be the same.
39. N4XUX's investment recommendations with regards to K5KOY's observations: The cost of a radio is twice the cost of the radio where 1/2 the investment is spent by your partner.
40. Definition of an antenna: Something that radiates and receives RF signals.
41. Antennas and religion: The radiation efficiency of religious symbols increases with the restrictions on antenna deployment.
42. Notes on digital communication technology: You'll need more radios.

### **TEX Mailbox:**

From **Scott N7NET**: Everyone gets called. I'm certainly sad to see Vic go. I rubbed shoulders with him so many times, he and Dave Phillips, WB7VSE.

Back in the early 1990s Vic headed up the Traffic Handler's Net on 3995 at 2130 hours, I think. When conditions allowed it, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Nevada and Colorado met to pass the last of the day's traffic. One of those who sometimes joined in

was Bill, W7GHT, a sitting Circuit Court Judge in McCall Idaho. It was our only chance to call a judge a Great Horny Toad and get away with it.

Conditions weren't always conducive and when that happened Vic monitored 3995 while he told tales until the hour had expired. The story that comes to mind today took place in Africa during World War II. Vic and others were to fly across the Sahara Desert in a C-47 fitted with holes in the sides for rifle barrels. The aircraft commander had already informed everyone that no alcohol was allowed.

"Someone had already sneaked on several cases of beer, and we were obligated to dispense with the evidence. So we drank it and shoved the empty bottles out the rifle holes," Vic explained.

Great Newsletter,

73 de Scott

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From **George, K5BMR**: HOW IT WORKS: The International Space Station

This is entirely too long in its entirety but if there is a day when you can't get out, or have nothing to do, you might want to take a peek.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SGP6Y0Pnhe4>

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From **Brian, W9BGJ and George, K5BMR**: (May 5) Ladies and Gentlemen, For those of us that may not have heard Carolyn Womack KC5OZT Central Area Net Manager passed away this morning at 5 am as relayed by her sister Ann. Carolyn was a great lady and wonderful ham radio friend and will surely be missed by all of us. Please remember her and her family in your thoughts and prayers as she now walks pain free with our father. RIP Carolyn until we meet again. God's blessings! Brian W9BGJ

**(May 4) About 2 weeks ago, I could tell she was not doing well and she was checking into 7290 picking up traffic. She told me the chemo was not working and the doctor was going to try something different. She did say she thought that she was having way too much chemo.**

**Such a sad situation. She told me she had lived alone most of her life but getting older and having the falls, she didn't know what she was going to do or where she would be.**  
**73 George**

*Very sad to lose Carolyn so suddenly. She is missed, for sure. - Ed.*

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## **TEX Net Topics**

The TEX Duty Schedule and Roster are shown below (as updated by W5DY).

### 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: **7052**/3595/3552/7108 - 20:30 CT; WAN: **7052**/3552 - 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	Crossett AR
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:

#### April 2019:

Jim, W5FEA, with 59 of 60 (98%) was first place. Don, W5DAE, was second with 56 (93%). Randy, N5RL, was third with 48 (80%). Thanks again to all of you who checked in for your support.

There were no visitors – all stations are on the roster.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 1.9 per net session (1.8 last month). Net time averaged 9.5 minutes per session (compared to 11.1 last month). Check-ins averaged 5.6 per session (6.8 last month).

### TEX Net Statistics (April 2019)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
N5BA	Brian	1	3					
		2						
W5CU	Sam	16	29	5	6			
*		13		5	10			
W5DAE	Don	27	56					
		29						
W5DY	Rodney	19	38	2	5			
		19		7	1			



W5FEA	Jim	29	59	12	11	28		
*		30		2	2	30		
W5GKH	Charlie	2	2					
*		0						
K5GM	Pete	13	37		1			
*		24		5	7			
KM0I	John	0	1					
	MS	1						
K5IX	Dave	6	11					
		5						
K6JT	Steve	3	16				2	
*		13		11	6		13	
NM5M	Eric	0	1					
		1						
K5QOW	Gary	1	1			1		
*		0						
K5RG	Ken	0	5					
*		5			4			
N5RL	Randy	25	48	11	7			
*		23						
W9VE	Don	11	11				11	
	Dallas	0						
WB8WKQ	Jeff	0	19					
	MI	19						
Totals		337		60	60	59	26	0
				100%	100%	98%	43%	0%
QTC 1		45	112					
QTC 2		67		Sessions:		60		
Time 1		291	571					
Time 2		280						

### May 2019:

Jim, W5FEA, and Rodney, W5DY, with 58 out of 62 (94%) tied for first. Don, W5DAE, was 2<sup>nd</sup> with 57 (92%), and Randy, N5RL, was 3<sup>rd</sup> with 52 (84%). Thanks again to all of you who checked in for your support.

It was good to have Benny, K5KV, check in from Star after many years absence. The rest of the stations are 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 (1.9 last month). Net time averaged 10.0 minutes per session (compared to 9.5 last month). Check-ins averaged 5.8 per session (5.6 last month).

### TEX Net Statistics (May 2019)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
N5BA	Brian	2	3					
		1						
W5CU	Sam	11	18	3	4			
*		7		4	6			
W5DAE	Don	29	57					
		28						
W5DY	Rodney	27	58	2	3			
		31		7	3			
W5FEA	Jim	28	58	13	13	28		
*		30		1	3	30		
K5GM	Pete	18	44		5			
*		26		4	4			
W9GVW	Eric	2	2					
*		0						
K5IX	Dave	9	16					
		7						
K6JT	Steve	1	16					
*		15		15	10		15	
K5KV	Benny	0	1					
		1						
NM5M	Eric	0	1					
		1					1	
K5RG	Ken	0	8					
*		8			5			
N5RL	Randy	27	52	13	6	1		
*		25						
K5TSK	Jim	3	3					
		0						
W9VE	Don	13	13				13	
		0						
WB8WKQ	Jeff	0	12					
	MI	12						
Totals		362		62	62	59	29	0
				100%	100%	95%	47%	0%
QTC 1		51	112					
QTC 2		61		Sessions:		62		
Time 1		334	622					
Time 2		288						

#### Operating:

Both CAN and WAN have changed to the summertime 7052 frequency. This seems to be working much better, at least for CAN. Still keeping TEX and RN5 on 80 meters, but see the note from Rodney at the start of this newsletter.

Field Day is coming up soon. So far there are no plans for extra TEX or RN5 sessions to accommodate traffic being sent for the extra points. There has not been much of this in past years other than from TEX members themselves.

Here are the composite reports for the last 2 months for traffic handled at the region and above levels. Carolyn, KC5OZT, the manager of cycle 2 CAN and record-keeper for cycle 2 RN5 and IATN became a silent key early in May. New managers for CAN (Jerry, N9TU) and RN5 (Jim, WA4VGZ) were elected mid-May, so reports for April and May were incomplete.

### Central US Nets Activity for April 2019

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area \$	10	18	36	70	0.257
Cycle 2 9RN*	12	337	64	57	5.912
Day 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area #	13	18	39	80	0.225
Night 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area**	59	38	250	394	0.096
Night 9 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	57	169	185	436	0.388
Night 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	58	53	143	280	0.189
Day Central US &	7	107	43	126	0.849
Night Central US @	30	224	195	438	0.511
Day Inter-Area Traffic &	12	21	12		100%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	79	152	78		99%
Total Voice/CW Nets		1137	1045	1881	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
WB9FHP Central Area HUB		4860	2671	2189	
Digital Stations (12)		2146	850	1296	
Total DTN Digital		7006	3521	3485	
Total Central US		8143			
* 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					
\$ Manager had stroke, nominations open, totals from WA4VGZ and W4NWT reports					
** Nominations open for manager - thanks to NCS stations for statistics					
& Manager now SK (KC5OZT), totals from K5BMR NCS reports					

### Central US Nets Activity for May 2019

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area \$	14	5	41	84	0.060
Cycle 2 9RN*	12	318	75	93	3.419
Day 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area #	11	22	26	88	0.250
Night 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area**	54	64	200	403	0.159
Night 9 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	58	138	164	409	0.337
Night 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	47	40	116	199	0.201
Day Central US &	14	158	74	210	0.752
Night Central US @	30	183	176	447	0.409
Day Inter-Area Traffic &	56	61	56		100%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	79	117	75		95%
Total Voice/CW Nets		1106	1003	1933	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
WB9FHP Central Area HUB		4341	2390	1951	
Digital Stations (13)		2459	939	1520	
Total DTN Digital		6800	3329	3471	
Total Central US		7906			
* 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					
\$ WA4VGZ new manager, totals from WA4VGZ and W4NWT reports					
** Nominations open for manager, thanks to NC Stations for statistics					
& New Manager N9TU, partial IATN statistics for May					

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 August, hope we all have a good summer.

73, Steve K6JT

TEX Newsletter Editor

## TSN Corner

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

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### Greetings From Northeast Texas

Jason, KD5RQB, has not been on the air in a few weeks. There were no reports sent for April or May. Jason wrote in late May: I am finally able to get back on all the HF bands. When I can work it into a busy schedule, I plan to participate in the traffic nets again. I have had antenna issues and have been quite busy lately.

### Net Control Stations

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

### TSN Activity Reports

Month	QNI	QTC	Nr. Operators
April 0 Sessions	0	0	0
May 0 Sessions	0	0	0

### 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 66 of the **RN5 Corner**.

Thank all you NC Stations for sending your reports to me. There was only 1 report missing for April and 8 reports missing for May, all for the early session. Thanks to those of you who go to CAN to pick up RN5 traffic and bring it to the late session.

Thought you might be interested in the statistics of NC station coverage, so here is a list of the stations sending NC reports for April and May (in the order from earliest date first reported):

April: WA4ZPZ 6, W5FEA 17, W5CU 22, K6JT 6, K5WNU 3, K5GM 1, WA5CAV 1

May: K6JT 10, W5CU 25, WA4ZPZ 5, W5FEA 11, K5WNU 2, K5GM 1

Thanks to all of you and please continue to fill in as you are able. 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. 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.

Now that we are in daylight time, Tom, WA4ZPZ, is not allowed to raise his antenna until after dark, which occurs shortly before CAN. So he is unable to call up early RN5 or be the transmit liaison to CAN.

Thanks for supporting RN5. Regulars include WA5CAV, on nearly every session, K5WNU, W5FEA, N5RL, W5CU, W5DY, K5GM, K6JT, K5RG, and WA4ZPZ. John, KC4FL, continues to regularly check in from FL. Ben, KZ8Q, and Dean, W8IM, check in from FL some nights.

Please continue to pass AR traffic to the TEX liaison station to take to the 7290 Traffic Net. If you are able to get on SSB during the day, there is always a TN station on DRN5, which Jim, WA4VGZ has now taken over as manager. DRN5 meets at 1025 CT on 7280 KHz, Mon, Wed, and Fri only.

The AL day net, managed by KI4ZZD, meets at 1000 CT on 3965 KHz, providing an AL outlet.

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.

(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	Open
NCS #2	W5FEA	K6JT	W5CU	K6JT	Open	Open	WA4ZPZ
CAN TX	Open	Open	W5CU	W5FEA/CU	Open	Open	Open
CAN RX	WA4ZPZ?	WA4ZPZ	WA4ZPZ	K6JT	Open	Open	W5CU?
DRN5	Open	Open	K5RG	Open	Open	Open	Open

### 2019 Statistics

MONTH	APRIL	MAY
SESSIONS	59	54
QTC	38	64
QNI	250	200
QTR	394	403
AVG QTC	0.6	1.2
AVG QNI	4.2	3.7
AVG QTR	6.7	7.5

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	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 since there is no AR liaison station there).

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