

# *The Texan*

Newsletter of the Texas CW Traffic Net (TEX)

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## **Does NTS 2.0 Matter for TEX and RN5?**

Many of you may have heard about NTS 2.0, and there is an article published in the July QST about it. This is something created by Fred Kemmerer, AB1OC, about a year ago, and with the help of Marcia, KW1U, and others it is ARRL's attempt to once again control the traffic system the way it did before the 2016 firing of all area staff members, which led to the creation of Radio Relay International. RRI offered to work with the group but was told they had no interest in working with RRI and wanted 100% control over all the traffic system operations.

The article does give some indication that their main interest is in the digital side and they are primarily interested in working with government agencies such as FEMA and using the ICS forms, particularly ICS-213. They do not seem to be interested in preserving or promoting the SSB / CW networks, although they give them lip service. Thus, it is believed that as of this time, NTS 2.0 is of only marginal interest to TEX or RN5 operators.

It may, however, interfere with the orderly handling of standard radiograms due to promotion of methods and practices that are contrary to those developed years ago and more recently updated by Radio Relay International. Furthermore, since they want complete control, their agenda includes marginalizing (eliminating?) Radio Relay International. Since all nets in the Central Area, Area Net and Regions 5, 9, and 10, are part of RRI, we will continue to support the classical operation as originally defined by George Hart. There is also a digital side to RRI (Digital Traffic Network) that will continue. It is there that some problems may occur with the NTS 2.0 digital operators, but that has little to do with TEX or RN5 as long as traffic continues to be passed through region to TEX. TEX is independent, not RRI affiliated (and not ARRL affiliated) and will continue to operate as such.

Along with this, note that ARRL has filed to trademark (or service mark) the term National Traffic System. Not sure if it has been granted, but you will find no reference to National Traffic System in any TEX or even Central Area RRI documents other than to ARRL-affiliated nets controlled by Section Traffic Managers (STM). The ARRL has always controlled affiliated section and local nets through the section leadership, which is expected to continue. Only the Region and above nets are part of RRI, and many section nets send representatives to the region nets, as has been done for many years.

## Excerpt from Jack, W5TFB's Book

Here is the next excerpt from Jack's book. Mae does very well in the chess tournament and makes a new friend.

I went back to the bullpen, noted that there were no problems. I checked on the Senior division. Leland came out and said, "Barber won decisively, as did Cain. Barber played the French, Nimzovich variation, making her first sixteen moves in a minute. That has to be hard to play against. It is a pleasure to have Cain, but I wonder why he bothers. His rating will not increase significantly if he wins all his games, and he risks losing more if he draws even one." I reminded him, "Not if he loses to or draws an unrated player. And he may feel he needs the experience. Or, heaven forbid, could it be he likes playing chess?"

"True. I would like to see him lose if it did not hurt him. Perhaps Barber can pull it off. She won her first game easily in 18 moves. She is the only unrated player."

New rounds were starting as soon as earlier ones were reported after a fifteen minute delay. The delay was to let the last pair to have played recover a bit. Before each new round I asked if there were any questions about anything. Everything was running well. Some starting times were earlier than I had planned for because young kids play fast. That didn't hurt a thing. They were starting within 15 minutes of my timetable, always before.

The tournament had pizza brought in starting at 1130, ten large pizzas, 120 slices at a time, and a huge ice chest full of soda. The Lafayette Chess Club furnished the brave people who exchanged food and drink for money from mostly pre-teens. Slices and drinks were sold to the kids at ten/c over cost, a pretty good deal, even for the soda, which was a lot less than the vending machine. They had arranged with Pizza Hut to deliver more pizza when half of the last batch was gone. That only took a short phone call. Everyone working the tournament ate free, so they probably broke even or made a little on the food. I didn't ask but they probably got some kind of discount from Pizza Hut.

I had seen the Pizza Hut oven. It was 9 feet long and two large pizzas wide with a steel conveyer belt, heated with gas from both above and below. After startup it could turn out two large pizzas a minute. That is, a single 18 inch pizza would take 6 minutes in the oven. They also had a big electric roller to flatten dough which could more than keep up with the oven. I don't know how many were working, I would imagine it was an assembly line production. I can't imagine a less interesting job than cutting dough, putting it on a pan, spooning on a cup of sauce and sprinkling with two cups of cheese, and pushing it down the line, two a minute, for hours on end. I would still like to watch the process in action.

Mae won her second round game, now on board 9. Her opponent lost on time, but she said she had an easy win being up a Bishop and a pawn with better pawn structure, another French defense game, this time the Tarrasch Variation. They only played 21 moves before his flag fell. She still had 7 minutes, and felt she could win the game even at blitz speed from where they were, and all she had to do was make was 9 moves to reach time control. I asked if she was hungry, and she said she was, and I told her about the pizza. After she said she could wait, I said she wouldn't have to, it was already here in the skittles room. I asked if she had money. She did.

I kept track of the number of whole large pizzas they ate until it got to be over a hundred. I would guess 150. Someone, I don't know who, told me they bought 20 24-packs of soda, half of them being kept cold in the restaurant's walk in icebox. And there would be tomorrow. Cain stopped by and told us they had posted the standings. There were 7 with perfect 2-0-0 scores. I thought a second, said, "That is a little less than you would expect. Oh, how did your casual game with Mae end?"

Craig said, "We agreed to a draw when we learned the second round was starting. I thought she might be ahead at the time, but it looked like I would have a chance in the endgame. She was ten minutes ahead on time. I didn't want to use a clock but she said she needed the practice. I am impressed. I do not want to have to play her in the tournament, and won't if there are three or more with 4-0-0 after four rounds because the pairing algorithm puts an unrated player last, and she is the only unrated player with a perfect score now.

"Are you a poker player?"

"I, so to speak, know the moves, but I don't play any more." Craig said that was a pity. I was getting hungry and got a slice of pizza, mushrooms and red peppers, with extra sauce and cheese. It was marginally edible; the sauce tasted like tomato paste, and the cheese smelled rancid, but I couldn't taste that. Mae and Craig had some as well. I also had a Pepsi, something I do when facing the imminent sudden sleep syndrome. I think it is the sugar, not the caffeine.

There were no games being played now, so I told them I would have a walk and be back well before the third round started. I gave the office manager a copy of my timetable for starting round 3. He said that's what we have been doing, and that it seemed reasonable.

I first went up to see if there was a Sue lurking, but there was no sign she had been here. I went back down to see about Mae, and saw that she was actively flirting with Craig, so I went on a lone walk, which is sometimes better. I had about 30 minutes, a mile out and back. Before I had gone a mile I encountered a Starbucks, and parted with a remarkable sum for a paper cup of coffee. It was not remarkable. I had never tried it. It was just their commoner coffee. Whatever else I may be, I am that.

I got back in plenty of time. I looked at the pairings, which had just been posted, and saw that Mae had Black against one of the kids from Spring, Billy Harden, that was in the 9th grade but was rated 1824. On board 4. She was coming up fast. It would be a good test of my estimate of her ability. He was the highest rated scholastic player his grade in Texas, and won the state championship Blitz tournament 22-0-0 last year. One of the players he beat was Cain.

However, he was a real jerk and made noise and fidgeted when playing. I had seen him play several times. I was sure the distraction would not effect Mae, and thought she had a good chance to beat him if she was careful. Billy was excessively aggressive and played poorly with White against closed defenses. He was playing out of his league. His rating could grow if he won two of his last 3 games.

I spotted Mae, still with Craig, and asked if I could steal her for a minute. I told her what I knew about her next opponent, and to just ignore the mannerisms, and he has moved 1 e4 in every

game I knew of. Also, he drew in the second round. He has had Black twice, too. I asked her what she would do.

“The French. It really suits my style. I have never won a game replying 1 . . . e5. I know all the common lines, the Nimzovich to 20 moves with at least a hundred variations. I have never lost a Nimzovich.”

“OK, but you won’t crush him, he will self-destruct.”

She went to see her board number. I could have told her, 4, but she would want to know why. Anyway the exercise would be good for her. I had another slice, this time pepperoni. It was better. They probably stirred the sauce this time. She returned and said, “I have Black again.” “How many times have you had Black? I think twice.” “Yes.” “Then you will have White both games tomorrow, a psychological advantage and indubitably a real advantage, not that you are guaranteed a win. I think they are about to begin.”

Mr. Leland came out and said, “We have a problem. Your friend is playing one of my players. I have a strong bias against him. He is talented but has no respect for the etiquette of the game. I had to warn him twice to keep still and not make those noises.”

“Yes, I know. I have seen Billy in action. What say you swap with the director of 8–9 for this round? This is a critical game for both of them.”

“Thank you, that is a real relief. I do not want to award a game based on behavior, although of course I can. He has 11 now and a loss will hurt him a lot. You might have noticed that Mae is one of seven with two wins.” The 8–9 section was just now paired, so we found the director, Jim Spencer from Baton Rouge, and explained the situation. He agreed, and said, “There have been no problems, Just a faulty claim of a draw because of insufficient material, and the ever-present touch-move rule. One accidentally knocked over his King, but the King had no legal move. We have had to count the 50 move rule twice. You would think that players this advanced would know more about the rules. I have a blind player who won his first two games. My assistant is good with kids, knows a lot of the rules, and he has the book. And Gary knows everything.”

So they swapped, for the rest of the event. There was no section Mr. Leland could direct without having the same conflict, but he said he could be objective about his other students. They actually were his students, for Leland taught chess full time in Spring. Texas regards chess as a sport, but Spring is the only independent school district in which a player has won a letter in chess and that has a full time chess-only teacher. His degree is in statistics, so he can fill in teaching math when needed.

I saw Cain and his victim going to the table to enter their result. He stopped me to ask how the hotel coffee was. I told him strong but good, and asked him what he was going to do this evening. He said, “I don’t know yet. I asked Mae out for dinner and a movie, but she said she had to ask her grandmother.” I was all for it, but knew I didn’t have a vote.

“After Mae finishes her game she can probably reach her grandmother on her cell. Oh, how did you do?”

"I won. He lost the exchange and a pawn early so I traded the heavy pieces and queened a pawn."

I saw Mae coming, huge grin. Her victim looked as glum as she was happy. After they reported, she came over, probably to see Craig, but said to me, "The eyes thing worked. He couldn't make eye contact with me after the first time, my pleasant smile clearly rattled him, and he bent over the board. He let me play the Nimzovich, and I was winning, but then he forgot to punch his clock and lost on time. He called me some bad names but I just laughed. I called the director and pointed to the clock, which I had stopped when his flag fell."

Craig said, "That guy is not hopeless but spends all his energy fidgeting. He is the best blitz player I've played. We played a match in May, winner the first one to reach 6 points, and he won convincingly, 5-2-0, but he is hard to play with normal time controls. He drives most of us nuts."

I suggested to Mae that she might be able to reach Sue on Sue's cell phone, and said that if she had any questions she could call me, but I have to stay here. I gave Mae the number Sue could call. I asked if she needed the cell number, and she said she had it. She said, "I'll go try now. Can Craig come?" I said sure, if he wants to. Craig nodded yes. I heard them talking about chess as they left.

I went over to the bullpen, and told them I thought I might be getting a call soon. The phone rang four minutes later, and sure enough it was Sue. She asked, "Tell me all you know about Craig."

"I know a lot. He is 16, is a Senior in public high school in Dallas, must have skipped two grades like Mae. I have known him for six years in connection with chess activities. He has beaten me twice in adult tournaments. I know his mother well, but only met his father once. Craig has been a master since he was 14 and played in July as part of the US Chess Olympiad Junior Team in Rio. He has won the Texas State Scholastic, Senior division, 5 years running. He is polite and has good table manners. His mother is here and she will drive them and join them at dinner. They will probably invite us to dinner with them. He and Mae played a casual game which they drew."

"If Mae were your daughter what would you do?" "Without question I approve. Mae just met him today but they have a lot in common." "How is Mae doing?" "She won all three of her games today, playing Black in all three, and will have White in both games tomorrow. I think she will win the Louisiana state championship, and come in second or third in the open tournament. She is playing with confidence and I think she is almost unbeatable. She has a heavy psychological advantage over everyone but Craig."

"OK, I will call and tell her to have fun. She has money, I think a little over \$100, and has an American Express card through my company, and I agree, she has had confidence since you have been here. You did it."

"No, I just watched. I have not been with her during any of her games, and I had no part in what happened at school."

"I watched too, but you did it. You woke her up. I better return to my friends."

I told her to come to the second floor if she got back here by 1730, said bye, and gave the phone back. One of the results collectors said, "Craig?" I just nodded yes. "He's a good kid, and his mom is a good player and taught him until he was 12 and over her head. Bruce Pandolfini taught him in a chess camp near New York three weeks the last four summers." The day was dragging on. Still no conflicts to resolve. Mae and Craig came in and said, "We are going to a matinee of a film both want to see. We can walk to the theater. Craig's mom will pick us up at 6 to go to dinner, perhaps here. She invited you and Grandma to join us." I asked, "Did you call Sue and ask about dinner?"

"I called but no answer. I left a message. She is a fanatic about keeping up with her messages."

"She will want to go. I certainly do. Tell the mom that the hotel restaurant is excellent." She told me where they would be, only three blocks away, and they left.

I asked the Senior section result collector how it was progressing, and he said there was just one more game, and when it came in they would post the standings immediately. This gang was right on top of everything.

I finally had a problem to solve. It was in the 6–7 section. One of the kids was looking through the booklet in which he recorded games. It only contained the two games he had already played. I looked at the score so far on their current game, saw that the other two games had nothing to do with it. Then I looked at the board; he was up a rook and two pawns and had better development and more space, and was ahead on time. I just denied the claim and handed the book back, but told the kid who had it not to do that any more. Both the section director and assistant did not know what to do, and it is not in the rule book. In that event the director has wide discretion. It was clear the kid was bored with the game. The complainant was in both game trouble and time trouble.

While I was doing that the standings were posted, and there were only three with perfect scores of 3 and nine with 2, one was 2-1-0, so in the last round at most two would have 4, Craig would probably beat his opponent, and if Mae beat hers then Mae and Craig would play in the last round. I looked more closely at the top 15 and saw only one other from Louisiana (the one with 21). So, knowing nothing else, looked like she had a good chance to win that trophy. Most of the sections were complete, only two 8–9 and one 6–7. I found a place where I could do the math including draws, and including draw possibilities changes the numbers in each group since it makes more groups. I don't have anyone to talk to about things like this any more, which, in spite of being busy, leads to a haunting feeling of being all alone.

It was about 1710, and Sue showed up. I said it would only be a few minutes.

She said, "You don't look tired, more like thoughtful. I got the message from Mae and called Craig's mom to accept the invitation. I did not mention you, so if you would rather sit around and mope, or do math, you are free to. As for me, I think a dinner with a new family would be great."

“How has it gone since we talked last? It was nice being with these old hussies. They asked me if I had a facelift or something more modern, but I just said, ‘No, but a man from my past I have loved/hated for 55 years accidentally found me, and we have been seeing each other. I will have dinner with him, Marie, and another couple tonight.’ Of course that alone won’t do, so I was grilled for ten minutes until I convinced them that was about all I knew. It was all I would tell. The less you tell the more they invent, but nothing would come close to what has happened yesterday and this morning.”

“That’s for sure, and what has happened to Mae. And to me as well. I haven’t done anything about the way I look lately until yesterday. And you, too. You did something to your hair. You have a beautiful neck. Oh: when they left for the movie they were talking about chess, and not holding hands. I think that is a good sign.”

Sue said, “I wouldn’t count on that lasting.”

The last of the games had finished, so I introduced Sue to the people who did the hard work, and said I would see them at 8:30 in the morning. We went up to our room. Sue checked for messages and found none on her cell, and the message light on the phone was not blinking. I asked, “Are you hungry?”

“No, there was a constant parade of snacks. I laid off most, but had to have some of the petit fours. They were so sweet and buttery, with finely chopped pecans inside. I quit cold turkey after three. I am not hungry but in an hour may be.

“I assume we can dress like we are now?” “Yes. I don’t intend to change except my shirt.” “We would have almost an hour.” She was undressing me but wasn’t good at it, but better than I was at her, so we just did ourselves. She said, “I have to go pee.” While she was doing that I called down and reserved a place for 5 at 7.

When I was horizontal I finally realized how tired I was. The pillow was wrong so I just went without while on my back. Sue crawled in beside me. I grabbed the pillow and turned to face her. “You have changed. You look radiant now, decades younger. A week ago you looked permanently defeated. I didn’t need to figure it out because it could have only been one thing.” “Just hold me. I have missed you.” I don’t know how long we slept, but the phone beside the bed rang. It was Craig,

“Mom has just picked us up. Mae told us that the hotel food is excellent. Would you like to join us in 30 minutes? Mae wants to go to her room before dinner.”

I said that would be fine, and told him we had a reservation for five at 7, which could be changed if that was not satisfactory. I told Sue what he said. “It was sweet to sleep in each other’s arms. That was not planned.” We kissed, and got up to dress. There was plenty of time.

Mae arrived. I asked, “How was the film?”

She said, “Nice. I wouldn’t let Craig buy me any snacks or something to drink, but he did pay for the tickets.” She went in her room and emerged wearing a simple blue long-sleeved rib-knit turtleneck sweater and a long black skirt, with shiny black shoes and (probably) knee-high

blonde (perhaps golden) nylons. She had a thin black patent leather purse swinging from her shoulder. She had also done something to her eyes, maybe some kind of make-up.

I told her she looked nice, and she thanked me. "Craig's mom was dressed in a simple black ballet dress with a pearl necklace, and heels, at least 4 inches. I thought it might be better to show I was not just fresh from wading in the bayou."

Sue said, "You didn't show that, you were dressed as well as I am now, but you do look good, stunning. You have never looked so beautiful."

The slightly tight sweater came down to just above the point where her bottom begins to turn into thigh. There was no doubt she had breasts, which didn't seem to have anything holding them up. I realize she is 15. If I were 16, well, you know. I was sure she was not dolled up to compete with Craig's mom. And she didn't wear heels, possibly because Craig was only an inch taller. So it wasn't the mom she was after.

It was time, so we went down to the restaurant. Craig was sitting on a bench reading a newspaper. His mom was not there yet. He certainly noticed Mae. So did mom, who had just arrived. Neither said anything. Mom looked as good as I had remembered.

We went in. I could see we didn't need the reservation. The *maître d'hôtel* seated us at a round table, and removed the extra chair. It was nice to have the same busboy and waiter as we had last night. Naturally they remembered us.

I usually don't do this, but I seated the females, then myself so that Craig would be across from mom and Mae and next to me and Sue. No one complained, and it was kind of neat. I especially liked the two triangles, Sue-Mae-me and mom-Mae-Craig, representing two families, with Mae the common link. I suppose I was jumping the gun. This is probably not necessary but it is easier to do it visually.

Sue	mom
Craig	Mae
me	

They brought drinks (everyone wanted water, mom with no ice) and menus. Craig was surprised that there were so many items on the menu. Craig ordered a porterhouse steak, medium, snow peas, mashed potatoes, and milk. The rest of us stuck with water. Sue ordered, of course in French, baked bass, *choux glorieux*, and minted carrots. Mom had stuffed crab, asparagus *almandine*, and celery *almandine*, also ordered in French. She probably knew what *almandine* meant. To me it means a red gemstone. Mae projected a flood of French across the table to order crayfish pie, broccoli and onions *au gratin*, and stuffed cucumbers. I asked if they had shrimp *arnaud*, they did, so I ordered that, stuffed artichokes, and eggplant *soufflé*. We had agreed on salad for dessert. Sue asked if we could all share a large bowl of house salad served by us at the table on chilled salad plates, and that was no problem. Once again, the waiter stood at the table with his hands behind his back, no writing. I



guess he could be wearing a wire or a hidden recorder, but I thought not. Playing serious chess involves remembering much more than that, for years, in a language with an enormous alphabet. Almost anything one does with exceptional skill shares that burden.

*To Be Continued if there is still interest*

## **TEX / RN5 Mailbox:**

Please send in your feedback, gripes, and suggestions. The mailbox had no inputs for TEX and RN5 beyond net and activity reports.

Apr 16:

Hi, all, Things were pretty rough last night so I think it's time to change to 7052 as the primary frequency for WAN. CAN has already changed on most of their sessions.

Naturally, 3552 will continue to be a backup. Thanks for all your hard work and 73, Mike, K0TER, WAN net manager

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Frank, KR1ZAN, sent this link.

[Ford reverses course and decides to keep AM radio on its vehicles : NPR](#)

This is a development of interest to those of you who might have purchased or plan to purchase Electric Vehicles. Eight of 20 major automakers including Ford, BMW and Tesla have pulled the band from new vehicles. This was a result of finding that EVs can create a lot of interference that would have an impact on SSB and CW amateur radio operation as well as AM radio reception.

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Information about the term National Traffic System from trademark search showed:

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Owner    (APPLICANT) The American Radio Relay League, Inc. CORPORATION  
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Please submit some articles for publication in the newsletter. Something as simple as how you got started in Amateur Radio and traffic handling would be of interest to others.

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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 or want to change your assignment, please advise so the schedule may be updated. We are still missing primary coverage for 4 NCS, 2 RN5/1 and 1 RN5/2 slots.

Based on reports from Jon and Randy, 40 meters seems to be working better for early TEX and RN5.

Suggested frequency is 7108 but digital and SSB have been observed on these so tune around.

The late sessions will continue on 80 meters, with stations sent to 40 to pass traffic if needed. CAN and WAN have moved to 40.

### TEX CW Net Weekly Schedule

Local	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
NC 1	Open	N5RL	Open	W9VE	N5RL	No Net	KZ5Z
Backup	Open	Open	KZ5Z	N5RL	Open	No Net	Open
NC 2	Open	K6JT	K6JT	K6JT	Open	No Net	KZ5Z
Backup	Open	Open	KZ5Z	KZ5Z	KZ5Z	No Net	Open
RN5 1	N5RL	KZ5Z	Open	KZ5Z	Open	No Net	KZ5Z
Backup	Open	Open	KZ5Z	Open	Open	No Net	Open
RN5 2	W5CU	K6JT	K5RG	K6JT	Open	No Net	KZ5Z
Backup	Open	KZ5Z	W5CU	KZ5Z	Open	No Net	Open
TTN/7290	Open	N5RL/KZ5Z	Open	KZ5Z/N5RL	Open	Nada	Open

TEX/1: **7108**/3541/3593 at 19:00 CT; TEX/2 **3541**/3593/1841 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**/3552/3590/7108 - 20:30 CT; WAN: **3552**/7052 - 22:30 CT

RN5 Backup: K5RG, N5RL, KZ5Z, W5CU

NCS Backup: K5RG, N5RL, KZ5Z, W5CU

### TEX Roster

Call	Name	Location / Notes	Call	Name	Location / Notes
KW5AS	Skip	Victoria	* K5KV	Benny	Star
N5BA	Brian	Houston	* W6LFB	Jim	Denton
WA5CAV	Dick	Pineville LA	WA5MS	Marty	Argyle
W5CU	Sam	Edmond OK, /0 CO	NM5M	Eric	Plano
N5CXX	Steve	Richardson (K6JT)	N7NET	Scott	Crossett AR
W5DAE	Don	San Angelo	* KB5NJD	John	Duncanville
W5DY	Rodney	Silent Key 3/31/23	W5OMR	Geoff	San Antonio
W5ESE	Scott	Dripping Springs	* K5RG	Ken	Houston
* W5FEA	Jim	Graham	N5RL	Randy	San Antonio
K5GM	Pete	Tennessee	KD5RQB	Jason	Atlanta

Call	Name	Location / Notes	Call	Name	Location / Notes
KM0I	John	Hattiesburg MS	KD5TXD	Pat	Kingsville
KA9IKK	Bill	Katy	W9VE	Don	Dallas
* K5IX	Dave	Brackettville/Del Rio	WB5VIH	Dave	Merkel
K5JFB	Jim	Fort Worth	NA5YO	Doug	Palacios
K6JT	Steve	Plano	KZ5Z	Jon	Springer OK

\* Capable of 160 meter operation

## Statistics:

### April 2023:

Jon, KZ5Z, took first place with 46 (92%), Don, W5DAE, was second with 43 (86%), and Randy, N5RL, was third with 38 (76%). Thanks again to all who checked in.

Visitors: NS7E, Art, in Winters, TX

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Note there were 50 sessions reported out of a possible 50 (no Saturday nets). Traffic averaged 0.64 per net session (0.9 last month). Net time averaged 8.4 minutes per session (9.1 last month). Check-ins averaged 3.8 per session (4.0 last month).

### TEX Net Statistics (April 2023)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
W5CU	Sam	8	11					
*		3		1	1			
W5DAE	Don	19	43					
		24						
NS7E	Art	0	1					
	Winters TX	1						
W5FEA	Jim	0	1					
*		1						
K5IX	Dave	12	19					
		7						
K6JT	Steve	1	14				1	
*		13		11	8		13	
W5OMR	Geoff	4	4			4		
		0						
K5RG	Ken	0	4					
*		4			4			
N5RL	Randy	19	38	6	1			
*		19						
W9VE	Don	11	11	4	1		11	
		0						
KZ5Z	Jon	23	46	15	22			

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
		23		13	12			
Totals		192		50	49	4	25	0
				100%	98%	8%	50%	0%
QTC 1		4	32					
QTC 2		28	Sessions:		50			
Time 1		238	420					
Time 2		182						

### May 2023:

Jon, KZ5Z, was 1<sup>st</sup> with 51 (94%), Don, W5DAE, was a close 2<sup>nd</sup> with 50 (93%), and Randy, N5RL, was 3<sup>rd</sup> with 45 (83%). Thanks again to all of you who checked in.

Visitors: None

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 0.4 per net session (0.64 last month). Net time averaged 8.3 minutes per session (8.4 last month). Check-ins averaged 3.9 per session (3.8 last month).

### TEX Net Statistics (May 2023)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
W5CU	Sam	14	15		2			
*		1						
W5DAE	Don	25	50					
		25						
K5GM	Pete	1	1					
*		0						
K5IX	Dave	13	19					
		6						
K6JT	Steve	0	14					
*		14		13	10		14	
K5RG	Ken	0	3					
*		3			3			
N5RL	Randy	22	45	7				
*		23		1				
W9VE	Don	12	13	3			12	
		1						
KZ5Z	Jon	25	51	17	23			
	OK	26		13	14			
Totals		211		54	52	0	26	0
				100%	96%	0%	48%	0%
QTC 1		5	21					
QTC 2		16	Sessions:		54			
Time 1		265	448					
Time 2		183						

## Operating:

Both traffic and check-ins were down both months. Thanks to those of you who continue to support TEX, but we can really use some more traffic and net members.

40 meters seems to be working well for early TEX and RN5. It can also work for the late RN5 net, as evidenced by some operation during the last month. Sunspots are definitely increasing along with better evening propagation on the higher frequencies.

Field Day will take place June 24 and 25. Since TEX no longer meets on Saturdays, there are no plans to hold a formal net on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Just as well since the QRM will make operation very difficult if not impossible.

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Here are the composite reports for the last 2 months for traffic handled at the region and above levels. Traffic totals were up from February and March. The problem is that not enough of it reached TEX, although RN5 was up in April.

### Central US Nets Activity for April 2023

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	12	54	55	66	0.818
Day 9 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	12	252	80	67	3.761
Day 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	12	15	53	71	0.211
Night 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area**	50	163	195	527	0.309
Night 9 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	50	244	171	312	0.782
Night 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	55	35	132	239	0.146
Day Central US	12	148	108	300	0.493
Night Central US @	30	327	156	356	0.919
Day Inter-Area Traffic	36	105	35		97%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	90	213	77		86%
Total Voice/CW Nets		1556	1062	1938	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
KE5YTA Central Area RN5		382	185	197	
N9VC Central Area 9RN/TEN		3675	1502	2173	
Digital Stations (13)		393	199	194	
Total DTN Digital		4450			
Total Central US		6008			

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
@ Manager resigned, nominations open. Composite from NCS reports received					
** Nominations open for manager - thanks to NCS stations for statistics					

### Central US Nets Activity for May 2023

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	13	38	65	74	0.514
Day 9 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	14	343	82	85	4.035
Day 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	12	13	46	57	0.228
Night 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area**	54	120	220	458	0.262
Night 9 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	54	327	207	344	0.951
Night 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	54	42	129	266	0.158
Day Central US	14	146	116	192	0.760
Night Central US @	31	347	152	295	1.176
Day Inter-Area Traffic	42	92	42		100%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	46	272	44		96%
Total Voice/CW Nets		1740	1103	1771	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
KE5YTA Central Area RN5		291	159	132	
N9VC Central Area 9RN/10RN		3893	1507	2386	
Digital Stations (14)		405	237	168	
Total DTN Digital		4589			
Total Central US		6329			
@ Manager resigned, nominations open. Composite from NCS reports received					
** Nominations open for manager, thanks to NC Stations for statistics					

#### DTN Access:

KE5YTA Pactor 1800-0600 CT Mon/Tue and Tue/Wed, Wed 1800 to Mon 0600  
Center Frequencies: DTN 3591, 7103, and 14098; RMS Winlink 3.589 and 7.1024

#### N9VC Pactor + VARA 24/7 except when on HF Nets

Center Frequencies (both Pactor/VARA) 3591.9, 3593.9, 7102.4, 14110.4

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

Wishing everyone a Happy Summer and Good Health in 2023.

Until August, 73, Steve K6JT  
TEX Newsletter Editor and Statistician

**Note that TSN Corner has been discontinued and the net is no longer active. No reports have been received from Jason, KD5RQB since last year.**

## **RN5 Corner**

RRI Fifth Call Area Net (Daily) 1930 CT on **7108** and 2130 CT on **3567**

Alternate Frequency 3567 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 90 of the **RN5 Corner**.

Thanks again to those who support RN5 and especially to the NCS stations for their reports. All nights were covered and reported (other than Saturdays, which remain optional).

Jon, KZ5Z, is home and continues to either check in or control every RN5 session. Sam, W5CU, has been operating from his Colorado QTH the past couple weeks and will be there much of the summer. 40 works well for Sam, both early and late RN5. Sam and Ken are the only ones besides me regularly assigned to go to CAN. Jon has done it a few times, especially when filling in for Sam. Sam and Jon are the only ones who take outgoing RN5 traffic there. We need more help with CAN liaisons.

Another Thanks to Jack, K5WNU, who continues being NCS on many RN5 sessions, as you can see in the statistics below.

Here is a list of the stations sending NC reports for April and May (in order from earliest date station first reported that month). Thanks to everyone for supporting RN5. NCS slots are filled, but there are a lot of empty CAN liaison slots.

April: K5WNU 24, KZ5Z 15, K6JT 6, W5CU 5

May: KZ5Z 11, K5WNU 24, W5CU 10, K6JT 9

Thanks to all for your support of RN5, especially regulars WA5CAV, W5CU, K5WNU, KZ5Z, K6JT, N5RL and K5RG. John KC4FL, Dean W8IM, and Ben KZ8Q, also check in from FL some nights.

Please continue to pass AR traffic to the TEX liaison station to take for the 7290 Traffic Net. If there is no TEX liaison, these may be sent to the 7290 Traffic Net manager, KA5AZK at Winlink dot org (also see below for subject line restrictions). OK traffic can now be sent to Jon, KZ5Z. Jon also checks into TEX so TX traffic can be sent to him if no other TEX liaison.

TN traffic can be sent to Jim, WA4VGZ, who is the manager of daytime RN5 and located in TN. Use WA4VGZ@Winlink.org. For Winlink addresses via E-mail, be sure to put //WL2K as the first 7 letters (including space) in the subject line. AL traffic can be handled by sending it to Don, WV5Q@Winlink.org. Don is a digital traffic station located in MS, but he has connections with AL SSB nets for passing traffic.

(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	(No net)	KZ5Z
NCS #2	K5WNU	K6JT	W5CU	K6JT	K5WNU	(No net)	KZ5Z
CAN TX	Open	Open	W5CU	Open	Open	(No net)	Open
CAN RX	Open	Open	W5CU	K6JT	Open	(No net)	Open
DRN5	Open	K6JT	K5RG	K6JT	Open	(No net)	Open

### 2023 Statistics

MONTH	APRIL	MAY
SESSIONS	50	54
QTC	163	120
QNI	195	220
QTR	527	458
AVG QTC	3.3	2.2
AVG QNI	3.9	4.1
AVG QTR	10.5	8.5

The following roster shows stations coming to RN5 in the past 5 years and their states.

### Region Net 5 Roster

Call	Name	State	Call	Name	State
WB5BNV	FRED	MS	K6JT	STEVE	TX
WA5CAV	DICK	LA	WD5JTZ	MIKE	LA
W5CU	SAM	OK / CO	KZ8Q	BEN	FL
W4DLZ	FRANK	(SK)	K5RG	KEN	TX
W5DY	RODNEY	(SK)	N5RL	RANDY	TX
W5FEA	JIM	TX	K4VIZ	TOM	AR**
KC4FL	JOHN	FL	K5WNU	JACK	MS
K5GM	PETE	TN	KZ5Z	JON	OK / (TX)
W8IM	DEAN	FL			

\*\* K4VIZ is 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