

# The Texan

Newsletter of the Texas NTS CW Net (TEX)

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## Early TEX Now on 40 Meters

As most of you already know, I have moved the Early TEX frequency to 7053 KHz, effective May 11 Zulu. This was prompted by the ever decreasing quality of 80 meters at the 7 PM time as the daylight gets later and thus the D-layer remains to attenuate signals. I have observed this decrease over the last couple weeks, but what prompted me to act immediately was Sam, W5CU's report that he could no longer copy Pat, KD5TXD, on Wednesday evening's early net.

We may still have some episodes of long skip occur on 40 meters at that time, so NCS stations are urged to ask for distant stations to call for check-ins as well as move the net to 80 should it appear that conditions do not support operation on 40. For the rest of us, we should first listen to 40 meters for the net to start and if nothing is heard by 7:02, then go listen on 3541 in case the net moved. Note that contest weekends present a problem for use of 7053 KHz, so the Friday and Saturday early sessions may have to use the RN5 frequency of 7108 when QRM is too severe.

Late TEX remains on 3541 with a contest backup frequency of 3643.

## The 7290 Picnic was April 21

The 42nd annual 7290 Traffic Net Picnic was held at the new location of the SPJST Lodge just outside of Taylor, Texas on April 21. Pictures from the event may be found on the 7290 net website at: [http://www.7290trafficnet.org/\\_mgxroot/page\\_10805.html](http://www.7290trafficnet.org/_mgxroot/page_10805.html) . Note there are 4 pages of them you can access by clicking on the Page x links near the top of the page.

Rodney, W5DY, represented TEX while also speaking as the STM of South Texas. You can see the TEX participants in the photos including Gary K5QOW, Eric W9GVW, and of course, Rodney W5DY. Here is what Rodney reports about the event:

Fun and fellowship was had by all who attended. Tex CW was represented by Eric W9GVW, Gary K5QOW and myself. I told all that the PP award would remain where it is in memory of Jay N5PWG until next year. We had some very good speakers this year. Bill W5NPR, newly appointed SM WTX, Tom N5TW STX SEC, Lee W5LHC STX SM, John N5AUS West Gulf Vice Director, Sharon KC8EO NM TTN and Jo Ann KA5AZK NM 7290.

I also talked about some interesting traffic statistics for the first quarter of this year. "7290 vs Four". The Four being TEX, TTN, TSN & DTTN. When adding up the four totals, and comparing against just the 7290 net, traffic count was almost equal, and the interesting thing was that QTR was also almost equal!

Eric W9GVW had a very nice sunspot machine which he set up just outside the building, then just before dark, he set up a telescope to watch stars. This was very interesting and educational. His telescope had more remote controls that I know how to operate, hihi.  
73, Rodney W5DY

### **New TEX Website**

The Apple servers where the TEX net newsletters and other information have been hosted for a few years now are due to go away in June. Acting on a tip from Tom, K4VIZ (who has his own website and also makes and sells some great bugs), I contacted Bill, WA4FAT, who assisted me in copying all the information from the Apple servers and getting the new site working. Bill also runs the servers on which the TEX website is hosted. At Bill's suggestion, I also obtained my own domain, K6JT.COM, to use for the website.

For now, both the old website and the new one are operational (and identical). However, I will soon put a link on the old website to the new one and remove all other info in preparation for Apple pulling the plug next month. Note that I also fixed the video and picture links.

Check it out at: <http://www.k6jt.com/> .

### **A Short "Book Report" About "Dark Signals"**

Pat, KD5TXD, was good enough to write a short "Book Report" about the book written by Si, K5JRN, that was announced last month in the TEX Mailbox. Pat writes:

Well, I need to thank you for putting the announcement of Si's book "Dark Signals" in the newsletter. I jumped on Amazon and got a copy of it to read just because Si is one of our TEX folks. The book arrived late Thursday afternoon and I had it read cover to cover by Friday afternoon. I couldn't put it down. What a great story and eye witness account of a serious part of history!!

I have numerous favorite parts of the book such as when Si had to resort to amateur radio QRZ and QTH in order to communicate with a civilian freighter in distress. I also loved the story about Si using a clipboard and riding the base bus to "skate out" when he did not get an official work detail assignment. I laughed out loud in many parts of the book. Si is a great writer and presented his story very well. Even this old housewife could follow along as he identified all the acronyms.

The part that I agonized over was Si's seasickness. I just can't imagine how horrible it had to be to endure such long and severe bouts of seasickness. I searched my personal memory for vague remembrances of news stories about the Tonkin Gulf from 1964 and 1965. Si was there and witnessed the effect of "Tonkin spooks" on the direction of the war. It is also very

hard for me to imagine filling in and sending out the fill-in-the-blanks message forms for those lost at sea in accidents and downed aircraft.

Si's ride home from California after his discharge in the 1955 Mercury Montclair is amusing and caused me to cover my eyes in total fear at the thought of driving the vehicle Si described. Getting home is good after all the difficulties. You fellows need to read this story. This is just the kind of writing I wish all of our amateur radio operators who served in past military situations would do. This is the perfect story to tell. Thanks, Si, for writing "Dark Signals" and sharing it with us. 73!! Pat KD5TXD

### **TEX Mailbox:**

**Si, K5JRN**, was happy to see the announcement of his book in last month's newsletter. I'll bet you will be even happier with Pat's book report, Si. Si wrote:

Thanks for the kind mention of my new book. Sorry that I have been missing from the net lately, but I am having to supplement my retirement income by doing some self-employment. And I am active in helping build up Coast Guard Auxiliary emergency communications (using Coast Guard frequencies and ham radio frequencies) in the Austin area and on the Gulf Coast. 73, Si

**Benny, K5KV**, will soon be a full-time TEX'an, too. He wrote: I saw in the TEX newsletter that Friday late NCS is open I will volunteer for that as soon as I am in Texas. Also like the Bug habit on Friday late. Our house is listing next Monday and as soon as we close, we will be there a week later, guess June timeframe. 73, Benny K5KV

*Thanks, Benny, for taking Friday late and Bug Nite. We will be very happy to have you with us in Texas on a permanent basis !*

And you thought the weather was bad in your place? **George, K5BMR**, forwarded the following link which shows four FEET of hail in the Texas panhandle last April 12 !

<http://theextinctionprotocol.wordpress.com/2012/04/12/unusual-spring-storm-dumps-up-to-four-feet-of-hail-in-texas-panhandle/>

For those of you who are not aware, **Gil, W1GMF**, who so faithfully sent out greetings to new hams for many years became a silent key last month. **Scott, W7IZ**, forwarded the following information:

I was called by Gil's wife this morning and she informed me that Gil had passed away last night. I asked about flowers and a service and she stated that the family would like donations in Gil's name sent to the Diabetes Foundation.

Gill was one of my true friends, he was an Amateurs, Amateur in many ways. Gil believed as I do that there was no such thing as spam traffic, it was all practice traffic keeping the NTS and NTSD well oiled and functional, so when the you know what hit the fan stations knew what to do in an emergency. Over the years Gil has sent thousands of messages welcoming new

Amateurs into our world; if you have not called a new Amateur delivering one of his messages or handled one of his messages you are a rare bird among traffic handlers.

Gil was touched by many of us in his life, he will be missed. God bless you, Gil.

73 Chuck W5KAV

Pacific Area Digital Coordinator NTSD

**Rob, K6YR**, the manager of the Pacific Area Net formally changed the net frequency to 40 meters. Rob wrote: The Pacific Area Net Cycle 4 will shift its primary frequency to 7.052 MHz effective Monday, April 16 (0330z, April 17). The secondary frequency will be 3.552 MHz. An alternate 40 Meter frequency to dodge weekend contesting will be 7.114 MHz at the direction of the NCS.

NCSs have the discretion to shift to the secondary frequency for a net session based on perceived conditions.

Rob K6YR, PAN NM



Hi to all, here is the tornado from Riviera, Tx. Photo taken by a citizen, Riviera, TX - Kleberg County. FM-771 looking East towards the Gulf of Mexico. April 16, 2012.

Compliments of County Commissioner Roy Cantu, Pct. #3. Thought you might like to see what was just a few miles south of us. 73!! **Pat KD5TXD**

**Gary, K5QOW**, suffered damage to his station from a lightning strike nearby. All are cautioned to disconnect antennas and even power when severe storms are in your area.

Gary wrote: Traffic and ARES friends,

I regret I was unable to participate in the SET exercise this morning since my HF station was out of service since the Tuesday 3 am local lightning strike. I do not know how soon I will be able to get back on HF. The dealer and repair shop in San Antonio known as Kcom is out of business and I am needing information as to where I might send my Icom IC-725 and my Kenwood TS-450SAT for repair. My main 12v power supply was also victim to the plasma but I have another supply that is adequate until I can get to repairing #1 myself. Power supplies are not that complex, I think. Wish me well & 73 all,

Gary K5QOW

As a later follow-up, Gary sent the following information about repair: Ham friends, FYI the link below from K5BMR. It looks like a good place to send or take one's stuff that needs repair. Gary K5QOW

<http://www.hamrepair.com/index.html>

*We hope the repairs can be completed quickly, Gary, and you will again be with us on TEX.*

## TEX Net Topics

We still have **11** open NCS/liaison slots, including **1** open *primary* NCS slot and **5** open *primary* RN5 slots on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday (all shown in **red**). Thanks to Randy, N5RL, for taking on another NCS and RN5 slot. Anyone else ready to step forward and help out the net? Will put Benny, K5KV, in as Friday late NCS as soon as he moves to Star, TX.

### TEX CW Net Weekly Schedule

Local	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>NCS #1</b>	W5GKH	N5RL	KD5TXD	KD5TXD	N5RL	<b>Open</b>	W5GKH
Backup	<b>Open</b>	W5ESE	W5DY	W5DY	W5DY	W5DY	W5CU
<b>NCS #2</b>	W5GKH	K6JT	W5TMO	W5TMO	<b>Open</b>	W5DY	W5GKH
Backup	K6JT	<b>Open</b>	K6JT	K6JT	K6JT	K6JT	W5CU
<b>RN5 #1</b>	W5GKH	N5RL	W5CU	<b>Open</b>	N5RL	<b>Open</b>	W5CU
Backup	W5DY	<b>Open</b>	W5DY	<b>Open</b>	W5ESE	W5ESE	W5GKH
<b>RN5 #2</b>	W5GKH	<b>Open</b>	W5CU	<b>Open</b>	K6JT	<b>Open</b>	W5CU
Backup	W5DY	K6JT	K6JT	W5DY	W5DY	K6JT	W5GKH

TEX/1: **7053**/3541/7108 at 19:00 local; TEX/2 **3541**/3643/1841 at 22:00 local

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

TSN: **3552** - 19:45 local; CAN: **7052**/7108/3552 - 20:30 local; PAN: **7052**/3552 - 22:30 local

RN5 Backup: W5CU, W5DY, W5ESE, W5GKH, K5GM, K6JT, K5RG, KA5KLU

NCS Backup: W5CU, W5DY, W5ESE, K6JT, N5RL, K5RG, W5TMO, KD5TXD

### Statistics:

Traffic and checkins were slightly up, compared to March, even though we did have 2 fewer sessions. One RN5 slot was again missed.

Randy, N5RL, again had an amazing attendance with 57 out of 60 (95%) taking first, followed by Rodney, W5DY, in 2nd with 34 (57%). Scott, W5ESE, with 25 (42%) edged out Sam, W5CU's 24, to place in the "top 3". Thanks to all of you who checked in for your support. And thanks to those who heeded my request last month to check in again, if only a few times. It is always good to have you with us.

We had a few visitors to the net including Frank, W4DLZ, the RN5 manager, Louis, W5DPT from Deer Park, Dave, NE5E from San Antonio, and Bill, K5LN from Round Rock.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 2.1 per net session (2.1 last month). Net time averaged 11.2 minutes per session (compared to 10.6 last month). Check-ins averaged 5.1 per session (4.4 last month).

### TEX Net Statistics (April 2012)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
W4DLZ	Frank	0	1					
	Florida	1						
W5CU	Sam	12	24		9			
*		12			8			
W5DPT	Louis	0	1					
	Deer Park	1						
W5DY	Rodney	17	34	3	5	1		
		17		4	4			
NE5E	Dave	0	1					
	San Antonio	1						
N5EL	Floyd	1	1					
*		0						
W5ESE	Scott	25	25		2			
*		0						
W5GKH	Charlie	7	14	7	4			
*		7		7	4			
K5GM	Pete	6	16					
*		10						
W9GVW	Eric	3	7					
*		4						
K6JT	Steve	14	43	6			14	
*		29		12	14		29	
K5KV	Benny	1	1					
		0						
W6LFB	Jim	1	1					
*		0						
K5LN	Bill	0	1					
	Round Rock	1						
WA5MS	Marty	3	3					
*		0						
N5NVP	Jim	0	4					
		4						
K5QOW	Gary	10	10			10		
*		0						
K5RG	Ken	5	18					
*		13						
N5RL	Randy	28	57	7	9	2		
*		29				5		
W5TMO	Mike	0	21					
*		21		7				
KD5TXD	Pat	7	7	7				4
*		0						
KS5V	Ed	3	13					
*		10						

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
Totals		303		60	59	18	43	4
				100%	98%	30%	72%	7%
QTC 1		38	123					
QTC 2		85		Sessions:		60		
Time 1		296	670					
Time 2		374						

The roster, shown next, had no changes since the last newsletter.

### TEX Roster

Call	Name	Location / Notes	Call	Name	Location / Notes
N5BA	Brian	Houston	N5NVP	Jim	Scott LA
W5CU	Sam	Edmond OK	K5QOW	Gary	Reagan Wells
K5CZ	Ed	Temple	WA5MUF	Bill	Watauga
* W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	W5OMR	Geoff	Houston
N5EL	Floyd	Temple	* K5RG	Ken	Houston
* W5ESE	Scott	Dripping Springs	N5RL	Randy	San Antonio
W5GKH	Charlie	West Columbia	W5ROK	Steve	Richardson (K6JT)
K5GM	Pete	Austin	N0SSS	Adam	Oklaunion
W9GVW	Eric	San Antonio	W5TMO	Mike	Austin
AA5J	Lee	Arkansas	W5TV	Tom	Nacogdoches
K5JRN	Si	Austin	KD5TXD	Pat	Kingsville
* K6JT	Steve	Plano	K5RDW	RD	Vilonia AR
KA5KLU	Doug	San Antonio	W5UFK	Ken	College Station
* K5KV	Benny	Star	KS5V	Ed	Bulverde
* W6LFB	Jim	Denton	WB8WKQ	Jeff	Michigan
WA5MS	Marty	Highland Village	* NK5Z	Tom	Conroe
N7NET	Scott	McKinney	W5ZD	Pat	Kingsville (KD5TXD)

\* Capable of 160 meter operation

### Operating:

Although it doesn't pertain to CW traffic handling, you may recall some articles in past issues dealing with the use of digital NTS and Winlink 2K (WL2K) to pass traffic. For some time I have had VHF connectivity to WL2K servers in Collin County run by the ARES groups. I have made good use of these, but I was always a little concerned about what might happen to the infrastructure in the event of a major disaster. So I purchased a USB sound card device (Signalink USB) and converted my old MacBook Pro to run Windows XP (a horror story we won't go into right now). I now have HF connectivity to WL2K using the RMS Express program with the WINMOR (as opposed to Pactor, which requires very expensive modems) protocol. As a side benefit, I also now can run RTTY and PSK31 using that setup. PSK31 seems to be very robust in marginal conditions and may be a good backup for passing traffic.

Until next month,  
73, Steve K6JT

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## TSN Corner

Texas Slow Net (Daily) 1945 CT 3552.0 KHz +/- QRM  
[http://www.atcweb.com/tsn/Texas\\_Slow\\_Net.htm](http://www.atcweb.com/tsn/Texas_Slow_Net.htm)  
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 TSN Net Manager

*The telegraph key image is courtesy of FCIT*

### Greetings from the Wild Horse Desert – home of your TSN Manager

Things perked up in April. Our check-ins are back up and thanks to TEX folks bringing traffic our traffic count is up a bit for the month. Thanks as always to Pat and Arley for being there every night. Remember, if you have traffic going back to WB5NKD in OK this is a valid outlet for the traffic. Thank you again to Carroll, KB5TCH, for helping on the net almost every night in April. Another thank you goes out to Mike, WD0ESF, in Kansas who has been faithfully checking into the net for some time. Conditions are making their summer change and Mike's signal gets lost in the noise a lot nowadays down here in the Wild Horse Desert. One of TSN's lessons is how to relay. Everyone checking into the net gets to do a net call. When you hear folks like Mike be sure to relay them in. Thanks to everyone and we are off to a good start for May.

### April 2012 TSN Roster

Call	Name	City	ST	Call	Name	City	ST
N5AF	Sam	Cleveland	TX	K9JWV	Jim	St. George	UT
W5AG	Arch	Lafayette	LA	K5KV	Benny	Star	TX
W5AS	Club Call			K7KV	David	Auburn	WA
K5AVJ	Lynn	Abilene	TX	KB0LF	Fred	Murray	NE
N9AWP	Edward	Markleville	IN	W8LKI	Wolfe	Defiance	OH
WA4BAM	John	Miami	FL	K5MDK	Mike	Plano	TX
W4CCU	David	Pensacola	FL	KD5MMM	Phil	Fentress	TX
K0CMH	Craig	St Louis	MO	WB5NKC	Arley	Oklahoma City	OK
ND0CW	David	Newburg	ND	WB5NKD	Pat	Oklahoma City	OK
AB0DK	Dave	Kirksville	MO	N5NVP	Jim	Scott	LA
K5DMC	Jerry	Kiln	MS	K5OAI	Sam	San Angelo	TX
W5DPT	Louis	Deer Park	TX	K9PUI	Rich		
W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	TX	KE5PYF	David	Fort Worth	TX
W5ESE	Scott	Dripping Springs	TX	K5QOW	Gary	Reagan Wells	TX
WD0ESF	Mike	Medicine Lodge	KS	N5RL	Randy	San Antonio	TX
WD9F	Woody	Springfield	IL	KB5TCH	Carroll	Douglassville	TX
K5FAL	Curt	Edmond	OK	KD5TXD, W5ZD	Pat	Kingsville	TX
AG9G	Dwight			WB5UPS	Ron	Port Neches	TX
K5GM	Pete	Austin	TX	N5UZ	Rick	Cedar Park	TX
AK4GY	Russ	Lewisberg	TN	K4VIZ	Tom	Conway	AR
WD5ILB	Bob	Azle	TX	W5VXI	Dave	Caddo Mills	TX
AA5J	Lee	Cabot	AR	WB8W	Bob	Cincinnati	OH
N0JL	Jim	Chilliecothe	IA	WB5WKQ	Jeff	Dryden	MI
K6JT	Steve	Plano	TX	N5XGG	Joe	Colmesneil	TX
AA5JW	Carl	Stafford	TX	WJ5Z	Roy	Tyler	TX

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!!



## TSN Activity Report for April 2012

Total Sessions 30, Total Check-ins 162, Total Traffic 33 by 11 different operators.

### April 2012 QNS

April	Callsign	Name	QTH	STATE
30	WB5NKC	Arley	Oklahoma City	OK
30	WB5NKD	Pat	Oklahoma City	OK
28	KB5TCH	Carroll	Douglasville	TX
23	WD0ESF	Mike	Medicine Lodge	KS
13	W5VXI	Dave	Caddo Mills	TX
12	W5DPT	Louis	Deer Park	TX
9	KD5MMM	Phil	Fentress	TX
7	KD5TXD, W5ZD	Pat	Kingsville	TX
5	N5RL	Randy	San Antonio	TX
3	W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	TX
2	W5ESE	Scott	Dripping Springs	TX

**73!!**

**Pat KD5TXD**

**May 14, 2012**

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## RN5 Corner

Region Net 5 (Daily) 1930 CT on **7108** and 2130 CT on **7108** or 3567  
Alternate Frequency 3567 (early) or 3598 when conditions warrant  
*Serving TX, OK, LA, AR, MS, TN, AL, and FL*  
Frank Thrash W4DLZ (W4DLZ@YAHOO.COM)  
RN5 Net Manager

Hello again and welcome to the third edition of the **RN5 Corner**.

Notice that the primary late RN5 frequency is now also 7108 with 3567 as secondary should long skip conditions occur.

We need an alternate NCS for Monday Night (Trey will soon be tied up with school). I have taken the open Tuesday NCS slots, but if you are interested, I am more than willing to let you have them. If you can only do one session, early or late, please let me know. You may be rusty or entirely new to NCS duty. It's easier than it seems (see the tutorial in last month's newsletter) and you don't have to be a liaison station - you can just be the NCS. If you like, I'll be your NCS mentor and will call you on the phone to completely explain it and help you through your first session(s).



I hope some of you were able to participate in the special Titanic event featured in this column last month. Dean, W8IM, was on board the American Victory ship. He was kind enough to send some information about his participation as well as the ship itself and the radio club. Dean wrote:

I am one of the Radio Operators on board the SS American Victory, which was active during the Titanic event, and I sent the first message of the commemoration on 500/468 KHz from KKUI. I remember handling 4 other regular ship QTC on CW thru Coastal Station KSM in San Francisco that day on 16 MHz, so in spite of popular opinion, there is still some commercial CW being used and ship/coastal stations open for it. More information about the ship and museum can be found at the website:

<http://www.americanvictory.org/>

The website opens with: "Welcome aboard the American Victory Ship! As one of only 4 fully-operational WWII ships in the country, the American Victory Ship is a national treasure and true American icon."

The ship's ham call is W4AVM and it was active during the event, too. You can find more information about W4AVM at the KKUI website: <http://kkui.org/>

73, Dean Sever W8IM

### RN5 Duty Roster

Local	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
NCS #1	KJ4FDV	W4DLZ	W5CU	WA4ZPZ	W4QAT	W4DLZ	K4VIZ
NCS #2	KJ4FDV	W4DLZ	W5CU	WA4ZPZ	W4QAT	W4DLZ	K4VIZ
CAN TX	Open	WA4ZPZ	K4VIZ	Open	K4VIZ	K4VIZ	K5KV
CAN RX	Open	WA4ZPZ	Open	Open	W4DLZ	W4DLZ	W5CU
DRN5	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open

### April 2012 Statistics

SESSIONS	58
QTC	194
QNI	356
QTR	719
CAN TX REP	89%
CAN RX REP	93%
DRN5 REP	38%

The following is a roster of the most active stations coming to RN5 from their various states.

### Region Net 5 Roster

Call	Name	State	Call	Name	State
W4AGL	JIM	FL	W8IM	DEAN	FL
WA5CAV	DICK	LA	WA5JAN	JIM	AR/MS
W5CU	SAM	OK*	K6JT	STEVE	TX
AC5CW	ERIC	LA	KA5KLU	DOUG	TX
KO9D	BENNY	IN	K5KV	BENNY	LA
W4DLZ	FRANK	FL	WA5LQZ	ALAN	LA
K5DMC	JER	MS/AR	K5MC	MICKEY	LA
AD4DO	JOHN	FL	N5NVP	JIM	LA
W5DTR	CURT	IL	WA4PIZ	JIM	AL
K1DW	DALLAS	LA	W4QAT	PAT	AL
W5DY	RODNEY	TX	K5RG	KEN	TX
NY4E	BILL	FL	N5RL	RANDY	TX
W5ESE	SCOTT	TX	W4SQE	ANDY	TN
KJ4FDV	TREY	AL	W6SX	HANK	CA
KC4FL	JOHN	FL	KI5T	WADE	LA
KA4FZI	PHYL	FL	K4VIZ	TOM	AR/MS
W5GKH	CHARLIE	TX	K6YR	ROB	CA
K5GM	PETE	TX	WA4ZPZ	TOM	AL

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

As you know, I was injured in a fall, but I am recovering. Thanks to all who have helped keep things going in my absence.

73, Frank W4DLZ