

The Texan

Newsletter of the Texas CW Traffic Net (TEX)

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7290 Picnic

The 7290 picnic was attended by about 43 members on the 29th of October in Beyersville near Taylor. See <http://www.7290trafficnet.org/> for pictures (click the Photos link near the top of the page) and a report of what transpired. Jon, KZ5Z, was there (the only TEX member) and helped with the pictures.

Excerpt from Jack, W5TFB's Book

Here is the next excerpt from Jack's book. Jack gets very close to Sue.

Thursday 22 November

I slept well until the phone rang. The phone was next to the clock, and I saw it was almost 7. Sue was just returning from a trip to the bathroom, and answered it. She said to the phone, "Just a second." Then to me, "Could you make some coffee and bring it? This may take a while." I left after picking up my clothes, went to my room to dress.

It was probably business. I took my time making coffee, and was getting a head start when the phone rang in the kitchen. The white button was flashing, so it was the house phone. It was Sue. "I have to go to Atlanta on business. I should be back about nine this evening. I'm going to dress and come down for coffee. I'll take it with me. I must be at the Lafayette airport by 740."

I thought I had seen a travel cup with a lid, somewhat insulated. Yes, there it is. I filled it with hot coffee and went out to the front room. She came down, looking different of course, but nice. She had a purse and a laptop, the latest and fastest from Apple. She took the shortcut through the offices to the Z. She just said, "Reserve me a warm spot in bed."

I decided to make Mae a nice breakfast. It was something I had thought about but never tried. The idea was to make a sort-of soufflé. Separate the eggs, beat the whites until stiff peaks stand straight up, beat the yolks (this time I added minced ham and cheddar) with a fork until just short of stringy, and fold that in with the egg whites. Pour into a buttered heated skillet as you would an omelet, and heat on medium until the bottom sets and fold half over. Then pop

in a 350° oven for ten minutes. For two I will use four eggs. It will take half the time it takes to make a soufflé. If I have it ready at 825 I can go try to wake Mae up at 820. No hurry. I went back to change clothes. The gown top and jeans is not indecent but sure looks weird. These old clothes looked weird enough without any help.

The dish was in the oven when Mae came down at 820. "What smells so good? I could smell it in my room."

I told her, and that it would be ready in five minutes. She got coffee and went back to her room to prepare for school. When she came down it was at her place with a small glass of milk. I had tasted mine. It was as good as any soufflé I've had. Not as elegant looking, but a lot easier to serve and eat. It was about an inch thick. Mae liked it.

"Sue had to go to Atlanta on business, but will probably be back this evening." Mae seemed upset by this. I wondered why, and asked, "Are you upset?"

"Not about anything specific, I just don't like it when she has to go away. I'm sure she doesn't like to go."

"When I worked I didn't like it either. The stuff I did was a lot easier than what Sue is doing though."

Mae said she should go now, and left. I had at least 8 hours free, and went to the upstairs library. I was surprised to see all six tables occupied with people looking stuff up or studying something. They weren't really tables, I guess study desks would be better. They had a hutch with two shelves for books and a USB connector, but no computer. I guess it was BYOC, one after BYOB. Four had laptops. Since I had never seen more than two working in the library before I suspected they were working on some question that was associated with Sue's trip.

It was a Thursday, so the librarian wouldn't be there, but she was, probably as a researcher. I took three of the Poe volumes into the glass office to refresh my memory. Two more came in, and told me they needed the scanner and big Mac, so I checked out one of the volumes and took it to my room. I had never read any of the extensive correspondence that Poe kept up, and this volume was full of it.

The telephone rang. It was the house phone. It had to be from the office, so I answered, "Bryant."

"This is Caroline. I'm going to transfer a call from Ms Barber to you now." I told her OK, and got Sue.

"I'm in Atlanta at the airport. The meeting is in the airport hotel. I'm about to enter a tunnel that will take me there. Have you been to the library?"

"Yes, but I had to leave. When I left there were eight or nine working on something." She said, "They are the research group. I have a few questions I need answers to." "I figured that is what is happening. The research Department Head/Librarian was there at 845 when I came in, and it's not a librarian day. Then two more came in and needed to use the computer and scanner I left."

“Good. I’m leaving now. This thing doesn’t work under ground. Love you.” “I love you.” She left, I think before I told her. I didn’t tell her about breakfast. The call took me away from Edgar Allan Poe. I decided I felt like cooking, especially a rich stew that would warm nicely. I have made Beef Bourguignon scores of times. The best recipe is that of Julia Child, the centerpiece of the first volume of *Mastering*. I’m sure it is in the sitting room library, but I was also sure I knew it. I asked one of the security men where a supermarket was, and got directions. It was almost on the other side of town, but easy to find. An A&P. They have one in College Station that I had never been to.

The first chore is to ask the butcher for 3 pounds of rump pot roast. I don’t know why but I have never liked dealing with butchers. They had it. I had a Plan B if they didn’t. Then I got nice big mushrooms, small boiling onions, small red potatoes, and thick-sliced bacon. I also bought two 750 ml bottles of Burgundy. It was made in Chile. I don’t remember seeing any red wine at Sue’s. I must confess I bought canned beef stock. I know, bad form, but they wouldn’t give me any beef bones. Everything else was on hand.

I was about to start browning the meat when the house phone rang. I was again transferred to Sue. I said, “We can’t keep meeting like this.”

“I know. I am through here and will try for an earlier flight to Lafayette. I’m about two minutes from going under ground. If I do get a flight I’m going to be hungry. The ‘lunch’ they brought in at 10 was inedible. Maybe it was supposed to be a snack. I wouldn’t feed the little sandwiches on stale goo bread with crusts trimmed and no telling what inside to a cat, and you may remember I have no sympathy for cats. Even the coffee was awful. If I there is no early flight I’ll eat here.”

I said, “There will be plenty of food. Call from Lafayette and I’ll have it warm and on the table. This dish will need to be served in the dining room.”

“I’m gone.”

It takes four hours to cook everything, but it is worth it. Having help will not speed it up. That is just for simmering the beef. So I got right on it. The only tedious part is peeling the onions and browning them in the oven. They won’t be uniformly brown. I got out the enameled iron oven-proof pot, 10 inches in diameter, 3 inches deep, cut up the roast in 5 cm cubes, and browned the beef in canola oil and the blanched bacon fat a little at a time. The whole house would be filled with aroma, so I closed the dining room door and turned on the range hood fan.

I went to the sitting room and looked for something to read. In the chess section there was a collection of 180 of Morphy’s games published in 1915. I had never heard of the author, B. Raek. All were played in Europe in 1858–9. I had Sergeant’s collection of 300 of Morphy’s games which included most of the 180 except for a dozen or so played in a blindfold exhibition. One oddity of Morphy’s brief career was the lack of any intentional lasting influence he had on the game. He had never opened a book on the game, nor did he write one. He won because of his amazing memory (it is said that at age twenty he could recite from memory the complete Louisiana Civil Code), calculating ability, and complete lack of passion when playing, even in the most difficult of situations. It is true that his opponents played poorly, but

that wasn't their fault. Someone asked Andersson why he did not play better against Morphy, and he said, "Morphy would not let me."

I went in the kitchen to check on food, found the beef tender, so I made the mushroom dish, added the browned onions and mushrooms. I dished out two generous servings and put them in the warming oven, and transferred the pot, uncovered, to the freezer. It would go in the icebox when it cooled enough. I started eight small potatoes in cold water with a pinch of salt to boil.

I fetched salad stuff. I also stopped by to feed the chickens and gather eggs. They may have already been fed, but I didn't think so because they were not running around the barn. I was returning to the house when Mae rode up the driveway. I said, "Tell me ten minutes before you want dinner."

"Consider yourself told."

That was good. I was hungry. The egg thing was digested long ago. Once in the kitchen I made salad and checked on the potatoes. Almost done. I set the dining room table and turned the warmer oven up to maximum, 250°. Mae came in and said, "That smells wonderful. I see why you had the door closed. What is it?"

"Beef Bourguignon `a la mode de Julia Child. From the first volume of Mastering." "We have that in the sitting room." I said, "I thought you probably did. Have you made it?" "Grandma did once. I cooked the mushrooms and peeled onions and tried to brown them in the oven. That didn't work well. You made it from memory?" I just said sure. "I didn't have lunch at school. I was with my English teacher and forgot to eat. She's a wonderful teacher, really challenges me."

The potatoes were ready so I served everything. We sat across from each other in the center. I didn't bother with candles. As usual I had the salad stuff on the cart. Dressing should always be made just before it is to be used, at the table, unless it has to age. I once made a bleu cheese dressing that was supposed to age in the icebox, but I forgot about it until it made its presence known a few weeks later.

Mae was raving about the food. Even about the potatoes. She cut them in half and dipped them in the rich sauce. I remembered I forgot to sprinkle parsley on the stew, but didn't mention it.

"What are you and your teacher doing? And what is her name? You said she."

"Ms Cooper. It's kinda complicated. We're writing a story together, but using a computer." She ate half a potato and an onion. "It depends on three items: One is the title of the story, meant to be descriptive rather than cute. The other items are two positive integers, n and m ." There went a mushroom quarter and a chunk of beef. I was keeping up with her, but taking it easy because I wanted to have some with Sue if she hadn't eaten. (I tried, but just couldn't stop.) "The players alternate writing the story without communicating with each other. At each turn, the computer reveals the last n sentences in the story, and you have to write m additional sentences." She was having no problem with the eating, but it did slow down her talking a bit.

“What is the current title?”

“Holiday Feast, and $n = 3$, $m = 3$. It is almost impossible to make anything sensible if both n and m are 1, or if $n < m$. You get a fairly coherent story with 3 and 2. It still wanders, almost aimlessly, much like early computer generated music. The feast is bound to have recipes, and I’m not sure how that is going to work. We are absolutely forbidden to discuss any overall plan. The first one we did was ‘My Most Unforgettable Character,’ with 1 and 1. That was all over the place.” She ate.

“Do you know who first thought of this?” She said she didn’t.

“John R. Pierce, while he was working at Bell Labs. He was trying to study the redundancy of English. He is a MIT-educated Electrical Engineer, with a specialty in Communication Theory. That is concerned with sending messages on noisy bandwidth- limited channels. He started doing it with single words instead of sentences. Later similar things were done with composing music, in which you could see the n preceding bars and had to compose the next m .” Mae said, “I doubt if Ms Cooper knows that. She thinks of it as partly a game and partly a study of long-term memory. We are not allowed to make any notes, but we are allowed to remember things. After all, even with 1 and 1, each person could know the whole story to any point if they could remember perfectly.”

“Yes. Pierce did it with at least three people. One time he used ten.”

She was about finished, so I fetched the salad plates from the icebox, put the stew in the icebox, and made the dressing. Simple. One sure way to make a poor salad is to put everything in sight in it.

Sue called from the airport. She said she would be home in 40 minutes if she could find her car. I told Mae and she said good. There was no way I could eat anything else, but I would have everything ready for Sue. With candles.

I put four potatoes in to cook (always start with cool water) and got out a bowl for stew and filled it. There was plenty of salad left. Mae set a place for Sue and made coffee so we would have something while she ate. I put the dishes in the dishwasher. Making a dish like this I just keep up with the dishes as I go.

I heard the Z buzzing up the driveway, so I lit the candles and brought food to the table. Mae teased, “She gets candles? Boohoo.” The potatoes were hot of course, and the stew would be in 30 seconds. Mae poured us all cups of coffee. Sue had no luggage, just her purse and laptop. She didn’t even go upstairs, just sat to eat.

She had just one taste of the sauce and said, “This is amazing. I have had Boeuf `a la Bourguignonne in France many times, and have tried to cook it myself, but never anything like this.”

I said, “You’re just hungry.” “Yes I am, but . . . Marie, tell him. It is amazing.” “Yes it is, but then I was hungry too. I didn’t ask him what he did. What did you do?”

“Just followed Julia Child’s instructions, almost to the letter except for the onions and mushrooms. I got lucky and was able to find 3 pounds of rump roast at the A&P on the other side of town, along with the baby boiling onions and beautiful fresh large mushrooms. I also got bottles of cheap Chilean Burgundy, which I sacrificed. There is plenty, and it freezes well if frozen in individual serving sizes. It is in the icebox now.”

Sue said, “I never shop there. It is expensive and distant. Who told you to go there? And how much did the roast cost?”

“A security guy, and about \$10 a pound. Cheaper than prime rib and a lot better cut. I had the butcher remove all fiber and trim it carefully. He did a good job. I can do it but it takes a special knife I haven’t seen here. Plus I’m slow.”

Mae said, “He has the recipe memorized.”

“But Mae, what you remember in chess is much more than this, which is not even two pages in Mastering I.”

They started talking at once. Then they caught themselves. Sue said, “I’ll say it like you would. The recipe is just the words. You understand the music, as deeply as anyone I have known. And, like anyone who understands an art, you find it easy and natural, even effortless.”

“It has not always been so. When we first met you understood math better than I did, while I was a whiz at English. We taught each other. And cooking did not come to me easily, although I always enjoyed it and had many great teachers. You yourself have the gift: one taste of the sauce, not even savoring the solid but tender beef, or the slightly underdone mushrooms, or the onions that remain in one piece and not squirt all over when attacked by knife and fork—that, the sauce, is the point of the dish. “You knew, from that single taste, that you had here a rare success. I do not boast, only describe. I have never had it turn out so well. The mushrooms are just timing (I cook them for a shorter time than Julia, and in crème frachè with freshly grated nutmeg), the onions are nothing but a trick (I cook them longer at a much lower temperature, and, since there is no way to evenly brown them, I don’t even try), the beef is what it started out being (you can’t make this dish from sirloin or brisket, and I was lucky to find that perfect cut and a butcher who knew what he was doing).”

Sue had finished so I brought the salad. One nice thing about a garden is the lettuce stays crisp for an hour, perhaps more. Lettuce from the store has been dead for days. While I was getting the salad they talked about something, I would guess Sue’s trip. I wanted to say more: That I was inspired to cook well because I was cooking for a goddess and her descendent, in her own right a rising star. That is too corny and they wouldn’t buy it anyway, as they shouldn’t for it wouldn’t be true. Sue’s BS filter is probably not made up. I would have cooked as well had I been cooking for a Salvation Army buffet for the downtrodden. It is simple: It is pride of workmanship. Every great cook, or average mathematician, has it.

Friday 23 November

I woke up at 5, went to pee, slipped on my pants (the gown did not really cover me) and went down to the kitchen to make coffee. I left the door to Sue’s bedroom open just a bit so I could get back in. I took the pot and cups back to her room. She had a microwave there so the

coffee could be reheated. I looked at her, sleeping. Is Sue a perhaps? She had convinced me that I had no other life than with her, and then insisted that I had no life with her. She runs me off and brings me back. It has nearly killed me according to my doctor. Twice and counting. I don't buy that, but there it is. I remember what Sue had said about thinking, so I tried to stop, at least stop this line.

I was chilly so I finished my coffee and went back to bed. It was still warm, and soon I was. I moved as quietly as possible over to spoon with Sue. She wiggled over to meet me, and reached down and placed my right hand on the left breast. My left arm was under her neck. I reached around to cup her right one. Her hands were folded over mine, keeping them there. She said, "Closer." I didn't see how we could be any closer, but she probably meant to hold her with more force, so I did that. I also pressed all of me closer, hoping to obey, but then she would know. When she felt it she made a sound that seemed good but wasn't English. Probably French.

We stayed that way for a while. It was at a funny angle that was starting to hurt, so I freed my right hand to fix it. She rolled over a little to be closer to being on her back. I kissed her gently. She said, "You taste like coffee." I asked if she wanted any.

"Would you mind?" I said, "I brought the pot and your cup up here." I got my left arm back and saw to coffee. It seemed warm enough so I gave hers and mine together a minute. Sue lit two candles and sat up in bed. "When did you make coffee?" I told her about 5. According to the clock on the microwave it was now a little after 6. I put her coffee on the nightstand and sat at the foot of her bed on her side. It was a big bed, although I don't know the names of different sizes of beds. She was a regular sized woman, about 5'5, and her feet didn't come close to the end, especially with her sitting up. She had the cover folded back just covering her lap. I sipped coffee. I only had a little left, finished it, and put my cup next to hers. She moved her cup so that it was touching mine.

Sue said, "I have a treat for you. Come over here." She patted my side of the bed. She got flat, on her stomach, her head facing me. We played and connected happily.

I rolled over on my back, then gathered her in my arms and kissed her. Neither said anything. She straightened up her gown and turned her back to cuddle. I pulled up the covers. Both of us were sweaty from the exercise. I thought it likely that I would go back to sleep, but I didn't. I think she did.

Her small alarm clock went off. I punched the snooze button but she rolled over, kissed me, and got up. I dressed. It occurred to me that I couldn't enter my bedroom without going out in the hall, so I told Sue I would go make breakfast and left, taking the coffee pot and cups. I knew Mae thought we were sleeping together, so what could it hurt if I got caught? But Sue walked in. It was after 8, so I poured some OJ for Sue and prepared to make toast. I had a big glass of milk. It was a little too cold, but it would warm fast.

I had decided to say nothing about the love-making unless Sue brought it up or asked a question. For me it was great. I remembered from nowhere that a lovebird is a small greenish short-tailed African parrot, noted for close bonding and mutual preening between mates. They are popular as cage birds: Eileen Gray had a mated pair in a huge cage. The other, human, lovebirds are known to display affection in public, and I did not qualify. If you stretch it a little I

suppose Sue did, but just by not objecting to some suggestive comments by Mae, and by that 'my man' that probably got out by accident.

One should not be held strictly accountable for words said when upset or immersed in emotion. That does not extend to other actions, and words can hurt more than sticks and stones. Especially written words. "The pen is mightier" begins a more accurate saying than the cliché that starts out "Sticks and stones." I know, they are both clichés.

To Be Continued

TEX / RN5 Mailbox:

Please send in your feedback, gripes, and suggestions. The mailbox had some good inputs for TEX and RN5 business this time...

Jim, **W5FEA**, reported that Rodney, **W5DY**, was in the hospital and is out now but possibly going to visit his other children with the help of his son.

Rodney is not doing well at all, as also reported by Randy, **N5RL**, in October.

He can certainly use our prayers. We miss you, Rodney.

Jon, **KZ5Z**, reported that Rodney was in a rehab facility for a while but will now return to his home soon and probably will be there by the time you read this.

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Oct 21: Jon, **KZ5Z**

I noticed noise on 3.567 tonight that I think you were hearing. There was a strong digital signal that sounded similar to FT8 on 3.568. Maybe that was causing the noise on 3.567. I think they are normally up a little higher but seem to be drifting downwards. 73, Jon KZ5Z

Dec 3:

I had some pretty strong QRN tonight but didn't notice much QRM until after you closed the net. I think I was getting some QRM from a digital station just up a kc or two. It was weak tonight though. Last night there was a digi station zero beat with our net. He would come and go but when he was there he was 20 over S9 here and exactly on frequency. I used my narrow 250hz filter and he was still in the passband. Seems to be a growing problem on some but not all nights. That one sounded like FT8 or one of the similar modes. 73, Jon

If the problem shows up frequently, we may want to change the RN5 frequency, perhaps down to 3565 or 66. Anyone who hears the digital QRM, please report the frequency it seems to be centered on so we can pick a suitable alternate. Thanks. Steve

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Oct 27: Pete, **K5GM**

Right arm is still no better. Right hand used for space, shift and periods. Need to practice on keyer lever. Involved in purchase of house next door to daughter's and necessary fixups and modifications. I do have a MFJ G5RV Jr, which is useless on 80M. Hope to expand antenna 'farm' after moving. 73, Pete

Good luck getting it all fixed up and antennas installed, Pete. We really miss you and hope you can get your shoulder problem fixed, too.

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Oct 27: Jon, **KZ5Z**

Hello Steve. I lost half of my inverted vee antenna in the strong winds a few days ago. It was the one I normally used from here inside the house on the 40 and 80 meter cw nets. I've been using what was left of it for 40 meters the past couple of days. It was fed with ladder line and still had 75 feet of wire on one leg so it loaded up fine on 40 but I had to go out to the other shack for 80 meters. Today I took what was left of that antenna down and replaced it with a trap 80/40 meter dipole which is not as versatile as the old one but more robust. I'll probably repair the broken one and put it back up in the spring. 73, Jon KZ5Z

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Nov 24: W9VE

Yes, Steve, you're correct – I was in the Dallas Turkey-Trot. Been doing that for at least 30 years - rained but never really heavy, everyone was super happy to grab a slice of "normal times." I would normally just say "Have a happy Thanksgiving," but this year I'm saying "God bless the United States of America!"

73, Don W9VE

Sure admire your ability to participate in that event, Don. Thanks for the info. 73, Steve

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Nov 24: JW, **WB8SIW**

The November, 2022 issue of the QNI Newsletter is available on the QNI Website:

<https://qni-newsletter.net> Contents include:

- Radio and Telegraph Mills
- A Hot Day in Cincinnati
- It Can't be Done
- Henry Ford's Radio Network
- Some Thoughts on Prepping—The EMP
- Why Support Radio Relay International?
- Circuit Discipline
- RRI Needs Volunteer Staff
- Solutions for Older Transceivers with no PL Tone
- A Letter from the Family of Joe Ames (W3JY– SK)
- Slander?
- Basic Radiotelephone Procedures
- The Long Island CW Club

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Jon, **KZ5Z**

I will need to be away on the nights of 14, 18 and 21 December. 14th and 21st are Wednesdays. You and Sam have everything those nights except early TEX where I have been filling in for Jim, W5FEA. 18th is on a Sunday and I normally do both TEX and both RN5 that night so will need someone to cover if possible. The church has asked me to play guitar for their caroling on the two Wednesday nights and for their Nativity scene with the choir on Sunday the 17th. Thanks and 73, Jon

Enjoy the music and caroling, Jon. Sam, W5CU, may be able to cover the 14th but other help is needed for the 18th and 21st. See the next posting from Sam.

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Sam, **W5CU**

We're leaving Thursday Dec 15th for the CO QTH and will be there through the 27th. I should be available to get on the air but with house guests, Christmas etc. it will be iffy (house guests there 22-27). Dec 28th through 31st I'll be off the air visiting Durango CO and Santa Fe NM, back in OK on Jan. 1st

Have a great Christmas in snow country, Sam, and a Happy New Year!

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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. There are some new openings and an update to the Roster.

Jim, W5FEA, was very sick a couple months ago and reports that he has not recovered enough to resume his TTN and NCS duties. So there are now other slots shown as open in the following schedule. Although TTN/7290 liaison had never been shown in the table, it is very important, particularly for the late TEX session to handle the incoming CAN/RN5 traffic, so a new entry is shown. Jon, KZ5Z, and Randy, N5RL, have been handling most of these when needed, so they are shown for at least one night each.

We are now missing coverage for 4 NCS, 2 RN5/1 and 1 RN5/2 slots.

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 |
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| RN5 1 | N5RL | KZ5Z | Open | KZ5Z | Open | No Net | KZ5Z |
| Backup | Open | Open | Open | 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? | Open | KZ5Z? | Open | Nada | Open |

TEX/1: **3541**/7108/3593 at 19:00 CT; TEX/2 **3541**/3593/1841 at 22:00 CT

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

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

RN5 Backup: K5RG, N5RL, KZ5Z
 NCS Backup: K5RG, N5RL, KZ5Z

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 | Goliad | * K5RG | Ken | Houston |
| W5ESE | Scott | Dripping Springs | N5RL | Randy | San Antonio |
| * W5FEA | Jim | Graham | KD5RQB | Jason | Atlanta |
| K5GM | Pete | Tennessee | KD5TXD | Pat | Kingsville |
| KM0I | John | Hattiesburg MS | W9VE | Don | Dallas |
| KA9IKK | Bill | Katy | WB5VIH | Dave | Merkel |
| K5IX | Dave | Brackettville | WB8WKQ | Jeff | Silent Key Feb 2022 |
| K5JFB | Jim | Fort Worth | KZ5Z | Jon | Springer OK |
| K6JT | Steve | Plano | | | |

* Capable of 160 meter operation

Statistics:

October 2022:

Randy, N5RL, took first place with a perfect 52 (100%), Don, W5DAE, was second with 50 (96%), and Jon, KZ5Z, was third with 45 (87%). Thanks again to all who checked in.

Visitors: Joe, N7IV, from North Dakota. Benny, K5KV, has been added to the roster

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Note there were 52 sessions reported out of a possible 52 (no Saturday nets). Traffic averaged 1.2 per net session (1.0 last month). Net time averaged 10.8 minutes per session (10.3 last month). Check-ins averaged 4.4 per session (4.5 last month).

TEX Net Statistics (October 2022)

| Call | Name | QNI | Total | NCS | RN5 | TTN | DFW | TSN |
|-------|--------|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| W5CU | Sam | 9 | 9 | | 3 | | | |
| * | | 0 | | | | | | |
| W5DAE | Don | 25 | 50 | | | | | |
| | | 25 | | | | | | |
| W5DY | Rodney | 2 | 4 | | | | | |
| | | 2 | | | | | | |

| Call | Name | QNI | Total | NCS | RN5 | TTN | DFW | TSN |
|--------|-------|-----|-----------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| W5FEA | Jim | 11 | 18 | | | 11 | | |
| * | | 7 | | | | 6 | | |
| K5GM | Pete | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| * | | 0 | | | | | | |
| N7IV | Joe | 0 | 1 | | | | | |
| * | ND | 1 | | | | | | |
| K5IX | Dave | 12 | 16 | | | | | |
| | | 4 | | | | | | |
| K6JT | Steve | 0 | 12 | | | | | |
| * | | 12 | | 12 | 8 | | 12 | |
| K5KV | Benny | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| | | 0 | | | | | | |
| K5RG | Ken | 1 | 5 | | | | | |
| * | | 4 | | | 4 | | | |
| N5RL | Randy | 26 | 52 | 16 | | | | |
| * | | 26 | | 2 | | | | |
| W9VE | Don | 12 | 13 | 3 | | | 12 | |
| | | 1 | | | | | | |
| KZ5Z | Jon | 22 | 45 | 7 | 19 | | | |
| | OK | 23 | | 12 | 12 | 4 | | |
| Totals | | 227 | | 52 | 46 | 21 | 24 | 0 |
| | | | | 100% | 88% | 40% | 46% | 0% |
| QTC 1 | | 18 | 60 | | | | | |
| QTC 2 | | 42 | Sessions: | | 52 | | | |
| Time 1 | | 305 | 562 | | | | | |
| Time 2 | | 257 | | | | | | |

November 2022:

Jon, KZ5Z, was 1st with 51 (98%), Randy, N5RL, was 2nd with 50 (96%), and Don, W5DAE, was 3rd with 48 (92%). Thanks again to all of you who checked in.

Visitors: Dean, W8IM, from Florida (an RN5 regular)

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Note that there were 52 sessions reported out of a possible 52 (no Saturdays). Traffic averaged 0.87 per net session (1.2 last month). Net time averaged 10.3 minutes per session (10.8 last month). Check-ins averaged 4.5 per session (4.4 last month).

TEX Net Statistics (November 2022)

| Call | Name | QNI | Total | NCS | RN5 | TTN | DFW | TSN |
|-------|--------|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| W5CU | Sam | 15 | 18 | | 1 | | | |
| * | | 3 | | | | | | |
| W5DAE | Don | 22 | 48 | | | | | |
| | | 26 | | | | | | |
| W5DY | Rodney | 4 | 7 | | | | | |

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------|-------|-----|-----|-----------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| | | 3 | | | | | | |
| W5FEA | Jim | 10 | 21 | | | 9 | | |
| * | | 11 | | | | 9 | | |
| W8IM | Dean | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| * | FL | 0 | | | | | | |
| K5IX | Dave | 6 | 12 | | | | | |
| | | 6 | | | | | | |
| K6JT | Steve | 0 | 13 | | | | | |
| * | | 13 | | 13 | 9 | | 13 | |
| NM5M | Eric | 0 | 1 | | | | | |
| | | 1 | | | | | | |
| K5RG | Ken | 2 | 6 | | | | | |
| * | | 4 | | | 4 | | | |
| N5RL | Randy | 24 | 50 | 13 | | | | |
| * | | 26 | | | 1 | 3 | | |
| W9VE | Don | 7 | 7 | 1 | | | 7 | |
| | | 0 | | | | | | |
| KZ5Z | Jon | 25 | 51 | 12 | 24 | | | |
| | | 26 | | 13 | 12 | 2 | | |
| Totals | | 235 | | 52 | 51 | 23 | 20 | 0 |
| | | | | 100% | 98% | 44% | 38% | 0% |
| QTC 1 | | 7 | 45 | | | | | |
| QTC 2 | | 38 | | Sessions: | | 52 | | |
| Time 1 | | 278 | 533 | | | | | |
| Time 2 | | 255 | | | | | | |

Operating:

Traffic dropped off significantly in November. The stations generating much of what we handle have slowed down, taking somewhat of a break, but also apparently sending more via the digital traffic net. We are dependent on what comes in via CAN and RN5.

Those of you who handle traffic via both voice and CW are to be commended. There are a few differences of operating technique, of course. For example, when acknowledging a received message, on CW the message number should be omitted. Just sending QSL is sufficient.

Some other CW-specific techniques include the use of QTB when the check in the preamble does not match the received word count. After sending the count of received words to the sender who says no, not correct, then more is required.

On voice you could quickly read back the message text, but on CW, send QTB and follow it with sending the first letter of each word you received in the message. That will identify where your text differs from the sending station, who should then either correct the check or send 3 or more words, starting with the first correctly received word, any missing words, and the last correctly received word (like sending Between word1 and word2 when requesting a fill).

Of course, it helps when both stations have full break-in to expedite the exchanges. With some practice, it often is much more efficient handling traffic and requesting fills or clarification via CW versus voice, particularly for stations who don't normally handle much traffic.

See the most recent QNI newsletter for tips on voice operating (TEX Mailbox).

Here are the composite reports for the last 2 months for traffic handled at the region and above levels. Traffic totals were up a little in October but went down significantly in November, consistent with the TEX net traffic counts each month.

Central US Nets Activity for October 2022

| Net | Sessions | QTC | QNI | QTR | Rate |
|---|----------|------|----------|------|-------|
| Day 5 th Call Area | 13 | 15 | 62 | 82 | 0.183 |
| Cycle 2 9RN* | 13 | 191 | 87 | 71 | 2.690 |
| Day 10 th Call Area # | 13 | 26 | 58 | 71 | 0.366 |
| Night 5 th Call Area** | 50 | 148 | 182 | 534 | 0.277 |
| Night 9 th Call Area | 53 | 297 | 183 | 346 | 0.858 |
| Night 10 th Call Area | 55 | 56 | 158 | 283 | 0.198 |
| Day Central US | 13 | 152 | 98 | 339 | 0.448 |
| Night Central US @ | 31 | 532 | 150 | 462 | 1.152 |
| Day Inter-Area Traffic | 39 | 122 | 38 | | 97% |
| Night Inter-Area Traffic | 93 | 258 | 91 | | 98% |
| Total Voice/CW Nets | | 1797 | 1107 | 2188 | |
| DTN Digital | | | Received | Sent | |
| KE5YTA Central Area RN5 | | 297 | 147 | 150 | |
| N9VC Central Area 9RN/TEN | | 1976 | 914 | 1062 | |
| Digital Stations (13) | | 357 | 177 | 180 | |
| Total DTN Digital | | 2630 | | | |
| Total Central US | | 4427 | | | |
| * Not Radio Relay International affiliated | | | | | |
| @ Manager resigned, nominations open. Composite from NCS reports received | | | | | |
| ** Nominations open for manager - thanks to NCS stations for statistics | | | | | |

Central US Nets Activity for November 2022

| Net | Sessions | QTC | QNI | QTR | Rate |
|---|----------|------|----------|------|-------|
| Day 5 th Call Area | 13 | 6 | 47 | 61 | 0.098 |
| Cycle 2 9RN* | 13 | 150 | 65 | 56 | 2.679 |
| Day 10 th Call Area # | 13 | 16 | 52 | 69 | 0.232 |
| | | | | | |
| Night 5 th Call Area** | 52 | 136 | 205 | 532 | 0.256 |
| Night 9 th Call Area | 51 | 220 | 173 | 376 | 0.585 |
| Night 10 th Call Area | 53 | 36 | 134 | 221 | 0.163 |
| | | | | | |
| Day Central US | 13 | 85 | 94 | 335 | 0.254 |
| Night Central US @ | 60 | 209 | 143 | 351 | 0.595 |
| | | | | | |
| Day Inter-Area Traffic | 39 | 77 | 39 | | 100% |
| Night Inter-Area Traffic | 77 | 151 | 75 | | 97% |
| | | | | | |
| Total Voice/CW Nets | | 1086 | 1027 | 2001 | |
| | | | | | |
| DTN Digital | | | Received | Sent | |
| KE5YTA Central Area RN5 | | 216 | 110 | 106 | |
| N9VC Central Area 9RN/10RN | | 1964 | 620 | 1344 | |
| Digital Stations (14) | | 278 | 138 | 140 | |
| | | | | | |
| Total DTN Digital | | 2458 | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Total Central US | | 3544 | | | |
| * Not Radio Relay International affiliated | | | | | |
| @ 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 Merry Christmas celebration and Good Health / Happiness in 2023.

Until February, 73, Steve K6JT

TEX Newsletter Editor and Statistician

TSN Corner

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

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

Net Manager: Jason KD5RQB, fallishere2@hotmail.com



Photo Courtesy of VE3UU

Greetings From Northeast Texas

Jason, KD5RQB, has been calling the net when he is able. Help is needed for more support of TSN. Jason tries to call up the net Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Please look for him.

Net Control Stations

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

TSN Activity Reports

| Month | QNI | QTC | QTR | Nr. Operators | Sessions |
|---------------|-----|-----|-----|---------------|----------|
| October 2022 | 12 | 0 | 108 | 1 | 12 |
| November 2022 | 10 | 0 | 80 | 1 | 10 |

TSN Roster (January 2019 to Current Date)

| Callsign | Name | QTH |
|----------|-------|-------------------------|
| KX5C | Ron | SILSBEE, TEXAS |
| W5DAE | Don | SAN ANGELO, TEXAS |
| W5ESE | Scott | DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS |
| KK4HCF | Sam | MARYSVILLE, TENNESSEE |
| KD5RQB | Jason | ATLANTA, TEXAS |
| N5XGG | Joe | ROCK ISLAND, TEXAS |
| WB8YLO | Steve | TOLEDO, OHIO |
| KD5ZCQ | John | ATLANTA, TEXAS |

Stop by any evening Tuesday through Friday on 3570kHz at 7:45 p.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 on **3567** and 2130 CT on **3567**

Alternate Frequency 7108 or 3598 when conditions warrant

Serving TX, OK, LA, AR, MS, TN, AL, and NFL

Due to Frank W4DLZ becoming a Silent Key

Nominations are still open for Net Manager

Hello all and welcome to Edition 87 of the **RN5 Corner**.

Thanks again to everyone who is supporting RN5 and especially to the NCS stations for their reports. Most nights continue to be covered and reported (other than Saturdays, which remain optional).

Pete, K5GM, reported that he only has a 40 meter antenna installed there in TN but is moving to an adjacent property next to his daughter where he plans to have more of his antennas installed in coming months. So he will not be back on RN5 until that is complete.

Jack, K5WNU, is back home again after visiting relatives on the east coast in October. He has recovered from storm damage to his antennas and seems to have better receive quality.

A big Thanks to Jon, KZ5Z, who is still doing an outstanding job of being on nearly all RN5 sessions. He also helps out when Jack or Sam are not able to call up the net on their scheduled nights.

Following is a list of the stations sending NC reports for October and November (in order from earliest date station first reported that month). Thanks to everyone for supporting RN5. We can still use CAN liaison help – there are a lot of empty slots.

October: KZ5Z 23, K5WNU 12, K6JT 8, W5CU 5, W8IM 2

November: K5WNU 22, K6JT 9, W5CU 9, KZ5Z 12

Thank you all for your support of RN5, especially regulars WA5CAV, W5CU, K5WNU, KZ5Z, K6JT, and K5RG. John, KC4FL, Dean, W8IM, and Ben, KZ8Q, 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 cycle 2 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 | Open | Open |
| CAN RX | Open | Open | W5CU | K6JT | Open | Open | Open |
| DRN5 | Open | K6JT | K5RG | K6JT | Open | Open | Open |

2022 Statistics

| MONTH | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER |
|----------|---------|----------|
| SESSIONS | 50 | 52 |
| QTC | 148 | 136 |
| QNI | 182 | 205 |
| QTR | 534 | 532 |
| AVG QTC | 3.0 | 2.6 |
| AVG QNI | 3.6 | 3.9 |
| AVG QTR | 10.7 | 10.2 |

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 | TX | 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