

# *The Texan*

Newsletter of the Texas NTS CW Net (TEX)

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## **A New TEX Manager**

As most of you know, I (K6JT) have been the TEX manager for over 13 years, taking over in August 2005 from Doug, KA5KLU (now NA5YO). As of October 1, 2018, Rodney, W5DY, who has been assistant manager for nearly that entire time, graciously agreed to take over net managership. He is still looking for a new assistant manager, so those of you who are at least moderately active on the net, please give it some consideration and let Rodney know.

As also previously announced, my wife and I will be going to Florida, staying for indeterminate times near our daughter, who lives in Melbourne, on the east coast. We will maintain our home in Plano as primary and are not considering a permanent move. But considering I will be unable to participate on the air while away, I am seeking replacements for all my schedules, not only the NCS and RN5 liaison duties on TEX, but also for my IATN and CAN NCS duties.

I do intend to keep up with a newsletter, perhaps quarterly instead of bi-monthly. I firmly believe it helps to keep a group together and active. Rodney will determine editorial content and provide inputs and all of you who read this are welcome to send comments to both myself and Rodney, as appropriate.

The TEX website also remains active since it doesn't cost that much for the hosting. I will probably edit it some to eliminate or combine older newsletters into a compressed form.

## **Long Skip Plagues Late TEX**

Lately there has been (very) long skip on many late TEX sessions. It seems to be OK at CAN time, but deteriorates considerably before late RN5. By the time TEX meets, only those further than about 300 miles from each other are able to copy, and then not very well. We will always need a station in the north and one in the south for relay purposes. Jim, W5FEA, is normally on every session so can be the northern relay while Randy, N5RL, and Rodney, W5DY, are generally far enough away from each other to provide the south relay. We are

also thankful to Jeff, WB8WKQ, who often checks in from Michigan on late TEX and has provided the ONLY relay station copyable by all at times. Thank you very much, Jeff.

While most nets in smaller states have to go to 160, we are fortunate that Texas is so large. Also, Rodney wrote the following recently: Howdy Gang,

The late net on 3541 has had long skip the last two nights. If this continues and there is no station far off to help, consider changing the net to 7108.

If there is nobody to help with the QSY, then each station should listen to 7108 to see if the net has moved there.

This should change with the end of DST, but that is still almost a month away.

73, Rodney W5DY

### **A New Story by Scott, N7NET**

I am happy to have the first chapter of a new original work by Scott, N7NET. Enjoy, and once again, thanks to Scott.

#### **Rose, Chapter 1 of ??**

Charlie McIntire returned home to an empty house. He knew the house would be vacant, but somehow the absence of his father's voice, his laughter, the smell of his coveralls impacted him with a force greater than anything he'd expected. The eighteen months since his father's passing were swept away in one felled swoop. It was like it was only yesterday that the telegram that arrived at his duty station in Iceland. His death had been unexpected, the neighbor, Harley Groves had stated in the wire. The Red Cross could have easily arranged an emergency furlough for him. They stood at the ready, awaiting a nod. It would be ready in an hour, they'd said. The funeral can be postponed, Harley's wire had read. Just say the word, Harley added in the last line.

Charlie considered going home. He even slept on it. The following morning he reconsidered everything he knew. There was a war on. Women flight crews were ferrying B-17s and B-24s to England as fast as the American factories could build them. Radio traffic was vital. Iceland was a critical communications link, the solitary friendly CW signal for those following the Polar Route. If he left others would have to work longer hours. He could do nothing for his father, but much could be done for his fellow radiomen if he stayed. He wired Harley: GO AHEAD WITH THE FUNERAL STOP IM NOT COMING HOME STOP.

Now, standing in the living room, he wished he had taken the leave that was offered. Perhaps he would be better prepared to bear what he now felt. The smell of his father's auto repair shop still lingered throughout the house, even after all these many long months. It wasn't something he could point to. It emanated from everywhere. It was in every cabinet, behind every door, in the stored quilts. Everything he saw and touched reminded him of the days when his father was alive.

Rather than unpack, he tossed his duffle bag on the sofa and went into the shop. The tools and equipment were in their places. It was almost as if his father had gone to the parts store. His car, a 1938 Dodge, occupied one of the three bays. It was covered with a film of fine, gray dust, the type that filters around window frames. A trickle-charger had kept the battery up. And even though the gasoline was more than a year old, the motor started.

As the engine idled Charlie decided he would drive to May's Diner for coffee and conversation. Maybe seeing a few old friends and acquaintances would clear his head, help him come to grips with this feeling that he had been set adrift.

"Charlie!" shouted May as he pushed through the door. The heavy woman rushed toward him and caught him in a bear hug before he had cleared the entryway.

Heads turned and faces lit and he gripped a host of warm, extended hands.

"When are you going to open up your dad's shop?" asked Ned, a loyal customer since before the war.

"I'm not sure. I just hopped off the train two hours ago." He'd worked with his dad in the shop since he started high school. He knew how to wrench.

"Well, by Jove, we haven't had a good mechanic in this town since the draft board snatched you up," Ned said, pumping Charlie's hand.

"How about that ham radio? Are you gonna be gittin' back on the air?" asked Melvin, the portly hardware store owner who had always stocked a good supply of radio parts.

"As a matter-of-fact, I will. The government still has the frequencies locked up, but there is scuttlebutt that they will be released any day now," Charlie assured him.

The talk continued and Charlie whiled away two hours at May's. By that time he knew what he had to do.

(To be continued)

### **NASA 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with K5RG**

For the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NASA on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the Johnson Space Center Amateur Radio Club, W5RRR, operated a 1958 vintage station consisting of a Viking Ranger, Courier, and a Hammarlund HQ-145C receiver. Shown in the picture is Ken, K5RG, operating the station during the "NASA On the Air" (NOTA) event that is a year-long special event. W5RRR is one of 12 NASA ham club stations participating in the event, which celebrates significant NASA milestones.



### TEX Mailbox:

From **George, K5BMR**:

My first rig was like the one that K5GM started with except it was in 1954. I had the S-76 and a S85, AT-1, VF-1, J-38 key that I still have and it was new then. Surplus right out of the box. Should have saved the box, hi hi. My antenna was a home brew 75 Meter folded dipole with 6" spreaders made from a Tinker Toy set and boiled in linseed oil and the varnished wire was removed from an old motor.. I used a 300 ohm TV twin lead for the transmission line that was 120' long. The pipeline company that my dad worked for had a communication department and they had land lines to Chicago. They had a couple of 65' poles that were used, so the manager of the comm department told me they would install them for nothing if I dug the holes. They were to be 7' deep... They loaned me a shovel and a spoon and they were 10' long...Our top soil was about 2' deep and the rest of it was in cliché and very difficult

digging but I wanted those poles really bad. . They were set 65' apart. In the 50's, dust storms were bad and some days so bad that they let out school because the teachers could not see us. One day, my Mom called me and said your radio is really popping... Since it was shut down, I went to see what was up. The static electricity was jumping to ground thru the antenna relay. I found a porcelain knife switch and installed it right out side of my window so I could put the antenna to ground when I needed to. Which was most days. It has been said that a folded dipole won't work on anything but its design frequency but nobody told that to the one I had. I worked the world on all of the bands, 160 thru 10 meters. Later on, I bought a new Globe Scout 65A from Leo and it was a good rig for what I needed to be on AM. Some were building modulators for the AT-1. Ahh the good ol' days.

He then added: "When I saw the lead story by K5GM, I was surprised about the same rig for both of us. I hope that the new generation of hams enjoy ham radio operation as much as I did. I played all sports in High School and it cut into my on air time but many nights, I stayed up all night working the world with the sundown line, and catch the sun up line also."

And finally, George wrote: Another side note on my start up situation in 1954. Luther Adkins, W5PSZ (Pink Stripped Zebra) was a WWII vet that was an electrician and communications in the Navy and he moved into our little community... He was trying to teach me how to climb a pole and that was not much fun... He could stab and nearly run up the pole and I kept splintering and I was concerned about burning a pole. A pole accident when one loses the footing and slides down the pole with the safety belt around him. The poles had several large holes and before they put them up, I installed 2 large eye bolts and pulley with rope that I could send up on bring down an antenna at each end. Luther is still going at 96 but not on the air any more. I will see if I can contact him and see how he is doing.

73

George K5BMR

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**Rodney, W5DY**, responded to the information about RRI badges and got one for himself (picture here):

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From **Scott, W7IZ**: Peggy Sue Gerron, ex-K5PSG, of Lubbock, Texas, who inspired singer Buddy Holly's 1957 rockabilly hit "Peggy Sue," died on October 1. She was 78. First licensed in 2004 as KE5AKW, she later obtained the vanity call K5PSG. Her license expired in 2014, and K5PSG has since been reissued.



Gerron went to high school with Holly and later married The Crickets drummer, Jerry Allison. As rock 'n' roll history has it, Holly originally titled the song "Cindy Lou," but Allison convinced the singer to change the tune's name to "Peggy Sue." In a 2004 interview, Gerron said that story is close to the truth, but not entirely accurate.

After Holly's death in 1959, Gerron toured with The Crickets after the band got back together. Over the years, Gerron made public and media appearances all over the country.

She said her participation in the 2004 W5B special event in Lubbock commemorating Holly helped inspire her Amateur Radio aspirations. "You can do TV specials, and you can be interviewed by the very best DJs," she said, "but there is nothing like the feeling of putting your finger down, and transmitting your call sign, and having somebody answer back."

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Received several nice messages from members of the group who have been receiving a copy of the newsletter. Thank you all for your kind words and encouragement. Here are several of them.

From **Rob, K6YR**: A good run, indeed. Keep well and carry on. Rob

From **David, K5RAV**: Thank you for your years of dedication to keep the system active and alive. I am sure Rodney will do a great job. My best to you and my regards to your XYL. I hope that her health improves. David, K5RAV Director West Gulf Division ARRL

From **Pat, KD5TXD**: Thanks, Steve, for all that you have done. You and your wife are in my prayers. Pat KD5TXD

From **Dean, W8IM**: FB job Steve over all these years, and Florida will appreciate having you at least for a couple months a year! 73 W8IM Dean

From **George, K5BMR**: Good morning Steve, TNX for the update. While it is sad to see the change, it will be good for both you and your wife and maybe your health for each of you will improve. Thanks for all you have done to help me. The 7290 certificate we sent cannot say enough to let you know how much you have meant to the 7290 net. Take care and stay in touch. 73 George K5BMR

From **Scott, W7IZ**: Hi Steve, best wishes with your new freedom (from nets), I have cut back some here as well. You've done a wonderful job with the newsletter.

From **Sharon, KC8EO**: Prayers for your wife, you and family. 73 Kc8eo Sharon

From **Jim, K5TSK**: More than once I've spouted something negative about the way I saw things going over the ARRL/RRR thing but I want you to know...

Many times, I've sat in awe listening to you and Sam or Rodney as you transferred information or traffic regarding NTS. I'll never make a wart on the rear of ops like you or the others, but you have inspired me more than once to try. As a casual op, SWL, whatever, I want to wish you and your beloved all the luck in the world. All of us have a limited time here. I hope your time is as happy as possible. 73, Jim K5TSK

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From **Scott, N7NET**: I'm sure your decision has been a heart-wrenching event. But it's been the correct decision, the only logical decision. I'm certain you will seek out some CW traffic in Florida. It's in your blood. You remind me of Ace Holeman, one of the old American Morse dispatchers. After the railroad finally gave up the code he built a dialup system, that is probably still in use, so that folks like him could dial up and chat in with a bug. I remember once in the early 1990s when Vic, W7VSE, was NCS on the late night SSB net, a bug broke into the net, running way faster than I could. Vic said it was an old friend who wouldn't touch a mic. Vic assigned someone as NCS and went QSY to chat.

I don't recall when Sam Morse's 200th (I think) birthday was celebrated. But on that day the Alice Springs, Australia Radio Club was awarded a free day to call worldwide by their AT&T counterpart, so they were taking advantage of the situation while it lasted. Wanting to participate in the blowout at Blackstone Hotel in Chicago, they called the only US phone number they had. That number belonged to Dave Philips, WB7VSN, in Eugene, Oregon and was wired in for Ace Holeman's American Morse Group, so when it rang Dave answered in American Morse and they responded in International Morse. A full minute must have passed before he realized it wasn't some lid on the other end.

Dave was General MacArthur's telegrapher during World War II.

You will be sorely missed and welcomed back, if you choose, next summer. 73 my friend.  
Keep in touch when you have time.  
de Scott/n7net

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## TEX Net Topics

The TEX Duty Schedule and Roster are shown below (as updated by W5DY). CAN, WAN and early RN5 have all switched to 80 meters where TEX also remains.

### TEX CW Net Weekly Schedule

Local	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
NC 1	W5FEA	N5RL	W5FEA	N5RL	N5RL	W5FEA	W5CU
Backup	N5RL	W5FEA	K5GM	W5FEA	W5DY	W5DY	W5FEA
NC 2	W5DY	K6JT	K6JT	K6JT	K5GM	W5DY	K6JT
Backup	K5GM	W5FEA	W5DY	W5DY	W5DY	W5FEA	W5CU
RN5 1	N5RL	W5FEA	K5GM	W5FEA	W5DY	N5RL	W5CU
Backup	W5DY	N5RL	W5DY	N5RL	W5FEA	W5FEA	W5FEA
RN5 2	W5CU	K6JT	K5RG	K6JT	K5GM	W5DY	W5CU
Backup	W5FEA	W5DY	K6JT	W5DY	W5DY	W5FEA	K6JT

TEX/1: **3541**/7053/3595 at 19:00 CT; TEX/2 **3541**/3595/1841 at 22:00 CT

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

TSN: **3570** - 19:45 CT; CAN: **3552**/3595/7052/7108 - 20:30 CT; WAN: **3552**/7052 - 22:30 CT

RN5 Backup: W5CU, W5DY, W5FEA, K5GM, K6JT, K5RG, N5RL

NCS Backup: W5CU, W5DY, W5FEA, K5GM, K6JT, K5RG, N5RL

	Total	NC	NC-BU	RN5	RN5-BU	DAYS OFF	
K6JT	8	4	0	2	2	3	M-F-Sa
W5DY	14	2	5	2	5	1	Su
W5FEA	15	3	5	2	5	0	SORRY
N5RL	8	3	1	2	2	2	W-Su
K5GM	5	1	2	2	0	4	T-T-S-S



W5CU	5	1	1	3	0	5	TWTFSS
K5RG	1	0	0	1	0	6	MTTFSS
OPEN	0	0	0	0	0		
	56	14	14	14	14		

### TEX Roster

Call	Name	Location / Notes	Call	Name	Location / Notes
KW5AS	Skip	Victoria	* N7NET	Scott	McKinney
N5BA	Brian	Houston	* KB5NJD	John	Duncanville
WA5CAV	Dick	Pineville LA	K9NY	Bill	Canyon Lake
W5CU	Sam	Edmond OK	K1PKZ	Paul	Tom Bean
W5DAE	Don	San Angelo	WA5PRI	Don	Thibodaux LA
W4DLZ	Frank	Florida	W5QLD	Ron	Corpus Christi
* W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	K5QOW	Gary	Reagan Wells
* W5ESE	Scott	Dripping Springs	* K5RG	Ken	Houston
* W5FEA	Jim	Graham	N5RL	Randy	San Antonio
W5GKH	Charlie	West Columbia	W5ROK	Steve	Richardson (K6JT op)
K5GM	Pete	Austin	KD5RQB	Jason	Atlanta
W9GVW	Eric	San Antonio	W5TMO	Mike	Austin
KA9IKK	Bill	Katy	K5TSK	Jim	Pearcy AR
* K6JT	Steve	Plano	KD5TXD	Pat	Kingsville
* W6LFB	Jim	Denton	W9VE	Don	Dallas
WA5MS	Marty	Argyle	WB8WKQ	Jeff	Michigan
NM5M	Eric	Plano	K6YBV	Bob	Placerville CA

\* Capable of 160 meter operation

### Statistics:

#### August 2018:

Jim, W5FEA, with 62 out of 62 (100%) continued his run on perfect attendance. Don, W5DAE, with 52 (84%) was 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rodney, W5DY, and Randy, N5RL, each with 48 (77%) tied for 3<sup>rd</sup>, just barely edging out Pete, K5GM, who had 47. Thanks again to all of you who checked in for your support.

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

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 2.8 per net session (2.5 last month). Net time averaged 11.3 minutes per session (compared to 10.2 last month). Check-ins averaged 6.4 per session (5.6 last month).



### TEX Net Statistics (August 2018)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
N5BA	Brian	6	6					
		0						
WA5CAV	Dick	0	1					
	LA	1						
W5CU	Sam	4	14	4	4			
*		10			8			
W5DAE	Don	27	52					
		25						4
W4DLZ	Frank	0	1					
	FL	1			1			
W5DY	Rodney	26	48		5			
		22		8	5			
W5FEA	Jim	31	62	12	11	26		
*		31				30		
W5GKH	Charlie	2	2					
*		0						
K5GM	Pete	17	47		6			
*		30		5	4			
W9GVW	Eric	14	14					
*		0						
KA9IKK	Bill	19	39					
*	Katy	20						
K6JT	Steve	8	30				8	
*		22		18	9		22	
KB5NJD	John	7	7				6	
		0						
K5QOW	Gary	4	4			4		
*		0						
K5RG	Ken	0	6					
*		6			4			
N5RL	Randy	26	48	15	5			
*		22						
WB8WKQ	Jeff	0	13					
	MI	13						
Totals		394		62	62	60	36	4
				100%	100%	97%	58%	6%
QTC 1		78	173					
QTC 2		95		Sessions:		62		
Time 1		348	701					
Time 2		353						

## September 2018:

Jim, W5FEA, with 59 out of 60 (98%) broke his “perfect attendance” streak by missing one session due to weather. Don, W5DAE, was 2<sup>nd</sup> with 56 (93%), and Pete, K5GM, was 3<sup>rd</sup> with 52 (87%). Thanks again to all of you who checked in for your support. Don, W9VE, in Dallas, a late TEX DFW liaison, was added to the roster.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 2.7 per net session (2.8 last month). Net time averaged 11.8 minutes per session (compared to 11.3 last month). Check-ins averaged 6.4 per session (6.4 last month).

**TEX Net Statistics (September 2018)**

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
N5BA	Brian	1	1					
		0						
WA5CAV	Dick	0	1					
	LA	1						
W5CU	Sam	3	7	2	2			
*		4		1	4			
W5DAE	Don	28	56					
		28						
W5DY	Rodney	26	46		8			
		20		7	6			
W5FEA	Jim	29	59	16	8	29		
*		30		1	2	30		
K5GM	Pete	23	52		6			
*		29		5	7			
W9GVW	Eric	15	15					
*		0						
KA9IKK	Bill	18	41					
*	Katy	23						
K6JT	Steve	4	25				3	
*		21		16	8		21	
KB5NJD	John	11	11				11	
		0						
NM5M	Eric	0	1					
		1						
K5RG	Ken	0	4					
*		4			3			
N5RL	Randy	25	49	12	6	1		
*		24						
K5TSK	Jim	4	5					
	AR	1						
W9VE	Don	0	1					
	Dallas	1						

WB8WKQ	Jeff	0	8					
	MI	8						
Totals		382		60	60	60	35	0
				100%	100%	100%	58%	0%
QTC 1		64	159					
QTC 2		95		Sessions:		60		
Time 1		343	706					
Time 2		363						

### Operating:

As noted elsewhere, there have been changes to RN5, CAN, and WAN to their 80 meter frequencies as we now transition to winter propagation. Hopefully that propagation will be better although as noted, late TEX is now subject to long skip conditions. The change away from daylight time, which will occur the first Sunday of November, should help ease this somewhat.

Lots of problems in the Florida panhandle, which was devastated by hurricane Michael. As of this writing, Frank, W4DLZ, whose place was very close to the storm's path, is OK but has lost his antennas and some infrastructure. Volunteers are being solicited by the FL EOCs for amateur radio operators who can be self-sufficient for 7 days to come to the area to help with communications. Power outages are widespread, cell towers have been destroyed, Internet is non-operational and even the first responders have been forced to use satellite phones for communication.

The Oath Keepers organization is attempting to put together the comms efforts. Oath Keepers is a non-partisan association of current and formerly serving military, police, and first responders, who pledge to fulfill the oath that all military and police take to "defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic." For more information, see their website at: <https://oathkeepers.org/2018/10/urgent-call-to-action-ham-operators-for-emergency-comms-in-panama-city-fl-area/>

Here are the composite reports for the last 2 months for traffic handled at the region and above levels. Totals were close to "normal" levels. As with the last reports, 9RN, both cycles, and CAN had very high traffic counts once again.

### Central US Nets Activity for August 2018

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5th Call Area \$	14	31	55	89	0.348
Cycle 2 9RN*	14	441	83	105	4.200
Day 10th Call Area #	14	49	71	138	0.355
Night 5th Call Area	53	96	240	480	0.200
Night 9th Call Area	61	426	192	623	0.684
Cycle 4 TEN	60	51	183	313	0.163

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day Central US	14	288	90	341	0.845
Night Central US@	31	456	217	656	0.695
Day Inter-Area Traffic	56	183	46		82%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	74	225	72		97%
Total Voice/CW Nets		2246	1249	2745	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
KM0R Central/10th HUB		985	494	491	
WB9FHP 9 <sup>th</sup> Call HUB		5202	2823	2379	
Digital Stations (9)		2657	1099	1558	
Total DTN Digital		8844	4416	4428	
Total Central US		11090			
* Not Radio Relay International affiliated					
# Manager recovering - thanks Dave, ND0CW, and Bob, W0LAW for their reports					
@ Manager resigned, nominations open. Composite from NCS reports received					
\$ Manager had stroke, in rehab, totals from KC5OZT report					

### Central US Nets Activity for September 2018

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5th Call Area \$	12	10	45	76	0.132
Cycle 2 9RN*	12	313	61	84	3.726
Day 10th Call Area #	10	21	41	86	0.244
Night 5th Call Area	46	82	216	403	0.203
Night 9th Call Area	53	287	166	464	0.619
Cycle 4 TEN	58	89	196	365	0.244
Day Central US	12	113	74	158	0.715
Night Central US@	30	412	215	644	0.640
Day Inter-Area Traffic	48	74	48		100%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	72	220	71		98%
Total Voice/CW Nets		1621	1133	2280	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
KM0R Central/10th HUB		1166	564	602	
WB9FHP 9th Call HUB		5630	2856	2774	
Digital Stations (9)		1758	693	1065	
Total DTN Digital		8554	4113	4441	
Total Central US		10175			
* Not Radio Relay International affiliated					
# Manager recovering - thanks Dave, ND0CW, and Bob, W0LAW for their reports					
@ Manager resigned, nominations open. Composite from NCS reports received					
\$ Manager had stroke, in rehab, totals from KC5OZT reports					

Since Rodney is now the TEX manager, and I remain only the newsletter editor, I may publish only quarterly rather than bi-monthly. That has not yet been decided and will be worked out with Rodney and depend on whether I am in Florida or Texas at the time. Keep your net reports going to Rodney and send me any items for the newsletter. Copy Rodney on them if they are directly related to net operations.

Until December, or perhaps January if I change to quarterly newsletters, have a Happy Thanksgiving and, if in January, a Merry Christmas holiday season.

73, Steve K6JT

## 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](mailto:fallishere2@hotmail.com)



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## Greetings From Northeast Texas

With the loss of Carroll, KB5TCH, TSN operation has all but ceased. Don, W5DAE, attempted to call up the net a few times in August but did not have any check-ins. There was no activity at all in September. If TSN is important to you, please contact Jason at the above address. If there is no activity in the next months, this portion of the newsletter will cease to exist.

### From Jason, KD5RQB - Tribute to Carroll KB5TCH

Mr Carroll was a friend and mentor, he is sorely missed



Carroll KB5TCH

August 18, 1927 - August 6, 2018

George Carroll Johnson, III age 90, of Douglassville, Texas went to be with the Lord Monday, August 06, 2018 at his residence.

George was born August 18, 1927 in Prairie Lea, Texas to George Johnson, Jr. and wife Winnie. He was retired from Red River Army Depot; served in the United States Navy during World War II; was a member of Douglassville Baptist Church where he taught Sunday school for over 30 years; and was also a member of Amateur Radio Cass County. He enjoyed spending time with his family doing all sorts of outdoor activities; was a Ham Radio Operator; loved talking about politics; he also enjoyed working crosswords, Sudoku, and any other kind of puzzle he could get his hands on. He was preceded in death by his wives, Effie Johnson, Penny Johnson, Sandra Johnson, Ella Bates; two brothers, Charles Ray Johnson, Billy Pat Johnson; and his parents.

Every day of his life he continued learning and teaching. He was a very spiritual man loving God and his fellow man.

He is survived by two daughters, Vicki Gamez of Douglassville, Texas, Susan Lykins and husband John Wilson of Douglassville, Texas; son, George Carroll "Pete" Johnson of San Francisco, California; three step-daughters, Heidi, Linda, Bobbie Lou; a step-son, Lee; four grandchildren, Michelle, Bob, Justin, Selena; ten great-grandchildren, Sam, Zoe, London, Summer, Mila Chloe, Jameson, Karen, Alyssa, Emilio; and a number of other relatives.

The 23rd Psalm - **A psalm of David.**

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.  
<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
 he leads me beside quiet waters,  
<sup>3</sup> he refreshes my soul.  
 He guides me along the right paths  
 for his name's sake.  
<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk  
 through the darkest valley,  
 I will fear no evil,  
 for you are with me;  
 your rod and your staff,  
 they comfort me.  
<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
 in the presence of my enemies.  
 You anoint my head with oil;  
 my cup overflows.  
<sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
 all the days of my life,  
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
 forever.

**TSN Activity Reports**

Month	QNI	QTC	Nr. Operators
August 4 Sessions	4	1	2
September 0 Sessions	0	0	0

**Net Control Stations**

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

**August 2018 QNS**

Name	Callsign	QNI
DON	W5DAE	3
RON	KX5C	1

**September 2018 QNS**

Name	Callsign	QNI
None		0



### TSN Roster (January 2018 to January 2019)

Callsign	Name	QTH
KX5C	Ron	SILSBEE, TEXAS
W5DAE	Don	SAN ANGELO, TEXAS
W5ESE	Scott	DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS
KK4HCF	Sam	MARYSVILLE, TENNESSEE
WD8LDY	David	BRIDGEPORT, WEST VIRGINIA
KD5RQB	Jason	ATLANTA, TEXAS
KB5TCH	Carroll	SILENT KEY
N5XGG	Joe	ROCK ISLAND, TEXAS
WB8YLO	Steve	TOLEDO, OHIO

Stop by any evening Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday on 3570kHz at 7:45p.m. CT and start the net if you do not hear anyone there.

This is a great place to learn how to handle traffic on CW. If you are a voice net traffic handler, this is a great addition to your amateur radio skill set. See you on the air!!

73,  
Jason KD5RQB

### **RN5 Corner**

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

Alternate Frequency 7108 or 3598 when conditions warrant

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

Frank Thrash W4DLZ ([W4DLZ@WINLINK.ORG](mailto:W4DLZ@WINLINK.ORG))

Net Manager

Hello guys and welcome to Edition 62 of the **RN5 Corner**.

W4DLZ will be off the air for an indefinite time until he can rebuild his station and put up new antennas following the devastation of Hurricane Michael. His power just returned on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Jerry, W4SU, continues to collect RN5 net reports. He has stopped entering the calls of individual stations and their function, keeping track only of the NCS stations, so numbers for QNI, QTC, and QTR are sufficient. Here are the statistics for September NCS stations from Jerry: **NCS: CU-8, DY-2, FEA-14, JT-7, SU-15 = 46**

Jack, K5WNU, and Sam, W5CU, continue to support the net when then are not out traveling somewhere. Dick, WA5CAV, is a regular on both sessions.

K6JT will be gone to Florida for an indefinite period starting November 1. NCS stations are needed to cover his Tuesday and Thursday evening late nets as well as the CAN RX function on Thursday. It is unknown whether this will be a permanent replacement or he can cover them when he is in Texas. The call is shown in red in the duty roster.

Nice to hear Ben, KZ8Q, on again from time to time from his FL location. Dean, W8IM, has also checked in a few times, and John, KC4FL, continues to regularly check in from FL.

Please continue to pass AR traffic to the TEX liaison station to take to the 7290 Traffic Net if there is no other outlet. Note also that Bill, N9ACQ, the manager of daytime RN5 and an AR station, is still off the air due to the stroke he had some time ago. A new net manager is needed since nothing has been heard from him in over a year.

As always, we need NCS and Liaison stations. Thanks to those of you who fill in the open slots. Tom, WA4ZPZ, may be able to come to early RN5 again once we are back on Standard Time and he completes the move of his station to another part of the house, which he started in August. The early session has moved to 80 meters.

73, Frank W4DLZ

(Schedule, statistics, and roster on the next page)

### RN5 Duty Roster

Local	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
NCS #1	W5FEA	Open	W5CU	W4SU	W4SU	Open	Open
NCS #2	W5FEA	K6JT	W5CU	K6JT	W4SU	Open	WA4ZPZ
CAN TX	Open	Open	Open	W4SU	W4SU	Open	W4SU
CAN RX	W5CU	Open	Open	K6JT	WA4ZPZ	Open	W5CU
DRN5	Open	Open	K5RG	Open	Open	Open	Open

### 2018 Statistics

MONTH	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
SESSIONS	53	46
QTC	96	82
QNI	240	216
QTR	480	403
AVG QTC	1.8	1.8
AVG QNI	4.5	4.7
AVG QTR	9.1	8.8

The following roster, which has not been updated, shows stations coming to RN5 in the past 3 years and their states.

### Region Net 5 Roster

Call	Name	State	Call	Name	State
WA4BAM	JOHN	FL	W8IM	DEAN	FL
WA5CAV	DICK	LA	K6JT	STEVE	TX
W5CU	SAM	OK*/CO	KZ8Q	BEN	FL
W4DLZ	FRANK	FL	K5RG	KEN	TX
W5DY	RODNEY	TX	N5RL	RANDY	TX
W5FEA	JIM	TX	W4SU	JERRY	AL
KC4FL	JOHN	FL	K4VIZ	TOM	AR**
W5GKH	CHARLIE	TX	K5WNU	JACK	MS
K5GM	PETE	TX	WA4ZPZ	TOM	AL

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

\*\* K4VIZ is only marginally active. Send AR to the TEX station for the 7290 net (do not use DRN5).

73, Frank W4DLZ