

# *The Texan*

Newsletter of the Texas NTS CW Net (TEX)

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## **From the TEX Manager**

Sorry to report that Randy, N5RL, will be out for the remainder of October and into November starting on the 20<sup>th</sup>. He will have major surgery on the 21<sup>st</sup> and can use all the prayers you can offer for the successful surgery and as rapid a recovery as possible.

Looking at the duty roster (and statistics), you will see that Randy has been providing a major service to TEX and RN5 (as well as some 7290 net liaisons). During his absence, help is needed for Tue/Thu/Fri early TEX NCS, Mon/Sat early RN5 liaison, and several backup positions (see the duty roster).

Long skip is again raising its ugly head, affecting late TEX. Don't forget about those remote SDR web sites ([websdr.org](http://websdr.org)) that may be useful.

Note that we return to standard time on Nov. 3. All nets continue to meet at their same local time, which will be one hour later UTC.

73, Rodney W5DY

## **Digital Operations Threat - Editorial**

While the operation of the Digital Traffic Network may seem to be unrelated to TEX (and RN5), that is not at all the case. Look at the statistics in the Operating section of this newsletter and you will see that digital traffic totals far exceed those for the CW/SSB nets. Much of the traffic entering into the manual nets comes from the digital operation. Without it, our traffic totals would be even lower than they currently are. The majority of Texas traffic is passed via the SSB nets, primarily the 7290 Traffic Net but also TTN, and the TEX liaisons to those nets also participate.

There is a well-funded anti-digital group that is attempting to effectively shut down Winlink operation. But as a side effect of their efforts, the Digital Traffic Network will also be impacted, possibly so severely that operation becomes near impossible from all the QRM in

the very small Automatic Control Digital Subbands, into which the group is attempting to force all high speed (Pactor) operations.

Their motives are not clear, but apparently it has something to do with money because their efforts are well-funded with lawyer-written postings to the FCC, most recently by NY University. Theodore Rappaport is the leader of this movement. Their claims in the FCC postings (which are also spread all over the news such as QRZ and social media) have been shown to be half-truths and exaggerations. Both the Winlink Development Team and Radio Relay International have filed FCC postings refuting many of them. But they are winning the “fake news” battle and have convinced lots of contesters that the digital operations are a threat. In my observation, it is the RTTY and CW contesters that are the true threat to our traffic operations and public service functions. Even the ARES is impacted because many of the groups rely on Winlink for their out-of-area communication. There is a radiogram form available in the Winlink Express program that will result in traffic being put into the DTN. It has received use by ARES and other public-service groups. Additionally, some of the Digital Traffic Stations that accept the traffic from DTN must be reached via Winlink because they have no Pactor capabilities. So Winlink is a key part of our traffic handling toolbox.

Be aware of these happenings and please pass along the information above to anyone who claims our traffic and Winlink operations are causing harmful interference. That is grossly exaggerated by these anti-digital people and simply not true. The JT modes (such as FT-8 and FT-4) take up space within the CW band and have forced some traffic nets to change their frequencies that had been used for many years. Why are those not also being attacked by this cabal? Simply because they are tools for contesting. They are essentially useless for passing any type of information other than callsigns, signal reports, and locations.

### **Story by Scott, N7NET**

Sorry to report that Scott is unable to supply chapter 7 of his Rose story this month (he is writing it). Scott's wife is suffering from Alzheimer's disease and his hands are full caring for her at the present time. Perhaps in coming months his schedule will allow him to again continue his fine writing.

Meanwhile, here is a story that was written by Vic, W7VSE (now a SK) that I do not think has appeared in a previous newsletter. It is pretty long, so is broken into parts with the first one appearing this month.

### **The Army Air Corps, Part 1 By Vic, W7VSE**

I learned the Morse code in the Boy Scouts in 1934, when I was 12 years old, to earn a Merit Badge to make 2<sup>nd</sup> class scout. A few of us kids were naive enough to think we were the only ones in the world who knew that code, and we wrote messages to each other during school hours in Morse code with a pencil, using dots and dashes. At first, we had to refer to a copy of the code to spell the words we wanted, but after doing this for a while, it was the practice we needed, and we had the code memorized and did not have to look at the copy anymore. Little did I know, the Morse code had started to become a 2<sup>nd</sup> language for me and would drastically change my life.

When I graduated from High School in 1940, it was during the Great Depression. I had no idea of what I wanted to do for a living. There were no jobs to be had, so I enlisted in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), part of the New Deal that the government had at the time that would take young people off the streets and put them to work. They paid us thirty dollars a month. Of this, we only got to keep eight dollars, and the other twenty-two dollars were sent home to the family. Of course, we got room and board and clothes. We lived in barracks, had a latrine, a mess hall, a PX, a library and other things, similar to the military. This was in Oklahoma and we did pick-and-shovel work in the fields 5 days a week from 8AM to 5PM. It was called Soil Conservation. They had CCC camps all over the USA and they had a radio station at each camp.

When I walked into that radio station at CCC Camp 2816, in Duncan, Oklahoma, I saw and heard an operator using Morse code to send a message to another station. That single moment changed my life. I realized that I wanted to be a Morse code operator.

Another enrollee, Emmett Meeks, from Loco, Oklahoma, was also interested in learning to be a Morse code operator. Somehow we obtained a “buzzer” and a hand key and we spent many hours in the library sending and receiving code to each other. Some of the other guys did not share our feelings for Morse code, but we kept it up until we could send and receive about five words a minute. Several months later, we got permission from the camp Commander to take a “leave without pay” to join the army so we could go to communications school and then hitch-hiked to Fort Sill at Lawton, Okla.

They did not have any vacancies in the Signal Corps. We went back to Duncan CCC camp and later got another leave and hitch-hiked to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. We wanted to enlist in the Signal Corps and attend military schools and learn electronics and communications. The recruiting Sergeant at Ft Sam told us there were no openings in the Signal Corps and he thought we should join the U.S. Army Air Corps as they had better schools.

So, on June 6, 1941, six months and one day before Pearl Harbor, I enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps for a three-year hitch. I was now a BAP (Buck-Assed-Private) and my pay was reduced to twenty-one dollars a month. Next day saw me on a truck transferred from Ft Sam Houston to Kelly Field a few miles away. Checked in at Kelly Field and was assigned a bunk in “Tent City,” which had crushed rock for a floor, and I started to learn my left foot from my right foot and other things about marching on the parade ground, which was also crushed rock. It was quite hot in San Antonio and a few of the men were passing out from heat prostration. I had been doing pick-and-shovel work for 11 months in Oklahoma, so I had no problem with the heat or the marching. Sometimes they marched us into a building and we filled out questionnaires. A question on one of the forms asked if I knew the Morse code. Of course, I answered yes. In a few days a Captain showed up at the parade ground, where we were learning to march, and had a list of about 7 of us pulled out of ranks and we met with him near a specified building. He told us we had been selected to go into communications and we had 30 minutes to check in all our gear and catch a truck up to the fancy brick barracks. If we didn’t get checked out in time, we would have to walk about a half mile to that building. We all made it in time.

When we reported into the fancy brick building, which resembled the Cadet barracks building, which was nearby, we were assigned rooms and bunks and more or less ignored for several

days. But this was a far cry from living in Tent City with a crushed rock floor and little else. There was a bowling alley, a PX, a Movie house, a gym, good chow in the mess hall and many other nice things to see and do. We were happy. But after a few days, a Corporal showed up and told us to report to the NCOIC (Non-Commissioned-Officer-In Charge) of the Radio Station and told us how to get there. We found Tech Sergeant Guthrie's office and lined up for interviews. A Technical Sergeant in prewar days was a powerful force and could make or break you. I was about 4<sup>th</sup> in line for my interview and when I listened to the guy before me say he had a couple of years in the Signal Corps, and other things, I began to worry about whether I would be acceptable for this kind of duty.

When I went in to do my interview with Sgt Guthrie, I told him that all I knew was about 5 words a minute with the Morse code, and maybe I didn't belong here. Sgt Guthrie knew how to handle men. He told me that the previous guy that I had overheard being interviewed would be a problem because he would have to unlearn all he had learned in the Signal Corps and then relearn how to operate in the Air Corps. And he said that I was exactly the type they were looking for as I could start learning much easier and faster. I left that interview feeling a lot better about myself than when I arrived. T/Sgt Guthrie would later rise to the rank of Colonel and I would see him as the Regional Control Officer in charge of the 10<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron in India and China. He was well qualified and deserved it.

I was now in the Third Squadron, AACS (Army Airways Communications System.) I wanted to go to school, but they put me in the radio station there at WYG, Kelly Field, as a student operator, for OJT (on-the-job training). I worked a shift with the qualified operators. I sat next to them and wore headphones and listened to them sending and receiving messages in Morse code. I asked questions and got instructions on how to use the equipment. The regular operators could send and receive the Morse code at 25 to 30 words-per-minute and I couldn't read any of it at first. And I could see that if I was going to be an operator, and remain in the AACS, I was going to have to learn CW (code) at 25 to 30 words per minute or more.

(To be Continued)

#### **TEX Mailbox:**

From Randy, **N5RL**: On 21 October I am having some major surgery. I'm not winning this battle with my cancer because I have a high grade type in my bladder in addition to just plain old ordinary garden variety stuff as well. Neither BCG (a vaccine for treatment of bladder cancer) nor Chemo treatments are stopping it although they have slowed it down. As a result, the only way to help me now is to remove the bladder.

I will be in Brooke Army Medical Center for at least a week and depending on how well I do and recover, it could be longer there or at some skilled nursing facility. I'm hoping for a rapid recovery but one never knows and this is likely to be a life changing event. Life just does that to you some times! I'm confident I'll be back, but when, I don't really know, hopefully sooner rather than later. I've got a good medical team taking care of me. I'll have my cell with me but some of those hospital areas are pretty well shielded so I'm not sure It will work so well. 73 guys and take care. Randy, N5RL

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**Ken, K5RG**, gathered together a history of the Central Area Net starting in 1949 up to 1979. If you are interested, contact Ken or myself to get a copy. Some interesting things there.

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Thanks to **Charlie, W5GKH**, for forwarding this info from Jo Ann. Hi All, The pictures we took of the lodge building when we were on vacation are now on the website (7290trafficnet.org). The damage was worse than the newspaper showed. We have been assured by the Lodge President that the rebuilding will be done in time for our picnic.  
73, Jo Ann KA5AZK

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## TEX Net Topics

The TEX Duty Schedule and Roster are shown below (as updated for N5RL).

### TEX CW Net Weekly Schedule

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

TEX/1: **3541**/7106/3593 at 19:00 CT; TEX/2 **3541**/3593/1841 at 22:00 CT

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

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

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

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

	Total	NC	NC-BU	RN5	RN5-BU	DAYS OFF	
K6JT	5	3	0	2	0	4	Su-M-F-Sa
W5DY	14	2	5	2	5	1	Su
W5FEA	17	3	6	2	6	0	SORRY
N5RL	8	3	1	2	2	2	W-Su

K5GM	5	1	2	2	0	4	T-T-S-S
W5CU	6	2	0	3	1	4	TWTFSS
K5RG	1	0	0	1	0	6	MTTFSS
OPEN	0	0	0	0	0		
	56	14	14	14	14		

### TEX Roster

Call	Name	Location / Notes	Call	Name	Location / Notes
KW5AS	Skip	Victoria	NM5M	Eric	Plano
N5BA	Brian	Houston	N7NET	Scott	Crossett AR
WA5CAV	Dick	Pineville LA	* KB5NJD	John	Duncanville
W5CU	Sam	Edmond OK	K9NY	Bill	Canyon Lake
W5DAE	Don	San Angelo	K1PKZ	Paul	Tom Bean
* W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	WA5PRI	Don	Thibodaux LA
* W5ESE	Scott	Dripping Springs	K5QOW	Gary	Reagan Wells
* W5FEA	Jim	Graham	* K5RG	Ken	Houston
W5GKH	Charlie	West Columbia	N5RL	Randy	San Antonio
K5GM	Pete	Austin	W5ROK	Steve	Richardson (K6JT op)
W9GVW	Eric	San Antonio	KD5RQB	Jason	Atlanta
KM0I	John	Hattiesburg MS	W5TMO	Mike	Austin
KA9IKK	Bill	Katy	K5TSK	Jim	Pearcy AR
K5IX	Dave	Brackettville	KD5TXD	Pat	Kingsville
* K6JT	Steve	Plano	W9VE	Don	Dallas
* W6LFB	Jim	Denton	WB8WKQ	Jeff	Michigan
WA5MS	Marty	Argyle	K6YBV	Bob	Placerville CA

\* Capable of 160 meter operation

### Statistics:

#### August 2019:

Don, W5DAE, with 61 of 62 (98%) was first place. Rodney, W5DY, was second with 52 (84%). Randy, N5RL, was third with 46 (74%), edging out Jim, W5FEA, by 1. Thanks again to all of you who checked in for your support.

There was one visitor – Mike, N5SJ, from New Mexico – all other stations are on the roster.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 1.7 per net session (2.0 last month). Net time averaged 9.7 minutes per session (compared to 10.6 last month). Check-ins averaged 5.6 per session (6.5 last month).

### TEX Net Statistics (August 2019)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
W5CU	Sam	4	10	3	3			
*		6		3	5			
W5DAE	Don	30	61					16
		31						
W5DY	Rodney	23	52	1	7			
		29		10	3	3		
W5FEA	Jim	24	45	13	7	24		
*		21			3	21		
K5GM	Pete	16	39	1	4			
*		23		4	4			
W9GVW	Eric	4	4					
*		0						
KA9IKK	Bill	2	9					
*	Katy	7						
K5IX	Dave	12	21					
	Brackettville	9						
K6JT	Steve	2	17				1	
*		15		14	9		15	
WA5MS	Marty	1	1					
		0						
NM5M	Eric	0	1					
		1						
K5QOW	Gary	4	4					
*		0						
K5RG	Ken	0	7					
*		7			5			
N5RL	Randy	27	46	13	10	4		
*		19				1		
N5SJ	Mike	0	6					
	NM	6						
K5TSK	Jim	2	2					
		0						
W9VE	Don	14	14				14	
		0						
WB8WKQ	Jeff	0	8					
		8						
Totals		347		62	60	53	30	16
				100%	97%	85%	48%	26%
QTC 1		38	104					
QTC 2		66		Sessions:		62		
Time 1		308	602					
Time 2		294						

## September 2019:

Unfortunately, Rodney had a hard drive fail around the middle of the month. His detailed records of QNI and liaison duties were lost in the process. Fortunately, he still had paper records of the totals of QNI, QTC, and QTR for those days. So detailed check-in totals shown in the table below are only for the 17th onward. The numbers and percentages have been adjusted for the 28 nets for which details were available.

Randy, N5RL, with 26 out of 28 (93%) was first. Rodney, W5DY, was 2<sup>nd</sup> with 25 (89%), and Don, W5DAE, was 3<sup>rd</sup> with 23 (82%). Thanks again to all of you who checked in for your support. Sorry if you were not shown in the table because you checked in earlier in the month and then not again on the 17th to 30th.

The only visitor shown was John, W0LI, from Colorado.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 1.7 per net session (2.2 last month). Net time averaged 9.3 minutes per session (compared to 10.3 last month). Check-ins averaged 5.1 per session (5.2 last month). Note that the averages for these 3 items are based on 60 nets.

**TEX Net Statistics (September 2019)**

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
W5CU	Sam	3	7	2	2			
*		4		2	4			
W5DAE	Don	12	23					
		11						
W5DY	Rodney	12	25		2	2		
		13		5		3		
W5FEA	Jim	10	17	6	2	10		
*		7			1	7		
K5GM	Pete	6	15		2			
*		9		2	2			
W9GVW	Eric	2	2					
*		0						
KA9IKK	Bill	1	1					
*		0						
K5IX	Dave	3	3					
		0						
K6JT	Steve	0	6					
*		6		5	4		6	
W0LI	John	1	1					
	CO	0						
K5RG	Ken	0	3					
*		3			2			
N5RL	Randy	14	26	6	6	2		



*		12						
K5TSK	Jim	1	1					
		0						
W9VE	Don	2	2				2	
		0						
WB8WKQ	Jeff	0	7					
		7						
Totals		304		28	27	24	8	0
				100%	96%	86%	29%	0%
QTC 1		64	99					
QTC 2		35		Sessions:		28		
Time 1		423	559					
Time 2		136						

### Operating:

Both CAN and WAN have changed to their winter-time 80 meter frequency. So far it seems to be working much better than 40. However, long-skip conditions have been observed on CAN and late RN5 more frequently than we would like to see. In fact, late TEX has been virtually wiped out by long skip on several occasions recently. On a couple nights where I was NCS, I found that the band “came back” around 15 minutes after 10. So I was holding the net open for much longer than normal when the skip was long. Please hang in there for a while if you try to check in and can’t hear anything. Sometimes we are lucky to have Jeff, WB8WKQ, in Michigan check in and he can relay in stations to the NCS. But of course, passing traffic is pretty much impossible. If there is a critical message, Jeff would be happy to relay it, but for the general non-time-critical traffic we see, there is no need to have him go through that trouble. His ability to copy is outstanding due to good antennas and a very low noise location as well as his skilled ears.

We will need a lot of help to cover all the nets and liaisons that Randy, N5RL, was doing such a great job with while he recovers from his serious surgery.

We return to standard time on November 3. Nets all meet at same local times.

Here are the composite reports for the last 2 months for traffic handled at the region and above levels.

### Central US Nets Activity for August 2019

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	13	63	64	120	0.525
Cycle 2 9RN*	11	268	75	76	3.526
Day 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area #	13	21	51	81	0.259
Night 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area**	53	41	204	345	0.119
Night 9 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	59	173	173	492	0.352
Night 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	61	45	160	278	0.162

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day Central US	13	120	78	152	0.789
Night Central US @	31	229	196	469	0.488
Day Inter-Area Traffic	39	46	38		97%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	59	88	49		83%
Total Voice/CW Nets		1094	1088	2013	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
WB9FHP Central Area HUB		4854	2719	2135	
Digital Stations (13)		2122	735	1387	
Total DTN Digital		6976	3454	3522	
Total Central US		8070			
* Not Radio Relay International affiliated					
# Manager recovering - thanks Dave, ND0CW, and Ron, WB9WKO for their reports					
@ Manager resigned, nominations open. Composite from NCS reports received					
** Nominations open for manager - thanks to NCS stations for statistics					

### Central US Nets Activity for September 2019

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	13	55	55	122	0.451
Cycle 2 9RN*	12	216	71	70	3.086
Day 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area #	11	12	29	81	0.148
Night 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area**	51	26	198	354	0.073
Night 9 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	56	143	161	476	0.300
Night 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	57	42	133	268	0.157
Day Central US	12	68	59	199	0.342
Night Central US @	30	203	182	522	0.389
Day Inter-Area Traffic	36	22	35		97%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	61	76	57		93%
Total Voice/CW Nets		863	980	2092	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
WB9FHP Central Area HUB		4053	2295	1758	
Digital Stations (13)		1850	649	1201	
Total DTN Digital		5903	2944	2959	
Total Central US		6766			
* Not Radio Relay International affiliated					
# Manager recovering - thanks Dave, ND0CW, and Ron, WB9WKO for their reports					
@ Manager resigned, nominations open. Composite from NCS reports received					
** Nominations open for manager, thanks to NC Stations for statistics					

Keep your TEX net reports going to Rodney and send me any items for the newsletter. Copy Rodney on them if they are directly related to net operations.

Until December, hope we all have a good autumn and start of winter. Conditions will continue to be unstable while sunspot activity remains minimal to non-existent.

73, Steve K6JT  
TEX Newsletter Editor

## TSN Corner



Photo Courtesy of VE3UU

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

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### Greetings From Northeast Texas

Jason, KD5RQB, has been able to return to operating on the air. Help is needed for more support of TSN. Jason calls up the net Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday when he is able. Please look for him.

### Net Control Stations

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

### TSN Activity Reports

Month	QNI	QTC	Nr. Operators
August 16 Sessions	16	0	1
Sept 16 Sessions	16	0	1

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

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

Stop by any evening Tuesday through Friday on 3570kHz at 7:45p.m. CT and start the net if you do not hear anyone there. This is a great place to learn how to handle traffic on CW. If you are a voice net traffic handler, this is a great addition to your amateur radio skill set. See you on the air!!

73, Jason KD5RQB

## **RN5 Corner**

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

Alternate Frequency 7108 or 3598 when conditions warrant

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

Due to Frank W4DLZ becoming a Silent Key

Nominations are open for Net Manager

Hello all and welcome to Edition 68 of the **RN5 Corner**.

Again, thank all you NC Stations for sending your reports to me. There were 9 reports missing for August and 9 reports missing for September, primarily for the early session. Please try to get the NC reports to me as soon after the session as possible. I am on RN5 Tue and Thu and TEX Tue/Wed/Thu to receive them. Thanks also to those of you who go to CAN to pick up RN5 traffic and bring it to the late session.

Here is a list of the stations sending NC reports for August and September (in call-sign order from earliest date first reported):

Aug: W5CU 20, K6JT 9, W8IM 3, WA4ZPZ 4, W5FEA 13, K5GM 3, K5RG 1

Sep: W5FEA 14, W5CU 20, WA4ZPZ 4, K6JT 8, W8IM 1, K5GM 3, WA5CAV 1

Thanks to all of you and please continue to fill in as you are able. If you show up and there is no NCS and you do not want to do a formal net callup, just send RN5? a few times. If nobody answers in a couple minutes, please just report that as 1 station QNI, 0 traffic, 3 minutes.

There are many openings for both NCS and CAN liaison stations as shown in red in the Duty Roster. CAN liaison stations are asked to briefly open the net to handle any listed traffic if there is no formal NCS. If you have CAN traffic, please take it directly to CAN if there is no volunteer on RN5. For CAN to RN5 traffic, if any of you are available at 2030, please try to at least listen to CAN and if traffic for RN5 is listed and no other station checks in, get the traffic and bring it to the late net session.

Tom, WA4ZPZ, may soon be able to raise his antenna earlier – he cannot do so until one hour after dark, which is approaching CAN time now. With the time change on Nov 3, he may be able to once again be on early RN5. Have not updated the roster until Tom informs me what positions he will be able to take.

Thanks for your support of RN5. Special thanks to Sam, W5CU, and Jim, W5FEA, who handle many NCS slots as shown above. Thanks to regulars WA5CAV, on nearly every session, K5WNU, W5FEA, N5RL, W5CU, W5DY, K5GM, K6JT, K5RG, and WA4ZPZ. John, KC4FL, continues to regularly check in from FL. Ben, KZ8Q, and Dean, W8IM, check in from FL some nights. Dean is using the radio club station remotely so he has also helped out by taking NCS when no other station is available.

Please continue to pass AR traffic to the TEX liaison station to take to the 7290 Traffic Net. DRN5 meets at 1025 CT on 7280 KHz, Mon, Wed, and Fri only. The AL day net, managed by KI4ZZD, meets at 1000 CT on 3965 KHz, providing an AL outlet.

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

### RN5 Duty Roster

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

### 2019 Statistics

MONTH	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
SESSIONS	53	51
QTC	41	26
QNI	204	198
QTR	345	354
AVG QTC	0.8	0.5
AVG QNI	3.8	3.9
AVG QTR	6.5	6.9

The following roster shows stations coming to RN5 in the past 3 years and their states.

### Region Net 5 Roster

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

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

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

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