

The Texan

Newsletter of the Texas NTS CW Net (TEX)

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A Shorter Newsletter this Month

Last month I asked your opinion about changing to a bi-monthly newsletter. I received only one comment, and that was from Jack, W5TFB, who suggested that I just publish the statistics and perhaps TSN Corner, along with any important news, in the "off" months. So I am going to try that this month. There is no new chapter of the George Hart Saga available as yet anyway. Feel free to contact me (and send along your inputs to the newsletter) if you have other ideas.

TEX Mailbox:

Will return next month. No significant feedback received, other than from Jack, as noted.

TEX Net Topics

Any help with the **12** open NCS/liason slots, including **4** open *primary* NCS slots and **3** open *primary* RN5 slots (all shown in **red**)? Please consider taking one of these, or even an open backup position.

Thanks again to Sam, W5CU, Scott, W5ESE, Tom, NK5Z, and Rodney, W5DY, we managed to get through the month only missing one RN5 schedule.

CAN, early RN5, and PAN continue to use 40 meters as primary for the summer season.

TEX CW Net Weekly Schedule

Local	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
NCS #1	W5GKH	Open	KD5TXD	Open	N5PWG	Open	W5GKH
Backup	Open	W5ESE	W5DY	W5DY	W5DY	W5DY	W5CU
NCS #2	W5GKH	Open	KD5TXD	K6JT	N5PWG	W5DY	W5GKH
Backup	K6JT	K6JT	K6JT	Open	K6JT	Open	K6JT
RN5 #1	W5GKH	Open	W5CU	NK5Z	N5PWG	Open	W5CU
Backup	W5DY	NK5Z	W5DY	Open	W5ESE	W5ESE	W5GKH
RN5 #2	W5GKH	NK5Z	W5CU	NK5Z	K6JT	Open	W5CU
Backup	W5DY	Open	W5DY	K6JT	N5PWG	W5DY	W5GKH

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

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

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

RN5 Backup: W5CU, W5DY, W5ESE, W5GKH, K5GM, K6JT, N5PWG, K5RG, NK5Z

NCS Backup: W5DY, W5ESE, K6JT, N5PWG, KD5TXD

Statistics:

Check-ins were about the same as last month. Traffic continued to be very low. Let's try to do as Rodney asked last month and originate some simple greeting messages to family and friends out-of-state.

Rodney, W5DY, with 39 (63%) claimed top QNI spot, Tom, NK5Z, claimed 2nd with 31 (50%). Floyd, N5EL, captured 3rd with 25 (40%), all on the early session. Thanks to all who checked in for your support. The QNI count is actually improved over the previous month since I missed quite a number of days in July.

Larry, KC0M, joined us from his Branson, MO, home with traffic, and we are happy to have Adam, N0SSS, join us from Oklaunion. Adam has been on TSN and is doing well with his traffic originations and the responses coming back to him. His code speed is improving as a result. Net controls are again reminded to slow down to the speed at which a station checks in to acknowledge him or to give direction. We need to help out the new traffic handlers as much as we can and not "scare them away" by sending too fast.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 1.8 per net session (2.2 last month). Net time averaged 11.8 minutes per session (compared to 12.3 last month). Check-ins averaged 4.4 per session (4.5 last month).

TEX Net Statistics (July 2010)

			total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	CTTN	TSN
Call		QNI							
W5CU	Sam	9	19		4				
*		10			5				
W5DY	Rodney	19	39	9	2	2			
		20		4	3				
N5EL	Floyd	25	25						
*		0							
W5ESE	Scott	13	17	3	3				3
*		4		1	3				
W5GKH	Charlie	8	16	8	7				
*		8		7	6				
K5GM	Pete	1	1						
*		0							
W9GVW	Eric	7	15						
*		8							
K6JT	Steve	9	33	3	2		9		
*		24		12	3		24		
KC0M	Larry	0	1						
	MO	1							
N5NVP	Jim	0	10						

Call		QNI	total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	CTTN	TSN
		10							
N5PWG	Jay	3	7	3	3				
*		4		4	1				
K5QOW	Gary	10	12						
*		2							
K5RG	Ken	4	13						
*		9							
N0SSS	Adam	0	1						
	Oklaunion	1							
W5TMO	Mike	0	21						
*		21							
KD5TXD	Pat	7	12	5					6
*		5		3					5
NK5Z	Tom	17	31		10				
*		14			9				
Totals		273		62	61	2	33	0	14
				100%	98%	3%	53%	0%	23%
QTC 1		44	114						
QTC 2		70		Sessions:		62			
Time 1		355	734						
Time 2		379							

The roster has been updated to add Adam, N0SSS.

TEX Roster

Call	Name	Location / Notes	Call	Name	Location / Notes
N5AF	Sam	Cleveland	N7NET	Scott	McKinney
KW5AS	Skip	Victoria (ex-KA8IXC)	N5NK	Rondel	Zephyr
N5BA	Brian	Houston	WB5NKC	Arley	Oklahoma City OK
W5CU	Sam	Edmond OK	N5NVP	Jim	Scott LA
NV5D	Martin	Allen	* N5PWG	Jay	Pasadena
* W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	K5QOW	Gary	Reagan Wells
N5EL	Floyd	Temple	K5RDW	RD	Vilonia AR
* W5ESE	Scott	Dripping Springs	K5RG	Ken	Houston
W5GKH	Charlie	West Columbia	W5ROK	Steve	Richardson (K6JT)
K5GM	Pete	Austin	W5SBE	Larry	Austin
W9GVW	Eric	San Antonio	N0SSS	Adam	Oklaunion
AA5IJ	Bob	Pasadena	KC5T	Bob	Houston
KA9IKK	Bill	Houston	W5TFB	Jack	College Station
AA5J	Lee	Arkansas	W5TMO	Mike	Austin
KJ9J	Newt	Pharr TX (winter)	W5TV	Tom	Nacogdoches
K5JRN	Si	Austin	* KD5TXD	Pat	Kingsville
K6JT	Steve	Plano	AI6U	Chris	Sacramento (CA)
KA5KLU	Doug	San Antonio	W5UFK	Ken	College Station
W5KNN	Ed	Bulverde (was KS5V)	* K5UN	Lee	Leonard
K5KV	Benny	Star	K5WQG	Eddy	Tomball
W6LFB	Jim	Denton	* NK5Z	Tom	Conroe
WA5MUF	Bill	Watauga	W5ZD	Pat	Kingsville (KD5TXD)

* Capable of 160 meter operation

Operating:

Don't forget the request of Rodney, W5DY, to send at least one "ARL Fifty" message to a family member or friend during August. We have not been good about sending the QNC on TEX, although publishing it in the newsletter does get wider distribution. The gist of Rodney's request is:

For CW nets:

"QST de W5DY STX STM X We are asking everyone to send a message to a family member friend or fellow ham X The message text is simply ARL fifty with HXC/E in the header".

Hopefully we will have more news and feature articles next month. 73, Steve

(TSN Corner starts on the next page)



TSN Corner

Texas Slow Net (Daily) 1945 CT 3552.0 KHz +/- QRM
http://www.atcweb.com/tsn/Texas_Slow_Net.htm
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Greetings from the Wild Horse Desert – home of your TSN Manager

Welcome to our new TSN folks. N0SSS, Adam, in Oklaunion is actually sending traffic. Thanks, Adam, keep up the good work. We love to have some real traffic to work. TSN is a training net but applying what we are learning is proof of the pudding. Also, welcome to one of my old friends, K5AVJ, Lynn in Buffalo Gap (Abilene), TX. Lynn used to live in the Wild Horse Desert and joined our local ham breakfast bunch on many occasions.

When sending traffic, please try to include a valid phone number. If you are sending to friends and family, double check that number. Many times the phone number is for a cell phone or it is an unlisted number. Many traffic handlers try to look up the phone numbers for the addressee to verify having a correct number before trying to deliver traffic. If they can't verify the number they make the call and hope that no one has scrambled the number along the way. This is practice for us for a time when delivery is critical. Also, include a correct and current address.

This month TSN had some fun thanks to N0SSS. Adam had an incoming message addressed to him with no phone number. The sender simply put "C/O Texas Slow Net". Steve, K6JT, picked up the traffic and knew immediately to pass it along to me. We delivered the traffic and had some fun with it.

July 2010 TSN Roster

Call	Name	City	ST	Call	Name	City	ST
W5AG	Arch	Lafayette	LA	KE5LOT	Club	Fentress	TX
KW5AS	Skip	Victoria	TX	WA5LOU	Lou	Kennard	TX
K5AVJ	Lynn	Abilene	TX	KC0M	Larry	Branson	MO
KD5CB	Mike	Hillsboro	TX	KD5MMM	Phil	Fentress	TX
WB9CIS	John	Morton	IL	WA5MUF	Bill	Stafford	TX
K6CD/5	Joe	Katy	TX	N7NET	Scott	Allen	TX
K0CMH	Craig	St Louis	MO	N5NK	Rondel	Zephyr	TX
W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	TX	WB5NKC	Arley	Oklahoma City	OK
N5EL	Floyd	Temple	TX	WB5NKD	Pat	Oklahoma City	OK
K5END	Larry	Spring	TX	N5NVP	Jim	Scott	LA
W5ESE	Scott	Dripping Springs	TX	AA5NZ	Web	Goldthwait	TX
WD0ESF	Mike		KS	K4OSO	Milt	Rockville	VA
WB9FLU	Bill	Columbus	IN	K9PUI	Rich		IN
WB5GFU	Al	Alamo	TX	N5PWG	Jay	Pasadena	TX
KD5GM	Louis	Deer Park	TX	N0SSS	Adam	Oklaunion	TX
AE5GT	Clint	Wimberley	TX	KI5T, KC5AML	Wade		LA
KA8IXC	Dan	Victoria	TX	KB5TCH	Carroll	Douglassville	TX
AA5J	Lee	Cabot	AR	W5TMO	Mike	Austin	TX
W5JBV	Mike	Panama City	FL	KA5TJS	Allen	San Augustine	TX
K5JE	Earl	Claremore	OK	KD5TXD, W5ZD	Pat	Kingsville	TX
K7JHM	John	Price	UT	KD5VGJ	Jay	Flower Mound	TX
K6JT, W0CXX	Steve	Plano	TX	K4VIZ	Tom	Conway	AR
W5JJK	George	Bethany	OK	W5VXI	Dave	Caddo Mills	TX

Call	Name	City	ST	Call	Name	City	ST
AA5JW	Carl	Stafford	TX	N5XGG	Joe	Colmesneil	TX
KT4KL	Alton	Bandera	TX	KM5YQ	David	Irving	TX
K5KV	Benny	Star	TX	NK5Z	Tom	Conroe	TX
KB5KWO	Steve	Norman	OK	KD5ZLB	Edwin	Shreveport	LA

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!! Bring some traffic to TSN. It is good practice.

TSN Activity Report for July, 2010

Total Sessions 31, Total Checkins 152, Total Traffic 39 by 12 different operators.

July QNS

July	Callsign	Name	QTH
31	WB5NKC	Arley	OK, Oklahoma City
31	WB5NKD	Pat	OK, Oklahoma City
17	AA5JW	Carl	TX, Stafford
15	KD5TXD, W5ZD	Pat	TX, Kingsville
15	W5VXI	Dave	Caddo Mills, TX
12	N0SSS	Adam	TX, Oklaunion
8	W5ESE	Scott	TX, Dripping Springs
7	KD5MMM	Phil	TX, Fentress
6	KB5TCH	Carroll	TX, Douglassville
3	W5DY	Rodney	TX, Goliad
2	KB5KWO	Steve	OK, Norman
1	K5AVJ	Lynn	TX, Abilene

73!!

Pat KD5TXD

July 31, 2010