

# The Texan

Newsletter of the Texas NTS CW Net (TEX)

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## The 2010 7290 Picnic is this April

Just received word from Jo Ann, KA5AZK, that the next 7290 picnic will take place on April 24. Here is the info:

Well it's that time of year again. I would like to invite the Texas CW Net members to the annual 7290 Traffic Net Picnic that will be held again at the Riverbend Park in Smithville, TX on April 24. We are celebrating our 40th Picnic and 58 years of continuous Net operations. We will have our catered BBQ at 4PM of brisket and sausage at a price this year of \$7.00 a plate.

Details are on the Net's web site of <http://www.7290trafficnet.org/> with more details being posted as they become confirmed.

We hope many of you will be able to join us again this year. TEX will be included on our program with the annual presentation of the Pfeiffer Pfist Award.

73, Jo Ann KA5AZK  
7290 Traffic Net Manager

*It is not too early to be making plans to attend this event, which is always enjoyable. I hope to be able to go this year, but it will depend on my father's care needs. If you definitely plan to go, please let me know – Steve*

## TEX Website Change

As indicated last month, I have had to change the TEX website to a new server. AT&T will discontinue their support for web hosting as of March 15, 2010. The new server has a lot longer URL, but the contents are identically the same. It is:

[http://homepage.mac.com/sr\\_phillips/K6JT\\_TEX/](http://homepage.mac.com/sr_phillips/K6JT_TEX/)

Note that those are underscore characters between sr and phillips and K6JT and TEX.

I have already changed the old web page (<http://k6jt.home.att.net/> ) with a reference to the new address. Expect that to disappear on March 15, though.

## **The W1NJM Saga**

Thanks to Sis, WD8DIN, we now have chapter 31 of the W1NJM saga for your enjoyment.

### **Chapter 31 - World War II affects Geo.**

Now, as a married man, I wanted to get back all the time that Hal Bubb owed me for the many times I had worked his shifts, and I presented him with my record of some hundreds of hours. He was greatly taken aback but promised to fulfill his obligations and started doing so by showing up in the middle of my shift and telling me I could go home. I went along with this for a time, then I told him that since I had worked for him at times he had requested, I wanted him to make time at my convenience, not his. He took this with little grace and said we'd do it his way or not at all. After all, he was my boss. He never did make up all the time he owed me, and the relations between us were strained after that -- for that and other reasons, I was out for a Sunday drive with Fritz Cowles, his girl Marge and Louise when the announcement came over the car radio that the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor.

I had never heard of Pearl Harbor. That evening Hal came to our house and told me not to come to work on the next evening because amateur radio was off the air "for the duration" -- an expression that became increasingly common during the next couple of years. So the next morning I checked in at Mr. Handy's office at 38 La Salle Road and was told the FCC had granted W1AW special permission to continue operating but only for the purpose of contacting amateurs violating the close down order and for sending special bulletins pertaining to the League's efforts to have some of the public service work by amateurs continue.

So Hal and I spent the next few days to that end. It was surprising how many amateurs continued operating nonchalantly after war had been declared. When we contacted them, they seldom gave us an argument, though occasionally someone would declare he had special permission to continue operating for civil defense purposes.

Our bulletins continued on the normal schedule. Within two or three days all the amateur bands were practically deserted, but W1AW kept on operating well into January, until someone at HQ called the FCC and asked them how long they wanted us to continue operating. The person contacted in Washington expressed astonishment that we were still on the air and ordered us to cease operating at once.

Meanwhile, Hal Bubb had left to accept a job at Pratt & Whitney aircraft. I was "chief operator" at W1AW for a month, or a little over, until the station could be suitably "mothballed." W1AW remained shut up and silent for the duration. I went to work at La Salle Road doing clerical stuff, with the prospect of being out of work. I began to think it was time for me to "join up," as several of the HQ staff were doing, since there seemed little future for me at ARRL HQ. The 1940 Army Signal Corps offer of a commission was no longer available, although the Army was still conferring commissions on qualified civilians, in other categories.

Commissions in the Navy were being offered, however, and I forthwith made application, went to New York for an interview and was accepted pending a physical examination. Alas, my eyes failed to pass the test. My sympathetic examiner tried for a waiver but was turned down.

Commissions were available only for officers of the line, not for administrative officers. The former had to have 20-20 eyesight without glasses and mine were 20-30. I returned home greatly disheartened, feeling unwanted, except possibly as a buck private in the Army; I continued working at ARRL HQ as a clerk in the Communications Department under Ed Handy.

Ev Battey, Ed's right hand man, was a lieutenant in the naval reserve and he left the staff even before Pearl Harbor. Joe Moskey, W1JMY, took Ev's place as the assistant communications manager. Joe seemed puzzled that I didn't seem to mind, even though I was on the staff before he was. I said I thought Ed preferred him.

"Maybe so," Joe said, "but you had a legitimate claim and you should have stuck your oar in;" "I've been in the boondocks at W1AW," I said. "You've been right here and are much better qualified. You're the right man for the job."

"You'll never get anywhere," Joe admonished me, "if you don't assert yourself. You've been licensed longer than me, have had a lot more ham radio experience, and you're older. I can't figure out why you didn't say something. Don't you want to get ahead?" It wasn't the first time I had been criticized for lack of aggression. Ev Battey had made some kind remarks about me to Mr. Handy, which I had accidentally overheard, but Ed replied that I seemed to lack initiative and drive. I knew that Ed much preferred Joe and if I had protested Joe's promotion ahead of me I knew I would have been turned down. Should I have protested anyway? I knew I wouldn't have, even if I had not overheard Ed's remark about me. So maybe they were right. Maybe I did lack drive, but that was part of my make-up. It didn't make me feel any better, but there it was.

Joe left the staff shortly thereafter to take a job in the defense industry, which would give him a draft deferment. There was no one to promote over me so I assumed this time I was certain to back into the promotion. Instead, Ed made me "assistant to the communications manager" and my status remained that of low subordinate. Again I failed to protest and felt greatly humiliated instead of angry. I "took it lying down" and my self-respect took a nosedive.

But the worst was still to come. Ed Handy was also a naval reservist, a lieutenant commander, but his request for active duty was denied because of poor eyesight. In mid-1942, however, he received a visit from a major in the Army Directorate of Communications, who had been ordered to recruit him as a staff officer in the directorate with rank of major, equivalent to a Navy lieutenant commander. Ed had no Army experience but felt he had to accept if he wanted to serve in the armed forces during a time of war, and he was assured by the recruiting officer that they badly needed officers with his qualifications.

*Coming in Chapter 32 - Increased war demands cause the League Communications Manager position to come open -- wait until you hear what happened.*

#### **TEX Mailbox:**

I am sorry to report that **Bert, AC5Z**, will be off the air for a while. He underwent surgery to remove a tumor that turned out to be cancerous. He will still need to undergo additional

treatment but the prognosis looks good at this time. However, his memory has been affected and it will take some time to recover. Please join me in praying for his complete recovery.

**Pat, KD5TXD**, had some praise for Jack and Scott: I really love the stories the fellows are submitting for the newsletter. W5TFB and N7NET are great. 73!! Pat KD5TXD

**Jack, W5TFB**, had a correction to the story in last month's newsletter where I erroneously changed a few things during editing. Jack wrote: I doubt if it matters, but I was never manager of TEX after 1955. I didn't operate CW from W5AC at all. In 1960 I got back on from my rented house.

*Thank you, Jack, for your great stories. Hope to have some more for future issues.*

**Scott, N7NET**, has been working on a new website. It is pretty neat, complete with some Morse code when you first open the page. He wrote: I have a website I've been working on for quite awhile, along with a lot of help from Dale, W7LK, my webmaster. You can take a look at: <http://www.qsl.net/n7net/>

73 de Scott

**Scott, W7IZ**, passed along the following information from WV1X about operation in Haiti: I have learned that ARRL is attempting to get a clarification from the U.S. Department of State (on behalf of U.S. licensed radio amateurs) about how to get proper temporary permission to operate Amateur Radio in Haiti during this on-going earthquake relief situation.

The U.S. has a reciprocal operating agreement with Haiti.  
<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/io/recip.html>

Just for potential reference (for normal times), this link has information on how someone may apply for permission to operate in Haiti.

[http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/io/recip-info\\_e.html#hh](http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/io/recip-info_e.html#hh)

73,  
Steve Ewald, WV1X  
Supervisor, Field Organization Team

**Jay, N5PWG**, has been catching up on his reading and also wants to help out on TEX a bit more. He writes: I have been catching up with reading issues of the Texan. I am elated that Jack, W5TFB, is back. His sagas of his past are most interesting. I look forward to reading more of them. I could use some tips from him about the Tesla coil he built. I have a large (8'x 8" diam) PE pipe wound with magnet wire that I started some time ago, but left unfinished, that a few tips might get me inspired enough to finish it.

I fell out when I read about his running into a room full of HRO's at a government installation. The HRO has always been my "dream" receiver. It was the only receiver that I ever heard the ringing associated with a crystal filter.

I would like to try to take on a little more obligation in connection with the net. What would be the most helpful for you and Rodney? Perhaps, since I do the Friday TEX/2, it would be efficient to also do the TEX/1.

Please send an explanation of how RN5 operates. I was looking at the current TEX weekly schedule and it appears that I could better serve if I could take the RN5 slots, both RN5/1 and RN5/2 on Fridays in addition to TEX/1 and TEX/2.

73, Jay N5PWG

*As you will see in the duty roster, I took Jay up on his offer. He is now the NCS for both early and late Friday nets. Additionally, he is primary on the early RN5 liaison on Friday and backup for the late RN5 liaison. Many thanks, Jay !*

**Tom, NK5Z**, is the happy owner of a new Vibroplex Blue Racer bug. Notice how his sending has improved in the last few days? Tom was a little unhappy with how fast the bug made the dots, so when Vibroplex informed him there were no additional weights available, Tom used a little "ham ingenuity". The picture shows how he solved the problem with a bit of solder.



**Ken, K5RG**, checked out his "backup" FT-1000D on TEX one night. I noticed the keying did not sound like Ken's normal self, so I told him about it. He wrote: "Well I was greatly impressed that you could hear what I have known for years regarding my FT-1000D. When I used it extensively, I had the external keyer set up with a key compensation (an extension of the keying inputs) set at 3 mSec. This is just about the same as increasing the keying weight but the key compensation is independent of the keyer speed. The FT-1000D in the full break in mode chops the characters just a little such that it sounds like the weight is soft. I was using the internal keyer tonight since the external MFJ keyer is hooked to the ICOM. I had also brought out the old Vibroplex lambic paddle which I stopped using when the XYL got me a K8RA lambic paddle which I liked much better since the slightly wider distance between the two paddles greatly improves my keying.

I had the FT-1000D serviced (realigned and the SWR diodes replaced which was the cause of the auto tuner malfunctions if you remember a few years ago). We installed some W8JI mods that seemed to be accepted by the Yaesu crowd. So having spent some money on the 'old' rig, I felt I needed to try it out on CW having made a number of phone contacts with it earlier (just needed to wire up the paddle).

The plan is to have it as a back-up rig and maybe use it for HF packet - we'll see."

*In response to my answer to him, Ken elaborated further on keying, lambic modes, and keys, which will be of interest to those of you struggling with lambic mode:*

I use the K8RA paddle in the Iambic mode but I would suspect that I actuate it as a dot-dash mechanism. I don't believe I make any attempt to hold both paddles down to get more characters sent. The MFJ-495 external keyer is in the Iambic B mode whatever that means. Think I tried to understand it many years ago, could hear no difference and left it in the B mode. OK, I just pulled out the manual and what I've been saying is that I never squeeze both paddles at the same time. I guess this in essence disallows any 'Iambic' operation. The difference between mode A and B is how the keyer responds to having both paddles squeezed at the same time and then released. Since I never do that, one will never hear any difference between mode A and B (which I believe has become somewhat a standard amongst keyers).

My history is that like you, I went thru the bug era and then progressed to a Brown Brothers paddle, then a Vibroplex Presentation and now a K8RA brass paddle. As I said before, I like the wide paddle spacing on the K8RA as compared to the Vibroplex. I am not a finesse paddle type but one that likes a lot of motion in the hand/fingers. Not having much ability to copy in my head, I actually switched from my right hand to my left hand so I could copy messages with my right and send with my left. I hated the code back in the days when I was trying to get my first license. The code kept me from a license for over 4 years until finally the Boy Scouts merit badge forced the issue. Six years later when I was getting tired of name, station and weather reports on phone, the CW traffic bug bit me.

73, Ken K5RG

**Pat, KD5TXD**, wants to help out fill the Thursday and possibly Saturday early NCS slots in Bert's absence. She cannot make all the Schedules, but sent in the following: I can't do all of the early TEX Thursdays, but here is where I can fill in until you get someone back in that spot. I can take Feb 11, March 4 and 11.

My schedule is not the best, but let me know where I can pitch in.

*Thank you, Pat. We all appreciate any help you can provide – Steve*

Pat adds the following information concerning the status of W5ZD at Texas A&M, Kingsville: Well, we got back into the W5ZD radio room after all the work that was done on the building. The good rig is sick and has been taken away for repairs. May never see that again. We have a substitute rig. I tried hooking up a key to it but so far not much luck getting out. If I can get it working I will try to check in on Monday and Tuesday nights.

Charles has astronomy labs three nights a week. It would be wonderful if I could get things going again at W5ZD. At least the building is open and back to work.

73!!

Pat, KD5TXD

## **TEX Net Topics**

In spite of filling a couple as noted earlier, we still have **12** open NCS/liaison slots, with **4** open *primary* NCS slots and **3** open *primary* RN5 slots (all shown in **red**)! We still need Tuesday help for early TEX NCS and the RN5 slot. We also need Thursday and Saturday regular NCS

volunteers. Thanks to Sam, W5CU, Scott, W5ESE, Tom, NK5Z, and Rodney, W5DY, we have managed to get through another month without missing any RN5 schedules. We did have a couple of Tuesday slots with no formal NCS, but since NK5Z was there as RN5 liaison, I gave him credit for also being NCS. Backup NCS stations, if you don't hear the net start by 3 minutes after the hour, even if it is not your night as alternate, please go ahead and call up the net. Be sure to tune up and down 2 KHz, though, and also check 3643 on Friday and Saturday nights to make sure there is not an NCS active. The new slots for Jay are shown in italics in the schedule below.

### TEX CW Net Weekly Schedule

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

TEX/1: **3541** 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**/7108 - 20:30 local; PAN: **3552**/7052/3557- 22:30 local

RN5 Backup: W5CU, W5DY, W5ESE, W5GKH, K5GM, K6JT, KA5KLU, K5RG, NK5Z

NCS Backup: W5DY, N5EL, K6JT, KA5KLU, KD5TXD

### Statistics:

Check-ins were about the same as last month, but traffic count was way down again. Tom, NK5Z, maintained his 1<sup>st</sup> place position with 49 (79%). Rodney, W5DY, with 34 (55%) came in 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sam, W5CU edged out Mike, W5TMO for 3<sup>rd</sup> with 26 (42%). Thanks to all who checked in for your support.

Visitors included Mike, KA5NNG, from AR, K6CD/5 (who is active on RN6 in CA and was just visiting), Larry, KC0M from MO, Eric, KE5PWL from LA, Richard, W3TWD from MS, and Brad, KM5WN, also from MS.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 1.3 per net session (down from 1.6 last month). That number is the lowest in memory for any month. Poor conditions had something to do with it, but there just wasn't much coming in from RN5 again. Net time averaged 11.8 minutes per session (compared to 12.2 last month). Check-ins averaged 5.1 per session (up from 4.9 last month).

**TEX Net Statistics (January 2010)**

Call		QNI	total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	CTTN	TSN
N5BA	Brian	5	6						
		1							
K6CD	Joe	1	1						
	Portable 5	0							
W5CU	Sam	13	26		12				
*		13			10				
W5DY	Rodney	17	34	4			2		
		17		5					
N5EL	Floyd	16	16						
*		0							
W5ESE	Scott	15	15		3			1	1
*		0							
W5GKH	Charlie	8	16	8	5				
*		8		7	4				
W9GVV	Eric	1	2						
*		1							
AA5J	Lee	2	2						
*		0							
KJ9J	Newt	1	1						
*		0							
K5JRN	Si	4	4						
*		0							
K6JT	Steve	16	47	7	3		16		
*		31		11	8		31		
K5KV	Benny	1	1						
		0							
W6LFB	Jim	4	4						
*		0							
KC0M	Larry	1	1						
	MO	0							
N5NK	Rondel	1	5						
		4							
KA5NNG	Mike	1	1						
		0							
N5NVP	Jim	0	7						
		7							
N5PWG	Jay	4	9	1					
*		5		4					
KE5PWL	Eric	0	1						
	LA	1							
K5RG	Ken	7	14						
*		7							
W5TMO	Mike	0	23						
*		23							
KD5TXD	Pat	11	20	5					10



Call		QNI	total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	CTTN	TSN
*		9		4					7
W3TWD	Richard	1	1						
	MS	0							
KM5WN	Brad	0	1						
	MS	1							
AC5Z	Bert	10	10	4					
*		0							
NK5Z	Tom	24	49	2	8				
*		25			9				
Totals		317		62	62	0	49	1	18
				100%	100%	0%	79%	2%	29%
QTC 1		30	80						
QTC 2		50		Sessions:		62			
Time 1		392	733						
Time 2		341							

The roster has not been updated since last month.

### TEX Roster

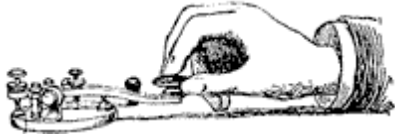
Call	Name	Location / Notes	Call	Name	Location / Notes
N5AF	Sam	Cleveland	N7NET	Scott	McKinney
KW5AS	Skip	Victoria (ex-KA8IXC)	N5NK	Rondel	Zephyr
N5BA	Brian	Houston	WB5NKC	Arley	Oklahoma City OK
W5CU	Sam	Edmond OK	N5NVP	Jim	Scott LA
NV5D	Martin	Allen	* N5PWG	Jay	Pasadena
* W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	K5RDW	RD	Vilonia AR
N5EL	Floyd	Temple	K5RG	Ken	Houston
* W5ESE	Scott	Dripping Springs	W5ROK	Steve	Richardson (K6JT)
W5GKH	Charlie	West Columbia	W5SBE	Larry	Austin
K5GM	Pete	Austin	KC5T	Bob	Houston
W9GVW	Eric	San Antonio	W5TFB	Jack	College Station
AA5IJ	Bob	Pasadena	W5TMO	Mike	Austin
KA9IKK	Bill	Houston	W5TV	Tom	Nacogdoches
AA5J	Lee	Arkansas	* KD5TXD	Pat	Kingsville
KJ9J	Newt	Pharr TX (winter)	AI6U	Chris	Sacramento (CA)
K5JRN	Si	Austin	W5UFK	Ken	College Station
K6JT	Steve	Plano	* K5UN	Lee	Leonard
KA5KLU	Doug	San Antonio	K5WQG	Eddy	Tomball
W5KNN	Ed	Bulverde (was KS5V)	KM5YQ	David	Dallas
K5KV	Benny	Star	AC5Z	Bert	Nacogdoches (Lufkin)
W6LFB	Jim	Denton	* NK5Z	Tom	Conroe
WA5MS	Marty	Highland Village	W5ZD	Pat	Kingsville (KD5TXD)
WA5MUF	Bill	Watauga			

\* Capable of 160 meter operation

### Operating:

Anyone wanting to try out being NCS, the instructions are available on the TEX website.  
Until 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](http://www.atcweb.com/tsn/Texas_Slow_Net.htm)  
 Pat Allison KD5TXD ( [pja@atcweb.com](mailto:pja@atcweb.com) )  
 TSN Net Manager

*The telegraph key image is courtesy of FCIT*

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

Here are the stats from January. Thanks to everyone who checked in with TSN and helped us with training lessons. Numbers are a little better this month. Remember, if you hear someone checking in with QTC that means they have traffic they need to pass for delivery. Listen for the city they announce after saying QTC. If it is near you and you can deliver the traffic then let the net control know that you can QSP meaning take the traffic and deliver it. That is what the training is all about.

### January 2010 TSN Roster

Call	Name	City	ST	Call	Name	City	ST
W5AG	Arch	Lafayette	LA	KD5MMM	Phil	Fentress	TX
KW5AS	Skip	Victoria	TX	WA5MUF	Bill	Stafford	TX
KD5CB	Mike	Hillsboro	TX	N7NET	Scott	Allen	TX
WB9CIS	John	Morton	IL	N5NK	Rondel	Zephyr	TX
K6CD/5	Joe	Katy	TX	WB5NKC	Arley	Oklahoma City	OK
K0CMH	Craig	St Louis	MO	WB5NKD	Pat	Oklahoma City	OK
W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	TX	N5NVP	Jim	Scott	LA
N5EL	Floyd	Temple	TX	AA5NZ	Web	Goldthwaite	TX
K5END	Larry	Spring	TX	K4OSO	Milt	Rockville	VA
W5ESE	Scott	Dripping Springs	TX	K9PUI	Rich		IN
WD0ESF	Mike		KS	N5PWG	Jay	Pasadena	TX
WB9FLU	Bill	Columbus	IN	KI5T, KC5AML	Wade		LA
WB5GFU	Al	Alamo	TX	KB5TCH	Carroll	Douglassville	TX
KD5GM	Louis	Deer Park	TX	W5TMO	Mike	Austin	TX
AE5GT	Clint	Wimberley	TX	KA5TJS	Allen	San Augustine	TX
KA8IXC	Dan	Victoria	TX	KD5TXD, W5ZD	Pat	Kingsville	TX
AA5J	Lee	Cabot	AR	KD5VGJ	Jay	Flower Mound	TX
W5JBV	Mike	Panama City	FL	W4VIZ	Tom	Conway	AR
K5JE	Earl	Claremore	OK	W5VXI	Dave	Caddo Mills	TX
K6JT, W0CXX	Steve	Plano / IA	TX	N5XGG	Joe	Colmesneil	TX
W5JKK	George	Bethany	OK	KM5YQ	David	Irving	TX
AA5JW	Carl	Stafford	TX	NK5Z	Tom	Conroe	TX
K5KV	Benny	Star	TX	AC5Z	Bert	Nacogdoches	TX
KE5LOT	Club	Fentress	TX	KD5ZLB	Edwin	Shreveport	LA
WA5LOU	Lou	Kennard	TX				

### Welcome to New and Visiting Stations

We had some old friends check in with us this month such as AA5J. Good to hear you, Lee. Another past TSN Net manager stopped by, Louis, KD5GM. Stop by any time you can. Also had a good voice station check in with us, Web, AA5NZ. It is great to hear the fist behind the voice I know. Please invite your pals who like CW or want to brush up on CW to join us on TSN. The Texas Slow Net is great for learning about traffic handling by copying the lessons, which are in NTS format. It is a safe place to do some practice before you jump into the wild world of "major league" traffic handling.

See you on the air!! Bring some traffic to TSN. It is good practice.

### TSN Activity Report for January, 2010

Total Sessions 31, Total Checkins 145, Total Traffic 24 by 17 different operators.

#### January QNS

Jan QNI	Callsign	Name	QTH
31	WB5NKC	Arley	OK, Oklahoma City
31	WB5NKD	Pat	OK, Oklahoma City
18	AA5JW	Carl	TX, Stafford
13	KD5TXD, W5ZD	Pat	TX, Kingsville
12	W5VXI	Dave	Caddo Mills, TX
9	N5NK	Rondel	TX, Zephyr
9	W5ESE	Scott	TX, Dripping Springs
8	KD5MMM	Phil	TX, Fentress
5	KB5TCH	Carroll	TX, Douglassville
2	K0CMH	Craig	MO, St Louis
1	AA5J	Lee(Chuck)	AR, Cabot
1	AA5NZ	Web	Goldthwaite, TX
1	KD5GM	Louis	Deer Park, TX
1	NK5Z	Tom	TX, Conroe
1	W4VIZ	Tom	AR, Conway
1	W5DY	Rodney	TX, Goliad
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