

The Texan

Newsletter of the Texas CW Traffic Net (TEX)

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A Lot Has Happened

First, many thanks to Rodney for handling the net including most of my skeds and collecting / forwarding reports while I was off on vacation, which I enjoyed very much. Unfortunately, shortly after my return, the proverbial excrement hit the fan...

As many of you know, a lot has transpired since the last newsletter. The first thing you might notice is that the name of TEX has been changed to Texas CW Traffic Net. The major participants voted to go independent of ARRL. TEX was actually never a "section" net since it covers all 3 Texas sections as well as having interface with OK and LA stations. It now joins the 7290 Traffic Net as being independent of NTS.

Those of you that have not been "in the loop" are now wondering why this was done. For those who do not know, I will summarize the sequence of events that occurred a short time after I returned from my 10 day vacation. It actually started earlier with the dismissal of Joe, W3JY, as Eastern Area Chair AND as SM of EPA. But you can read about that in the new issue of the QNI Newsletter, using the link below or the one on the TEX home page.

<http://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/73013707/QNI%202016-8-4.pdf>

Here is the sequence of events in the last month or so:

1. The ARRL Board of Directors, in agenda item #33, voted to give the President of ARRL (Rick Roderick, K5UR) the power to appoint NTS Area Staff Chairs, effectively abolishing all the existing staffs and Terms of Reference documents under which they had been operating for decades. Furthermore, all staff members were then to be appointed, not elected, by the Chairman chosen by the President.
2. The Eastern Area Chair, Bud, W2RU, was the first one appointed to take the place of W3JY. He was willing to hold an election, just to keep things operating in a normal mode. However, this was met with a very abusive letter from Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, the new CEO of ARRL. At that time, we did not know about the BoD vote, which occurred the following day, but the Gallagher letter, shown below, was enough to cause the TEX major participants (NCS and Liaison Stations) to call for a withdrawal of TEX from the NTS.

3. Rick Roderick contacted myself, K6JT, and also Rob, K6YR, the chairs of the central and pacific staffs, respectively, offering to appoint us. Furthermore, we were told that the ARRL did NOT have a plan in place yet for the reformation of NTS but the chairs and staffs would NOT be allowed to participate in forming that plan. Both Rob and I declined the offer, not wanting to be part of a dictatorship and not wanting to take a job for which the duties and structure of NTS were unknown and we would NOT be given the chance to participate in forming that structure.

What happened next was a virtual firestorm of anger, frustration, and determination to leave NTS by a majority of the major staff participants. In fact, a “wildcat strike” was called by the digital coordinators and NTS-Digital went “dark” for a couple weeks. The TCC Directors in cycle 4 similarly called for a cessation of normal TCC activities. All other nets kept operating on their normal schedules at the urging of the deposed area staff chairs. Work then began to put some order into the mess that had occurred. The result is the creation of a separate traffic handling organization, named Radio Relay International, which was primarily intended to take the place of the deposed area staff members, i.e., managers / directors of region, area, TCC, and digital coordinators that had all been “fired” by the Board of Directors actions. RRI is completely independent of ARRL.

I won't go into details, but as of this writing, only the Eastern Area has a chair - W2RU, who is also the manager of the Eastern Area Net (cycle 4). The entire (with only a couple exceptions) Central and Pacific area staff members have transitioned to RRI. The digital system has come back up again as a renamed Digital Traffic Network (DTN) that is allied with RRI with membership of the digital coordinators an RRI position. RRI has an Eastern component as well, but things are not as well defined there as to separation from ARRL. Some digital operators, primarily in New England, maintain they are still part of NTS, but the majority are DTN only. All continue to work together. A new RRI-East area net has been started and is operating well under the leadership of Jeff, WB8WKQ, the former cycle 4 TCC Director, who has now become the focal point for Eastern Area operation of RRI.

The affiliated section and local nets remain under the cognizance of the section leaders, SM and STM. At this time, there is no effort underway to convince the net managers to declare independence and become part of RRI. The primary purpose of RRI is as a replacement for the former area staffs. This means several things. The STM's retain control of their section resources and are part of ARRL and NTS. An individual traffic handler can be a member of the section net under the STM, retaining all appointments, while still supporting the operation of the RRI at the region and above levels, including the DTN digital network operations. It also means that, with a few exceptions in the East, the ARRL's NTS exists ONLY at the section and local levels, similar to how ARES is organized. All inter-section and inter-area traffic flow is the responsibility of the RRI nets, other than a few Eastern Area activities that remain NTS. Movement of traffic cross-country and cross-globe (such as the European traffic handlers) is handled by RRI with DTN. It is noteworthy that all of the Cascadia Rising exercise (described in the last newsletter) participants are now part of RRI, **not** NTS. This has significance for interface with FEMA in the future.

Here are a few items that may help understand all of this better:

Letter From Tom Gallagher, CEO:

From: Gallagher, Tom, NY2RF <tgallagher@arrl.org>
Date: Fri, Jul 15, 2016 at 5:10 PM
Subject: Advising you on NTS Policy
Greetings from ARRL HQ:

As CEO of ARRL, I have reviewed some recent correspondence among yourselves (of which Steve Ewald, WV1X of my staff was a copy recipient) pertaining to elections for Eastern Area NTS Chair. It is now time to introduce a few facts in your discussion that I earnestly believe you would be wise to consider in future planning.

1. NTS is not a stand-alone organization. It is a program of the American Radio Relay League. Policy for NTS and all other segments of the ARRL field organization is established exclusively by ARRL's Programs and Services Committee; its Board of Directors; and between Board meetings, its Executive Committee. There is no dispute about this; it is clear from ARRL's Rules and Regulations of the Field Organization which have the same effect as ARRL Bylaws. Section 1 of those rules states as follows:

The League maintains a Section level Field Organization whose programs provide opportunities for volunteers to further the objectives of the ARRL, provide assistance to fellow radio amateurs, and promote amateur radio's service to the American public. Principal areas of responsibility of the Field Organization are emergency communications, message traffic relay, technical activity / problem- solving, volunteer monitoring, government relations, public relations in the general community, information services for amateurs, and cooperation with affiliated clubs.

NTS is a program of the ARRL Field Organization because it is a program for promotion and conduct of "message traffic relay".

2. Section 11 of those same rules states that "(a)ny Field Organization appointment may be canceled by the Executive Committee whenever it appears to be in the best interest of the ARRL to do so." It was on this basis that the appointment of the former Eastern Area Chair of NTS was canceled by the ARRL Executive Committee. The executive committee's authority to do this is not a subject for debate. Therefore, any role within NTS that is presently held by an individual is cancelable, unilaterally, by the Executive Committee of ARRL in the event such action is determined to be in the best interest of ARRL.

3. ARRL's Executive Committee terminated the appointment of the former NTS Eastern Area Chair and ARRL's Programs and Services Committee appointed Bud Hippisley, W2RU to that position. To the extent that the terms of reference of NTS may conflict with the Rules and Regulations of the ARRL Field Organization relative to this process, the latter governs and prevails, inasmuch as those rules have the effect of bylaws of the organization. At no time did ARRL's Board of Directors ever cede control of NTS or the appointment process relative to ARRL's field organization to any group of individuals.

4. Most importantly, ARRL has been meeting actively with FEMA's leadership including the Administrator and the Deputy Administrator on several occasions recently including an in-person meeting in Washington, pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding between

ARRL and FEMA. You may not be aware of this because there is no evidence that NTS has ever enjoyed administrator-level access at FEMA. We are discussing with FEMA a new plan for the integration of NTS (and ARES and RACES) into a new comprehensive national-level emergency communications plan. The development of this plan and the integration of NTS have a very, very short fuse. On the order of four months. You (other than Mr. Wades who unilaterally chose to terminate his ARRL membership effective June 23, 2016) can choose to be a part of this process and work with us on the plan. Alternatively, you can choose not to. As volunteers, you control your own schedules. We genuinely welcome your participation in this planning process. However, we are proceeding with FEMA either way—with or without your participation. If you choose to not participate with us, it seems to me that you cannot persuasively claim that your interests include advancing NTS—because your failure to participate will contradict that claim.

5. I urge you to stop the ego-fueled divisiveness that pervades discourse on this topic. We have taken steps that we believe to be in the best interests of NTS and in the best interests of ARRL. We will continue to do so. We welcome your continued involvement and spirit of volunteerism—provided that it is accompanied by an attitude of good faith cooperation. If not, then please get out of the way, because the opportunities for NTS and all of the dedicated traffic handlers involved with it are here and now, the opportunities are compelling, and we intend to take advantage of them. And ***if you choose to get out of the way, you will not be permitted to continue to hold yourself out as a participant in NTS***; (emphasis added) to use the name; or to act in any capacity for NTS or for ARRL, as it may relate to a program that ARRL has fostered for well more than 60 years.

Personally, I remain fully committed to the integration of NTS into the new, enlarged, national plan. I made this point several times to the former Eastern Area Chair when we met together, on my initiative, at Dayton. It seems to me that your choice here is either “welcome back, glad to have you with us” or alternatively, “many thanks for your prior service.” I leave that choice to you, jointly or individually.

73, Tom Gallagher NY2RF
Chief Executive Officer
The American Radio Relay League, Inc.

Here is the interpretation of this letter by James, WB8SIW, who you know as the editor of QNI and who is an associate Central Area Staff member:

From: James WB8SIW <jameswades@gmail.com>
Date: Friday, July 15, 2016 at 9:39 PM
Subject: Re: Advising you on NTS Policy

Hello Everyone:

I offer the following analysis of Mr. Gallagher's letter for your consideration: Mr. Gallagher appears to suffer from two serious delusions.

First, he may be a "CEO," but he is not acting as the CEO of a bank, a securities company, a private business, or even a private foundation. He is the CEO of a primarily volunteer-based

membership organization. Volunteers can not be treated like subordinate employees working in a warehouse or the mail room at some Wall Street firm. In the case of the ARRL, the members ARE the shareholders and shareholders have the right to not only question and challenge a CEO, but remove him from office if his performance is inadequate.

You will note that Mr. Gallagher and certain selected individuals are developing a plan with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Where is the stakeholder input? What experience with NTS do these individuals have? Have the Central or Pacific Area Chairs been consulted for input and advice? No.

Essentially, Mr. Gallagher is telling us "I am the boss, I am in charge, and you will damned well do as you're told." This works well in a commercial business in which the "boss" has leverage over the employee in the form of a paycheck and benefits. However, perceptions change when one walks into a volunteer, membership-based organizations. Shall we remind Mr. Gallagher that he is OUR employee and he works for US? We are the shareholders. The level of arrogance expressed in this letter would be humorous if it wasn't so destructive.

Second, Mr. Gallagher also tries to play the "letter of the law game." Again, this works well in private business. We see it every day in the form of "pay day loan" companies that charge 1000 percent interest or the lawyer who substitutes words for truth and then argues about the words. Undoubtedly, the men and women who profit from such activities rationalize their behavior by convincing themselves that they are operating "within the law," yet, their actions are nonetheless questionable from an ethical standpoint. Even if one accepts Mr. Gallagher's "legal" argument, which is extremely questionable, his imperious approach is entirely unsuitable to a non-profit organization funded by member dues and staffed largely by free labor, including the countless hours invested in NTS by numerous volunteers. Again, the ARRL member is the shareholder. The ARRL member owns the "company." Connecticut law confirms this.

Also, Mr. Gallagher's thinly veiled threat is discomfiting. Statements such as "I earnestly believe you would be wise to consider in future planning," can only be interpreted as a threat, albeit with an undefined consequence. It amounts to "you will agree with me or else...." This sounds as if it was written by a lawyer, as it is the "typical" language of an amateur or inexperienced lawyer.

The accusation of "ego-fueled divisiveness" offers delicious irony. Here, the victim is accused of egotism," but the context of the letter places the reader in a subordinate position while elevating Mr. Gallagher to a very imperious position. As CEO, he writes with no humility, but instead dictates policy and squelches dissent. Who has the ego problem here? A psychologist could likely argue "projection." He would also identify the relative position of writer and reader as that of a "parent - child" relationship. I suspect many of us are past the age of being lectured like insubordinate children.

Finally, consider this statement:

"However, we are proceeding with FEMA either way—with or without your participation. If you choose to not participate with us, it seems to me that you cannot persuasively claim that your

interests include advancing NTS—because your failure to participate will contradict that claim."

Again, we encounter an imperious statement that essentially translates to "we don't care what you, the volunteer and source of our revenue thinks...we will do whatever we want." One can also have a bit of "fun" in the form of an exercise in which this statement is translated into an analogous situation. Consider this version:

"However, we are proceeding with the National Socialist agenda - with or without your participation. If you choose to not participate with us, it seems to me that you cannot persuasively claim that your interests include advancing Germany - because your failure to participate in our agenda will contradict that claim."

Such statements are a fallacy of logic because they operate on the assumption that the agenda is honorable and virtuous in motive. We have no idea if this is the case. I understand that Mr. Gallagher is well educated. Perhaps he attended a University that failed to offer a first year undergraduate course in logic and rhetoric.

In conclusion, it matters not whether Mr. Gallagher's claims regarding his intentions for NTS are true or untrue. They originate without stakeholder input. There is no investment from elected NTS leadership. There is no investment from the many NTS volunteers, directly or indirectly in his purported agenda. This letter exemplifies exactly what is wrong with the American Radio Relay League. It is out-of-touch. It is imperious. It is arrogant.

Personally, I would NOT send a letter like this to a subordinate employee in our business. I suspect the shareholders would not be very happy if they saw something like this originated either.

In my opinion, this is just a continuation of the three or more decades of purposeful marginalization to which NTS has been subjected. If they treat us this way, one can't help but wonder how they treat other operating interests.

Ah...The Glory that was Rome! 73,

JW

The Board of Directors met on July 15 and 16, passing the following:

33. Mr. Rehman moved, seconded by Mr. Allen, that

As a temporary measure, during the pendency of the development of the Second Century Public Service Communications Delivery Plan, BE IT RESOLVED that, effective immediately and henceforth, each National Traffic System™ Area Chairman shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the ARRL President, aligned and consistent with the manner by which all other voluntary ARRL Chairmen and coordinators of regional or national scope are authorized; and

FURTHER, effective immediately and henceforth, each NTSTM Area staff member shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of their respective Area Chairman.

A roll call vote being requested, the motion was ADOPTED, with Directors Abernethy, Isely, Olson, Norris, Williams, Lisenco, Blocksome, Frenaye, Pace, Vallio, Boehner, Allen, Rehman and Woolweaver voting aye and Director Norton voting nay.

Finally, when contacted by Mr. Roderick, here is an excerpt of my response back to him, sent July 19:

Hello Rick,

I appreciate your offer. After careful consideration (yes, I lost a lot of sleep over it last night), I am sorry to have to decline. I know Rob has already done so.

It is truly a shame that things had to come to this. I remain friendly and wish to be helpful, but I cannot participate under the conditions you laid out last night. I offer the work I have done the last 3 years to whoever you choose as the new chair. But I am afraid you have a great misconception about what the area chair does. The primary purpose is to HELP the rest of the staff with problems and issues that may arise, not dictate policy to them. In fact, the staff is a democratically driven entity where all the staff has a vote on any changes that are proposed. The chair can make suggestions or recommendations, but they do not take effect without a consensus of the rest of the staff.

Using heavy-handed techniques is NOT the way to motivate a group of unpaid volunteers who give of their time and talent freely. You may have to learn this the hard way.

You may also not realize that NTS consists of 2 major segments. The lower level delivery and origination nets reside at the state or section level. They consist of section and local nets.

You can liken them to the ARES organization, although at a state level rather than county as most ARES groups organize. These nets are under the cognizance of the Section Managers and the appointed Section Traffic Managers. The area staff has NO authority or cognizance over them, although recommendations and suggestions can be made. Each section / local net's operation is determined by their manager, in cooperation with the STM.

The area staff level is the transcontinental routing mechanism, moving messages between sections via liaisons sent by the section nets to the region nets, which are the lowest level of the area staff. It is this level that most interested FEMA, in particular for their Situation Awareness messages from disaster areas back to the FEMA HQ. NTS volunteers participated as a proof-of-concept for this service during the Cascadia Rising exercise. If you have not seen the resulting report, I am sure you soon will. It was overwhelmingly successful in terms of accuracy and messages received as well as timeliness.

Note that there are 2 major cycles of nets operating at the higher levels – denoted cycle 2 (daytime SSB for the most part) and cycle 4 (nighttime CW and SSB nets). All of these nets, as well as the lower level section and local nets, are documented for the Central Area in a while paper that I wrote...

The composition of the RRI is still a work in progress. However, if you want to get a glimpse of what has occurred so far, I have posted an interim web page for the central area (only) as:

<http://www.k6jt.com/RRI/> .

40 Meters for Early TEX Has Ended

As of a few days ago, it became apparent that 40 meters is simply not working for early TEX. Thus, the net has moved back to the 3541 KHz frequency on 80 as the starting one for net call-up. 40 can be used for transfer of traffic between distant stations, as assigned by the NCS, but the primary early net should now start on 80.

George Hart Series

Here is the first part of chapter 36 of the George Hart Series. Geo continues his newest duties at Headquarters.

RANDOM RECOLLECTIONS OF AN OLD HAM

*A journalistic history of the life and times in Amateur Radio of George Hart, W1NJM (SK)
by George Hart W1NJM*

CHAPTER 36A - George Got Greeting

The salutation was not plural, as usually depicted, but singular. I remember it well for, being something of a grammarian and etymologist; it struck me with its unusualness. I received it in the early part of 1943 while at my full stature and preoccupation as ARRL's acting communication manager. I was at last classified 1-A in the draft, meaning I was subject to immediate call to serve in the armed forces. It also explained my rights, one of which was to appeal the classification on basis of being employed by an essential industry or other occupation essential to the war effort.

Up to this point my classification had been 3-A, as a married man with dependents. When the draft boards had run out of physically fit young unmarried men they started reclassifying married men without children from 3-A to 1-A, starting with the youngest, in order to fill their quotas. I had known this was coming but not quite so soon. Nevertheless, I accepted it calmly and soothed Louise's fears by saying I was sure I could be deferred.

I took the notice to my boss, KB Warner, who promised to make an immediate appeal. He did so and the two of us appeared before the draft board, I to answer to any questions regarding my type of employment, and KB to explain why I was essential. It was a tough encounter, KB waxing eloquently on the subject, using arguments I never would have thought of. The board was unable, at the first, to understand why an employee of a hobby membership organization was more essential to the war effort than military service. KB patiently but forcefully explained the unusual nature of the job, the importance of WERS to civilian defense communication and near impossibility of finding a replacement with the required qualifications. I was much

impressed with his presentation, to the extent that I began to think of myself as much more important than I had realized. The board was finally convinced of the importance of the job, but not that I was irreplaceable. They agreed to defer me for three months, by which time a replacement should be found so I could serve in the military. KB demurred, but the case was summarily dismissed.

I was free for another three months. KB assured me it would be six months to a year before they got around to reclassifying me again, and he was so sure of this that he made no effort to replace me. Six months later, almost to the day, I received another greeting letter and KB again appealed. He was full of confidence, assured me he knew how to handle them now and he could get me as many deferments as I needed until the war was over. It was in the Fall of 1943 that we went down for the second appeal, KB was again masterful. He succeeded in getting me another three-month deferment. This time it seemed easier than before and I began to think he was right and that I would not have to serve.

However, the prospect seemed less joyful when, as we were leaving, one of the board members said to me, with a sneer, "You just don't want to serve, do you?" It shook me. It was right then that I determined this would be my last appeal. The man was right. I didn't want to leave Louise and my new job with good prospects for the future, to serve as a buck private in the Army and maybe get killed. If the war ended before my deferment was up, I would be considered a "draft dodger," a "slacker." If the war was still going strong and I went into service, my serene life style would be disrupted and I might get killed. Talk about mixed emotions!

Sorry, all, this is the last episode of the W1NJM series that I have. Guess we'll never know exactly what happened to George and the war effort :-)

TEX Mailbox:

Pardon me if I miss some feedback from some of you in this month's section. With all the activities and changes, I was getting between 100 and 200 emails a day including those in the Yahoo groups to which I subscribe. Combing through those thousands of emails for messages specific to TEX is a somewhat overwhelming exercise, but I will try to get at least some of them in this section.

From **Dean, W8IM**: Many tnx great issue, I started out in broadcasting, my first job was at WHIZ in Zanesville as a transmitter Engineer and we worked with Crosley Broadcasting in conjunction with WLWC in Columbus Ohio. The Navy cw of course was also interesting, I graduated from Naval Security Group training as a CT r&T in Pensacola around 1967.

I was in Navy MARS too NNN0KAF until a year ago when the DOD sunk the ship. Now in AF MARS which is poor compared to Navy but superior to Army which is actually running the entire MARS show now. AF has one cw net in this region so active on that 7457.7 Tuesdays and Thursdays 14-1500> GMT and called 4TX3. There are usually 8 to 10 of us die hards in it, most ex Navy. I suspect the Army will next dump AF and CW will be gone.

Appreciate ur hard work in putting this fb publication together each month.
73 Dean W8IM

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Scott, W7IZ, forwarded this link to a video showing part of an exchange during the Cascadia Rising exercise. W7IZ sending to K1NN during CDR exercise: Its like Deja Vu all over again!
hi 73/W7IZ

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q8B51B1sGSo>

You will note that the test messages contained 5 letter groups, not plain text, for purposes of checking circuit performance and accuracy.

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From **Doug, NA5YO** (June 28): I'm in the process of moving so don't know how often I'll be able to make my nets. It will take me several trips to eventually get moved. Don't know how good my antenna system will be will know more as things develop. If all the parts fall into place we'll be moving to Palacios, Texas on the Gulf Coast near Matagorda Bay. Lucy and I have wanted to move for sometime and looks like the opportunity is coming due. Will be going to Palacios in the morning to figure out where we will be etc....

I'll be there where my second love fishing will be an everyday thing if I so desire. Don't get any better than that. 73, Doug//NA5YO

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From **George, K5BMR**: Need a room full of Hallicrafters?

<http://forums.qrz.com/index.php?threads/hallicrafters-30-year-collection.528581/>

Those of us who have been around a while likely had some Hallicrafters gear in the past. I know I did. A trip down memory lane, for sure.

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From **Ken, K5RG** (July 6): I have returned from the hills of Pakistan (late Monday July 4th). I made it to K2 base camp which was the objective although considerably more difficult than I anticipated (see attached). The expeditions reports are posted at <http://madisonmountaineering.com/dispatches/> where the climbers have completed their first rotation on K2 so the summit push is likely to be as early as the end of this week depending on the weather.



I plan to be on the air this evening so let me know if I need to know anything. It is good to be back in the good ole USA.

Ken K5RG

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From **Rodney, W5DY** (July 17): Due to circumstances beyond our control, we are adopting a new preamble.

CQ Tex de your call.

Texas CW Traffic Net, QND, QNZ, QNN your call etc., QNA RN5, QNA TTN, QNA DFW, QNA stns with tfc. If there are stations with traffic, repeat this until no answer. If there is no answer to the first query, do not repeat.

Thanks for your help and dedication. Any questions, please feel free to ask.

73, Rodney W5DY
Asst Net Mgr

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From **Frank, W4DLZ**: Received an interesting article from Frank about Japan's readiness to defend against N. Korean missiles. Also mentioned in the RN5 Corner, but also put it here for those who may not read that section. See:

<http://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/73013707/Japan%20Missles.pdf>

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TEX Net Topics

The TEX Duty Schedule and Roster are shown on the following page (for easier printing of a single page). Some changes have been made. Doug, NA5YO, has moved to the Gulf Coast, near Palacios, which is north of Corpus Christi and East of Victoria. He does not have an antenna up yet, but hopes to have one some time in September. So his RN5 skeds on Tuesdays and Saturdays need subs until then. No word from Mike, W5TMO, in Austin, so his Wednesday and Thursday late NCS slots remain open. Sam, W5CU, has checked in from both OK and CO with a great signal. Ken, K5RG, is back from his mountain climbing adventure. Thanks to all who are helping out and also the backup stations for those slots that are open or with the regular station unavailable.

We have a lot of Open slots now, so please consider taking one or more of them. In the meantime, the backup stations are doing a good job.

CAN and PAN remain on 40 meters, as have both early and late RN5. Early TEX is back to 3541. Those frequencies are shown in **bold** under the schedule table.

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TEX CW Net Weekly Schedule

Local	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
NCS #1	Open	N5RL	KD5TXD	KD5TXD	N5RL	W5FEA	Open
Backup	W5DY	W5FEA	W5DY	W5DY	W5FEA	W5DY	W5FEA
NCS #2	Open	K6JT	W5TMO	W5TMO	Open	W5DY	Open
Backup	W5DY	W5DY	K6JT	K6JT	K6JT	W5FEA	K6JT
RN5 #1	Open	NA5YO	Open	N5RL	N5RL	NA5YO	Open
Backup	W5DY	W5FEA	K5GM	W5DY	W5FEA	W5FEA	W5FEA
RN5 #2	W5FEA	NA5YO	K5RG	K6JT	K6JT	NA5YO	Open
Backup	K5RG	K6JT	W5CU	W5DY	W5DY	W5DY	K6JT

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

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

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

RN5 Backup: W5CU, W5DY, W5FEA, K5GM, K6JT, K5RG, N5RL, NA5YO

NCS Backup: W5CU, W5DY, W5FEA, K6JT, K5RG, N5RL, W5TMO, KD5TXD

TEX Roster

Call	Name	Location / Notes	Call	Name	Location / Notes
N5AF	Sam	Cleveland	* KB5NJD	John	Duncanville
KW5AS	Skip	Victoria	N5NVP	Jim	Scott LA
N5BA	Brian	Houston	K1PKZ	Paul	Tom Bean
WA5CAV	Dick	Pineville LA	AC5P	Mike	Bartlesville OK
W5CU	Sam	Edmond OK	WA5PRI	Don	Thibodaux LA
W5DAE	Don	San Angelo	K5QOW	Gary	Reagan Wells
W5DH	Tom	Dallas	* K5RG	Ken	Houston
W4DLZ	Frank	Florida	N5RL	Randy	San Antonio
* W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	W5ROK	Steve	Richardson (K6JT op)
* W5ESE	Scott	Dripping Springs	KD5RQB	Jason	Atlanta
W5FEA	Jim	Graham	W5TMO	Mike	Austin
W5GKH	Charlie	West Columbia	KD5TXD	Pat	Kingsville
K5GM	Pete	Austin	W5UFK	Ken	College Station
W9GVW	Eric	San Antonio	NE5V	Chris	Liberty Hill
K5JRN	Si	Austin	WB8WKQ	Jeff	Michigan
* K6JT	Steve	Plano	K6YBV	Bob	Placerville CA
N7KRT	Jeff	Victoria	NA5YO	Doug	Palacios
* W6LFB	Jim	Denton	W5ZD	Pat	Kingsville (KD5TXD)
N7NET	Scott	McKinney			

* Capable of 160 meter operation

Statistics:

June 2016:

Jim, W5FEA, with 60 out of 60 (100%) was again able to maintain “perfect attendance” toward making it 3 consecutive years. Randy, N5RL, with 49 (82%) was second, and Rodney, W5DY, with 40 (67%) was third. Thanks again to all of you who checked in for your support.

Visitors to the net included Howard, WD5IDB, from OK, Ron, W5QLD, from Corpus Christi, and Bob, K6YBV, from CA.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 1.7 per net session (1.9 last month). Net time averaged 10.3 minutes per session (compared to 10.1 last month). Check-ins averaged 5.0 per session (5.4 last month).

TEX Net Statistics (June 2016)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
N5AF	Sam	1	1					
		0						
KW5AS	Skip	5	5					
		0						
W5DAE	Don	13	22					
		9						
W5CU	Sam	4	7		2			
*		3						
W5DY	Rodney	23	40	5	4			
		17		7	1			
W5ESE	Scott	1	1					
*		0						
W5FEA	Jim	30	60	7	10	26		
*		30		1	2	3		
W5GKH	Charlie	1	1					
*		0						
K5GM	Pete	18	37					
*		19						
W9GVW	Eric	5	5					
*		0						

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
WD5IDB	Howard	1	2					
	OK	1						
K6JT	Steve	11	37	1			11	
*		26		22	20		26	
W6LFB	Jim	1	1					
*		0						
K1PKZ	Paul	4	4					
		0						
W5QLD	Ron	2	2					
	Corpus Chr.	0						
K5RG	Ken	0	3					
*		3			1			
N5RL	Randy	25	49	9	8	4		
*		24			1	22		
KD5TXD	Pat	8	8	8				
*		0						
NA5YO	Doug	6	13		6			
		7			6			
K6YBV	Bob	0	1					
	CA	1						
Totals		299		60	60	55	37	0
				100%	100%	92%	62%	0%
QTC 1		39	104					
QTC 2		65			Sessions:	60		
Time 1		318	618					
Time 2		300						

July 2016

Jim, W5FEA, with 62 out of 62 (100%) again maintained his "perfect attendance". Rodney, W5DY, with 61 (98%) was second, lacking only 1 early net checkin for a perfect month, and Randy, N5RL, with 48 (77%) took third. Thanks again to all of you who checked in for your support.

Visitors included Frank, W4DLZ, from FL, Ken, N5JO, from Austin, Ron, W5QLD, from Corpus Christi, Deroy, AA5R, from Austin, and Bob, K6YBV, from CA.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 1.7 per net session (1.7 last month). Net time averaged 11.0 minutes per session (compared to 10.3 last month). Check-ins averaged 4.8 per session (5.0 last month).

TEX Net Statistics (July 2016)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
W5DAE	Don	21	29					
		8						
W4DLZ	Frank	0	1					
	FL	1			1			
W5CU	Sam	6	7		3			
*		1			1			
W5DY	Rodney	30	61	7	3			
		31		16	7			
W5FEA	Jim	31	62	8	9	25		
*		31			7	4		
K5GM	Pete	23	46		1			
*		23						
W9GVW	Eric	1	1					
*		0						
N5JO	Ken	0	1					
*	Austin	1						
K6JT	Steve	4	22				4	
*		18		15	11		18	
K5KV	Benny	1	1					
		0						
K1PKZ	Paul	2	2					
		0						
W5QLD	Ron	2	2					
	Corpus Christi	0						

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
K5RG	Ken	0	4					
*		4			3			
N5RL	Randy	25	48	9	14	4		
*		23				23		
AA5R	Deroy	1	1					
	Austin	0						
KD5TXD	Pat	8	8	7				
*		0						
NA5YO	Doug	1	2		1			
		1			1			
K6YBV	Bob	0	2					
	CA	2						
Totals		300		62	62	56	22	0
				100%	100%	90%	35%	0%
QTC 1		25	104					
QTC 2		79			Sessions:	62		
Time 1		353	679					
Time 2		326						

Operating:

There are no changes to any operating practice as a result of the change to independence for TEX or affiliation with the Radio Relay International group. The existing Methods and Practices Guide still applies. Since the section and local nets will largely remain part of NTS, and the same guidelines will apply to independent and RRI nets, there will be only a single version of the MPG, as it is currently defined.

I am attaching both the June and July composite reports here so you can see how the wildcat strike in July impacted performance and also how the RRI nets are being renamed.

Traffic did continue to flow using work-arounds. In a way it was a good test of how to continue moving messages even when major portions of the system were not operating.

NTS Central Area Activity for June 2016

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
RN5 Cycle 2	13	27	221	325	0.083
9RN Cycle 2	13	239	114	134	1.784
10RN Cycle 2	13	89	97	140	0.636
RN5 Cycle 4	59	160	367	656	0.244
9RN Cycle 4	56	148	210	378	0.392
TEN Cycle 4	58	130	186	475	0.274
CAN Cycle 2	13	126	105	353	0.357
CAN Cycle 4	30	249	218	442	0.563
TCC Cycle 2	39	105	37		95%
TCC Cycle 4	90	401	64		71%
Total Voice/CW Nets		1674	1619	2903	
NTS Digital			Received	Sent	
WB9FHP CADC 9RN		3422	1904	1518	
W5SEG RN5		493	314	179	
KMOR 10RN		476	240	236	
DRS Stations (17)		2612	1200	1412	
Total NTS Digital		7003	3658	3345	
Total Central Area		8677			

Central US Nets Activity for July 2016

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Cycle 2 RN5	26	17	215	327	0.052
Cycle 2 9RN	12	283	102	166	1.705
Day 10th Call Area	11	27	78	121	0.223
Night 5th Call Area	61	156	321	638	0.245
Cycle 4 9RN	58	114	184	369	0.309
Cycle 4 TEN	53	102	160	420	0.243
Cycle 2 CAN	12	118	101	320	0.369
Night Central US	21	127	144	266	0.477
Day Trans-US	36	105	32		89%

Night Trans-US	93	165	50		54%
Total Voice/CW Nets		1214	1387	2627	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
WB9FHP Central Hub/9th		2909	1615	1294	
W5SEG Fifth Call Area		473	312	161	
KMOR Tenth Call Area		579	287	292	
Digital Stations (13)		2259	1091	1168	
Total DTN Digital		6220	3305	2915	
Total Central US		7434			

Until October, thanks for all your support of TEX and have a Great Labor Day holiday.
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, tsn.3570@aol.com



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Greetings From Northeast Texas

I want to start this issue by welcoming Dave WD8DLY to the Texas Slow Net. Dave checked into the net on July 1st. Welcome to the net Dave and please check-in as often as you can.

TSN Activity Reports

Month	QNI	QTC	Nr. Operators
June 16 Sessions	44	16	5
July 15 Sessions	44	15	6

Net Control Stations

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
No Net	No Net	Carroll KB5TCH	Howard WD5IDB	Carroll KB5TCH	Sam KK4HCF	No Net

June 2016 QNS

Name	Callsign	QNI
CARROLL	KB5TCH	16
SAM	KK4HCF	13
HOWARD	WD5IDB	10
JASON	KD5RQB	3
MIKE	WD0ESF	2

July 2016 QNS

Name	Callsign	QNI
CARROLL	KB5TCH	15
HOWARD	WD5IDB	13
SAM	KK4HCF	13
JASON	KD5RQB	1
MIKE	WD0ESF	1
DAVE	WD8DLY	1

TSN Roster (November 2015 to December 2016)

Callsign	Name	QTH
KW5AS	Skip	VICTORIA, TEXAS

Callsign	Name	QTH
KX5C	Ron	SILSBEE, TEXAS
W5CBP	Chris	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
W5DY	Rodney	GOLIAD, TEXAS
WD0ESF	Mike	MEDICINE LODGE, KANSAS
W9GVW	Eric	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
KK4HCF	Sam	MARYSVILLE, TENNESSEE
WD5IDB	Howard	EDMOND, OKLAHOMA
KB5KWO	Steve	NORMAN, OKLAHOMA
WD8LDY	Dave	BRIDGEPORT, WEST VIRGINIA
KD5MMM	Phil	FENTRESS, TEXAS
N5NVP	Jim	SCOTT, LOUISIANA
KD5RQB	Jason	ATLANTA, TEXAS
AB5S	David	NEVADA, TEXAS
KB5TCH	Carroll	DOUGLASSVILLE, TEXAS

Stop by any evening Tuesday through Friday on 3570kHz at 7:45p.m. CT.

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

Fifth Call Area Net (Daily) 1930 CT and 2130 CT on **7108**
Alternate Frequency 3567 (late) or 3598 when conditions warrant
Serving TX, OK, LA, AR, MS, TN, AL, and NFL
Frank Thrash W4DLZ (W4DLZ@ARRL.NET)
Net Manager

Hello guys and welcome to Edition 49 of the **RN5 Corner**.

The first thing you may notice is that the net name has changed. Although the on-air call-up still uses RN5, the net is no longer part of the ARRL NTS region net system. Instead, it has become the fifth call area net in the Radio Relay International (RRI) system. Liaison stations are still expected from the section nets, many of whom remain NTS-affiliated. And liaison stations are still sent to the next higher level - the Central US Net, also still using CAN for on-air call-up purposes but also independent of the ARRL and part of RRI.

No frequencies or times have changed, and all are welcome to participate, whether or not you are an ARRL member or whether or not you wish to maintain your NTS affiliation at the section and local levels. In fact, an individual operator may retain all section-level appointments and section-level NTS and/or ARES schedules while still participating in the RRI nets that operate above the section level for traffic routing outside the sections. There is no membership requirement in RRI. We are all just traffic handlers and will keep the messages moving regardless of what the ARRL does or does not do. See the information in the early part of this TEX newsletter for the background on this.

As always, we need NCS and Liaison stations and hopefully also more ops as hurricane season approaches. Health and Welfare messages will likely be generated and the possibility of pulse bombs becomes ever more likely now (with reference to the problems with North Korea).

The latest word is that Japan will shortly be able to knock down Korean Missiles. For more information, see the article at:

<http://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/73013707/Japan%20Missles.pdf>

Again thanks so much to Jerry, W4SU, without whom RN5 would not function. Thanks also to Ben, KZ8Q, who is helping out from FL and it is also good to have Sam, W5CU, coming into the net to help with NCS and liaisons to CAN, even from his Colorado QTH. Good to hear Jack, K5WNU, back on again from MS and as always, thanks to Dick, WA5CAV, for keeping LA represented. K5RG is also back from his travels and is Wednesday DRN5 and TEX liaison once again. Nice to hear Tom, K4VIZ's great bug fist on from time to time, too.

73, Frank W4DLZ
RN5/4 CW Net Mgr.

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

RN5 Duty Roster

Local	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
NCS #1	W5FEA	W4DLZ	Open (W5CU)	W4SU	W4SU	W4DLZ	Open (KZ8Q)
NCS #2	W5FEA	W4DLZ	Open (W5CU)	K6JT	W4SU	W4DLZ	Open (KZ8Q)
CAN TX	Open (W5CU)	NA5YO	Open (W5CU)	W4SU	W4SU	NA5YO	Open
CAN RX	Open (W5CU)	NA5YO	W4SU	K6JT	Open	NA5YO	Open (W4SU)
DRN5	Open	Open	K5RG	Open	Open	Open	Open

2016 Statistics

MONTH	JUNE	JULY
SESSIONS	59	61
QTC	160	156
QNI	367	321
QTR	656	638
AVG QTC	2.7	2.6
AVG QNI	6.2	5.3
AVG QTR	11.1	10.5

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

Region Net 5 Roster

Call	Name	Section	Call	Name	Section
W4AGL	JIM	FL	K8KV	BEN	FL
WA4BAM	JOHN	FL	N5NVP	JIM	LA
WA5CAV	DICK	LA	K4PG	KEVIN	FL
W5CU	SAM	OK*/CO	WA5PRI	DON	LA
W4DLZ	FRANK	FL	KZ8Q	BEN	FL
W5DY	RODNEY	TX	K5RG	KEN	TX
W5ESE	SCOTT	TX	N5RL	RANDY	TX
W5FEA	JIM	TX	W4SQE	ANDY	TN
KC4FL	JOHN	FL	W4SU	JERRY	AL
W5GKH	CHARLIE	TX	K5TSK	JIM	AR
K5GM	PETE	TX	K4VIZ	TOM	AR**
W8IM	DEAN	FL	K5WNU	JACK	MS
K6JT	STEVE	TX	NA5YO	DOUG	TX
K5KV	BENNY	TX	WA4ZPZ	TOM	AL

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

** K4VIZ is no longer active. Send AR to the TX station for the 7290 net (do not use DRN5)
73, Frank W4DLZ