

# The Texan

Newsletter of the Texas NTS CW Net (TEX)

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Hello TEX'ans! June is past, as is the Hamcom convention and Field Day. This was also the wettest June in my memory with seemingly incessant thunderstorms nearly every evening, making 80 meters very noisy. Fortunately, 40 meters was not bothered as badly so the early session of TEX was generally better there than on 80.

## 40 Meters

Speaking of 40 meters, I discovered that the Society of Wireless Pioneers (SOWP) has had a regular net on 7052 at 7 PM for quite some time on Monday and Thursday evenings. I got in touch with one of the NCS stations and determined that if we moved to 7051 it would not bother them (and they would not bother us, assuming your radio has a narrow CW filter or passband tuning).

Accordingly, after discussion with Rodney, we decided that we should move **every** early TEX session (Sunday through Thursday) to 7051 to avoid confusion. I have updated the web page accordingly. If 7051 is busy, and 7052 is not, then by all means use 7052 or any other clear frequency within +/- 2 KHz of 7051. NCS stations, do try to keep the net frequency as close to the published center as possible, but do not be afraid to move away if you are experiencing QRM or some type of localized noise on that frequency. Let's be courteous to our brethren in the SOWP and not interfere with their net operation.

Net members, please tune around to look for the NCS if you don't hear him/her right away at net time.

While 40 has been pretty good for most nights, there have been some where we actually had to move to 80 due to long skip conditions. This should be done by the NCS approximately 5 minutes after the hour if there are few (or no) checkins on 40 meters. Additionally, if 2 stations need to pass traffic but are too close to each other on 40 for good copy, NCS stations should send them to 3552 to attempt the exchange.

Conversely, when the net was operating on 80 meters on Friday and Saturday, for certain stations far from each other, a QSY to 40 meters allowed traffic to be passed. If possible, the NCS should check the assigned 40 meter frequency first before sending stations there, to make sure it is relatively clear.

On Friday and Saturday, we will continue to start on 3552. If conditions there are unacceptable, then try 7051 after about 5 minutes (although finding a clear spot near 7051 may be difficult). Late TEX will remain on 3552. Signals have generally improved enough by that time that they (mostly) override the often heavy QRN.

### **Pfeiffer Pfist Award**

Congratulations to **Rodney, W5DY**, the recipient of the 2007 Pfeiffer Pfist award for the TEX member who has done the most to help the net during the year as well as being a great CW operator! Rodney made the long trek from south Texas up to Plano for the presentation at Hamcom on Saturday morning following the Traffic Training Session put on by Jo Ann, KA5AZK, the manager of the 7290 net, and our own Pat, KD5TXD. It was also a treat to have Rodney come over to my QTH on Friday evening for the early TEX net and a bit of chit chat.

Many thanks go to Floyd, N5EL, for preparing the award for Rodney and to Pat, KD5TXD, and Charles, WB5IZD, for passing through Temple on the way up to Hamcom to pick up the award for the presentation.

### **HAMCOM Convention**

The Hamcom convention in Plano was very well attended overall. It was also a fun time for several TEX members including (in callsign suffix order) Brian, N5BA, Rodney, W5DY & XYL Barbara, Steve, K6JT, Scott, N7NET, Ken, K5RG, Pat, KD5TXD (and OM Charles WB5IZD), Lee, K5UN, and Bert, AC5Z.

Unfortunately, Ken, K5RG, and Lee, K5UN, had other commitments and were unable to attend the 8 AM traffic training session, mentioned above, but all the rest of us were there. Following the Pfeiffer Pfist presentation in the hallway outside the meeting room, we enjoyed a late breakfast at a local IHOP restaurant.

There is a short video of the Pfeiffer Pfist presentation and a few snippets from the Traffic Training presentation, accessible via the link on the TEX main page (scroll down a little to find it). You will need QuickTime installed to view the video (and high speed Internet access would be good, although the video is compressed down to just a little over 4 MB). There are also some pictures in a "photo gallery" there of most of the TEX attendees, thanks to the cameras of KD5TXD, K6JT, AC5Z, N7NET, and K5RG. Note that I also left the 2006 pictures and movies from the 7290 picnic on the website, moving their links down on the index page.

If you want to see more (non-TEX-related) pictures of Hamcom, they are available via the <http://www.hamcom.org/> web site. Click the "event photos" link near the bottom on the left side to get to the pictures. I only saw one there that I recognized – Pat and Charles' table, but you can get an idea of what transpired by browsing the photo library, which is quite large.

I especially want to thank Rodney, Pat, and Charles, who traveled a long way (in these days of high gas prices, no less) to be at the event. I think I can safely say that "a good time was had by all". Be sure to check out the pictures and (if possible) movie on the TEX website.

## **W1NJM Saga**

As mentioned previously, thanks to Sis, WD8DIN, the editor of the "Traffic Call" newsletter of the Hit and Bounce Net (HBN – 0730 CT, 7042 KHz), we are able to present George Hart's saga of the "early days". Here's Part 4 of George Hart's recollections. George and Ed really get to feel the power of motivation!

### **RANDOM RECOLLECTIONS OF AN OLD HAM**

A journalistic history of the life and times in Amateur Radio of George Hart, W1NJM, by George Hart, W1NJM. Part 4.

#### **Tapping the Trolley Line**

The year 1927 was almost a constant struggle to put out a decent signal of decent quality. Bunch was continually frustrated by little response to calls and by weak signal reports when we did get an answer, hampered by a low budget and lack of knowledge to make a better showing. First he tried a chemical rectifier, known in ham circles then as "slop jars." This consisted of a number of emptied mayonnaise jars, as many as 20, each filled with borax or baking soda solution (he tried both) with copper electrodes in each jar all connected in series with the plate voltage line to the UX-210 oscillator tube. The borax solution smoothed out the 60-cycle rasp but there was a horrific voltage drop, making our signal much weaker than it already was. The baking soda solution solved the voltage drop problem but did little to smooth out the a.c. ripple. Then we tried Kenotrons, with their bright filaments. I think an early version of high vacuum rectifier tubes, but these too showed a considerable voltage drop. Bunch was not willing to sacrifice signal strength for quality, but he very much wanted the latter. We knew that batteries for plate voltage would accomplish this, but achieving the necessary voltage by batteries was completely impractical.

Just below our radio room, about 500 feet down a steep bank, a trolley track traversed the side of the embankment along College Avenue. It had been in operation for many years, using small "Toonerville" cars capable of carrying 20 or 30 passengers, powered by an overhead line which supplied 600 volts for the car motors. In our quest for getting DC for our 210 plate supply, Bunch discovered that the 600 volts the trolley used was D.C. from motor-generators at the "car barn" in west Easton. All he had to do was tap the overhead trolley line. In the days of youth no task is daunting. Bunch and I started collecting scraps of wire with the idea of running a line through the trees down to the trolley line. By mid-summer, working surreptitiously, we had collected enough No. 14 wire to complete the span, fastened together by tight Western Union splices, which were wrapped tightly with friction tape. We had contemplated using the ground for the return circuit, but Bunch decided this would be unsatisfactory, so we had to scrounge up another length of wire, spliced as before but this time insulation was not a factor. This line was connected to one of the spikes on the trolley track and run along the ground to our third floor window. The "hot" line was run through the crotch of trees along the embankment, requiring a lot of climbing, mostly by Bunch.

At last, some time in September, all was in readiness except the final connection to the trolley line. Bunch climbed the tree nearest and above the overhead line, fashioned a sort of hook with doubled wire and threw it over the line. There were a few sparks, then nothing. Bunch

used no gloves, relied only on the somewhat tattered insulation on the scrounged wire. It's a wonder he wasn't electrocuted.

We looked at each other in wonderment. Did we really have our 600 volts D.C.? We scrambled up the embankment, up the stairs to the third floor. All was in readiness. The hot line coming in the window was fastened to an open SPST knife switch, the other end of the switch to the plate voltage lead. Bunch turned on the filament switch and we sat staring in horrid fascination at the plate switch, as though it were a coiled snake about to strike. Finally, Bunch said, "Well, here goes," and threw the switch.

My usually good memory deserts me at this point. All I remember is an eye-numbing flash of light, then silence. There must have been a noise, smoke, exclamations, but none of this is in my memory bank. Bunch was unhurt, perhaps momentarily stunned, as I was. As soon as we had recovered, we scampered back down the stairs, down the embankment to the tracks. There was our hot line lying across the track. Bunch quickly removed it, coiled it up and hid it behind a bush.

"I hope we didn't stop all the trolleys in Easton and Pittsburgh," Bunch said, raising a new horrid possibility. We sat on the embankment and waited. The trolleys normally came about every twenty minutes. A few minutes later one of the little cars rounded the corner at the foot of College Avenue and started its laborious climb up the incline. We were both physically and emotionally drained – tired from the labor of stringing and connecting the wires, disappointed at the outcome, but feeling relief that we had done no damage, either to ourselves or the community. We went back to our raw A.C. plate supply.

Coming in Part 5: BCI

### **TEX Mailbox:**

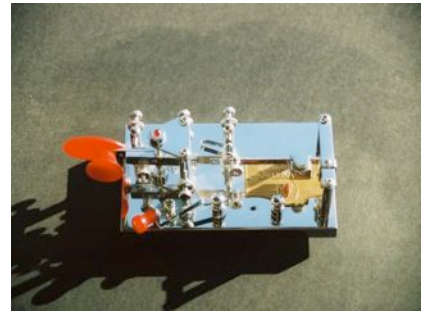
I asked **Pat, KD5TXD**, who has become our resident key expert, what type of key is mounted on the Pfeiffer Pfist award. She responded, "Well, the key on the Pfeiffer Pfist award is a Japanese ball bearing key. They are easily identifiable by the red fiber washers under the connector poles. Also the design of the adjustment screws is a give away, and the black knob on the shorting bar. I am holding a Japanese ball bearing key in my hand at the moment and it matches the picture exactly. That basic design is pretty common among old and new keys. It looks a lot like my Bunnell-S, too".

Pat also sent along some pictures of cool stuff she picked up at Hamcom. The photo here is of an unknown key type. Perhaps one of you TEX folks can help identify where it came from and what it was used for. She also found a beautiful Lightning Bug key that she just could not pass up. Will save the other key photos for future newsletters.



(Lightning Bug Key)

**Lee, K5UN**, who is still off the air until some time in November due to night classes, made it to Hamcom, where I was happy to meet him on Friday. Lee later sent in a little update about his station equipment, as follows: "Well, it is naked at the moment, but we got the new 160 ft tower up. It sure dwarfs the 100 ft tower ☺ It was good to meet you and everyone else at Hamcom. Ken was fun to talk with. Sorry we didn't have more time to chat before the (DX) dinner. The wife and I had discussed meeting everyone for breakfast, however, there was a DX presentation at the same time and I really wanted to see it, so we were forced to skip breakfast, but maybe next time we can all get together.



The tower will have (3) 4-element 20 meter, and (3) 6-element 15 meter stacked Yagis, so when phased will give me 12 elements on 20m and 18 elements on 15m. I have a 2 element 40m Yagi to put on the 100 ft tower. It looks like I may have to put up another tower for 10m.

I'll try to check into the net the first opportunity I have between semesters. /lee

**Doug, KA5KLU**, reported that as of Friday, the 29<sup>th</sup>, his wife Lucy/N5RLQ was in the hospital and would have surgery soon. He has been spending most of his time at the hospital so will be away from the nets until she has sufficiently recovered. We wish Lucy all the best and a full recovery.

**Jack, W5TFB**, is back home from the hospital but because of the medication he must take for a while, he is unable to do much in the evenings. We are glad that he is OK and look forward to hearing him again soon.

### California Travel Again

It is once again time for me to go help my parents in California. I will leave on July 7 and, assuming my father's recovery from (not yet scheduled) surgery is sufficient, return on July 21. They are both having a lot of problems and my father was in the hospital last month. He is still having a lot of trouble and needs an operation. I will have to remain there to take care of them until he is again on his feet since my mother is unable to do much without help.

I thought of shipping my old "spare" rig there to use while helping them. I might even be able to be heard on TEX on 40 meters or even 80 at 10 PM. But I have observed that the power line noise is so severe there that even the TV channels have lots of noise on them, and they are only 15 miles from the transmitting antennas, so I would likely be very frustrated. At least I'll have my 2M/440 HT and a really nice portable dual-band j-pole antenna, thanks to Pat, KD5TXD, who had them at Hamcom.

In my absence, please send your net reports to Rodney, W5DY. I will need fill-ins for my Wednesday early NCS and Thursday late NCS slots as well as my TCC Echo and Fox schedules on Thursday, for which I will try to arrange coverage via separate E-Mails. Thanks in advance for your assistance and understanding during these difficult times.

## Recent TEX Net History from Doug, KA5KLU

Doug sent in the following short history of the last 15 years or so of TEX. I am happy to be able to share it with you...

A little history from my point of view. When I first joined Tex it was about 15 years ago. The only regulars still around from that time that I can recall off the top of my head are Charlie/W5GKH, Bert/AC5Z and Ken/K5RG. Oh yes, Floyd/N5EL, but he only checked in occasionally. Some others might have also been around, but they only checked in once in a while. Pat/K5AO in Arlington, Ed/KS5V from Bulverde, George/K5MXQ from Dallas, myself, Harry Pfeiffer, who was an NCS and already in his 90's, and Josiah Brown/K5UPN in Longview. I took the net after about 2 years of checking in. I started a Newsletter, which back then, because most didn't have Internet access, I had to snail mail to them. Also Megan/KF5AS from Dallas used to check in once in a while. Pat/K5AO was a real go-getter back then and I think he probably burned himself out. He was one of those you could really count on. We had a pretty good group of folks. Harry went SK, then it seemed not too long after that when George/K5MXQ died. His wife was in a wheelchair and he died in the grocery store pushing her around. Sad. Josiah Brown/K5UPN passed on a little bit after George. Megan just stopped showing up.

Ed/KS5V just stopped one day and never has returned. I see him from time to time but he never answers my question when I ask him why, and why doesn't he come back. He's a good operator. He's into RTTY these days, though, and he works at the local Candy store.

So I was net manager, and we got down to just Charlie/W5GKH, myself, and Pat/K5AO. Bert never did RN5 or TTN, but he did Thursday early session NCS. He uses a keyboard to send due to a problem with his muscles. Charlie did Sunday, Monday and part of Tuesday. He couldn't take on any more because he was (and still is) busy with the historical society in his town. So most of it fell on myself and Pat/K5AO. We did it for about 4 or 5 years, and I think that Pat just burned out. One day he told me he had had enough and he quit. So then for about 2 or 3 years I and Charlie were pretty much the only regulars. Jim Leist/KB5W asked me to help them on RN5 since they had also been losing people. My wife was about ready to divorce me because I was on the radio every day except Sunday from 6:30 to 10:00 at night. You know how the ladies are, you had better spend some time with them.

It was really a breath of fresh air when Don/AC5XK and yourself came on the scene. Since you've been manager it has grown back to pretty much what we once were. I thought for a while it was all going belly up. I imagine one day it will happen on CW since there's almost no new operators coming up any more. I'm pretty much the last of the Military types since I was a radioman in the Navy during the early 60s. Learned my code at the Naval Training Center in San Diego, CA. I lived there for about 9 months, since I went through boot camp there and then returned for Radioman A school.

Don/AC5XK and Pat/KD5TXD are the only recruits we've really had. Don has a personal problem at home and so he has had to severely curtail ham radio operation. I'm hoping he is able to resolve things since he's a good operator. His father was Turkish and he spent a couple of summers on a Turkish ship operating from the radio shack. That's where he learned his code.

It's really been a pleasure watching Pat develop her CW skills. She has come a long way and not many folks have enough gumption these days to work at anything, especially code.

I only took the STM job since Don asked me as a favor to him. I'd love to let anyone who'd like to have the job, have it.

I've done pretty much about everything in ham radio that I like to do. I have close to 300 countries confirmed on DX. I've been working on 5BWAS and only need a couple of states to have that, all on CW. WAS, WAZ, DXCC, BPL, A1 Operator, plus I've won first place in the ARRL DX International Contest for my section only. I don't have the fancy equipment to buck the big boys. Made a clean Sweep in the sweepstakes before, too. Won my section in the IARU Championship Contest one year. I don't have the pep to stay up all night doing that sort of stuff these days. Probably got a couple of other awards. I quit hanging them up and just store them in a box. Back then hamming was more than just a hobby for me. I used to make a living doing it.

From the first day that I was introduced to CW in 1963 in San Diego I fell in love with it. I think if CW goes, so will I, right out of ham radio. Never found any challenge to Voice. CW, there's a challenge.

Anyway that's some history of TEX and a little of my own as well.  
73's, Doug//KA5KLU

### TEX Net Topics

We still have many openings for RN5 liaison, a change in backups, and some NCS changes as well. If you are able, please take one (or more) of the open RN5 liaisons. I left Jack, W5TFB, who still does not have a 40 M antenna, in as 80 M NCS and RN5 backup, but he is still unable to operate much. Thanks to Pat, KD5TXD, who is doing a great job in her new NCS slot on Wednesday evening.

### TEX CW Net Weekly Schedule

Local	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>NCS #1</b>	W5DY	KA5KLU	K6JT	AC5Z	W5DY	AC5Z	W5GKH
Backup	W5GKH	<b>Open</b>	KD5TXD	W5DY	W5TFB	W5DY	W5DY
<b>NCS #2</b>	W5GKH	KA5KLU	KD5TXD	K6JT	N5PWG	W5DY	W5GKH
Backup	K6JT	<b>Open</b>	K6JT	<b>Open</b>	K6JT	W5TFB	K6JT
<b>RN5 #1</b>	W5GKH	KA5KLU	<b>Open</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Open</b>	W5CU
Backup	W5DY	<b>Open</b>	K6JT	KA5KLU	<b>Open</b>	W5ESE	W5GKH
<b>RN5 #2</b>	W5GKH	KA5KLU	<b>Open</b>	<b>Open</b>	W5DY	W5DY	W5CU
Backup	W5DY	<b>Open</b>	W5TFB	K6JT	W5TFB	W5TFB	W5GKH

TEX/1: **7051 (Su-Th) or 3552 (Fr & Sa) at 19:00** local; TEX/2 3552 at 22:00 local  
 RN5/1: 7045 (3567 alternate) at 19:30; RN5/2: 3567 at 21:30 local  
 CAN: 7052 (3552 alternate) at 20:30 local; TSN: 3552 at 19:45 local

RN5 Backup: W5DY, W5ESE, W5GKH, K6JT, KA5KLU, K5RG, W5TFB  
 NCS Backup: W5DY, N5EL, K6JT, KA5KLU, N5PWG, W5TFB, KD5TXD, AC5Z

Note: Although “backup” stations are listed above, anyone is welcome to take the RN5 or NCS duty slots when it becomes necessary.

**Statistics:**

This month Rodney, W5DY, took top honors with QNI of 42 (70%). Pat, KD5TXD, was 2<sup>nd</sup> with 36 (60%), and, I’m happy to report, Floyd, N5EL, was 3<sup>rd</sup> with 26, followed by Scott, W5ESE, with 21. Thanks for all your support, and it’s great to see Floyd back again.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic was up from May but QNI was down a little. Traffic averaged 3.3 per net session. Net time averaged 15.2 minutes per session. Check-ins averaged just under 5 per session.

**TEX Net Statistics (June 2007)**

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	CTTN	TSN
N5BA	Brian	0	1						
		1							
W5CDX	Wads	0	1						
*		1							
W5CU	Sam	8	13		5				
*		5			5				
W5DY	Rodney	19	42	5	9	1			
		23		4	12				
K5EJL	Joe	0	0						
		0							
N5EL	Floyd	16	26						
*		10							
W5ESE	Scott	18	21		1			13	2
*		3						3	2
W5GKH	Charlie	4	10	2	2	1			
*		6		6	3				
K5GM	Pete	0	1						
*		1							
W9GVW	Eric	5	11						
*		6							
K7IZ	David	6	16						
		10							
K6JT	Steve	26	54	13	4		26		
*		28		7	4		28		
KA5KLU	Doug	14	19	4	8	6		5	
*		5		4	5	2		3	
N7NET	Scott	4	4						
*		0							
N5NVP	Jim	0	1						
		1							
N5PWG	Jay	2	8						
*		6		5					
K5RDW	RD	1	1						
*		0							
K5RG	Ken	4	15						
*		11							
W5TFB	Jack	1	2						
*		1			1				



Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	CTTN	TSN
KD5TXD	Pat	18	36	1		1			17
*		18		4		1			17
AC5Z	Bert	16	16	5					
*		0							
Totals		298		60	59	12	54	24	38
				100%	98%	20%	90%	40%	63%
QTC 1		131	196						
QTC 2		65		Sessions:		60	100%		
Time 1		549	911						
Time 2		362							

### TEX Roster

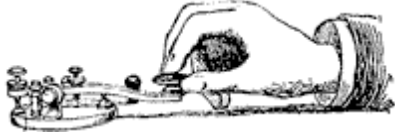
Call	Name	Location / Notes	Call	Name	Location / Notes
# KBØAI	David	Minnesota	W6LFB	Jim	Denton
N5BA	Brian	Houston	WA5MUF	Bill	Watauga
W5CDX	Wads	Crowley LA	# N7NET	Scott	Allen
W5CU	Sam	Edmond OK	AAØNI	Daniel	Oklahoma City OK
NV5D	Martin	Allen	KB5NJD	John	Duncanville
* W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	# N5NVP	Jim	Leesville LA
N5EL	Floyd	Temple	* N5PWG	Jay	Pasadena
* W5ESE	Scott	Dripping Springs	K5RG	Ken	Houston
AA7FY	Mark	Fort Worth	W5ROK	Steve	Richardson (K6JT)
W5GKH	Charlie	West Columbia	KC5T	Bob	Houston
K5GM	Pete	Austin	W5TFB	Jack	College Station
W9GVW	Eric	San Antonio	W5TV	Tom	Nacogdoches
KA9IKK	Bill	Houston	* KD5TXD	Pat	Kingsville
K7IZ	David	Bridge City	# W5UFK	Ken	College Station
AA5J	Chuck	Plano	* K5UN	Lee	Leonard
KJ9J	Newt	Pharr TX (winter)	KS5V	Ed	Bulverde
* K5JRN	Si	Denton	K5WQG	Eddy	Tomball
K6JT	Steve	Plano	AC5XK	Don	San Antonio
KA5KLU	Doug	San Antonio	* AC5Z	Bert	Nacogdoches (Lufkin)
K5KV	Benny	Star			

# Not Capable of operating in 3600-3700 band; \* Capable of 160 meter operation

I hope you all have a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday celebration. Please continue to support the net and help out Rodney in my absence this month. I will miss you all and the net.

73, Steve K6JT

(TSN Corner follows on the next page)



## TSN Corner

Texas Slow Net (Daily) 1945 CT 3552.0 Khz

[http://www.geocities.com/scottamcmullen/Texas\\_Slow\\_Net.html](http://www.geocities.com/scottamcmullen/Texas_Slow_Net.html)

Scott McMullen W5ESE

TSN Net Manager

Thanks again to everyone who participated in TSN during June. Only 7 stations were able to participate this month, possibly owing to QRN and D layer absorption during the month. Here is a roster of stations that have been active on the net in recent months.

### Net Stations (QNS)

Call	Name	City	State	Call	Name	City	State
W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	TX	N5NVP	Jim	Leesville	LA
N5EL	Floyd	Temple	TX	K5RDW	RD	Vilonia	AR
W5ESE	Scott	Dripping Springs	TX	KB5TCH	Carroll	Douglasville	TX
W9GVW	Eric	San Antonio	TX	W5TFB	Jack	College Station	TX
W5GXV	Gene	Spring Branch	TX	KD5TXD	Pat	Kingsville	TX
AA5JW	Carl	Stafford	TX	W5VDM	Bill	New Ulm	TX
KA5KLU	Doug	San Antonio	TX	N5XGG	Joe	Colmesneil	TX
N7NET	Scott	Allen	TX	KM5YQ	David	Irving	TX
WB5NKC	Arley	Oklahoma City	OK	AC5Z	Bert	Nacogdoches	TX
WB5NKD	Pat	Oklahoma City	OK				



### Field Day Retrospective

I hope that several of you were able to take part in Field Day this year. Field Day is a great opportunity to show other amateurs how much fun operating CW can be, and also demonstrate traffic handling generally.

I participated this year from Hays and Caldwell County ARES, KE5LOT (Class 2F). This was the second year that this group has participated in Field Day. This year, there were a couple of us that operated CW, in contrast to last year, when I was the only participant active on CW. It was wonderful to be able to divide the operating up into shifts. I tried to check into OTN to originate some messages, but could barely hear Arley calling up the net. We only had a very low doublet for the CW station, owing to limited antenna supports, so operation on 80 and 40 was a severe compromise. I did get to originate some Field

Day message traffic on CTTN (on 2 meter FM), so we were still able to earn some of the traffic handling bonus for our entry.

Here is a photo of Phil, KD5WKO, and me at the Hays and Caldwell County ARC Field Day. I was coaching at the GoTA station (AD5JT) at the time the photo was taken. We operated in the Class 2F (EOC) category, from the South Hays County Fire Station, near San Marcos. We had both a GoTA and a VHF station, which was pretty overwhelming for the 7 operators we had. We did manage to complete some contacts during each of the 24 hours we were active (which we didn't do last year).

Feel free to send in your Field Day photographs and anecdotes for next month's TSN Corner, to share with the other TSN net members.

### June Activity Report

SESSIONS FOR MONTH 28 (2 NOT CALLED BECAUSE OF STORMS ON 11TH AND 15<sup>TH</sup>)  
 CHECKINS 93, TRAFFIC 33  
 BY 7 DIFFERENT STATIONS