

The Texan

Newsletter of the Texas NTS CW Net (TEX)

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A nice vacation...

Thanks to all who filled in for me on my NCS, RN5, CAN, and TCC schedules. I had a great vacation, the first in years. Special thanks to Rodney for collecting the net reports and putting them into a snazzy spreadsheet for me so I could get the monthly report in on time.

We traveled through every RN5 state, and 3 in 4RN as well, while visiting my daughter in South Carolina and then my sister-in-law in Arkansas. A lot of driving, but it was good to see some beautiful scenery along the way and think about the operators I know in each state.

The Day Australia Called



You will recall that Dave, WB7VSN, was mentioned in Vic's recent stories. Scott, N7NET, sent along the following story in which Dave is also featured. This originally appeared in the TEXAN in 2010, but with Vic's recent stories, it seemed a good time to publish it again. Will have another of Vic's next month. Scott lived in that part of Oregon before moving to Texas several years ago. The picture shows Dave, WB7VSN, working Landline Morse. Thanks, Scott.

The Day Australia Called by Scott Laughlin / n7net
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Dave Philips, WB7VSN, a native of Southern California, learned American Morse as a youngster. As soon as he learned how to reach the Los Angeles Southern Pacific Train Depot by city bus he was often found there awaiting an opportunity to operate an idle telegraph wire. By the time he'd graduated from high school, he was a station agent. During World War II he was General Douglas MacArthur's personal telegrapher. After the war he became a Southern Pacific train dispatcher.

After forty years he retired and became an amateur radio operator, as did many others who had spent their lives directing trains hither and yon by means of telegraph. But Marks and Spaces ran deeply in their veins and it wasn't long before they discovered that by using

discarded 8-bit computers and modems their telephone lines would emulate Western Union wires. Soon, they were dialing one another and rehashing days of old while using American Morse.

In 1990 Phillips responded to American Morse Club's urging and formed a Eugene, Oregon Chapter. A host of retired railroad and Western Union telegraphers quickly became charter members.

When Morse first came into use there were two codes—American and International. The United States chose American because of its many special characters that supported the livestock and grain markets, Wall Street and Baseball, not to mention railroads, Western Union, Associated Press, and the U.S. Postal Telegraph while the rest of the world selected International.

Both systems share many characters. However, C, F, J, L, O, P, Q, R X, Y, Z, all numbers, and all punctuations are different.

Dave, master of both, never gave much thought to the differences. International was heard through the radio headphones while American was copied over the phone line. That was a given.

On 2 April 1991 the world joined in Samuel Finley Breeze Morse's 200th Birthday Celebration. In keeping with the spirit of that festivity, Australia's counterpart to America's AT&T, as it was in 1991, provided 24 hours of free telephone service to the Alice Springs Radio Club. After contacting everyone they knew on the continent, it seemed fitting to join the celebration at the Hotel Blackstone in Chicago, Illinois. Unfortunately, the only United States phone number they could find belonged to Dave Phillips in Eugene, Oregon.

Dave, having already enjoyed a dozen contacts that morning, was prepared when the phone rang. But after copying the initial message, he discovered that the fellow on the other end of the line was sending him garbage. The A was okay, but after that he couldn't read enough characters to make one single word. Who was this guy, he wondered?

When the fellow turned the wire back, Dave sent an American Morse question mark, asking him to send everything again. But in International Morse the Australian's read a DN. Alice Springs, totally confused, sent an International Morse question mark, which in American Morse was a period.

Sometimes, when old landline telegraphers, turned amateur radio operators, become excited they start mixing American and International characters, an incident known as "Box Car-ing." Dave, who had been guilty of this a time or two, recognized the problem and responded in International Morse.

The Hotel Blackstone phone number was sent to Australia and then Morse code laughter was exchanged over the wire, which is the same for both languages. HI HI. HI HI.

72 de Scott/n7net/qrp
FISTS 8879, SKCC 1964

George Hart Series

Here is the 19th installment of the George Hart Series. Geo tangles with the Army Amateur Radio Service.

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 19 - THE AARS ACTIVITIES AT W8YA

When I came to W8YA in 1932, the station was already involved in the Army Amateur Radio System. AARS was run almost entirely by licensed amateurs, affiliated with, but not enlisted in, the U.S. Army Signal Corps, primarily for the purpose of training in Army procedures and the handling of third party messages.

Participating amateurs used their own call letters in Army-sponsored networks in the amateur bands. The AARS was a commanding presence in amateur radio traffic handling at the time, and for many years afterward right up until WWII. When I arrived, AARS participation was handled almost entirely by Norm Young, whose amateur call I seem to have forgotten. Norm was a competent operator and, although only a sophomore, prominent on the staff.

AARS also used two frequencies outside amateur bands (3497.5 and 6990 kc.) for its higher echelon operation, using call letters assigned from the WL block. W8YA was Pennsylvania net control and used WLQJ when operating on 3497.5. 6990 was used by AARS only at night. During the daylight hours it was used by WAR for official Army traffic.

I had little to do with the AARS phase of W8YA operation in my freshman year, but Ed and I had participated in it in a small way from W3NF and I was familiar with it. Some time during my sophomore year I was called into Gil Crossley's office in Engineering and he explained that a dispatch from Washington had requested W8YA to take over as first alternate to the AARS main control station, WLM, located in the Munitions Building in Washington, D.C. Norm Young had requested to be relieved of AARS responsibilities so he could concentrate on academics. Our AARS call letters would be changed from WLQJ to WLMA and our operating responsibilities would no longer be restricted to Pennsylvania or the Third Corps Area (CA). It was a major step up in the system and Gil wanted to know if I could handle it.

Not knowing the full requirements, I nevertheless felt sure I could, and Gil tended to agree with me, but my academics were not in the best of shape, and this was a major concern. I was spending too much time at the station already, often at the expense of study in my difficult pre-veterinary curriculum. Nevertheless, it was decided that we should accept the assignment on a tentative basis, which was the basis offered in the first place.

My class schedule, that first semester of 1933-4, was less demanding on Thursday and Saturday. There were no classes on Saturday afternoon or on Sunday, but I didn't want to be tied down on weekends because of fraternity social obligations and/or weekend trips home.

So my training schedule as alternate AARS net control station for the entire U.S. and possessions would involve only Wednesday evenings and an hour Thursday after classes. I would show up at W8YA on Wednesday after classes, put the rig on 3497.5 and make contact with WLM in Washington, signing our AARS call, WLMA. The procedure was to "clear the hook" at WLM - that is, take all the message traffic on hand at WLM to be sent to each of the corps area stations throughout the U.S. (only 48 states then), and also the Panama Canal Zone and the Territory of Hawaii. I don't recall any Alaskan or Caribbean contacts. None of the messages was official, just routine amateur radio traffic ordinarily handled in the amateur bands. Even the message format was the same, for by then ARRL had adopted the Signal Corps format for message traffic.

This was a daunting project, for most of the operators at AARS Corps Area (CA) level were highly skilled, many of them operated by amateurs like myself from their home stations either as alternates to the AARS Corps Area (CA) control stations or substitutes for those stations where no AARS control station existed. My Wednesday evenings were spent contacting representatives of each CA, either on 3497.5 or 6990 kc., on an hourly or half-hourly basis -- nine CAs, plus WLXL at Fort Clayton, Canal Zone, and WVQB (later WLXB) at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. The operation in most cases was swift and precise, either with AARS stations operated by Army personnel at CA headquarters or an alternate or substitute.

Operation in AARS was a major part of my amateur radio activity during those years and my memories of it are precise and pleasurable. The First Corps Area (CA) contact was with WLG, operated by Percy Noble, W1BVR from his home station in Westfield, MA. Perce was a long-time ARRL director and vice president who became a close personal friend. Since at the beginning there was no AARS station at Corps Area headquarters in Boston, Perce was permitted to use its call, WLG. Even after such a station was put on the air, Perce continued using WLG and the CA station used WLGA - an exception to the general rule.

Second CA headquarters was at Governor's Island in New York Harbor, AARS call letters WLN (W2SC). They did have a station but often the signal was down. The schedule was sometimes kept by W2PF, David Talley, whose AARS call I don't remember. I do remember that Dave had a very peculiar swing to his "fist" that was very difficult to copy until you became used to it.

Third CA HQ was at Fort McHenry, Baltimore, MD. with AARS call WLQ (W3SN). Fourth CA was in Fort McPherson, GA. with call WLR. I never heard WLR. Usually the schedule was kept by alternate WLRY, who was the renowned "Dixie Squinch Owl" whose name and amateur call escape me at the moment of writing.

Fifth CA was in Columbus, Oh. WLH. This schedule was kept by W8ZG, W8GZ using WLH on 3497.5, who was none other than Loren Windom, the inventor of the Windom antenna and a prominent military and amateur radio figure. I recall some derogatory exchanges between "Windy" and "Dixie," but believe they were close personal friends.

Sixth CA HQ was in Chicago, WLT, schedule usually kept by an alternate but WLT did have an AARS station. Seventh CA HQ was at Fort Omaha, NE, WLU (W9BNT). WLU had a super operator but I never knew who he was or if he held an amateur license. Eighth CA HQ was at

Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX, WU (W5OW). WU usually had a good signal and good operator on 6990.

Ninth CA HQ was at the Presidio, San Francisco, WLV. All these AARS CA HQ stations had amateur calls and could be operated by licensed amateurs in the amateur bands. Thanks to my early training in traffic handling at W3NF, I fitted right in with the AARS operators on 3497.5 and 6990 kc., most of whom were of highest quality. WLMA (W8YA) became a Wednesday night fixture on the AARS world network.

The AARS station at Fort Clayton, C.Z. used the call WLXL and usually had a strong signal on 6990. I don't remember its amateur call; it would have been a K5. But the biggest challenge of the evening was contacting WVQB in Hawaii on 6990 kc. at 11:30 p.m. Their amateur call was K6DV. Surprisingly enough, the contact was usually successful, with quite a few messages exchanged. The operator out there was very good and usually reported our signal good. The "outlying" AARS stations were given WLX calls. I don't know why WVQB was used at first, but the call was later changed to WLXB, which I always felt never had the "swing" of WVQB.

COMING IN CHAPTER 20: Meanwhile back at the farm.

TEX Mailbox:



Scott, N7NET, also sent along the picture at the left and narrative in addition to his story that appeared earlier. Taken a few years ago, the picture shows Uncle Vic (W7VSE), Scott, and (far right) Dave, WB7VSN.

Scott wrote: We had just finished an American morse demo at a model trains show, where we sent messages to another building. Recipients wrote the message and it was sent across the room where it was copied from the sounder. One fellow asked that a heart be sent for his daughter. Instructions were sent over the wire and Dave drew the heart. "This isn't my writing," the man said.

In the photo, we had just finished an American morse demo at a museum, celebrating the arrival of the first narrow gauge railroad into Brownville, Oregon.

Dave suffered a stroke a few years ago. The last time I spoke with him he hadn't fully recovered. However, I think morse is so deeply embedded he continues to do that in spite of all the obstacles. He won't touch a computer. We have to go through his wife, Beth. At this moment I can't lay my hands on her email address.

72 de Scott/n7net/qrp

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Received the following from **Tom, K4VIZ**, who I came across on the air just before CAN one night last month. For those struggling to improve their CW, it has a good message:

An Old CW Op and a New CW Op were out in a fishing boat one day.

The New CW Op said "I wish I could operate CW as well as you."

Not saying a thing, The Old CW Op scratched his chin, set down his fishing pole and grabbed the New CW Op by the back of his head and pushed his face underwater outside the fishing boat, and held him there fighting for a long time. After a while he released the New CW Op.

"Why'd you do that?" the New CW Op wailed, gasping for air.

The Old CW Op just leaned back and said, "When you want to learn CW as much as you wanted to breathe; then you will learn CW."

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Charlie, W5GKH, corrected what I wrote last month about the Pfeiffer Pfist award. He said: FYI, Harry Pfeiffer W5CTZ did not originate the award, but was named the first recipient by the originator, Roberta (Bobbie) Leschber, WB5J, of Lake Jackson. There is a photo in one of the albums I gave to the 7290 net of me giving Harry the plaque since Bobbie was unable to attend the picnic at Lake Whitney. Some of us remember how easy it was to copy Harry's 17 wpm sending. His philosophy was send slowly and make no mistakes. His straight key (he used the Navy style) fist was indistinguishable from his iambic key fist. Harry was also a gentleman of the first order. It was an honor to have been his friend.

Charlie W5GKH

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Scott, W7IZ, the Oregon STM and RN7 Manager sent the following. Good to know, although not too common here in Texas:

Hello Traffic Handlers: Lets look at FCC Part 97 for a minute. Bill W7GHT used to get our attention now and then by citing an often-overlooked piece of Part 97 Regulations:

Third party communications are authorized by Section 97.115:

.....(C) states: At the end of an exchange of international third party communications, the station must also transmit in the station identification procedure the call sign of the station with which a third party message was exchanged.

We usually do not consider Canada as being foreign. But in regard to sending or receiving traffic across the border the US Amateurs must identify both stations.

Yep, I didn't know that either, at least before W7GHT said HEY!!

73, Scott Gray W7IZ
RN7 c/4 Mgr

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Regarding what I had in last month's newsletter from Hank, W6SX, **Ken, K6CTW**, sent along the following:

As you are probably aware, most practices in amateur radio traffic handling came from those

used on telegraph circuits. On a wire, the AA hams use is actually a comma! The comma is required on a telegraph circuit to delineate elements (according to some real telegraphers I knew in BC). Thus, I think the same was carried over into our NTS message handling.

Have a great day! 73 - Ken

So, separating destinations in the traffic listing would appear to be correct use of a "Comma" and has some historical basis. For example, QTC RN5 1 AA Austin 1 AA San Antonio 2 AR. However, the NTS MPG states using the AA is optional but recommended under some circumstances having to do with book traffic listing. More about this and procedures for passing book traffic to multiple stations in next months' newsletter.

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TEX Net Topics

There are 3 backup slots open (shown in **yellow**), all for RN5 liaison, and no open NCS slots. Please check the duty roster and advise if you are no longer willing to take the positions you are scheduled for on a regular basis. Also please advise if you are interested in filling any of the backup slots.

As with my own vacation, this is the time of year when many of you will be taking some time off from radio duties. Please let Rodney and myself know so we can arrange substitutes.

The TEX Duty Schedule and Roster are shown on the following page (for easier printing of a single page). The Duty Schedule was not updated, but the Roster has a couple new entries.

If you are scheduled for an NCS or Liaison slot, and you cannot make it, if at all possible, please notify both K6JT and W5DY (see email addresses and cell phone number at top of page 1) as soon as you can before the net meeting so that the backups can be alerted. Thanks to those of you who have been doing this.

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TEX CW Net Weekly Schedule

Local	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
NCS #1	W5GKH	N5RL	KD5TXD	KD5TXD	N5RL	W5FEA	W5GKH
Backup	W5FEA	W5ESE	W5DY	W5DY	W5DY	K6JT	W5CU
NCS #2	W5GKH	K6JT	W5TMO	W5TMO	K5KV	W5DY	W5GKH
Backup	K6JT	W5DY	K6JT	K6JT	K6JT	K6JT	W5CU
RN5 #1	K5KV	N5RL	W5CU	KA5KLU	N5RL	KA5KLU	W5CU
Backup	W5DY	Open	W5DY	Open	W5ESE	W5ESE	Open
RN5 #2	K5KV	K6JT	W5CU	KA5KLU	K6JT	KA5KLU	W5CU
Backup	W5DY	W5DY	K6JT	K6JT	W5DY	K6JT	K6JT

TEX/1: **7053**/3541/7108 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/ 7108/3595 - 20:30 CT; PAN: **7052**/3552 - 22:30 CT

RN5 Backup: W5CU, W5DY, W5ESE, K5GM, K6JT, KA5KLU, K5KV, K5RG, N5RL

NCS Backup: W5CU, W5DY, W5ESE, K6JT, K5KV, K5RG, N5RL, W5TMO, KD5TXD, W5FEA

TEX Roster

Call	Name	Location / Notes	Call	Name	Location / Notes
KW5AS	Skip	Victoria	N7NET	Scott	McKinney
N5BA	Brian	Houston	* KB5NJD	John	Duncanville
W5CU	Sam	Edmond OK	N5NVP	Jim	Scott LA
W5DH	Tom	Dallas	W5OMR	Geoff	Houston
W4DLZ	Frank	Florida	AC5P	Mike	Bartlesville OK
* W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	K1PKZ	Paul	Tom Bean
* W5ESE	Scott	Dripping Springs	K5QOW	Gary	Reagan Wells
W5FEA	Jim	Graham	* K5RG	Ken	Houston
W5GKH	Charlie	West Columbia	N5RL	Randy	San Antonio
K5GM	Pete	Austin	W5ROK	Steve	Richardson (K6JT)
W9GVW	Eric	San Antonio	KD5RQB	Jason	Atlanta
K5JRN	Si	Austin	W5TMO	Mike	Austin
* K6JT	Steve	Plano	KD5TXD	Pat	Kingsville
KA5KLU	Doug	San Antonio	NE5V	Chris	Liberty Hill
N7KRT	Jeff	Victoria	WB8WKQ	Jeff	Michigan
* K5KV	Benny	Star	K6YBV	Bob	Placerville CA
* W6LFB	Jim	Denton	W5YE	Brian	Harlingen
WA5MS	Marty	Highland Village	W5ZD	Pat	Kingsville (KD5TXD)

* Capable of 160 meter operation

Statistics:

Checkins and traffic were again down compared to last month. We still need to generate more ourselves to keep things interesting. Have you generated your ARRL Centennial message yet? All RN5 slots were covered and TTN / DFW representation were very good.

Jim, W5FEA, with 60 out of 60 (100%) maintains his “perfect attendance record” another month. Jason, KD5RQB, captured second this month with 47 (78%) while Randy, N5RL, with 44 (73%) captured third. Thanks again to all of you who checked in for your support.

Visitors to the net again included Dick, WA5CAV, from Louisiana, and Frank W4DLZ, from Florida.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 3.0 per net session (3.5 last month). Net time averaged 13.0 minutes per session (compared to 13.9 last month). Check-ins averaged 6.8 per session (7.2 last month).

TEX Net Statistics (June 2014)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
N5BA	Brian	2	2					
		0						
WA5CAV	Dick	0	1					
	LA	1						
W4DLZ	Frank	0	1					
	FL	1						
W5CU	Sam	13	27		8			
*		14			9			
W5DY	Rodney	18	39	2	2			
		21		6	1			
W5ESE	Scott	5	5					
*		0						
W5FEA	Jim	30	60	6		21		
*		30				1		
W5GKH	Charlie	8	16	7				
*		8		8				
K5GM	Pete	11	22					
*		11						
W9GVW	Eric	8	9					
*		1						
K6JT	Steve	13	39	1	1		2	
*		26		7	7	1	26	
KA5KLU	Doug	9	18		8			
*		9			8			
N7KRT	Jeff	1	1					
		0						
K5KV	Benny	12	28		5			
		16		2	5			
KB5NJD	John	22	22				22	
		0						

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW	TSN
K5QOW	Gary	1	1			1		
*		0						
K5RG	Ken	2	5					
*		3						
N5RL	Randy	23	44	6	6	3		
*		21				17		
KD5RQB	Jason	19	47			2		19
		28				3		28
W5TMO	Mike	0	10					
*		10		7				
KD5TXD	Pat	9	9	8				
*		0						
Totals		406		60	60	49	50	47
				100%	100%	82%	83%	78%
QTC 1		80	177					
QTC 2		97			Sessions:	60		
Time 1		407	785					
Time 2		378						

Operating:

Field Day was not as active as in past years, as many of us were out of town and could not participate. TEX still operated Saturday night although there were few check-ins.

The ARRL Centennial celebration will be this coming weekend, starting July 18. Be sure to send a message before then, as outlined in an earlier email to you all.

Acting as a Relay Station

Recently when conditions were not too good on early TEX, Rodney, W5DY, had to help relay a message I was sending to Randy, N5RL. Randy could copy Rodney pretty well but was having trouble with me, although he could still copy much of it.

Rodney came up with the following method that could be used in a case like this, where the destination station does have at least some copy on the sending station. Of course, if the receiving station does not copy the sender at all, then the normal method of sending the entire message to the relay, or QNB station, who then re-sends it all would be used.

1st station (sender) sends the message number & preference.

2nd station (QNB station) repeats this.

3rd station (destination) copies one or both.

1st sends orig stn call

2nd repeats

3rd copies one or both.

1st sends message count.

2nd repeats.

3rd copies one or both.

Etc, etc., throughout the message.

For example:

K6JT: NR 18 R
W5DY: NR 18 R

K6JT: AL7N
W5DY: AL7N

K6JT: 9
W5DY: 9

K6JT: FAIRBANKS AK
W5DY: FAIRBANKS AK

K6JT: JUL 8
W5DY: JUL 8

K6JT: JOSEPH R FEHRENBACHER N0PME
W5DY: JOSEPH R FEHRENBACHER N0PME

ADDRESS (repeat), CITY ST (repeat), ZIP (repeat).
SAME FOR TEXT, ONE WORD AT A TIME, THEN SIG.

Do this in your head and see if it doesn't make sense that it will work, then we can try it on a practice message getting you, me and somebody copying only one of us. This method would work really great if the station the message is going to has marginal copy on the one with the message. He gets 2 shots at everything. The nice part is that it will take the same amount of time as a regular QNB. Actually, it will take less time because the 3rd station will not ask for as many fills as doing it the "regular" way.

73,
Rodney

Sounds good to me, let's give it a try next time the situation arises.

Until next month, 73, Steve K6JT

(TSN Corner starts on the next page)



Photo Courtesy of VE3UU

TSN Corner

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

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Greetings From Northeast Texas

I want to start this edition of the TSN Corner by welcoming Joe K5BRY from Austin, Texas to the net. Welcome to the net Joe and please check in as often as you can.

The 44th Annual 7290 Traffic Net Picnic was held May 31, 2014 in Taylor, Texas. Jim W5FEA, Carroll KB5TCH, Steve KJ6T, and Rodney W5DY attended as well as others from TEX as reported last month by Steve. Below are some additional pictures from the picnic courtesy of Norman AD5EF, Doug KA5KLU, Jim W5FEA, and Tom W5UFO. More photos are on the 7290 Net website. Special thanks go out to Jo Ann KA5AZK and the other members of the 7290 Net that helped to organize the picnic.



Carroll KB5TCH, Flo WM6V, and Eric W9GVW



Jim W5FEA and Carroll KB5TCH



Doug, KA5KLU, Carroll, KB5TCH, and Lucy, N5RLQ

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The Honorable Keith Crow Mayor of the City of Atlanta, Texas signed a proclamation declaring June 22 through June 29 as Amateur Radio Week in the City of Atlanta, Texas. I had the privilege of attending the signing. See the following picture:



(Photo Courtesy of Lee Ellen Benjamin)

Back Row (Left to Right): Robin Betts (City of Atlanta Fire Chief), Steve KB5YMB, Jim N5YU, Bill Collom, and Jeff KA5IVU. Front Row (Left to right): Carolyn KE5BPP, Jason KD5RQB, JoAnn KB5SQL, Steve W5YME, and Larry N5THQ. Honorable Mayor Keith Crow signing.

I want to thank Mr. Carroll KB5TCH for filling for me on June 28th...Thanks Carroll!!!

TSN Activity Report for June 2014

Total Sessions 30 Total Check-ins 81 Total Traffic 29 by 9 different operators.

June 2014 QNS

Name	Callsign	QNI
Jason	KD5RQB	29
Carroll	KB5TCH	29
Phil	KD5MMM	6
Jim	W5FEA	4
Jeff	N7KRT	5
Rodney	W5DY	2
Joe	K5BRY	4
Roy	WJ5Z	1
Sam	KK4HCF	1

July 2014 Net Control Stations

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jeff N7KRT	Carroll KB5TCH	Carroll KB5TCH	Jim W5FEA	Phil KD5MMM	Carroll KB5TCH	Jason KD5RQB

2014 TSN Roster

Name	Callsign	QTH
Jason	KD5RQB	Atlanta, Texas
Carroll	KB5TCH	Douglassville, Texas
Pat	KD5TXD / W5ZD	Kingsville, Texas
Phil	KD5MMM	Fentress, Texas
Rodney	W5DY	Goliad, Texas
Mike	WD0ESF	Medicine Lodge, Kansas
Sam	KK4HCF	Maryville, Tennessee
Scott	W5ESE	Drippings Springs, Texas
Jim	W5FEA	Graham, Texas
Joe	AC5BE	Matagorda, Texas
Steve	KJ6T	Plano, Texas
Dave	AB0DK	Kirksville, Missouri
Jim	N5NVP	Scott, Louisiana
Gary	K5QOW	Reagan Wells, Texas
Randy	N5RL	San Antonio, Texas
Mike	W5TMO	Austin, Texas
Larry	W5LPD	Katy, Texas
Jeff	N7KRT	Victoria, Texas
Arley	WB5NKC	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Pat	WB5NKD	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Paul	K1PKZ	Tom Bean, Texas
Carl	AA5VE	Texarkana, Texas
Roy	W5JZ	Tyler, Texas
David	W5TRX	Justin, Texas
Joe	K5BRY	Austin, Texas

This month I am starting a new listing in the TSN Corner for operators that participated or were involved with Texas Slow Net that have become silent keys. One of the operators included is Floyd N5EL who became a silent key in 2013. Floyd served as Net Control on the Tex CW Net and would stop by and check-in on the Texas Slow Net. Pat KD5TXD remembers Floyd as her code buddy and taking time to help her with CW. She also mentioned that Floyd took pleasure in helping people learn CW.

Silent Keys

Floyd	N5EL	2013
Dave	W5VXI	2014

Stop by any evening 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!!

Until next month

73,
Jason KD5RQB

RN5 Corner

Region Net 5 (Daily) 1930 CT on **7108** and 2130 CT on **7108**
Alternate Frequency 3567 (early/late) or 3598 when conditions warrant
Serving TX, OK, LA, AR, MS, TN, AL, and FL
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Hello guys and welcome to Edition 29 of the **RN5 Corner**.

It was a good month for traffic last month. Really appreciate all that Jack, K5WNU, was bringing in (and the responses back to him). Ben, KZ8Q, has been doing a great job with moving traffic in and out to the daytime nets, too. Sets a great example of how NTS is supposed to work - it is all one system, not separate day, night, and digital pieces.

Heard from Tom, WA4ZPZ, who would like to become active once again. Tom wrote: Been thinking about putting my outside G5RV back so I can work 80 meters and do better on 40 meters. I can only get approval from the HOA to raise the antenna one hour after twilight, which is better than nothing. It does not get dark here this time of year until after 0100Z, but maybe I could at least work the 0130Z CAN net and the RN-5 late net at 0230Z.

Later in the year it will be dark by 0030Z so I could raise the antenna and work ASN and RN-5 then.

Tom/.WA4ZPZ

Would really like to have Tom back again with us. Hope things can work out...

We still need a Sunday NCS station, which Sam, W5CU, has been handling most of the time (thanks again, Sam!). Monday and Sunday still need CAN RX slots, while Monday thru Wednesday need TX slots. I do appreciate all of you who are doing your part and filling in when needed. If there is no CAN TX station, but you are an RX station, please fill both slots that evening. There is so little traffic these days that there is rarely a need for separate TX and RX stations.

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	KZ8Q	W4DLZ	W5CU	W4SU	W4SU	W4DLZ	Open
NCS #2	KZ8Q	W4DLZ	W5CU	K6JT	W4SU	W4DLZ	Open
CAN TX	Open	Open	Open	KA5KLU	W4SU	KA5KLU	W5CU
CAN RX	Open	W4DLZ	W4AGL	KA5KLU	W4SU	KA5KLU	Open
DRN5	Open	Open	K5RG	Open	Open	Open	Open

June 2014 Statistics

SESSIONS	60
QTC	186
QNI	435
QTR	600
AVG QTC	3.1
AVG QNI	7.2
AVG QTR	10.0

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

Region Net 5 Roster

Call	Name	Section	Call	Name	Section
W4AGL	JIM	FL	AA4HT	BOB	FL
WA4BAM	JOHN	FL	W8IM	DEAN	FL
WA5CAV	DICK	LA	K6JT	STEVE	TX
W5CU	SAM	OK*	KA5KLU	DOUG	TX
AC5CW	ERIC	LA	K5KV	BENNY	TX
KO9D	BENNY	IN	K8KV	BEN	FL
W4DLZ	FRANK	FL	N5NVP	JIM	LA
WD4DNC	BARRY	FL	K4PG	KEVIN	FL
AD4DO	JOHN	FL	KZ8Q	BEN	AL
W5DTR	CURT	IL	K5RG	KEN	TX
K1DW	DALLAS	LA	N5RL	RANDY	TX
W5DY	RODNEY	TX	W4SQE	ANDY	TN
NY4E	BILL	FL	W4SU	JERRY	AL
W5ESE	SCOTT	TX	W6SX	HANK	CA
KJ4FDV	TREY	AL	KI5T	WADE	LA
KC4FL	JOHN	FL	K4VIZ	TOM	AR**
KA4FZI	PHYL	FL	K5WNU	JACK	MS
W5GKH	CHARLIE	TX	K6YR	ROB	CA
K5GM	PETE	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 on RN5. Send AR traffic to the TX liaison station

73, Frank W4DLZ