

# The Texan

Newsletter of the Texas NTS CW Net (TEX)

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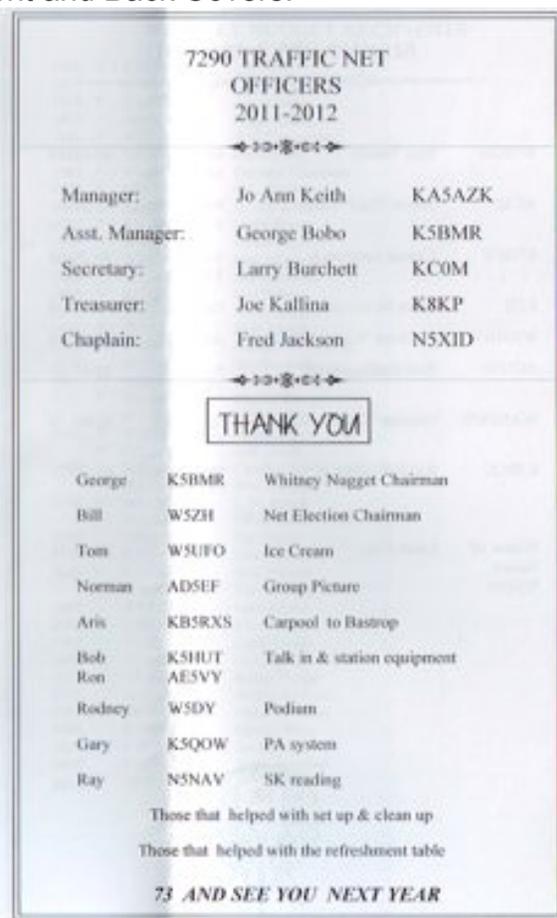
May 2011



## 7290 Picnic Program

The 7290 picnic will be next Saturday, May 14. I received a program from Jo Ann, KA5AZK, the net manager and picnic coordinator. I have included low-resolution scans of the program here for those who cannot go. The net's website at <http://www.7290trafficnet.org/> has more information and will probably have higher resolution pictures posted after the event. Hope to have some pictures to put in here next month since Rodney and Pat will both attend the picnic.

Front and Back Covers:



Inside Pages 1-2 (Pat's call has been fixed in an updated version):

**2011  
7290 TRAFFIC NET  
PICNIC  
DEDICATION**



**Mike LeFan  
WA5EQQ**

Net Control Since 1965

|  |                 |        |
|--|-----------------|--------|
| <b>7290 TRAFFIC NET OFFICERS<br/>2010-2011</b> |                 |        |
| Manager:                                       | Jo Ann Keith    | KA5AZK |
| Asst. Manager:                                 | George Bobo     | K5BMR  |
| Secretary:                                     | Larry Burchett  | KCOM   |
| Treasurer:                                     | Joe Kallina     | K8KP   |
| Chaplain:                                      | Fred Jackson    | N5XID  |
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| <b>TEXAS TRAFFIC NET</b>                       |                 |        |
| Manager:                                       | Sharon Heivilin | KC8EO  |
| ◆◆◆◆◆  |                 |        |
| <b>DAYTIME TEXAS TRAFFIC NET</b>               |                 |        |
| Manager:                                       | Roger Podsim    | KD5OTH |
| ◆◆◆◆◆  |                 |        |
| <b>CENTRAL GULF COAST HURRICANE NET</b>        |                 |        |
| Manager:                                       | Robert Turner   | KG5YK  |
| ◆◆◆◆◆  |                 |        |
| <b>TEXAS CW TRAFFIC NET</b>                    |                 |        |
| Manager:                                       | Steve Phillips  | K6JT   |
| Asst Manager                                   | Rodney Baker    | W5DY   |
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| <b>TEXAS SLOW NET</b>                          |                 |        |
| Manager:                                       | Pat Allison     | KB5TXD |

Inside Pages 3-4:

**2011  
7290 TRAFFIC NET PICNIC  
PROGRAM**

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**SATURDAY May 14**

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| 8:00 AM    | Coffee & donuts  |
| 9:00 AM    | Registration: pick up BBQ tickets, sign attendance roster Joe K8KP |
| 10:00 AM   | 7290 Net Called from the Park by AD5EF                             |
| 10:00 AM   | Carpool leaves for Bastrop ladies outing Lead by Aris KB5RXS       |
| 11:00 AM   | Lunch (on your own)  |
| 12:00 Noon | Jo Ann Keith KA5AZK<br>7290 Net Meeting                            |
| 1:00 PM    | Dr. David Woolweaver K5RAV<br>West Gulf Division Director          |
| 1:15 PM    | Lee Cooper W5LHC<br>South Texas Section Manager                    |
| 1:30 PM    | Rodney Baker W5DY<br>S TX Traffic Manager                          |
| 1:45 PM    | Sharon Heivilin KC8EO<br>Texas Traffic Net Manager                 |

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 2:00 PM         | Rodney Baker W5DY<br>Texas CW Traffic Net<br>Pfeiffer Pfist Award   |
| 2:15 PM         | Pat Allison KD5TXD<br>Texas Slow Net Manager  |
| 2:30 PM         | 7290 Whitney Nugget Award<br>George K5BMR Chairman<br>and<br>2011-2012 Term begins for<br>7290 Traffic Net Officers |
| 2:45 PM         | Reading of Silent Keys &<br>Prayer Ray N5NAV  |
| 3:00 PM         | 7290 Net Control and Alternate<br>meeting   |
| 3:30 PM         | Group picture taking<br>Norman AD5EF  |
| 4:00 PM         | BBQ dinner<br>Grace by Gary K5QOW   |
| 4:45 PM         | Drawing for Door Prizes   |
| 5:15 PM-til ??? | Fellowship  |
| 6:30 PM         | TX Traffic Net Called from Park<br>By K5TGS   |



Inside Pages 5-6:

| WHITNEY NUGGET RECIPIENTS |         |                           |
|---------------------------|---------|---------------------------|
| 1976                      | * K5IGR | Lee Ulrey                 |
| 1977                      | * W5KLV | Jerry Comarway            |
| 1978                      | * W5VYA | James Dunn                |
| 1979                      | N5FN    | Roger Coday               |
| 1980                      | * W5TYS | Wib Thompson              |
| 1981                      | N5SV    | Chris Miller              |
| 1982                      | * W5HLG | Dorothy Drickson          |
| 1983                      | * N5AHR | G.L. Webb                 |
| 1984                      | * K5AZK | Jo Ann Keith              |
| 1985                      | * K5OWK | Marty Green               |
| 1986                      | * W5KBP | Trevor McNatt             |
| 1987                      | * W5ZJY | Karl Hutcheson            |
| 1988                      | * W5CTZ | Harry Pfeiffer            |
| 1989                      | * K5GJO | Edl Price                 |
| 1990                      | * W5YQZ | Henry Dingus              |
| 1991                      | * K5JHC | Dale Johnson              |
| 1992                      | * W5BKM | George Waship, Sr.        |
| 1993                      | W5TUK   | Jim Dranson               |
| 1994                      | * N5OWQ | Quinn Farnbee             |
| 1995                      | * W5EZZ | Charlie Thorpe            |
| 1996                      | * W5EQZ | Mike Lefan                |
| 1996                      | * W5ZIN | Hubert Perry              |
| 1996                      | * N5T   | Bob Oliver                |
| 1997                      | W5GKH   | Charlie Ogilvie now W5GKH |
| 1997                      | W5HFZ   | Jane Eastman              |
| 1998                      | * W5AYX | J. W. Roach               |
| 1998                      | * W5ERT | Floyd Grevit              |
| 1999                      | * N5NAV | Ray Taylor                |
| 1999                      | * K5QZ  | Dan Wheelchel             |
| 2000                      | * K5BNH | Ben Winnett               |
| 2000                      | * W4RRX | Everett Huck              |
| 2001                      | W5SZED  | Leon Lesser               |
| 2002                      | * N5IKN | Tom Johnson               |
| 2003                      | W6CL    | Carol Lynch               |
| 2004                      | AC5XK   | Don Perese                |
| 2005                      | N5SIG   | Randy Phelps              |
| 2006                      | W5NCK   | Achie Anderson            |
| 2007                      | K5TXD   | Patricia Allison          |
| 2008                      | K5BMR   | George Bobo               |
| 2009                      | K8RP    | Joe Kallins               |
| 2010                      | KCOM    | Larry Barchett            |
| 2011                      | ?????   |                           |

\* Indicates Silent Key

| SILENT KEYS 2010-2011 |                         |                  |          |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------|
| W5PON                 | Stan Turner             | Marshfield, MO   | 05-06-10 |
| AC5Z                  | Albert "Bert" Fisher    | Nacogdoches, TX  | -6-04-10 |
| K5HFY                 | Claude Sessions Jr      | Sugarland, TX    | 09-20-10 |
| KJ5I                  | Steve Newcomb           | Denison, TX      | 09-29-10 |
| W5SHV                 | Clarence "Gene" Lanford | Atlanta, TX      | 09-09-10 |
| AC5PO                 | Paul Hallingswoeth      | Arlington, TX    | 12-01-10 |
| W5GW0                 | Herman "Chuck" Shipper  | Splendora, TX    | 12-09-10 |
| K5BOC                 | Randy Griffin           | Mountainburg, AR | 04-30-11 |
| <b>FAMILY</b>         |                         |                  |          |
| Widow of Hubert W5ZIN | Laura Perry             | Caldwell, TX     | 03-08-11 |



Notice that our own Bert, AC5Z, is listed in the SK column. We do miss him.

**Rodney Baker W5DY - Amateur Radio Resume**

Rodney sent this in as a "starter" for a series we would like to run here in the newsletter. But we need inputs from the rest of you to make it work. Just a short synopsis of your amateur radio "history" and current activities is all that is needed. Here's Rodney's:

First licensed in 1975 as a novice WN5TAY, Tech license in 1975 WB5TAY, General in 1975 same call, Advanced in 1978 KF5JW.

Extra in 1978 same call. I was active in traffic nets on CW from 1975 to 1991. I was active in traffic nets on SSB from 1977 to 1991 (mic in the closet for 2 years).

I started working overseas in the oilfield in 1991 and did not work HF for 15 years. Although I gave up HF, I was still active on VHF/UHF. I retired from the oilfield in 2004 and started on HF again in 2006. I changed my call to W5DY in 2006. CW is my preferred mode, but am also active on SSB, both primarily on traffic nets. I was a net control on the Texas Traffic Net for almost 2 years from 2006 to 2008. I am very active on the Texas CW NTS Section Traffic Net (Tex CW) both as net control and RN5 liaison. I am also the assistant net manager of the Tex CW net. I have had a schedule on the Trans Continental Corps 2 nights a week as Station Fox since 2008.

I was appointed South Texas Section Traffic Manager in January 2008 and was appointed EC of Goliad County in 2009. I work HF and VHF/UHF from my home, my truck, and portable from my motorhome.

I am active in Field Day, the Texas Water Safari, Special Event Station W5G at the Goliad County Fair, and the Missions Tour de Goliad bike ride.

### **2011 Pfeiffer Pfist Award**

The recipient of the 2011 Pfeiffer Pfist award will be announced at the 7290 picnic. Since neither the new recipient nor Scott, last year's recipient, can make it to the picnic or HamCom in June, the award was shipped by Scott, W5ESE, and it should be in the new recipient's hands before the picnic. I hope to have pictures next month to share. I won't spoil the fun of the picnic by announcing it here at this time.

### **Inside a Nuclear Reactor Containment Dome**

Pat, KD5TXD, was lucky enough to be on a field trip to a nuclear power plant in south Texas. She sent in this report for all to enjoy.

This gives new meaning to the song You Light Up My Life. I got to tag along with the TAMUK physics students on their field trip to the South Texas Project nuclear power plant. Dr. Kenison has an "in" with someone at the plant and they are getting desperate for new employees to work at the nuclear plant, so the trip was scheduled when the plant was shut down for maintenance. We got to go into the containment dome where they were changing out fuel assemblies. Megga cool!!

It was a very long drive with a dozen college students. We arrived an hour early for our tour, which is a great indication of how much Dr. Kenison wanted the drive to be over. Charles could not come with us because he had scheduled an Astronomy Open House night that day. There was no way to plan for this trip because the power plant people simply called and said come today or you don't get the special tour inside the containment dome.

All of the students are in the nuclear physics program at TAMUK and several of them are very interested in working at the plant after graduation. Normal tours don't go anywhere near the containment dome. Under normal working conditions it is sealed, no lighting, no cameras. But during these maintenance sessions the containment dome is buzzing with folks in protective gear with radios attached to their heads and tiny antennas sticking up so they can all talk to each other while working.

Every wall has a large poster with ITU phonetics to remind the workers to make their communications exact. One of our tour guides was the head of their emergency response department. He compared their reactors with Japan's reactors. Our reactors can take a 1.9G earthquake (not sure what 1.9G means in relation to the Richter scale), a Japan size tsunami (which everyone keeps telling me the Gulf Coast can't have), the impact of a Boeing 767 fully loaded with fuel, and a cat. 6 hurricane (another supposedly fictitious creature). They are pretty sure of themselves.

Their backup diesel generators for emergency use, the ones that Japan's tsunami destroyed, are housed in a reinforced building so they won't be destroyed like Japan's were. Their cooling water reservoir is 7,000 acres surrounded by a 39 foot embankment and averages 45 feet deep. That reservoir is home to lots of fish, birds and 15+ foot long alligators. I did not linger long on the banks of the reservoir lest I have a close encounter of the alligator kind.

They currently have two reactors. They have two in the planning stage. The new units are on hold due to the events in Japan. Security at the site was amazing. We had to register all of our people with them before the trip. Then when we arrived we had to sign more forms. We had to turn in our ID's for background checks. I lost count on all the security stations we passed through. Our tour was split into three groups. Each group was passed through the security checks with our tour guide. There was a glitch on one of the security points and armed guards came out to surround our group, with real guns and real bullets, to find out what had happened. It was a miss-swiped security card that caused the problem and they allowed us to proceed. We all wore dosimeters for the tour and none of us registered any radiation.

I figure I will never have such an opportunity to tour the inside of a reactor containment dome again in my life so I left Charles behind and had a thrill touring the South Texas Project Nuclear Plant. Sorry, no pics allowed. 73!! Pat KD5TXD

P.S. Our Dr. Kenison, who took us all to see the power plant, has done some research on the Japan disaster. We were told a couple things that were in error while on our trip. Our tour guide said the 50 workers who stayed to try to secure the Japanese nuclear plants were walking dead from over exposure to radiation. Well, Dr. Kenison analyzed that and the reports from the Japanese nuclear commission and determined that those 50 workers were OK. They had the equivalent of a year's worth of background radiation, which will not kill them. They may have life spans shortened by one year or 1% more chance of getting cancer, but they are not walking dead any more that the rest of us. Dr. Kenison did a presentation at TAMUK on that topic last week. Thought it was pretty interesting how a bad situation is being hyped for media ratings and public scare tactics to seem far worse than it is. OK... thanks and 73!! Pat KD5TXD

### **HamCom 2011 – June 10 and 11**

It is almost time for HamCom, which will host the ARRL National Convention for the West Gulf Division as well. Go to the website (<http://www.hamcom.org/>) to get information or tickets. I plan to attend some of the sessions and we have tentatively scheduled a traffic-handler's breakfast at the iHop in Allen, also tentatively set to depart around 9 AM on Saturday.

There is no schedule of events yet available, so I am not sure of the time or whether there will be another traffic handling tutorial session by Jo Ann this year for us to follow. As more information becomes available, I will send it out by separate email, since I am not likely to have a newsletter out next month in time.

As of this writing, I know that Ken, K5RG, plans to attend but Rodney is unable to make it due to the Texas Water Safari activities taking place that weekend. Anyone else planning to attend? Please let me know so we can coordinate getting together for the breakfast. There may or may not be an announcement in the HamCom program – Ken sent in a request with the information some time ago but never heard back.

## TEX Mailbox:

Received a copy of the EAN digest from **Pete, K5GM**. It has a lot of interesting content with quite a bit from W2RU, the EAN manager concerning bulk message traffic, with a thoughtful response from Glenn, VE3GNA. Since there are already several items in this month's newsletter, I will defer including those to a future issue. Thanks, Pete.

Heard from **Marty, WA5MS**. He writes: Been trying to check in but no one can hear me. Have new antenna that I don't have to go outside to change bands, but not getting out too well on 80. Will try to rig up old antenna on 80 only and see if it is any better. Will try this next warm spell. Will keep trying -- have been heard 1 time out of 4 attempts.

73, Marty, WA5MS

*NCS Stations: If you hear a weak station but cannot make out the call, ask for relays. If you have checked in to the net and you hear a weak one that the NCS does not, then please inform the NCS and try to pick up the station.*

Received the following from **George, K5BMR**, who is my liaison to the 7290 traffic net (and the assistant 7290 manager). For those of you who haven't seen local news concerning the West Texas fires, these pictures are worth 10,000 words. George wrote: Over 2.0 million acres burned in West Texas. One fire was started by a homeless man who left his campfire coals going.

Photos at the link below...

<http://www.theatlantic.com/infocus/2011/04/texas-wildfires/100050/>

**Ken, K5RG**, is off to climb another mountain ! Ken wrote: I will be travelling to Nepal from May 4th through June 8th. I might be back earlier. I should have limited email capability. I will be trekking to Everest Base Camp on the lesser travelled Gokyo trail and attempting a few trekking peaks (Gokyo Ri, Lobuche East) on the way to hook up with my Sherpa and IMG (International Mountain Guides) friends at Everest Base Camp as they finish up the expedition season. For me it will be a party of 3 with myself, a Sherpa guide and a porter and thus the schedule will be flexible. The only constraint is the monsoon, which begins to arrive in June.

*We wish Ken good luck and safe trekking !*

## TEX Net Topics

Thanks again to Pat, KD5TXD, Jay, N5PWG, Sam, W5CU, and Rodney, W5DY, for filling in Charlie, W5GKH's slots in his absence. We are very glad to have Charlie back again. See that, Charlie, it took 4 stations to do the job you handle all alone !

Thanks again to Mike, W5TMO, who has been handling Thursday late NCS for a few weeks now. You're getting the hang of it just fine, Mike.

We still need help with **11** open NCS/liaison slots, including **2** open *primary* NCS slots and **4** open *primary* RN5 slots (all shown in **red**). Please consider taking one of these, or even just an open backup position. Thursday and Saturday RN5 liaisons are sorely needed.

Thanks to Sam, W5CU, Jay, N5PWG, Scott, W5ESE, and Rodney, W5DY, we managed to get through the month without missing any RN5 liaisons.

### TEX CW Net Weekly Schedule

| Local         | Monday      | Tuesday     | Wednesday | Thursday    | Friday | Saturday    | Sunday |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| <b>NCS #1</b> | W5GKH       | N5PWG       | KD5TXD    | <b>Open</b> | N5PWG  | <b>Open</b> | W5GKH  |
| Backup        | <b>Open</b> | W5ESE       | W5DY      | W5DY        | W5DY   | W5DY        | W5CU   |
| <b>NCS #2</b> | W5GKH       | KD5TXD      | KD5TXD    | W5TMO       | N5PWG  | W5DY        | W5GKH  |
| Backup        | K6JT        | W5TMO       | K6JT      | K6JT        | K6JT   | <b>Open</b> | W5CU   |
| <b>RN5 #1</b> | W5GKH       | N5PWG       | W5CU      | <b>Open</b> | N5PWG  | <b>Open</b> | W5CU   |
| Backup        | W5DY        | <b>Open</b> | W5DY      | <b>Open</b> | W5ESE  | W5ESE       | W5GKH  |
| <b>RN5 #2</b> | W5GKH       | N5PWG       | W5CU      | <b>Open</b> | K6JT   | <b>Open</b> | W5CU   |
| Backup        | W5DY        | <b>Open</b> | K6JT      | W5DY        | N5PWG  | K6JT        | W5GKH  |

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

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

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

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

NCS Backup: W5CU, W5DY, W5ESE, K6JT, N5PWG, K5RG, W5TMO, KD5TXD

### Statistics:

Traffic was about the same as last month, on average, but check-ins were down a bit.

Jay, N5PWG, and Rodney, W5DY, tied for first honors, each with 33 (55%). Mike, W5TMO, with 28 (47%) took second, edging out Scott, W5ESE, in 3<sup>rd</sup> with 26 (44%). Honorable mention also for Floyd (22), and Sam (21), both "batting" over 300. Thanks to all who checked in for your support.

We had some visitor check-ins again including Jeff, WB8WKQ, from MI to bring us some traffic, Ed, N9AWP from Indiana, and Curt, K5FAL, from OK. It was good to hear Lee, AA5J, check in again with us from AR. He covered late RN5 one evening for us.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 2.1 per net session (2.1 last month). Net time averaged 12 minutes per session (compared to 11.7 last month). Check-ins averaged 4.7 per session (5.0 last month).

### TEX Net Statistics (April 2011)

|       |       | QNI | total | NCS | RN5 | TTN | DFW | TSN |
|-------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Call  |       |     |       |     |     |     |     |     |
| N9AWP | Ed    | 0   | 1     |     |     |     |     |     |
|       | IN    | 1   |       |     |     |     |     |     |
| N5BA  | Brian | 1   | 1     |     |     |     |     |     |

|        |         |     | total | NCS       | RN5  | TTN | DFW | TSN |
|--------|---------|-----|-------|-----------|------|-----|-----|-----|
|        |         | 0   |       |           |      |     |     |     |
| W5CU   | Sam     | 9   | 21    | 2         | 6    |     |     |     |
| *      |         | 12  |       | 3         | 10   |     |     |     |
| W5DY   | Rodney  | 16  | 33    | 4         | 5    | 1   |     |     |
|        |         | 17  |       | 4         | 3    |     |     |     |
| N5EL   | Floyd   | 22  | 22    |           |      |     |     |     |
| *      |         | 0   |       |           |      |     |     |     |
| W5ESE  | Scott   | 26  | 26    | 1         | 5    |     |     | 6   |
| *      |         | 0   |       |           |      |     |     |     |
| K5FAL  | Curt    | 1   | 1     |           |      |     |     |     |
| *      | OK      | 0   |       |           |      |     |     |     |
| W5GKH  | Charlie | 2   | 5     | 2         | 2    |     |     |     |
| *      |         | 3   |       | 2         | 1    |     |     |     |
| K5GM   | Pete    | 4   | 4     |           |      |     |     |     |
| *      |         | 0   |       |           |      |     |     |     |
| AA5J   | Lee     | 0   | 1     |           |      |     |     |     |
| *      |         | 1   |       |           | 1    |     |     |     |
| K6JT   | Steve   | 18  | 46    | 7         | 1    |     | 18  |     |
| *      |         | 28  |       | 1         | 12   |     | 29  |     |
| K5KV   | Benny   | 3   | 5     |           |      |     |     |     |
|        |         | 2   |       |           |      |     |     |     |
| W6LFB  | Jim     | 1   | 1     |           |      |     |     |     |
| *      |         | 0   |       |           |      |     |     |     |
| WA5MS  | Marty   | 2   | 2     |           |      |     |     |     |
| *      |         | 0   |       |           |      |     |     |     |
| N5NVP  | Jim     | 0   | 11    |           |      |     |     |     |
|        |         | 11  |       |           |      |     |     |     |
| N5PWG  | Jay     | 17  | 33    | 10        | 11   |     |     |     |
| *      |         | 16  |       | 5         | 3    |     |     |     |
| K5QOW  | Gary    | 16  | 18    |           |      | 16  |     |     |
| *      |         | 2   |       |           |      | 1   |     |     |
| K5RG   | Ken     | 1   | 5     |           |      |     |     |     |
| *      |         | 4   |       |           |      |     |     |     |
| W5TMO  | Mike    | 1   | 28    |           |      |     |     |     |
| *      |         | 27  |       | 4         |      |     |     |     |
| KD5TXD | Pat     | 6   | 18    | 4         |      | 1   |     | 4   |
| *      |         | 12  |       | 11        |      |     |     | 5   |
| WB8WKQ | Jeff    | 0   | 1     |           |      |     |     |     |
|        | MI      | 1   |       |           |      |     |     |     |
| Totals |         | 283 |       | 60        | 60   | 19  | 47  | 15  |
|        |         |     |       | 100%      | 100% | 32% | 78% | 25% |
| QTC 1  |         | 43  | 124   |           |      |     |     |     |
| QTC 2  |         | 81  |       | Sessions: |      | 60  |     |     |
| Time 1 |         | 354 | 720   |           |      |     |     |     |
| Time 2 |         | 366 |       |           |      |     |     |     |

The roster has not been updated since last month.

### TEX Roster

| Call    | Name    | Location / Notes  | Call    | Name   | Location / Notes    |
|---------|---------|-------------------|---------|--------|---------------------|
| N5BA    | Brian   | Houston           | N5NK    | Rondel | Zephyr              |
| W5CU    | Sam     | Edmond OK         | WB5NKC  | Arley  | Oklahoma City OK    |
| * W5DY  | Rodney  | Goliad            | N5NVP   | Jim    | Scott LA            |
| N5EL    | Floyd   | Temple            | * N5PWG | Jay    | Pasadena            |
| * W5ESE | Scott   | Dripping Springs  | K5QOW   | Gary   | Reagan Wells        |
| W5GKH   | Charlie | West Columbia     | WA5MUF  | Bill   | Watauga             |
| K5GM    | Pete    | Austin            | * K5RG  | Ken    | Houston             |
| W9GVW   | Eric    | San Antonio       | W5ROK   | Steve  | Richardson (K6JT)   |
| AA5J    | Lee     | Arkansas          | N0SSS   | Adam   | Oklaunion           |
| KJ9J    | Newt    | Pharr TX (winter) | W5TMO   | Mike   | Austin              |
| K5JRN   | Si      | Austin            | W5TV    | Tom    | Nacogdoches         |
| * K6JT  | Steve   | Plano             | KD5TXD  | Pat    | Kingsville          |
| KA5KLU  | Doug    | San Antonio       | K5RDW   | RD     | Vilonia AR          |
| * K5KV  | Benny   | Star              | W5UFK   | Ken    | College Station     |
| * W6LFB | Jim     | Denton            | WB8WKQ  | Jeff   | Michigan            |
| WA5MS   | Marty   | Highland Village  | * NK5Z  | Tom    | Conroe              |
| N7NET   | Scott   | McKinney          | W5ZD    | Pat    | Kingsville (KD5TXD) |

\* Capable of 160 meter operation

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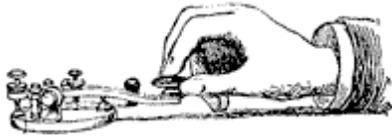
As I announced in an all-hands E-mail, the official early TEX alternate net frequency is now 7053. I had local QRM on 7108, and 7052 seems to be busy most of the time. Although we have not completely moved any early sessions to 7053, it has been useful for passing traffic during noisy (close T-storm) evenings. It is up to the NCS to decide to move or not, with an announcement on 3541 prior to moving. If you don't hear anyone on 3541, check 7053 and 3643 before giving up (or better yet, before starting the net yourself).

Note also that most of the CAN NCS stations (myself included) have moved to 40 meters, using 7052 +/- QRM. PAN has officially moved there as of the start of this month as well, and it is a big relief to my ears on my TCC Fox skeds to not have to listen to the loud atmospheric noise of 80 meters.

Until next month,

73, Steve

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## TSN Corner

Texas Slow Net (Daily) 1945 CT 3552.0 KHz +/- QRM  
[http://www.atcweb.com/tsn/Texas\\_Slow\\_Net.htm](http://www.atcweb.com/tsn/Texas_Slow_Net.htm)  
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 TSN Net Manager

*The telegraph key image is courtesy of FCIT*

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

Hope to see many of you at the 7290 Picnic in May. Traffic count for April was a bit down until K4VIZ stopped by toward the end of the month with QTC 5 for NKD. So, please think of TSN if you need to get traffic up to Pat in Oklahoma. Arley and Pat are on TSN every night. If they can't copy your signal we will try to get a relay station. When folks bring traffic like that it gives all of us an opportunity to practice copying traffic other than our regular training lessons. Also, welcome to N5XGG, Joe in Colmesneil, TX. Thanks to all who made TSN a regular part of their evening.

### APRIL 2011 TSN Roster

| Call        | Name      | City             | ST | Call         | Name    | City          | ST |
|-------------|-----------|------------------|----|--------------|---------|---------------|----|
| W5AS        | Club Call |                  |    | KC0M         | Larry   | Branson       | MO |
| K5AVJ       | Lynn      | Abilene          | TX | KD5MMM       | Phil    | Fentress      | TX |
| ND0CW       | David     | Newburg          | ND | N7NET        | Scott   | Allen         | TX |
| K0CMH       | Craig     | St Louis         | MO | N5NK         | Rondel  | Zephyr        | TX |
| W5DY        | Rodney    | Goliad           | TX | WB5NKC       | Arley   | Oklahoma City | OK |
| W5ESE       | Scott     | Dripping Springs | TX | WB5NKD       | Pat     | Oklahoma City | OK |
| WD0ESF      | Mike      | Medicine Lodge   | KS | N5NVP        | Jim     | Scott         | LA |
| K5FAL       | Curt      | Edmond           | OK | AA5NZ        | Web     | Goldthwait    | TX |
| K5GM        | Pete      | Austin           | TX | N5PWG        | Jay     | Pasadena      | TX |
| KD5GM       | Louis     | Deer Park        | TX | N0SSS        | Adam    | Oklaunion     | TX |
| W9GVW       | Eric      | San Antonio      | TX | KB5TCH       | Carroll | Douglassville | TX |
| AK4GY       | Russ      | Lewisberg        | TN | W5TMO        | Mike    | Austin        | TX |
| WR9H        | Herbert   | Rockford         | IL | KD5TXD, W5ZD | Pat     | Kingsville    | TX |
| KE5HCM      | Patti     | Kerville         | TX | WB5UPS       | Ron     | Port Neches   | TX |
| AA5J        | Lee       | Cabot            | AR | N5UZ         | Rick    | Cedar Park    | TX |
| K6JT, W0CXX | Steve     | Plano            | TX | KD5VGJ       | Jay     | Flower Mound  | TX |
| N0JL        | Jim       | Chilliecothe     | IA | K4VIZ        | Tom     | Conway        | AR |
| AA5JW       | Carl      | Stafford         | TX | W4VLL        | Victor  | Pembroke      | VA |
| K9JWV       | Jim       | St. George       | UT | W5VXI        | Dave    | Caddo Mills   | TX |
| KT4KL       | Alton     | Bandera          | TX | WB8W         | Bob     | Cincinnati    | OH |
| K5KV        | Benny     | Star             | TX | WB5WKQ       | Jeff    | Dryden        | MI |
| KB5KWO      | Steve     | Norman           | OK | N5XGG        | Joe     | Colmesneil    | TX |
| W8LKI       | Wolfe     | Defiance         | OH | NK5Z         | Tom     | Conroe        | TX |

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!!

### TSN Activity Report for April, 2011

Total Sessions 30, Total Check-ins 141, Total Traffic 33 by 17 different operators.

## April 2011 QNS

| QNI | Callsign     | Name       | QTH                  |
|-----|--------------|------------|----------------------|
| 30  | WB5NKC       | Arley      | OK, Oklahoma City    |
| 30  | WB5NKD       | Pat        | OK, Oklahoma City    |
| 21  | AA5JW        | Carl       | TX, Stafford         |
| 10  | W5ESE        | Scott      | TX, Dripping Springs |
| 9   | KD5MMM       | Phil       | TX, Fentress         |
| 8   | KD5TXD, W5ZD | Pat        | TX, Kingsville       |
| 7   | KB5TCH       | Carroll    | TX, Douglassville    |
| 7   | W5VXI        | Dave       | Caddo Mills, TX      |
| 4   | WB5UPS       | Ron        | TX, Port Neches      |
| 3   | W5DY         | Rodney     | TX, Goliad           |
| 2   | K4VIZ        | Tom        | AR, Conway           |
| 2   | K5FAL        | Curt       | OK, Enid             |
| 2   | N5UZ         | Rick       | TX, Cedar Park       |
| 2   | WD0ESF       | Mike       | KS, Medicine Lodge   |
| 2   | N5GXX        | Joe        | TX, Colmesneil       |
| 1   | AA5J         | Lee(Chuck) | AR, Cabot            |
| 1   | N5NVP        | Jim        | LA, Scott            |

**73!!**

**Pat KD5TXD**

**April 30, 2011**