

# The Texan

Newsletter of the Texas NTS CW Net (TEX)

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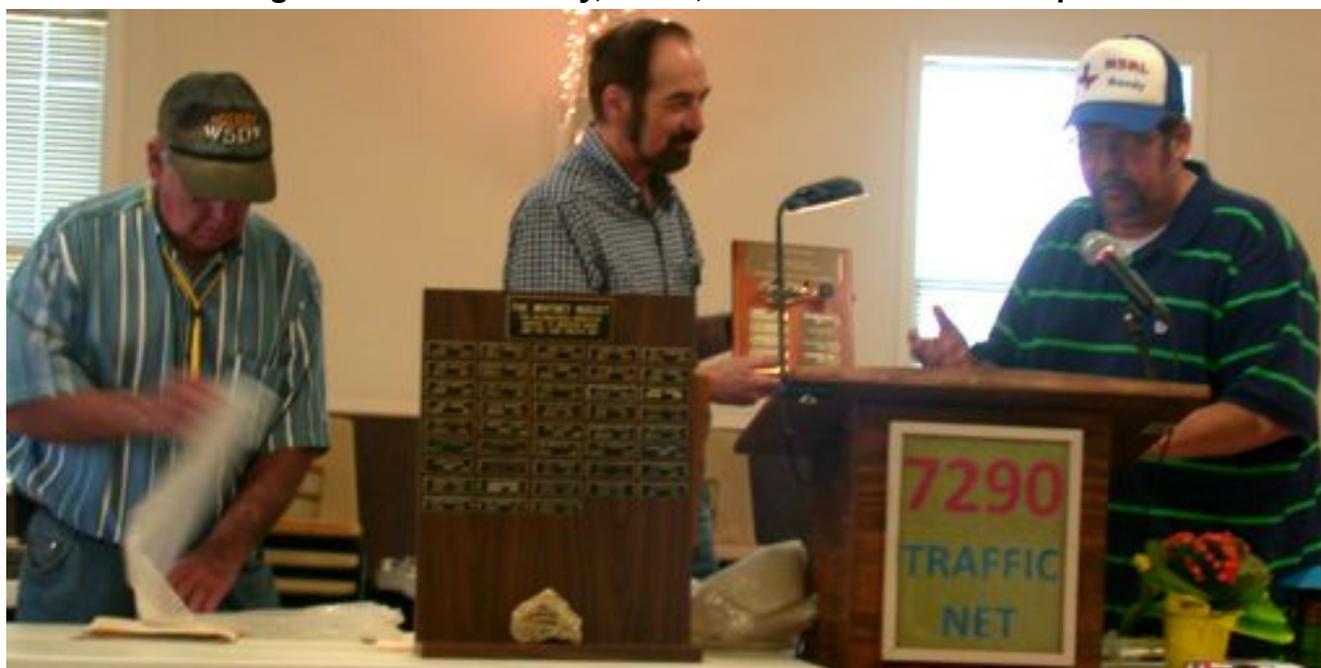
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## Congratulations to Randy, N5RL, 2013 Pfeiffer Pfist Recipient



Randy, N5RL, was the happy recipient of the Pfeiffer Pfist award at the 7290 Picnic on April 20. In spite of health issues of his wife, who requires his personal care, Randy has been a great asset to TEX and NTS in Texas. One look at the duty roster will show that he has two NCS slots each week as well as two RN5 liaison slots. Furthermore, Randy has been the main "TTN Liaison" station on late TEX nearly every evening, taking traffic for which TEX has no direct outlets to the 7290 Traffic Net the next morning or the Texas Traffic Net the next evening.

Congratulations, Randy, on a well-deserved reward. You can watch a 4 minute video of the presentation at <http://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/73013707/7290%20Picnic%202013/2013-04-20%2014.42.18.mov> . Caution - this is a 310 MB file, so you will need a high speed Internet connection. It is encoded in H.264 with AAC Audio (taken on an iPad), so you will need QuickTime installed to view it. Windows Media Player does not have the necessary decoders.

A special thanks to Ken, K5RG, who took care of the Pfeiffer Pfist, collecting it from Jay, N5PWG's widow, and procuring the engraved plaque piece for Randy and, finally, shipping everything to Rodney, W5DY, to bring to the picnic.

### 7290 Picnic on April 20

The 7290 Picnic took place on April 20 near Taylor, TX. There were 7 members of TEX present at the meeting. Shown in the picture below, left to right, are Charlie W5GKH, Jim W5FEA, Randy N5RL, Rodney W5DY, Steve K6JT, Gary K5QOW, and Eric W9GVW.



It was a very good meeting with good information passed along by John, N5AUS, the West Gulf Division Vice Director (David, K5RAV, the Director, was ill that day).

There are a lot more pictures, posted on the 7290 website at:

[http://www.7290trafficnet.org/\\_mgxroot/page\\_10814.html](http://www.7290trafficnet.org/_mgxroot/page_10814.html) . There is also a good synopsis of what transpired by Jo Ann, KA5AZK, on the website (click the Picnic Summary link). I will also be posting some more via the TEX website when I have time.

Thanks to all of you who made the trip. It was great to meet several of you in person for the first time. Really enjoyed talking with you and enjoyed seeing Eric, W9GVW's, great mobile setup, which is S9 here in the Dallas area most of the time. I hope more of you will be able to come next year when it is NOT on the same day as the Belton Hamfest :-)

## **HAMCOM Convention is June 7 and 8**

This year's HAMCOM convention will take place in Plano, TX, on June 7 and 8. Jo Ann, KA5AZK, will be presenting the traffic handling session on Saturday morning, starting at 10 AM (finally, a decent hour ;- ) and continuing until Noon (2 full hours). The program mentions CW Net operation will also be covered, but what it does not say is that there will also be a presentation on what NTS is and how it works. I will be presenting that portion (and the CW Net part) along with Jo Ann. So if you are planning to come to HAMCOM, by all means come support Jo Ann and me in our traffic and NTS session.

### **George Hart Series**

Here is the 5th installment of the George Hart Series, for your reading pleasure. W1NJM takes us through the trials and tribulations of a family in turmoil, as he and Bunch reap the side benefits.

### **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*

#### **BCI**

Then BCI (broadcast interference) raised its ugly head. About this time broadcast listening was just coming into its own, but the receiving equipment was rudimentary and very expensive. Bunch had a Radiola III using UV-199 tubes operated by 1-1/2 volt dry cells and "B" batteries, a typical setup of the day, but he never had it turned on when he was using the transmitter, so he didn't realize the havoc he was creating among the few nearby residents who had radios.

Our broad raw a.c. signal blotted them out, depending on how near they were. But of course no one knew the source of the offending interference. One of the nearest was our Uncle Sam, my father's younger brother who lived on College Ave. just below our house, perhaps 500 feet away. Sam had one of the early rudimentary radios, and he and his wife listened to it, or tried to, every night. For a long time he was troubled by interference from Bunch's transmitter without knowing the source, but one night during a visit to our house mention was made of Bunch's radio activities. Eventually Uncle Sam put two and two together. The next time he experienced the interference, he telephoned and complained to my father, who brushed him off. My father showed little interest in our radio activities at that time. But the next time Sam called there was a vituperative exchange resulting in a rare visit by Prof. Hart to our radio emporium.

"Papa" ignored the warning signals on the steps, and Bunch forbore activating the spark coil, somehow sensing the difference in approach. We weren't afraid of our father, but Bunch and I were at least in awe of him. He demanded to know if our radio activity could interfere with Uncle Sam's reception. Far from being apprehensive, Bunch seemed to delight in the prospect, probably because of his basic sadistic nature as a youth. Naturally, this didn't sit well with Papa, who then asked a lot of questions about the legality of Bunch's activities and

the cause of the interference. At the end of the grilling, Papa said: "Well, I won't have Sam talking to me like that. How much would it cost to buy equipment that would not interfere with his radio?"

A shocked silence followed. Prof. Hart was a wealthy man by standards of the day (his net worth was estimated at \$400,000, which would be the equivalent of at least ten times that much in today's buying power), but he was not known as a spendthrift -- quite the contrary. I could see Bunch's struggle against asking too much and greed at asking too little. "Would a hundred dollars be enough?" asked Papa, impatiently. This was considerably above the maximum Bunch had expected, but he controlled his elation very well, replying mildly, "I think so." Whereupon Papa pulled out his wallet and peeled off five \$20 bills. I had never seen a \$20 bill before.

"Now I don't want to hear any more complaints about interference to Sam's radio," Papa said, ominously, and trudged down the steep stairway. Bunch gleefully fondled the crisp bills. "Do you know what we can buy with this?" he asked, but didn't wait for an answer. I can have one of the best stations in the country. I'll go to New York, to Vesey Street and Courtland Street, and buy everything we need. That whole area is alive with stores that sell ham stuff."

"But will it stop the interference to Uncle Sam's radio?" I asked. "Who cares? But sure, I'll get a choke and filter condensers and rectifier tubes. We'll have a DC note!" A "DC" note meant a signal of musical quality, without the rasp of raw a.c. or the buzz of rectified but unfiltered a.c. There weren't many of them heard on the amateur bands in the late 20's. I was all set for the exciting trip to the Big City in Bunch's flivver, but Bunch ruled otherwise. Instead, he took George Suydam, 3OK, a young electrical engineering major at Lafayette. George and Bunch had become friends even before Bunch got his ham license, and Bunch felt George would be a more suitable companion. I pleaded that three could fit into the front seat of the little red roadster, but Bunch predicted I would be a nuisance.

"Let the kid come along," said George. But Bunch was adamant. I stayed home while Bunch took his \$100 bonanza and, with George, set out for "radio row" in New York. They set out early in a Saturday morning and spent the entire day in the city, also spent the entire \$100 plus a little extra that Bunch had saved from his allowance of \$3 a week. Does that sound like a petty amount? In 1927 it was a lot. I, because I was younger, only got \$2 and spent every cent of it plus whatever I could squeeze out of my mother. I ate a lot of candy and drank milk shakes. Bunch, at 17, started chain smoking, which eventually killed him 60 years later, but he cared little for sweets. George Suydam was a close friend of the family, spent a lot of time at our house on the campus, ate many meals with us, often slept over on a cot in Bunch's radio room. We all liked him, and he and Bunch (Ed) remained friends all their lives.

The two young adventurers returned after dark, the little Ford loaded with radio parts of many and varied kinds. Among the purchases was an RCA 852 tube and a special socket and stand for it. The 852 was a triode which could be used as a self-excited oscillator or as an amplifier. It consisted of a bulb with three glass extensions, one at the bottom which could be plugged into a standard 4-hole socket. The extension out the side was for plate voltage, with the grid lead coming out of the top extension. A special socket contained a holder to keep the tube steady. Another major purchase was a big Thordarson transformer with primary leads on one side and five secondary leads on the other. Accompanying literature said it was capable

of delivering 1500 volts each side of center tap, with taps for 1000 volts, at a current load not exceeding 300 ma. The 852 was rated at a maximum of 3000 plate voltage with a plate current of 75 ma., but the nominal voltage was 1500.

Then there was a magnificent "helix" manufactured by R.E.L. (Radio Electronic Laboratories) to replace our oatmeal box inductance, a large variable Cardwell capacitor, a 20-Henry iron core filter choke, a 4 mfd. Flechtheim filter capacitor (we called them "condensers"), two 281 rectifier tubes rated at 450 volts, but the clerk at the radio emporium had assured Bunch they would withstand a much higher voltage - and a Jewell 300-milliampere meter for measuring our plate current, which we could not do before. Other purchases included a 10-volt transformer for the 852 filament, a small brown resistor to replace our liquid grid leak, a few tools, coils of wire, connectors and binding posts, and spring clips. Between the two of them, they hardly had a penny left, were dog tired but flushed with excitement.

Coming next in Part 6, The Great Discovery at 3NF.

### **TEX Mailbox:**

**Pat, KD5TXD**, sent along the following with her input to TSN Corner this month about this year's Bicycle Ride on the Wild Side. Pat wrote:

I have been getting on the air with the Corpus amateur radio club on Tuesdays to beg for help for our great bicycle run. This was the Tenth Annual Ride on the Wild Side Bicycle Tour here in Kingsville.

When they say Ride on the Wild Side, they are serious. The long route is 99k and starts on the King Ranch, passes through Kingsville and out into the Wild Horse Desert. Some of the finer points of the route include the Kingsville Sewage Processing Plant and the Kleberg County Land Fill. Most bicycle runs of this nature take participants past beautiful countryside or through flower speckled parks. Not us. If you make it past the land fill you then have to run a gauntlet of rural dogs that have free run of the country. Last year one of the hapless riders was downed by a huge dog. It was terribly frightening and the cluster of riders all stopped and made a bicycle wall around the fallen rider to keep the dog away.

In years past the local amateurs have played a pretty big role in the bike tour. Before cell phone minutes became cheap it was a matter of sending riders out into nowhere and not being able to phone home without spending all of the precious phone minutes in a single Saturday morning. Our club was large enough to put a ham at every critical turn and we were the ones calling for emergency pickup of stranded riders.

In modern times the Lion's Club members will use their phones as they all have unlimited minutes now. We still seem to be the ones that riders ask to send a message for help. This year we only had one rider bail out of the race and we relayed in for a pickup for him.

Our local club is seriously shrinking. We have had several SK's in the last couple years. Many have moved away to be closer to their grandchildren. Our younger members are struggling to maintain jobs and usually end up working weekends and nights when we have

events. More than ever we have needed the help of the much larger Corpus Christi clubs for our events.

So a couple weeks before the event is scheduled I am on the 2 meter nets begging folks to come and help us out for the honor of amateur radio. Then, since they meet the 4th Thursday of the month, I head over to Corpus to attend the eyeball meeting and make one last plea for help right before the great Ride on the Wild Side. Every year the folks in Corpus come out and help fill out our ranks.

We had totally perfect weather for the bicycle tour. It was a comfortable temperature, not hot or cold. It stayed overcast for the morning and that is a really important factor here. When the sun comes out the Wild Horse Desert bakes. We mustered 13 amateurs to help out and that was just enough. The Lion's Club has taken our advice over the years and stationed volunteers on each of the critical turns. This year it was the TAMUK Basketball team. Their coach told them to show up for the race as a requirement of their existence on the team. They didn't have a clue about the purpose of the bike run. They were impressed when they discovered that the funds go to the Texas Lions Camp for Physically Handicapped Children. It is for a good cause and this year was another successful event. Thanks and 73!! Pat KD5TXD

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Last month there was some information about the traffic to new hams in the U.S. being sent by a German ham. **Dave, WB2FTX**, the Eastern Area Digital Coordinator, wrote a "white paper", which is copied below for your information regarding these. Of course, as Dave says, it is up to each individual to decide what they will do if they receive one of these for forwarding, but I agree with Dave that it is perfectly legal to handle them. His white paper follows.

First I think it is important to review the Part 97 FCC rules and regulations. There are several pertinent sections:

### 97.3 Definitions

Definition (47) Third party communications. A message from the control operator (first party) of an amateur station to another amateur station control operator (second party) on behalf of another person (third party).

### 97.115 Third party communications.

(a) An amateur station may transmit messages for a third party to:

(1) Any station within the jurisdiction of the United States.

(2) Any station within the jurisdiction of any foreign government when transmitting emergency or disaster relief communications and any station within the jurisdiction of any foreign government whose administration has made arrangements with the United States to allow amateur stations to be used for transmitting international communications on behalf of third parties. No station shall transmit messages for a third party to any station within the jurisdiction of any foreign government whose administration has not made such an arrangement. ***This prohibition does not apply to a message for any third party who is eligible to be a control operator of the station. (emphasis added)***

Thus amateur to amateur messaging/communication is clearly and precisely defined as SECOND PARTY communications. Together with the statement that the prohibition of third party traffic does not apply for any third party who is eligible as a control operator (i.e. has a valid amateur radio license) clearly shows that any amateur to amateur communication is SECOND party and does not depend on the location or jurisdiction of any station. Any direct amateur to amateur communication is clearly NOT third party.

The other argument is that the amateur recipient is the control party and that since the message was relayed/transmitted via HF, that recipient cannot hold a Technician class license since they have a very limited number of HF authorized frequencies they can use.

This is a non logical statement. The recipient of the radiogram message does not have any control operator responsibilities or duties on the individual stations that have handled the message prior to his receiving it, even if any of the stations handled the message via HF. It is the responsibility of the control operator of each individual relay station to control their own station not any of the ones that might handle the message upon additional relay. In the particular case of the messages from Peter DF0NTS in Germany, the two stations and control operators responsible are exactly DF0NTS and WB2FTX and the messages were transferred via high speed Pactor on 20 meters within the automatic control sub bands authorized under FCC regulations. Those two operators also have no control operator responsibilities or duties concerning any other station that takes this message from WB2FTX and forwards it on to its final destination and ultimate delivery.

If you logically follow this Technician licensee control operator prohibition idea concerning a message whose path may have involved relay via other stations via HF you will come to two very absurd conclusions:

The first one of these is if this is true then any amateur licensee holding Technician class operating privileges could NEVER legally accept any message that was or might have been handled on HF.

This includes this Tech class operator operating as part of a NTS traffic net on his authorized frequencies on a 2 meter or other repeater or using packet radio or any other digital mode on his authorized frequencies.

The converse would also then be true and equally absurd. A Technician class operator could NEVER legally originate and/or send any message or communication whose path toward its ultimate destination and delivery involves or might involve this message being handled or relayed by one or more stations operating on HF.

Since both of these activities are permitted for Technician level licensees and occur following FCC Rules and Regulations on a daily basis, this whole argument therefore falls apart.

Again, each individual operator has the control operator requirement and responsibility only over the station they are operating. They do not have any control operator responsibilities over any station they are communicating with directly nor any stations that might have handled the message on the way to its final destination and delivery. The stations that

handled the message via HF obviously have and exercise the appropriate HF control operator duties, not the final recipient or deliverer of the message.

I hope this might help to sort out these questions. Ultimately it is up to each individual operator to decide for themselves. Clearly if you still think that messaging from amateur to amateur station, even those involving stations outside of the United States is questionable, then just don't personally handle those messages. Don't deny others the opportunity.

73 Dave WB2FTX

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**Benny, K5KV**, is in the process of moving into his newly completed house near Star, TX. Benny wrote: The electricians finished on all work on our new home except four under cabinet lights, one timer switch and 5 more coax drops today. The cleaning lady comes tomorrow and later this week we will be moving "everything" into the new house. The heavy stuff like deep freeze, etc., are already in.

This means ham shack and antennas, too. I will try to make all my skeds and nets, but if I crash out or just get caught with stuff out of service, you folks will know why.

We will be moving most of the stuff in a 50 ft. mobile home and half the stuff in two 40 foot shipping containers. It is a local, on the ranch, move of 200 ft. or less. "We" is just the XYL and I.

If I miss a net, my apology in advance.

73,  
Benny K5KV

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**Ken, K5RG**, had a lot of damage caused by a near field lightning strike. Ken wrote: (April 11) Unfortunately last night I suffered a near field lightning hit that has taken out the linear, rotator control, the TNC and the shack's computer. All of the transceivers are working. I will access the full situation when I return from my trip to Italy, but I was on the air last night with the IC-7800.

I've had everything except the linear on UPSs and since not even the electronic clocks in the house 'blinked', I suspect the lightning EMP got into the 'data' lines via the antenna switch or rotator control lines (even though all lines are protected at a single point thru ICI line protectors).

I do know what happened to the computer since the power supply was verified dead by the shop down the street but so was the mother board when we substituted another power supply hooked just to the mother board. So suspect some power got to the computer's serial port thru the rotator control line which in turn took the power supply. The rotator control and the TNC all come off the USB to serial line even though the switch didn't have them directly connected. The linear only smoked when I turned it on so that power supply must have found something shorted when I turned it on. The linear still switches the antenna and input ports off of the power supplied by the exciter (Icom CI-V control). I do have the means to disconnect the lines running outside so I should have gotten to shutting down the station a

day early and possibly avoided the induced energy. Regardless, all donations gratefully accepted!!

73, Ken K5RG

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## TEX Net Topics

There are still 5 backup slots open (shown in **yellow**) but now **4** open liaison slots (shown in **red**) in need of a station for Thursday early RN5 and now Saturday early NCS and both RN5 sessions. Benny, K5KV, had to give up the Saturday slots due to personal reasons, so now we have some openings for those of you eager to do more. Just let me or Rodney know.

The TEX Duty Schedule and (updated) Roster are shown on the following page (for easier printing of a single page). NCS and liaison stations should have a copy of this handy both to remind you of your skeds and to easily look up names of stations you may not be familiar with. Added KB5NJD and W5YE since last month.

***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.***

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### TEX CW Net Weekly Schedule

Local	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>NCS #1</b>	W5GKH	N5RL	KD5TXD	KD5TXD	N5RL	<i>Open</i>	W5GKH
Backup	<i>Open</i>	W5ESE	W5DY	W5DY	W5DY	W5DY	W5CU
<b>NCS #2</b>	W5GKH	K6JT	W5TMO	W5TMO	K5KV	W5DY	W5GKH
Backup	K6JT	K5KV	K6JT	K6JT	K6JT	K6JT	W5CU
<b>RN5 #1</b>	K5KV	N5RL	W5CU	<i>Open</i>	N5RL	<i>Open</i>	W5CU
Backup	W5DY	<i>Open</i>	W5DY	<i>Open</i>	W5ESE	W5ESE	<i>Open</i>
<b>RN5 #2</b>	K5KV	K5KV	W5CU	K6JT	K6JT	<i>Open</i>	W5CU
Backup	W5DY	K6JT	K6JT	W5DY	K5KV	K6JT	<i>Open</i>

TEX/1: **7053**/ 7108 / 3541 at 19:00 CT; TEX/2 **3541**/3595/1841 at 22:00 CT

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

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

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

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

### TEX Roster

Call	Name	Location / Notes	Call	Name	Location / Notes
N5BA	Brian	Houston	WA5MUF	Bill	Watauga
W6CL	Carol	Tulsa OK	N7NET	Scott	McKinney
W5CU	Sam	Edmond OK	KB5NJD	John	Duncanville
W5DH	Tom	Dallas	N5NVP	Jim	Scott LA
W4DLZ	Frank	Florida	W5OMR	Geoff	Houston
* 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	W5TMO	Mike	Austin
K5JRN	Si	Austin	KD5TXD	Pat	Kingsville
* K6JT	Steve	Plano	W5UFK	Ken	College Station
KA5KLU	Doug	San Antonio	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:**

Traffic was somewhat down, but checkins were about the same on a per-net basis compared to last month. No RN5 slots were missed.

Randy, N5RL, with 55 out of 60 (92%) took first, Benny, K5KV, with 44 (73%) was second and Rodney, W5DY, with 39 (65%) was third. Thanks to all of you who checked in for your support.

We had several visitors to the net including Jim, W4AGL, and Frank, W4DLZ, from Florida, Ken, W7EKB, from Idaho, Brian, W5YE, from Harlingen, and Bob, K6YBV, from California. Welcome to all and thanks! Also, welcome back to the net to John, KB5NJD, from Duncanville, who has been away for a couple years.

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 3.0 per net session (3.8 last month). Net time averaged 12.0 minutes per session (compared to 13.0 last month). Check-ins averaged 6.1 per session (6.2 last month).

**TEX Net Statistics (April 2013)**

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW
W4AGL	Jim	1	2				
	FL	1					
N5BA	Brian	1	1				
		0					
W4DLZ	Frank	0	1				
	FL	1					
W5CU	Sam	14	30		7		
*		16			5		
W5DH	Tom	2	2				2
		0					
W5DY	Rodney	21	39	2	4		
		18		7	2		
W7EKB	Ken	0	1				
	ID	1					
W5ESE	Scott	24	24	1			
*		0					
W5FEA	Jim	5	11		1	1	
*		6					
W5GKH	Charlie	8	16	8			
*		8		8			
K5GM	Pete	13	21				
*		8					
W9GVW	Eric	7	8				
*		1					
K6JT	Steve	19	47	1	1		18
*		28		5	10		27
K5KV	Benny	20	44	4	8		
		24		4	13		
W6LFB	Jim	2	2				
*		0					
KB5NJD	John	3	3				
	Duncanville	0					
N5NVP	Jim	2	5				
		3					

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW
K1PKZ	Paul	2	2				
	Tom Bean	0					
K5QOW	Gary	19	19			16	
*		0					
K5RG	Ken	3	10				
*		7					
N5RL	Randy	26	55	7	9	8	
*		29				25	
W5TMO	Mike	0	14				
*		14		6			
KD5TXD	Pat	8	8	7			
*		0					
W5YE	Brian	2	2				
*	Harlingen	0					
K6YBV	Bob	0	1				
	CA	1					
Totals		368		60	60	50	47
				100%	100%	83%	78%
QTC 1		80	177				
QTC 2		97			Sessions:	60	
Time 1		389	719				
Time 2		330					

### Operating:

Due to my father being in the hospital, and his subsequent care at home, I did not make much progress on the Central Area NTS Status white paper since last month, but there has been some. It is still under development, but if you would like to take a look at a snapshot in time as of this writing, you can view the PDF version at:

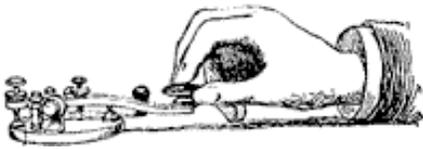
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If you have any feedback, by all means, let me know, particularly to fill in the missing information and suggestions for improvement.

Hope to see many of you at HAMCOM on June 8. Don't forget the traffic handling session at 10 AM to Noon with Jo Ann, KA5AZK, and myself giving the presentation.

Until next month, 73, Steve K6JT

(TSN Corner starts on the next page)



## TSN Corner

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

Looking for new TSN Net Manager

*The telegraph key image is courtesy of FCIT*

### Greetings from the Wild Horse Desert - Home of KD5TXD

Checkins were down this month. Thanks to KB5TCH we were able to make all of the nets. We had only two evenings where we had zero checkins and did not send a training lesson. Glad to have KK4HCF checking in frequently. Thank you to everyone who is checking in and supporting TSN.

Stop by any evening on 3570kHz at 7:45p.m. CDT.

If you have time and are interested in helping us out, please drop me an e-mail at [pja@atcweb.com](mailto:pja@atcweb.com). We have some available evenings if anyone would like to take on NCS duties. And it would be above and beyond the call of duty if someone could help with sending the training lessons. Thanks to all!!

### April 2013 TSN Roster

Call	Name	City	ST	Call	Name	City	ST
WA4BAM	John	Miami	FL	K5MDK	Mike	Plano	TX
AC5BE	Joe	Houston	TX	KD5MMM	Phil	Fentress	TX
KX5C	Ron	Silsbee	TX	WB5NKC	Arley	Oklahoma City	OK
W6CL	Carol	Tulsa	OK	N5NVP	Jim	Scott	LA
AB0DK	Dave	Kirksville	MO	K5OAI	Sam	San Angelo	TX
W7DML	Richard	Salt Lake City	UT	N4OLN	Gary	Conyers	GA
W5DPT	Louis	Deer Park	TX	K9PUI	Dick		IN
W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	TX	K5QOW	Gary	Reagan Wells	TX
W5ESE	Scott	Dripping Springs	TX	N5RL	Randy	San Antonio	TX
WD0ESF	Mike	Medicine Lodge	KS	KB5TCH	Carroll	Douglassville	TX
W5FEA	Jim	Graham	TX	KD5TXD, W5ZD	Pat	Kingsville	TX
AG9G	Dwight		WI	W5TMO	Mike	Austin	TX
KK4HCF	Sam	Maryville	TN	WB5UPS	Ron	Port Neches	TX
N0JL	Jim	Chillicothe	IA	K4VIZ	Tom	Conway	AR
K6JT	Steve	Plano	TX	W5VXI	Dave	Caddo Mills	TX
AA5JW	Carl	Stafford	TX	WB8WKQ	Jeff	Dryden	MI
K5KV	Benny	Star	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 2013

Total Sessions 30, Total Check-ins 86, Total Traffic 28 by 9 different operators.

### April 2013 QNS

April	Callsign	Name	QTH	STATE
30	KB5TCH	Carroll	Douglasville	TX
19	KD5TXD, W5ZD	Pat	Kingsville	TX
12	WD0ESF	Mike	Medicine Lodge	KS
10	KK4HCF	Sam	Maryville	TN
8	KD5MMM	Phil	Fentress	TX
3	W5VXI	Dave	Caddo Mills	TX
3	W6CL	Carol	Tulsa	OK
1	W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	TX
1	W7DML	Richard	Salt Lake City	UT

**73!!**

**Pat KD5TXD  
May 4, 2013**

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## **RN5 Corner**

Region Net 5 (Daily) 1930 CT on **7108** and 2130 CT on **3567**  
Alternate Frequency 3567 (early) or 3598 when conditions warrant  
*Serving TX, OK, LA, AR, MS, TN, AL, and FL*  
Frank Thrash W4DLZ (W4DLZ@ARRL.NET)  
RN5 Net Manager

Hello again and welcome to Edition 15 of the **RN5 Corner**.

Looks like NTS finally got a little “respect” with an article in the latest QST magazine in the “Public Service” section, written by Rob, K6YR, the SM of Santa Barbara and Chair of the Pacific Area Staff of NTS. It is a fairly short article and not too specific, but it does make the point that NTS is still alive and functioning. If anyone needs a copy, contact Steve, K6JT, who can send you a PDF extract (see contact information at the top of the newsletter).

You may have noticed there has been a distinct lack of traffic during the past few weeks. Some of the book traffic originators have ceased sending messages to not only RN5 but pretty much all of the Central Area. I suspect this was intentional as a result of the complaints from several stations a couple months back. In order to keep things a bit more interesting, we need to redouble our efforts on originating traffic. Did you have a QSO or make a contact during a contest? Send a radiogram to those stations thanking them. The ARRL web site has a place to look up calls in the FCC database. Then you can try [www.411.com](http://www.411.com) or [www.whitepages.com](http://www.whitepages.com) to try to find a phone number.

Guess you may have heard there is danger of a space junk collision which might cause a new demand for the use of NTS. If a collision happens we'll likely lose some of the communication satellites that now handle a lot of calls, not only overseas but also domestic long distance. This could result in outages for isolated parts of the country in completing long distance calls.

It shouldn't be too long before I have my antenna up at 50 or more feet as I've ordered an air gun that'll put a line over a tree at 200 feet if needed. That will hopefully improve my signal for those of you on the other side of the region.

We are in desperate need of CAN Tx and Rx stations on Mondays to support Ben, KZ8Q, who took over as NCS. We also have many other open slots, some new, as shown in the duty roster. Thanks to all of you who have been filling in on an as-available basis for CAN liaison. A special thanks to Jerry, W4SU, and Ben, KZ8Q, who have filled in NCS (and CAN) slots in addition their own, along with Jim, W4AGL, who has helped a lot with CAN liaisons.

One last thing... NCS stations on late RN5 should AVOID sending stations up 3 KHz to pass traffic. There is another region net on that frequency, I think it is TWN in the Pacific Area. Use up 2 KHz instead or 3 KHz down.

73,  
Frank W4DLZ, RN5/ CW Net Mgr.

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### RN5 Duty Roster

Local	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
NCS #1	KZ8Q	W4DLZ	W5CU	WA4ZPZ	W4SU	W4DLZ	K4VIZ
NCS #2	KZ8Q	W4DLZ	W5CU	WA4ZPZ	W4SU	W4DLZ	K4VIZ
CAN TX	Open	WA4ZPZ	K4VIZ	Open	K5KV	Open	K5KV
CAN RX	Open	W4DLZ	Open	K6JT	Open	W4DLZ	W5CU
DRN5	Open	Open	K5RG	Open	Open	Open	Open

### April 2013 Statistics

SESSIONS	58
QTC	156
QNI	419
QTR	647
CAN TX REP	98%
CAN RX REP	98%
DRN5 / HBN REP	50%

The following roster shows active stations coming to RN5 and their sections.

### Region Net 5 Roster

Call	Name	Section	Call	Name	Section
W4AGL	JIM	FL	AA4HT	BOB	FL
K4AKC	TOM	AL	W8IM	DEAN	FL
WA4BAM	JOHN	FL	WA5JAN	JIM	AR
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	WA5LQZ	ALAN	LA
K5DMC	JER	MS	K5MC	MICKEY	LA
WD4DNC	BARRY	FL	N5NVP	JIM	LA
AD4DO	JOHN	FL	K4PG	KEVIN	FL
W5DTR	CURT	IL	KZ8Q	BEN	AL
K1DW	DALLAS	LA	K5RG	KEN	TX
W5DY	RODNEY	TX	N5RL	RANDY	TX
NY4E	BILL	FL	W4SQE	ANDY	TN
W5ESE	SCOTT	TX	W4SU	JERRY	AL
KJ4FDV	TREY	AL	W6SX	HANK	CA
KC4FL	JOHN	FL	K15T	WADE	LA
KA4FZI	PHYL	FL	K4VIZ	TOM	AR
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

73, Frank W4DLZ