

# The Texan

Newsletter of the Texas CW Traffic Net (TEX)

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## News and Updates

Very sorry to report that Jim, W5FEA, a long-time TEX member, became a silent key in early December. See coverage of Jim's history later in this issue.

This will probably be the last full issue of the newsletter. With dwindling TEX participation and lack of news to share, future newsletters will be restricted to sharing top news, if any, and the operational statistics of TEX and RN5. Thus, I will not be sending out alerts of a new issue to a wide audience like it is now. Only active TEX/RN5 participants will be sent an email announcing the brief newsletter's availability. Anyone can check the TEX website if they are interested in what the net is doing. I intend to continue with bi-monthly reporting.

### Early TEX and RN5 moved to 80 Meters (3541 and 3567)

Propagation on 40 meters changed around the middle of November such that it was no longer the best choice for evening nets, particularly CAN. By the 3<sup>rd</sup> week, nearly every evening had changed back to 80 meters for CAN (3552), with 7052 used for passing traffic between stations far apart. Long skip prevents close together stations from hearing each other adequately,

### Jack, W5TFB's Book

Excerpts from Jack's book will also cease with this issue. Jack actually worked on his stories for several years (at least 3 or 4). There are about 1500 pages and the excerpts I have published only got up to about page 160. So there is really no chance to finish the excerpts at the current rate. Besides, he has strayed far from applicability to amateur radio. To finish up the main story, here are the major events he wrote about:

1. Jack and Sue finally got married and officially adopted Marie (May). May continued to excel in math, with Jack's tutoring (after all, Jack was really a full professor at Texas A&M at the head of the math department before he retired).
2. Sue and Jack sold the Louisiana property (and Sue's business) for several million dollars and purchased a new place in Texas near where Jack lived while he was

teaching at A&M. They were very happy together there and developed their new home the way they wanted it to be.

3. May graduated with honors from high school (a year early) and set about investigating schools in the U.S. that had excellent math departments. She (and Jack) settled for the University of California at Berkeley, which had an outstanding math department and several esteemed professors that Jack personally knew. Naturally, she had no problem qualifying to attend there and Sue had set aside ample funds to pay her way.
4. Before May left for college, Sue became ill. It was a form of cancer that developed and spread very aggressively. In spite of all treatments, Sue died from the illness, just weeks after it was originally diagnosed. It was a big shock for Jack and May and had something to do with May choosing an out-of-state university to get away from sad memories.

### **Jim, W5FEA, Silent Key**

The following was taken from the obituary published by the Legacy Funeral Service. The link to where the recent obituaries for Graham, Texas, Jim's home, are shown is:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/local/texas/graham>

in case you want to send a message or other memories to his family.

**Jim Jones July 7, 1939 - December 7, 2024** James "Jim" Merle Jones, age 85, passed away in Fort Worth on Saturday December 7th, 2024. A graveside service will be held Thursday, December 12, 2024 at 2 p.m. in Pioneer Cemetery under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home.

Jim was born on July 7, 1939 in Luverne, Minnesota to the late Burney and Julia (Fish) Jones.

Jim graduated college with his Broadcasting Engineering Degree and was the long time General Manager/ part owner of KSWA-AM and KWKQ-FM radio stations, he was employed there for almost 50 years. He also worked as the News Director for Graham Newspapers, Inc. He was an avid Amateur Radio Operator and enjoyed meeting people from all around the world.

Many knew him as the voice of Graham whether it was from the news hour on the radio, while out being a weather spotter keeping the community informed by remote on severe weather, and of course reporting any fires with his famous saying, "There is a Fire in the Lake Country!"

Jim served his community in many ways and was formerly a member of the Chamber of Commerce Redcoats and the Kiwanis Club.

He will forever be remembered for his immense personality and quick wit, and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Jim is survived by his daughters Angela Worley and husband Cliff of Little Elm, Cara Smith and husband Clifford of Bryson; grandchildren, Tyler Smith, Lane Smith and fiancé Shaylee Kelso, Jacob Smith and fiancé Megan Whitbeck, Bailey Cozart and husband Daylon, Brendan

Worley, and Cameron Worley; great grandchildren, Roslynn Smith and Wilder Cozart, and another one on the way.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Burney and Julia Jones; wife, Patricia Hudson Jones.

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There is also a lot of information in his QRZ.com biography including many photos. For those who don't have access to the QRZ detailed bio because you are not registered with the organization, I have included the major text portions here.

W5FEA QRZ biography contents:



#### PLEASE NOTE

As of September I got pretty sick and am having heck recovering but finally am feeling better. I did something stupid with my computer resulting in it removing my check-in into all my programs. Been going through heck getting back online and some online things can't be recovered, including facebook.

Thank you for your patience.

Traffic Nets: Regular 7290 Traffic Net 10 a.m. to 12 Noon Mon. - Sat at 7.290 and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Mon. - Fri. also at 7.290, Texas Traffic Net 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. daily at 3.873, TEX CW Traffic Net 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. at 3.541 daily, except for summer months the early net at 7.053. All times CST/CDST.

Am NCS for early TEX CW Net on Mon-Wed-Sat and serve as one of the alternate net controls for TEX CW Net, Of late have been calling both early and late sessions of the RRI Region Five net.

At one time participated in QSO's on 7.208 but that group hardly exists anymore. Occasionally work the various other bands using G5RV and an antenna tuner or tuner in transceiver..

On the air go by the name of JIM. Original call issued in 1954 was WN5HMR as a Novice and became W5HMR when passed my General. The call was originally held by a Ham in New Orleans by the name of L. M. Taix, likely the original holder of the call. My license expired in '98 and was canceled in 2000 while I was inactive. I had tried to renew the license but my computer failed to send credit card info...I thought it had and didn't check, later found out it didn't. While I was inactive my old call sign was secured by a Technician licensee in Odessa, Texas, he now lives in Florida, and still has my original call.

Went to Belton, Tx Hamfest April 14, 2012 and secured General Class license "again" and received KF5PSP on April 27th and applied for Vanity Call W5FEA which was my Dad's original call sign. My mother was also licensed as W5UVY, as was my Grandfather, W0REH.

Station consists of TenTec Eagle, TenTec Jupiter, and TenTec Omni D Series B, the latter of which was the rig I used when active back in the 70's and 80's working The Delta Single

Sideband Net, The Texas Traffic Net, The Texas CW Traffic Net, and a Regional CW traffic net. After getting back on the air found those nets at new frequencies, 3.873 for the Texas Traffic Net at 6:30 p.m. and the Texas CW Traffic Net at 3.541 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m., early CW net in summer on 7.053. The Delta Single Sideband Net as well at 3.905 at 7 p.m. Mon-Sat.

Am also checking in on the 7.290 Traffic Net between 10.00 a.m. and Noon Monday through Saturday, and/or 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The family consists of a fixed little female Poodle dog, a Burmese look-alike fixed male cat, and a mostly white fixed Calico female cat, and me. Wife passed away in August 2008. There are two daughters from my previous wife, one that lives at Frisco Ranch, just out of Little Elm, and the other lives at Bryson, Texas. There is a total of six grandchildren.

In the early days, at Laredo, Texas, my dad had an 813 rig, worked only CW using a bug. I worked CW as a Novice and actually ground down crystals to change frequency on Novice Band. Later built 6L6 as well as 807 rigs. Went off to Port Arthur College for a year and got my Radiotelephone First Class license and came to Graham mid-1959. Got my Novice license in October of 1954.

Went to Raymondville, Texas for a year and a half in the mid-60's, got my private pilot's license and flew a J3, Cherokee 140, 150 and 180, etc. The first cross country was Harlingen to Uvalde, where I had also lived when I was 12/13 and had the opportunity to do a lot of "dual" flying time in an Ercoupe in particular. At Raymondville, I flew a Piper Colt from a dirt strip in Lyford, just south of Raymondville where the J3 was also located. The Cherokee's were headquartered at Harlingen. I had been introduced to flying when I was 12 years of age and we lived in Uvalde, Texas. My Dad worked at KVOU and my Mom worked at Southwest Texas Junior College. We lived on campus which was for a former Air Force Base at Uvalde.

I was taken for "dual time" in several airplanes, including the Ercoupe and a number of other airplanes, one was a very pretty Luscomb. I think I flew in a Fairchild and a bunch of other airplanes.

Have enjoyed meeting lots of folks on the bands, among them KA5TCF, Tim, in Garland, KE5HWE who is Terry driving an 18-wheeler, KE5PTO/mostly mobile who is Dave from Mississippi, KC5WRL who is Dave from Oklahoma, and KC6JSM now N6JSM, Scott. who is from California. Met Scott on the air then at Ham-Com. He owned a Shopping Center in Houston and drove back and forth from California to Texas now and then. Not mentioned but many others like N5BOS (now SK), KB5IPK, AF5KH, N5GWD, KE5YXO, W5XP, N5JAC, KA0AAM, KT5AL, W6MWS, N5PKZ, W0RCH and many more listed toward the end of this posting.

Fixed up the corner of the bedroom providing more desktop for all the current HF rigs (there is a 2-meter rig, but it's out in the car). Also have a two band, 144 and 440 4-watt handheld. Have a 40 and 75-meter hamstick antenna for use with the Eagle in the car. Currently, have a G5RV (102 feet) antenna. Have a Kenwood TM 281 2-meter rig for use in the car (hardly anyone on two meters any more out here in the country).

In November 2012 replaced a small MFJ tuner for an MFJ 962C, which is now in operation. It is not in the picture below but is sitting under the Jupiter on the extreme right. Also not shown is a six position coax switch which can switch the antenna to any of the three rigs, all functioning like they are supposed to.

The rigs are Ten Tec and the larger one being a Jupiter, on the right. On the left there is the Omni D Series B which I operated in the late 70's and early 80's.

All of the rigs operate fully and as expected.

My antenna is G5RV at about 25 feet at the center with 32 feet of 450 line in a slight inverted-v shape, and then with 100 feet of coax coming inside the house. The 450 line is pretty much perpendicular to the antenna and comes down to about roof level where the coax connects to it.

Came to Graham in July of 1959 and have lived here except for a year or so I lived in Raymondville after my Dad sold the Graham Radio Station and bought the station there, that was late 1965/1966.

Got my Radio Telephone First Class License in 1958 and worked at radio stations in Port Arthur, Graham, Raymondville and later in Breckenridge until July 2012 when I retired. Managed the stations in Graham from 1969 to October 1996 and served as the chief engineer as well.

***Rest in Peace, Jim. We all miss you!***

#### **TEX / RN5 Mailbox:**

There are few inputs for the mailbox, so this will be the last issue with this section.

**Jon, KZ5Z** wrote: Boat Anchor collection additions. I went to the Ardmore ham fest at the last minute because I couldn't go to 7290 picnic this year due to dog having surgery. Ended up coming home with a few items including a Johnson Viking Valiant II transmitter to go with my old Collins receivers. Supposed to be in good condition, but it could be a project or an 83 pound door stop. I haven't had a chance to fire it up yet. Hoping for the best. I also have an R390A but it is having some issues and not sure if I am smart enough to tear into it.

We used a lot of R 390A receivers when I was working and I have one but it needs some work. It was a great job for a ham, standing watch at a major radio relay station as NCS with racks of receivers on guard frequencies and key lines to a transmitter site 10 miles away with 3 and 5 kw transmitters for CW and bigger ones for data. We had big antennas at the receiver site and the transmitter site; huge rhombics; big rlp antennas with rotors as big as a refrigerator plus many more. I'm sure you know exactly what I am talking about. Got to be in on the end of an era and witnessed as everything transferred to high speed satellite data and computer networks. I was always better at the former than the latter but by then I had worked my last overseas assignment and was a watch officer in Virginia with lots of young guys to do the computer work, hi. I had planned on getting my first class radiotelegraph license and going to see part time after retirement but my first wife got sick and all the rules changed. I ended up getting a GROL and never using it. Ships went to satellite work so just as well.

73, Jon KZ5Z

### TEX Net Topics

The TEX Duty Schedule and Roster are shown below. If you are willing to take any of the open positions or want to change your assignment, please advise so the schedule may be updated. We are still missing primary coverage for 3 NCS, 2 RN5/1 and 1 RN5/2 slots. All of Randy's schedules are still shown in yellow until he is well enough and confirms he can handle them. Anyone who can help control the nets on the noted days, please do, and thanks in advance.

Thanks to those who accepted assignments as NCS and RN5 Liaison. If anyone else can manage to take any shown as Open or any of Randy's days please do so and also let me know to put you into the schedule table.

All sessions are on the regular 80 meter frequencies, shown after the table.

#### TEX CW Net Weekly Schedule

Local	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
NC 1	Open	N5RL	Open	W9VE	N5RL	No Net	N5RL
Backup	Open	Open	N5RL	N5RL	Open	No Net	Open
NC 2	K5IX	K6JT	K6JT	K6JT	Open	No Net	KZ5Z
Backup	Open	Open	KZ5Z	KZ5Z	KZ5Z	No Net	Open
RN5 1	N5RL	KZ5Z	Open	KZ5Z	Open	No Net	KZ5Z
Backup	Open	Open	KZ5Z	Open	Open	No Net	Open
RN5 2	W5CU	K6JT	K5RG	K6JT	Open	No Net	KZ5Z
Backup	Open	KZ5Z	W5CU	KZ5Z	Open	No Net	Open
TTN/7290	Open	KZ5Z	Open	KZ5Z	Open	Nada	Open

TEX/1: 3541/3593/7106 at 19:00 CT; TEX/2 3541/3593/1841 at 22:00 CT

RN5/1: 3567/7106 at 19:30; RN5/2: 3567/3598/7106 at 21:30 CT

CAN: 3552/3590/7052/7106 - 20:30 CT; WAN: 3552/7052 - 22:30 CT

RN5 Backup: K5RG, N5RL, KZ5Z, W5CU

NCS Backup: K5RG, N5RL, KZ5Z, W5CU, K5IX, W9VE

## TEX Roster

Call	Name	Location / Notes	Call	Name	Location / Notes
KW5AS	Skip	Victoria	* W6LFB	Jim	Denton
N5BA	Brian	Houston	WA5MS	Marty	Argyle
WA5CAV	Dick	Pineville LA	NM5M	Eric	Plano
W5CU	Sam	Edmond OK, /0 CO	N7NET	Scott	Crossett AR
N5CXX	Steve	Richardson (K6JT)	* KB5NJD	John	Duncanville
W5DAE	Don	San Angelo	W5OMR	Geoff	San Antonio
W5ESE	Scott	Dripping Springs	* K5RG	Ken	Houston
W5FEA	Jim	Graham (Silent Key)	N5RL	Randy	San Antonio
K5GM	Pete	Tennessee	KD5RQB	Jason	Atlanta
KM0I	John	Hattiesburg MS	KD5TXD	Pat	Kingsville
KA9IKK	Bill	Katy	W9VE	Don	Dallas
* K5IX	Dave	Brackettville/Del Rio	WB5VIH	Dave	Merkel
K5JFB	Jim	Fort Worth	NA5YO	Doug	Palacios
K6JT	Steve	Plano	KZ5Z	Jon	Springer OK
* K5KV	Benny	Star	W0ZV	Tom	Missouri

\* Capable of 160 meter operation

### Statistics:

#### October 2024:

Jon, KZ5Z, was first with 52 (96%), Don, W5DAE, was second with 44 (81%), and Dave, K5IX, was third with 22 (41%). Thanks again to all who checked in.

Visitors: K9ING, Bob in San Antonio

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Note there were 53 sessions reported out of a possible 54 (no Saturday nets). Traffic averaged 0.39 per net session (0.94 last month). Net time averaged 7.0 minutes per session (7.7 last month). Check-ins averaged 3.7 per session (3.8 last month).

#### TEX Net Statistics (October 2024)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW
W5CU	Sam	12	13				
*		1					
W5DAE	Don	24	44				
		20					
W5FEA	Jim	1	10				
*		9					
K9ING	Bob	1	1				
	San Antonio	0					
K5IX	Dave	13	22	1			
		9		5			

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW
K6JT	Steve	0	12				
*		12		12	8		12
K5RG	Ken	0	5				
*		5			5		
N5RL	Randy	12	18				
*		6					
W0ZV	Tom	12	12				
	MO	0					
W9VE	Don	11	11	3			11
		0					
K5WNU	Jack	2	2				
	MS	0					
KZ5Z	Jon	26	52	23	26	3	
	OK	26		9	14	2	
Totals		202		53	53	5	23
				98%	98%	9%	43%
QTC 1		4	21				
QTC 2		17		Sessions:	54		
Time 1		199	378				
Time 2		179					

### November 2024:

Jon, KZ5Z, was 1<sup>st</sup> with 51 (98%), Don, W5DAE, was 2<sup>nd</sup> with 38 (73%), and Randy, N5RL, was 3<sup>rd</sup> with 30 (58%). Sure good to have Randy back. Thanks again to all of you who checked in.

Visitors: K7CTV, Igor in AZ, W5EES, Pat in AR, K3MD, John in PA, K9ZTV, Kent in MO

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Note that there were 52 sessions reported out of a possible 52 (no Saturdays). Traffic averaged 0.25 per net session (0.39 last month). Net time averaged 7.6 minutes per session (7.0 last month). Check-ins averaged 3.8 per session (3.7 last month).

### TEX Net Statistics (November 2024)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW
W5CU	Sam	14	14	1	1		
*		0					
W5DAE	Don	21	38				
		17					
K7CTV	Igor	1	1				
	AZ	0					
W5EES	PAT	0	1				
	AR	1					
W5FEA	Jim	4	5				



*		1					
K5IX	Dave	10	16	2			
		6		4			
K6JT	Steve	0	13				
*		13		12	8		12
K3MD	John	1	1				
	PA	0					
K5RG	Ken	0	4				
*		4			4		
N5RL	Randy	19	30				
*		11					
W0ZV	Tom	12	12				
	MO	0					
W9VE	Don	7	7	4			7
		0					
K9ZTV	Kent	1	1				
	MO	0					
KZ5Z	Jon	25	51	21	25	4	
	OK	26		8	14		
Totals		194		52	52	4	19
				100%	100%	8%	37%
QTC 1		2	13				
QTC 2		11			Sessions:	52	
Time 1		202	386				
Time 2		184					

## Operating:

TEX traffic and check-ins were down both months compared to the previous months. Propagation conditions were generally good after changing back to 80. Thanks to those of you who continue to support TEX. We can really use some more traffic and more stations willing to take NCS and RN5 liaison slots.

It is still the season for hurricanes, some of which can affect us in TEX. We have been pretty lucky this year with most storms going further east of us, although the Texas Gulf Coast has had some impacts. Keep alert for storm forecasts. Although TEX has rarely had to hold extra sessions, that is still possible if there is a need to handle priority traffic within the TEX main area. We have not participated in the Simulated Emergency Test for many years now and there are no plans to do so this year. With the small number of active check-ins, the purpose of TEX has been reduced to primarily interfacing with RN5 and the TTN & 7290 Nets.

Please try to get your net reports to me within a week of the sessions. E-mail them if you won't be on late TEX Tue/Wed/Thur (or late RN5 Tue/Thur) to send them when I am there. Also, Jon, KZ5Z, is on most nights and could take your reports to relay to me at the next opportunity. Thanks Jon, for all your help.

Here are the composite reports for the last 2 months for traffic handled at the region and above levels. Traffic totals were higher both months, with November significantly higher compared to the 2 previous months.

### Central US Nets Activity for October 2024

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	9	20	47	44	0.455
Day 9 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	13	184	97	72	2.556
Day 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	12	32	62	56	0.571
Night 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area**	54	197	224	466	0.423
Night 9 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	52	355	173	349	1.017
Night 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	58	27	203	284	0.095
Day Central US	13	92	88	249	0.369
Night Central US @	31	409	172	332	1.232
Day Inter-Area Traffic	39	55	39		100%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	82	219	81		99%
Total Voice/CW Nets		1590	1186	1852	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
KE5YTA Central Area RN5		395	222	173	
N9VC Central Area 9RN/TEN		5418	2517	2901	
Digital Stations (12)		375	212	163	
Total DTN Digital		6188			
Total Central US		7778			
@ Manager resigned, nominations open. Composite from NCS reports received					
** Nominations open for manager - thanks to NCS stations for statistics					

### Central US Nets Activity for November 2024

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Day 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	10	47	49	44	1.068
Day 9 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	13	128	83	68	1.882
Day 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	13	19	81	73	0.260

Net	Sessions	QTC	QNI	QTR	Rate
Night 5 <sup>th</sup> Call Area**	52	188	191	479	0.392
Night 9 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	50	407	157	408	0.998
Night 10 <sup>th</sup> Call Area	53	41	188	301	0.136
Day Central US	13	126	99	290	0.434
Night Central US @	30	486	157	402	1.209
Day Inter-Area Traffic	39	87	39		100%
Night Inter-Area Traffic	81	216	76		94%
Total Voice/CW Nets		1745	1120	2065	
DTN Digital			Received	Sent	
KE5YTA Central Area RN5		652	353	299	
N9VC Central Area 9RN/10RN		5440	2465	2975	
Digital Stations (11)		471	265	206	
Total DTN Digital		6563			
Total Central US		8308			
@ Manager resigned, nominations open. Composite from NCS reports received					
** Nominations open for manager, thanks to NC Stations for statistics					

**DTN Access:**

\$\$ KE5YTA Pactor 1800-0600 CT Mon, Tue, Wed thru Thursday 0600, Thursday 1800 to Mon 0600

(Off the air 0600 to 1800 Monday thru Thursday).

Center Frequencies: DTN 3591, 7103, and 14098; RMS Winlink 3.589 and 7.1024

N9VC Pactor + VARA 24/7 except when on HF Nets

Center Frequencies (both Pactor/VARA) 3591.9, 3593.9, 7102.4, 14110.4

Keep sending your TEX net reports and info to me, either on the air via TEX or RN5, via Winlink, or via standard Email.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Until Next Year, 73, Steve K6JT  
TEX Newsletter Editor and Statistician

## **RN5 Corner**

RRI Fifth Call Area Net (Daily) 1930 CT on **3567** and 2130 CT on **3567**  
Alternate Frequency 3598 when conditions warrant  
*Serving TX, OK, LA, AR, MS, TN, AL, and NFL*  
Nominations are still open for Net Manager

Hello all and welcome to Edition 99 of the **RN5 Corner**.

Thanks again to those who support RN5 and especially to the NCS stations for their reports. All sessions were covered and reported in October and November (other than Saturdays, which remain optional). Thanks very much Jon, Sam, and Jack.

Jack K5WNU, is back home most of the time but was out again for a few days due to a hospital visit. He is recovering now.

Jon continues to either check in or control nearly every RN5 session. Sam, W5CU, helps by bringing traffic from CAN. Sam still occasionally goes to Colorado, but still operates from there. Sam and Jon are the only ones who take outgoing RN5 traffic to CAN. As always, we need more help with CAN liaisons.

Here is a list of the stations sending NC reports for October and November (in order from earliest date station first reported that month). Thanks to everyone for supporting RN5. NCS slots are mostly covered with Jack's return. There are many empty CAN liaison slots.

October: KZ5Z 33, K5WNU 4, K6JT 8, W5CU 9

November: K5WNU 3, K6JT 8, KZ5Z 32, W5CU 9

Dick, WA5CAV, is on many sessions. Dick, if nobody calls up the net, please send me a note of zero checkins for that session and date. Will list you as NCS. Thanks.

Thanks to all for your support of RN5, especially regulars WA5CAV, W5CU, KZ5Z, K5WNU, K6JT, and K5RG. John KC4FL, Dean W8IM, and Ben KZ8Q, also check in from FL some nights. Dean has checked in many nights. Good to see Randy, N5RL, starting to check in again.

Please continue to pass AR traffic to the TEX liaison station to take to the 7290 Traffic Net. If there is no TEX liaison, these may be sent to the 7290 Traffic Net manager, KA5AZK at Winlink dot org (also see below for subject line restrictions). OK traffic can be sent to Jon, KZ5Z. Jon also checks into TEX so TX traffic can be sent to him if no other TEX liaison.

TN traffic can be sent to Jim, WA4VGZ, who is the manager of daytime RN5 and located in TN. Use WA4VGZ@Winlink.org. For Winlink addresses via E-mail, be sure to put //WL2K as the first 7 letters (including space) in the subject line. AL traffic can be handled by sending it to Don, WV5Q@Winlink.org. Don is a digital traffic station located in MS, but he has connections with AL SSB nets for passing traffic.

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

### RN5 Duty Roster

Local	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
NCS #1	K5WNU	K5WNU	W5CU	K5WNU	K5WNU	(No net)	KZ5Z
NCS #2	K5WNU	K6JT	W5CU	K6JT	K5WNU	(No net)	KZ5Z
CAN TX	Open	Open	W5CU	Open	Open	(No net)	Open
CAN RX	Open	Open	W5CU	K6JT	Open	(No net)	Open
DRN5	Open	K6JT	K5RG	K6JT	Open	(No net)	Open

K5WNU caring for wife at times, back for now

### 2024 Statistics

MONTH	October	November
SESSIONS	54	52
QTC	224	191
QNI	197	188
QTR	466	479
AVG QTC	4.1	3.7
AVG QNI	3.6	3.6
AVG QTR	8.6	9.2

The following roster shows stations coming to RN5 in the past 5 years and their states.

### Region Net 5 Roster

Call	Name	State	Call	Name	State
WB5BNV	FRED	MS	K6JT	STEVE	TX
WA5CAV	DICK	LA	WD5JTZ	MIKE	LA
W5CU	SAM	OK / CO	WB4LAL	IKE	AL
W4DLZ	FRANK	(SK)	KZ8Q	BEN	FL
W5DY	RODNEY	(SK)	K5RG	KEN	TX
W5FEA	JIM	(SK)	N5RL	RANDY	TX
KC4FL	JOHN	FL	K4VIZ	TOM	AR**
K5GM	PETE	TN	K5WNU	JACK	MS
W8IM	DEAN	FL	KZ5Z	JON	OK / (TX)

\*\* K4VIZ is only marginally active. Send AR to the TEX station for the 7290 net (do not use DRN5 since there is only an occasional AR liaison station there).

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