

The Texan

Newsletter of the Texas NTS CW Net (TEX)

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Get Ready to Return to 3541 on Early TEX

As the daylight hours get fewer, it will not be long before we start having long skip on 7053 at 1900 on a regular basis. We've already experienced it a few times in past weeks, and from what I hear on CAN, long skip is becoming more common later in the evening.

Note that as of September 18Z, RN5 has changed **both** sessions back to 3567 KHz.

I will send out an announcement at least 2 days before a formal change is made. Meanwhile, NCS stations should continue to start the net on 7053 but switch to 3541 if long skip is detected.

Leo's Ghost Key

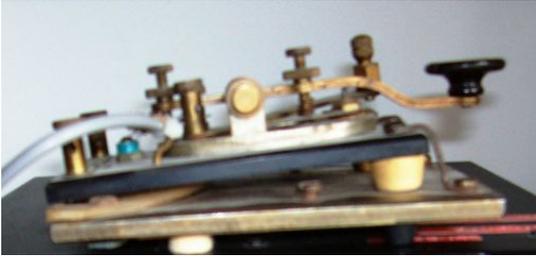
By Scott Laughlin/n7net

Nearly 25 years ago I met a new ham, KB7LOC. During his Air Force tour, in the early 1950s, Leo served on a Nevada mountain top radar site. A great deal of nuclear testing was conducted at that time. As a result, he became an Atomic Veteran, a term the Veterans Administration chose not to recognize. Joint degeneration prevented him from holding a job, and his budget reflected as much.

We found him a working Heathkit DX-40 at a hamfest on Bachelor Butte in the Oregon Cascades. With that and a serviceable receiver already in his inventory he was in business. As technicians, we chatted nightly on the novice portion of 80 meters, me with a J-38 and he with a straight key fabricated from a hack saw blade and various odd parts. It worked, but we always watched for an affordable key. One day, on my way home from work, I swung into an estate sale and found what had once been a J-38. For some reason it had evidently been cast aside and it was now a ball of rust. I was taken aback when the person in charge of this deceased ham's affairs thought it should fetch \$20. After a few minutes of negotiations, I bought it for \$2 and gave it to Leo.

I doubted he could do anything with it, but his challenged legs gave him the time to try. In a couple of weeks I actually thought he was showing me a different key. Since he'd pumped new life into this little hummer he referred to it as his Ghost Key.

He was as proud as a new father.



Three years ago Leo passed on. To my surprise I was mentioned in his will. The Ghost Key became mine. As seen in the photo, he mounted it on a steel plate and elevated the aft portion enough to accommodate his large hands. I find it quite comfortable, but even if I didn't, changing anything about this puppy is out of the question.

You don't often hear me on TSN, but when you do I'm always using Leo's Ghost key. It lives on.

New Issue of QNI Newsletter

James Wades, WB8SIW, has published a new edition of his quarterly (nominal) newsletter, QNI. It can be accessed from the TEX website via a link (scroll down the page). As always, he, and contributors including Kate, K6HTN, Dave, WB2FTX, and Tom, WE2G, have done an excellent job with some interesting articles including the following:

1. The Original "Pink" Card (issued after WW I)
2. Is the 2 meter band dying?
3. Why are some getting licensed?
4. Free EMCOM training available (using NTS)
5. A little knowledge is a dangerous thing (good treatment of ICS-213 vs. Radiogram)
6. Digital Relay Stations needed
7. Some thoughts on Digital Communications and Batch File Format
8. SET Options
9. Maryland Slow Speed CW Net

George Hart Series

Here is the 9th installment of the George Hart Series, for your reading pleasure. "Geo" and Bunch get to meet the local club gang and their off-the-air adventures are expanded.

RANDOM RECOLLECTIONS OF AN OLD HAM

*A journalistic history of the life and times in Amateur Radio of George Hart, W1NJM (SK)
by George Hart W1NJM*

Part 9 - The Radio Club

When W3NF acquired its "big signal" in 1929 we made many more contacts. One was W3AFE in Catasauqua, a suburb of Allentown. He invited us to his house to attend a meeting of "the club," a group of hams in and around Allentown, who got together at his house on Friday nights.

One Friday night Bunch and I decided to take him up on it. Charlie Milson, W3AFE, turned out to be a rotund, sizable and very jolly Pennsylvania Dutchman. He had his amateur gear in a medium-sized room on the third floor of his parents' house in West Catasauqua. When we got there, the elderly man who opened the door for us directed us upstairs, and there we found an assemblage of about six hams. They had not expected us, and in the true Pennsylvania Dutch fashion there was no cordial greeting... but after a brief silence Charlie sprang to his feet.

"I'm Charlie Milson, W3AFE!" he boomed, shook our hands warmly and introduced us to the others. "Dutchmen" are inclined to be taciturn but are very friendly when the ice is broken, and a mutual interest in ham radio quickly accomplished this. Others that I recall in the room were Nick Stavrou, W3AWB, Herb Snyder, W3CJN, Norm Stiedle, W3ATS, and Pres Schuler, W3BYE. It was a congenial group, very informal, subjects discussed not all having to do with amateur radio.

I'm not sure whether the club was formalized later or that it already existed when Bunch and I came on the scene. I tend to think the former. I do know that I was the youngest, by several years, and often referred to as "the kid." In any case, the Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club was duly formed and because of my flair for writing I was the first or a very early secretary. The club is still in existence today. During 1929, 1930 and 1931, I became a regular Friday night attendant at the LVARC meetings. I recall a number of trips Bunch (we'll start calling him Ed now) and I made to Allentown in his little red flivver. It was a second hand Model T, painted red by a former owner, because a new Ford was "available in any color you want as long as it's black." It was, I believe, a 1924 model that had seen its best years and was getting highly temperamental.

I remember especially one trip we made to Allentown in the dead of winter, bundled up in overcoats because few cars in those days had heaters. We had to thaw out the radiator before we started, because it was frozen solid. Usually, once thawed and the engine warmed up there was little danger of its freezing again unless it sat for several hours, but this night the temperature got down close to zero. We made it to the club meeting (believe it was still at Milson's shack), but when we came out to start the journey home we found the radiator was again clogged with ice, so we had to thaw it out again. This meant draping our overcoats over the hood and starting the engine. The ice melted rapidly and the engine settled down to normal operation. (Meanwhile we were stomping around trying to keep ourselves warm.) Once we were on the way we felt there was no possibility of further trouble, but before we even reached Bethlehem, the steam started spouting from the engine. We had not reckoned on the extreme cold causing the radiator to freeze even while the engine was running. We had to stop twice more to thaw out the radiator and the trip, only about 20 miles took us over 2 hours. It was 2 a.m. when we arrived home, almost literally frozen stiff, but we were young and suffered no ill effects.

Ed soon lost interest in the club and attended only occasionally, but my devotion kept increasing. I still did not hold a driver's license, so when Ed decided not to go I was stuck at home. There was a trolley line that ran to Allentown, but its terminus was still quite far from the meeting places of the club. Eventually one of the newer members, an older man named Ken Schleicher, W3ATN, offered to give me a ride if I could get to his place in Bethlehem. It turned out that "the limited" had a stop in Bethlehem within easy walking distance to Ken's residence.

On several occasions thereafter, when Ed declined to attend the meetings (every Friday night), I boarded "the limited" to Bethlehem, walked to Ken's place and waited until he was ready to go, meanwhile sitting and operating his "rig" and munching on a treat his wife provided. This arrangement soon ended, however. One time he forgot I was coming and left without me. When I arrived, Mrs. Schleicher insisted I wait, and sure enough Ken returned for me, full of apologies. I remember his holding his coattails up and inviting me to kick him. The embarrassing episode made me realize I was an inconvenience and I never went back to Ken's place, nonetheless retaining fond memories of his kindness and friendship.

The association with LVARC made me many friendships and gave me much experience in amateur radio. The club usually met in members' homes, but for a period we had our own clubhouse in Fullerton (now, I believe, called White Hall), a rented room over a garage. Here we established an amateur radio station under club call W3OI, which was operated sporadically by members, usually before and after the Friday night meetings. The club was quite active. I was a regular attendant. Ed not quite so regular but he did build a transmitter for use during an Allentown exposition of some kind, I believe in 1929. A special wooden frame was built for the transmitter. After the exposition, Ed became proprietor of the frame and used it to house several later transmitters. I still have it (Feb., 2001) here in my basement "shack" to house a now-obsolete PP 813 transmitter and power supply.

Next in Part 10, "My First Hamfest".

TEX Mailbox:

Benny, K5KV, submitted some thoughts on a couple topics including the Op Notes that are appearing on messages from DL4FN and N5NY and the length of radiograms being limited to 25 characters (he has recently seen some longer than that). What follows is a synopsis of our conversation on these topics.

Those Op Notes tend to be a bit too long and are not well understood by some operators when originating service messages back. While DL4FN does not request responses to most of his radiograms (i.e., no handling instructions), should a service message for a bad phone number or other problem need to be sent, the handling instruction to send the reply via WA4STO is necessary. The dual information about sending it via WB2FTX on NTSD direct is not needed and even confusing to most Cycle 2 and 4 operators, so Benny (and I) believe it should be deleted and just the "reply via WA4STO in NE" will suffice.

N5NY is located in the DFW area, and Bobby has been sending messages to fellow life members of REACT, which started as a CB group but expanded to include amateur radio as well some years back to provide communications services in a disaster situation. He has also sent some welcoming messages to new hams. These all include handling instructions to send back a response. Bobby moved to Southlake, TX, a while ago from "2" land, trading his "2" call for a "5", but he recently moved again to Euless. He is a regular on the DFW Late Traffic Net (2 meter FM) and does not yet have HF capability or a local phone number. Thus the need for the op note to reply to him via the Late DFW Traffic Net. This op note is necessary for the foregoing reasons since that's the only way to reach him, but it needs to be shortened. We are also hoping he will drop the HXC on the welcoming messages since it

serves no useful purpose on NTS, which is already often bogged down with service message traffic. Simply HXE (not HXCE) would also suffice on the REACT messages.

Finally, Benny points out that the Public Service Communication Manual specifically calls out a 25 word limit on text, although it uses the word "usually" in describing that. It is always a good idea to limit the word count for radiograms for most efficient handling. Many that we have seen could be considerably shortened by careful choice of wording and eliminating redundancy. The specific portion of the PSCM, supplied by Benny, is:

W3YVQ.v1.04-5/02 PSCM APP.-B NTS MPG-MESSAGE FORMAT P 1-13

1.3 TEXT PART

The text contains the actual message information authorized by the person for whom the message was originated. Note that the amateur does not originate messages for a person without permission from that person!

The text is entered in section 3 of the message form. (When transmitting a message, the text is separated from the preceding address, and the signature to follow, by the use of the word "BREAK" on voice, the prosign <BT> on CW, to allow the receiving operator to know its beginning and end. BREAK and <BT> are not counted as groups.)

The text is divided into word "groups", five or ten to a line for easy counting, and is **usually limited to 25 words or less**. (*Emphasis added*)

THIS IS FROM

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Public%20Service/MPG104A.pdf>

Benny also noted wording from the TTN website (and 7290 has something similar) as follows:

Radiograms are **limited to 25 words**, and contain five rows of five blanks, in a 5-by-5 table. This facilitates the easy counting of words by each station that handles the traffic, to ensure that no errors creep in to the message. Each word, figure group, or mixed group, containing no spaces, is called a "group," occupies one blank in the text section, and counts as one for the check.

THIS IS FROM

<http://texastrafficnet.org/training.asp>

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Pete, K5GM, is slowly recovering from the lightning-induced damage reported in last month's newsletter. Pete writes: Still trying to put the station back into "normal" mode after the lightning strike.

My MicroHAM MicroKeyer no longer operates the external amp PTT, so haven't been able to use the amp. Not good on CAN! Several computers have power supply problems (at least), and I lost 3 Ethernet switches and a router (all replaced now). I doubt my home insurance will be any help, since State Farm now bases the deductible on the total coverage, NOT on the

insurance on personal effects as before. Good reason to go with ARRL insurance. A good friend (W8NUE, of NUEmodem fame) is repairing the 13.8V input filter on the 756PRO3; the capacitors on the input side blew a hole in the board! The board itself contains also the switched output low-pass filters for the PA (no obvious damage there!), and is no longer available from ICOM. Meanwhile the PRO2 does backup duty.

73, Pete

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Tom, W5DH, who was acting as liaison from the early DFW Traffic Net to TEX, reports that he will be inactive for a while due to too many things to take care of this fall. Sorry to hear that, Tom, and hope to hear you on again when your schedule permits.

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Jim, N5NVP, was also impacted by lightning this season, but he is now back on the air with an even better signal than before. Jim wrote: During an electrical storm lightening got into my station set-up and wreaked havoc on/about 23 July 2013. I was finally able to get my station operational again on 20 Aug 2013. I am now looking forward to working with all of you on the traffic nets again.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the CW operators that helped to keep the LCW Net alive and well while I was off the air.

73, Jim N5NVP, LCW Manager

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Scott, W7IZ, forwarded the following story written by **Vic, W7VSE**. Gives an idea of what NTS used to be in what some refer to as its "heyday".

This happened back in the 60's or 70's. I had handled message traffic for over four years in the US Army Air Corps, so when I found a traffic net in the ham bands, it was like coming home. I became very involved, and spent all my evenings and days on the NTS nets handling traffic. I amassed 129 Brass Pounders League (BPL) monthly awards. I was Mgr of OSN, became an ORS, Managed RN7 for years, and I believe I was the 1st Section Traffic Manager (STM) in Oregon (after the SM). Of course, I was NCS on OSN, RN7, and PAN for years. I spent so much time on the nets that I am still watching reruns on TV that I missed, and they are NEW to me.

I guess all that sounds like bragging, but it's also background for this story. And, probably only hams who have been involved with traffic can appreciate it.

I had Saturday nights NCS duties on PAN. But then I checked into PAN every night that I was home, and also RN7, sometimes IMN and WSN and volunteered to take traffic that was left over going ANYWHERE. I would fill in for RN6, RN7 or CAN liaison spots if no one showed up for those jobs. I had a station J assignment on Friday nights. But I would volunteer to take EAN traffic any other night and make the Sked next day. Believe me, this was a way to make BPL every month and I enjoyed every minute of it.

One night, I checked into PAN and Bob, W7EP was NCS. I think he was also TCC Director at that time. I checked in as station "V" (and this station does not exist.) He asked me what station V did, and I told him that I was Station Victor, and he should know that I took traffic for anywhere or did any job that was open. Bob went ahead and handled the net and, with his usual dexterity, cleared all the traffic, then he came back to me. He said, Vic, we've been

running this net for many years without a Station Victor, and I think we can continue to run it without one.

This was my way of having fun at work. I hope he was laughing as much as I was.
73, 88, Vic W7VSE

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Pete, K5GM, had the following comment to Vic's story (which he also received from Scott): This sounds like me at times, although I didn't get BPL like Vic did. In the mid-50's, as a high school Senior and college freshman living at home, I'd go WSN, RN7, PAN, RN7. WSN didn't have a late session! Anyway, I used to work Vic from here when he was PAN NCS on Sat. and my Echo-Golf sked fell through.

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You have probably all heard of the severe flooding in Colorado that is just starting to subside as I write this. **Scott, W7IZ**, forwarded the following from a contact of his. It gives some insights into just how bad things have been there: I received this from my daughter in Denver this afternoon. Great boost for amateur radio. RS

Wow... I can't imagine how Estes Park and the surrounding areas would do without their Ham Radio operators. Both land line and cell phone service are not working, and isn't expected up and running for quite a long time. The radio operators have been a key source in ALL communication between first responders, 911 calls, and military help. What a mess! Thanks go out for all those operators that are making a huge difference in saving and service to those who are in need during the flood areas.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/view/amateur-radio-provides-critical-communication-in-colorado-flooding-response>

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TEX Net Topics

There are still 5 backup slots open (shown in **yellow**) but only **1** open liaison and **1** NCS slot (shown in **red**) in need of a station for Thursday early RN5 and Saturday early NCS. A regular for early RN5 on Thursday is most needed. Thanks to Doug and Rodney for volunteering for it most nights, but they are not always available. While I do take it when nobody else is able (assuming I make it home in time), because I have CAN NCS duty on Thursdays, that leaves me little time to prepare my father's supper and eat my own supper before CAN.

The TEX Duty Schedule and 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.

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
NCS #1	W5GKH	N5RL	KD5TXD	KD5TXD	N5RL	<i>Open</i>	W5GKH
Backup	<i>Open</i>	W5ESE	W5DY	W5DY	W5DY	W5DY	W5CU
NCS #2	W5GKH	K6JT	W5TMO	W5TMO	K5KV	W5DY	W5GKH
Backup	K6JT	K5KV	K6JT	K6JT	K6JT	K6JT	W5CU
RN5 #1	K5KV	N5RL	W5CU	<i>Open</i>	N5RL	KA5KLU	W5CU
Backup	W5DY	<i>Open</i>	W5DY	<i>Open</i>	W5ESE	W5ESE	<i>Open</i>
RN5 #2	K5KV	K5KV	W5CU	K6JT	K6JT	KA5KLU	W5CU
Backup	W5DY	K6JT	K6JT	W5DY	K5KV	K6JT	<i>Open</i>

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

RN5/1: **3567**/7108 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 and check-ins were both up compared to last month. All RN5 slots were covered and TTN / DFW representation were again very good. Thanks to all for a fine job.

Randy, N5RL, with 54 out of 62 (87%) again captured first, Jim, W5FEA, with 47 (76%) was second and Rodney, W5DY, with 36 (58%) captured third. Thanks to all of you who checked in for your support.

We had a couple of "regular" visitors to the net including Frank, W4DLZ, from Florida and Bob, K6YBV, from California. We also had a DX visitor - Ed, LW1EB, who may have been visiting in Mexico rather than his home Argentina. Welcome to all and thanks!

The complete list of stations and traffic / liaison totals are shown in the following table. Traffic averaged 3.9 per net session (3.2 last month). Net time averaged 12.9 minutes per session (compared to 12.0 last month). Check-ins averaged 6.6 per session (5.5 last month).

TEX Net Statistics (August 2013)

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW
W4DLZ	Frank	0	2				
	FL	2					
W5CU	Sam	13	30		7		
*		17			6		
W5DY	Rodney	17	36	1	3		
		19		1			
LW1EB	Ed	1	1				
	Argentina?	0					
W5ESE	Scott	26	26		3		
*		0					
W5FEA	Jim	24	47			2	
*		23				3	
W5GKH	Charlie	8	16	8			
*		8		8			
K5GM	Pete	9	20				
*		11					
K6JT	Steve	17	48	4	1		17
*		31		9	13		31
KA5KLU	Doug	13	24		3		
*		11			3		
K5KV	Benny	14	33		5		
		19		4	9		
N5NVP	Jim	0	1				
		1					
K5QOW	Gary	10	10			10	
*		0					

Call	Name	QNI	Total	NCS	RN5	TTN	DFW
K5RG	Ken	5	20				
*		15					
N5RL	Randy	28	54	9	9	14	
*		26		1		22	
W5TMO	Mike	0	19				
*		19		8			
KD5TXD	Pat	14	15	9			
*		1					
K6YBV	Bob	0	6				
	CA	6					
Totals		408		62	62	51	48
				100%	100%	82%	77%
QTC 1		82	244				
QTC 2		162			Sessions:	62	
Time 1		384	802				
Time 2		418					

Operating:

The NTS Status white paper has been released to the Central Area Staff for review and a start on identifying possible workarounds where representation is lacking. I received a few comments / corrections, but so far no additional suggestions on workarounds. It will be released to the STMs in the Central Area in early October for their review and hopefully more updates and suggestions. There is a link to it on the TEX website.

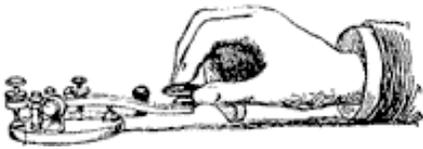
Thanks to Benny, K5KV, for providing a 2nd (unsolicited) nomination for my entry in the A-1 Operator's Club. It is truly an honor and one I have worked toward for many years. Having been licensed for over 50 years now, I guess it took a while to "hone" my operating skills :-)

The Simulated Emergency Test is scheduled for the morning of October 5 this year, nominally 0800 to 1400. Since TEX does not meet during that time while the DTTN (7285, 0830), 7290 (1000 to 1200) and Cycle 2 RN5 (7280, 1025) nets normally do, I do not have any plans to activate TEX for a special session. I don't know if any of those SSB nets will accept CW checkins should you not have SSB capability or want to test their function, but that might be an interesting test in itself.

If any of you have an ARES group that would like TEX support, please let me know, and we can probably arrange something using our 40 meter frequency. I will send out a group announcement should the need arise. We will meet as usual on that evening, so any "leftover" test traffic may be brought at that time.

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
http://www.atcweb.com/tsn/Texas_Slow_Net.htm
 Looking for new TSN Net Manager

The telegraph key image is courtesy of FCIT

Greetings from the Wild Horse Desert - Home of KD5TXD

We are in the middle of the great TSN revival. I am gradually working through the ARRL list of Texas Amateur Radio Clubs and sending them radiograms or e-mail to invite their members to get involved with our training sessions. So far TSN has been mentioned in one newsletter and linked on one club web page. It is a beginning. We have not yet had any totally new checkins. We will keep priming the pump.

Thank you very much to the TEX folks who have been working with us; W5FEA, N5RL, W5DY and N7NET. You have certainly picked up and perked up our spirits. When we start to pull in some new folks I hope you can be with us to encourage our new visitors. Remember, this is the Great TSN Revival. The ultimate goal of TSN is to graduate new traffic handlers for TEX and other CW nets. Please join us under the CW revival tent.

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. 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!!

August 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 August 2013

Total Sessions 31, Total Check-ins 101, Total Traffic 28 by 10 different operators.

August 2013 QNS

QNI	Callsign	Name	QTH	STATE
31	KB5TCH	Carroll	Douglasville	TX
24	KD5TXD	Pat	Kingsville	TX
13	W5FEA	Jim	Graham	TX
9	KD5MMM	Phil	Fentress	TX
9	N5RL	Randy	San Antonio	TX
4	KK4HCF	Sam	Maryville	TN
4	W5DY	Rodney	Goliad	TX
4	WD0ESF	Mike	Medicine Lodge	KS
2	AC5BE	Joe	Houston	TX
1	N7NET	Scott	McKinney	TX

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Pat KD5TXD

September 11, 2013

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RN5 Corner

Region Net 5 (Daily) 1930 CT on **3567** and 2130 CT on **3567**
Alternate Frequency 7108 (early/late) 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 guys and welcome to Edition 19 of the **RN5 Corner**. I'm very sorry that I have been absent so much lately. Have had one problem after another come up at home, requiring a lot of time to resolve, but things seem to have settled down now so I should be on more.

Effective immediately, both sessions of RN5 will move to 3567. 7108 can still be used for QSY of stations who have traffic but problems hearing each other on 80.

As reported last month, Tom, WA4ZPZ, who lives in a very deed-restricted development where antennas are not allowed had been forced to take down his push-up pole G5RV antenna. His "stealth" G5RV wrapped around the eaves of his single story home, required some changes, which resulted in his transmit signal strength increasing considerably, so much that he could be heard reliably in all states. However, due to his noise level from (probably) antenna proximity to electrical equipment and power lines, he was unable to reliably hear distant stations.

As a result of his frustration with the receive problems as well as some new family matters that have arisen, Tom regretfully has resigned as ASN net manager, which Ben, KZ8Q, has accepted, and Tom also has resigned from his RN5 NCS and CAN Liaison schedules, along with his NTSD Target Station appointment, effective September 15. Tom has stated he will remain available for operation during a true emergency situation, during which he believes he can obtain permission to put up his better antenna.

We thank you, Tom, for your service and compliment you for your hard work in making the Alabama Section Net once again a well-functioning part of NTS. We will miss you and wish you the best of luck with your family matters.

As reported last month, K5WNU, has started checking in somewhat regularly from MS. His name has been corrected (to Jack) in the roster (sorry). We are very happy to have Jack check into RN5 and help with any MS traffic that comes through.

We still *really* need CAN liaison stations for Monday, which has been vacant for some time. With Tom, WA4ZPZ's resignation, we now also have a need for Thursday NCS as well as many CAN liaison positions (see all the "open" entries in the duty roster now).

Thanks to all of you for a good job -- last month was very active although a couple reports were missing. Please send me reports for September if you have not already done so.

73, Frank W4DLZ
RN5/4 CW Net Mgr..

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RN5 Duty Roster

Local	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
NCS #1	KZ8Q	W4DLZ	W5CU	Open	W4SU	W4DLZ	K4VIZ
NCS #2	KZ8Q	W4DLZ	W5CU	Open	W4SU	W4DLZ	K4VIZ
CAN TX	Open	Open	K4VIZ	Open	K5KV	Open	K5KV
CAN RX	Open	W4DLZ	W4AGL	K6JT	Open	W4DLZ	W5CU
DRN5	Open	Open	K5RG	Open	Open	Open	Open

August 2013 Statistics

SESSIONS	59
QTC	172
QNI	315
QTR	642
AVG QTC	2.9
AVG QNI	5.3
AVG QTR	10.9

The following (updated) roster shows stations coming to RN5 in the past 3 years and their sections. Note the correction for K5WNU.

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	K5MC	MICKEY	LA
K5DMC	JER	MS	N5NVP	JIM	LA
WD4DNC	BARRY	FL	K4PG	KEVIN	FL
AD4DO	JOHN	FL	KZ8Q	BEN	AL
W5DTR	CURT	IL	K5RG	KEN	TX
K1DW	DALLAS	LA	N5RL	RANDY	TX
W5DY	RODNEY	TX	W4SQE	ANDY	TN
NY4E	BILL	FL	W4SU	JERRY	AL
W5ESE	SCOTT	TX	W6SX	HANK	CA
KJ4FDV	TREY	AL	K15T	WADE	LA
KC4FL	JOHN	FL	K4VIZ	TOM	AR
KA4FZI	PHYL	FL	K5WNU	JACK	MS
W5GKH	CHARLIE	TX	K6YR	ROB	CA
K5GM	PETE	TX	WA4ZPZ	TOM	AL

* When W5CU is not present on Late RN5, OK traffic may be sent to the TX station

73, Frank W4DLZ