



The Bullsheet

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An ARRL Affiliated Club

The Texas DX Society, Houston TX K5DX@tdxs.net May 2024

TDXS May Luncheon Meeting is This Saturday, May 18 at 11:30 a.m.!

Kelley's Country Cookin' in Pearland

Please RSVP to Doug W9LCQ.

Editor's Note by Allen Brier N5XZ

May has been full of surprises including crazy weather, both meteorologically and from the sun. Lots of solar flares and CME's, making the bands both miserable and wonderful at times. Super high SFI's but with 200+ A indices does not make for happy hamming. But when the A comes back down to 10 or so, the bands are great. Some great 6m openings have been reported and I have actually worked a few new 6m countries...looking forward to my 6m DXCC some day.

As for me, I finally bought that new Elecraft K4D and it is really a great rig! Looking forward to a few more enhancements in the works, including the VK4 (Virtual K4) that will allow operation from any computer. The K4-K4 software just came out and looking forward to playing with that, too, not to mention there is a K4/0 in the works.

FIELD DAY!! FIELD DAY!! FIELD DAY!! FIELD DAY!!

Is coming soon (end of June) and again it will be a joint FD with BVARC, Katy and possibly U of H. Please make plans to be there. FD will be a Duhacsek Park in Sugar Land again.

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Upcoming Dxpeditions

Glorioso Island FT4GL – May 24-June 19 – one man operation

St. Paul Island CY9C – August 26-September 5 – large crew

Jarvis Island N5J – August 1-August 13 (tentative) – RIB operation

**Program – Dr. Bill Schmidt K9HZ - “The latest in DXing and Contesting
to give you the competitive Edge”**

**Bill is a very accomplished Contester, with Contest stations in Illinois (K9ZC)
and on the island of St. Lucia in the West Indies (J68HZ)**



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

May

- 4 10-10 International Spring Contest, CW
 - ARI International DX Contest
 - 7th Call Area QSO Party
 - Indiana QSO Party
 - Delaware QSO Party
 - New England QSO Party
- 11 Canadian Prairies QSO Party
- 18 His Majesty King of Spain CW Contest
 - Arkansas QSO Party
- 25 CQ WW WPX Contest, CW

June

- 1 10-10 International Open Season PSK Contest
 - Kentucky QSO Party
 - ARRL International Digital Contest
- 8 VK Shires Contest
 - ARRL June VHF Contest
- 15 All Asia DX Contest, CW
 - West Virginia QSO Party
- 22 His Majesty King of Spain Contest, SSB
 - ARRL Field Day



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TDXS members participated in several contests in April. Here is their score information as it was found in the 3830scores.com website:

Louisiana QSO Party 2024 Apr 6

Fixed CW/Dig HP

Call	Remote	CW-Dig Qs	Ph Qs	CW-Dig Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score
K5TIA		7	0	7	0	12	196
AF5J		4	0	4	0	4:41	164

Fixed Mixed HP

Call	Remote	CW-Dig Qs	Ph Qs	CW-Dig Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score
N5EKO		5	2	5	2		168

Mississippi QSO Party 2024 Apr 6

Single Op HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	RTTY Qs	FTn Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score
K5TIA		9	0	0	0	6	12	108
AF5J		9	0	0	0	6	4:44	108
N5EKO		3	4	0	0	7		70

Missouri QSO Party 2024 Apr 6

SO Fixed HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		113	0	0	62	11:18	14,112	TDXS
K5TIA		78	0	0	45	12	7,020	TDXS
N5EKO		37	14	0	30		2,640	TDXS

Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest 2024 Apr 13

O CW HP

Call	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5XZ		251	0	5	35,705	TDXS



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New Mexico QSO Party 2024 Apr 13

Single Op HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		29	0	0	22	6		1,276 TDXS
AF5J		31	0	0	19	3;12	1	,178 TDXS

Single Op LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5EKO		23	12	0	22			1,276 TDXS

Georgia QSO Party 2024 Apr 13

Single OpCW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		115	0	75	0	14:23	17,250	TDXS
K5TIA		105	0	66	0	12	13,860	TDXS

Single OpMixed LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5EKO		35	20	19	12		2,790	TDXS

North Dakota QSO Party 2024 Apr 13

Fixed HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		6		0	0	2 :43	12	TDXS

Fixed LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5EKO		2		2	0	3	12	TDXS

Out of State HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		5		0	0	2 1	10	TDXS



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Ontario QSO Party 2024 Apr 20

SO CW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		46	0	30	3:28	5,460	TDXS
K5TIA		41	0	28	12	3,640	TDXS

SO CW LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5EKO		11	0	0		342	TDXS

Nebraska QSO Party 2024 Apr 20

Fixed HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	FT8 Qs	Mults	FTn Mults	Op Time
AF5J		6	0	0	3	0	:45	36

Fixed LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	FT8 Qs	Mults	FTn Mults	Op Time
N5EKO		3	2	0	4	0		32

Out of State HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Dig Qs	FT8 Q	Mults	FTn Mults	Op Time
K5TIA		5	0	0	3	0	6	30

Michigan QSO Party 2024 Apr 20

Single Op HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		63	0	27	0	5:31	3,402	TDXS
K5TIA		50	0	22	0	8	2,200	TDXS

Single Op LP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5EKO		7	0	7	0		98	TDXS



Contest Chairman Report—by Jim Burrough N5DTT

Quebec QSO Party 2024 Apr 21

SO CW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF5J		9 0	7	:45	146	TDXS	
K5TIA		4 0	3	1	12	TDXS	

Florida QSO Party 2024 Apr 27

SOAB(A)CW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5TIA		282	0	64	0	13	36,096	TDXS
AF5J		262	0	66	0	18:39	34,584	TDXS

SOAB(A)Mixed HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N5EKO		97	24	45	18	7	13,734	TDXS

SOABCW HP

Call	Remote	CW Qs	Ph Qs	CW Mults	Ph Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K5GQ		93	0	37	0	2.25	6,882	TDXS

Have a good month, contesting as much as you have the time for.

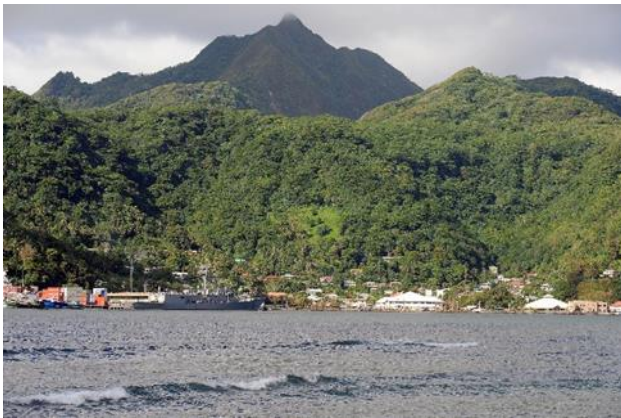
Jim, N5DTT



Where in the World is .. By Ron Litt, K5HM

Yes, there really is a place called Pago Pago. Really. It is a city of about 3,600 and the capital of American Samoa. Not the same as Samoan Samoa, which is about 100 miles to the Northwest. American Samoa is where America's day begins, lying just east of the International Date Line.

The National Park of American Samoa, protects lush rainforest, coral reefs and waters visited by humpback whales. A trail leads up to Blunts Point Battery, a WWII gun site. It is a popular tourist attraction.



American Samoa consists of three main islands, Tuila (pronounced Too – too – ee -la), Ta'U (pronounced (Tah – oo) and Ofu (pronounced, well I think you can figure it out). The total land area is 76.8 Square mile, slightly more than Washington, D.C. American Samoa is the southernmost territory of the United States and one of two U.S. territories south of the Equator, along with the uninhabited Jarvis Island. Tuna products are the main exports, and the main trading partner is the United States. Both Star-Kist and Chicken of the Sea have canneries here. Pago Pago provides direct passenger service to Hawaii.

The Tripartite Convention of 1899 partitioned the Samoan Islands into two parts: The eastern island group became a territory of the United States in 1900. People born on American Samoa are considered American nationals, but they do not have automatic U.S. citizenship at birth. Some Samoans fear that automatic citizenship will destroy the Samoan way of life. Pago Pago's villagers have preserved "The Samoan Way," so residents have a strong sense of tradition and observe many of the customs that began with them 3,000 years ago. Traditional meals are eaten while seated on the floor, businesses are closed on Sunday, and nearly all the population primarily speaks Samoan, despite the predominance of English. Samoans are divided regarding the citizenship issue.



Pago Pago has a tropical climate all year round with two distinct seasons, wet and dry. The wet season is usually between December and March and the dry season from April through to September with the average daily temperature around 81–83 °F. Great Field Day weather. The climate is warm, tropical, and humid. Throughout the year, rain follows clouds blown in by the trade winds that rise from the east almost daily. The mountains of the Pago Pago area, protect Pago Pago Harbor and catch these clouds, bringing an average of 200 inches of rainfall per year.

Where in the World is .. By Ron Litt, K5HM

QRZ.com counts 37 resident hams in American Samoa as of this writing. Recent DXpeditions to KH8 included W1AW/KH8 in 2014 and another supported by W5MJ/KH8 in 2018.

Reporting from the Dark Side

Ron Litt, K5HM



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TDXS says "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" to these members with birthdays in May:

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