53rd ALESSANDRO VOLTA RTTY DX CONTEST
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The *SSB and RTTY Club of COMO* and the A.R.I. (Associazione Radioamatori Italiani) are pleased to announce the details of the 52nd "Alessandro VOLTA RTTY DX CONTEST". This contest is organized to increase interest in RTTY mode as used by radio amateurs and to honor the Italian discoverer of electricity, ALESSANDRO VOLTA.

TEST PERIOD: from 12:00 GMT Saturday **May 11, 2019 until 12:00 GMT Sunday May 12, 2019**. In the future this event will take place on the second **full week-end** in May.

BANDS: 3,5 - 7 - 14 -21 - 28 MHz Amateur bands.

CLASSES: "**SINGLE-OP ALL**" - Single Operator, All Bands.

"**SINGLE-OP xxM**" - Single Operator, Single Band (where xx=10, 15, 20, 40, 80) (Single band entrants who also operate on other bands are encouraged to submit their logs to aid in the log-checking process. QSOs on other bands are counted: 0 points, 0 multipliers, 0 QSOs. **Mark clearly in the CABRILLO log's header which band is to be counted as the single-band entry**)

"**MULTI-OP**"   - Multi Operator Single or Multi Transmitter
"**SWL**"   - Short Wave Listeners.

"**CHECKLOG**"   - logs for QSO checking

ALL CATEGORIES: Single Band or All Band, Single Operator or Multi Operators, only one signal allowed at any one time; the operator may change bands at any time. No power subcategories. Use of DX spotting nets is allowed (self- spotting not allowed).

SCORING: All two way RTTY contacts will score in accordance with the exchange POINTS TABLE. Contacts between stations within the same DXCC Country or call area (for Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand**) will not be valid.** (e.g.: a JA2 station can work JA1, JA3, JA4 etc, but not JA2). **This rule is not applied to USA because, the callsigns are no longer linked to geographic areas.** Our software will check the real geographic area without any penalty or disqualification. Contacts made outside one's own **continent** on 3.5 or 28 MHz are worth double points.

CONTACTS: Station can be worked only once for each band. Additional contacts may be made with the same station only if a different band is used.

MULTIPLIERS: A multiplier of 1 (one) is given for each different DXCC Country worked. The same Country may be claimed again if a different band is used. An additional multiplier is given for each INTERCONTINENTAL COUNTRY (DX) worked on at least in 4 bands. A contact with a station which would count as multiplier will only be valid if that station appears at least in 4 other logs, or if a contest log is received from that station.

POINTS: Total exchange points multiplied by the total number of multiplier multiplied by the total number of QSOs. [Points x Multipliers x QSOs = Final score].

COUNTRIES: ARRL DXCC Country list plus each call-area in Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand and the USA will be counted as a separate country. In those cases, the "main" Country multiplier (JA-VE-VK-W-ZL) **DOES NOT COUNT** and **ONLY each worked call-area** (JA1..0, VE1...0, VK1..8, W1...0, ZL1...ZL4) can be considered.

MESSAGE: Must consist of: RST - QSO progressive number starting from 001 - Your CQ Zone number. (es.: 599-001-15)

SWL: The same scoring rules will apply but based on stations and message copied. Use one CABRILLO record for each station heard. If you hear both stations in QSO you have to log two hearings. See in our site the Cabrillo layout for SWL.

AWARD:.T**he SOAB and MO categories will be divided by Continent.** A special Trophy will be awarded to the top stations in each category. In addition, all contestants will be allowed to download an electronic certificate (.jpg file) from our site.

PAPER LOGS: **Paper log are no more accepted.**

LOGS: ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION: you can use one of the following options (wait please at least 6 hours before re-sending/re-uploading the LOG):

- **E-MAIL:** Send log (VOLTA CABRILLO file format) via e-mail to **log2019@contestvolta.it.** In the "Subject:" line of your e-mail message please include your **callsign** and the **category** you entered (e.g., **I2DMI SINGLE-OP 20M**, **I2DMI MULTI-OP**, **I2DMI SWL**, etc). Logs must be sent as an e-mail attachment, not as the text of the email.
- **UPLOAD:** use link in main page of our site and follow instructions.

The filename for the log should be **yourcall.log (**e.g., **I2DMI.LOG** or **I2DMI.CBR).** No summary score sheet is required for CABRILLO logs.

LOGS will be checked by a Robot that will send a feedback message automatically. Search your call in the **"received LOGs"** link in our site. If any error will be found by the ROBOT, you'll receive an e-mail containing a diagnostic errors message. You can then correct your log and submit it again. Please look at **www.contestvolta.it** for Cabrillo conversion programs. If you have trouble, send the log to I2DMI (e-mail: i2dmi@contestvolta.it), to be converted and uploaded.

IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE ANY MESSAGE FROM US PLEASE SEND AGAIN THE LOG: sometimes e-mails with Logs have been lost in Internet !!

LOGS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 2019, MAY 31st TO QUALIFY.