

45th 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 45th "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 14, 2011 until 12:00 GMT Sunday May 15, 2011. 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 and USA) **will not be valid.** (e.g.: A W2 station can work W1, W3, W4 etc, but not W2). 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: The 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: Starting this edition paper log are no more accepted. Please don't send paper log. Note please that the previous address (P.O.Box 55- Cantù) is no more valid. If you need any help with your log, send an e-mail to i2dmi@contestvolta.it.

LOGS: ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION. Send logs (VOLTA CABRILLO files) via e-mail to log2011@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.

MOZILLA USERS: please set "**mail.content_disposition_type=1**". If you leave the "0" option your log will be sent as part of the body of your e-mail (even if it looks like separate attachment) and the robot will discharge it.

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 "on line received logs" link in our site. If any error will be found, you'll receive an e-mail containing a diagnostic errors message. You can then correct your log and submit it again. Look at www.contestvolta.it for Cabrillo conversion programs.

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

LOGS MUST BE RECEIVED **BY 2011, JUNE 30th TO QUALIFY.**