

DL-DX RTTY Contest Group (DRCG)  
DL-DX RTTY Contest 2005  
Contest Manager Report

This was the 3rd run of the DL-DX RTTY CONTEST. We are pleased to report a considerable increase of 16,6% in participation. 368 logs were received, this is an increase of 10% over 2004. Thanks to all participants for their continued interest in our contest.

The comments received again show that the 6 hour categories and those for use of limited aeriels are especially appealing to many RTTY contesters.

Propagation conditions were as expected for this period of the solar cycle, yet a good amount of fine DX was available and workable. Quite a few of the stations have QRV the past several years. A special thanks to those for activation of their DXCC's, to make the DL-DX RTTY Contest more attractive.

About 31% of all QSOs were from stations outside of Europe. This is a minor decrease opposite 2004, which is to be attributed probably to the sunspot cycle.

We are very pleased to report that at least 1044 stations took part in the contest, which means an increase of 16,6% in comparison to the previous year. At least 193 DL stations were on the air, this is an increase of 52%. The large DL activity was confirmed and welcomed in numerous comments of the participants around the world.

Other major contributions came from (at least) 201 USA stations, 98 JA, 74 UA/UA9, 53 I, 36 SP, and 26 VE stations.

A total of 78 countries were active in the contest. Except for Antarctica all continents were worked. The 368 stations submitting logs entered the 5 different categories as follows:

Category A=117 (Single OP, all bands)

Category B=89 (Single OP, all bands, operating time max. 6 hours)

Category C=67 (Single OP, all bands, limited antennas)

Category D=64 (Single OP, all bands, limited antennas, operating time max. 6 hours)

Category E=10 (Multi OP, all bands)

18 logs were received as checklogs.

We are sad to report that 3 logs had to be classified as checklogs because of violation of contest rules.

190 stations used high power and 178 low power.

13 club scores could be determined, which had more than 2 logs submitted.

The first place here goes to the DRCG (DL-DX RTTY Contest Group), followed by the UCC (Ukrainian Contest Club) and the BCC (Bavarian Contest Club).

All logs were examined electronically.

67459 QSO's could be extracted from the logs, and 46852 QSO's (69,4%) could be cross checked directly.

The average error rate is 4,92%, which is less than in 2004.

Quite a few of the participants who entered any of the 6 hour categories operated longer than the calculated 6 operating hours. This was probably due to the good conditions and the enjoyment of RTTY contesting. This additional activity is also very welcome.

In 2006 the 4th DL-DX RTTY Contest will be on the first weekend of July as usual.

The rules will be published on the DRCG website <http://www.drcg.de> .

73 to all of you, and thanks for participating and cuagn in 2006.

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