



Nature-Park Slavkovsky Les OKFF-006 01.october 2011

As end of september and beginning of october were looking more friendly than expected, I started for some short activations together with my xyl Christa. Saturday, october 01 we toured to Czech Republic in the „Kaiserwald“ Slavkovsky Les. We know the area well, because I was working not too far away from there seven years and in 2010 we selected a location, near the beautiful town of Marianske Lazne with its famous bath arrangements. About 15 kilometers away from there is the town of Kynzvalt with an also very well known castle. We activated this in july for WCA. Our destination was closed to a new regenerated railway. Very loud when one of the high number of

trains appeared. So I made 55 percent of my activity this time in CW. Beside the activation of the park however we wanted to do some antenna-test. When on tour with Team DA0CW, normally Xaver DK4RM runs the 18 and 10 MHz-part of the activation with his trap-dipole. So I wanted to test this antenna during the operation. In the past I did some mobile-antenna-operations which were running not so well, so that was also the reason why I´ve added the platform for the mast this year to my portable-equipment. The antennas can be changed on the lifted glassfiber-mast within good 15 minutes. So the first part with activity started at 1115 UTC with IW2NEF in the log. 40 meters was doing not so well on that location, maybe also not the best time, so the main-activity was on 20 meters. A bit problem was also the start of a big number of high-class DX-peditions with extreme pile-ups. Beside the piles from 3D2R,



preparing for the first antenna

T32C and YJ0VK simultaneously on 10 MHz there was also the expected appearance of EU189 Rockall on 14 MHz which made it really difficult to find a clear frequency. So the first two hours were with 85 and 80 contacts per hour. Rest of the time I´ve spent more time with testing antenna in various positions. Xaver´s trap-dipole worked well on 10MHz and 18 MHz. The SWR was fine but the general circumstances not. With no internet-connection



comfortable shack



it wasn't possible to generate a spot. In the lower portion of 30 meters however it was impossible to work. One pile-up from the first DX-station was covering in the pile-up from the other expedition. Finally moved to 18MHz. There were some small openings to W and JA however not too much stations could be carried together on this band too. So finally the last QSO was made with RX3AU



pulling upwards with the trap-dipole on the role

commands but seemed that he didn't understand him too good. Finally after showing us what he is for a great animal he started to follow his owner with some final woof. So in every activation another reason for a heartache. Equipment was an YAESU FT450, with an external battery powered, micro-keyer II, Acer 1810 netbook and double-dipole for 20/40 and trap-dipole for 30/17 on a fiberglass-mast about 8 meters up. Upload to the EW4DX-database is completed. Also QSL-cards are ready to go via the buro.



behind the trap, the famous castle of Kynzvalt

on 18 CW. So altogether from the three hours on that location I was on the air about 2 hours 15 minutes with a total result of 211 contacts. When we started to dismantle the antennas my wife called me when she saw a very big dog jumping in our direction coming just across the meadow and looking not so friendly. She called me better to take place in the car however there was some more work to do. The last three meters he stopped and then coming closer and closer with tremendous bark. So I only could keep him (maybe her) on distance the the end of the coax-cable. With very

slow steps now also the owner

appeared on the scene with some

Please don't send cards to the OK-Buro. I am not member there. If you wish you can send via DARC via DF6EX however it's not required as all contacts will be confirmed automatically.

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