



After first activations from DLFF-058, DLFF-119, DLFF-067, OKFF-012 and OKFF-006 we planned as final activity for the end of the 2010-season something special. First plan was to make an activation from a totally new one german park. After some investigation and the selection from a beautiful area however we learned that the WFF-

rules are not equal in all countries. While it seems to grow in some countries endless this will not happen in germany. So our application was denied. So as plan B we did some research for unactivated existing parks and found with DLFF-097 and DLFF-098 two interesting alternatives. After researching directly in the area we selected altogether six locations which would be acceptable for the operation. Weather forecast this year in germany was always unstable and unsecure so we agreed to make the go very short termed. The team was formed, as usual, by Günther -DC2RK, Xaver -DK4RM and Manfred -DF6EX-. Finally at friday, 20 we made the last phone call and agreed the ready to go for sunday, 22nd august. The members started from their home-locations at 0330 UTC and we met around 0500 at the first selected location in DLFF-097. Some different things however was not perfectly so we moved ahead to location 2 which we found all acceptable. After setting up the trailer, bringing the wires for the two antennas into the trees, placing generator we were ready to hit the waves at 0606 UTC with ON3ND made it at our QSO-Nr. 1 as the first one in our 40meter CW-log. At first we thought that the contest-activities will not be so disturbing on this weekend, however this was an error. So RDA-contest and lighthouse-activities made a lot of troubles to find a relative clear frequency and also a lot of other WFF-activities happened this sunday. While Manfred at the first station worked with FT-2000 D and double-dipole on 40 and 20 meter, Xaver manned the second station with FT-990 and 30 meter-dipole. Günther as usual did all the background and environment-work perfectly.

The nature-park Oberer Bayerischer Wald is bordering czech-republic in northeast, in the south the neighbouring nature-park Bayerischer Wald which was activated several times before and in the north the nature-park Oberpfälzer Wald, our next planned QTH. Exact location was about 5 km away from the city of Rötz.

After checking the WFF-logs and cluster we found that there was no activation before and when we finally had some clear frequencies the pileups often were incredible.

What makes it always difficult is the discipline, so anyway if you call some or the other call there are always twenty stations returning. This reduces also the possible QSO-rates. Sometimes also rude behaviour from other WFF-stations. We were running clear shot at 14.244 for nearly one hour when another italian WFF-station placed on top of us and



Our „camp“ in DLFF-097 in the early morning



Gunther finally found the cabbage-turnip with the end of the wire in the trees.

generated an absolute chaos because nobody was able to detect if the stations just calling him or us. After trying unsuccessful to clearing the situation we decided to move. So it seems that some stations believe that they can only send on 14.244 or 7.144. Finally we continued some kcs up. Approaching the dinner time luckily one of the contest was over and we decided, as it was for us the more difficult park to extend our stay at DLFF-097 a bit to give more stations the possibility.



A clear shot from our location produced good signals



Xaver -DK4RM- handing out DLFF-097 on 30 meters

The best hour was between 0800 and 0900 with 146 QSOs. Due to the difficult contest situation our score-mix this time was 43percent SSB and 57 percent CW from the altogether 585 QSOs. We worked 44 countries which is nearly the same score from each of the locations. The TOP5 QSO-numbers by country were made with DL/UA/I/UR/SP which is also the similar from all locations. Last contact from DLFF-097 was with EA5EHS at 1112UTC on 20meter CW. So altogether good 5 hours of operation and ready to pull down the plug and move to the next one.



Manfred -DF6EX- enjoying on 20 and 40 meters

Many thanks to all of you who worked us and



hope to meet you from another spot. Beside the upload in the WFF-database, everyone who made it in the DLFF-097-log will get our nature-park-QSL via the buro. Thanks also to our QSL-manager Heinz-DL7RAG- for spotting during the activity and of course the QSL-work. 73, 44, Team DAØCW/p