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Prirodny Rezervace Bucina u Zdaru

OKFF-0401



After almost 2 years we realized the project OKFF-0401. It started when Xaver DK4RM and Günther DC2RK discovered the area. They made pictures and we planned for a possibly bigger activity with the team. Our first attempt to get a permission to go there by car however failed. No common interest so no permission was the reply from the nature-park authorities.

When taking the first activity with my extreme-portable equipment in april this year, the idea came back and asked in the group if anybody would take part on the trip.

I would not make it later than begin of july as it is deep in the wood and would be not so funny to go there in august with 30 degrees around. Of course holiday-season and not everybody available but then got the reply from Felix DE3DKW who wanted to take part.

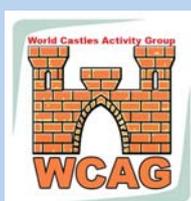
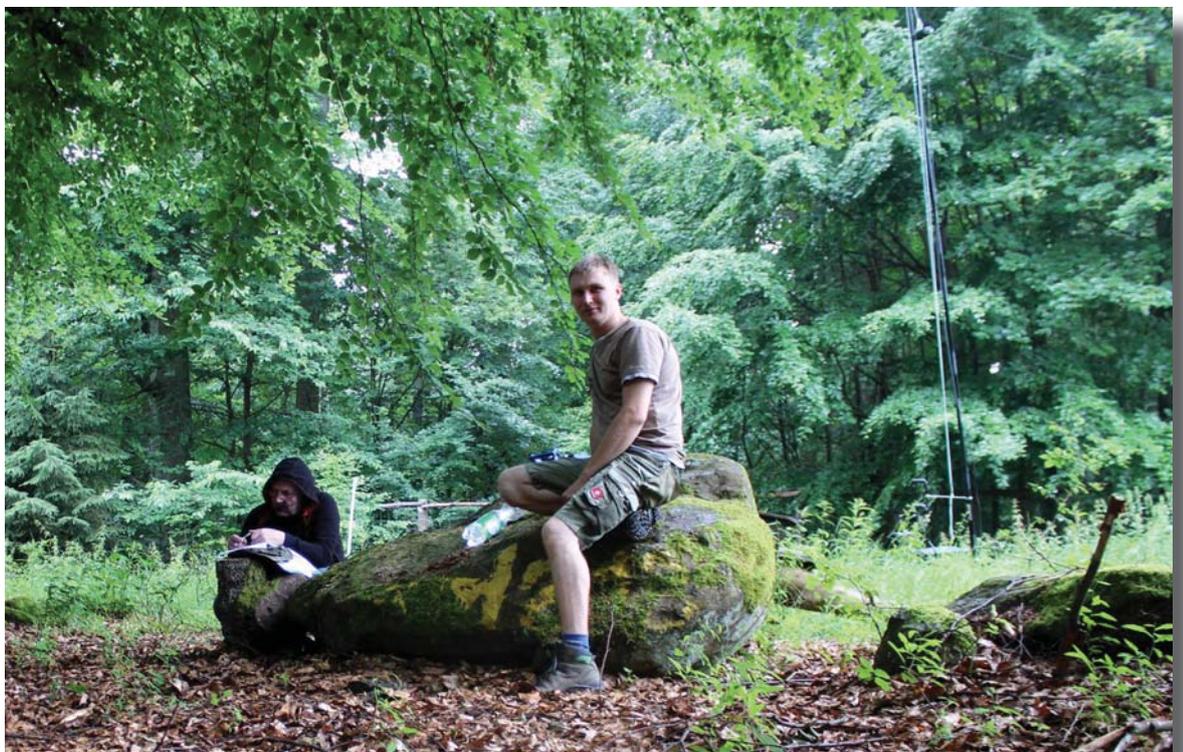
So only three days later the party should begin. On Google-maps it looked for me like the distance would be not so dramatically, however didn't know this time that you have to go also on the german side a lager distance before you reach the border through deep vegetation.

When arriving in the morning in Griebbach weather was looking quite unstable, the first dark clouds appeared however weather-forecast was not so bad for the day. So better don't believe the weather forecast !

While the first km on german side we had some sun between the trees coming closer on the czech side it was getting always darker. When we reached our first destination at Bucina u Zdaru around 2,5 km were

behind us, claiming always up the small way till 760meters asl.

We first settled directly on the small wood-track put up the portable-mast and were on the air after 15 minutes. The first contact was with G4IBW at 0718 UTC followed by a quick and fast opening for the next 15 minutes before the first rain appeared. For protection of log and station we moved the first time onto a stone at the begin of the wood but when





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rain increase dramatically we had to take refuge under a small arrangement inside of the wood. Now it was raining without any break.

A short series of thunder were also rolling but we had the luck that the thunderstorm was moving inside the country, only the rain still was present. We had originally 50 percent of the time planned for the first reference then we would continue from the second one however we still were thinking to cancel after OKFF-0401. As we were held there we continued under that circumstances as good as possible. 255 contacts were done in exact two hours with 29 countries. The top-three of them were Germany 48, Italy 46 and Poland with 40 contacts.

Then the rain was going down for a small period. After some internal discussion we decided to go to the second reference now and try to catch up some stations and when rain will be again heavier to cancel

and move back to our cars.

So finally we ended with the last station OE3HWW at 0920 UTC and packed the equipment more or less provisoric for the start on our next round 1,5 kilometer through the wood.

Equipment had a total weight of around 35 kg composed by car-battery 74ah, transceiver, lot of cable, headset and keyer.

So cuagn on OKFF-1010 in around 30 minutes or later?

