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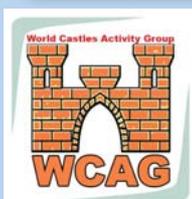
DLFF-0615 the hill seen from distance and below our shack for the coming hours

Ruhberg or also as Ruheberg known is a basalt-hill and former volcano with a height of 693 m asl. Ruheberg means silent hill as the volcano is silent since millions.

Weather forecast for the 27th was dry until midday and then lot of rain and thunderstorm. As there was also the announced IOTA-contest we decided to start in the early morning with the hope to come back with dry feet. At 0515 UTC we were on the meeting-point on the foot of the hill. The way up took us around 2,5 kilometers on sometimes heavy wood tracks. I was there several times for searchin a location with the bike and found a meadow, which allowed us a bit more effective, to come out of the wood. Pile-ups never were too

big, anyhow it was the first activity, however it was always running on and on in slower series.

We tried to continue the same manner like the latest activities this year to spread out on various band and mode slots to give more stations the chance to get the counter. There was also a good short-skip opening on 20 meters to netherlands and belgium. Also on 30 we sometimes got some germans in the log. We also announced this in our spots but





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Konrad DH6RAE and Manfred DF6EX at the two stations

not everybody realized. On 40 meters we had the whole time strong QSB with signals going down to unreadable and coming up but we were long on that band. We extended our stay for one further hour and were more than four hours in the air. The final result were 617 contacts into 48 DXCC-countries. Included were 548 different unique callsigns.

So most stations should have a possibility to work us. Beside some animals everything was silent there, during the period only 5 biker and one park-ranger came along.

The top three countries worked this time, were germany with 130, followed by italy 101 and po-

land 56 contacts.

After arriving back at our cars everything was still dry and nothing from the announced rain appeared. It took here two further days until the long awaited rain arrived.

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see you next time
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