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Nature Reserve

Wald- u. Heidelandschaft östlich von Bodenwöhr u. Bruck
DLFF-0616



Until 2007 this area was a drill ground. Ater this usage it was renaturized and used for settlement of rare fauna and flora species. It was elected as nature-reserve in june 2016.

As summertime more or less is over, we thought that this could be our last bigger activity for this year. Again, we were only two.

Start was around 0530 at home with an expected time to drive from a bit more than one hour.

While coming closer to the nearby city of Schwandorf we found, that our planned way was not possible, due to a construction-work on the fast-track. So we had to continue some kilometers more on the fasttrack and then drive back on the smaller roads beside. That costed us about 30 minutes.

On the map we saw a larger parking area at the nature-reserve, but when arriving there, it was fixed with barrier and chain. However when I was checking in the area two weeks ago found at the end of the nature-reserve another location but with less place for antennas. So we had to set up our stations in small distance from each other.

Konrad took the first corner which was expected to be a bit more sunny during the day. At our arrival it still was cool. After his crashed battery in OKFF-0645, Konrad wanted to be on the safe side, he had a 225Ah battery in the back of the car.

Manfred was running the station inside his car with a 93Ah battery and additionally we had a number three backup battery with us.

So normally power shouldn't be a problem at all. Meanwhile it was 0730 when the first station was on the air.

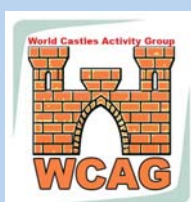
Konrad was running 20meters only, while Manfred mainly was on 40 meters with some side activities on the other bands.

Of course the focus was as usual in the past activities, to give as many stations as possible the chance to work us.



The first 30 minutes resulted in 115 contacts. In the next full hour we reached 144 stations and in

small distance between the shacks





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Konrad DH6RAE running 20 meter station

the third hour 115 QSO. Then it dropped down dramatically. In the last 30 minutes we had just 46 QSO. Around the end there was a good shortskip opening on 30meters which produced 599 signals from belgium, netherlands and germany. We announced it separately in the cluster but not too many took notice.

When midday absorption begun we decided to dismantle the stations. Altogether we had 420 contacts with 384 unique stations in 39 countries. Top three countries were germany (68) italy (66) and poland (39).

We didn't want to take the same road on the homeway to avoid, to waste so many time. Some years ago when active

from DLFF-0393 found an alternative way out of the area.

Additionally this gave us the opportunity to hand out some additional points from that location.

Thank you all for the enjoyable contacts. All QSO will be confirmed in WWFF-database and also with QSL-card (which will be sent out for all activities combined on one card).

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Manfred DF6EX in beside his car-shack for mostly 40 meters operation

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