



OK8WFF/p - OK/DH6RAE/p 24.08.2019
 Nature Reserve
 Křížový kámen
 OKFF-0645



One of our highlight-operations in 2019 should go to czech republic. First target was OKFF-0800 however we had no clear plan for the way. So the sun was looking promising, there was no large contest and we were thinking to go, so we decided at first an alternative destination. From the map-side it was clear, however we both never were there. On the german side there is a cross-country ski run at Silberhütte which leads directly along the small border-

the memorial stone at border-crossing Kreuzstein which has his czech name Křížový kámen from the nearby nature-reserve crossing.

The first kilometer from our parking position constantly up the hill. Border crossing is in a height of 850 meters asl. On the map the way appeared much easier. When you are going along that way you can reach in about one kilometer the famous sightseeing platform at the Havran (Rabenberg) were you have a fantastic roundview down to bavarian forest. However we moved after the border 90 degrees into the wood on a small track and after another 500 meters we arrived with our gear at our destination. Křížový kámen is a nature-reserve in IUCN-cathegory IV and has a total size of around 20 ha. Around the reserve

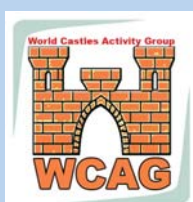


there leads around a small wood-track which is also a bike-way.

From our start until erecting the antennas almost 1,5 hours were over and it was time to start the



leaving germany with all our gear





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arriving at location

too long to make a change, so we could continue with one station only. However this had also a good side-effect.



Konrad hissing the OKFF-flag

In our first hour we were absolutely alone in the wood. There was a large humidity at the begin but now the sun came more above the trees and the area was warming up.

Now the first group of hiker and biker appeared and we had also some small-talk with the visitors which were interested what we are doing there in the middle of nowhere.

Due to the fallout of the second station we extended our presence there in the area to

operation. Konrad had this time 20 and 30 meter dipoles installed, using his own callsign as OK/DH6RAE/p on CEPT-basis while Manfred DF6EX was working with his czech guest-licence OK8WFF/p with windom antenna on 40,30,17 meters.

The first hour we had an excellent run which brought us 220 contacts in the logs. Then conditions were dropping down extremely and it was a fight on all frequencies to catch more stations.

Then after a bit less than two hours the totally unexpected happened. One of our batteries crashed and brought one of our stations out of business. Anyhow we had no spare battery with us, the way back would have been to heavy and

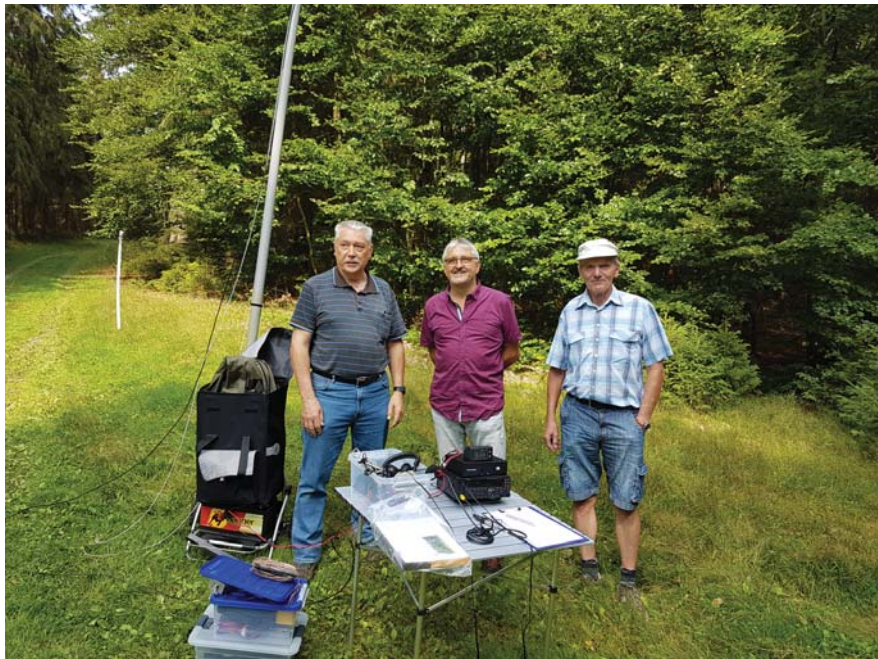


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give as many stations the possibility to get a contact.

Total duration were 4 hours with some breaks. Our overall-score included 556 contacts with 465 different stations in 34 different contries.

This time poland was nr. 1 with 84 contacts, followed by germany and italy (both 73), then belgium 28 and france 23.

CW was not too productive, so this time we had a mix of almost 90% SSB.

Of course after the activity is before the next one. So lesson learned. Next time we will have three batteries on

visitors from Oberpfälzer Waldverein came along to see what happens in the middle of the nature



board instead of two one.

Thanks to all who gave us a contact. Hope to see you again soon from another location.



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leaving back home along the ski-trail

nice to meet so many biker on products out the company where I am working for

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