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For the weekend of 11th July there was the announced IARU-HF-championship-contest. So for us only the possibility to go in the early morning, otherwise no chance on the bands. Weather forecast was not too good, but we finally decided one day before to do an attempt.

This protected area is near the city of Hohenberg just about 10km away from the czech-border.

Konrad DH6RAD and Manfred DF6EX arrived there at short before 0630 UTC but of course needed some additional time to pack the trolleys and build up the stations. After some walk through the meadows the destination was reached with a small way surrounding the pond.

First station started at 0705 UTC on 20 meters, second station followed a few minutes later first with a short attempt on 80 meters, then moved to 40 meters.



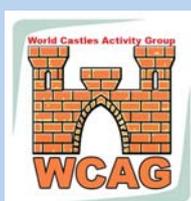
On 40 started with CW and just when the first number of stations appeared suddenly a loud noise in the background, but there really appeared two cars with fish-trailers from the nature-authority.

We had the luck that we set up everything extremely on the side, so after a short break the cars could continue their way.

The CW-keyer was falling down with this action and for the moment un-adjusted. So when coming back on the band had trouble to get it working again.

So CW had to wait and moved to 7.144 where a huge pileup started.

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dy we mainly concentrated to 40 and 20. Conditions again very tricky. Sometimes short distance was totally faded out. 10 minutes later you had loud signals from everywhere.

Beside this of course we needed to be aware that probably in the next mi

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minutes we have to quickly pack and leave as the whole time it was looking like rain, was very windy and when we started in the morning temperature was just 13 degrees.

We used an FT450A and an FT450D, both with 100 watt output. The FT450D had several times a dropout where we couldn't find the reason and have to check afterwards.

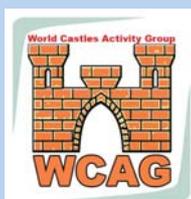
Our time-schedule originally was until 1000 UTC, but then when the bands reopened again a bit we extended our stay until the maximum time of 1200 when contest starts.

Our complete activity generated 629 contacts.

Top leading countries Germany with 119 contacts, Italy (91), Poland (65), England (46), France (42), Spain (32), Belgium (31), Netherlands (26), Finland (19) and Ukraine (16) as the top 10 scorers.

Altogether 44 countries could be reached.

The most productive hour was between 0700 and 0800 UTC with 185 contacts in the log.





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In CW we made 131 contacts, 498 were done in SSB.

Finally activity was a great success and we were lucky to return with dry feet.

The whole morning we were in pure nature, only those two cars in the early morning and a woman with her horse visited us. On the trip back to our cars a bit unfriendly dog awaited us but we could clear the situation.

On our return-way we couldn't deny to make some pictures of this nice car totally filled with flowers. Nice method to give it a new assignment instead of putting into the trash



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