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Nature-Park Karwendel



During the past years we were often in the austrian alps in Tyrol, mainly in the area Stubaital. On tour we mostly preferred the more beautiful way via Tegernsee/Bavaria to Achensee/Austria via the Achen-

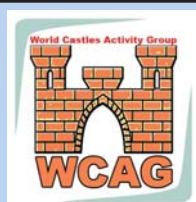
pass. After first unsuccessful attempts to get detailed infos around the austrian Flora-Fauna-entries in Tyrol, I made some more investigations and finally found out what I am looking for. To my biggest surprise found the first one close to my next planned german activation. So against my first planning I took our accommodation together with my xyl directly on the Achensee.

We started at tuesday 18, directly after the work with a very pleasant weather and about 23 degrees, like summer. The 320 kilometer were not so difficult, in our



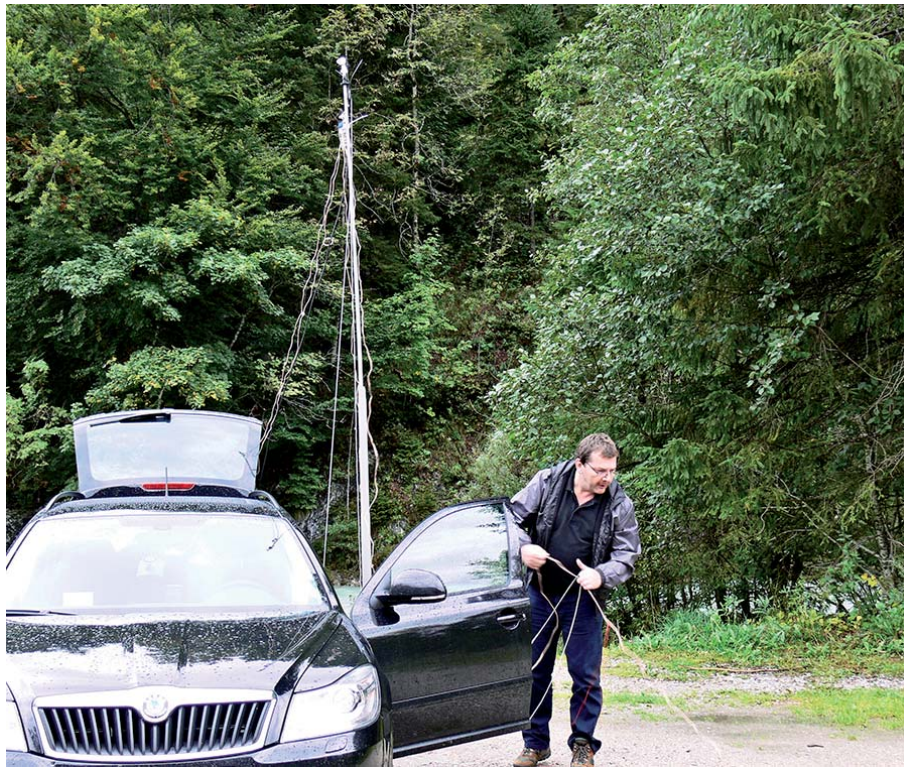
Grosser Ahornboden with maple-trees in about 1300 meters height.

direction the traffic was running, reaching Achensee around 1915 in the evening. Main goal of course was not ham-radio, first point on the list was to regenerate a bit and doing some mountain trips. My ham-activity was planned for wednesday and thursday evening, two times about 2 hours. The planned destination was Achenwald which is the extreme border-edge of the Nature-Park Karwendel. However when standing up on wednesday morning we saw that the weather had extremely changed. Sun was gone, lot of fog outside and countinously raining on and on. So after viewing some prospects during breakfast we changed our first planned mountain-trip to a sightseeing-trip directly in the Karwendel-mountains. In the Alpenpark Karwendel you can drive with the car up till a high plateau in about 1300 meters asl, where there is a 600 years old colony of maple-trees. Of course till the middle of the day with big fog inside however then it was





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bringing wires in position

ted location of course was totally surrounded by hills in all directions but with no extreme wall in any direction. So I got a lot of excellent signal-reports. Equipment was a Yaesu FT 450, running 100 watts into a double-dipole for 40 and 20 meters. Had also the mobile-antenna with me but under these conditions it was not possible to go outside and test anything on the other bands. So I was happy enough to work down the calling stations, because most important was to give as many one new point for OEFF-217 which has never been activated before.

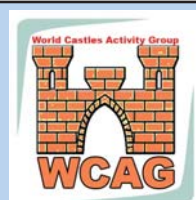
The first station in my log was OM1AX at 1241UTC who was kind enough and spotted me immediately in the cluster.

So lot of stations appeared directly. Altogether QRV-time was good 2,5 hours. I had a good start on 40 meters with excellent signal-strength so could remain on the frequency till about

opening a few times and brought some spectacular views. Early in the afternoon it started again to rain extremely. So we changed our plans a bit and moved at first down a bit in direction Hinterriss for a dinner-break. While driving down the pass we were looking for a position for the planned activation and found a free parking area to which we had only one kilometer to return after dinner. Finally we arrived there at around 1215UTC, a bit earlier than announced but no other chance. After arranging the wire and cable in heavy rain finally back in the car but wet and ready to start. The first call nearby 7.144 brought a big mass of stations in the log. Our well selec-



look from the mobile-shack aside





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view from our hotel at nearby Achensee

1430 when the first distortions from the broadcast-stations appeared. This time had already round 250 stations logged. Then needed to move away and tried my luck on 20meters however not so successful. Some mainly russian friends could be logged however band was not in good shape this time. So around 1500 UTC I moved back to 40 meters, found only a nearly clear frequency up around 7.185. Had also some contacts with my colleagues at home and finally continued on this frequency till the end. Around 1520 we stopped the

operation, cause rain has become more and more and we wanted to finish in an acceptable condition. Altogether 300 stations could be worked. That result was not so bad for an operation during the week. Met a lot of friends on the bands and am very happy to hand out another new one. On the way back we moved at first down the mountains, shortly back to germany and only a few kilometers later heading back to austria via Achenpass. On this tour back we had also the excellent possibility to find a good place for part two of the adventure which should follow one day later.

All reports from previous activities can be found at:

<http://www.qrz.com/db/da0cw>

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