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Nature-Reserve Amerika



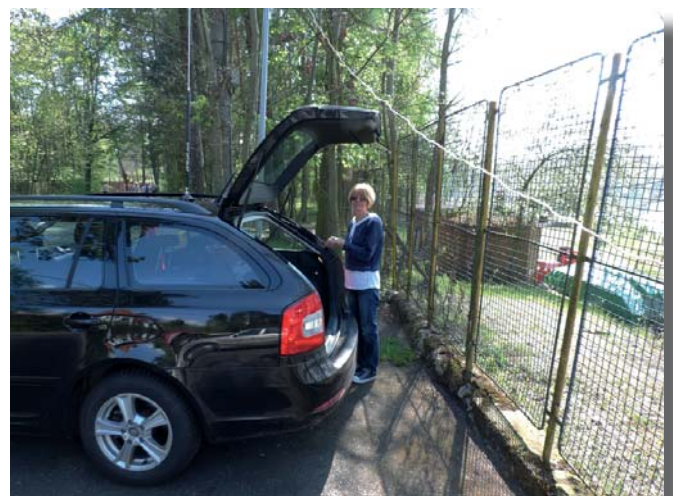
*Amerika is a big fish pond with a small island in the middle. The location is near the city of Frantiskovy Lazne (Franzensbad). It`s part of an extended pond-areal in the middle of the wood-park Amerika. The island is a nesting-site for several different water-birds like black-necked grebe, teal and shoveler. There is the only stabile colony of black-headed gulls in the area. The whole area is a natural habitat. As it`s used as breeding area for a lot of threatened species of birds the island and a part of the pond with a total size of 60 ha was elected as nature-reserve in 1990.*



*The whole area with a plenty of walking-ways and resting-areas is also used by the patients of the health resorts in nearby city Frantiskovy Lazne.*

*Lake Amerika with a side-view to the breeding-island in the middle*

During the previous activations in czech-republic researched also the nature-reserves around this area. So found two potential candidates where I wanted to have a look to. The weather-forecast for today was not so pretty especially for the afternoon. There was also the announced contest-situation that brought us to the decision to go in the morning there. Nature-Reserve Amerika is normally easy to find however found only at the second attempt the resting place for the activity. The nearby fence was used to fix the antenna however of course was very close surrounded by the trees. A bit



*as usual my xyl Christa preparing setup with me*







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location on the lake

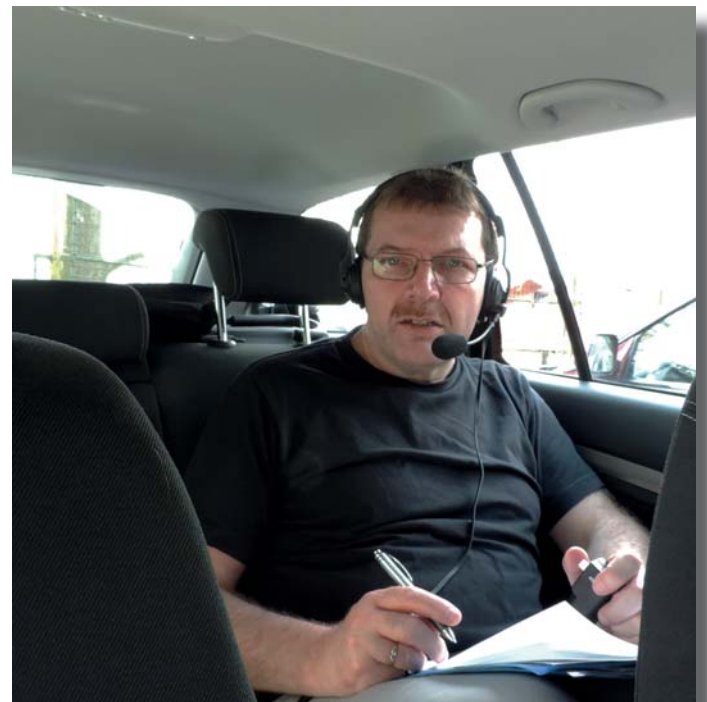
later than expected started the first call at 0905 UTC and this time Klaus DL7UXG made nr. 1 in the log. After his first spot the first wave of stations appeared however pile-up was not so big today than usual. Seems that lot of hams enjoyed the nice weather in the morning their own. Temperature at our location was nearly reaching the 20 degrees. Getting closer to the midday absorption the QSO rate slowed down rapidly. Also did several attempts on 20 meters in CW and SSB however not so well conditions there between the trees. Anyway some of the old friends from various countries made it

also on this band into the log. Finally made another attempt on 40 meters a bit later and again could give out the new counter to some stations. When there started the arrival from a whole wedding community however the parking range was totally filled right now and we decided to leave back home. On the return-way we moved not via Cheb, this time via Pomezy we saw the whole impressive area a bit from the distance and for sure we'll come back to this very nice area. Final result were 198 contacts with 26 countries in exact two hours of operating time. 56 contacts with germany were followed by 31 italian stations and close behind 26 contacts with poland.

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Logs already were uploaded in the online-database:  
<http://logsearch.wwff.co>

All reports from previous activities can be found at: <http://www.qrz.com/db/da0cw>



operating-site on the rear bench seat

