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WWFF DLFF-290
Nature-Reserve Eschenbacher Weihergebiet



Nature-Reserve Eschenbacher Weihergebiet has a total size of 103 ha and is located in the middle between the towns of Bayreuth and Weiden in north-eastern-bavaria. It´s an important area for bird-migration, has especially a high population of swan and was elected in 2003.



one of the numerous ponds on the opposite-side of our location currently without water

The weather-forecast was beautiful this day and we thought it will be a nice trip. We were in the area before, but not exact on that location, while on tour to our DLFF-061-activity in september 2011. When arriving in the area the first planned location was not available as there were a lot of workers preparing the water. So we had to find another point on the entrance of the area, not ideal but anyway not too many possibilities available. We put the antenna in a flat meadow behind the car and were QRV at 0701 UTC.

We moved at first to 20 meters and the band was almost a thump noise only. We heard RA3PCI with good signal but that was the only one on this first attempt.



a pair of swan in the next pont

As antenna we used the windom at about 6 meters up. After several unsuccessful CQ-calls we moved to 40 meters. On the first sight it seemed to be easy to get a clear frequency but when asking for a free frequency you got no reply and 1 minute later some signals came up and you found out as already busy.

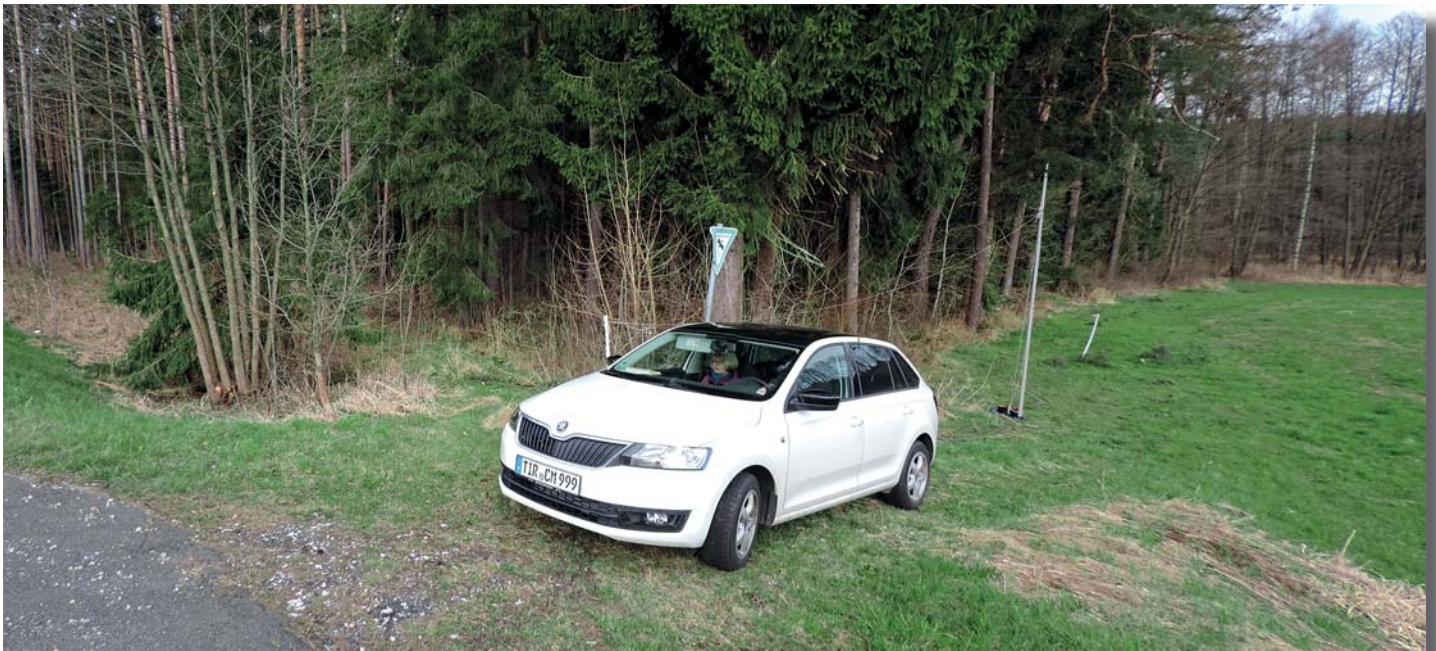
Finally at 0706 Andy SP5X caught us up and when his spot appeared a number of stations came in, however not to compare with any operation before. About 5 minutes later our two colleague from home Xaver DK4RM and Günther DC2RK came in and we thought that it maybe will improve however that was a misconception. The propagation especially on short distance was so terrible that we couldn´t work any station from OK, OE, HB9. This never happened before in the history of around 100 portable-operations. We had quite good openings to SP, I, UR, LY but ne-





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location in the meadow between two pond

arly no short distance contacts. Also germany made only 10 percent of the contacts. During past operations we had sometimes up to 50%. In the middle of the operation we moved the antenna against a lower hanging dipole which was successfully used during latest castle-activities. So a few more germans made it into the log but not many, anyway often tried to change between CW and SSB as well.

So it was a fight for about 2,75 hours before we gave up when midday was reached. Finally we ended up with a score of 207 contacts in the log.

Maybe thats again an interesting point because if everything is running always good it ´s boring too. So lets look ahead.

After the operation is before the next one.

So sooner or later either we or some of the locals there will reappear on the band and give you another chance to work that multplier.

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a small visitor beside the car

