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WWFF DLFF-304

Nature Reserve Gscheibte Loh



*The name „Lohen“ stands for wet lowlands with duff inside. The area was dehydrated between 1947 and 1953 and the duff was dismantled. At the end of the 80s the dewatering channels were closed and the area renaturized and the marsh-zones are more and more recovering.*



*entrance of the nature-wood reserve*

September 01, the german DLFF-program was extended with another 25 new areas. Nature Reserve Gscheibte Loh is mainly a wooded area located closed to the city of Grafenwöhr. We checked for that area two times in the past for a suitable location for an activity, as of course, most of the roads are closed. We selected an area which would be well reachable and hopefully allows an acceptable take-off.

This time the team was composed by Karl DL4RU and Manfred DF6EX. We reached the destination short past 0630 UTC and started with the assembly of the two mobile-stations. Distance between us was about 80 meters between to avoid distortions.

One station was set up with a G5RV for all bands. The second station used a windom and a dipole for 17/30 meters.

At 0702 UTC Karl started on 80 meters with the first contact to Friedrich DL4BBH. At the begin he had a good run on 3.7 for about 15 minutes. Meanwhile Manfred started on 40 and also there at the begin a good but short opening.

Soon we found out that this will be a tricky operation. All the time we had extreme QSB mainly on 40 and 20 meters.

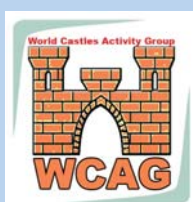
The propagations were all the time very changeable. Realized on 40 meters CW a good pile-up and after working two stations everything was gone. Especially the short distances were mostly not workable. We had only small amounts of german, austrian and czech stations in the log, compared with previous activities.

The number of clusterspots was higher than ever before, however interest or lets say conditions to the probably interested stations was often very low.

During the whole operating-time we made a lot of band-changes, worked also in CW/SSB on 80/40/30/20/17 meters, however it never started to run too well, as the propagations were simply too bad.

We talked also with some other stations which had similar results.

So you can announce such an activity however if Murphy is not with you, it always will be a fight.





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*mobile-QTH from Karl DL4RU with the beverage on the side*

The statistic showed a total of 303 contacts from which 16 % with germany, 15% with italy and 14% with poland. That showed the usual top-three countries as always but with a very small german rate. We often had in the past up to 35 % with germany. Altogether 34 countries could be reached, were especially the stations in bigger distance often confirmed a good signal.

From time to time we met between the cars and selected who will go on which band, in the hope that anytime the bands would really open but nope.

Not too many stations from closer area reached us, however our team-colleague from earlier WWFF-activities made it into the log from croatia. Happy holiday Günter 9A/DC2RK.

As stations we used an FT847 and an FT-DX 1200. So far we had no troubles between the 2 stations and could use full power out of several car-batteries.

At around 0940 after visiting nearly all available bands on SSB and CW we fi-

nally decided to pull the plug.

Last contact was made with SQ6WE at 0940 UTC.

About 30 minutes later another new one DLFF-adventure was over.





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*Karl DL4RU beside the second mobile shack*

Weather was surprising good and we had a cool but always sunny and dry morning there in the wood with a maximum temperatures up to 17C..

We hope that you could reach the log, however if not, there will be another chance. The area is very good reachable with a good road-connection from various directions.

Thanks to all stations who worked us, SWLs who readed us and of course special thanks to those who put us into the DXcluster.

73, 44, 11 cu from the next one, Karl DL4RU and Manfred DF6EX  
All reports from previous activites can befound at:

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

