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Nature Reserve Egertal bei Neuhaus



*Egertal is the largest nature-reserve in the county Wunsiedel in Upper Franconia with a size of 263 ha and has been elected as nature-reserve in 1989 in IUCN category IV.*

*It's an unique valley section which leads the river Eger into the neighbouring country Czech republic. Major intention is to conserve the course of the river and protect the diversity of flora and fauna beside.*



*lake on the eastern corner of the nature-reserve*

On Saturday 12, conditions were very bad and space-weather indicated a geomagnetic-storm. So we cancelled our plan for that day as most of the bands were very silent. Sunday morning we checked again and bands appeared better, so we started in the afternoon of this nice and sunny day. Temperature was around 22 degrees. Egertal is cutted deep into the valley and mainly covered by wood, so we checked two times before the area to find an acceptable location. Finally we selected the eastern-most tip of the area which is just 1km away from Czech border. As it was possible to claim the road with the car we used the bigger transceiver which was a bit more comfortable to use in the

car-shack. Our location was near a parking-array for hikers closed to the main-road. Activity started at 1124 UTC on 20 meters CW with LZ2OQV/1 as first station in the log. We were mostly not able to set a cluster-spot. From time to time we had a net-connection but not too often. So thanks to all who put our call online. Interest on 20 was not so high and in the phone-area the WAEDC-SSB-contest was covering most of bandwidth, so after a short run in CW we moved to 40 meters.

Around 7.121 we had a good start in phone, this time also there were much better propagations within Germany so also a lot of DL-stations could be logged. After around 50 minutes the interest was going down a bit and we moved to 40 meters CW and later back to 20 meters CW. Also another attempt on 20 phone was unsuccessful, no frequency to get there and after some attempts on both bands CW we moved back around 1300





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*the windom-antenna in a small forest lane*

UTC to 40 SSB for the final run. Till the end of the operation we worked there another 90 stations. At 1353 UTC we made the last contact with SQ9NFC and then we packed everything for the return back home.

Finally we worked 255 stations in exactly 2,5 hours of working time. 200 in phone and 55 in CW. 27% of the contacts with germany, 17% italy and 14 % poland.

This time exactly 30 countries were worked with a surprising call also from T77LA in San Marino. Equipment was a YAESU FT-DX 1200 with 100 watts out of a separate car-battery into a windom-antenna about 6 meters above the ground. Ends were fixed with fence-poles about 1,5 meters up. If you didn't get us this time, for sure there will be another chance.

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

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