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Nature Reserve Pfahl



The Pfahl is a mountain range composed of quartz crystal with a total length of 150 km, which starts at Nabburg-Oberpfälzer Wald, going through the northeastern area of bayerischer Wald (bavarian wood) till Linz in Austria. 300 million years ago, along this line opened the earth up to 120 meters wide as an abyss and the outcoming liquid stone crystalized as quartz. This geologic formation is unique and in the nature reserve Pfahl you have a 3km long part of this formation which you can see at a look-out in the small village of Fuhrn.

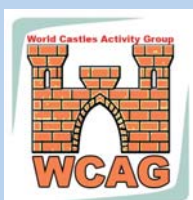
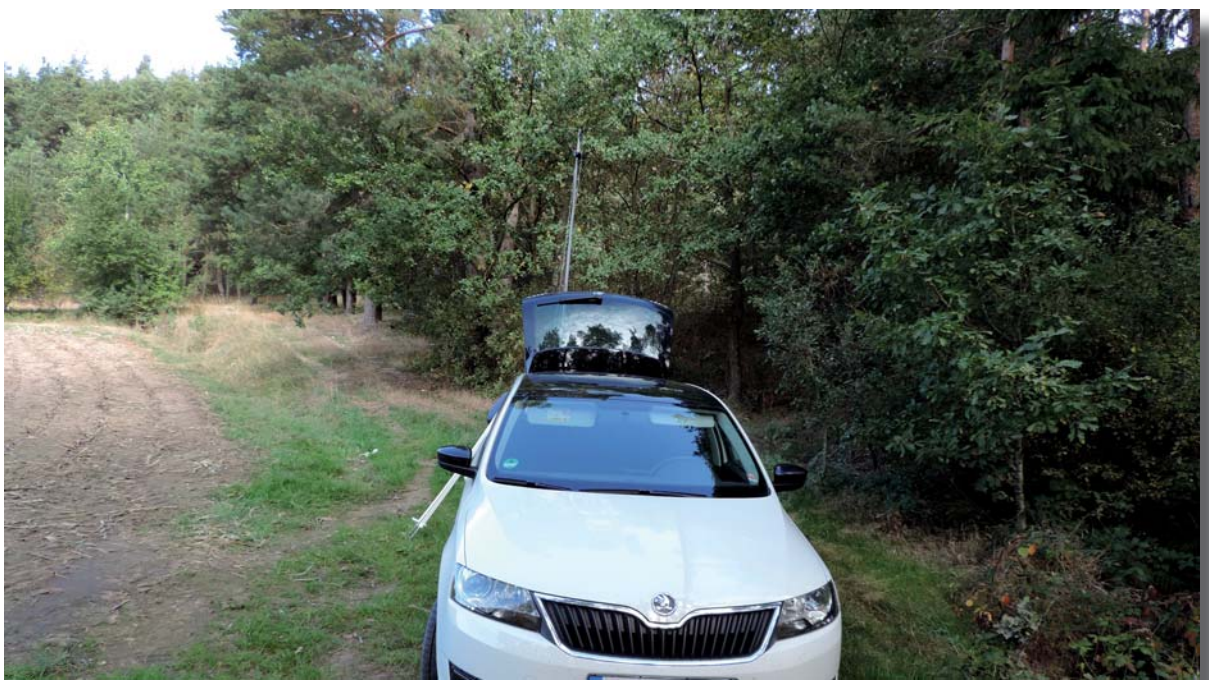


way into the Pfahl

October 3rd, the national holiday and day of reunion in Germany, was also in the past often used for an activity. Mostly the result was not so high as of course a lot of people doing other things that day than amateur-radio. However with the coming weekends, full of contests and the expected cold season coming closer, we anyway started for an activation this time to the Pfahl, which is not too far away also from DLFF-144. So the plan was, if not possible finally to go there. The maps from that area didn't show exactly how the road-conditions there would be. The road situation on the fast-track were excellent, so we reached the area in a bit more than one hour. Sun was shining but still cold outside. While touring around, we found the only

way to access with car on a small road from Hofenstetten, which finally leads directly into a woodtrack, however not forbidden. So we arranged the setup directly at the begin of the wood. My xyl often is able to have a look into the future. When she said there is a large tractor down the hill, they will for sure come and work there, I calmed her down, because it's a holiday, so think they will not work today:-) What a fatal mistake.

At 1158 UTC we started with G4OIG/p on 40 meters SSB. The number of calling stations was not so high than usual, think really lot of the usual callers were not at home. After about one hour we moved to 20 meters SSB when we heard from the distance a loud machine coming. It was a heavy tractor with liquid manure and a high number of flexible tubes driving directly to the





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start for an unexpected short operation

field were our station was. At the first run he kindly started with the lower half of the field but we were prepared to leave rapidly. When the tractor left with empty trailer we continued for 15 further minutes but the originally planned switch to CW and later coming back to 40 meters had to be dropped. When we heard the machine again refilled coming, we pulled down everything in 5 minutes, simply hit it into the boot and had to reorganise it later on a more save place. The natural smell on the whole area was coming closer and we left quickly.

The result were 182 contacts in 75 minutes, 31 % germany, 19% italy, 9% poland. Last contact was with UY0CA 1319 UTC, one of our just 4 CW contacts. 29 countries were reached.

Finally it was not exactly as planned but anyway it happened.

On the return-trip I had enough and the earlier plans maybe for a short add-on from DLFF-144 were dropped and we just were sorting out all cable and antenna-stuff on a parking-range and put it into the transport-boxes a bit more organized.

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