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view to castle-ruin Thierstein DL-03145

3 Weeks brake since the latest activity. Problems with the shoulder kept me away and for longer time I couldn't keep a mouse or typing on a keyboard at all. Unsuccessful attempts with doctor leaded me to the direction to do some self-diagnostic.

After some first positive results and reduced pain, planned at first an after-work operation, so distance couldn't be too high. Was some years ago in Thierstein but anyhow the numbers of hunters is growing so took this one for a first back on the air test.

Took the longer way on some side-roads to avoid the risk of a traffic jam because everywhere are currently road works.

This time used a location on the other end

of the village, about 450 meters under the castle-tower. In Thierstein there is no possibility to set up an antenna, only mobile-antenna but thats not effective.

Was very surprised when I called the first time at 1509 UTC and after the first polish station some DL came in this time with excellent signals. The latest operations always had problems with the changeable conditions on the short distance.

It started like a "new one"-operation and in less than 1,5 hours more than 200 contacts were in the log. When the conditions on 40 meter faded out tried also 80/30 meters but there not too many callers. Also 20 meters that day was almost totally closed.

Finally at 1707 I closed the station and started with disassembly of station and antenna.

Final result were 243 contacts with 32 countries. So nice activity to come back into business and also to reactivate our special-call which is still active until january 2020. Thanks to all callers, SWL and also to those which were so kind to put a spot into the cluster-network.

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