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Schneeberggipfel hosted in the previous decades a telecommunication-tower on top. Beside this there is a wooden platform called „Backöfele“. During 30 years war, it was the safe haven for the surrounding inhabitants, where they also used to bake their bread which leads to the name baking oven. In 1995 the county Wunsiedel bought a large part from the former military used area and continued to renaturize it. Due to the yearly average temperature of 3,7 degrees,

our destination with „Backöfele“ on the left and former telecommunication-tower on the right side

there still exists plants like in the ice-age. Schneeberg with 1051 meters is the highest hill in Fichtelgebirge.

On the first nice weekend we started directly with a nightmare-trip. 4 Kilometer to go with a lot of luggage and nobody knows what the weather will do. We needed almost two hours to claim the hill and set up the stations. Our team was composed by Felix DO3DKW, Josef DL6JOS, Konrad DH6RAE and Manfred DF6EX. Our plan was to populate the summit with three stations. As a side effect this was also our first SOTA-trip with DAØCW/p.

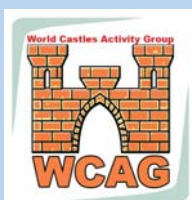


The area is well equipped with tourists like biker, hiker enjoying the beautiful scenery there.

One biker appeared 5 times during the day and said this is his warm-up training before the spring season. He left 100 km away with the bike in the morning and then was driving up and down five times the mountain.

there is a closed asphalt-road, however 4km can be very long with altogether 160kg of luggage

So you see, there are also a lot of other crazy guys with other hobbies. We are not alone :-)





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When arriving on top, after taking the first breath of fresh air, we immediately covered the different places.

While Konrad and Manfred took the first road, Felix and Josef assembled their equipment directly on the former communication-tower.

Top height of course is not always top result on shortwave. I realized this when I was some years ago on nearby Waldstein mountain, where I had to call sometimes endless.

Also here on Schneeberg mountain, we had sometimes phases where nobody was answering for minutes and you had to beg for the next caller. Additionally on that weekend again the short

Konrad, Felix and Josef coming closer to the area

distance areas were almost blended out. So difficult to reach stations in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Czech Republic.

The top three countries were Italy with 55, Germany with 30 and then Poland with 29 contacts.

We altogether reached around 330 contacts into 50 countries.

Konrad DH6RAE at the 20m station



just at the begin of DLFF-0614, only a few meters more to the SOTA-spot.



The weather forecast announced in the morning cold weather getting better and warmer around dinner-time.

Reality was a bit different. It started nice in the morning, then coming closer to mid-day it was getting always colder.

Some extreme winds one time knocked over the complete mast together with the 25kg battery on the foot.



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area still surrounded with lot of snow, Manfred DF6EX on 40meter station

Finally at around 1230 UTC we closed the stations and prepared for the way downward.

In the morning we thought, the major-task is to come up that way.

However on that long way also the way home was exhausting and down back at around 650 meters we were happy that eve-

rything was over. So thank you for the QSOs and see you from the next spot.

73, 44, 11,
 see you next time, thanks to the team for coming with me
 Manfred DF6EX
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Felix DO3DKW setting up antenna for digimode-station



Josef DL6JOS found the memory-plate in the wood which reminds to that 7 persons which died here in 1935 in an airplane-crash on the mountain

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