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DQ11WCA

Waldnaabtal + Castle Falkenberg
DLFF-0143 + DL-02335



Waldnaabtal is very close to the village Falkenberg. I was living there from 2011 till 2017 and this was the begin of my castle-activities at all.

The castle of Falkenberg is 950 meters away from the outer corner of the nature-reserve. Made the first activity there in 2012 with altogether 760 contacts and another trip at end of the year 2012 concluded to 1000 contacts from DLFF-0143. So took a break for some years and made reactivations in 2014 and 2019. This

year I made the third attempt at october 01. The first two were unsuccessful as the whole parking-bay was totally filled and there was no space to build up anything. This time it was only 50% filled and I used a side-place to build up the antenna.

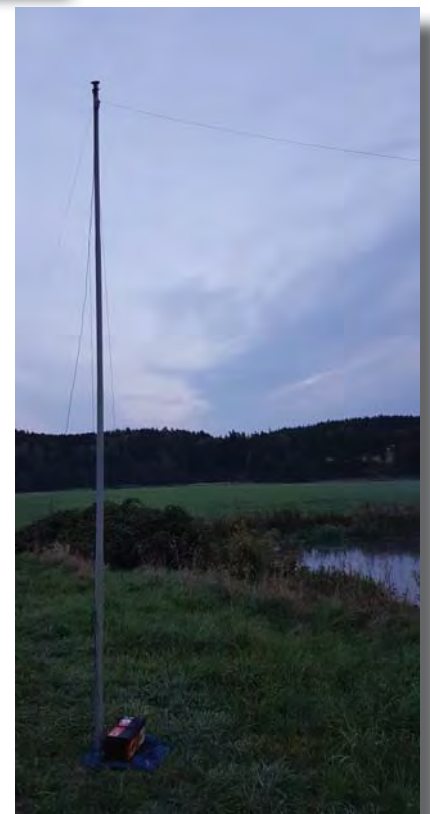
Trip started after work and arrived at the location at 1400 UTC. The sun is going down there very fast after the hill so quick start was recommended. First contact with IK8NSR was on 1415 UTC.

The first ten minutes were poor, not too many stations on the band, then a quick opening and was very busy for the next 30 minutes before it dried out again.

Then tried my luck in CW, again a short but heavy opening and the log was growing steady until 1600 UTC.

Inbetween made also attempts on 30 and 20 meters however very bad propagations there and not too many contacts.

At the end of the operation switched back to 40 meters phone and had there always the switch between five stations in a row and then again almost nothing for a few minutes.



darkness started very quick





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Hans DL5RM getting his award and needle for 40 years membership in our club, thank you and congrats Hans !

So did that game until 1649 were LB9CI made the last contact in the log.

Sun was going down so quick now that I couldn't stay any longer.

Final result were 272 contacts with 37 countries.

188 phone-contacts vs. 84 telegraphy QSOs.

Top-countries this time Nr. 1 Italy with 60 contacts, 2. England with 34, 3. France with 23, 4. Poland with 22, only place 5 for Germany. Conditions on short distance very poor allowed only 14 QSO.

After the operation made a short visit to my former neighbour Hans DL5RM. As corona-situation didn't allow the past months always the regular club-meetings, I presented him his award for 40 years membership in our club, together with the pin personally.

Nice to meet him after longer time. Hans has also direct view to the Castle of Falkenberg which is in very good shape and (I believe) one of the best preserved castles in north-east bava-

ria.

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