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Gipfel der grossen Kösseine
DLFF-0659



After our mountain-trips to Plattengipfel DLFF-0658 and Nußhardt DLFF-0726 we wanted to complete the triple for this season. Kösseine is a mountain-mass in the nature-park Fichtelgebirge. It has two peaks the smaller one with 922meters the higher one with 945meters asl were on top around 16ha with a big block-fall forms the protected landscape „Gipfel der grossen Kösseine“. Picture left shows Konrad DH6RAE, his son-in-law Andy and our district-leader Peter DO1NPF. After

some mails with our district-leader Peter DO1NPF he took shorttermed part on our activity. He was with us some years ago on an operation in czech republic as OK8WFF/p and was interested on our current station setup. He had the longest trip to arrive from Nürnberg. We started around 0515UTC from the parking-place. The way we had to take was nearly 3km long. There is a shorter way, however much bader. Our woodroad is also used by the cars of the leaseholders from the restaurant on top of the hill, however circles in wider distance around the hill making some additional 100s of meters.

The area is a highlight for tourism in summer as well as during winter. There are plenty possibilities which you can enjoy in the area.

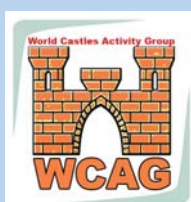


It took us nearly 1,5 hours to claim the hill and set up the stations, Again we had far more then 100kg to transport upwards. We orginally wanted to go at august 22, but then a lot of rain was announced and we cancelled the trip. On september 5 again it was a bit playing lottery. The weather forecasts changed every two hours and we were not sure how long we could stay there. Additionally there was the asia-DX-contest which made especially on 20 meters huge troubles. When you had an obviously free frequency it was gone minutes later.

We tested this time also for the first the new bandpass-filters made by Xaver DK4RM for 20 and 40 meters. Often when we work with two stations in the small nature reserves we have only 10 to 15 meter distance between the two transmitters. As we usually work with almost 100 watts each, it's a good improvement to reduce distortions between the two main-bands 20 and 40 meters.

As we expected a lot of people in the area, we set the camps

Manfred DF6EX on the station, still a lot of fog around at 0700 UTC





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a few meters lower from the mountain-peak.

There were two wodden areas which allowed us setting up antennas without disturbing the tourists.

Almost exactly 0700 UTC we started with the transmissions on both sites.

Conditions were not promising and the contest-activities intensified the difficulties. Also on 40 meters the interest was not so big as usual and we often had to change between phone and telegraphy.

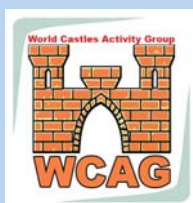


From the start of the

operation we had also a huge interest by visiting people from the different directions.

Also complete school-classes were on tour.

Peter DO1NPF had additional information-material with him. Also lot of visitors were impressed that in 2020 some-





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one uses morse-telegraphy.
We had altogether three phases during operation were we thought that a quick cancellation needs to be done. However in all of those we had the luck that the rain dissappeared as quick as it has started and we could uncover our equipment and logs again.
We made the last contact at 1124 UTC with altogether



418 contacts in the log, 180 in telegraphy, 238 in phone, 64 contacts with germany, 61 with italy and



on 3rd place poland with 35, close followed by france with 34. Many thanks to all stations who gave us a call. Special thanks to Peter DO1NPF and Andy (sometimes DN5CQ) for taking part on the adventure.

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