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Langweiher Moor DLFF-0728





The last trips were very heavy from the physical side. So this time we selected an area which was a bit easier to reach. Langweiher Moor includes some moor-ponds which are mostly covered by trees. The area became a nature-reserve in 1986 in IUCN-cathegory IV. Location is in a valley near Neustadt/Kulm. So not the best place to put HF out.

To be on the safe side we had everything with us. Plan was to go the last several 100 meters with the trolley inside the area. We started around 07 local-time to the trip. An earlier start made no sense as it was very cold in the morning during the last days. So also on tour we had around 4 degrees and we both had a lot of jackets with us, however forecast for the later morning was good.

To our biggest surprise after arrival we found the the final country lane as not protected. Using this advantage we

could drive close to the operation setup. So we were also able to be a bit faster active. Our first signals appeared at 0630 UTC with both stations starting on 20 and 80 meters. Had the day before a short conversation with Charlie DL-6RDE in Facebook. His home is not too far away from Langweiher Moor and he promised to give us a visit.

To our biggest surprise he arrived together with a "typical bavarian breakfast" Leberkäse.

So we had at first to pump up our energy, thanks Charlie,

 $\textit{Konrad DH6RAE} \ and \ \textit{Charlie DL6RDE} \ at \ the \ breakfast \ in \ the \ nature$











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nice surprise.

The nature-reserve is mostly covered by trees and only at the begin there is a meadow-area.

At the start 75 percent were still under shadow as the sun was behind the wood in our backgrourd, so Konrad set up his station beside a cornfield, which is bordering the nature-reserve, to have a bit more sun for the solar-panel.

Manfred was with the second station directly beside the trees in a distance of about 25 meters. Both stations worked without any interferences between the two sites.

The begin on 80 gave some short-distance stations also the possibility to come into the log.

When moving to 40 and 20 meters we quick found out that propagations are very bad. So start on both bands was slow and some areas in europe were blended out. We had very small rates that day to the closer areas, so very poor into most parts of germany, austria and switzerland.

During the whole morning we switched a lot between the bands and moved also very





often between telegraphy and phone. From the higher bands there was mostly no propagation at all.

As antennas we used two multiband dipoles and two FT450 transceivers running 100 Watts each, powered by battery/solar array.

This activity we had no visitors at all as the area is very hidden and apparently not interesting for hiker/biker.

So we fullfilled the hours with much traffic as possible and finally ended











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Charlie DL6RDE is a member of our neighbour-club in Weiden. He visited us already in the 1990s during our CW-fieldday weekends which were run that time already with our clubcall DAØCW/p

with a total score of 423 contacts.

Only one contact with USA and two with japan made the highest distances.

But altogether 40 different reached countries made it at the

end again a very successful activity.

266 phone-contacts vs. 157 telegraphy QSOs also a good mix.

Top-countries this time Nr. 1 italy with 70 contacts followed by poland (42), germany (36), russia (34) france (31), belgium (28).

73, 44, Manfred DF6EX and Konrad DH6RAE for Team DAØCW





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