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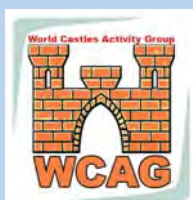
During corona lock-down I wrote some articles for ham-radio-magazines. One of them describing some of our activities in czech-republic. One appeared in august-issue which reminded me, that there was no activity in 2020 with my czech licence. The closest for me available nature-reserve is

not in germany, it is in czech-republic. Directly on the border in 13km distance from my home-location is Pomezni rybnik (Scheitelteich) which belongs half to germany and half to czech republic. Directly after crossing the border you can find a small parking bay. My first attempt after work failed on august 10, because when coming closer to Schirnding a heavy storm with thunderstorm in the background appeared and I decided to move to another direction.

Next attempt then was on august 13. This time no storm however again a thunderstorm in a distance of around 50km which generated a lot of static noises. In the area is a big construction site where a new bridge via the road to czech republic is in construction.

So additionally to all other distortions there were a lot of noises from the blinking traffic lights which were in a distance of 50 meters to my location.

Few minutes after my arrival also the civil-police appeared cause this is a good place to watch the whole traffic and if required take somebody out :-)







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I presented them my czech licence which I own since 2010 and they were quite interested whats possible with simple antenna-systems on the short-wave bands. They told me also some stories about the nature-reserve itself. Meanwhile there is a beaver-family creating action there and cracking tree by tree.

The activity itself was not so well. With the constant distortions and very weak signals it was a nightmare

to work down the sometimes appearing small but very silent pile-ups.

Altogether only 28 different countries could be reached. From time to time there was a hope, when stations from morocco, USA or canada coming in loud through the QRM, but then in the next moment again only weak signals from europe. Top countries were italy (45), Germany (28) and poland (20) QSO. Only 25 CW and 158 SSB QSO made a total of 183 contacts. Anyhow, if the bridge-construction is ready maybe another attempt will

follow.

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