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Nature Park Fichtelgebirge DLFF-0058  
Castle Alexandersbad DL-03144



Whole week heavy rainfalls and thunderstorms with extreme results in various places in the country. This wednesday decided to take everything with me in the car and have a look if another after-work-activity makes sense or not. So planned distance not so high to have a clearer view whats happening. Came later out of the QRL than expected so finally arrived at location at around 1500 UTC. The place was a bit different compared with my latest activity in 2016, so selected a bit covered position that in case the rain starts would have a bit more time to react. Station was set up very quickly. Temperature outside only 18 degrees however of course no problem in the car. After first call directly IW1QEA came back with loud signal, but when replying, the transceiver switched of, no output-power. Tried to check all connectors carefully in the car and made a second attempt. Again IW1QEA came back but when starting to transmit the transmitter switched off. So finally no other chance than to bring down antenna again and see if the problem can be found. Took the second antenna-cable out and when antenna was coming down saw the damage on the cable. So of course the change was quickly done and after a few minutes was back on the band, frequency now occupied however some khz up found quickly a free one and, what a surprise IW1QEA Mario was calling me as first station again with loud signal and this time I could reply with full power, thank you also for spotting me, Mario.



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Most spectacular was the often changing weather, sunshine on arrival, during activity very often dark sky with heavy clouds and rolling thunder. Also conditions went up and down. Sometimes low signals, lot of QRN, 15 minutes later usual 59 signals with excellent exchanged reports.

Had to switch very often between the bands, was on 10, 20, 30, 40 and 80.

Finally ended with 224 contacts with 29 countries.

1. Germany (48)
2. Italy (28)
3. Poland (24)
4. France (19)
5. Belgium, Austria and England (10)

36 CW vs. 188 SSB contacts.

Anyhow that it was looking so strange, I never got any raindrop. It waited until I was sitting in the car, then the rain started for the home-way :-)

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