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DP44WCA

Nature-Park Fichtelgebirge DLFF-0058  
Castle Epprechtstein DL-03146



Just five days after latest trip to Franconia, was again in the air from the area with another castle.

Again after the work started in direction Kirchenlamitz.

We were there a few days ago for a walking trip and there is under the castle a very nice parking-bay covered by trees and you can sit there with acceptable temperatures.

On the front-side of the castle is a wooden-platform

where you have a better surround-view via the Nature-Park-Fichtelgebirge.

Last days we had some thunderstorms here in the area and when starting from work it looked promising. Not so sunny but anyhow better than the day before.

When appearing there found the parking-place which I originally had selected few days ago free and started with the antenna-setup.

But when switching on transceiver first time found a very noisy 40 meter-band.

Propagation was down and the first calls created almost no interest. Some stations calling however too weak to copy complete call signs.

My first contact was F5SJJ who gave me an excellent signal report, where he confirmed that signal is loud and clear. Also ON5MA as second one confirmed me the same, however further calls created not so many interest.

From some German stations got the info that in their areas are a big number of thunder-storms. So decided to move to 20 and had there a better phase with lower amount of distortions. Unfortunately no short-skip propagations so number of callers was manageable.



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Tried also CW on both bands but also there it was running slower than usual.

Finally after two hours of operation I gave up and prepared for the homerun as now here also here darker clouds appeared.

Total amount of contacts were 187 with 176 unique stations. 53 in CW and 134 in SSB.

31 DXCC-countries and the top 5 were:

1. Germany (34)
2. Italy (30)
3. France (14)
4. Poland (12)
5. Belgium (11)

With the now 25th activity with DP44WCA we finally came over the 6000 QSO-mark.

Thanks for calling in and cuagn soon.

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