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DQ11WCA

Castle Reuth and Castle Erlhammer in NP Steinwald
DL-02350 + DL-05184 DLFF-0119



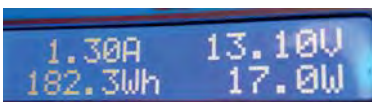
Heard from my team-mate Karl DL1JJK that the propagation was extreme bad the day before when he was out. However weather-forecast showed that this will be the latest sunny day before winter comes back. So started again after the work into nature-park Steinwald. Directly behind the village Reuth with the castle DL-02350 it leads into a small valley where in a distance of just 800 meters away the castle of Erlhammer is. So selected a position on a small side-road in qualifying distance for both counters and started with the assembly. When leaving home there was extreme rain but there in a distance of 25km away the sun wttill was shining.

We meanwhile have topped the pre-year-record of your special call DR10WCA with the 6898 contacts and just steering to the 7500 contacts with DQ11WCA. The call will be valid for further two

weeks. After switching on, found the condx similar like Karl told me. A lot of static noises and from distance also



some local QRM from an electric-fence. There are some horse stables in the area. So after the first 30 SSB contacts the game was almost over and 40 meter conditions apparently gone. So tried unsuccessful also 20 meters, here the same. Loud signals in FT8 however CW and SSB almost down. Had also some visitors, one of them, the owner of DL-05184 who offered me to come and take some photos, also his daughter with here horse came along to see whats happening. Finally the only option was CW and again that saved the day. Compared with the previous result in phone-area, the CW-portion was much better and sometimes had also real pile-ups there. It finally ended with 91 CW-contacts. At the end did a final check in phone and could screw up the number there to 72 and a total result of 163 QSO into 28 countries. The scores were 36 with italy, 17



with poland, 13 with germany and then belgium and ukraine with 10, followed by russian and france with 9 contacts each. Thanks for calling in.

By the long time calling and high number of CW this time the battery was discharged more than usual, however still more than 50% remaining power and of course a backup was on board.

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