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After several attempts we received this year the ok for this beautiful area with a size of 2200 ha. 40 years ago there was a plan to make a big dammed-lake here. The small village Gumpen should be totally flooded. A nature-protection group led by Dr. Klaus Arbter startet their resistance against those plans decades ago and finally won. The area became one of the biggest nature-conservation projects in bavaria and is to a big percentage renaturized

with a big success. Beaver, Crane and Sea Eagle are back. In the outer areas there are possibilities also for some adventures for the children and there is a big net of walking and biking-ways surrounding the area. In the center there is a building called „Himmelsleiter“ (stairway to heaven) where you have an incredible overview around the lakes (in total there are 2500 in the area).

Our original-plan for an activity was years ago to setup a station at this bridge and doing also some public-relation for ham-radio with the big number of visitors there.

However according to Corona these plans were dropped long time ago. So this time again an after work operation in the evening, directly at the begin in Gumpen with a qualifying distance to the nearby castle of Falkenberg, where I lived some years ago.

Reached the area on a small farmway and started at 1441 UTC with ON7RN as first station who put me directly in the cluster.

Realized the same condition-flow like the



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two days before. If you are earlier on the start, it doesn't help, as propagation isn't going upward before 15 to 16 UTC.

So had my most efficient period also this day between 16 and 17 UTC.

The total QSO-number were 268 contacts with 243 unique stations.

The mix between the modes 127 CW vs. 141 SSB. 30 DXCCs were worked.

Top 5 this time:

1. Italy (51), 2. Germany (42), 3. Poland (20), 4. Croatia (15), 5. Eur. Russia (12) close followed by Belgium, Ukraine, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Spain with

almost the same figures each. 33 contacts on 80 meters, 233 on 40 meters and only 2 on 20 meters which was again absolutely down. Weather was nice, not warm however sunny. Beside one farmer who came along with his machine didn't meet any person at all.

Anyhow this is a very large area with several possibilities to become active. So soon we will be there again and pull up the QSO-numbers and unique stations that more will get a chance to work also on the other bands.

Many thanks to all stations for calling in and especially to those who spotted us. You don't need to send a QSL-card. We confirm every contact 100% but don't collect our own.

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