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My first plan for friday-afternoon was a bit farer away, but then the weather forecast showed that winter will come back again. So skiped my original plan and instead moved into the Steinwald-area.

Nature-reserve Föhrenbühl DLFF-0578 with the nearby two castles was the plan to go and on the way was blue sky and sometimes also sun shining a bit, temperature around 5 degrees. After the arrival there still everything was fine and again setup was with the emergency kit including thin antenna and mainly target for two bands only. Appeared on the air at 1350 UTC and Cor PA2CVD was the first station calling and put me directly in the cluster.

The following pile-up sometimes was absolute incredible. Sure there were much more than 50 stations calling at once and soon had to move to calling by numbers to get rid of all stations, lot of them with almost the same signal-strength and often higher than S9 signal-level.

My location was about 300 meters away from the castle Grötschenreuth which was also visible for me at the begin of the operation.

Plan was as usual, start on 40 meters phone, then move to 20 meters phone and

CW and return against the end of the operation to 40 meter CW and probably also a side step to 30 meters. However weather planned a bit different. Around 1500 UTC some darkgrey clouds appeared behind the hori-



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zon and within 10 minutes the weather changed from a little spring to extreme winter.

I jumped out of the car and switched antenna to 20 meters to give the chance for a few callers there.

Finally could catch there some stations from asia and north america however then at 1514 UTC had to break down.

Antenna and car arrived in winter-wonderland so had to hurry to bring everything back into the car, more or less dry.



On the trip back home found a totally different road-situation, so choosed to avoid the higher Steinwald-area and instead moved on another more secure way back home. Altogether 240 stations could be worked. This time due to the short period on 20 meters only 29 different countries.

1. Germany (91) 2. Italy (26) 3. Poland (22)  
4. Belgium (14) 5. Netherlands (13) this time.

Thanks for calling in and cu from the next one

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