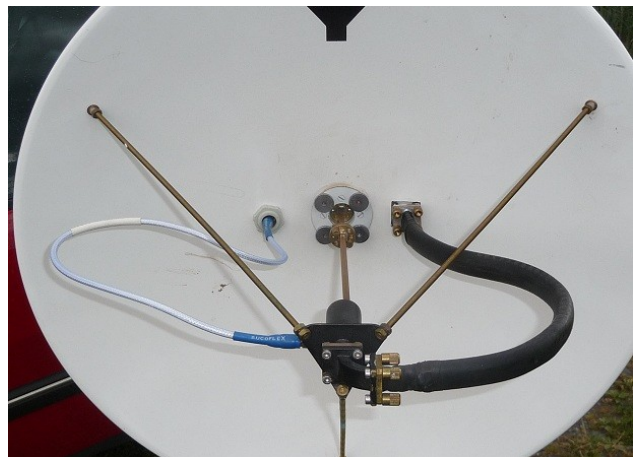


Contest July 2011

Some weeks ago the idea for a small GHz expedition to the high mountains which limit the take off from our VHF- QTH in southern direction was born. As I am not QRV on frequencies beyond 10GHz I had to ask my friends DB6NT and DL6NCI if they can borrow me the required hardware. Solving this problem I planned to activate our club- call DL0AR/p from one of the highest mountains from the “Fichtelgebirge”, the “Grosser Waldstein”. This is the place, where the beacon DB0KI was running for many years. The top of the mountain is abt. 836 meters asl and has an excellent take off from south- west to north east direction. As I am a lazy man I had to look for a place which I could reach by car and where are no trees limit the view to the horizon.



For checking the equipment I decided to make a first test on Friday afternoon from Ahornberg mountain, where we have our VHF- QTH. Unfortunately our hut is not located at the highest point, I had to go with my car to the hilltop for getting perfect take off. Short tests with DL6NCI and DB6NT could be done very easy. All was working perfect!



Transverter and antenna for 10GHz, 24GHz and 47GHz (tnx Lorenz)



Temporary set up for first station check



The power comes from my car...



Saturday afternoon, half an hour before the contest starts, Martin, DL2AX, and myself arrived at the planned QTH. Heavy wind and many dark clouds signal us that we have to hurry if we would not become very wet!

Martin, DL2AX had the response for calibrating the antennas and finding the QTHs from our partners!



Antennas directed to DK0NA



After making all arranged skeds we gone QRT in JO50WC very quickly because heavy rain started. As I had much fun I decided to make another contest activity from JO50VF, our VHF- QTH where I would meet my friends which would make some QSOs in the contest on the “low bands”. Arriving the hilltop at 17:00 I build up all the rig agn and called my friends for a new game!



Quickly I could make all contacts, heavy wind, rain, fog and temperatures around +9 degrees give not so much fun!

After finishing all this activities I went to our radio- hut to see how many of QSOs are already in the logs from my friends.

Here you can see that they started the big race with a break.....



DH1NFL, DL9NDA and DJ2NR fighting hard for points



Drinking some strange water is the right doping for DX- hunting....



also the stove is very impordant..

Later we switched the station on, Frank, DL9NDA made something around 150 QSOs on 2m



Thomas tried to work on 10GHz dir east with the correct outfit



Helmut, DJ2NR, made some QSOs in the night, I was QRV for some hours on 70cm, searching for DX- stations, making 50QSOs with 23000 points and on 10GHz I made 28 contacts with 8200 points. The odx was ON4SHF with 500Km as usually, some rain- scatter contacts at Sunday also could be done.

Greetings from DL6NAA

