

Hello friends

With kindly permission from Dieter, DC9NL, who was many years responsible for the VHF/UHF/SHF beacon DB0KI, I will send you the last pictures from it.

DB0KI is silent since beginning of September 2008 after an incessant job for many years.

This beacon had its location at the mountain which is called "Grosser Waldstein", one of the highest mountains from the "Fichtelgebirge", in the north- eastern part of Bavaria, near the border to the Czechian Republik.

This beacon was supported by DK5NI, DC9NL, ex DK2GNX (nw DK3FT), DB6NT, DL6NCI, DC9NI and many others.

As the call- sign was applied for the VFDB OV Bayreuth it was possible to fit the antennas on the tower from a TV- and broadcast- transmitter. The place for the antennas was about 100m over the ground- level.

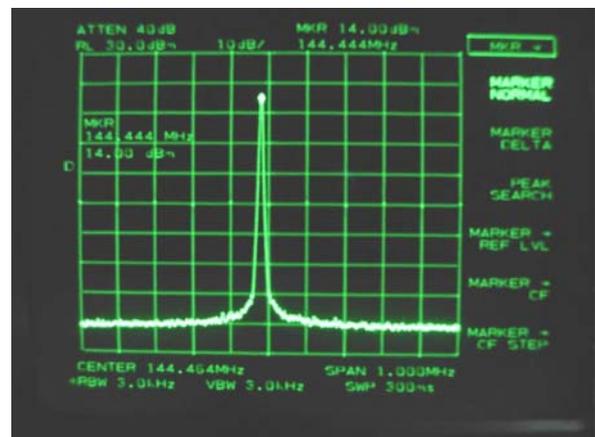
Nearly all the time the beacon was transmitting on all bands from 144MHz to 24GHz.

Receiving reports from many countries gave a feedback that it was a good occasion to check the propagations on the frequencies over 144MHz.

It was not easy to keep all components running for all the time. Sometimes it was necessary to climb up the tower, even during the "cold period". Also there were many problems with high electromagnetic fields from the TV- transmitter (500KW ERP) and different BC- transmitters with 30KW ERP.

The reason for getting QRT and reduction of all components is a tremendous demand from the DFMG, the company which is now the owner of most of the radio- towers in Germany.

The hardware for 144MHz, 432MHz and 1296MHz will be modernized by DC9NL and DK5NI and will be given to DB8UY, who is responsible for the QTH from the microwave- beacons DB0FGB on top of the "Schneeberg", the highest mountain from the "Fichtelgebirge". Maybe there will be again a 2m, 70cm and 23cm beacon transmitting from our region.



DB0KI 144,444



Big wheel for 144MHz



Manfred, DL1NMO is climbing up for the last time the 100m long ladder for taking down the antennas-QRT for ever!



A view from the place of the antennas

In the background the place from DB0FGB



Werner, DK5NI brings the components from the antennas to his trailer.





DK5NI, DL1NMO, DL6NAA

So far my report! My special thanks to all the friends who spent a lot of time and much money to keep DB0KI for 30 or perhaps some more years alive. I have to thank Dieter, DC9NL for the pictures for this report.

Reinhold, DL6NAA