

IARU- Region 1 VHF- Contest 2006

In the early summer Heino, DJ6JJ asked me if there is a possibility to participate the IARU- VHF- Contest this Year from Ahornberg. After talking to the other members from our group I could give him my ok. So they arrived at Friday, 1st of September in the late afternoon.

The members of the DL0V- crew were Mike, DH6JL; Chris, DD4CKW; Eki, DH8AF; Jürgen, DL5EBS and the "Senior" Heino, DJ6JJ.

As I didn't meet Heino and Mike (who visitet us many Years ago) for a long time we had many things to discuss from the good old times. Also the famous Ahornberger Beer was checked till late in the night.

Saturday afternoon it was time to install the Radio- equipment from DL0V. It consisted from an IC 756PRO2, a Kuhne electronic High Level Transverter and a 6N2 linear- amplifier from Henry Radio. I was very interested to see how this "state of the art" station performs in comparison to my IC765 and the old homemade Transverter!



Heino, DJ6JJ prepares an audio- regulator for the headphones

We spent much time to connect all the equipment at the antenna, the sequencer, preamplifier e.t.c





Mike, DH6JL and myself
working hard until
everything was working!

In the meantime people
who were not busy relaxed
in the sun





Exactly at 14:00 UTC the contest was started





Later in the evening I spent half an hour at the radio to call to my friends in OK!



Padesat devet dve ste dvacet dva was the last number which I distribute. After this myself celebrated the usual Ahornberg ritual, because three equal numbers (here 59 222) is famous as a "Schnapszahl"!



Eki, DH8AF is concentrating at the Radio



Is there any interesting station announced in the Packet- Cluster??

If there are only two operators contesting there is a lot of free time for the rest of the group to have a funny waste of time!





Finally a view of the antenna. In the background You can see that the take- off direction to the south is not perfect!

So far my report about this event at the first weekend of September. Personally I don't know if the results satisfied our visitors, anyway it's my opinion that we had much fun. I think it is not so easy to do successful contesting if You stay for the first time at the "other end" of Germany and have to handle some unknown equipment. Also there were some compromises to keep the station running. "Learning by doing" is the right slogan! Unfortunately our visitors could learn during this Contest, where we are talking about if we try to explain the Contest- QRM- situation in our area!

Last not least there is a photo from the whole- DL0V- crew during their visit by DB6NT on their way back to JO31!



Left to right: DH6JL, DJ6JJ, DL5EBS, DD4CKW, DH8AF, DB6NT

We have to say thanks to our friends for a fine weekend, to the worked stations for supporting us with points and the OM in the heaven for the fine weather. We don't know yet what we will do in October but there should be again any activity from JO50VF!

Greetings to all from the DL0AR- crew

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