

Hello friends

During the last weekend there were again some activities at Ahornberg (Maple Mountain). Thomas, DH1NFL, participated at 432MHz, single operator class, myself decided to make some performance tests with my new Radio, an IC7700, which I got two days ago. Many thanks to Norbert, DG9NCL, who was responsible for carrying the heavy box over a distance from more than 500Km! Also I was present at the ON4KST- chat for supporting my friends at the microwave- bands if they requested a sked. Unfortunately I had to recognize that our driving- machine for the 23cm band, an IC271, was not working after I switched it on. The reason was a destroyed switching power- supply, which got a breakdown during a thunderstorm some days ago. The result from our activity are around 300QSOs from Tom, I had 40 contacts on 3cm, including some rain scatter QSOs to Italy, 9A, S5, OM, OE etc and my Tropo odx to OZ1ALS about 550Km. On 13cm I did not count the contacts, perhaps I wrote something around 25 separate calls at the calendar- sheet.

Now I will show you some highlights about 24 hours at JO50VF, as usual I will give some comments.

Have fun!



The first- and very important step for successful contesting is to open a bottle of fine wine. Still we are not owner of a corkscrew in our hut. Is there anyone who likes to support us? Again and again there is something to solder. In the meantime Tom has a heavy job to bring the 70cm antenna at the right position.



The brand-new Transceiver, an IC7700 was connected to the receiving-part of my new Transverter for checking the performance in comparison to our old station, an IC765 with homemade Transverter. I think to buy such an expensive radio was a big step for improving our system. Sunday morning we got a visit from Helmut, DJ2NR, who was also impressed when he listened to the 2m pileup. (Torleif you can see that I am still a fan of Sweden!)





These pictures are showing the progress from Tom, DH1NFL. No more comments are necessary!





We still have our old antenna system. We never had any really problems with ice and storm in the past.



If we participate in the contest always we have a lot of fun with barbeque, collecting raspberry and talking about the good old time!

Dear friends, so far my first report in 2008! We are still alive and have much fun with Ham Radio.

73s

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