

F8KID

JN38AT

Marconi Memorial

Contest



2019



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The site and antennas (Part 1)



An overview of the antenna farm at JN38AT (Rosières-en-Haye) in about 310 m a.s.l.



4 x 7 element fixed direction HB9 and I



A little bit exotic: The collinear antenna group fixed direction southwest for middle and south F



4 x 7 element fixed direction South DL, OK and OM



4 x 10 element rotatable for the 2nd operator / ON4KST chat station

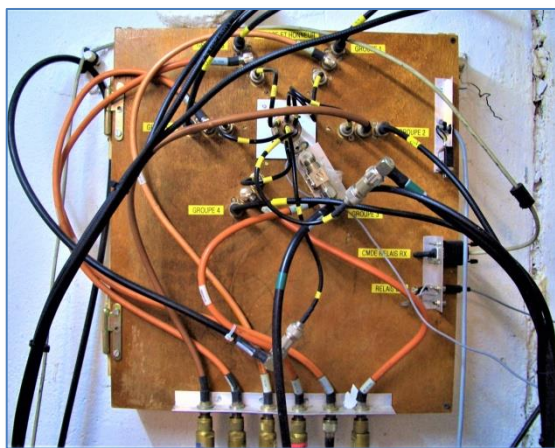
The site and antennas (Part 2)



*4 x 7 element fixed
direction North F and South UK*



*Two systems at only one tower
On top: The 4 x 12 element rotatable
Below: The 8 x 4 fixed direction North DL and Benelux*



*Where (nearly) all antennas come together:
The switching box*



*After all the antenna building it seems that
still some hardwire coaxial cable is left as spare*



Another kind of crossroads, but for HF and not for cars. Attention: Risk of stumbling!

The station and contest operating



On the left side: The running station for the 1st operator
The additional QWERTZ keyboard in front was for the guest operator from DL, guess who? ☺



On the right side:
The ON4KST chat station for the 2nd operator

Elecraft K3 + JAVORNIC transverter (14 MHz IF) + PA
Back-Up: Additional K3 / K3s and Kuhne transverter TR144H (14 MHz IF)
Contest software WinTest with log synchronisation
Schurr CW paddle (running station) and Bencher CW paddle (ON4KST chat station)



Like at the F6KFH site, and unusual for France:
Electricity generated NOT by nuclear power



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A comfortable sit together

Other things beside the contest



Preparation for the dinner on Saturday evening



Bon Appétit



*An unusual sleeping place for the author of this report.
And shared with a very thick coaxial cable ☺*

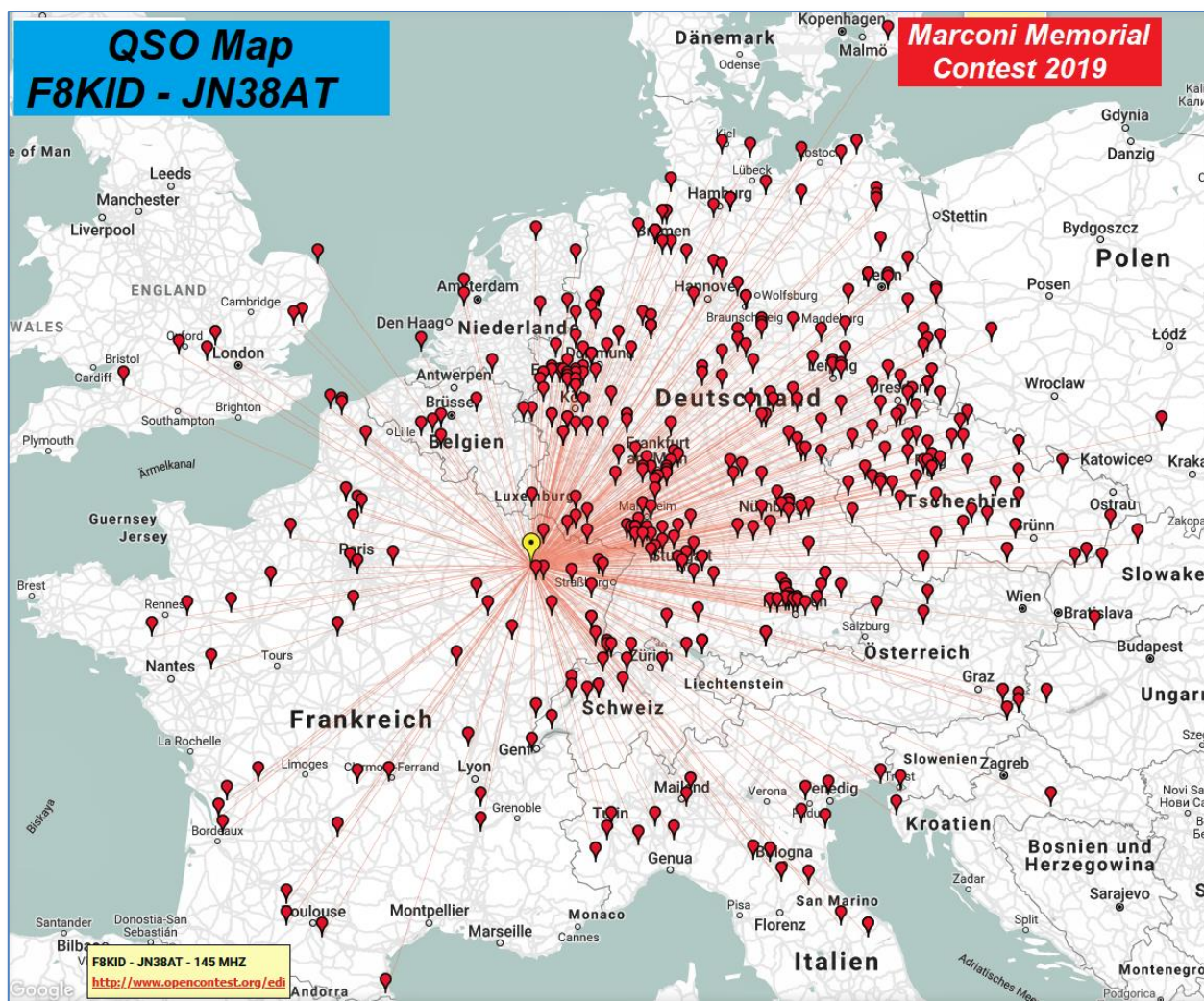


A cigarette break outside the shack



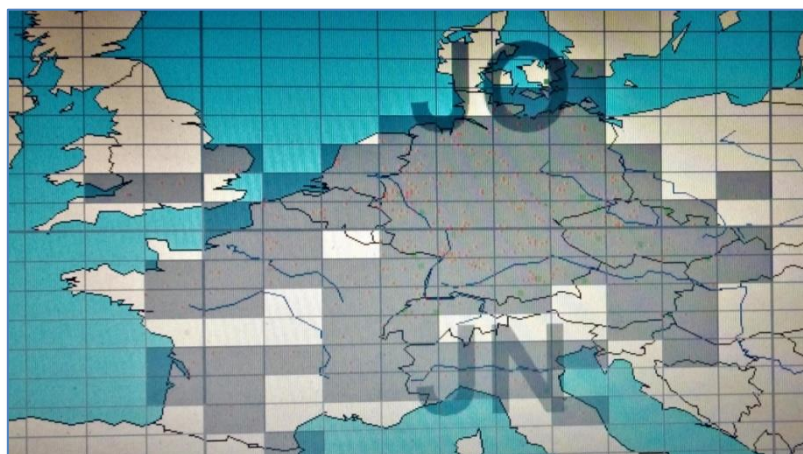
It wasn't really cold, but most of the time it was rainy and windy

The Result



Due to the rainy and stormy weather conditions were average. Nevertheless the good site, equipment and operator skill helps for some long distance QSOs

QSOs	Points	Average	ODX	Worked DXCC	Squares
402	172 619	430 km/QSO	940 km (SP9KDA JO91IB)	17 (DL, F, G, HA, HB9, I, LX,PA, OE, OK, OM, ON, PA, SM, SP, S5, 9A)	83



The worked locator squares

The (core) Team



The man with the fast fingers at the CW paddle
Jean-Louis F5OCL



Not only QRV on DXpeditions
Pascal F5PTM



Never bought a transceiver with a microphone, as his call sign is a true statement regarding his favorite and only operation mode
Alain F3CW



Thanks to him, no one had to be hungry last weekend
Alphonse F5FJL



Preferring operation with the microphone, so he was not at the key this contest
Andrea HB9DUR



Well known for his superb tropo prediction and DX Cluster
Pascal F5LEN

Merci!



*All together: The fabulous VHF contest dream team from Département 54!
Another 1st place in France after 2018?*

The visitors, “cake donators” and helping hands during the contest weekend:

- **Jeremy F0CVO**
- **Jean-Roger F6EGK**
- **Alan F6EZV**
- **Phillipe F0ELT**

And last but not least the guy who wrote this report, made only “some” contest QSO (around 100?), had a very long and exhausting trip from Germany (JN49EJ) and back again

.....but in the end was very happy for participating MMC 2019 with the friends of F8KID!

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Thanks for the points and hope to hear you all again during the next contest!