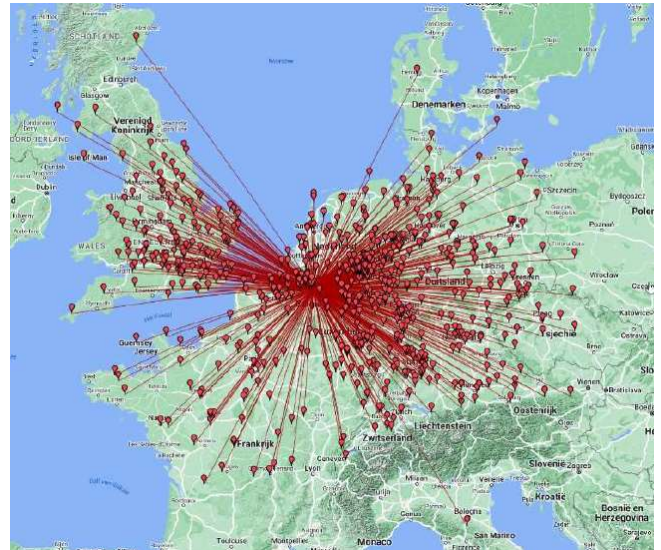


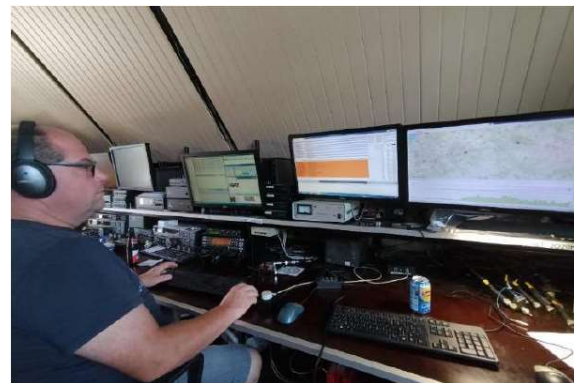
OR6T : September 2023 IARU reg 1 VHF contest

This year, we had no plans in participating in this contest. We wanted to dismantle all VHF antenna's to check them before winter. Also, a big SteppIR HF antenna above the VHF antenna's needed some attention. But due to lack of time, the VHF antenna's were not yet removed. So a week before the contest, we decided to participate anyway. There was not enough time to make a complete contest setup, so we just had one radio. This may explain why we did not have much time to make skeds, and to check other participants frequency's.



Mark ON5GM started the contest. QSO's came in fast, with some pile-ups. Our system works ~good~, but we still have a lot of QRM in our north-Germany direction. We know we missed a lot of stations there, sorry!

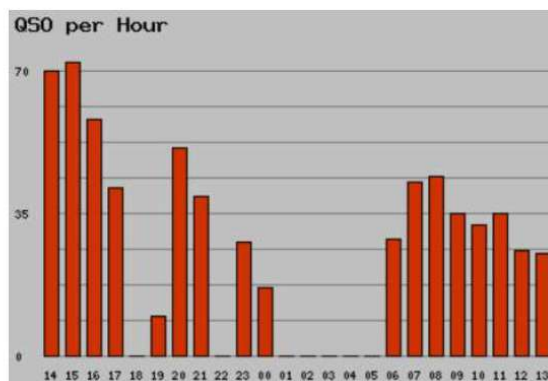
In the evening, the QRM settles, and QSO's still came in good. We did not have a lot of operators this contest, in the evening only Erwin ON4QJ and Kevin ON5DRE were active.



We weren't prepared to participate anyway, so during lunch time, we lost a few hours (and gained some beers). We did have good fun, Jerry ON4CJQ kept us company at night. Activity was good, operating the station was fun, QSO's kept coming. In the night, we stopped operating. Sunday morning, Mark ON5GM started again. Joël ON5XX took over. In the afternoon, Erwin ON4QJ and Kevin ON5DRE took turns to finish the contest.

log start	02-Sep-2023, 14.01			
log end	03-Sep-2023, 14.00			
operating period	23 hours 59 min			
operating time	15 hours 10 min			
off time	8 hours 49 min			
Σ QSOs	656			
Phone	656			
Band	QSO	CW	Phone	Digi
2m	656	0	656	0
Σ Gridsquares	83			
Σ Gridfields	4			
Σ Countries	16			

ODX (km)	Call	Loc
884	IQ4KD	JN54PF



1	DL		Deutschland	335
2	F		France	86
3	G		England	113
4	GD		Isle of Man	1
5	GM		Scotland	4
6	GU		Guernsey	1
7	GW		Wales	6
8	HB9		Switzerland	8
9	I		Italy	1
10	LX		Luxembourg	1
11	OE		Austria	7
12	OK		Czech Rep.	14
13	ON		Belgium	39
14	OZ		Denmark	2
15	PA		Netherlands	36
16	SP		Poland	2

Conditions were actually good, there was a lot of activity. All in all, we are glad we did participate, although it was at a "low" level this time. We managed to get a decent number of QSO's, and our ODX IQ4KD was possible thanks to Aircscout.

Thank you all stations who had a QSO with us. We'll be looking out for the upcoming 70cm contest in October, and we hope to hear many of you there again. Best 73, and good DX!