

The story of a rented station

Every real DX-er dreams about working a big pile-up but get never the chance from his own location. There are a few alternatives. You can participate in a multi-multi contest group or you become involved in a major DX-pedition, what not so evident is in most cases.

Therefore is a good alternative to rent a station that is equipped with all the ham needs.

Such a station is SI9AM. It's located in the middle of Sweden and is full equipped with a good transceiver and power amplifier, a mighty tower with a 6 element tribander and a two element 40m. A folded dipole for 80m and the WARC bands and a 160m dipole.

Other things like keyer and powermeter etc. Is in the shack as well.

Two computers with flat screens and internet are available. A Yeasu G-2700 rotor turns the antenna in the 20m tower.

What's so special on SI9AM, well, the call is unique and had a history. When you leave the 9 behind you got SIAM. In 1932 Siam changed in Thailand. The 9 is the lucky number of the Thais.

In the municipality Utanede, king Chulalongkorn let built a Thai pavilion what attracts many visitors.

The call is special and sound special to. We rented this station two times and worked a lots of stations from it, it generate big pile-ups.

The accommodation has also a hostel where up to 20 people can overnight and having a meal. The hostel is open from April until end September. Outside this period, You must supply your own store and live in the shack. The shack has two bunk beds, a refrigerator, microwave and a coffee maker. There is also a toilet and wash sink. Between September and April it could be really adventurous and after October comes the snow season.



We were there in October 2008 and 2009 and had a fantastic stay in the week around the CQWW SSB contest. In 2008 we scored 1st place of Sweden, and score became much higher in 2009 with a claimed score of 1,070,000. We had our one week supply stored, and got not even the time to eat properly. A 5 days working we had a total of 3980 contacts.

Howe you get there: There are several airports that fly to stockholm and from there you can take the A4 road by car. You can also fly to Sundsvall, that makes its shorter route for the car but is more expensive for flying to.

From Europe, there are low budget flights to Stockholm skvasta and with a rental car you be in 7 hours at the place to be.

We recommend this station for a busy ham radio experience and undisturbed broadcast. It's not expensive at all.

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