



Amateur of the
Year

Carsten Dauer (DM9EE) has been active in European amateur radio through WRTC and YOTA for 30 years. Recently, he has spearheaded DM9EE-Helping Hands, a movement to provide amateur radio equipment to war torn Ukraine by collecting donations and delivering them personally to communities in Ukraine. Approximately 5000 kg of radios, power banks, solar packs, and first aid have been shipped to Ukraine along with the donation of countless hours of planning, packing, documentation, and accessing permits have gone into this endeavor. On the return trip from Ukraine Carsten transports war refugees to havens in Germany, including his own hotel.

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**is where you will find
the Powerpoint file
and many more
pictures**

DM9EE | Carsten (Tom) Dauer

49 years old
licensed since age 16 (34yrs)
DL2OBO, later DM9EE
QRV on all bands,
HF, VHF DX, 70cm EME
contesting and DXped
Head chef
23 years DX-Hotel owner
16 years married to Julia
2 kids, Frederik and Klara



Summary

supporting amateur radio friends in Ukraine

This is an „us“ thing, not a „me“ thing

thanks to all supporters – WE are amateurs of the year!

It wouldn't be possible, if it weren't you sending in donations.

10.000 € donations collected by DM9EE via Paypal

32.000 USD donations collected by K1DG poisson d'avril

10+ tons of radios, powerbanks, solar pack, first aid kits shipped to Ukraine until today. countless hours spent in packing, helping with documents, going to authorities,.....

March 1st 2022 | Facebook post



Carsten Dauer

1. März 2022 · 🌐

Please Share: The DM9EE-DX-Hotel (near Hannover) can offer some rooms for Amateur Radio Friends that want to evacuate their families.

Please contact me directly.

Deutsche Bahn offers free transport from Poland.

Please see their web site.

[#heartforcontester](#) [#heartfordxer](#) [#heartforhams](#) [#kriegkenntkeinesieger](#) [#gastgebermitherz](#)

When the war started, I immediately offered ukrainian hams to evacuate their family to Holzminden. Facebook helped to spread this info and I got in contact to ukrainian ham fellows soon after my post.

URDXC 2018 | Visitors from UR in 2018



Alexey Chigarkov mit Slava Zhuk und 10 weiteren Personen

5. November 2022 · 🌐

Ukrainian DX contest supposed to be today... I hope to see all of you once again



It was also because of this memory.



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👍 Gefällt mir

💬 Kommentieren

➦ Teilen

March 8th, 2022 | plan to go to Poland/Ukraine



The mayor of Holzminden asked to donate clothes, sleeping bags, medicine etc. for a convoy to the Poland/Ukraine border. Round Table had collected drugs, first aid kits, etc. A large truck was already full so I suggested, I could take some donations to the border on my trip to pick up ham family members. My car was fully loaded with sleeping bags, drugs that must be kept at decent temperature levels.etc.

March 11th, 2022 | @ SQ8MFQ Pawel in Lublin SP



Pawel SQ8MFQ in Lublin
Dinner at midnight
bed and breakfast
translator at the border
Strangers become friends
Ham spirit IS alive!

March 11th, 2022 | driving to the UR-SP border



Driving directly to the border.

Pawel talked to the polish border patrol, we were allowed to park right at the border and talk to drivers going back into Ukraine. Most were in Poland to buy food and drugs, first aid kits.....

Every now and then busses with refugees passed the border from Ukraine to Poland. Only a few cars re-entering into Ukraine. We only needed minutes to find a courier.

March 11th, 2022 | Dorohusk Border



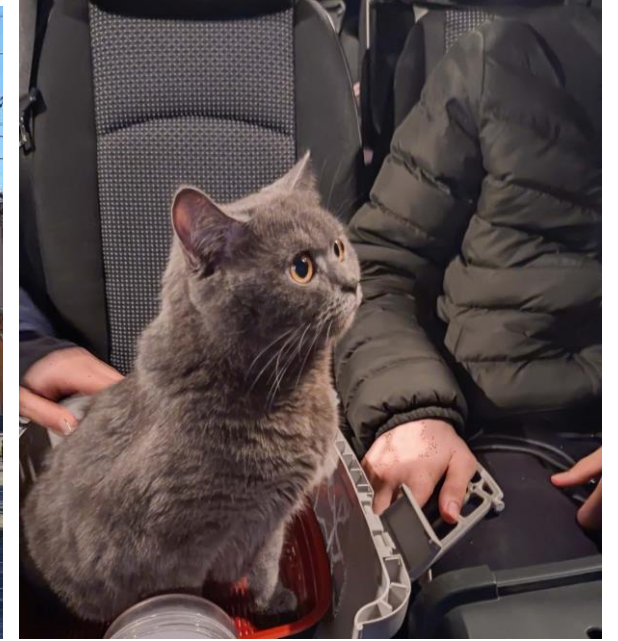
So, we asked drivers if they could take (parts of) our donations into Ukraine. It was the time when Kiev was heavily shelled. It was cold. Everything was loaded from my car to his car. He reached Kiev that evening.

March 11, 2022 | meeting with Alona & Valentyn



Meeting with Alona and Valentin (15) in Lublin SP. They are our first passengers. I have been in contact with a dozen ham family members on my way to the border. Some were not allowed to leave the country or could make it to the border, others found shelter at friends in Poland or Romania. Plans changed every hour.

March 12, 2022 | meeting with Maryna & Katya



In Wrocław we met with Maryna (mother) and Katya (29). So, we were 4 passengers and a cat going back to Holzminden. Again, 15 hours drive, only short stops for buying Diesel or food.

March 12, 2022 | driving home



Many other volunteers on the road. CT, EA, I, GM, F, LX, many other countries. All EU is helping. One continent. No need to talk. We all see in the others eyes, that we do the right thing. Help people. War is not good.

March 13, 2022 | Orchestras playing UR hymn



DL1QQ with famous brass band.

March 13, 2022 | Orchestras playing UR hymn



National anthem played on market places countrywide by many orchestras

March 13, 2022 | a new home ?



Sightseeing in Holzminden and visiting authorities.
I learnt a lot about bureau-crazy

2022 | contest ban for UA and EW?

I still remember one of the rules I learnt at the beginning of becoming a ham radio op: Ham radio should never be political.

I still talk to russians, I still have friends in Russia.

With all the support I give, I still believe that amateur radio must remain apolitical and that any punishment of the two radio countries is wrong. I object to radio operators being banned from a contest. I reject that any contest or radio operator should be boycotted. But I sincerely hope that the RDXC taking place at the weekend will be canceled by the organizers, or if it cannot be canceled due to pressure, the host radio operators will not take part and the contest will therefore be canceled indirectly.

That would be respectful.

What signal would it be, if there was a UA-UR team at WRTC?

It sounds very hard. I know.... But it will show strong courage. I think.

2022 March | register at town hall



. I learnt a lot about german bureau-crazy

2022 March| infos from friends



Receiving pictures from Lviv...

War pictures not only from TV, but also from friends you know.....

2022 March | family integration



Planting plum trees... what color is the fruit? Blue-yellow?

2022 March | first radio donations arrive

ham radio friends shipped or brought their old and new radios to me. I was collecting everything which is radio related and prepare them to ship them into Ukraine to hams that lost their radios and equipment with their houses or apartments. Some are new, some are old, some in working conditions, some broken. But the ham radio friends in Ukraine are very experienced since they are used to build their radios themselves for many decades. buying expensive commercial radios wasn't easy....so: everything we ship, they will repair.

2022 March | first radio donations arrive



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2022 March 27th | 2 new family members

Tetiana and Valeria find a new home. Valeria came with an untreated broken arm. Happened while leaving the house during shelling. First x-ray done in a Holzminden hospital. Cooking ukrainian dishes.



2022 March 27th | cooking and talking

Group is growing.....the hotel is still corona affected. So no space problem. 4 more ukrainians arrive. Relatives of our daughter Klaras class mates arrive.



2022 March 28th | more donations arrive

People come to bring trunks full with ham radio gear.



20th of May 2023 Hamvention in Dayton, Ohio



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2022 March 28th | more donations arrive



Everything is collected, sorted and packed in the so called Amaz** room



2022 March 29th | radio time – UR voices on air



Bringing
Valentyn,
Valeria
and
Katya on
the air.

2022 March 29th | more donations arrive



2022 March | famous visitors at the DX-Hotel



2022 March | more registration - bureaucrazy



2022 March | more donations - packing



2022 March | more donations - packing



2022 March | registration – translated for ALL



Antrag auf Erteilung Verlängerung einer

Aufenthaltserlaubnis Reise-Karte (RK) Visumverlängerung

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2. Vorname: **ДЕВУШКА ТАМНАЯ**

3. Geburtsort: **ИМЯ**

4. Geburtsdatum: **ДАТА РОЖДЕНИЯ**

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11. Pass, Reisepass, Ausweis (gültig/abgelaufen)

12. Einigkeit der Verwandten (Ausländerbehörde)

13. Haben Sie sich bereits früher in Deutschland aufgeführt?

14. Wenn ja, Angabe der Zeiten und Wohnorte

15. Argentinier (Staatsangehöriger)

16. Wird ständiger Wohnort außerhalb der Bundesrepublik Deutschland festgestellt und ggf. wo?

17. Über welchen Wohnort verfügen Sie?

18. Zweck des Aufenthalts in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland (z.B. Arbeitsauftrag, Besuch, Heirat, Familienangehöriger, Studienauftrag, Ausweisung, Name der Verwandten, die Familienangehörigen, Studienort)

19. Entlassen durch

20. Verfügen Sie über deutsche Sprachkenntnisse?

73 de DM 9EE

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ПОСЛЕДНЕЕ МЕСТО ЖИТЯ

Our translated form was used by BOSCH families (via DK3HV to Bosch)...AND our local register office..

2022 April 1st | 26 new arrivals

26 mothers with small kids and grandmothers were resettled from an overcrowded, unorganized and unofficial camp. The district government asked me, if I could host 26 Ukrainians temporary and immediately. Official red cross camp will be ready in a few days. It took them 4 weeks, Families arrived with a small back pack and a bag. They only could take few and light items when they left their homes.



On the 2nd day, we had a false positive case. Imagine the additional workload and risk for staff members.

Again, starting with translation for registration. Many nights. Preparing documents for district government.

2022 April 2nd | we needed drugs

It is difficult to explain. you really need to learn it yourself, how complicated or at least time consuming „help“ is.

Ukrainians have not enough money when they just fled to Germany. But also the applications are not accepted by Landkreis. But kids and parents get sick. Cough, cold, flew, whatever.....I went to the pharmacy to buy some medicine. btw: I finally got a 100€ refund from Government..... in February 2023



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2022 April 2nd | clothes donation for the 26

I made a facebook post about asking for clothes donations for women and kids and maybe some toys. Holzminden people are great. within 15 minutes we had 5 cars on the parking lot , trunk full loads of requested things...really great friends around me.



2022 April 2nd | clothes donation for the 26



2022 April 3rd | DX-Dinner with K3LR DL1QQ



2022 April 3rd | DX-Dinner with K3LR DL1QQ

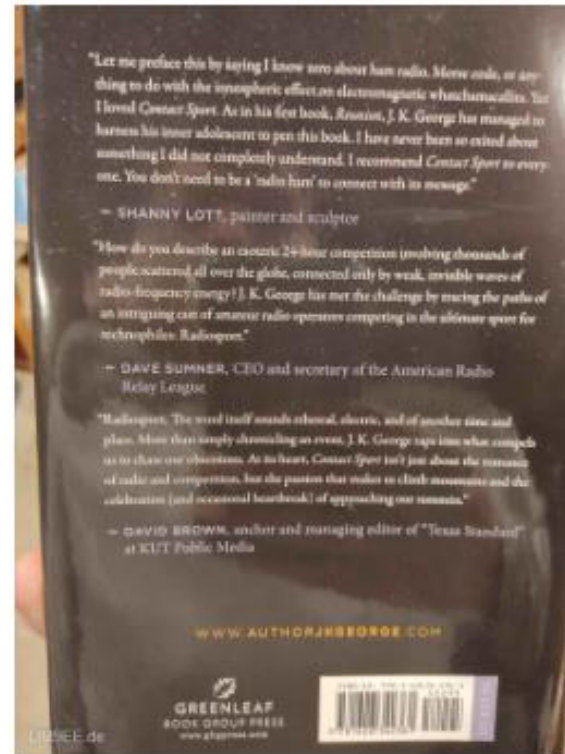
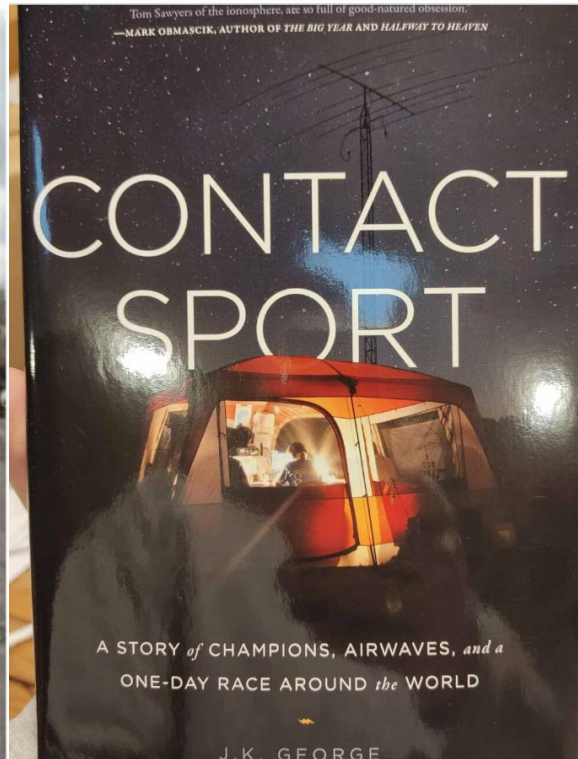


2022 April 5th | donating clothes to a camp



2022 April 5th | donation to raise donations

Michael DL6MHW gave mit a few dozen of books which i later „sold“ at the Ham Radio in Friedrichshafen...a total of nearly 500€ was made with thistnx WRTC comitee



2022 April 5th | shipping boxes to Dresden

100kg+ were shipped to Dresden. Thank you Schäfer Transport for giving us a free ride ! later these boxes were taken into Ukraine by a doctor who works with a hospital in Lwiv (childhood friend of UW7LL).

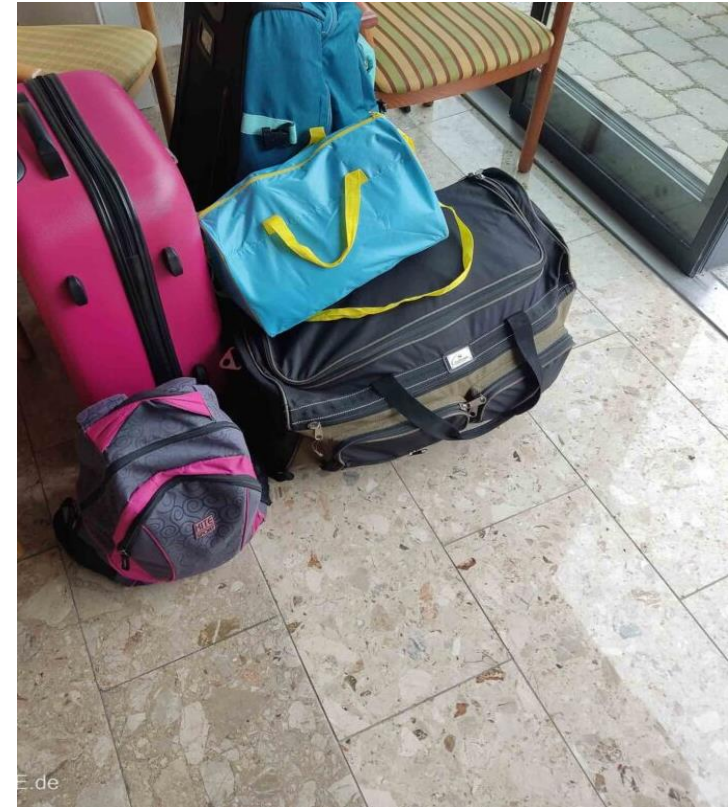
Shipping was THE biggest problem at the beginning.

Red cross transports: easy and unchecked over border, but we need someone at the hospital to re-route.

Private carrier: chances to be searched and radios confiscated by military. Options changed every hour.

2022 April 6th | finding first 2 apartments

Found an apartment for mother with 2 small kids in Boffzen. Here with donated bags, cloth and toys for kids.



2022 April 8th | kids start playing on backyard

Shy kids started playing in backyard, some started to learn riding a bike, etc....
Near to normal life.
Giggles heard again.



2022 April 10th | kids LOL first time after days

„Holzminden hilft so großartig“

Amateurfunke Carsten Dauer organisiert Hilfsgütertransporte, nimmt Flüchtlinge auf und hält Kontakt zur Funkerfamilie in der Ukraine

BIRGIT SCHNEIDER

HOLZMINDEN. Carsten Dauer hat im Stakkato, denn ihm geht die Zeit davon. Ein weißer Kleinbus wird für den Hilfsgütertransport organisiert werden, ein ukrainisches Mädchen, das sich auf der Flucht befindet und gebrochen hat, vom Bus abgeholt werden. Das Telefon klingelt pausenlos. Carsten, Hotelier und Amateurfunke, entschuldigt sich. „Wo war ich gerade?“, er hat Funktionen hat er nicht. Er antwortet: Als Amateurfunke hält er Kontakt mit der Funkerfamilie in der Ukraine, über Notfunk können sie kommunizieren. Carsten ist von Holzminden eine eigenartige Welle der Hilfsbereitschaft initiiert, und mehr als 40.000 Euro Spendengeld gesammelt. Carsten, Hotelier, gibt es aus der Ukraine auf Zeit und ein Stück Sicherheit.



Carsten Dauer mit seinem Kleinbus an der ukrainischen Grenze.



Die Vogelschau begeisterte vor allem die Kinder.

FOTOS: CARSTEN DAUER

Taking families to wild animal park.

2022 April 10th | kids LOL first time after days



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2022 April 10th | friends join and buy toys



2022 April 10th | more donations



2022 April 12th | shipping more boxes



2022 April | Valeria & mother return to Kiev



Even with reports about shelling, Valeria & mother decide to return to Kiev. University for Valeria starts again

2022 April | ice cream & garden time



2022 April | young musicians



2022 April | news from the front



This fellow ham,
has a 9ft deep
crater near
his house

2022 April | donations arrive at UR6QV



2022 April | near a hams house



**Unexploded
grenade
near a hams
house**

2022 April | garden finds



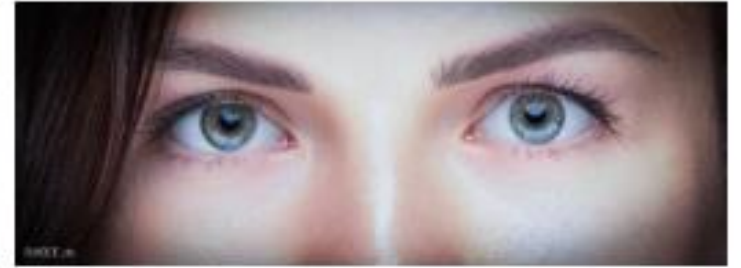
2022 April | cooking together



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2022 April | UR eyes photo project



2022 April | Natallia & Misha find a flat

13.5.2022

one family is
finally
getting an
apartment



2022 May 15th | cooking and talking



2022 May 15th | UR kickbox champions



2022 May 15th | Ilya from Dynamo Kiev



Ilya from
Dynamo Kiev
is now in
training
with Frederik

2022 May | Dayton K1DG poisson d'avril



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2022 May 27th | new apartments



2022 June | facebook messenger, daily

18.06.22, 13:22

I saw a lot of boxes going to Ukraine. God bless you and your family for your good deeds. Now my village is being shelled with cluster munitions, these are very dangerous projectiles, a very large radius of destruction and a lot of fragments. There are wounded among the civilians, people suffered while working in the garden. We take another family of three adults and two children with us. I don't know where we will sleep and how to live, but people save lives. They arrived on mopeds, they are absolutely strangers to us. We try to help in any way we can, although we ourselves are in the same situation as they are.

We have multipliers in the field. They do forward our help

2022 June | facebook messenger, daily

23.06.22, 13:16

Carsten, you often communicate with volunteers, perhaps you know organizations that provide assistance to people with disabilities in Ukraine. I have a third disability group, the lens in my right eye was removed and I absolutely cannot see with this eye. I know that there is help for the disabled in Ukraine, but during the four months of the war I had no offers. Sorry for such a question, but I am now in such a situation that I do not refuse any help.

2022 June | donating kids bikes to Camp



2022 June | Friedrichshafen



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2022 June

Friedrichshafen



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2022 June | daily FB messenger notes

10.07.22, 21:00

The Russians have been 15-20km from my house for several weeks now. Active actions have stopped a little, but still a lot of shells fly into the village. The Russians said they were taking a break. Perhaps our troops successfully repulse the attacks and prevent the Russian Federation from advancing in our direction, they are moving in other directions. There is a lot of destruction in the village, not far from me 100-200 meters. My house, thank God, is in order. My radio equipment was left at home, the most valuable thing from the radio was the icom737 transceiver and the telegraph key, I had to sell, I really needed money. It was my very first Japanese transceiver, and I've done many DXpeditions with it. Perhaps I can go home next week, while the fighting is not so active, I need to bring honey from there. Here, where I am now, I treat people with honey a lot.

2022 Juli 10th | laundry & mobile internet



2022 Juli 10th | local communication is key

With the help of K1DGs fundraising, we could buy and ship 500+ Baofengs, dozens of mobile WIFI routers and many power banks into cities near the front line or where heavy shelling made electricity very unstable.

Cheap Baofengs (quantity over quality) are used to communicate where is no internet or phone service.

2022 Juli 17th | kids time



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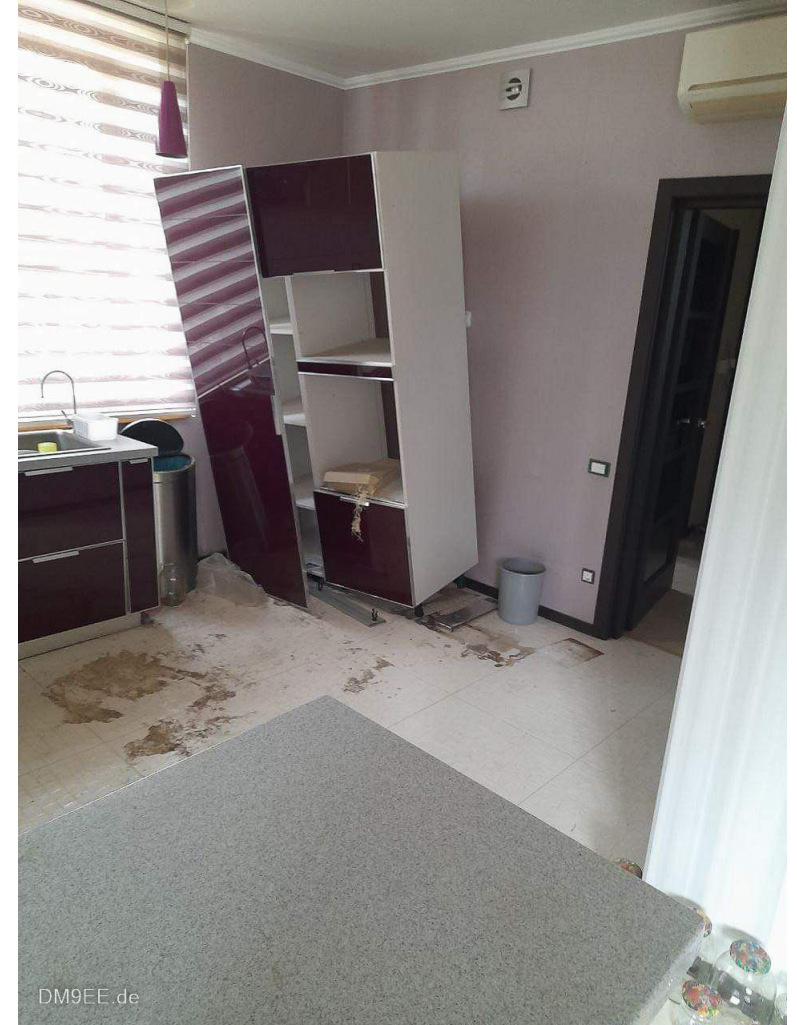
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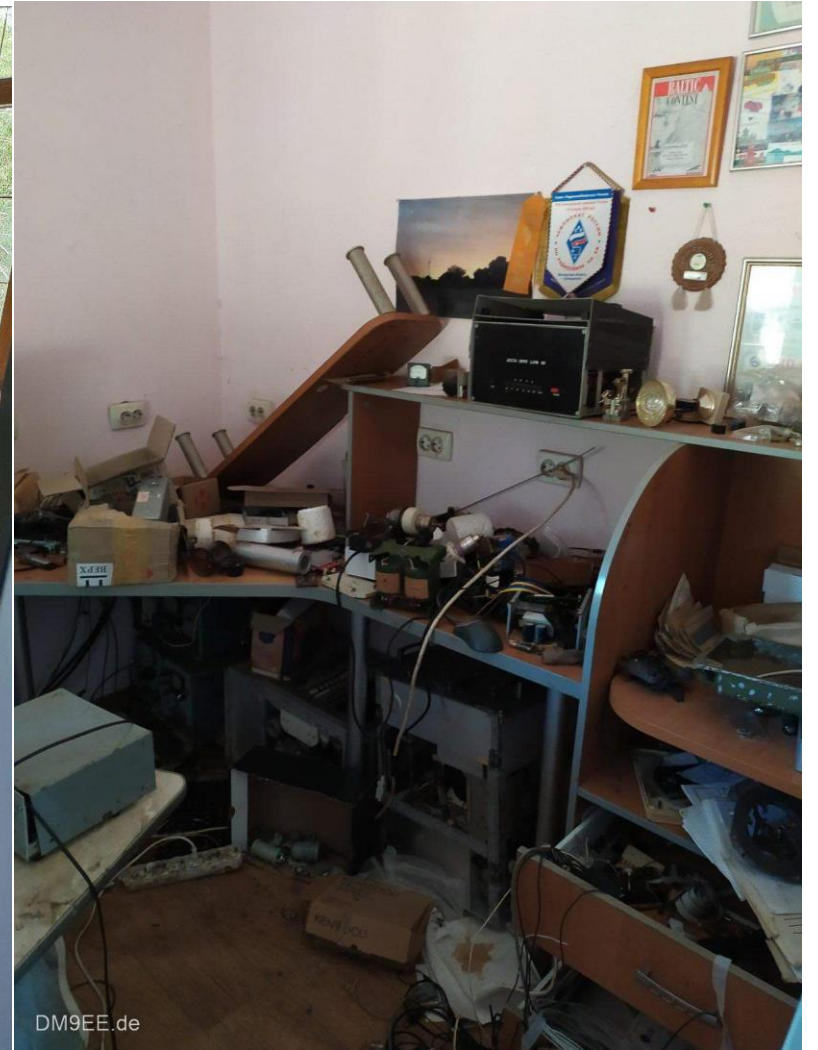
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2022 Juli

de UW7LL



2022 Juli 22nd

Vika on the air



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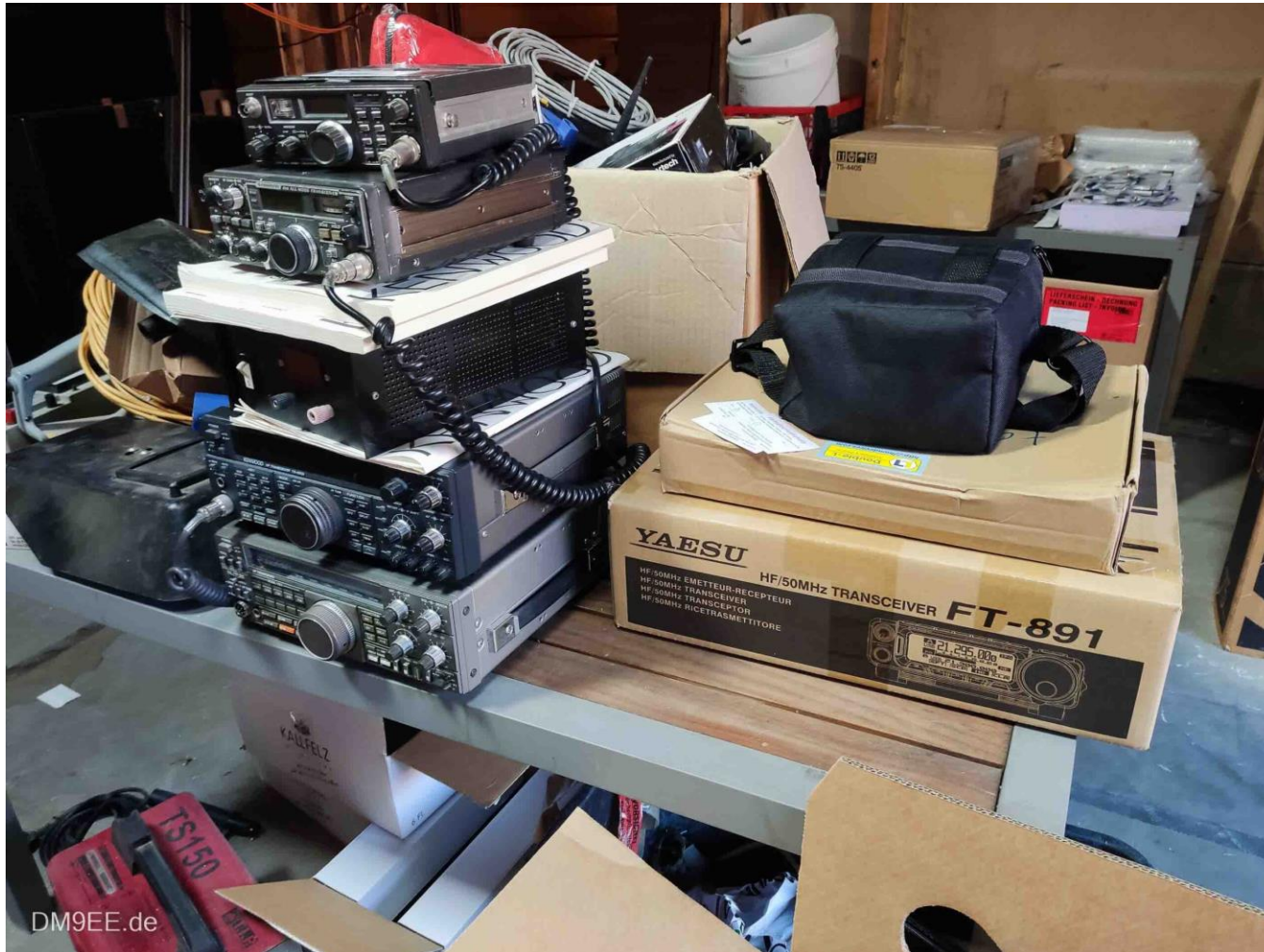
2022 Juli

cooking



2022 Juli

more donated radios



2022 Juli 22nd

radios arrive in UR



Sergey Moiseenko mit Carsten Dauer.

7. August 2022 · ⚙️

Received a package from [Carsten Dauer](#), thank you very much my friend for your support. You and your friends give us moments of happiness during the war. You give us the opportunity to always be with radio amateurs around the world on the air! God bless you!



2022 Juli 30th

little Vika on the radio



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2022 Juli 30th

spare parts



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From donated money we bought some needed spare parts to repair donated radios. UR6QV and his team are very active with that. 5000+ PL259

2022 Juli 30th

daily messages

24.11.22, 12:27

Hi Carsten. I don't even know if you can help. We still do not have electricity, I connected the router from the battery, the Internet appeared a few minutes ago. Probably voltage has appeared on the server of the wired Internet operator. There has been no mobile communication for a day, the towers are turned off. The trains are pulled by diesel locomotives. There is also no water supply. I used a car battery and a 12/220 voltage converter yesterday, but it was already dead. I hope there is enough charge to power the router for some time. It's good that I made a supply of firewood, the house is warm and cozy.

2022 Juli 30th

daily messenges

24.11.22, 13:01

The converter is already beeping, which means the battery voltage has dropped. Not even enough to power the router. I managed to write to all my friends and relatives that everything is fine with us, everyone is alive and well, and thank God.

24.11.22, 16:37

I powered the router from the power bank, extended its work a little more. The Internet periodically appears and turns off, it seems that today the electricity will not be turned on

2022 Juli 30th

good internet in Ukraine, even during war.
Kids at hotel have online lessons, from day 1.
I noticed more missed lesson of our kids during corona
Nova Poshta is a VERY reliable post service.
ALL boxes ever sent, reached their destinations
– cheap and fast!

2022 December 19th | daily messages

Carsten, I partially solved the problem with the lighting and power supply of some devices. I now have two car batteries, when 30W LED lamps are turned on, a router and some other devices through the converter are enough for a day of work. When the batteries run out, then the problem begins. Some have generators, but this is very expensive even if you count the fuel consumed without the cost of the generator

I'm trying to conserve battery life. The converter gets very hot, it says 300W, but this is a Chinese device, most likely somewhere around 100-150W

19.12.22, 16:17

2022 December 21st

daily messages



Buying
solar panels
and
inverters for
two groups

2022 December 22nd | daily messenges



Received
shell
remains

2022 October 20th | daily messenges



Some positive emotions from Ukrainian hams

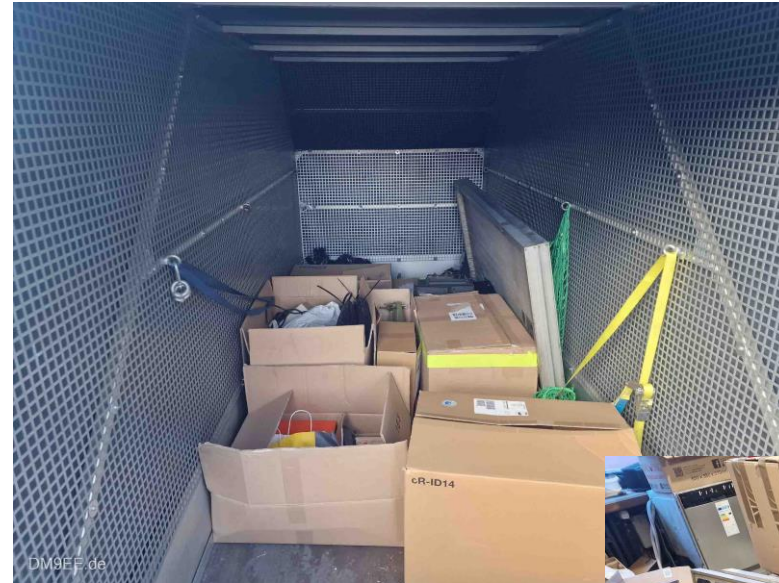
Carsten, it's a new transceiver, it's new, new, new!!!! These are indescribable emotions, I have never had a new transceiver !!!!❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

20.10.22, 23:10

2022 December 24th | xmas dinner together



2023 March | DO8KW & DK3HV bring donations



2023 March | reliable pick-up every 2 weeks



2023 March | solar panels arrive in UR



2023 March | solar panels arrive in UR

I feel like I'm happy as a child

Light warm jackets came in size for my parents. Thank you very much from them too.

Something suits me and my wife, today the wife will offer things to the family we settled, they are from the Bakhmut area

You made not only me and my family happy. Now, when I install solar panels, my wife will be able to teach online lessons in the first class, regardless of the electricity.



2023 March | disturbing news

GE Carsten.

Got bad news today. Remember, I told you about the military man who lived in my house when we were evacuated. Very honest, decent and responsible person. Was... He was buried...

Do, 20:55

Our ham fellow opened his house for soldiers, so they must not sleep outside. He was just informed, that his person of trust, didn't come back. And will never come back.

2023 March | shipped to Kramatorsk hospital



2023 April | UR4XRJ club station in Oster



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2023 April |

Uncountable radios shipped
no box was ever lost
Nova Poshta is very fast,
cheap and reliable
people share

2023 April

We sent money to ham widows and helped with apartment rent.

We helped paying a surgery.

We helped a disabled to reach Berlin (car broken)

We want to support an eye surgery.

We helped renting a larger house away from the front line. House was less than 10km from frontline.

We still have money to support projects!

2023 April |

I was confronted by a german guy, that with my radio shippings, I make the war last longer and so the situation worse for the country.

I don't think that my shipments, have an influence on the duration of the war. But I am sure that our support had an influence on the people.

I was always supporting people.

Not a country, politics or an opinion.

“Ham radio gave me a lot and I try to give back to our great hobby. The world is very small when you have a radio license.

You talk to the world, and eventually you also visit people in other countries... and you always learn more about culture, when you know people there.”



Thank You

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