

A large, multi-tiered stone pyramid, likely Mayan or Aztec, stands prominently in a lush jungle. The pyramid is constructed from dark, rectangular stone blocks, with some sections showing signs of weathering and erosion. It is surrounded by dense tropical vegetation, including tall trees and thick foliage. The foreground is a grassy clearing, and the sky is a clear, bright blue. The overall scene is a vibrant and historic landscape.

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Another expedition by the Bavarian Contest Club



TNX for the contacts, they were much appreciated, enjoyed the pileups a lot! These QSOs were made from the Maya Hill Lodge rental shack in Belize ([www.mayahill.bz](http://www.mayahill.bz)). Many thanks to our lovely hosts Monika (V31BZ) and André (V31DL) for their great support! We enjoyed every single day of our stay.

Besides lots of sightseeing with his XYL Frauke and exploring the country Olli (DH8BQA/V31FO) was active as V37DX in the CQ WPX RTTY and ARRL DX CW contests in the SOSB20 categories. Judging from the raw scores it seems both entries were good enough for the respective world wins. In total he made about 6.000 contacts holiday-style during their 2 weeks stay.

Belize is a country located on the eastern coast of Central America, bordered by Mexico and Guatemala. It has a population of 400.000 and therewith the lowest population and population density in Central America. Belize is famous for it's Maya ruins. The Mayan civilisation spread into the area between 1500 B.C. and 300 A.D. and flourished until about 1200. Much of Belize's original Maya population was wiped out by conflicts between constantly warring tribes. Besides the Mayas Belizian population today consists of Creoles, Garinagu, Mestizos and Mennonites.

The front side photo shows one of the excavated and restored Maya temples in Tikal, Guatemala, which we visited during our stay in Belize, too.

73, Olli  
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