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The meteorite hunting of Andechs or are we not all scientists?

We Munich minerals friends all have a common problem. The world of rocks, minerals and fossils we can not rest, but when we are at a Föhnstag south direction, we guess, in the distance behind Faltenmolasse, Flysch and main dolomite, sparkling crystals and the mountain moonlight shimmer of Adulare. But from the first small Calcitkristallen separates us at least one hour by car. Until then, only gravel and gravel in the last ice age and a little upper freshwater, will mean fatter clay from the Tertiary.

With one exception, so I always thought:

So a meteorite would have it regardless of where he is in his collision course with the Earth lost. Especially the Munich gravel level and their neighboring south Moränenzüge should actually the ideal landing area for so alien a pebble.

This longing in mind was activated on May 7, 1995.

The idyllic Police Chief G. E. was in a helicopter flight control on Andechser meadows above Herrsching, practically at my place of residence, a large fresh meteorite craters discovered. More locations were missing, unfortunately. Within half a minute, I was with the minimum equipment necessary to salvage small to medium-sized meteorites in the car and a short time later on the plateau above Herrsching looking for the impact hole.



From the intuition out with a good meteorite hunters mind, I headed for the region and strollers Munich region around the popular Eglsee. There were also some cars. After a few hundred meters - indeed! On fresh spring wet snow were a few, then more and more Graswasen boulders and mud, the picture showed a concentric.

I was not the only one, others had also attracted the message. Quick was the center of the mud sample. In the immediate vicinity of the Eglsees, which is a small wetland protection to the same animal Andechs between Chen and wife, I discovered to my going a hole with a diameter of about 10 to 15 meters and a depth of 4 m surrounded by a ring wall of clay.

In the crater shimmered unfortunately no Iron-only loamy yellowish water. The slope fell steeply to the water out, would further push activities except for a clay probably not much.

Meantime developed among researchers present a lively discussion. The small crowd had quickly gathered around a man who is a geophysicist and astronomer and ably described by the surrounding clay and grass scraps of the impact angle and the approximate dimension of our heavenly Kieselsteines identified.

He called on all Bystanders, after remnants of the meteor in the ejection material to search him and scientific documentation to be handed over.

HA, HA, HA, so scientifically, I am still, I thought, and made me also on the search. The yield was poor. Grass and mud in just about any desired format, but no trace of a nickel-iron meteorite, no, no minerals, let alone all of the beautiful celestial materials, which in Chile, Argentina, South West Africa, Siberia or anywhere else to be found, where there are already enough minerals.

Well, it was probably nothing to the domestic Meteor longed for their own collection, but much



was clear to us all. It was really only a meteorite act, because what else should it be?

A pilot from the 2nd Bomb World War? No. We would certainly remains discovered and also what should be between Andechs and wife have to bomb? A blast? Who would be on such an idea?

With thoroughly ruined shoes, I finally, the new Andechser Geotop and buried the first of hope, a local meteorites in my collection to absorb. The colossus had somehow certainly three or four meters in mud stuck and would then berufenerer body recovered.

An even eifrigerer meteorites viewfinder but later found a piece of fuse, and suddenly everything was different than it seemed. The now well-known überörtlich blasting R. Edi had a blast on "Creating an ecosystem with ejection blast" at the Trade Inspectorate Munich-country, but was left behind in the digest, and not to the police and the district office of Starnberg, has been redirected.

Edi R., depending on the radio and television about his meteorites with laughter could hardly hold, passed the same in the next few days only once. A hole that is not just a hole, but, after a certain size - also a structural system, which must be approved. A hole in a habitat still needs the approval of the Lower Nature Protection Authority.

She had little sympathy for the "hole-wet", as our newspapers meteorite crater had finally baptized. Finally, there was at the site already have a habitat, but it could not be excluded that the Eglsee could expire and the same animals on dry land should sit. Farmer p. Finally, the land belonged, had by all, as he asserted - known nothing.

Now up to the rumors in the country between Ammersee and Star Lake. What really stuck to it?

The first hole for the monks of the Andechser so hotly awaited golf course? The expulsion of the mosquitoes out of their paradise? The well-meant attempt, something for the environment to blow?

The magistrate in Starnberg, had certainly not all of this understanding. He condemned our R. Edi to one year in prison on probation and fined DM 5000 because of a deliberate Herbeiführens explosives explosion. This would probably end his Sprengkarriere means because of a blasting is a special law demanded loyalty. But even more sacrifices were to complain. There was, for example, the idyllic police chief, since his colleagues only Meteoriten-Max was called and, not least, my shoes, or rubber-mountain boots, I had given the urgency no longer able to attract their way to the waste container found.

But time heals some wounds. The district court in Munich saw everything differently, and said E. R. freely, so he continued his highly activity. Even our habitat has subsequently taken-no major damage. Also here is the proverbial-grass-over the case has grown.

And yet: At some point he will come once the right-Andechser meteorite-and certainly will be one of the Munich-Mineralienfreunden him with the necessary scientific seriousness, then to his collection.

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