



Activation Castle of Falkenberg june 2011

At the end of 2010 I moved my QTH from Waldsassen to Falkenberg. Falkenberg is a small town with about 1000 inhabitants. When I'm looking out of the living-room-window, I have a direct view to the Castle of Falkenberg which



DA0CW active from Manfred's DF6EX QTH

is about 300meters away from my location. After installing my groundplane at the beginning of this year I tried to find out more about the world castle program. With the friendly help from Gerhard DL5AWI and Andrew RN1CW I agreed to become a part of it and to be the responsible person for handing out castle-numbers for the german COTA-team for the east-bavarian area, because there was no castle-activity before from that locations and also no issued castle-numbers. Together with the club-members we sorted out some qualifying identities and started with 16 castles around north-eastern bavaria. After our first successful castle activation in may I started to do some activation from my „home-castle“ in june. It should be also a possibility for some equipment-checks for the coming activities. Altogether 470 QSOs were logged with DA0CW/p. Nearby this activity also around 500 contacts had been made from DL-02335 with DF6EX. So finally it will be an easy castle to get also in the future because with DL5RM Hans and DF6EX Manfred two hams living in a distance of less than 500 meters away from the castle and will hand out this counter in the future. The history of the castle starts in the 12th century and with a lot of changes in its ownership. Finally in 2009 the town of Falkenberg bought the castle. If you want to know more about just check <http://www.markt-falkenberg.de> for further details or give the town a visit when you are in the area. When you go through the small roads and have a look from nearly everywhere to the pretty nice castle



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on top of the stonehill. Beside this the area is also famous for their bear-specialities. All QSOs will be confirmed via bureau.

