



Nature-Park Steinwald DLFF-119 and Castle of Thumsenreuth DL-02809 13.november 2011



the castle of Thumsenreuth

After some week illness and still beautiful sunshine outside, we decided to make another castle-trip on november 13th. Sun was shining but temperature around 7 degrees said that the outside work must be a bit limited. So I've decided to take only the mobile-antenna with me, no mast no long time hanging up any wires and so on. Also the selected location was the closest nature-park for me, Steinwald DLFF-119 and close to the castle of Thumsenreuth were we could give out the new multiplier DL-02809 for castle-hunters.

There was some improvement done on the outbacker 2000 ground which was placed on magnet-plate on top of the car. We mainly concentrated on two bands on 18 and 14 MHz to reduce the time outside and re-setting the antenna-setup. The castle dates back to the 15th century and was there in the possession of the

Notthafft-family which owned also the castle of Weissenstein which we activated earlier this year. As it's located directly in the middle of the town and is meanwhile in private ownership we decided to use a small road in the wood nearby. Just after arriving and mounting the magnetic-foot the first attempt was on 17meters. After shortly checking found out that either the micro-keyer or the setup wasn't working. As it was too cool I've shortly decided to drop CW and doing only SSB. The first call was ES7TH at 1306 in the log. After slow start number was increasing rapidly. When the interest was slowing down I made the one and only QSY to 20meters. SWR was doing fine from the first time on. Got surprisingly very excellent signal-reports with that simple setup, using the FT450 on a separate 80AH-car-battery. Beside some US and VE-stations the highlights were the contacts with BX3AC and VK3FT which I didn't expect to come back to my call. Then a very loud signal appeared with 59+20 and Arno DL6SX from the nearby town of Friedenfels called me to see whats going on. I already warned him that I will come in the near future also in his home-town which has another castle and is also in DLFF-119. So altogether in 97 minutes of operation 140 contacts could be done then it was time to regenerate the cold feet.

You don't need to send a card.
 QSOs will be confirmed automatically.
 73, 44, 11 till the next time
 Manfred -DF6EX-



just behind the town

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