



DA0CW/p 01.may 2013 DLFF-058  
 Nature-Park Fichtelgebirge  
 Castle of Waldershof DL-02830 BOB-039



*The castle of Waldershof was built around the year 1100. Originally it was a water-castle which was surrounded by a pond and has been dried up later. There was also a defense tower and some defense-walls*

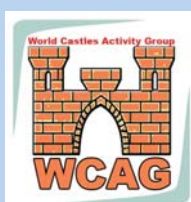


*which doesn't exist anymore. It was several hundred years owned by the Abbey Waldsassen. In the beginning of the 19th century the ownership went to bavaria, later to the town of Waldershof and is meanwhile in private ownership. The town of Waldershof is exactly at the end of the upper palatinate, with the town end franconia starts.*

Castle of Waldershof

The second part of may 01, german castle day-excursion was planned for the nature-park Fichtelgebirge DLFF-058. Around dinner-time is mostly the worst period on the bands. So after the first activation we took like last year a break at our favorite italian restaurant to pull up the energy and also warm up a bit as temperature still was down around 9 degrees. Just some minutes after 1200 UTC we were ready on the second castle for going on the air. The conditions had declined extremely and also 40 meters was very poor now. Anyway tried to do the best and also with longer periods of no replying stations the log was filling a bit. Absolutely surpring we got also a visit from team-colleague Günther DC2RK and his xyl Hilde. Günther was in the past often participant and supplier when we made operations from DLFF-117, DLFF-064, DLFF-174, DLFF-143, OKFF-006, OKFF-012 and we made together also our first big castle activation from the castle of Weissenstein. They easy had detected our location when coming along to Waldershof city were we had our camp just beside the main-road. They were going on a small foot-trip with their watchdog „Sheila“. Also lot of stations of our local radio-club went in the log of DL-02830.

After about one hour of operation the battery went the first time into the knee. Seemed that the non-stop operation from the morning was a bit too much for it. So in the second half of operation had to reduce the output-power to extend activity a bit.





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Still did several attempts on 20 meters but always the same result. Only a few stations came in and then there was mostly silence



At the final-end of the operation power still became more and more a problem. So changed to QRP and running the final just with 10 watts on 40 meters CW. In the afternoon altogether 126 stations were worked. 40 percent out of them were from germany, followed by 17 percent polish stations and place 3 went to italy with 10 percent.

My XYL Christa this time beside the work with building up and building down and reading her book this time had also some „sightseeing“. A very high number of trains which were passing along just 50 meters behind us, as

this is an important railway track between the towns of Bayreuth and Marktredwitz.

Last contact was at 1402 with OK1DAV. With empty battery and tired everything was packed for the homerun.

If you want to look if you are in the log, check:

<http://logsearch.wwff.co>

<http://www.wcagroup.org>

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All reports from previous activities can be found at:

<http://www.qrz.com/db/da0cw>

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Günther DC2RK with „Sheila“ this time as visitor

