



DR11COTA 30.june 2013 DLFF-119
Nature-Park Steinwald
Castle of Waldeck DL-02345 BOB-011



The hulk of Waldeck is located in north-eastern-bavaria about 5 km near the town Kemnath. It´s one of the oldest castles in the upper palatinate. It appeared in the history-books first time in 1124 in a charter. It was another possession of the Earl of Leuchtenberg who sold the object with the surrounding area to the Duke Ludwig von Bayern in the year 1283. In the War of the Spanish Succession the castle was beleaguered by imperial troops and occupied in the year 1704.

On order of Imperator Joseph I the castle has been looped. They started with reconstruction however then most of the building in 1794 was destroyed by a big fire.

Since 2004 they began with the works to grab out the building and started with restoration. Location of the building is on a top of a basalt-cone at 641meters asl on top of the small township of Waldeck in the middle of Nature Park Steinwald.

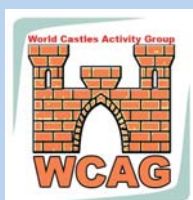


Castle of Waldeck

After two months of intensely castle-activations we decided to go once again on the last day of validity of DR11COTA on tour. There are several castles associated with the name Waldeck in whole germany. DL-02345 is a small building more a ruin located in north eastern-bavaria.

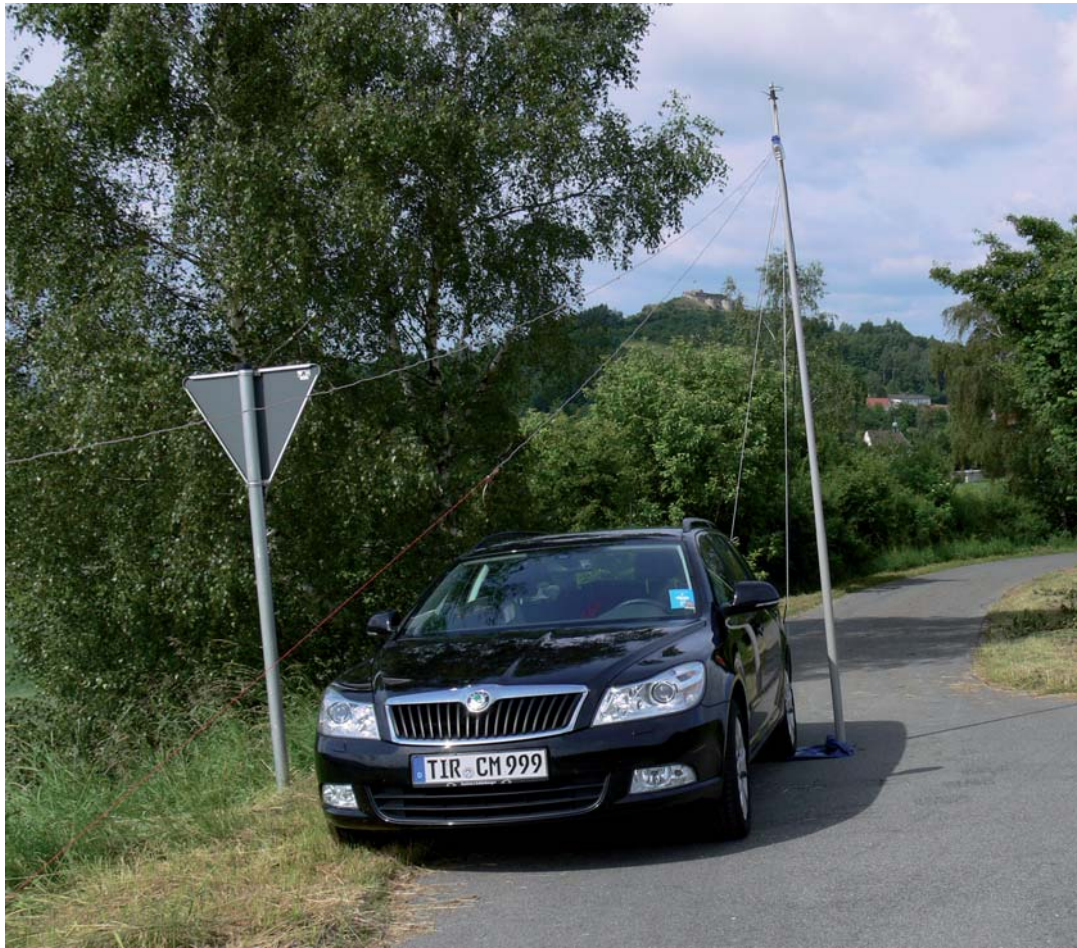
We started in the morning and arrived on the parking place with a good view to the castle. Our location had one of the mountains of Steinwald in the background, so

we were shadowed in one direction. However propagation was excellent this morning. Starting at 0750 utc on 40 meters we had an solid run with a lot of interested stations. After more than one hour on this band the conditions faded out a bit and I did several attempts on 20 CW and SSB and also 40 CW but not too successful. 20meters was very changeable, sometimes open, also with some short-skip contacts, then again closing down extremely. So had to do a lot of skipping during the second part of the operation





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DR11COTA from DL-02345 portable-location

as again there was no cluster-connection possible. After nearly closing down we had again a good opening on 20 meters and continued for further 15 minutes. Lot of friends made it now also on this band. Finally it was dropping out around 1015 UTC and we decided to pull the plug after nearly 240 contacts. Made also in the evening another 70 contacts from my home-castle DL-02335 and so could support the DR11COTA-activities in the month of June with nearly 1000 contacts.

Thanks for lending me the call to Gerhard DL5AWI.

All future-activations now again will happen under our club-callsign DA0CW/p.

So hope to meet you again during the coming months either as DA0CW/p or also as OE/OK8WFF were some activity is possible.

Logs are in the online-databases:

<http://logsearch.wwff.co>

<http://www.wcagroup.org>

All reports from previous activities can be found at:

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

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