



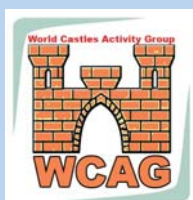
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*The story of the Castle of Wildenreuth goes back until the 11th century and was first a possession of the family Wild. The dynasty became extinct in 1602. After this period the barons of Podewils became the new owners of the castle and their descendants still living today there. In the year 1851 the object burned out and was reconstructed in 1854. Since several years it´s the location for the christmas fairy-story.*



After the short real winter-period in the past weeks after the first test at new-years-day it was unexpected the second chance for a winter-outside-activity. Plan was again to test some equipment, specially antenna. The former double-dipole was reduced to a single dipole for 40 meters. This makes it faster to be in the air, of course needs additional time when changing with the dipole for 20. So we decided to use the 7MHz dipole plus the mobile outbacker on magnetic foot on the roof of the car for 20 meters. So there was no need to go outside again after starting the operation. The Castle of Wildenreuth is not located in a nature-park however very closed to. So moved into the nature-park-area to hand out also the DLFF-093





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counter for WWFF and were in the qualifying distance for WCA. The setup of the antennas and station just took around 15 minutes and so we had no trouble to cool down too much in the 6 degrees environment. 40 meters was very busy so had to move up on the extreme end of the band. After the first spot appeared in the DX-cluster however a lot of the old friends from previous operations came in and made it an interesting trip again. After the first run dried out on 40 switched to 20 meters SSB and also 50 stations filled the log there. After 1 3/4

hours we closed the station with 155 contacts in the log. So setup was doing well. Had forgotten to pack in the UTC clock so found out that I should have a look into my checklist for packing before starting. All contacts were confirmed via buro from our QSL-manager Heinz DL7RAG. All QSOs are already in the online-database from WWFF, WCA and COTA.

DAØCW/p was also active one day before from my home-castle in Falkenberg DL-02335. Also these contacts are already confirmed. So altogether on the HBD-WCA-castle-weekend produced around 250 contacts from that two loctions.

COTA-online-database for COTA-award:

<http://logsearch.cotagroup.org>

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