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WCA DL-04328  
WWFF DLFF-093  
Castle of Waldau



*Not too far away from the big fasttrack A6 which is connecting czech republic and germany near the town Vohenstrauß you reach the small village Waldau. From big distance you can see the two towers. One belongs to the church the other one to the castle. The history goes back till the 13th century. The grey-green stone which is the basement for the castle belongs to the oldest stone-types (Serpentinit) in middle-europe and is under nature-protection. (abt. 1200 million years old) Castle Waldau got the name from the dynasty of Waldau. Heinrich from Waldau was banned by the church in 1315 after he deprecated the church*



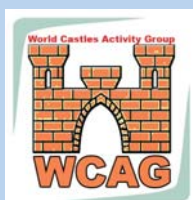
*Castle of Waldau on a foggy morning in october*

*of Waldsassen and years before also the church of Pirk. Georg and Sebastian of Waldau were members of the „Löwlerbund“ and rebelled against the Duke of Bavaria. After the extinction from the Waldau-family the building came into the possession of the Wirsberg-family and changed more often the ownership. Around 1650 beside the former castle a palace was built. In the 18th century the reconstruction continued and the former castle and later palace were combined together. Very important for this process was the dynasty von*

*Rummel which did a lot of reconstruction work for churches and castles in the time-frame 1680-1795.*

When the weekend came closer and the weather forecast was not too bad we decided to go for the national free day of reunion in Germany to go onto another short castle activation. This was the 10th activation using the call-sign DAØWCA from another new castle.

Castle of Waldau came into the WCA-listing in early 2014. actually there was no activity before. So we started around 0730 UTC in the area of Vohenstrauß. I've never seen this castle ever before with the exception of some articles in the newspaper. The castle is in private ownership and can be accessed only on a few days in the year. Some friends







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*portable-setup at DL-04328*

in our DARC-club gave me the information on that castle and this was the intention to bring it into the WCA-listing. The sight this morning was less than 50 meters and it was no far trip however a slow one. Finally arriving there we made at first some search and photos around the castle and the church. The village itself is combined in the centre by very small roads. So we finally drove out a bit at the end of the town and assembled the station beside a field.

The first call started on 40 meters and at 0833 UTC Nr.1 station this time was Karl DL-1JKK, close followed by Klaus DL1ASF and

Xaver DK4RM all three wellknown from all previous activations and themself activators too. After a busy first hour with 130 stations in the logbook the number of interested callers dropped out. So again time to switch the other bands CW and SSB and 20 meters, back to 40 meters CW and finally ending again on 40 meters SSB. Final end was at 1043 UTC. After a bit more than two hours of operation meanwhile 209 stations in the log.

Online-Logs were already updated, photo-QSL-card will follow via the buro.

Thanks to all who helped with that successful operation especially to all who spotted us during the activity via the cluster-network. Thanks to all callers and SWLs.73, 44, 11 cu from the next one,

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