The castles of Dießfurt consist by a three floor building with hip-roof the so called old castle of Dieß-furt (The arrow-slits remembers to dangerous times long ago and was built in 1526) and the new castle of Dießfurt beside with a mansard roof which was built in 1544. Both castles are hammer-castles. The owners used the strengh of river Haidenaab for iron-adaption. Very closed to the village of Dießfurt directly following is the village of Troschelhammer. The former water-castle of Troschelhammer is me-anwhile used by the baptist-church of Grafenwöhr. The castles of Dießfurt are in private ownership.

New and old castle of Dießfurt

This area is also called the ruhr-district of the middle ages which is also the reason for the high amount of castles and manor houses in the area.

Almost one month after the latest WWFF-activity started at september 28 to the next castle-activation with my xyl.
The area is not too far away from my current home-location but I was not too often in that region befo-re. So in august, when we moved through, we tried to find a location for that activity and also to make some photos. While driving through Dießfurt I didn´t find the castles at the first attempt. There is a small wounded road leading to the small center beside the river Haidenaab. When you leaving Dießfurt you are very shortly in Troschelhammer, the village is direct-ly neighboured. After few minutes searching found also here the former water-castle of Troschelham-mer. When checking the maps found a location which would be in a qualifying distance for all three castles with a nice place for the setup. So when September was nearly over, we found a weekend-date with ac-ceptable weather and without big contest-activity. In the morning it was foggy but when reaching there at the location the first sunlights came out and du-ring the activity it was more and more nearly like summer with a temperature peaking the 20 degrees. The setup was adapted from our former OKFF-0963 activity with the mast in the meadows safed by the power-battery.
Activity started at 0733 UTC at first with a slow QSO-rate but improving after 15 minutes when the first spots appeared. We started as mostly on 40 meters with 9A2UP as first station and 140 contacts within the first hour. On 20 meters however, not so many interested stations could be found, so we swiched a bit between 20 SSB, 20 CW and back to SSB but always not too many stations.
Finally we turned back to 40 meters trying there also a bit of CW but also not productive so finally concluded again with 40 meter SSB which was also the most effective band/mode for castle-operations during the past years. Beside the three new castle-multipliers we handed out also the special-DOK WCA in the meanwhile 9th portable-activity with that call this year. Used a three-band Windom-antenna and Yaesu FT-450 AT with 100 watts powered
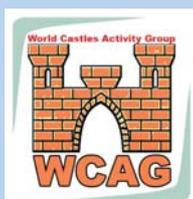
setting up the portable station in the car

by a separate car-battery. In totally we could hand out the new multipliers to 244 stations in an operating time of a bit more than two hours.

Special-QSL-card will follow via the buro.

All logs were already posted to COTA- WCA- and WWFF-databases.

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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Logs already were uploaded in the online-databases:
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Castle of Troschelhammer still with a lot of reconstruction-work