



DAØWCA - 27.12.2015

WCA DL-02337 COTA BOB-003 WWFF DLFF-Ø93

Castle of Wildenau



*Castle of Wildenau is about 10km away from the city of Tirschenreuth in north-east bavaria. It was built around 1100. The building was almost totally destroyed in 1430 during the hussite-war and then renewed. Since 1992 it's in private ownership of the family Ackermann which restored the castle during the following 10 years. Since that time it's also used for the Wildenauer castle festival which happens all few years.*



view to the castle

Almost 3 months gone since latest portable-activity. Autumn time was still pretty but some smaller issues kept me away from that activities. As december again was too warm for this time of the year, we decided finally for a last 2015-outdoor-activity.

Anyway there was no snow outside we couldn't calculate for a too long activity so we searched in the closer area and found again the location at the cast-

le of Wildenau. We already activated that object first time during the 2012 castle-day. In the afternoon of may 01,2012 the conditions were not so good, so we finally logged around 115 stations. So for sure there would be demand for this WCA-number.

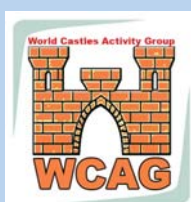
When starting in the afternoon with 9 degrees it was pretty sunny and we reached at our former location in about 20 minutes. I later found out that our QTH was also inside of DLFF-093, didn't realize that at our first activity. Location was at the outer edge of Wildenau at a small dirt road.

Made also some improvements on the portable equipment to reduce the setup-time.

So first of all every part of the equipment was already arranged on the back-seat when we started. Another head for the fiberglass-mast was made. We normally run only with the thicker elements of the heavy-duty mast which is able to wear some heavier antenna-constructions. So we finally put out the thinner five elements which are for nothing and made a top-holder with a roll which also seals the inner side of the mast. So maximum length around 6 meters, but that was also enough in our earlier activations.

So after less then 10 minutes we were on the air with an adequate signal as most of the stations confirmed. Had only sporadic web-connection however some friends did this very good for us.

First contact was with Luciano I5FLN followed by a long lasting pile-up after the first spot appeared. In summary 170 stations could be worked on that frequency before we moved to 20 meters. CW portion was covered by contest-activity and SSB at first we had a small run before it dried out.





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*location at the end of the village*

Had in the meantime also some visitors with children which wanted to have a look whats going on there near their house. After 80 minutes we closed the station with the latest contact with SM2FYZ on 20 and a summary of 193 QSOs. Last fifteen minutes sky was closing rapidly and became darker and darker. Especially fingers and feet were iccold with meanwhile only 3 degrees outside.

Statistic showed 35 percent of the contacts with germany, 19 percent italy and 12 percent poland. The usual main-interested countries with castle-hunting.

Altogether 25 countries were worked.

Meanwhile DAØWCA was active from 26 different castles, we just reached the 5000 contacts with the special DOK WCA.

Please don't forget about the QSL-policy.

**Please don't send a QSL-card,** we are confirming every contact 100% at first in the electronic WWFF and WCA and COTA-database and later we send out a photo-QSL for several activities together for each contact to avoid, when you work us 10 times that you get 10 cards. **But we don't collect our own, please send also no card for the operator.**

Reason:

We made almost 30000 portable contacts, we have not the storage capacity for such an huge amount of cards and of course don't like to trash cards.

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All reports from previous activites can befound at:

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

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