



DAØWCA - 17.03.2015
WCA DL-02350 + DL-02809
WWFF DLFF-119
Castle of Reuth + Castle of Thumsenreuth



After a long and more or less intensive winter-time the first longer period of warmer days appeared and it was time to check if every part of the equipment is ok. As usual on the weekend weather was cold and raining so finally decided if there is a chance to leave the QRL right in time to do the first activity under the week. Normally prefer weekend but the idea was, if interest is low to use the time more for testing-purposes.

I made the first activity from DL-02809 in november 2011. After searching on the maps more intensive found a location which qualifies for both castles and is located inside of nature-park DLFF-119. A second activity from DL-02350 and DL-02809 happened in june 2012 during the international Castle-weekend.



Castle of Reuth DL-02350

The two villages of Reuth and Thumsenreuth are divided by a small wooden-area and there in the middle near the village of Erlenhammer I made the setup directly on the road as the sideways still were very muddy.

The setup was done after just 15 minutes so the target time was reached exactly and when starting the first call on 40 meters SSB Erich DL2JX came in as the first caller at 1547 close followed by Karl DL1JJK.

Expected time to start was around 1545. So started from my work at 1500 utc and arrived at the location right in time after nearly 1/2 hour of drive. Just had to select the exact place as there are also some power-lines in the near to avoid distortions.



Castle of Thumseneuth DL-02809

Right after the first spot in the cluster the party started with a huge pile-up. So never expected this but anyway was of course very happy.

Beside the great number of WWFF-collectors the community of castle-hunters is extremely growing and very much interested to reach higher scores. We also tried to support this in the past year with the new release of the COTA-award: <http://www.cotagroup.org/cotagroup/cota-diplom/cota-castles-on-the-air?lang=en>

and the setup of a german castle-database <http://logsearch.cotagroup.org/search.php?lang=en>

After the first year we released almost 250 hunter-awards into around 20 countries.

So since the beginning I am using an own reflector to inform interested people about those activities and still get a





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still sunny when arriving

reply of nearly 60 percent out of them really calling in when time permits. After the high volume of activities during the first year of DAØWCA with the special DOK WCA I granted permission some weeks ago to keep this DOK permanently with that callsign, many thanks to the committee. The first hour of operation ended with 156 stations in the log.

There was still a high interest and I decided to finalize just on this band.

There were also a lot of stations from whole Europe beside an extreme high numbers of German stations. So I continued until 1712UTC but then the temperature in the car went down very fast and it was getting more and more dark, I decided to switch down to finally find everything outside for repacking. So operation ended after 226 contacts.

Many thanks to all callers and SWLs.
73, 44, 11 cu from the next one,
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All reports from previous activities can be found at:

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but moving quickly into darkness

