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Castle of Thierstein in Naturepark Fichtelgebirge



*The Castle of Thierstein was built between 1310 and 1343 by Albrecht Nothaft von Thierstein. He was also owner of some other villages around, like Marktleuthen. There were longlasting fights between Thierstein and the city of Eger (in Czech republic) with very high expenses, which forced the owner to sell the castle to Markgraf Wilhelm I von Meißen. In the bavarian war in 1462, one of the defenders put the village under fire to prevent,*

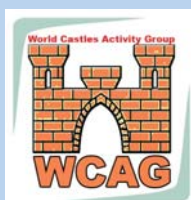


*that the enemies could barricade them into the castle. After several periods of smaller reconstructions the nearly final end of the building arrived when a large fire nearly blasted the whole village including the castle. Only totally existing part is the tower which offers you a great view into various directions of Franconia, from the castle keep only the outer walls are existing and in summer the area is used for outside events.*

Thierstein is about 26 kilometers away from my work, so decided to go there on a friday afternoon for a short activity. The market town has a population of around 1100. We were checking the area some weeks ago when we tried to find a good location for an activation in nearby nature-reserve Egertal and found in the center of the village not so good conditions to setup the wire-antenna. So this time I tried on the other end under the hill of the castle at a pond beside the road. Some visitors wanted to know whats going on there and after some basic informations about ham-radio and the special part of portable activities, I started with the transmissions at

*Castle Thierstein at about 615 meters asl*

1348 UTC. First station in the log was DL7GW, close followed by I5FLN. During past activities there were often ups and downs in the propagations but this time bands seemed to be a bit better. Friday afternoon of course lot of people are earlier at home from work and had a good frequency at 7.089. So around 50 stations could be worked but then the neighboured stations came closer and closer and finally decided to move to 20 meters to give also other european countries a better chance. However this band was not in good shape. Some stations from greece, spain, france, ukraine and russia and then there was no more interest apparently. So decided to move back to 40 meters, this time with a good and free frequency at 7.143. When the first spot appeared in the cluster, lot of well known callers came in and the log was filling constantly. About 110 stations were worked on that frequency before the interest went down. So finally made another attempt on 20 meters in CW but again poor propagations there. So came back again to 40 meters, now also in CW at 7.008 where I spent the final period of the operation. Nearly 50 stations could be worked there before it dried out again. Latest contact was with DK9JL at 1544 UTC. Originally I had planned to give also a short visit to the nearby DLFF-305 but finally it was a bit too late. The temperature was going down very quickly and thinking to build up the station on another place again, would be not so good. Altogether made 211 contacts with 29 countries, 40 % with germany, 13 % poland and 8 % with italy. Howe-







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location at the small „Lake Thierstein“ :-)

ver finally used the final time to detect another good place for a coming activity to DLFF-305. So stay tuned if you missed your chance the last time.

Thanks to all stations who worked us, SWLs who readed us and of course special thanks to those who put us into the DX-cluster.

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