



DAØWCA - 22.08.2015

WWFF DLFF-093 - WCA DL-04405 - COTA BOB-107

Castle Rupprechtsreuth



*The castle from Rupprechtsreuth from 1725 with a curb roof and a helmet plate is meanwhile used as a restaurant. It´s located about 15km away from Weiden and surrounded by the Manteler forrest.*

Our originally planned destination for that day should be another castle in the area of Waidhaus on the czech-border. However when switching on shortly in the morning the equipment at home, we found the propagation very poor. As we already had announced the trip and for sure some friends were waiting, we decided to cut the activity to a location which is closer to our homebase. We selected the castle of Rupprechtsreuth as we wanted to find also a location for a new-one WWFF-activity after the castle-trip. We were right in time when reaching Rupprechtsreuth and asked the son of the current owners of the building, if it´s allowed to take some photos which was no problem at all. Rupprechtsreuth belongs beside three other small villages to the market town Mantel. We moved a bit on a side-road to have more space to hang up the dipole. Weather was sunny the whole time with an acceptable temperature of around 23 degrees. Started the activity at 0703 UTC with SP5DZC as first log-entry on 40 meters. Some minutes



*castle in use as restaurant*

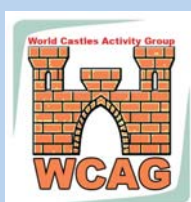
the band appeared open, but then the signals especially in the closer zone dropped almost out. We had during the whole activity good reports from SP and I, however germany, austria, czech and switzerland was very poor. After the first run on 40 meters phone was over we switched between 20 cw/ssb and 40 cw several times however nearly no interest. At the end of the operation we concentrated more on 20 cw and after several unsuccessful attempt there was again a good opening with around 50 stations. So finally at the end we were coming closer a bit to the normal score from previous operations.

There were also some other german castle operations announced this morning but I also couldn´t hear them at all and later via mail some of them also confirmed the same on our side.

Only positive aspect was that also the disturbers couldn´t be heard so loud as usual.

We ended at 0916UTC with UA3LAF as last station in the log. Altogether 181 contacts could be done. This time nr.1 country was italy with 22%, followed with 15% by poland and 14% contacts with germany.

Around 30 percent of the QSOs were done in CW. When nothing helps, CW is always the best solution and guarantees a small success also under difficult conditions.





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Also the location for the coming first bigger autumn WWFF-activity could be confirmed on the homeway. If weather allows we will be active from there very soon. Check the announcements in the various sources because it definitely will be a new one for you.

OSL-policy:

Please don't send a card yourself, we don't collect cards for our portable operations as with meanwhile 25000 portable-contacts the workload for incoming cards is too big.

We also do not send a card for every operation, you get a collection-QSL after about 5 activities. SWLs also don't need to send a card, just send an e-mail-request and you get a confirmation

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All reports from previous activities can be found at:

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

WWFF-activities DF6EX:

<http://www.wingsl.com/wordpress/wwff-activities-df6ex>

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*nice place however poor conditions, but that makes it also interesting, you always find a different story*

