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Hammercastle Unterwildenau



The hammer-castle in Unterwildenau is composed by a small chappel, an access yard surrounded mostly by a wall. The main-building was constructed in the early 17th century, additional building followed in the 18th and 19th century. The chappel includes an interesting acanthus-altar.



view into the inner yard with the main-building

Unterwildenau is about 15 km behind the city of Weiden in north-east-bavaria.

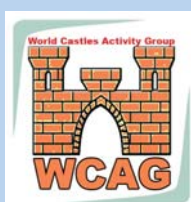
Since our latest activity in czech-republic some weeks were gone with often extreme heat and it made no sense to go out on a mobile-operation.

I decided very shortly to buy a new transceiver about 1 week ago and the main purpose of this trip was also, beside coming back into the portable-activities, to test it under field-conditions. The FT-DX 1200 is not the ideal transceiver for mobile-operations as it's a little bigger than the usual FT-450 but mainly I will use it for bigger activities were you need to have good possibilities with a lot of big knobs and of course as backup, as I normally take two antennas, two batteries and for large-scale operations in the future want to take also a backup trans-

sceiver. So after checking the various menu-settings and adapting the sound-settings for the headsets we started with the new castle at 0733 UTC. The small village offers not too much places were we could setup, so finally found an area of allotments at the end with a small closed road and just settled before the prohibition sign. Antenna was setup under some trees a few meters behind the car.

The first contact was with SM7AP and after him, some of the well-known WWFF-hunters appeared but conditions were quite changeable. In the first hour of the operation not too many loud signals from DL,OE and OK but very good signals from I and SP. Of course as usual also a lot of disturber and the propagations went steady up and down. Sometimes several minutes no reply, then again a small series. The first hour produced around 100 contacts. I didn't want to change the band as the band was busy and difficult to get a more or less clear frequency, so still continued there on 40 SSB for almost 1,5 hours with then finally a good opening also to the closer stations in OK and DL. At the end there was a good collection with around 170 contacts on 40. When moving to 20 meters SSB the first station which was calling in, was good old friend Igor EW4DX, who hosted the former WFF-database. Haven't heard from him since years and think he also was a bit surprised when he worked me under that call, which was new for him. 20 SSB was not too effective and after around 15 contacts I moved to CW and had there a good series. Later changed back to 40 meter CW and SSB again but band was almost closed so did another attempt on 20meters CW.

The keyer worked perfectly together with the transceiver. Of course sometimes a short interruption when the mechanic was falling down from the back-seat in the car. Thats always a thrill to work CW in the car as the position from the keyer for me personally is too much down and I tried also some adjustments with boxes bringing





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first time with new transceiver in the mobile-shack

higher and so on, however at the end it shall mainly remain a car, so you have to find some compromise. Finally after 2,75 hours we had 277 stations in the log. 29 % with germany, 13 % with italy and 11% with russia. Thanks to all callers and listeners and of course to those who spotted us.

QSL-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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