



DAØWCA - 04.04.2015

WCA DL-04415

Castle of Floss

WWFF DLFF-093

Nature-Park nördlicher oberpfälzer Wald



The former Pflegschloss Floss was built in the time-frame 1671-73 by Johann Heinrich Seyfried, further rebuildings were done between 1726 and 1922 were a gabled roof was added and a granitefigure showing a sitting man. The castle is directly located at the town hall of Floss.

Easter-time in the past years was always a time were additional castle-trips were done. This year two weeks ago



side-view from Castle Floss

it looked again very nice, temperatures were reaching sometimes the 12 degrees, so acceptable for portable-trips. However one week before easter the winter came back at first extreme winds which were blowing the whole nights causing a lot of damages in wide areas.

Then the cold temperatures came back. Finally easter-saturday I was thinking in the morning with -3 degrees if there wouldn't be anyway chance for a short trip.

Around midday the temperatures reached the 5 degrees plus and I planned a short-termed afternoon-activity which should be not too far away from home as you couldn't trust the weather. So I decided to go to Floss about 20 kilometers away from home.

In the market Floss around 3500 people are living today, the distance to the next larger city of Weiden is about 15 kilometers, distance to czech republic only 5 kilometers.

When starting from home, the sun was shining but coming closer to Floss the sky was darker and darker.

The town is surrounded by hills in nearly every direction. So I decided to take the way in direction Vohenstraus. There was the road heavy climbing and in the middle there was a large

parking-array, normally used for celebrations.

The area was a bit higher than the castle itself but just 50 meters away. As the weather was looking not so pretty decided to make a very minimalistic setup to leave rapidly if rain or snow will start.

Temperature was steady 6 degrees now. Plan was to be active between 1300 and 1500 UTC as at 15 the SP-DX-contest started.

After setup was complete I started at first on 20 meters phone but several calls were unanswered. Tried some frequencies plus/minus 14.241 but no luck this time. Bands were also a bit noisy so expected not too much that moment.

When changed to 40 meters the band was quite busy and it took a while until I found a frequency around 7.143.

Again Erich DL2JX made it as first station in the log, same like in the two previous castle-operations. When obviously the first station spotted me in the cluster the interest was rising however took another 15 minutes until the first real pile-up was building and then made a lot of fun. After staying almost one hour on that frequency the demand dropped out and I changed to 20 meters. First in SSB there was a good row with UR/UA and british stations.





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location behind the town-hall about 50 meters away from the castle

After around 20 minutes game was over. Several calls were unanswered and I tried my luck on 20 meters CW with also not too many interested stations which led me sooner or later back to 40 meters for the last thirty minutes of activity. Until that moment about 145 stations made it into the log, however 40 meters was again a magic band. After some CW-contacts moved again up around 7.149 and just after the first spot was done a lot of stations came in and produced a very successful and funny final 30 minutes. Weather was still changing between blue sky and dark clouds every ten minutes but that's April.

Finally I closed exactly at 1500 UTC the station with 238 contacts in the log. A very good result, thanks to all callers and listeners and especially those who spotted me into the cluster.

73, 44, 11 cu from the next one, Manfred DF6EX

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Pflegschloss Floss shown from the town-hall

