



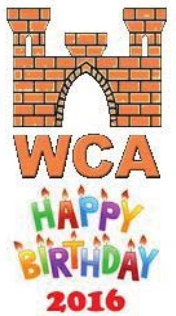
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Abbot-Castle Waldsassen



Former Abbot-Castle in Waldsassen was built around 1433 and in square-form with two quadratic and two rounded towers on the four corners, surrounded by water were a draw-bridge made the entrance. After several devastations the building was reconstructed and three of the towers were digged down. Today only one remaining tower was changed into a pavillon.



Abbot-Castle with neighbored Basilika-church

The russian WCA-team invited this year again for their happy-birthday castle-weekend. Six years ago the group was founded to promote portable activities from historic buildings like castles, palaces and fortresses, to remind on the historical importance of that objects.

World-Castle-Weekend in january is always a thrill. Mostly extreme weather-conditions makes it nearly impossible to work portable outside. This year we had announced temperatures of -2 degrees, so not too good to work from the car or sitting on a chair outside.

After a request at the city of Waldsassen, the city council gave me the permission to work from inside the town hall which is currently under construction.

In the court of the building I made the setup and pulled up the antenna and carried cable, batteries and equipment into the nearby conference room.

We were active from the same location three years ago.

Started this time in the afternoon to have a bit more acceptable temperatures. At 1102 UTC DM1LM made it as first station into the log. Conditions were terrible. Had during the whole activity a lot of noises and also the signal-strength of the incoming stations was very low with a lot of fading.

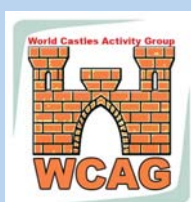
There was also the propagation into some areas quite limited that day and at the begin only 40 meters was open at all.

Statistic showed 54% of the contacts with germany, 13% with poland and 11% with italy. In a total time of 2 hours we worked 165 stations.

Altogether contacts with 19 different countries were done.



antenna behind the city-hall





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Abbot-castle at night

When first wave of stations was worked on 40 meters we tried again on 20 and finally had there also some short openings.

Latest contact was at 1303 with LY3IV from lithuania when the fingers were getting more and more colder we finally decided to close down the station.

So many thanks to the city of Waldsassen for the permission to work from that location.

Hope to meet you from the next portable-activity.

All activities at:
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Please don't forget about the QSL-policy.

Please don't send a QSL-card, we are confirming every contact 100% at first in the electronic WWFF and WCA and COTA-database and later we send out a photo-

QSL for several activities together for each contact to avoid, when you work us 10 times that you get 10 cards. But we don't collect our own, please send also no card for the operator.

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