



DAØWCA - 01.05.2016

Castle Kaibitz and Castle Wolframshof

WCA DL-04412 + DL-04947



When castle Kaibitz was founded is not totally clear, however seems to be in 11th century. One of the latest owner was author and scriptwriter Erich Ebermayer who wrote the scripts for several wellknown german films (like „die Mädels vom Immenhof“) here at the castle. One of his scripts was found in the dust and long time after his death 1970 in the year 2004 published. The castle is in private ownership and can´t be visited.



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It was also extreme tricky fo find a frequency at all. When you was successful with a more or less clear one, you found 2 minutes later out, that it´s occupied, when the other station came up out of the noise with extreme fast and heavy QSB.

We moved during the activity quite often between 20 and 40 meters however mostly no difference. Had only one solid shortskip opening on 20 meters around 0830 UTC with solid 59+ signals from PA and ON but then after 15 minutes faded out again.

We spent altogether around 2,5 hours there at the location, where meanwhile heavy winds came up. About 30 minutes before the end the whole antenna setup crashed down, caused by the wind. We made another attempt and fixed it provisoric but then finally gave up ,as it made no more sense.

We were closing the station with 165 contacts in the log with last station 9A3BDE at 0929 UTC.

Also in 2016 COTA-Team-Germany invited for the german castle day. Also middle german castle day is a steady institution on may 01, so the overall announced activities were extreme high.

However conditions finally were extreme lousy. Our plan was at first to bring castle Kaibitz in the air, but then few days before the event we found an article in the press about castle Wolframshof were a new owner plans to establish there a stop for regular events with classic cars.

There was also the opening of a new coffee directly in the castle at may 01.

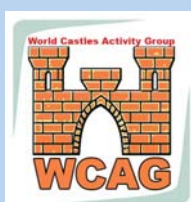
So invested a bit more time and found a location which qualified also for the castle Wolframshof.

We started with the activity at 0706 UTC with DG1ASA as first station in the log.

While first 15 minutes appeared normal but then the band changed rapidly and often called 4-5 minutes without any reply.



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our setup between the two villages

My first plan was to make another activity in the afternoon but under that circumstances I dropped that. So alternatively would try to bring my home-castle DL-02335 Falkenberg on the band and maybe work also some new castle multiplier.

But also this was not too successful. So worked around 45 stations from home from DL-02335, most german stations were not readable so my rate of collecting new castles for my own was very small and finally concentrated more on the web-work.

Already that evening the first 40 german logs appeared and currently the status iare together around 190 logs.

Thanks to all stations who took part anyway that it sometimes was a hard work under that bad conditions. See you all again

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