



DAØWCA - 09.04.2016

WCA DL-04940 (BOB-138)

Castle Ruin Natternberg



*Castle Ruin Natternberg, also called Palace Natternberg started in the history in the year 1145 as the domicile from Hartwig von Natternberg out of the gender of Bogener. When their dynasty ended the possession felt to the Wittelsbacher. The bavarian duke Heinrich the Natternberger grew up there until his death 1333, just 21 years old. During the 30years war the building was heavy destroyed in the early 17th century. In 1838 a host got the building and it was inhabited till the 2nd world war. Meanwhile only one of the former two towers and parts of the surrounding wall are existing.*



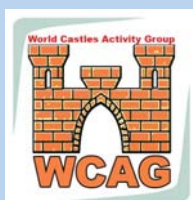
*hill with the remaining parts of the castle on top behind the restaurant, where the meeting happened*

A day full with ham-radio-themes. When receiving the invitation of our DARC-district-meeting quickly found out, that the location is directly 100 meter under a castle. Together with my colleague Konrad DH6RAE, we started at 0530 UTC in the morning for the 200km trip to Deggendorf. We arrived good in time around 0730 and the meeting started 30 minutes later. We had all equipment from the activity one day before with us, so the plan was, if right in time, to make a short activation there. After dinner-brake and the open points in the afternoon, the meeting ended at 1345 UTC. There was no time to change for another position so we set up the station directly at the hotels parking area and were QRV after good 15 minutes. The first station in the log was Toni SP/DL1EKO calling in on 40 meters SSB. Propagation was again not so well and of course also maybe a bit too early in the afternoon. Some german areas had good chance but some were totally faded out. Running 100 watts out of a separate car-battery with the FT450 and the dipole-antenna was around 4 meters up along the fence to the local fire-department.



*the tower and the ringwall*

20 meters we made only a short attempt at the end but almost nothing there. Finally we ended after an operating-time of 57 minutes with a total of 112 stations in the log. This time with 46 percent contacts with germany, followed by 18% italy and 13% poland. In total contacts with 19 countries. Last contact was with A93JA in CW. After packing in the car we had the next two hours drive





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our setup with Konrad DH6RAE in the foreground

for the homeway. When arriving in Falkenberg at 1700 UTC it was just the first part of the day and we both had to drive to Waldsassen for our local club-meeting.

After our members got the latest informations from the district-meeting finally arrived back home in Falkenberg at 2100 UTC.

A whole day in the the spirit of ham-radio. Konrad thank you for taking part on the short activity.

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Manfred DF6EX

