



DAØWCA - 22.04.2016

WCA DL-04406 (BOB-108)

Castle Steinfels



Steinfels was first time mentioned in the year 1052. At the beginning it was a water-castle designated to protect the nearby hammer-mill driven by the water of the river Haidenaab. Until the early 16th century it was in possession of the dynasty of Steinfels. As a lot of other buildings in the area also Steinfels was almost totally destroyed during 30years war. A lot of changing owners during the following centuries finally ended with last owner Wolf Freiherr von den Bongart. After his dead in 1979 there was no further activity from that building and



Castle Steinfels with the small chapel aside

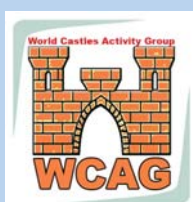
since that time without success an investor was searched. The building was sold in 2011 and the new owner promised to reconstruct and had also plans for a hotel but since that time nothing happened and meanwhile a fence surround the castle to protect the people from parts probably coming down from the building.

Again planned an activity on a normal working-day. Not my favorized method but friday afternoon is acceptable as there are a lot of people earlier home from work. The weeks before the weekend conditions were not so well so after QRL I started the 50km trip to the town of Mantel near Weiden. Was there in the area also last year as DLFF-304 is only 5 km away from the castle were I made the first activity together with Karl DL4RU.

Selected a small parking range were you can stop and walk into the river and pond-area. Weather was dry but not so warm, around 12 degrees but sunny and the car warmed up extreme during the following two hours with steady sunshine. Started with the first call at 40 meters replied by SQ2TOM at 1410 UTC. Pileup was sometimes amazingly. In the first 45 minutes more than 100 stations were logged. Then changed to 20 meters but not too many came in there. When moving back to 40 meters CW had again an incredible amount of callers in CW but some trouble



Location at DL-04406 in DLFF-0093 with a lot of seagain behind :-)





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antenna-location, on the tree behind some children had prepared with some small puppets

nic WWFF and WCA and COTA-database and later we send out a photo-QSL for several activities together but we don't collect our own, please send also no card for the operator.

73, 44, 11 cu from the next one,

Manfred DF6EX

with the keyer. So the end was back again in SSB and finished at 1606 UTC with last caller DG1D-SI in the log and a total score of 240 contacts.

Altogether 28 countries could be worked. Top three countries were germany with 26%, italy 14% and poland with 9% this time followed close by spain and russia with 7%.

53 contacts were done in CW, remaining quantity in SSB.

All activities at:

<http://blog.winqsl.com>

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 electro-



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