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DP44WCA

Nature Park Steinwald DLFF-0119
Castle Waldeck DL-02345



On the 30th of June 2013, I was the first time active from the Castle of Waldeck. At that time was living closer in that area and had for that activity the loaned call DR11COTA from Gerhard DL5AWI. Meanwhile no activity from there at all.

Now almost 8 years later was time to bring it back into the air this time with our new call DP44WCA.

During the past week always heavy rainfalls and thunderstorm, so had my gear with me in the car, however weather always wasn't promising. On Saturday again a big contest activity on the bands, so only chance would be to become active before the contest starts.

In the area had also something nature-related to do, for a probably future-activity. Used the same parking place on the other side of the main-road with a nice view to the castle on top of the hill which I used 2013.

As I arrived there quite late, at almost 0800 UTC and additionally had some issues with the mast which wanted not like me, I was afraid that maybe the best morning conditions already are over. So the begin was quite slow and not so many callers. First contact was with PD7CJT at 0803. However 10 to 15 minutes later band opened wide and had a high number of stations calling



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in. The weather was very difficult to calculate. Sometimes had very black clouds and in distance a rolling thunder, next 30 minutes the sun came out and it was a beautiful summer-day. In the car could deal very good with the temperature between 20 and 24 degrees.

The conditions on lower distances were extreme good. Also 14 MHz and 28 MHz had good short-skip openings.

From the originally planned 2,5 hours of working-time, I extended finally to 4 hours as the weather continued to be dry without thunderstorm.

In total could work 37 different countries.

Top 5 worked countries:

1. Germany (89)
2. Italy (57)
3. Poland (42)
4. Belgium (27)
5. France (25)

Also some oversea contacts into USA, all of them in telegraphy.

As antenna a 3band Windom was used together with an FT450A powered from a 40Ah Life-Po-battery. Thank you all for calling in and announcements in the cluster-network.

401 stations made it into the log. 116 in CW and 285 in SSB.

Was a pleasure to meet you.

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