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DP44WCA

Naturepark Steinwald DLFF-0119  
Castle Friedenfels DL-02349



Since several years it became a bit tradition to make an activity around the year change.

So remember very well to our first activity from DL-04225 at 01.jan 2014 at 0 degrees outside under DA0CW/p.

The year before at 29.dec 2012 we had almost 15 degrees and were active under DP7COTA from DLFF-0143.

So over the years you see similar (unnormal) weather situations re-appear.

Now at the end of 2021 again the weather changed very quick. On 26.dec. we had -5 degrees and up to 10 cm snow.

Then it started to rain and at 31.de-cember temperature was up at 13 degrees and more or less dry. So

time to close the year with a short operation. Destination was the castle of Friedenfels in Naturepark Steinwald DLFF-0119.

This was my third stop there and when arriving and also during the trip it was very overcasted and again showing lot of dark clouds.

So to be on the safe side searched for a bit protected location and found a place near a pond a bit covered by some trees however enough place for antenna-setup.

My first call at 1207 UTC was



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answered by Tony DL1EKO. After a few minutes with only a few interested callers a heavy pile-up started and I continued long time on 40 SSB. When it dried out moved to 20 meter first phone and later CW.

End of the operation went again back to 40 meters at first with an incredible pile-up on CW and the end of the operation could fill up again the log in phone for altogether 286 contacts with 35 countries.



In total 83 CW-QSO vs. 203 phone-contacts. With every minute the weather improved and finally almost at the end of the operation it was looking like spring outside with blue sky.

Altogether 257 unique stations made it into the log and could hopefully fill up their score for COTA, WWFF-award and got additional a rare DOK: 44WCA  
Top 5 countries: 1. Germany (65) 2. Italy (32) 3. Poland (29) 4. England (23) 5. Netherlands (22)

Thanks for this final activity in the old year and hope to meet you again in 2022. All the best wishes, especially good health for you and your family.

73,44,11 Manfred DF6EX  
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