



DAØWCA+DAØCW/p - 01.05.2017

Castle Wendern DL-05002 BOB-155



This year we planned the first time a fieldday-style participation on the German Castle Day. This activity was held in 2017 for the 6th time and a lot of stations had announced their participation on our sister-website: <http://www.cotagroup.org> Konrad DH6RAE offered his QTH and Günther DC2RK supplied the trailer as mobile-shack.

During the weeks before it was always like winter and also on may01 it was quite cold in the morning, however finally it was dry. We activated the last time the castle in the nearby village in january

with lot of snow around from the same location.

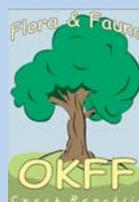
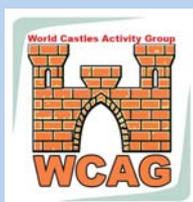
As some of us had other schedules for the afternoon the participation was planned for the morning.

When starting on 40 meters we quickly saw that conditions are not good.

There was quite a lot of activity on the band as also the austrian activity day is at the same date, however mostly there were no conditions to the shorter distances.

So it often happened that you started on an apparently clear frequency and after some minutes when the propagations changed you found out that there were often one or two other stations trying their luck on the same position. German, austrian or czech stations were mostly faded out, so main activity from our side was possible with poland, italy, croatia, spain.

There were some periods were one or two germans made it into the log and we thought on an opening, however band closed immediately after a short while.





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Tried also 80 meters in the morning but had no luck there, so mainly concentrated to 40 CW and SSB.

Beside the ground-plane we installed also the usual dipoles however no also there not much better results.

While our main-activity was under DAØWCA with the special-DOK WCA our WARC-band-operation on 30meters was done with DAØCW/p our second club-callsign.

So beside some interesting talkings with the visitors and club-colleagues we made around 150 contacts for this WCA-reference with 25 countries. Operation ended at 0930 UTC and logs will be uploaded into the COTA- and the WCA-database for credits to the various castle-awards.

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