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Nature Reserve Schergenbuck mit Schloss Neidstein
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some restauration-works in the outer bawn

Again a castle on top of a hill. Schloss Neidstein built around 1513. There was a castle a bit which was burned down at the begin of the 16th century. 1633 Schloss Neidstein was captured by the swedish conquerer. There where a lot of changes during the centuries. In the latest history it was from 2006 till 2009 in the possession of hollywood-actor Nicolas Cage. Since 2009 it is again in private ownership.

Saw this place the first time about two years ago when driving home from Nürnberg. Of course the area has

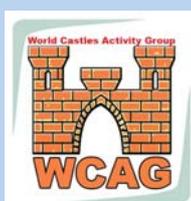


moving up our equipment

a lot of castles and especially it is much more impressive to drive on the smaller roads instead of a quick run of the fasttrack. Interesting in this case especially was that the castle is located in the nature reserve Schergenbuck with a total size of 18ha, which consists mainly by deciduous woodland with a great occurrence of the yew tree which is mostly liquidated on lot of places due to their poisonousness.

About two days before our start I made a phone-call to the owners as I know that the castle is often also place for wedding-ceremonies and other events. We got the information that beside some restauration-works there was no other big activity that saturday. So many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfurth for giving us the final ok for the activity.

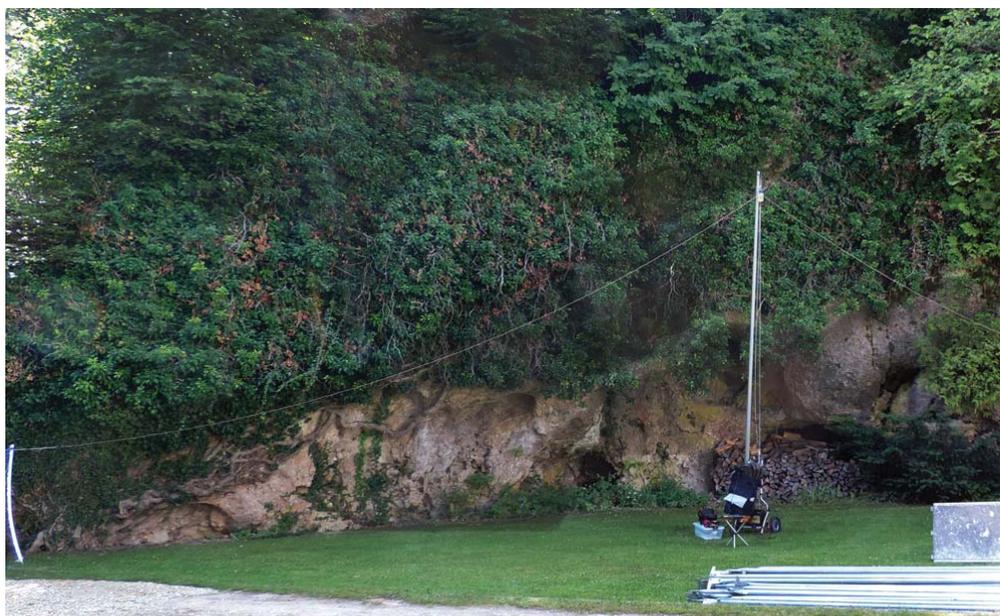
We knew that the area is very much limited in front of the building,





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our 40meter station on the left side.

so it was very good for us, that we could enter the outer area of the castle.

To keep it short we used only a monoband dipole on each station. While Konrad DH6RAE was working on 20meters, Manfred DF6EX was handling the 40meter-station.

Both stations started same time at 0720 UTC. Our cluster-access was very limited from that place and often not possible at all. During the start the sun was shining very heavy and sometimes difficult to read the displays at all.



The first half hour was also good with the propagations but then conditions went down rapidly. We had some openings were also shorter distances within germany very possible but then again totally fade-outs into all directions.

At the end of the operation the bands almost closed totally and around 0915 UTC we gave up and closed the stations. Finally the total were 215 contacts into 31 countries.

Due to the bad propagation this time only european stations made it



20meter station on the right side

into the logs. Topscoring countries beside germany were poland, italy and france.

We used FT450A and FT450B transceivers with 100 watts, powered by 100ah-batteries.

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see you next time
Manfred DF6EX

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