



DAØCW/p 01.january 2014
DLFF-119 Naturepark Steinwald
WCA DL-04225 COTA BOB-060 Castle of Fuchsmühl



The town of Fuchsmühl is located on the eastern-edge of the naturepark Steinwald with around 2000 inhabitants. The castle of Fuchsmühl appears in the history back till the 12th century. The area is composed by the castle-building a manor-house and the castle-chappel. There is an extended access yard surrounded by several ponds. The historical name of Fossenmühl (from the historic owners of Fossenhofen) resulted later in the current town-name Fuchsmühl. In the newer history the buildings were used starting 1950 as flats and later was used as restaurant and hotel but currently is closed and in private ownership.



picture from the castle taken during summer 2013

After the unexpected fast close-down with activations in 2013 for several reasons I was very happy to start with a short happy-new year activity in 2014. Temperature was not optimum for outside operation.

When we reached the location we had exactly 0 degrees outside and a lot of frost on the surrounding meadows but of course thats normal for this time of the year, rather too warm than too cold for new-years day. The car was a bit prewarmed for the mobile-shack and the first 30 minutes were not a problem. Starting at 1225 UTC with a lot of old friends in the log we made a

one hour operation before we cooled down to much. So this time only 40 meters SSB with altogether 105 contacts made it into the log. Beside the counter for the castle the activation is also valid for naturepark DLFF-119 and the logs are already in the system of WCA and DLFF.

In 2014 we start also with the new german COTA-Award.

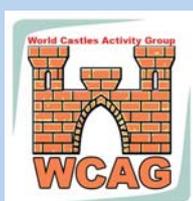
There is a web-server running at:

<http://logsearch.cotagroup.org>

were all logs from german castle activities will be loaded. You can apply for the award directly on this side if you reached the minimum of 25 german castles worked. You will get the award as PDF via e-Mail returned.

Every award-class will be covered by a different castle-picture. So we hope that you enjoy the collecting and hope to meet you as often as possible. The website from the german COTA-group can be found at:

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Next castle-activities will be at january 18/19 on the world-castle 5th birthday weekend. Location of course depends on the weather. Some plans for further WWFF-activities were also already made, so watch the bands.

We will be also on starting march with a new special-callsign. Will also return in summer to this castle for a 20 meter-operation. So happy new year to all of you, especially good health, thanks for the contacts and hope to meet you again soon.

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 Manfred -DF6EX-

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Logs already were uploaded in the online-databases:
<http://logsearch.wwff.co>
<http://www.wcagroup.org>
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All reports from previous activites can be found
 at: <http://www.qrz.com/db/da0cw>



has submitted proof of contacts according to the WCA-rules with castles in Germany.

Congratulations
 73,11 COTA-Team-Germany
 Deutscher Amateur Radio Club e.V.
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Award-Nr.: Date:



The COTA-award for 25 different worked german castles free of charge available at

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