



DP7COTA 28.april 2012 DL-02815 BOB-024 Palace of Theuern



The name of the family „von Theuern“ goes back till the 11th century. On the location of the palace around 1680 a hunting lodge was established. In 1780 they built the palace of Theuern in baroque style on that location. Today it acts as a museum for coal-mining and industries. Beside this it´s used for a lot of events including cultural and also entertainmant. When visitin there it happened also a big wedding. It´s also called „culture-palace of Theuern“. Theuern is a small town about 5 km away from Amberg in north-eastern bavaria closed to the free-way between Nürnberg and Prag. The location was easily found with the special need to be also in the nature-park. The borderline of the nature-park Hirschwald DLFF-067 is running in the middle through Theuern. So we selected a location behind the palace on a large parking-array which was nearly free this morning, so the mast with the double-dipole could be easily mounted. I made the first activation of this nature-park in 2010 and returned last year on the invitation of my friend Thomas DJ5RE and could use their clubstation for some 550 contacts. Anyway there was still a high interest on the combination of a new castle-counter plus the additionally WFF-counter. After the start at 0824 UTC on 40 meters an extreme pile-up started and I had a lot of calls to write in the next hour. First hour ended with 160 contacts in the log. Then propagations changed a bit and 40 meters was no longer spectacular. Changed also to 20 meters in the hope to find there some improvement but also this band was not in a good shape. To our biggest surprise we had a visitor just behind the mobile-shack. A very interested ostrich always appeared on the fence when I was calling CQ and checked what happens.



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Finally when the temperature arrived the 30 degrees in the black car it was no longer an option to continue and we finally finished after 1 hour 45 minutes with a total of 220 stations in the log. Hope that we could hand out one or two new counters for you and looking forward to the next activation. Special QSL-card comes automatically via buro via DL7RAG. Thanks for calling me and hope to meet you again from the next castle-trip, maybe again a WFF-WCA-combination. Equipment was FT450AT with double-dipole about 5 meters up, powered by separate car-battery. 73, 44, 11 till the next time Manfred -DF6EX-World Castle Activator Group #036 COTA-Team-Germany #037 Informations about our other activities can be found at: <http://blog.winqsl.com> in english <http://www.u23.de> in german.

