



DA0CW/p 14.Jan2012 Activation old and new palace of Neustadt DL-02826+DL-02827+ WFF DLFF-093

The city of Neustadt/Waldnaab with about 7000 inhabitants is a district-town located in the nature park „Nördlicher Oberpfälzer Wald - DLFF-093“ about 15km away from Czech Republic. Very unique



this town has two palace. The old palace of Neustadt was built in the 12th century. Later in the 17th century it was the official residence of the famous sovereigns of Lobkowitz. After this time parts of the townwall closed to the old palace were destroyed and nearby that area the new palace of Neustadt has been built in the years 1698/1720. Today rooms in the old as well in the new palace are used by the district-office and both buildings were last time refurbished in 2007 and are located directly in the centre of the town.

Old Palace of Neustadt/Waldnaab DL-02826 BOB-035

At the end of 2011 I got the invitation from my friend Karl DL4RU and his xyl Inge DL9RBI to make an activation from there. First planned for the time between christmas and new year we changed the arrangement to january 14th when we received the invitation for the HBD Castle Weekend (three years WCA). There were a lot of announced activities from various places and I planned at first with the usual score of similar operations of about 200 contacts. However after the first CQ on 40 meters SSB at 0838 UTC (first entry DL6XAT) I was absolutely positive impressed. After some new one park-activations in the past years the pile-ups from this location were absolutely the same anyway the park has been activated quite often before. Soon after the begin had to change to work the hated work by numbers because otherwise there was no way to get it under control and 40 was too busy to run split. After the first hour had exactly 143 stations in the log. The main part of the activity happend on 40 with a score of 224 contacts. On 20 meters 201 QSOs were made plus 30 on 17 meters. This made a grand





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total of 455 contacts in a total operating time of a bit less than 4 hours. At 1244 I was nearly at the point to finish, getting tired and the voice a bit scratchy so tried the „last“ CQ and again 50 stations in a row could be logged. Last contact was made at 1311 with DG3NCZ. So finally again a great success and a pleasure to hand out two new castles to so many stations and maybe also an additional park-counter for WFF. So finally many thanks to all callers and listeners on the bands. Again had a great fun to possibly hand out some new ones. Thanks to Karl and Inge for their great hospitality.

Thanks also to our QSL-manager Heinz DL7RAG who will confirm all contacts via the buro. Thanks to the DARC-OV-Stiftland U23 <http://www.u23.de> for the support with the printing of the QSL-cards.

This was my castle-activation Nr. 9 and 10. Stay tuned for the next one. Logs will be posted to WCA and WFF-databases.

73, 44, 11 till the next time
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