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The Castle of Wernberg



The first appearance in the history from this castle was in the year 1280. The history of castles in this area always reminds on two names, the earl of Leuchtenberg the former owner of the castle which was sold later to a member of the Notthaft family which had also some other possessions in that area. A dungeon and some smaller towers has been added in the 14th and 15th century. In the 19th century it has been used as a jail the total condition of the building was going down and in the 20th century they nearly kept in mind to destruct the whole building. Finally in 1992 they found an electronic company which acted as a big investor and the recultivation of the whole arrangement started. Meanwhile the Castle of Wernberg



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is one of the best preserved castles in bavaria. Since 1998 the castle hosts a hotel and a top-restaurant. A castle number has been issued last year and its located also in nature park „Oberpälzer Wald“ DLFF-098 about 20 km away from the town of Weiden. After the winter-season and several health problems I wanted to test my personal condition for a short operation. So started with my xyl to a short trip to DL-02828 for the first

activation. It was also the first test with our new special-callsign DP7COTA. At first it was planned to start in the morning, however russia-DX-contest made this to a bad idea. So we started around dinner-time and after setting up the mast and the double-dipole I found out that 20meter was well in hand of the contesters, so decided to first begin on 40 meter. After finding a clear frequency around 7.137 and the first friend spotted me in the cluster it was really an incredible run. I was running nearly the whole time on this frequency and the voice was keeping well, so finally in a total operating time of 105 minutes altogether 227 contacts were made. So result was very pleasant and I hope to meet you from the next activation. QSL for DP7COTA via DL7RAG (you don't need to send a card).

This was my castle-activation Nr. 11. Stay tuned for the next one. Logs will be posted to WCA and WFF-databases.

73, 44, 11 till the next time Manfred -DF6EX- World Castle Activator Group #036 COTA-Team-Germany #037

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