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DL-02350 - DL-02809 + DLFF-119
Palace of Reuth + Palace of Thumsenreuth



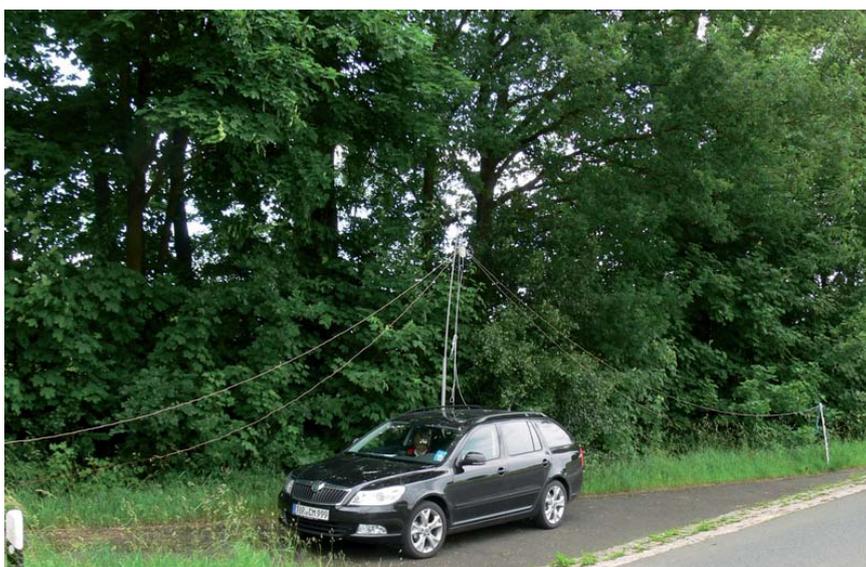
Palace of Reuth was the first time named in some historic documents in the year 1337. This time it was in the ownership of the dynasty of Trautenberg. After a marriage in 1602 it changed the owner to the dynasty of Sparneck. In their time they made also the formation of the palace brewery in 1742. Since that time the commercial business of brewing started there. Since 1933 the building is in the private ownership of baron of Podewils. During the times the palace was several times enlarged with the latest additions in 1905.



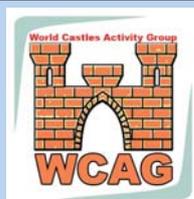
After some health troubles we planned for the World Castle Weekend only a short trip. While checking the maps I found a place between the towns of Reuth and Thumsenreuth which is in a qualifying distance for both multipliers and additionally also in nature-park Steinwald. When arriving in the morning we had to change the position one more time cause a farmer needed the location for his entry to the field. The call was again the special-

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callsign DP7COTA with special-DOK COTA. After some delay finally the activity started at 0728 UTC. According to the All-Asia-CW-contest there was no CW planned. The first calls on 20 meters were for nothing. The band was nearly dead this time. So we continued on 40 meters with some strange results. When you had the luck that someone was spotting you in the cluster immediately 10 to 20 stations were calling you. When you was working down two or three of them it seemed to close and no further caller was readable. There was an extreme QSB when you had the luck to find a less populated frequency. At 0810 I had around 40 contacts in the log and was just before to close down, when DL5WW



gave me a call and again put the spot online. Then some callers came back and also the conditions seemed to improve a bit, so I decided to continue and made later also two short openings on 20 meters. At exactly 1000 UTC we finally ended with the operation with a total of 185 contacts were we could give out the two castle-multipliers





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and of course the nature-park number DLFF-119. I was several times active from this park but always find a number of stations which are happy to get a new one. My last activation of palace of Thumsenreuth was in november 2011. That time I made 140 contacts mainly on 20 meters. So this time more callers on 40 had the chance to get it. For DL-02350 it was the first activation at all. Equipment was Yaesu FT450AT powered by a separate 85aH car-battery and a double-dipole beside the car.

In the remaining time on the weekend I was also active from my home-castle DL-02335 Falkenberg were I could hand out altogether 160 contacts.

So total result for the World Castle Weekend were all around 340 QSOs

Logs are already in the WCA-database and also sent to EW4DX for WFF-logsearch.



my xyl with soundcheck of the headset



73, 44, 11, Manfred DF6EX
Equipment was FT450AT with double-dipole about 5 meters up, powered by separate car-battery. 73, 44, 11 till the next time Manfred -DF6EX-

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<http://blogwinqsl.com> in english <http://www.u23.de> in german.

Palace of Thumsenreuth was already in the 16th century nearly looking same like today. First named in 1259 it came in the 15th century in the ownership of Notthaft of Weissenstein. His castle of Weissenstein declined more and more and the palace of Thumsenreuth became his favorite location. Due to his debits he needed to sell the palace to the family of Lindenfels which is also today the owner of the building. Their decendents made a complete restauration in the years 1992/1994. The palace today is in private ownership.



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