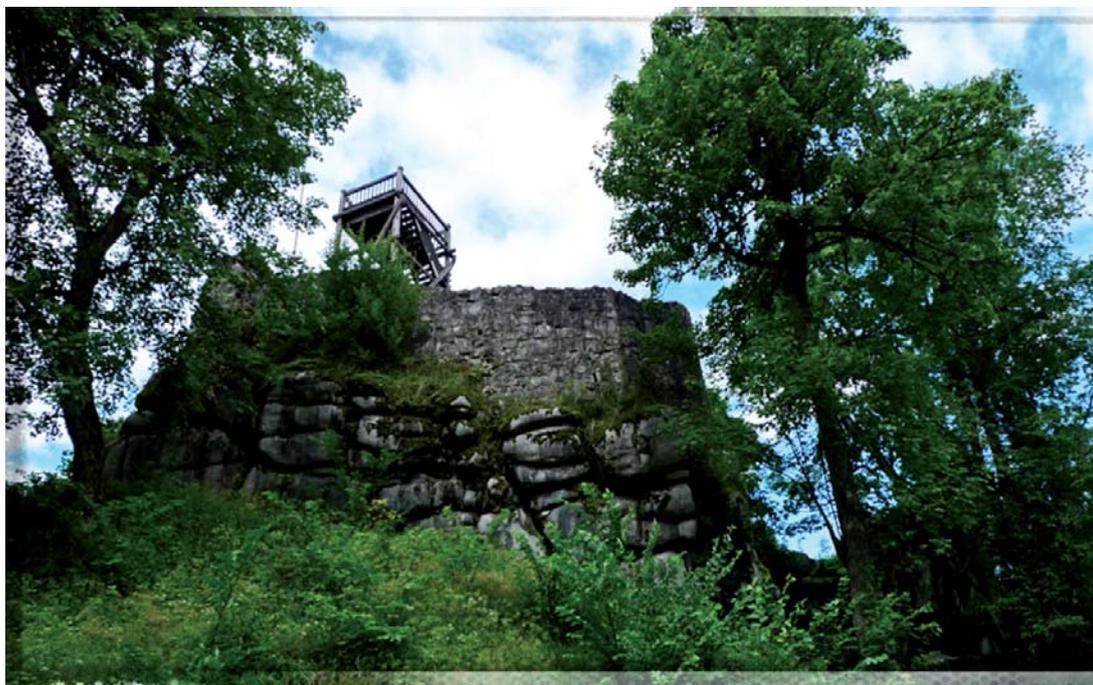




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 The Castle Ruin of Schellenberg WCA DL-02343



The Castle of Schellenberg was set up like a fortress in the beginning of the 14th century against bohemian attacks. It was part of ring of castles together with Flossenbürg, Leuchtenberg, Pleystein and Fahrenberg. In 1498 the castle was destroyed and never rebuild. At the beginning of the 18th century there was also for a short time a hunting lodge on that place. Around 1971 the remaining ruins were recultivated and a sight-esseing tower was build on top of the ruin finished in 1995. The area is also part of the german nature park DLFF-093.



Castle ruin of Schellenberg with sightseeing tower on top

Our club is beside our usual club callsign DAØCW also owner of the special call DP7COTA which was only used for

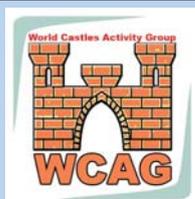
castle-activations in 2012. In my previous activations already 11 different castles in north easter bavaria were activated. So we decided this time to go for a short activation together to the Schellenberg and activate DL-02343 for the first time. Schellenberg is about 20 kilometer away from the town of Weiden. We met at 1200 UTC to drive the last kilometers together and our plan to become active around 1230. Our xyls Inge DL9RBI and Christa made an excursion during the area of course mainly the remaining rests of the castle and taking some photos. In the meantime Karl DL4RU and me Manfred DF6EX prepared the stations in our mobile-shacks. We both were running with separate car batteries. Karl used an FT847 together with a magnetic loop antenna. Manfred DF6EX a FT450 with double-dipole.



Karl DL4RU in operating position

The first contact was right in time at 1237 DJ0TP. Main-activity was as usual 40 and 20 meters. Beside this Karl tried to activate also 15 and 17 meters. On the higher bands it was difficult to get some stations in the log.

Also we had no cluster-connection so were de-





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shack from Karl DL4RU

Thanks to all the callers, thanks to Inge DL9RBI for coffee and cake.

All reports from previous activities can be found at:

<http://www.qrz.com/db/da0cw>
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 SP-CFF-member #029

SP-CFF-honorary member #004
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pendent that someone else could spot us. On 40 meters there were two nice runnings at the beginning of the operation and finally at the end. We had nearly the plan to stop then finally someone put us again in the cluster and the final run on 40 meters brought again 50 stations in the log. Finally we ended with a total score of 210 contacts in a bit more than two hours of operation. It looked very often like the rain will start but luckily we could pull down everything with dry feet. Also our xyls appeared after an enjoyable walk through the wood. At the end broadcast-QRM was so heavy on 40 meters that it made no sense to continue. Last contact was with Kris SP9UPK, leader of the famous SP9YFF-group. Think we had more than 100 contacts together with all the various activations they did in Poland and we did from Germany with DA0CW and DP7COTA.

Our two mobile-shacks had a distance of about 100 meters on the very large parking-array. So we had no distortions and could work with full power with both stations.

All contacts were put in the WCA-database. Also upload to the flora-fauna-database will follow in the next delivery to Igor EW4DX. QSL-cards sure via the bureau via DL7RAG.

shack from Manfred DF6EX

