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 Waldsteingipfel DLFF-0559
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Was the first time active from the Red Castle in 2015. At this time it was counting for DLFF-0058. Last year the surrounding nature-reserve „Waldsteingipfel“ was introduced into the DLFF-list. So it was time again to give a visit. This time after the work, so no time to install all the portable-equipment, it must be done in a short way.

on top of Waldstein under rocks and trees in the middle of a beginning thunderstorm

When leaving the work, weather was very nice at 15.30 local time. The way

took almost an hour, as there are road works and you cannot take the shortest one. When coming closer to the area, sky was always darker with a lot of clouds. The castle is located 850 meters asl and you can drive up the hill completely with the car. There is also a restaurant on top. This spot is also often used by GMA activators.

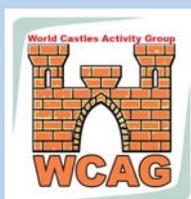
Just five minutes after setting up the antenna and installing the transceiver with keyer, the first rolling thunder appeared behind the stone-wall.

If you are on such an exposed location you are thinking very often if you continue or brake down to avoid any risk.

In five minutes distance it was always some thunder then the sun came out and I was hoping that it's over now, then five minutes later again the same game. Con-



view to the stonewall of the Red Castle DL-03141





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way into the base-assembly from DL-03141

ditions were bad, so after around 30 contacts I had the first time the intention to give up.

When the next sunbeams came through the wood reactivated the keyer and tried my luck in CW because SSB with all the QRN-noises was not effective.

Always ready to jump out of the car, I continued that way and finally could get 166 contacts with 27 different countries together.

If nothing helps, take CW, almost 50 percent of the contacts were done in that mode.

When another wave of clouds and rolling thunder started I finally gave up around 1700 UTC.

Quickly packing everything together

then the heavy rain started. When driving back via Weissenstadt heavy showers came down and when passing along of DLFF-0470, everything was in thick mud there. Finally I could be lucky that I left the area with more or less dry feet. The homeway of course was longer, as maximum speed were about 60km/hour due to the road-conditions now.

QSO-statistic were nr. 1 to germany with 31 contacts, on the second place only 23 contacts with poland and on 3rd place only 14 QSO with italy, that shows you how bad the conditions were. However lot of countries with 5/6/8 QSO.

Thanks to all who gave us a contact. Hope to see you again soon from another location.

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after leaving Waldstein-mountain the coming rainclouds with rainbow above Weissenstadt

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