

William Becknell Heritage Days Amateur Radio Club

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Starting on May 19th – 20th 2018 and Sept 8th-9th we are looking for additional trail sites where we can enlist other Ham Clubs or individuals to help work additional Special Event stations. I envision at least 10 stations operating during the event along the trail from Franklin, Missouri to Santa Fe., New Mexico by Sept 1st P2021. Like the Route 66 special event stations, operators set up along the route and take calls for a specific time period. We plan on working the weekends closest to May 20th and September 1st. These are the two dates Becknell set out on his trips Westward the first two years -- Sept 1821 & May 1822. Between now and 2020 we will be using the first weekend after Labor Day to avoid the conflict with that weekend.

Stations who contact each location can get a QSL card from < WBOSFT.org > with their contact information. Those who contact <ALL> of the operating stations for the event will get a nice wall certificate noting their success in contacting them all.

We plan on operating on 15m, 20m, 40m, 80m, 160m all modes including FT-8. Not all event stations will necessarily be able to operate the full range but the operators at each location will most likely have most capabilities. We also plan on coordinating our transmission times and frequencies and post them on our website. This will allow others to see which stations are operating during the event time frame.

If you or your Club would like to participate in helping with the event, then please contact me, Steve Everley KCOVYS / [WBOSFT](http://WBOSFT.org) for information. You will need to set up On-The-Trail as close to an actual trail site as you can. Looking at the trail there are probably 20-30 nice locations from Franklin Mo. to Santa Fe., NM., that will be easy for operators to set up in. Nothing elaborate or extensive but they should be able to operate from Saturday morning 9am to Sunday Afternoon 4-5pm. Continuous would be great but 9am to 8pm Saturday and 9am-5pm Sunday would be appropriate.

The 200th or Bi-Centennial anniversary is Sept 1st 2021 and the U.S. will come unglued commemorating that event. Numerous Santa Fe Trail clubs and organizations will be having events and programs on the trail during that time. We just want to be the Ham Radio Event Station commemorating the event. We are started in 2017 and are working up to 2021.

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