

William Becknell Heritage Days Amateur Radio Club

< WB0SFT.org > May 23rd & 24th Also Sep 12th & 13th 2020

Starting on May 23rd & 24th - 2020 and again in Sept on the 12th & 13th we are looking for additional individuals who can operate at additional trail sites and we can enlisting other Ham Clubs or individuals to help work these Special Event Stations. I envision at least 10 or more stations operating during the event along the trail from Franklin, Missouri to Santa Fe, New Mexico. 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 between now and 2021 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. In 2021 we will operate on Sept 1.

Stations who contact each location can get a QSL card from < WB0SFT.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 will be working also in conjunction with POTA as remote trail sites. We will be using their trail designator of K-4579

We plan on operating on 6m, 10m, 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 / WB0SFT 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 40-50 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 Special Event Station commemorating the event. We are started our journey in 2017 and are working up to 2021, and beyond.

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