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Missouri Bicentennial - First Capitol Amateur Radio Activation - August 7-15, 2021

In association with the August 2021 celebration of the Missouri State Bicentennial (missouri2021.org), there will be a first-ever amateur radio activation of Missouri's First Capitol State Historic Site on August 10th. (For more information on amateur or "ham" radio, the ARRL - The national association for amateur radio - provides an informative website at www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio.)

Background

The original building served as Missouri's capitol from 1821 to 1826 and is located on the west bank of the Missouri River. The site is part of the St. Charles Historic District in the city's Riverfront neighborhood and is adjacent to Frontier Park from where Lewis and Clark launched their Corps of Discovery Expedition in August of 1803. The address of the First Capitol is 200 South Main Street, St Charles, MO.

More information about the First Capitol is available at mostateparks.com/park/first-missouri-state-capitol-state-historic-site and a data sheet about the park is available at mostateparks.com/sites/mostateparks/files/Datasheets_FirstMOStateCapitol.pdf.

Amateur Radio Activity

An amateur radio station operated by the St Charles Amateur Radio Club (SCARC) using the call sign K0B (K Zero B) will be active on the First Capitol site on August 10th. (The schedule of operation will be announced as the date gets closer.) The First Capitol site also qualifies for the national Parks On the Air program ([POTA - parksontheair.com](http://POTA-parksontheair.com)) with the identifier K-3349. Additional POTA-style activations from both the First Capitol site and from the adjacent Frontier Park are possible on other dates depending on weather and operator availability. While in operation, an operator will be available to answer questions.

Operating Plan for Hams

K0B will be active on SSB (voice), CW (Morse code), and FT8 (digital data) on shortwave HF (80-10 meters) and 6 meters, and on 2 meter FM simplex (voice) on

August 10th from the First Capitol site. K0B will also be active from the annual [SCARC hamfest](#) and flea market on August 8th and from SCARC member stations at varying times from August 7th through August 15th. An operating schedule will be posted on the SCARC Facebook page (www.facebook.com/groups/137503243257029) and updated as more information becomes available.

All contacts will be confirmed via the ARRL's Logbook of the World ([LOTW - arrl.org/lotw](http://arrl.org/lotw)). A special paper QSL and a downloadable PDF certificate will be available - watch the SCARC Facebook page for more information as we get closer to the activation date.

The Mid-MO Amateur Radio Club, K9ZTV, will be active using the call sign W0M (W Zero M) from August 7th-10th and other Missouri clubs may also be active to commemorate the bicentennial. A listing of special call signs and information about them is available at www.1x1callsigns.org. The Missouri QSO Party on July 31st and August 1st (www.w0ma.org/index.php/missouri-qso-party) will also feature special call signs and rare counties.

Contact Information

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