

2004 SKYWARN Recognition Day





SKYWARN Recognition Day for Amateur Radio Operators is co-sponsored by the **National Weather Service** and the **American Radio Relay League**. The purpose of the event is to celebrate the contributions that amateur radio operators ("hams") make to the National Weather Service during times of critical weather. During the event, hams across the country try to contact as many NWS offices as possible using their radio equipment. The contacts are received and logged at the individual NWS offices by volunteer amateur radio operators.

During the 6th annual event, three operations teams participated using individual transmitters from the NWS Melbourne, FL facility from 7 pm Friday December 3 through 7 pm Saturday December 4. The teams were comprised of ham operators from two active SKYWARN groups within East Central Florida: [Brevard County Emergency Amateur Radio Services, Inc. \(BEARS\)](#) and [Osceola County ARES/SKYWARN](#), as well as the [East Central Florida SKYWARN Group](#) (licensed NWS Melbourne meteorologists). The NWS Melbourne East Central Florida SKYWARN Group callsign **WX4MLB** was used.

Thank you to all the BEARS and Osceola County ARES/RACES members who made this our most successful and enjoyable event yet, and to those stations who participated in the SKYWARN Recognition Day event and also those who support SKYWARN operations throughout the year.

The 2004 results:

Total Contacts: 1524
States Contacted: 49
NWS Stations Contacted: 68
Countries Contacted: 57
Continents Contacted: 6
Bands: 2, 6, 10, 15, 20, 40, 80
meters
Modes: SSB, CW, APRS, PSK31

Event Participants:

Eric Smitt - K9ES	BEARS
Stephanie Phillips - K4MVO	BEARS
Dale Raulerson - KG8B	BEARS
Greg O'Neill - AA0KO	BEARS
Robert Osband - N4SCY	BEARS
Donald Hartge - AG4FC	BEARS
Richard Halquist - KG4FZO	Osceola County ARES/SKYWARN
Joe Connery - WA1ZVA	Osceola County ARES/SKYWARN
John Hayden - KG4BFJ	Osceola County ARES/SKYWARN
Steven Proctor - KG4JFK	Osceola County ARES/SKYWARN
Pete Blottman - N2RFW	NWS Melbourne SKYWARN Group
Dennis Decker - KB4TYM	NWS Melbourne SKYWARN Group
Scott Spratt - KT4PD	NWS Melbourne SKYWARN Group
Bart Hagemeyer	NWS Melbourne
Scott Kelly	NWS Melbourne

Previous Year Statistics

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL QSO's</u>	<u>NWS QSO's</u>	<u>STATES</u>	<u>DX COUNTIES</u>
1999	279	20	38	7
2000	489	38	43	12
2001	276	33	48	3
2002	388	35	44	29
2003	538	42	43	20

[SKYWARN Recognition Day Official Website](#)