

2002 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 4th annual event, an operations team participated from the NWS Melbourne, FL facility from 7 pm Friday December 6 through 7 pm Saturday December 7. The team consisted of ham operators from two active SKYWARN groups within East Central Florida; the **Brevard Emergency Amateur Radio Service (BEARS)** and the [Orange County ARES/RACES](#). In addition, **several NWS Melbourne forecasters** participated in the event this year. The NWS Melbourne East Central Florida SKYWARN Group callsign **WX4MLB** was used.

The preliminary results are shown below:

Total Contacts: 388
States Contacted: 44
NWS Stations Contacted:
35
Countries Contacted: 29
Continents Contacted: 5
Bands: 2, 10, 15, 20, 40, 80
meters
Modes: SSB

Several pictures taken during the event are shown above (forecaster Scott Spratt, KT4PD, and WCM Dennis Decker; top left, WCM Dennis Decker and forecasters Scott Spratt (KT4PD) and Pete Blottman (N2RFW); top right, forecaster Pete Blottman (N2RFW); bottom left, MIC Bart Hagemeyer and forecaster Scott Spratt; bottom right). Additional pictures will be added soon.

Thank you to all the BEARS and Orange County ARES/RACES members who made this a successful and fun event and to those stations who participated in the SKYWARN Recognition Day event and who support SKYWARN operations throughout the year.

For questions, comments, feedback, please email [Scott Spratt](#). WX4MLB QSL and certificate information.

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