

NWS Melbourne, Florida

2005 SKYWARN Recognition Day Results









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 7th annual event, four operations teams participated using individual transmitters from the NWS Melbourne, FL facility from 7 pm Friday December 2 through 7 pm Saturday December 3. The teams were comprised of ham operators from three active SKYWARN groups within East Central Florida: [Brevard County Emergency Amateur Radio Services, Inc. \(BEARS\)](#), [Osceola County ARES/SKYWARN](#), [Treasure Coast Weather Net](#), 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, Osceola County ARES/RACES, and Treasure Coast Weather Net members who made this a very successful and enjoyable event, and to those stations who participated in the SKYWARN Recognition Day event and also those who support SKYWARN operations throughout the year.

The 2005 results:

Total Contacts:	778
States Contacted:	49
NWS Stations Contacted:	71
Countries Contacted:	20

Continents Contacted: 3
Bands: 2, 6, 15, 20, 40, 80 meters
Modes: SSB, CW, FM, Echolink

Event Participants:

Eric Smitt - K9ES	BEARS
Stephanie Phillips - K4MVO	BEARS
Robert Phillips - AA4HP	BEARS
Ozzie Osband - N4SCY	BEARS
Ken Hendrickson - N8KH	BEARS
Mike Stallings - K4RVR	BEARS
Robert Anderson - K2BTW	BEARS
Don Winn - AF4Z	BEARS
Jan Heise - K4QD	BEARS
Alan Johnson - KI4GOB	BEARS
Roy Hill - W6QCM	BEARS
John Weatherley - AB4ET	BEARS
John Gerstner - KI4LRP	BEARS
Jimmy Edwards - KF4ZOL	BEARS
Cathy Johnson - KI4GMF	BEARS
Jan Ferguson - W4REN	BEARS
Donald Hartge - AG4FC	BEARS
Frank Merceret - NA4CW	NASA - KSC
Wayne Burkett - KA1VRF	Indian River/Treasure Coast SKYWARN
Don Wheeler - KI4JHV	Indian River/Treasure Coast SKYWARN
Mark Timblin - AI4HO	Indian River/Treasure Coast SKYWARN
John Hayden - KG4BFJ	Osceola County ARES/SKYWARN
Don Pape - KI4LZX	Osceola County ARES/SKYWARN
Harry Kaufman - WN7YJJ	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
Roddey Stevenson	NWS Melbourne
Arlena Moses	NWS Melbourne
Jackie Cartwright	NWS Melbourne
Bob Wimmer	NWS Melbourne
Bart Hagemeyer	NWS Melbourne

For questions, comments, feedback, please email [Scott Spratt](mailto:Scott.Spratt@wfo.com). To receive a QSL card from WX4MLB, please send an your card along with an SASE to: NWS Melbourne, 421 Croton Road, Melbourne, FL 32935. Electronic QSLs can be exchanged via <http://eqsl.cc/qslcard/>. For certificate information, [click here](#).

Previous Year Statistics from WFO Melbourne (**local records**)

YEAR	TOTAL	NWS	STATES	DX
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	<u>QSO's</u>	<u>QSO's</u>		<u>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
2004	1524	68	49	57

[SKYWARN Recognition Day Official Website](#)