

NWS Melbourne, Florida

2006 SKYWARN Recognition Day Results



BEARS1 Comms Vehicle



TCWN Comms Vehicle



TH6DXX Beam for 10-15-20m



Chris Hughes (CAP) working EchoLink



Station1 - HF



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Inside BEARS1 Comm Vehicle

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 8th annual event, operations from NWS Melbourne consisted of two High Frequency (HF) stations and multiple Very High Frequency (VHF) and digital stations. The event began at 7 pm Friday December 1 and lasted until 7 pm Saturday December 2. Amateur Radio (Ham) operators participated from three active SKYWARN groups within East Central Florida: Brevard County Emergency Amateur Radio Services, Inc. ([BEARS](#)), The Platinum Coast Amateur Radio Society ([PCARS](#)) and the Treasure Coast Weather Net ([TCWN](#)). Several licensed NWS Melbourne meteorologists ([East Central Florida SKYWARN Group](#)) also assisted during the event. The NWS Melbourne East Central Florida SKYWARN Group callsign **WX4MLB** was used.

Thank you to all the BEARS, PCARS, and TCWN members who contributed to another 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 2006 official results:

Total Contacts: 921
States Contacted: 50
NWS Stations Contacted: 70
Countries Contacted: 24
Continents Contacted: 6
Bands: 2, 15, 20, 40, 80 meters
Modes: SSB, CW, Packet, Echolink

Radio Operators & Assistance Provided by:

Jan Heise - K4QD	PCARS
Eric (and Sylvia) Smitt - K9ES	PCARS
Stephanie Phillips - K4MVO	BEARS
Hank Phillips - AA4HP	BEARS
Ozzie Osband - N4SCY	BEARS
Ken Hinkle - K8KH	PCARS
Mike Stallings - K4RVR	BEARS
George Fundis - K4PX	PCARS
Don Winn - AF4Z	PCARS
Dan Fisher - AI4GK	PCARS
Alex Fisher - KG4WMM	PCARS
Jim Armstrong - KI4RBY	PCARS
Joe Mitchell - K4AW	PCARS
Curt Lochman - W4LVA	PCARS

Dave Hoilman - KI4OAZ	PCARS
Ed Messer - KI4NNA	PCARS
Dick Jump - KA4HYY	PCARS
Gary Stutts - WB4SRR	PCARS
Chuck Green - AD4ES	PCARS
Greg (and Carol) O'Neill - AA4KO	IRARC
Keith Boyer - N4TRN	Orange County SKYWARN
Wayne Burkett - KA1VRF	TCWN
Eric Larabell - KF4UJO	TCWN
Brian Cook - KI4HLW	TCWN
Duane Duncan - WB8VGS	TCWN
Bud Holman - WA4AJS	TCWN
Mark Timblin - AI4HO	TCWN
Vince Weal - K4JC	TCWN
Ernie Marquez - KF4IHX	TCWN
Joe Lenartiene - KD4BTD	TCWN
Cheryl Lenartiene - N4SRO	TCWN
Julie White	TCWN
Capt. Chris Myers - KF4DQY	Civil Air Patrol
Justin Frederick - C/CA1C	Civil Air Patrol
Chris Hughes - C/CA1C	Civil Air Patrol
John Pendergrast - KC5SVA	NWS Melbourne SKYWARN Group
Scott Spratt - KT4PD	NWS Melbourne SKYWARN Group
Bart Hagemeyer	NWS Melbourne
Jackie Cartwright	NWS Melbourne
Scott Kelly	NWS Melbourne
Dennis Decker	NWS Melbourne
Roddey Stevenson	NWS Melbourne
Don Burkhardt	NWS Melbourne
Bill Bennett	NWS Melbourne
Dave Jacobs	NWS Melbourne
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For questions, comments, feedback, please email [Scott Spratt](mailto:Scott.Spratt@w4mlb.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](#).

Annual Statistics from WFO Melbourne (**local records**)

<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
2004	1524	68	49	57
2005	778	71	49	20
2006	921	70	50	24

[SKYWARN Recognition Day Official Website](#)