

# 2003 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 5th annual event, three operations teams participated using individual transmitters from the NWS Melbourne, FL facility from 7 pm Friday December 5 through 7 pm Saturday December 6. The teams were comprised of ham operators from two active SKYWARN groups within East Central Florida: [Osceola County ARES/SKYWARN](#) and the [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 Osceola County ARES/RACES and Treasure Coast Weather Network members who made this a 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 preliminary results:

<b>Total Contacts:</b>	<b>539</b>
<b>States Contacted:</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>NWS Stations Contacted:</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Countries Contacted:</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Continents Contacted:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Bands:</b>	<b>2, 6, 10, 15, 20, 40, 80 meters</b>
<b>Modes:</b>	<b>SSB, CW, APRS, PSK31</b>

### Event Participants:

Bill Bailey - KG4NZR	Osceola County ARES/SKYWARN
Michael Burke - N4HHA	Osceola County ARES/SKYWARN
Joe Connery - WA1ZVA	Osceola County ARES/SKYWARN
Chris Hammock - KE4DUJ	Osceola County ARES/SKYWARN
Richard Halquist - KG4FZO	Osceola County ARES/SKYWARN
John Hayden - KG4BFJ	Osceola County ARES/SKYWARN
Harry Kaufman - WN7YJJ	Osceola County ARES/SKYWARN
Melvin Liwag - KF4PN	Osceola County ARES/SKYWARN
Steven Proctor -	Osceola County

KG4JFK	ARES/SKYWARN
Joe Reilly - N4ZIQ	Osceola County ARES/SKYWARN
Leo Reilly	Osceola County ARES/SKYWARN
Ronald Ruebush - KE4WBI	Osceola County ARES/SKYWARN
Rod Sherman - KB9ECA	Osceola County ARES/SKYWARN
Jim Stout - AA9LW	Osceola County ARES/SKYWARN
Scott Clark - KG4URK	Osceola County ARES/SKYWARN
Peter Amar - KD4SPW	Treasure Coast Weather Net
Bob Barry - KG4ZYP	Treasure Coast Weather Net
Sherri Brower - W4STB	Treasure Coast Weather Net
Wayne Burkett - KA1VRF	Treasure Coast Weather Net
Frank Caimi - WB3JCC	Treasure Coast Weather Net
Amanda Elliot	Treasure Coast Weather Net
Dana Elliott - AF4CN	Treasure Coast Weather Net
Ralph Francavilta - N2BMN	Treasure Coast Weather Net
Erin Simmons - KG4YQK	Treasure Coast Weather Net
Pete Blottman - N2RFW	NWS Melbourne SKYWARN Group
Bart Hagemeyer	NWS Melbourne SKYWARN Group
Scott Spratt - KT4PD	NWS Melbourne SKYWARN Group

For questions, comments, feedback, please email [Scott Spratt](mailto:Scott.Spratt@nws-melbourne.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](#).

### Year by Year Statistics

YEAR	TOTAL QSO's	NWS QSO's	STATES	DX COUNTIES
1999	279	20	38	7

2000	489	38	43	12
2001	276	33	<b>48</b>	3
2002	388	35	44	<b>29</b>
2003	<b>538</b>	<b>42</b>	43	20

[SKYWARN Recognition Day Official Website](#)

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