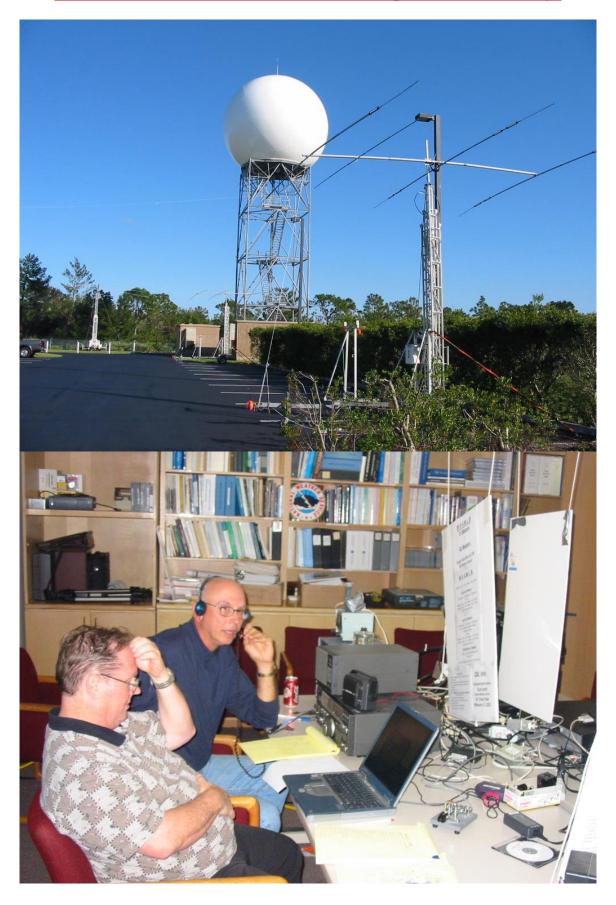
2004 SKYWARN Recognition Day







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

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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** Osceola County Richard Halquist - KG4FZO ARES/SKYWARN Osceola County Joe Connery - WA1ZVA ARES/SKYWARN Osceola County John Hayden - KG4BFJ ARES/SKYWARN Osceola County Steven Proctor - KG4JFK ARES/SKYWARN **NWS Melbourne SKYWARN** Pete Blottman - N2RFW Group **NWS Melbourne SKYWARN** Dennis Decker - KB4TYM Group **NWS Melbourne SKYWARN** Scott Spratt - KT4PD Group **Bart Hagemeyer NWS Melbourne** Scott Kelly **NWS Melbourne**

Previous 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	<mark>48</mark>	3
2002	388	35	44	29
2003	538	<mark>42</mark>	43	20

SKYWARN Recognition Day Official Website