



Installing and Using the Winlink Observation Strip for Skywarn Reporting

Ver 1.1

The preferred method for getting consistent formatted data to the National Weather Service in Gray, ME, is to use the Observation Strip form within Winlink whenever possible.

Installation:

To install the custom form in Winlink go to:

<https://ne-interop-emcomm.org/documents.html>

Download the current Response Creator ZIP file.

Version 1.6 Request for Information Strip Reader and Response Creator

- February 22 released version [Response Creator v1.6](#)

Once downloaded please install the three files into:

C:\RMS-Express\Global Folders\Templates

 N1K WG profile.txt	8/23/2026 15:45
 Response_Creator.html	8/16/2026 17:15
 Response_Creator.txt	8/16/2026 17:15

Once the above steps are completed, open Winlink.

Create a new message:

Click on **Select Template** and then select the **Response_Creator.txt** within the Global Templates folder.

A Request for Information form will open in your browser.

The first time you use this form take the Edit Profile action. The entries saved in your profile will auto populate fields within the custom form each time you open one. After saving your profile, check the Auto Fill box. These steps only need to be taken once.

Request for Ir

Import Profile
Edit Profile
Export Profile

☒ Auto-fill

Profile Example

Edit the profile values below. These are used to auto-fill answer fields when parsing strips.

Profile Field	Value
CALL SIGN	N1KWG
SPOTTER ID	R0276
SOURCE	Trained Spotter
LOCATION	Harvard Ave, Auburn
STATE & CWA	NH GYX
CITY	Auburn
COUNTY	Rockingham
STATE	NH
LATITUDE	43.033
LONGITUDE	-071.390872
MGRS	
GRID	FN43ha
REPORTING OBSERVER EMAIL	geds42@aol.com
REPORTING OBSERVER PHONE NUMBER	
COUNTRY	USA

Please note: For **Location**, please enter Street and City.

Now to open the actual Observation Strip. Click on **Insert a Standard Information Strip**.

A list of available strips will pop up. Click on the **GYX CAR SKWARN** link in the right column.

Select a new RI Strip from the list. This will replace the current Request text.

GYX CAR SKYWARN	GYX CAR SKYWARN / DATE (MM-DD-YYYY) / TIME (HHMMML) / CALL SIGN / SPOTTER ID (or NA) / SOURCE / ... //
LOCALWX	LOCALWX / CALL SIGN / SKYWARN ID (leave blank if not applicable) / CITY / STATE / MGRS / ... //
SITREP	SITREP / DATE TIME (DDHHMMZ MON YYYY) / CALL SIGN / RI ID (X) / CITY (X) / COUNTY (X) / ... //
HURRICANE REPORT	HURRICANE REPORT / DATE-TIME (UTC Zulu format) / REPORT STATUS (First Report, Update Report, Final Report) / (
WXOBS	WXOBS / CALL SIGN / SKYWARN ID (or NA) / CITY / STATE (AA) / MGRS (N) / ... //

Now take the **Parse Strip** action.

Parse Strip Display/Refresh RI Table

The entry form will now appear.

Strip Question	Answer
Strip Name	GYX CAR SKYWARN
DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)	09-27-2026
TIME (HHMMML)	1933L
CALL SIGN	N1KWG
SPOTTER ID (or NA)	R0276
SOURCE	Trained Spotter ▼
LOCATION (Road, Town; MGRS or USNG optional)	Harvard Ave, Auburn
STATE & CWA (e.g. NH GYX, ME CAR, MA OA)	NH GYX
CURRENT WEATHER (Relevant info such as Temp, Barometer, Cloud Cover or Type. Be brief.)	
SNOW, SLEET (inches or NA; if storm total add ST e.g. 2.6 or 3.5ST)	
ICE ACCRETION (inches or NA)	
RAINFALL (inches or NA, if storm total add ST e.g. 2.6 or 3.5ST)	
HAIL SIZE (Inches or NA)	
WIND DIRECTION & SPEED (AAA MPH - if applicable add the gust value e.g. NNE 7 21G)	
STORM DAMAGE (Wind, flooding, ice jams, other details)	
MODE	Personal Observation ▼
NET (Name of radio net or other e.g. email, Slack)	NA

Enter the required information within each field. For those fields which are not applicable, enter NA. **Do not use the “/” character in any of the fields.**

Strip Question	Answer
Strip Name	GYX CAR SKYWARN
DATE (MM-DD-YYYY)	09-27-2026
TIME (HHMMML)	1918L
CALL SIGN	N1KWG
SPOTTER ID (or NA)	R0276
SOURCE	Trained Spotter ▼
LOCATION (Road, Town; MGRS or USNG optional)	Harvard Ave, Auburn
STATE & CWA (e.g. NH GYX, ME CAR, MA OA)	NH GYX
CURRENT WEATHER (Relevant info such as Temp, Barometer, Cloud Cover or Type. Be brief.)	light rain, 56.1F, 29.933 in Hg and rising
SNOW, SLEET (inches or NA; if storm total add ST e.g. 2.6 or 3.5ST)	NA
ICE ACCRETION (inches or NA)	NA
RAINFALL (inches or NA, if storm total add ST e.g. 2.6 or 3.5ST)	0.34 inches
HAIL SIZE (Inches or NA)	NA
WIND DIRECTION & SPEED (AAA MPH - if applicable add the gust value e.g. NNE 7 21G)	ENE @ 3.0 MPH
STORM DAMAGE (Wind, flooding, ice jams, other details)	None
MODE	Personal Observation ▼
NET (Name of radio net or other e.g. email, Slack)	NA

Now take the **Create Response Strip** and the strip data will be displayed.

Create Response Strip

GYX CAR SKYWARN/09-27-2026/1918L/N1KWG/R0276/Trained Spotter/Harvard Ave, Auburn/NH GYX/light rain, 56.1F, 29.933 in Hg and rising/NA/NA/0.34 inches/NA/ENE @ 3.0 MPH/N

Now take the **Copy Strip to Clipboard** action or manually copy the strip data.

Copy Strip to Clipboard

Next navigate back the Enter New Message window in Winlink and paste in the strip data.

Address your email to skywarn@wx1gyx.net. It is helpful to create an entry in your Winlink address book for this address, so you don't need to remember the address each time.

Subject should be **GYX Strip**.

Enter a new message

Post to Outbox Select Template Check-In ICS-213 Attachments Spell Check Save in Drafts Close

From: N1KWG Send as: Winlink Message ☐ Request message receipt Set Defaults

To: skywarn@wx1gyx.net;

Cc:

Subject: GYX Strip

Attach:

GYX CAR SKYWARN/09-27-2026/1918L/N1KWG/RO276/Trained Spotter/Harvard Ave, Auburn/NH GYX/light rain, 56.1F, 29.933 in Hg and rising/NA/NA/0.34 inches/NA/ENE @ 3.0 MPH/None/Personal Observation/NA/

Post your email to the outbox and send it via RF or Telnet.

The above may seem complicated, but after installing the form and setting up your profile the process will become very easy.