

## MRSP TEAM INACTIVE UNTIL LATE FALL



*Snow covered Trails on Mt. Wachusett*

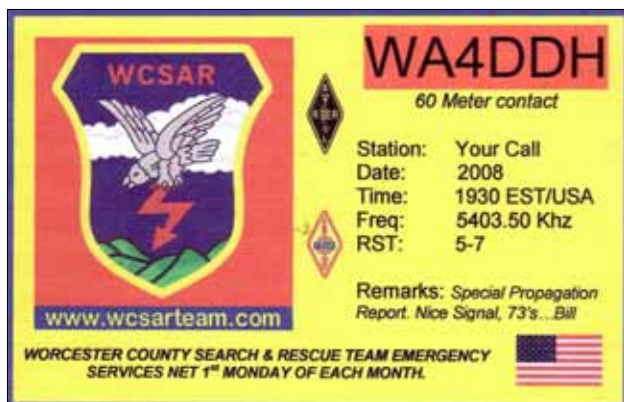
The MRSP Team headed up by Chris Maider is now inactive for the summer season and will startup again in the late fall. Our MRSP weather update on our Web Site Main Page has been discontinued until our MRSP Patrols start again in Dec.

## ELT REMOTE RECEIVER SITE:

There were several 'hits' over the past few months for ELT's or EPIRB's that our remote receiver up on Mt. Wachusett picked up, but our DF Team did not respond to any local area signals heard. Some weak signals were heard, but out of our immediate area for activation. Note: Due to the obvious advantages of 406MHz beacons and the significant disadvantages to the older 121.5MHz beacons, the International Cospos-Sarsat Program have made a decision to phase-out 121.5MHz Satellite alerting on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. At that time, WCSART may also shutdown its remote receiver. This decision will be made next year at to the continuing monitor of 121.5Mhz up on Mt. Wachusett.

## COMMUNICATIONS TEAM ACTIVE:

Our Communications has been active over the past few months. More activity of members getting on SKYPE and eQSO PMR 446 Build for VOiP Communications. We purchased new Motorola FRS & MURS Radios. Our HF Net on 60 Meters has been active. Besides the scheduled Net on the first Mondays of each month, I have been calling CQ on 5403.50Khz during certain times of the day with good results. This band is active (but not crowded) and the propagation is extremely good both local and DX (distant). Also, our Communications Team has designed a Special Propagation QSL Card to send to those that have checked in on our Net. Last month we had our 100<sup>th</sup> check-in station since the Net has started. Official Net is the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month 2330UTC. Visit our Communications Page on our Web Site for further information about our Nets and Communications Programs.



*Sample QSL Card sent to Amateur Radio Operators that check into our Monthly Scheduled Net on 60 Meters. Net Control is WA4DDH, Grid FN42.*

## NEW REVISION FOR LAKE MAPS



This past May 2008 we updated our Maps of Lake Quinsigamond. Added some new data to each style Map (A&B). New Map Revision is now Rev05-2008 when ordering. Go to our Web Site if you would like to order a new updated Map at:

[ [http://www.wcsarteam.com/MAP\\_LQ](http://www.wcsarteam.com/MAP_LQ) ]

All proceeds help support our WRSP Program

## USCG AUXILIARY- US POWER SQUADRON



### **The Boating Safety Classes for the Spring Session**

Have been completed by both the USCG Auxiliary and US Power Squadron in the Worcester County area. For those that want to take a Boating Safety Course, you can go to the American Boating Course Web site, then contact the Education Officer at either the USCG Aux or US Power Squadron to take the final exam. For more info visit:

[ <http://www.americasboatingcourse.com> ]

The USPS, Worcester County Sail & Power Squadron will start up their Boating Courses in the fall of this year. Visit their Web Site at:

[ <http://www.usps.org/localusps/worcester> ]

## SAFE BOATING WEEK CAMPAIGN



*Glen working table*



*Joe and Bill booth setup*



*Booth setup at Ramp*

Week of 17 May 2008 started National Safe Boating week and Memorial Day weekend WCSART set up a booth at the Corazzini Ramp in Shrewsbury, MA to promote Boating Safety and to give out information about Lake Quinsigamond, Rules and Regulations as well as pass out booklets on Massachusetts Boating Laws and our WRSP Patrol information Business Card to alert Boaters of our Water Rescue Service. We also handed out information about the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and Worcester County Sail & Power Squadron as to what they do for the boating public here in Worcester County. Our Booth was setup for two days, Sunday and Monday (Memorial Day) and it was a great success. After the two-day setup, all our Flyers and booklets were handed out and we met allot of great boaters using Lake Quinsigamond.

## WATER RESCUE SAFETY PATROLS HAVE NOW STARTED ON LAKE QUINSIGAMOND

Vessel Patrol Cell number

**508-424-7676**

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