



Vermilion County  
Amateur Radio  
Association

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### QSL FROM THE NORTH POLE

T'was the night before Christmas and snug is his shack,  
With QRM heavy to Siam and back,  
With ice on the skywires, Oh how they glisten,  
Good Ham St. Nicholas decided to listen.

He covered the bands from 160 to 2,  
Copied some code and side band too,  
Those who weren't yaking were chirping and testing,  
The night before Christmas was a good time for resting.

He leaned back in his chair and lit up his pipe,  
And mused to himself, "The time's about ripe,  
To check off my list for the trip that's ahead,  
To see what's for Bobby, and Sally, and Fred."

Christmas is mostly for youngsters, it seems,  
But Hams, like youngsters, like to dream big dreams,  
Of receivers and beams and kilowatt rigs,  
Or maybe a pair of the thing-a-ma-jigs.

So Santa first finished up the kid's list,  
And he read it back so none was missed,  
Last here was for Tommy, a hammer and anvil,  
Now to check off my Ham friends down in Danville.

He pick up the roster put out by the club,  
And said to himself, "I hope I don't flub,  
But this list is a old as the ice cycles here,  
If I miss someone I'll get them next year".

NU9R, Tom, in his frock  
Missed the net, to tend to his flock.

KI4TQQ, Sandy, does not have to guess,  
She can find Tom with the APRS.

KB9ZMF, Dave, with his heart so big,  
He would really be lost with out his mobile rig.

W9JUG, Jim, the instructor supreme,  
He will teach you how to make a super beam.

K9JLC, Bob, gets on 2 AM at night,  
Don't bet he will be there, but he might.

WA9EIC, Don, more than once has been "fried",  
But there is nothing he hasn't tried.

N9WEW, Josh, is on the bands, high and low,  
If there's a hamfest chances are he will go.

KD5GPR, Kathy, lives in the middle of nowhere,  
If the Red Cross calls, she will be there.

KM5UE, Bob, lives out in the sticks,  
In the evening he requires a music "fix".

KC9NWX, Sven, the welder can lay a good bead,  
And always helps out when the club has a need.

N9RIV, Duane, always monitoring station,  
Repeaters, police, and United Nations.

N9RIV, Bill, is in charge of the club til,  
He makes sure we are never late paying a bill.

KC9JAK, John, plants things in a row,  
He is planting antennas to see if they grow.

KB9LLH, Jim, is one of the few,  
When there is a problem he knows what to do.

K9KUZ, Jim, studied hard in class,  
Took the Extra and did, of course, pass.

KC9PDX, Kevin, makes antennas that work fine,  
Now his truck resembles a porcupine.

KA9LNJ, Quinten, has so many rigs in his truck,  
When he tries to out he sometimes gets stuck.

KC9BZH, Doyle, you'll hear him on eight two,  
You will always see him when there is work to do.

NF9T, Tuck, many times our guest,  
Has moved to Danville from way out west.

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K9ANE, Randy, has several interests, want to see,  
Tune in on Saturday on SSTV.

N9OQW, DAVE, works late, I guess,  
He has a repeater on APRS.

KC9KZB, Francis, always running here and there,  
But thanks to his mobile, he is still on the air.

WA9WJG, John, I included several, I know there are more,  
But right now I am starting to snore.

*Article submitted by John WA9WJG.*



### ARRL Continuing Education Online Course Registration

Registration remains open through **Sunday, January 24, 2010**, for these [online course sessions](#) beginning on **Friday, February 5, 2010**: Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Level 1; Antenna Modeling; Radio Frequency Interference; Antenna Design and Construction; Ham Radio (Technician) License Course; Propagation; Analog Electronics, and Digital Electronics.

Each online course has been developed in segments -- learning units with objectives, informative text, student activities and quizzes. Courses are interactive, and some include direct communications with a Mentor/Instructor. Students register for a particular session that may be 8, 12 or 16 weeks (depending on the course) and they may access the course at any time of day during the course period, completing lessons and activities at times convenient for their personal schedule. Mentors assist students by answering questions, reviewing assignments and activities, as well as providing helpful feedback. Interaction with mentors is conducted through e-mail; there is no appointed time the student must be present -- allowing complete flexibility for the student to work when and where it is convenient.

For more information or to register for any of these courses, visit the Continuing Education Program [page](#) or [contact](#) the Continuing Education Program Coordinator.

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## Hams Of the Year 2009



**Congrats!!!**

**John and Carlene!!**

### **Radioactive!! Nets to you.....**

Monday ICARC 8:00 147.030 dup+ pl tone 103.5  
Wed. Night Net 7:30 146.820 pl 88.  
Fridays: 73's Late Night Net 9:00 pm 146.820 pl 88.

**VCARA QSO Party**  
Every Saturday Morning!!  
9:00 am - 11:00 am

**VCARA Club House - Woodbury Hill**

A weekly get together for fellowship and to work on various club projects. Continued planning for upgrades to the club house facility. All are welcome, your help is appreciated.