

# ROADs REPORT©

Newsletter of ROADs  
( Radio Operators Association of Dallas)

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## PRESIDENT'S SCREED...

It's that time again...Of course I am a bit late again.

Remember, our next meeting is this Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> at Abby's Pizza in Dallas. 1830 hours. Abby's is located in the Safeway Block on Ellendale.

The General license class last weekend had 12 people in it...one of our larger classes. I will admit that the number surprised me I thought maybe five or six. Several them appeared to be ahead of the curve and had read the manual before they came to class.

A big thank you to the organizers and instructors: Irene K7IJK, Bob W7LOU, Nate W7NAT, Kelly KG7G, Abe K7ABE and in an interesting note: Russell KE7QXR who now holds an Extra license is an alumnus of a previous class and he taught two segments of this class.

The students have to pass the next hurdle: the VE testing that will take place on Saturday March 14...0900 at the Courthouse. Be sure and pass the word to anyone else you know who is thinking of taking the test.

We have a member that could use some help. Earl KA7FJF, who lives near Independence, needs a bit of help getting a long wire up so he can get back on the air. Any volunteers?

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## **ROADs CALENDAR**

MAR 12	Dinner Meeting—Abby’s Pizza Field Day Committee selection
MAR 14	VE Test Session
APR 9	Meeting--Field Day Committee Report Appoint Nomination Committee (Don Bowers)
MAY 14	Meeting--Field Day Committee Report, Nomination Committee Report
JUN 11	Meeting--Field Day Final Plans, Elections
JUL 9	Meeting--Dinner Meeting – Murphy’s Grill

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## **DX COMMENTARY by Doc KX5W**

I got my 5 call back in tornado alley when living in Oklahoma City. A well known DXer, Tim Duffy, K3LR, of Edmond, OK, a suburb just to the north of OKC, reported he lost 40% of his home to a tornado a month ago. They lost their doors, windows, power, antennas, with a wind force of 150 mph, when it came through. The cat is missing, the dog is ok and they are staying in a hotel. I don't miss that place at all!

Here we go again--postal rates are going up from 42 to 44 cents on May 11. Post cards go to 28 cents and other rates to Mexico and Canada go up too. Remember you can keep using the Forever stamps with the liberty bell on them; might be a good idea to get some more before the 2 cent increase.

Also remember to increase your postage to those self addressed stamped envelopes to QSL managers and also the BURO. They won't send you your cards with 42 cents on them after May 11 so sending to the BURO now is a good idea to avoid further delays.

Upcoming DXpeditions during March and early April include:  
S2 Bangladesh: 6 Korean ops will be active March 7 - 12 with 3  
amps, verticals and beams.

PS0F Fernando de Noronha: 2 American ops will be active for the  
ARRL DX Phone contest and from March 3 --19.

VK9GMW Mellish Reef: March 22 --April 6.

S79JF Seychelles

7Q7AH Malawi

ZL7T Chatham Island: Mar 6 - 11

4K0CW Azerbaijan: March 19 --25

H40 Temotu: March 2--April 9

### **Some Recently worked DX:**

S52QM Slovenia

K5D Desecheo Island

EF8M Spain

CW5W Portugal

OA4WW Peru

ET3AA Ethiopia

YW0A Aves Island-- may have been a pirate--worked on 2/28/09.

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**This month the HOW-WHY-WHERE-WHEN feature will  
focus on Earl KA7FJF**

### **HOW-WHY-WHERE-WHEN did you get involved in Ham Radio?**

Independence, 40 years ago, another teacher was teaching novice  
code I had thought of it since I was 9 years old

### **Did you have an Elmer to get you started? Or were you a lone wolf?**

Not really, just the impetus but I studied on my own.

**What is your current license?**

General

**Did you, or do you, use radio(s), in some form or another in your work life?**

No

**Are you active in Ham Radio now? What and how?**

Not really, kind of a wannabe

**What does your shack look like? Is it in your garage, the back bedroom or maybe the cab of your pickup?**

Part of my shop

**What kind of equipment and antennas...etc?**

FT 101 E, a Heathkit 7 and a HT that is not working. Antenna is on the ground.

**Any major awards, achievements, coups or contacts that you want to brag about in order to make others feel insignificant?**

I was excited to receive a QSL from Japan after contacting with the Heathkit 7

**Other hobbies or past-times?**

Scrollsawing

**Unless your family has lived in Polk County since 1846, how did you end up here in, or around, Polk County?**

Got a teaching post in Independence Junior High which was then at Henry Hill Elementary before they built Talmadge. I think that we moved here in 1965. 44 years sounds about right. Living all the time in the same house that was built about 1905.