



# Meet One of Our LTAP Instructors Dale Dorsch

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**Dale Dorsch teaches the Kansas LTAP Gravel Roads Maintenance class.**

*We asked Dale to tell us a little about himself and what is involved in his work as a Kansas LTAP Instructor. Here is what he had to say.*

**Tell us a little about your background.**

My wife, Joyce, and I live on a little farm just a little north of Bern in Nemaha County, but grew up across the state line in Pawnee County, Pawnee City, NE.

**What are your hobbies?**

I consider my hobbies today as following grandchildren (30) and great grands (11) in their various activities; Joyce and I traveling a little; and those mixed together with a sprinkling of tinkering, fishing and hunting.

**How long have you worked for Kansas LTAP?**

In 2009 I apprenticed with John Dahl. In 2010 he retired and I started teaching the Gravel Road Maintenance course for KS LTAP while still employed full time at Nemaha County Road and Bridge. I retired from there in 2012.

**What is your favorite part of teaching LTAP classes?**

What I enjoy the most about being an LTAP Instructor is traveling, seeing different places and faces, sharing the different things that I learned, along with delivering some of the most widely used techniques that are more productive, time saving, and, hopefully, cost effective.

**What would you tell people they can learn from taking LTAP classes?**

I think that any time you have the opportunity to learn more about a new or different job (or problems with an old one) that you are confronted with in the transportation field, LTAP is there to help and guide you with experienced and qualified personnel.

**Have people in your classes ever told you something they learned and had not expected to or were surprised to find out?**

Probably the thing that I have gotten more comments on is the condition of the cutting bits and keeping them as straight as possible for maintaining the crown and overall profile of a gravel road surface.

**What else would you like to add about LTAP, the classes, or the people you teach?**

Until we all travel around on drones or similar devices, the transportation industry is a much needed service. Along with all the other LTAP employees, I will try to make the job a more pleasant and enjoyable one, maybe even fun!

I tell them, "People, take pride in your work; it is a very important occupation; the country is very dependent on its infrastructure; and we are here to help. REALLY!"

I tell the people in my classes that I have this information and experience, and of my five daughters, not one of them ever wants to get in a motor grader, so I will pass it on to my students!

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