



International 4-Wheel Drive Trainers Association

TFC & Q4 2021 Newsletter

Organization News

First of all, we hope you all had a wonderful and peaceful holiday season and that the new year will find you and yours well. As our association looks forward to 2022, we see both opportunities and challenges, and with your help and support will continue to drive to excel in 4WD education and training. Read on and stay connected with other communications so you can continue to be part of some of the special teams and events coming up.

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2021 Testing for Certification

The November event was one of the most attended events in our history, with close to 30 members attending and participating in various ways. It was also the second event where we used the TFC Handbook, which was updated from the 2020 TFC and will continue to be updated for future improvements.

Congratulations to **John Bradshaw** and **Alex Fuller**, who completed their probation period and became certified members. In addition, we welcome **Kevin Burden**, who passed his certification during the TFC, and **Ben Maher** and **Mike Brent**, who passed on probation and will be working with certified members to continue their journey.

Candidate Introductions

During the TFC, we incorporated new ideas to improve our scoring, such as having the candidates wear numbered vests and having the daily scorecards pre-filled with their names and numbers. In addition, cross-training of selected or self-selected members to fill specific positions helped stretch our cadre's abilities and create a learning environment for all. The nightly huddles then became very pointed and effective, with any schedule corrections and candidate issues easier to address (allowing for more fireside time!). After the TFC, our attending members provided valuable feedback (over 50 unique points!). We will be evaluating with the TFC Team for actions to take or countermeasures to enable or test. Making the TFC so successful is entirely due to our member's sacrifice and dedication to the association and their peers. Thank you again for all the support.

Chuck Davis' Photo Gallery
Password: TFC2021



**Dave Bennett's American
Adventurist Article**



Master Trainer Certification

The certification criteria for Master Trainer are now available for all to download from the [I4WDTA website](#) (login required). This is the same criteria we have been using since the organization's inception and is now codified with measures and scores. In essence, there are 25 unique qualifiers for which Master Trainers must achieve 90%, or 22. The board of directors recommends our Master Trainers, then assessed against the criteria. In addition to the technical, organizational, and professional standards, Master Trainers must embody the Code of Conduct.

Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct was collated and introduced a year ago for all to agree with and will always be available to download from the website. Last Spring, we also announced the position of Ombudsman to help you have a fellow member who will take action on any issues with the Code. That process is also available on the website for anyone to use. Now moving into 2022, we will ask all members to sign a copy of the Code of Conduct as a form of affirmation and recognition. We will send you follow-up emails reminding everyone about this positive action.

TFC Presentation Update Team

As you all know and experience, the TFC does have a series of classroom slide presentations characterizing many topics in 4WD education and instruction.

Overall, TFC is in a continuous improvement mode, so is the material presented. A small team will be assembled, led by Chris Nelson (thank you, Chris!), to systematically review the current modules and slides and submit updates or recommendations to improve and modernize the material. Our goal is to ensure the material we present remains current and is formatted in the best way possible to communicate and educate. There will be a governance process in which changes or suggestions will be assessed, approved, and the written exam is updated as necessary to reflect any new material. Please let Izzy Sanchez know anyone interested in participating in this team via email. We will send a reminder later this month to reinforce this vital team.

The B&C Corner

Words from Chris Cole



Words from Bill Burke



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