



International 4-Wheel Drive Trainers Association

Q3 2021 Newsletter

Organization News

We are looking at the final stretch of preparations for the 2021 TFC at Tularosa, NM. This TFC may be one of the largest with instructors attending at close to 28, so we expect a great gathering of the best minds in the business! In addition, this will be the second time we will use the TFC Guidebook including our updated candidate evaluation form. Thanks to all the members who have continued to provide feedback to improve our overall processes and help make our professional organization stronger. For anyone who wants to review the TFC Guidebook, remember it is ready for you to download anytime on our website under the

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I4WDTA TFC

November 8-12, 2021
Tularosa, NM

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Coming over the next few days, also in the private members-only area, you will be able to find all the modules we cover during the TFC. This electronic version of the modules will always be the most recent, updated version as we will continue to improve our foundations and continue to add new information to keep up with new technologies in our field.

Also in the near future, we will be launching the Continuous Education project team, led by Tejas Kothari. This small group will work on developing options for continuous education offered to our members, and driven by our members. If you are interested in helping participate on this project team, please let Izzy Sanchez know via email.

Words of wisdom! [Read more...](#)

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2021 branded I4WDTA swag. [Read more...](#)

Member Happenings

Colorado 4x4 Rescue recognition for Matt Balazs, by Michael Block

For you folks that may have missed this on social media our very own Matt Balazs was recognized for his work with Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery. We wanted to add this to the newsletter so that he receives well-deserved recognition for the hard work that went into this.

More about Colorado 4x4 rescue here. <https://www.co4x4rnr.org/about/>

Colorado 4x4 Rescue and Recovery would like to take a moment to recognize and thank our awesome recovery skills trainer Matt Balazs, founder of [On Trail Training](#), for his dedication and commitment to our organization and members. Without his dedication, our team members would not have the offroad recovery skillset that we do to safely, and effectively, recover vehicles from the sticky situations they often get into in the high country of Colorado.

If you've ever wanted to take an offroad driving skills or recovery skills class, make sure to check out On Trail Training for the public classes that are offered!

Thank you for being an awesome trainer, Matt!



The B&C Corner

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Over a decade ago we had perhaps 20 members and we were viewed more as a bunch of nepotistic arrogant buddies. The problem was the organization's focus was "inward" in other words, on itself. Then we grew with a purpose of Excellence in 4WD Education with a goal to leave the world a bit better and a bit smarter and tried to project an "outward" focus - viz. how can we help others in the industry and set the highest possible educational standards. As time went by we had members in the eastern US and the western US. There were "differences" between the eastern folk and the western folk and overtime as the eastern folk met the western folk at TFC's and got to know each other, our collective skills and knowledge expanded. As you guys know the terrain in the eastern US is very different from the western US so sharing knowledge is how we all improved. The I4WDTA also had military and government members that operated in completely different environments (terrain and threat and vehicles) and so their requirements were very different. We are now at a point where the eastern folk get on with the

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Hello out there! Dang, where did the time fly? The hot summer days and nights just jumped to the fall monsoons and cooler temps. Hopefully, the economy jump has helped with business and all the emergent events like the Bronco Rodeo, the Rover Trophy and all the club events regionally have been keeping you busy. The car campers are certainly out there driving around, I can tell you.

I'm looking forward to catching up with lots of you at the TFC. I like the getting together part for us to share what we have learned over the past year. Important for us so we stay on top of the latest technology and tricks n tips!

I hope our members and families caught in the storms, crazy weather and dangerous wildfires stay healthy and strong. My thoughts and positive energy go out.

Take care friends, be safe, and hope to see you around.

-Bill Burke

western folk and now know a bunch of the military folk and the government folk too. All this happens around the campfire at TFC's. Again, the sharing of this information from these different groups has helped us all continue to grow as instructors/educators. This collaboration among our members also formed the basis of our TFC's as through a peer evaluation we determine skill and character requirements across a broad range of conditions and environments resulting in (hopefully) a very well-rounded member.

Thank you to all those that contribute. You have made the organization what it is today and determine where it will go in the future. I revel in the work done by you to grow and improve our association beyond what I could have ever imagined. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming TFC.

-Chris Cole

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