



Thank you for signing up to receive my newsletters. I hope you've found the previous editions informative and helpful for your vehicle-supported adventures. I trust you will enjoy this month's newsletter. If you have comments, please email me:

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Invited Guest Appearance at Agile Offroad (Near San Diego)



My friend John Brindle, owner, and master mechanic at Agile Offroad (www.agileoffroad.com) has invited me for an evening "meet & greet" at his shop on May 9, 2023, at 6:30 pm. I'll be sharing some valuable information, taking 4WD and remote backcountry questions, and talking about the upcoming launch of the new Off-Road Trainers Association (ORTA). Agile Offroad is at 10928 Wheatlands Avenue, Suite B, Santee, CA. Their shop phone number is 619.328.1297. Besides his customers, I look forward to seeing any of my newsletter subscribers for an evening of fun and valuable interaction.

Spring Baja Adventure Tour



I still have one spot available on my upcoming Camp on Baja Beaches Adventure Tour – May 11-18, 2023. Better grab this spot because my Fall Baja tour is full and has a waitlist. Cost for the tour is \$1400 per vehicle. For tour details, either click [HERE](#) or call Bob at 909.844.2583.

This is a great time of year to explore this fascinating part of the world. With all the recent rains in the southwest deserts, we will experience the wonder of healthy desert blooms and warm Sea of Cortez water temperatures. As usual, I will be bringing kayaks along for folks to use during the trip. The best way to explore Baja is with a group of like-minded explorers, being led by someone that's been coming to Baja since 1969. I look forward to having you along on this trip.

Off-Road Trainers Association News

Well, I did it. I caused quite the stir in the off-road industry and training sphere with Newsletter #40, announcing to you my newsletter subscribers the launch of ORTA. Through repetitive and social media sharing of this newsletter issue by others, I think it digitally circled the globe. My announcement sure made the media rounds.

The “stir” my newsletter caused was both positively acknowledged and controversial. In reality, my newsletter was only controversial to a few members of what may be thought of as a competing off-road trainer group. Personally, I don't see us competing. At this moment in time, that organization is as different from what ORTA will be as the East is from the West. ORTA will welcome the

trainers from this group. These seasoned trainers can only make ORTA better. ORTA will be inclusive, welcoming all that wish to join us to help enhance the off-road industry.

I received dozens of very positive emails, text messages, and phone calls from industry leaders, businesspersons, and other trainers. Most said something like, "It's about time the off-road industry has a professional educational organization for off-road trainers – with written and advertised standards, educationally valid training materials for students and curriculum for trainers. Many acknowledged the important holistic approach of ORTA, embracing the five total vehicle categories: 1) Street-Legal 4WD, 2) ATVs, 3) UTVs, 4) Adventure Motorcycles, and 5) Snowmobiles.

I announced the launch of ORTA primarily to explain why I'm no longer teaching any 4WD courses or attending off-road and overland expos, rallies, or shows. I am totally focused on getting ORTA off the ground. This summer I will be providing much more information on ORTA's structure, goals, membership categories, and membership benefits. For now, here's the formative ORTA Mission/Vision statement:

ORTA's Mission

By building an international coalition of experts, the Off-Road Training Association will create a professional organization that enriches the industry by:
Protecting People.

Protecting Vehicles.

Protecting the Environment.

ORTA's Vision

ORTA will be the leader in off-road education by establishing agreed upon standards and curriculum in the five off-road vehicle categories - Street Legal 4WD, ATV, UTV, Adventure Motorcycle, and Snowmobile. Through leadership and industry collaboration worldwide ORTA will set the standards for and provide integrity to the off-road vehicle training market by focusing on its members' training, prosperity, and benefits.



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