



Knuckle Buster



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Spring Seminar May 13-14

The Annual Spring Seminar will be held May 13-14, 2009 at the Fox Valley Technical College Fire Training Center in Neenah. Classes to be held are Husky Foam Systems, sponsored by Pierce; Air Brake Systems, sponsored by Spartan Chassis, and Class 1 Electronics. We will be using a new hotel this year. We will be at the Holiday Inn Appleton. It is located at Hwy 41 and College Ave. Room rate is \$75 and we will have the banquet and annual meeting at this hotel. The phone number for reservations is 920-735-9955. You must tell them you are with the WAEVT. **Reservations must be made by April 13, 2009**, as room availability will not be guaranteed after this. Registration forms have been mailed and can also be downloaded from the website at www.waevt.com.

Important Changes for Spring Seminar

We have changed the fee format for this years Spring Seminar. Prior to **May 1st** the fee remains at \$90. **After May 1st the fee will rise to \$105.** This is required due to instructors and caterers needing counts prior to the seminar dates. Instructors are requesting attendee counts for materials, in an effort to keep costs down and not have a lot of extra materials.

To assist us in these efforts please be sure to check off you class selections on the registration form.

EVT Certification Testing to held at Spring Seminar

We will again be holding EVT Certification testing on Thursday afternoon at our spring seminar. Register with the EVTCC at www.evtcc.org. Registrations must be received at least 21 days prior to the test date.

Class Descriptions for Spring Seminar

Maintenance and Service of the Pierce Husky 10/12 Foam Systems

Air Brake Systems-We will cover everything from the compressor to the slack adjusters (basic to technical). We will also be covering Meritor ABS/ATC and RSC. Plus we will be troubleshooting the systems.

Class 1 Electronics-Over view of Class 1 Pressure Governors including troubleshooting and adjustments. Over view of Class 1 Multiplexing, including diagnosing and troubleshooting.

Elections to be held at Annual Meeting

Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting May 13, 2009. Two positions are up for election this year. They are President, currently held by Jon Coutts, and Recording Secretary, currently held by John Roberts. If you are interested in being on the board of directors, or have ideas for, please feel free to contact one of the board members.

Fall Seminar Date Set

The Fall Seminar will be held on Thursday, September 17th the FVTC Fire Training Center in Neenah, WI. We are still looking for class ideas. Please forward any ideas to an Executive Board Member.

EVTA News

They are seeking sponsorship from state organizations to keep the forum up and running. Jon Coutts has received information on sponsorship. State organizations that help sponsor the board are recognized with a logo on the top of the page, and are listed as sponsors. The cost is \$75 per year. This will come before the membership at the annual meeting. There are over 473 technicians and factory representatives that are members of the forums with over 2500 posts in the last two years. To check out the bulletin board go to <http://www.evta.info/forums/>. Most state EVT associations have dismantled their individual bulletin boards and link directly to the EVTA board.

WAEVT Logo Items For Sale

We will have the following items with the WAEVT log for sale at the Spring Seminar.

T-Shirts

Baseball hats

We are also gauging interest in polo shirts similar to the Executive Board shirts. We will be taking a poll at the seminar on interest.

E-Mail Addresses

We have had some problems with our database of e-mail addresses. We are having a large amount of e-mails returned to us with an invalid address. Please send your e-mail address to Jon Coutts at jdcoutts@sbcglobal.net. We are trying to cut down on expenses by doing more with e-mail. If you know the e-mail address of another member of the association, or someone who you think would be interested in receiving it, please forward them to Jon at jdcoutts@sbcglobal.net. Thank you

WAEVT History

We are looking to compile a history of the association. If you know of anyone that was involved in the past, please forward the information to Jon Coutts at jdcoutts@sbcglobal.net. If you have any information to help complete the list below, also forward that to Jon.

Past Presidents

1967-???? Dick Rennert

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????-2007 Mike Meyer

2007-Present Jon Coutts

EVT Bulletin Boards

EMERGENCY VEHICLE TECHNICIAN ASSOCIATION

<http://www.evta.info/forums/>

EVT Association Websites

Wisconsin Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians www.waevt.com

Ohio Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians www.oaevt.org

Illinois Fire Apparatus Mechanics Association www.ifama.net

Colorado Fire Mechanics Association www.co-fma.com

Florida Emergency Vehicle Technicians www.faevt.com

Heartland Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians www.heatevt.com

Texas Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians www.taevt.org

Oklahoma Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians www.okevt.org

Long Island Emergency Vehicle Technicians www.lievt.org

Training Opportunities

WAEVT Spring Seminar May 13-14, 2009 FVTC Fire Training Center, Neenah, WI

Spartan Chassis Fire Truck Training August 2-6, 2009 Lansing, MI

www.spartanchassis.com

Hale Pump Schools <http://www.haleproducts.com/Main/Content,30,10.aspx>

Pierce Factory Training <http://www.piercemfg.com/company/training.cfm>

EVT Certification Commission <http://www.evtcc.org/>

Fox Valley Tech EVTCC Classes

<http://www.peopleware.net/index.cfm?siteID=365&eventDisp=EVTC>

Fire Chief Magazine In Service Maintenance Section

<http://firechief.com/in-service/shopcal>

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