



Knuckle Buster



Newsletter of the Wisconsin Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians

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2008 Spring Seminar Attendance Outstanding

The 2008 WAEVT Spring Seminar was held May 14 – 15 at the Fox Valley Technical College Fire Training Center in Neenah, Wisconsin. Classes held were Hale Pumps, World Transmissions and Pierce Aerial Maintenance.

The seminar was the best attended in several years with over 70 people in attendance for classes. The instructors did an outstanding job presenting the classes and information.

We had a large number of certificates that were not picked up. Contact Jon Coutts if you did not receive yours.

We are also looking at ways to increase attendance and to continue the networking and fellowship aspect of the dinner and the association. If you have any ideas, please let a board member know. If someone you know would be interested in receiving information about the seminar, please contact Jon Coutts

Elections held at Annual Meeting

Elections for three Executive Board positions were held at the Annual Dinner Meeting Wednesday May 14th. The three positions that were up for election this year were Executive Vice President Mark Evel; Treasurer Dave Kamps and

Vice President Mike Meyer. All three were unanimously reelected for two year terms. Thank you to Mark, Dave and Mike for continuing to serve the association.

Mike Meyer Recognized at Annual Meeting

Past president Mike Meyer was recognized for his many years of service to the organization. Mike was presented with a gold leaf helmet shield and awarded the title of “President Emeritus” Mike was President of the organization for many years and continues to serve as Vice President. His dedication to the organization is greatly appreciated.



Thank You to our Spring Seminar Sponsors

We would like to offer a big THANK YOU to the companies and people that provided sponsorships and items for our Spring Seminar. First we would like to thank Kathleen Kettenhoven and Seagrave Fire Apparatus for sponsoring the dinner. Everything was very good. The Wisconsin representative for Seagrave, RNOW, sponsored the bar and bartender. The following companies or people donated item for door prizes.

Bendlin Fire Equipment

Reliant Fire Apparatus

Rennert's Fire Equipment Service

WAEVT

Emergency Apparatus Maintenance

John Roberts

I apologize if I missed anybody. Thank you for helping to make our seminar a success.

Fall Seminar Date Set and Classes Confirmed

The Fall Seminar will be held on Thursday, September 18th the FVTC Fire Training Center in Neenah, WI. We will have TFT Nozzle Servicing in the morning, and Duo Safety Ladders for Ground Ladder Testing in the afternoon. We will be providing

lunch for those attending. Please mark this on your calendars. We will be requiring pre-registration for this seminar so we can get an accurate count for lunch. Watch for the information and registration form in late July or early August

EVTA News

The Emergency Vehicle Technicians Association (EVTA) has disbanded and the remaining funds dispersed per the bylaws of the organization. The bulletin board at <http://www.evta.info/forums/> will remain operating. They are seeking sponsorship from state organizations to keep the forum up and running. Jon Coutts, WAEVT President, will be forwarded information on sponsorship requirements and looking into possibly having the association as a sponsor. 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/>

Note from President

I want to thank everyone that attended the Spring Seminar. It was the largest attendance in recent history. I have received several items from the first recording secretary of the organization, including a picture of the first Board of Directors. We are working on compiling a history of the association to be used in a brochure. If anyone has information or pictures, please contact Jon Coutts.

Website News

We have the issues with the host solved and are working on solving issues with uploading the updates. We will be posting information on upcoming events and training. In the future we hope to post registration

forms for our seminars. This is a work in progress, so please bear with us. If you would like to have something posted or would like to help with the website, contact Jon Coutts or John Roberts

E-Mail Addresses

We would like to compile an address list for sending information and newsletters. Please send your e-mail address to Jon Coutts. 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

EVT Bulletin Boards

EMERGENCY VEHICLE TECHNICIAN ASSOCIATION

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

WASHINGTON STATE FIRE MECHANICS ASSOCIATION

<http://www.wsfma.org/indexdb.htm>

Training Opportunities

WAEVT Fall Seminar September 18, 2008 FVTC Fire Training Center, Neenah, WI

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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