



# *Knuckle Buster*



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## **Annual Spring Seminar**

We are having a 2-day seminar on May 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The classes which will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> are; Tire Analysis, Forensics and Training given by T.J. Tennent and Associates, F4 EVT Prep class given by Spartan Chassis and Foam Pro Systems Training given by Fire Research Corp. As requested during the 2022 annual meeting we are bringing back our dinner/annual meeting. The annual meeting and officer elections will be held Wednesday night at the Double Tree Inn/Appleton at 6:30. The Double Tree address is 150 South Nicolet Road Appleton, WI 54914. Mr. T.J. Tennent will be giving a keynote speech during the meeting. We will again host EVT testing after the close of the seminar on Thursday. \*\*Please note that we are moving the seminar back the FVTC Public Safety Training Facility. The address is W6400 Cty Rd BB Appleton, WI 54914.\*\*

## **Annual Elections**

We will be holding elections during our annual meeting/dinner on May 17<sup>th</sup> that starts at 6:30 at the Double Tree/ Appleton. The offices up for election this year are the President which is currently held by Brian Toth and the Recording Secretary which is currently held by Kevin Roberts.

## **Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting will take place on May 17<sup>th</sup> after the dinner which will begin at 6:30 tentatively in the Neenah Room at the Double Tree/Appleton. T.J. Tennent will be giving a keynote speech during the meeting.

## **EVT Testing**

2023 nationwide spring testing will be on June 10<sup>th</sup> and the fall testing will be on October 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be offering EVT testing again as part of the spring seminar on May 18<sup>th</sup>. For more information and to register visit [www.evtcc.org](http://www.evtcc.org). If you have any questions about the testing or the certification tracks you can contact board or Mike Meyer, Jon Coutts or Brian Toth.

## WAEVT Logo Items



The new t-shirts are a hit! There has been interest in them at the seminars the last couple of years so we will have a selection of the new style for sale at the spring seminar.

We also have a number of old t-shirts, polo shirts and hats. We will have them at the seminar if you are interested.

## 2022 Fall Seminar Planning Underway

At this time, the 2023 fall seminar will be a 1 day seminar. If you have any class suggestions, please contact Brian Toth or any of the board members. The seminar will be in September, date and location are yet to be determined.

## EVTA Bulletin Board

Do you have a problem that is causing you trouble and can't figure out? Go to the EVTA Forums and become a member of the site. There is no charge and there are technicians and factory personnel from around the country asking and answering questions on all topics. There are several WAEVT members on the board as well. If you haven't visited the website, it is a very valuable source of information and sharing. You do need to register to post to the site, but there is no cost. Visit the site at [www.evta.info/forums](http://www.evta.info/forums).

## Facebook F.A.T. Talk Group

F.A.T. Talk is a Facebook group for Fire Apparatus Technicians. It is a great resource to ask for help or lend your knowledge to help another technician that's having trouble with a repair. It is a closed group that must be joined and they do screen to make sure there are only technicians in the group. There are techs from all over North America sharing information. Several WAEVT members are part of the group. If you're on facebook, check it out.

## President's Note

We had 2 great seminars last year and it was really nice to be back in training! In addition to our seminar we are bringing back our dinner/meeting this year. There will be a networking time before the dinner for the attendees to meet and talk to other attendees. We are really hoping that we get a good attendance as this meeting was canceled a number of years ago due to lack of attendance. Please think about attending. While I was lining up our Tyre Guy class, T.J. Tennent offered to do a keynote speech

during our meeting. I sat in on an online FDSOA seminar during one of our covid shutdown years and he gave a very dynamic class. His class has been recommended by several associations that I've talked to that have had their class so I'm sure his keynote will be terrific. I hope this finds everyone safe and well and ready for another great WAEVT Spring Seminar!

Thanks,

Brian

## E-Mail Addresses

If you know of someone that should be receiving our newsletters and information but isn't, please let Brian Toth know so they can be added to our mailing list. Thank you to all those that have provided your e-mail addresses in the past. We would like to utilize e-mail for sending information and newsletters to help keep costs down. Brian can be contacted at [waevt.president@hotmail.com](mailto:waevt.president@hotmail.com)

## Training Opportunities

WAEVT Fall Seminar September 2022, FVTC Appleton 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/>

Spartan Motors [www.spartanchassis.com](http://www.spartanchassis.com)

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