



Knuckle Buster



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2010 Fall Seminar Well Attended

Our Fall Seminar was held Thursday, September 16th at the Fox Valley Fire Training Center in Neenah. We had 37 people attend. Classes held were Briggs and Stratton Small Engines with Don Koloski, Honda Small Engines with Dave Rohan from Engine Power, Holmatro Rescue Tools with Mike Seltzner from Jefferson Fire and Safety, and Hurst Rescue Tools with Mike Landers from 5 Alarm Fire and Safety. This was one of the most well attended Fall Seminars in recent years.

Judging from the comments heard that day and received on the evaluation forms, we will be inviting both Briggs and Honda back for more thorough hands on classes in the future.

Briggs and Stratton Develops Website to Assist EVT's

At our Fall Seminar, Don Koloski of Briggs and Stratton announced that emergency vehicle technicians will have online access to Briggs and Stratton Technical Service Bulletins, Parts Lookups, Repowering and other information. You will have to set up a user name and password and answer a few questions to register, but there is no cost. You will receive a confirmation e-mail after which time you will have access to The Power Portal website. To register go to www.thepowerportal.com/emergencyresponder.htm to register and get started using the resources they have made available to us.

Spring Seminar Date Set

Our Annual Spring Seminar will be held May 18-19, 2011 at the Fox Valley Fire Training Center in Neenah, WI. Tentative classes to be offered include Hale Pumps and Interstate Battery Advanced Electrical. We are working on a third class offering as well. More information will be posted on the website as it becomes available.

Waterous Announces 2010-2011 Factory Training Schedule

Waterous has released the schedule for upcoming training. For more information go to <http://www.waterousco.com/training/mech.html> to view the seminar information and download the registration form. The dates are:

October 25-29, 2010
November 15-19, 2010
December 6-10, 2010

January 10-14, 2011
February 14-18, 2011
March 14-18, 2011

April 4-8, 2011

May 2-6, 2011

The four and one half day course covers operation, maintenance and repair of Waterous pumps, transmissions and accessories. Class size is limited to sixteen due to the “hands on” instruction. Each seminar begins at 8:30 a.m. on Monday and ends at noon on Friday.

There is a \$250.00 charge for the class. The charge includes 4.5 days of hands on training, four lunches, USB flash drive containing 700+ page manual, class manual, service manual cd, friction loss and flow rate cards, shift and pump cut-a-way posters. Payment must be received prior to confirmation in class.

IAFC Emergency Vehicle Management Section State Initiative Committee Meeting

At the Annual Meeting it was approved to have Association President Jon Coutts represent the association at this meeting.

On August 24 the IAFC EVMS State Initiative Committee met at McCormick Place in Chicago. In attendance were several members of the Board of the EVMS section along with representatives from EVT organizations in Oregon, Washington, Ohio, Wisconsin and Heartland (HEAT). An overview of the EVMS-IAFC relationship was presented, along with an overview of the section bylaws.

The EVMS board vision for the committee was discussed. Some of the items discussed among all included:

- Having the committee act as a clearing house for instructors
- Assist new state/regional organizations in starting up
- Act as a leadership group for a national organization
- Reciprocal visits to other associations training to see how things are done and share info with other organizations
- Develop and act as a clearinghouse for curriculum for EVT classes and associations

One of the EVMS board members will act as chairman of the committee until a formal organizational plan is developed. The committee will officially be a sub-committee of the EVMS. Membership in the IAFC and EVMS is required to serve on the committee. Jon Coutts will be discussing this with the executive board.

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. 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.

Website News

We are continuing to update the website. We have found a person with website design and maintenance experience that will be maintaining the website. There will be a cost involved but we feel that it will lead to a better and more up to date website. If you have questions or would like to have something posted contact Jon Coutts

E-Mail Addresses

Thank you to all those that provided your e-mail addresses at the Spring Seminar. We would like to utilize e-mail for sending information and newsletters to help keep costs down. If you receive the newsletter by US Mail and have an e-mail address please send it to Jon Coutts at jdcoutts@sbcglobal.net. If you know the e-mail address of another member of the association, or someone who you think would be interested in receiving our information, please forward the address to Jon at jdcoutts@sbcglobal.net.

Association Anniversary

In 2012 the Wisconsin Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians will celebrate its 45th anniversary. The Association was started in 1967 as the Wisconsin Fire Equipment Mechanics Association to provide training to the people in Wisconsin and surrounding states. We are looking for people to help with working on a celebration of this milestone. Please contact Jon Coutts if interested.

Training Opportunities

WAEVT Spring Seminar May 18-19, 2011 FVTC Fire Training Center Neenah, WI

Waterous Pump Schools <http://www.waterousco.com/training/mech.html>

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=EVTCC>

Fire Chief Magazine In Service Maintenance Section <http://firechief.com/inservice/shopcal>

EVT Bulletin Boards

EMERGENCY VEHICLE TECHNICIAN ASSOCIATION

www.evta.info/forums/

EMERGENCY VEHICLE LIGHTING AND WARNING SYSTEMS

www.emergencyvehicles.org

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