



Knuckle Buster



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Annual Spring Seminar

We are having a 2-day seminar on May 15th and 16th. The classes which will be held on the 15th and 16th are; Air Systems & Foundation Brakes Operation & Function Testing by Advanced Diagnostics Consulting LLC, Basic Electrical by Kevin Roberts and we are working on an EVT Prep Class from Spartan Chassis. **Please note that we are having the seminar at the Double Tree/Appleton due to availability issues at the FVTC Public Safety Training Facility and the Bourdini Center.** The annual meeting and officer elections will be held Wednesday night at the Double Tree/Appleton at 6:30. The Double Tree address is 150 South Nicolet Road Appleton, WI 54914. We will again host EVT testing after the close of the seminar on Thursday.

Annual Elections

We will be holding elections during our annual meeting/dinner on May 15th that starts at 6:30 at the Double Tree/ Appleton. The offices up for election this year are the Vice President which is currently held by Manny Ortiz and the Executive Secretary which is currently held by Chris Igl and the Treasurer which is currently held by Justin Arndt.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will take place on May 15th after the dinner which will begin at 6:30 tentatively in the Menasha Room at the Double Tree/Appleton.

EVT Testing

2024 nationwide spring testing will be on June 15th and the fall testing will be on October 19th. We will be offering EVT testing again as part of the spring seminar on May 16th. For more information and to register visit 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.

2024 Fall Seminar Planning Underway

At this time, the 2024 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.

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 having our dinner/meeting again 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. Because of changes in corporate policies, trying to line up manufacturer's air brake

training was quite challenging. I was able to make contact with Brent Delfel from Advanced Diagnostic Consulting LLC. He is going to do a very comprehensive air brake class that will teach the operation and testing of the air brake system and prepare you to be a qualified brake inspector as per the 49 cfr 396 regulations. He is also teaching at the Washington Fire Mechanics Spring Workshop next month. 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

Training Opportunities

WAEVT Fall Seminar September 2024, 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

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