

Knuckle Buster



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Great Turnout for Spring Seminar

The 54th Annual Spring Seminar was held on Wednesday and Thursday, May 18-19, 2022 at the FVTC Bourdini Center in Appleton, WI. We started the day Wednesday with a Cancer Awareness and Prevention Presentation by Pierce Manufacturing. The classes this year were EVT F1 Prep Class with John Merrifield from Spartan Chassis, Air Conditioning with Kevin Roberts from Roberts Repair and DEF/DPF with Fred Willes from Pierce Manufacturing. We had great reviews for the classes from the 61 people in attendance. We had many first time attendees, as well quite a few from out of state. Hope to see you back in fall and next year.



Thanks to our Sponsors

We want to thank Pierce Manufacturing and Spartan Chassis for being the lunch sponsors this year. We want to thank Rennert's Fire Equipment Services for sponsoring the morning refreshments. We also would like to thank Emergency Apparatus Maintenance, Rennert's Fire Equipment Services and Reliant Fire Apparatus for sponsoring/donating door prizes. We would also like to thank Spartan Chassis for waiving the travel expenses for John Merrifield.

Elections held at Annual Meeting

Elections for all five Executive Board positions were held at the Annual Meeting Wednesday, May 22nd, 2019. Because of covid, we cancelled seminars and we were unable to hold meetings and elections so there were two positions that were up for election for years 2021-2023, they were President held by Brian and Recording Secretary held by Skip Burg. Skip stated this he did not want to run for reelection. Brian Toth was nominated and re-elected President. Kevin Roberts was nominated and elected as the Recording Secretary. The three positions that were up for election for years 2022-2024 were Vice President currently held by Tom Thiele, Executive Secretary currently held by Manny Ortiz and Treasurer currently held by Randy Klaybor. Tom and Randy expressed that they weren't running for re-election. Manny Ortiz was nominated for and elected Vice President. Chris Igl was nominated for and elected as Executive Secretary. Justin Arndt was nominated for and elected Treasurer.

Note from the President

It was great being able to hold a seminar again after cancelling them the last 2 years due to covid 19. We had attendees travel from Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota and Kentucky. It was great to see everyone. We had three men retire from the board, Tom, Randy and Skip. I would like to thank them for their service; it was a pleasure to serve with them on the board.

Hope you're having great summer!

Brian

2022 Fall Seminar

The 2022 Fall Seminar will be held on Thursday, September 22nd at the Fox Valley Bourdini Training Center. The class this year will be by Cummins Engines. The class will cover recent and future emissions

updates, diagnostic software and parts and service website overview. Please register with Brian Toth at waevt.president@hotmail.com by September 1st. EVT testing will be hosted after the seminar. Registration is through the EVT Certification Commission.

Annual Meeting Highlights

We discussed that the organization has a new website. Brian thanked Nikki Ortiz from Rennerts for her help setting up and continued support with the website.

A past President Niel Rossmassler passed away 4-26-20. Was President from 1972-1986. He worked for Madison FD.

Brian mentioned and thanked Scott Krueger from Reliant Fire Apparatus for his help with the cancer presentation and the Pierce class.

One of the members asked about having a dinner/annual meeting again. After discussion, the body decided to reinstitute the evening dinner/annual meeting next year.

WAEVT Logo Items



The new t-shirts are a hit. We had several shirts made and still have some in stock.

We have medium to 3XL along with some tall sizes.

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

2023 Spring Seminar Planning Underway

Planning is underway for the May 2023 Spring Seminar. Dates are still to be determined. We are looking into a class on tires, an EVT prep class and a foam class or Foampro. Stay tuned for more information as classes are confirmed. If you have any suggestions for classes contact Brian Toth.

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.

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 22, 2022 FVTC PSTC, Appleton

WAEVT Spring Seminar 2023 TBD FVTC, Appleton

WAEVT Fall Seminar 2023 TBD, Appleton

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/>

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