



Knuckle Buster



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Great Turnout for Spring Seminar

The 52nd Annual Spring Seminar was held on Wednesday and Thursday, May 23-24, 2018 at the FVTC Public Safety Training Center in Appleton, WI. The classes this year were Apparatus Purchasing with Bill Peters from Jersey City FD (Ret); 1911 Inspection with John Merrifield from Spartan Chassis; and Pierce Aerial Maintenance with Marshall Brooks of Pierce. We had great reviews for the classes from the 56 people in attendance. We also had many first time attendees, as well as several from out of state. Hope to see you back in fall and next year.



Thanks to our Sponsors

We want to thank Seagrave/FWD Fire Apparatus for being the lunch sponsor this year. We also would like to thank Emergency Apparatus Maintenance 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 three Executive Board positions were held at the Annual Meeting Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018. The positions that were up for election this year were Vice President held by Tom Thiele, Executive Secretary held by Brian Toth, and Treasurer, held by Randy Klaybor. All were reelected to another two year term. Jon and Skip stated this will be their last term as President and Recording Secretary. Please consider stepping up and joining the board to keep the organization and the seminars going.

2018 Fall Seminar

The 2018 Fall Seminar will be held on Thursday, September 27th at the Fox Valley Public Safety Training Center. The class this year will be Stemco brakes, slack adjusters, kingpins, wheel bearings and wheel seals. A reminder will be sent soon. Please register with Jon Coutts at jdcoutts@sbcglobal.net by September 10.

Annual Meeting Highlights

We discussed the idea of the organization seeking tax exempt status. The costs associated with having a CPA and Attorney assist us in this were discussed (approximately \$2,000). The membership voted to go ahead with the process as it will save us the cost in tax money in about 2-3 years.

We also discussed the need of the association to purchase a new computer as the one we have is over 10 years old and no longer functioning properly. The membership again voted to move forward with this purchase. We will wait until the tax exempt status is received.

Association Finances

After two successful spring seminars and the changes with FVTC on how and what we pay them for, the association is on firm financial ground again. While we did increase the tuition by a small amount this year, we will look at our finances prior to the Spring Seminar next year and are hoping to hold them where they are or drop back to the previous rate. As has been explained in the past, we are now being requested to reimburse for instructors travel fees and sometimes provide printing services for them, which increases our costs. We feel we are still offer a very affordable and low cost training.

New President for EVTCC

Our very own Kevin Roberts, owner of Roberts Repair in Rhinelander is the new President of the Emergency Vehicle Technician Certification Commission. He takes over from Steve Wilde who has been President for 24 years. Congratulations Kevin and best wishes on your new position.

WAEVT Logo Items



The new t-shirts are a hit! If you didn't have a chance to order one, NOW is the time. In order to keep the prices where they are, we need a minimum order of approximately 25 shirts. The order form is available on the website or by e-mailing Jon Coutts. We would like to get enough orders to be able to have them at the Fall Seminar. Deadline for ordering is August 15th. **THE ORDERS MUST BE PAID WHEN ORDERING SHIRTS. Order forms can be found on the website. www.waevt.com**

Medium to XL - \$22
XXL and XXXL - \$30

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.

2019 Spring Seminar Planning Underway

Planning is underway for the May 2018 Spring Seminar. Dates will be May 22-23, 2019. We are looking into a class on air brake systems, multiplexing, pump testing. Stay tuned for more information as classes are confirmed. If you have any suggestions for classes contact Jon Coutts.

New EVTCC Master Technicians

Several members have reached Master Technician Certification with the EVTCC. Congratulations

Master Fire Apparatus Technician

Randal Klaybor
Rob Klebenow
Dustin Kraege
Tom Selvik

Master Ambulance Technician

Rob Klebenow
Dustin Kraege

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.

Spartan Fire Truck Training Conference

Registration is now open for the Spartan Emergency Response Fire truck Training Conference September 30 – October 5 in Lansing, MI. Join them for 5 full days of informative coursework that includes the latest fire truck-specific diagnostics, service, and maintenance training. Jon Coutts has attended this and it very informative and most classes are component based and chassis specific. For more info go to <https://www.regonline.com/registration/Checkin.aspx?EventID=2499932>.

E-Mail Addresses

If you know of someone that should be receiving our newsletters and information but isn't, please let Jon Coutts 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. Jon can be contacted at jdcoutts@sbcglobal.net.

Training Opportunities

WAEVT Fall Seminar September 27, 2018 FVTC PSTC, Appleton

WAEVT Spring Seminar May 22-23, 2019 FVTC PSTC, Appleton

WAEVT Fall Seminar September 26, 2019 FVTC PSTC, 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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