



Knuckle Buster



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Good Reviews for Fall Seminar

We had 23 people attend the Fall Seminar on September 27th at the FVTC Public Service Training Center. We had Slim VanDenAvond and Randy Puls from Stemco put on a class on brake maintenance and wheel end maintenance. The reviews from attendees were very good.

Classes and Dates Set for 2019 Spring Seminar

The 2019 Spring Seminar will be held May 22-23, 2018 at the FVTC Public Safety Training Center. John Merrifield and Mike O'Neil from Spartan Chassis will be returning this year. John will be bringing the brake system board and going over the braking systems. Mike will be bringing his Multiplexing board and will be going over multiplexing systems. Randy Klaybor, Brian Toth and Jon Coutts will be presenting a class on pump anatomy and pump testing, including a hands on pump test at the pit. More information will follow, but mark your calendars now. We expect to have a large turnout given the classes this year.

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 Spring Seminar. Deadline for ordering is April 1st. **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 Spring Seminar if you are interested.



Elections to be held at Spring Seminar

Elections for 2 executive board positions will be held at the Annual Meeting on May 22. President, currently held by Jon Coutts, and Recording Secretary, currently held by Skip Burg, are up for election. Both Jon and Skip have announced their retirement from the board. Please consider joining the board to keep the organization active.

Tax Exempt Status Update

The process for receiving tax exempt status is continuing to move forward. We are now the Wisconsin Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians, Inc. At the Fall Seminar, changes and updates to the bylaws were approved. These were needed to meet the requirements of registering with the state and federal governments. Our application for IRS 501(c)3 tax exempt status has been filed and we are awaiting the reply from the IRS. When we receive that approval, we will then apply for and receive the state tax exempt number. This will save us quite a bit of money on our seminars.

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 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 Spring Seminar May 22-23, 2019 FVTC PSTC, Appleton www.waevt.com

Hale Pump Schools <http://www.haleproducts.com/Main/Content,30,10.aspx>

Pierce Factory Training <http://www.piercemfg.com/service/maintenance-training>

EVT Certification Commission <http://www.evtcc.org/>

Spartan Motors www.spartanchassis.com

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