



# Knuckle Buster



Newsletter of the Wisconsin Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians

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## 2009 Spring Seminar Attendance Outstanding

The 2009 WAEVT Spring Seminar was held May 13 – 14 at the Fox Valley Technical College Fire Training Center in Neenah, Wisconsin. Classes held were Air Brake Systems, Class 1 Electronics and Pierce Husky Foam Systems.

The seminar was attended by almost 60 people. The instructors did an outstanding job presenting the classes and information.

We would like to thank Spartan Chassis for providing the Air Brake System class, and Pierce for providing the Husky Foam System class and for sponsoring the dinner meeting.

## Elections held at Annual Meeting

Elections for two Executive Board positions were held at the Annual Dinner Meeting Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. The two positions that were up for election this year were President Jon Coutts and Recording Secretary John Roberts. Both were unanimously reelected for two year terms. Thank you to Jon and John for continuing to serve the association.

## Thank You to our Spring Seminar Sponsors

We would like to offer a big THANK YOU to the companies and people that provided sponsorships and items for our Spring Seminar. We would like to thank Bill Foster and Spartan Chassis for sponsoring the Air Brake Class presented by Chuck Wittenberg, Class 1 for sponsoring the Electronic Controls Class presented by Chuck Hutchins, and Dan Bailey and Pierce for sponsoring the Husky Foam Systems Class. The following companies or people donated item for door prizes.

Bendlin Fire Equipment

Emergency Apparatus Maintenance

Rennert's Fire Equipment Service

Red Power Diesel

WAEVT

# Fall Seminar Date Set and Classes Confirmed

The Fall Seminar will be held on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at the FVTC Fire Training Center in Neenah, WI. We will be offering two one day classes. Akron Brass and TFT will be presenting classes on the maintenance and repair of their products. The association will be providing lunch for those attending. Please mark this on your calendars. We will be requiring pre-registration for this seminar so we can get an accurate count for lunch. Watch for the information and registration form in August.

## EVTA Bulletin Board

At the Annual Meeting the membership voted to a one year trial sponsorship of the EVTA Bulletin Board. The cost to the Association is \$75. We get our logo on the banner at the top of the site, and a password protected page for association new and business. 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](http://www.evta.info).

## Website News

We are continuing to update the website. We will continue to post seminar information and registration forms, will also be posting information on upcoming events and training. We are hoping to add a page with association history. If you would like to have something posted or would like to help with the website, contact Jon Coutts or John Roberts

## E-Mail Addresses

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](mailto: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](mailto:jdcoutts@sbcglobal.net).

## Association Anniversary

In 2012 the Wisconsin Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians will celebrate its 45<sup>th</sup> 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.

# A.M.P.S. (Advanced Modular Power Systems) Generators

If you have an AMPS generator on your apparatus, we have information on parts and service for you. Dave Rose, formerly employed by AMPS, has begun his own business American Mobile Power Service Inc. He provides parts and service for AMPS generators and also has a bolt in replacement unit available. He also provides new 6-10 kW complete systems. Contact Dave at:

American Mobile Power Service  
903 North Street 7C  
New London, WI 54861  
Phone 920-982-3423  
Fax 920-982-3370

## New Bulletin Board

Do you install, repair or maintain emergency vehicle warning systems? Check out the bulletin board at [www.emergencyvehicles.org](http://www.emergencyvehicles.org). It is sponsored by several manufacturers and dealers and is a resource for warning systems found on emergency vehicles. There are threads specific to manufacturers and equipment. Registration is necessary, but does not cost anything.

## Training Opportunities

WAEVT Fall Seminar September 10, 2009 FVTC Fire Training Center, Neenah, WI

WAEVT Spring Seminar May 19-20, 2010 FVTC Fire Training Center Neenah, WI

WAEVT Fall Seminar September 16, 2010 FVTC Fire Training Center Neenah, 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/>

Fox Valley Tech EVTCC Classes <http://www.peopleware.net/index.cfm?siteID=365&eventDisp=EVTC>

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

## EVT Bulletin Boards

EMERGENCY VEHICLE TECHNICIAN ASSOCIATION

[www.evta.info/forums/](http://www.evta.info/forums/)

EMERGENCY VEHICLE LIGHTING AND WARNING SYSTEMS

[www.emergencyvehicles.org](http://www.emergencyvehicles.org)

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