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Spring Seminar Dates and Classes

The 49th Annual Spring Seminar will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, May 18-19, 2016 at the FVTC Public Safety Training Center in Appleton, WI. The classes this year will be Allison Transmission updates, troubleshooting and maintenance with Gary Stroik from Inland Power Group; Hydraulics/F8 with Mel Schampers of FVTC; and Can Bus/Multiplexing with Ken Kempfer of FVTC. Flyers/registration forms will be mailed soon. They will also be available on the website. There was an issue with FVTC this year delaying the brochures. They will be mailed soon.

Hotel Information for Spring Seminar

We will be changing hotels for the Spring Seminar this year. Since we are not holding a dinner meeting, but rather holding the meeting during lunch the first day, we are moving to a hotel closer and more convenient to the training facility. We will be using the Holiday Inn – Appleton, located at 150 S. Nicolet Road. This at the intersection of I-41 and College Ave. Rate is \$82 for those with a valid state or municipal ID. (Letter from municipality, business card, city ID) Rate is \$99 for those not eligible for the state rate. These rates are for single and double. Make reservations by calling 920-735-9955 and asking for the WI Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians block. **Rooms must be reserved by APRIL 25, 2016 to guarantee a room.**

EVT Testing Again Offered at Spring Seminar

We will once again be offering EVT Certification testing at the Spring Seminar. Registration for testing is required and must be completed by April 28th, and is available online. For more information on EVT testing, study guides and registration visit www.evtcc.org. It is not necessary to take all the certification exams, but only those for the areas you do repairs and maintenance on. If you would like personal information on exams, contact Mike Meyer or Jon Coutts.

Changes for Spring Seminar

As previously outlined, there will be several changes for the Spring Seminar. We will no longer be holding a dinner meeting. Due to the high cost and low attendance, it was decided to hold our annual meeting during lunch on Wednesday, May 18th. Door prizes will be drawn at lunch on Thursday, May 19th.

Elections to be held at Annual Meeting

Elections for three Executive Board positions will be held at the Annual Meeting Wednesday, May 18th, 2016. The three positions that are up for election this year are Vice President, currently held by Mike Meyer, Executive Secretary, currently held by Brian Toth, and Treasurer held be Randy Klaybor.

WAEVT Logo Items at Spring Seminar

We will have several items available for sale at the Spring Seminar. Hats, t-shirts, and polo shirts with the WAEVT logo will be for sale at the Spring Seminar. Show your pride and membership in this great organization. Window decals will be available at no charge.

Changes to Seminar Sponsorship

Fox Valley Technical College has informed us that they will no longer be a co-sponsor of our seminars. This means that we will no longer be able to utilize their printing and mailing services for brochures and flyers, and will have to pay for the rooms we use for our classes. Jon Coutts has been in contact with FVTC about this change. He and the board will work to continue the seminars as they have been, but some changes will be likely. It is possible we will have to change location/venue if costs are prohibitive to remain at FVTC. More information will be provided at the annual meeting at the Spring Seminar.

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

Jon Coutts had a computer crash and is need of updated e-mail addresses. If you know of someone that should be receiving them but isn't please let Jon know. 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 18-19, 2016 FVTC PSTC, Appleton

WAEVT Fall Seminar September 15, 2016

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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