



# Knuckle Buster



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## Spring Seminar Successful

The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Seminar was held on Wednesday and Thursday, May 14-15, 2014 at the FVTC Fire Training Center in Neenah, WI. The classes this year were NFPA 1911 Chassis Inspection with Gary May from Spartan Chassis; Basic Electrical and Multi Meter Use by Mike O'Neil of Spartan Chassis; and Alternators, Batteries and Charging Systems by Frank Byrd and Marion Jett of Prestolite/Leece-Neville. We had over 50 attendees this year, which is a good turnout.

## Elections were held at Annual Meeting

Elections for three Executive Board positions were held at the Annual Dinner Meeting Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Mike Meyer was reelected as Vice President. Brian Toth of City of Brookfield DPW Fleet Maintenance was elected Executive Vice-President to replace Mark Evel. Randal Klaybor of Milwaukee Area Technical College was elected Treasurer to replace Dave Kamps. We look forward to working with the new board members.

## Fall Seminar September 18

The Annual Fall seminar will be held Thursday, September 18 at 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Fox Valley Fire Training Center on Neenah. From 9:00-11:00 we will have Commercial Vehicle Inspectors from the Wisconsin State Patrol on CDL requirements, DOT inspections and regulations, truck weight laws and questions from our members. If there is a specific item you would like covered by the State Patrol, e-mail Jon Coutts at [jdcoutts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jdcoutts@sbcglobal.net). He will send it on the WSP for inclusion in the class. The second session will be Cummins Engines by Jeff Gurdin from 11:00-1:00.

## New Board Member Profiles



New Executive Vice President Brian Toth is employed by the City of Brookfield DPW Fleet Maintenance as a vehicle technician. Brian is an Army veteran. He is married with one son and lives in Beaver Dam. He graduated from the Diesel and Powertrain Service Course at Milwaukee Area Technical College. He worked in the heavy truck industry before starting at the city. He is the primary tech for the fire department. He holds EVT Certifications F1, F4 and F5, along with 5 Heavy Truck, 3 Auto and 1 truck equipment installation from ASE.

Randal Klaybor is our new Treasurer. Randy is employed by Milwaukee Area Technical College as an EVT and Instructor. Randal is retired from the West Allis Fire Department and has been a member of the WAEVT since 1985. Randal also serves on the EVTCC Validation Committee, certifying the tests. He is looking forward to serving the association and helping move it ahead.



## Outgoing Board Members Recognized



Outgoing board members Mark Evel and Dave Kamps were recognized for a combined 30 years of service to the association. Mark has been Executive Secretary since 1997, and Dave has been Treasurer since 2001. We wish them the best in their futures.

## Challenges Ahead for Board

Several challenges lay ahead for the Board. We will continue to work on registering the association and applying for tax exempt status. If anyone has experience with this process please contact a board member. We want to continue to provide local, low cost, factory level training. This is getting more difficult every year as manufacturers attempt to contain costs.

## Possible New Committee for Association

Ben Brown, a member of the association from Illinois, has offered to assist with forming a committee of members to assist the board in selecting and securing the training for the two seminars every year. If anyone is interested contact Jon Coutts.

## 2015 Spring Seminar

The 2015 Spring Seminar will be held May 13-14, 2015 at the new Fox Valley Public Safety Training Center in Appleton, WI. We are working on choosing and setting up classes. We are hoping for class on hydraulics and pumps. We are looking for ideas for a third class.

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

# E-Mail Addresses

Thank you to all those that provided your 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).

## Training Opportunities

WAEVT Fall Seminar September 18, 2014 FVTC Fire Training Center, Neenah, WI

WAEVT Spring Seminar May 13-14, 2015 FVTC Public Safety Training Center

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 Fire Truck Training Conference Oct. 5-9, 2015

<http://www.spartanchassis.com/cps/trainingcenter/trainingcenter.asp#FTTC>

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