



Knuckle Buster



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Great Turnout for Spring Seminar

The 53rd Annual Spring Seminar was held on Wednesday and Thursday, May 22-23, 2019 at the FVTC Public Safety Training Center in Appleton, WI. The classes this year were Datalink with John Merrifield from Spartan Chassis, Air Brakes with Gary May from Spartan Chassis and Pump Testing with Jon Coutts, Brian Toth, Randy Klaybor and Victor Gee. We had great reviews for the classes from the 54 people in attendance. We also had many first time attendees, as well as one 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, Rennert's Fire Equipment Services and Reliant Fire Apparatus for sponsoring/donating door prizes. We would also like to thank Spartan Chassis for waiving the travel expenses for John Merrifield and Gary May. We also wish to thank the Appleton Fire Department for supplying us with a couple of engines to use for the Pump Testing Class.

Elections held at Annual Meeting

Elections for two Executive Board positions were held at the Annual Meeting Wednesday, May 22nd, 2019. The positions that were up for election this year were President held by Jon Coutts and Recording Secretary held by Skip Burg. Jon and Skip stated this they did not want to run for reelection. Brian Toth was nominated and elected President. After a change of heart, Skip decided to run for one more term. To fill the empty Executive Secretary position vacated by Brian, Manny Ortiz accepted the nomination and was elected for a 1 year term. Randy Klaybor has expressed that this will be his last term as Treasurer which is up for reelection next year. Please consider stepping up and joining the board to keep the organization and the seminars going.

Note from the President

I am honored to have been elected as the new Association President. I look forward to working hard for you and continuing the tradition of providing low cost factory EVT training. I would like to thank Jon for all his years of service to not only the WAEVT but also to the community of West Bend. He is a valuable wealth of knowledge, a good friend and will be missed on the board. I only hope to do as good a job as Jon did as President. Don't be a stranger!

Have a great summer!

Brian

2019 Fall Seminar

The 2019 Fall Seminar will be held on Thursday, September 26th at the Fox Valley Public Safety Training Center. The class this year will be by Kussmaul electronics. The class will cover battery conditioners and air pumps. A reminder will be sent soon. Please register with Brian Toth at waevt.president@hotmail.com by September 10.

Annual Meeting Highlights

We discussed that the organization has its 501c3 tax exempt status. Having the tax exempt status will pay for itself in a few years with the savings.

Our Treasurer Randy Klaybor purchased a new computer after we got our 501c3 status so we have already realized some savings.

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 Brian Toth. 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.

2020 Spring Seminar Planning Underway

Planning is underway for the May 2020 Spring Seminar. Dates will be May 20-21, 2020. We are looking into a class on by Darley pumps, an air conditioning class and a foam class either Husky or Foampro. Stay tuned for more information as classes are confirmed. If you have any suggestions for classes contact Brian Toth.

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 29 – October 4 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 Brian Toth 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. Brian can be contacted at waevt.president@hotmail.com

Training Opportunities

WAEVT Fall Seminar September 26, 2019 FVTC PSTC, Appleton

WAEVT Spring Seminar May 20-21, 2020 FVTC PSTC, Appleton

WAEVT Fall Seminar September 24, 2020 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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