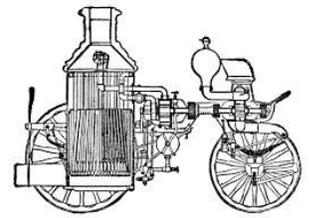




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## Mission Statement

*"To establish a professional development and training program that will lead to the certification by a certifying agency of fire apparatus mechanics based on a system utilizing academy instruction and supervised, structured testing."*

## Chairman's Corner

It's already the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2016, the weather is changing, the holidays are fast approaching, before you know it we will be kissing 2016 good-by and ringing in 2017. Coming into the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter allows us the opportunity to look back on what we, as a group, accomplished in 2016 but it also affords us the chance to look forward to what's next and where we want to go. So here it is; the Board has already held two meetings since the 2016 academy with the major topics being the 2017 academy and our website. Ray Proulx will address the 2017 academy so I will talk about our website and other things; I think we can all agree that our website has been a major disappointment on many levels but it

looks like we may finally have the right people in place to make the changes needed. I am very hopeful we will be rolling out a new and greatly improved website very soon, one that will be user friendly and modern.

Another issue at hand is our membership base. For far too long, our association has been operating primarily in the Denver Metro area. By doing so, we've neglected our membership throughout the rest of Colorado. Our next meeting on October 26 will be held at Colorado River Fire Rescue in Rifle. This will be an all-day event starting at 0830 and I truly hope to see as many of you attend as possible. Eric Beutz will be emailing a flyer detailing this meeting, please

let me know if you do not get it in the next couple of days.

Bill McCartney  
Chairman,

## Next Meeting, Reaching Across the Rockies

We have a very special meeting planned this month. Generously hosted by Colorado River Fire Rescue and Columbine Ford.

"The Colorado Emergency Vehicle Technician Association is working hard to have a presence on the western slope. They are holding their 2016 Fall Meeting at CRFR Station 41 in Rifle on October 26. Please support this great organization by coming to their Fall meeting. There are some great training topics that will be beneficial to your organization even if you do not have designated mechanics in your organization." *Jason Clark, Training Coordinator, Colorado River Fire Rescue*

(additional info on page 4)

# Business Section

## Treasures Report

With the 2016 academy in the books our organization was able to have a solid year financially.

We hope that everyone will get the membership renewal done to help add to our margins so that we can continue to add new and exciting classes and help enhance the experience for both students and vendors in the future.

Thanks for helping make this another successful year for our association and please remember to renew your membership.

Tim Schneiderwent , Treasurer

# Membership

If you are not a member of the Colorado Emergency Vehicle Technician Association, or you do not attend our meetings, please consider joining us.

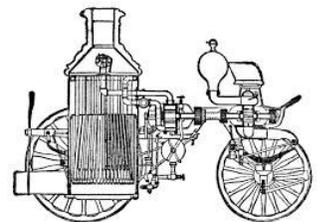
We are a solutions oriented group of people who believe in what we are doing. Therefore, we embrace these challenges and are proud to be the unsung, behind the scenes support. But we ourselves need support, and get that by supporting one-another. Meeting on a regular basis gives us the opportunity to voice our frustrations, develop solutions and share in our wins. As well as; participate in ongoing training and learning opportunities. We are a group whose sum is greater the totality of its parts by pulling together.

If you have any additional questions regarding membership, please feel free to contact:

Tim Schneiderwent, [firetruckfix@gmail.com](mailto:firetruckfix@gmail.com), (303) 919-9582

We will have the ability to process credit cards for membership at the next meeting.

Checks are accepted.



## Academy Info

### Thank you

We want to extend a special thank you to all of those who worked hard volunteering to make the 2016 academy a great success. There was so much selfless work that was done without regard for personal gain, title, status or the need to be recognized. For those people who give, just to give. It's you the instructors, administrators, helpers, cooks, those who chipped in to handle dirty dishes, trash cans and other menial tasks; We thank you, it's you who make this organization greater than the total sum of it's parts achieving outcomes greater than anticipated.

To those who attended: You are the servants of your community whose constituents can sleep at night, knowing full well that help will arrive when needed, because you assure that the wheels will roll. Not only do you give your heart and back every day, you take you time to hone your skills by attending the annual academy and quarterly meetings.

Ray Proulx is already actively planning for the 2017 Academy, with the goal of making it the best yet. Classes on the discussion table so far include, but are not limited to:

Allison Transmission Service and Repair  
Basic & Advanced Electrical Systems  
Pump Maintenance & Repair  
Wildland Pumps, Saws  
Aerial Ops & Maintenance

Please feel free to reach out and let us know how we can best support you in your efforts to be the best for your community. Sending your feedback is as simple as relying to the email from which you received this newsletter.

## Announcements

### Basalt& Rural Fire Protection District

#### Full-time Automotive & Equipment Mechanic

We are currently seeking applicants for the position of one (1) full-time Automotive and Equipment Mechanic. The position is responsible for maintaining department equipment, vehicles& apparatus, and tools by repairing, troubleshooting and performing preventative maintenance. This includes performing and coordinating work on the district's engines, ambulances, brush trucks, staff and command vehicles, and all fire/rescue vehicles& equipment.

#### Application Process:

Interested applicants should submit a B&RFPD employment application (available at [basaltfire.org](http://basaltfire.org)), relevant certifications, a letter of interest, and updated resume to the district no later than 5 pm on October 17, 2016. The application packet can be submitted via:

- Fax: (970) 704-0625
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- Mail or hand deliver: 1089 JW Drive, Carbondale, CO 81623

Questions relevant to this posting should be directed to Human Resources Director Renee Thomas at (970) 704-0675/(970) - 923-2212 or [rthomas@swfpd.com](mailto:rthomas@swfpd.com).

# Scholarships

The Barrie Niebergall Memorial Scholarship Fund has money available for scholarships that will help **better fire mechanic's and fire engineers** in the State of Colorado. The process for application is very simple. If there is a department out there that doesn't have money budget to send students to the Mechanics' Academy or other like trainings that are available to them, this is a good source of those needed funds. The money is basically there for the asking if some minor criteria are met. For more information contact:

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# Next Meeting

## FALL 2016 COEVTA MEETING RIFLE COLORADO

### Location:

**Colorado River Fire Rescue**

**1850 Railroad Ave Rifle, CO 81650**

**October 26, 2016**

**8:30 AM**

### Topics/Agenda

**8:30 Breakfast**, Sponsored by Columbine Ford

**"Intro"**, by Bill McCartney, North Metro Fire, COEVTA Chairman

**"Earning an EVT"**, by Gary Aranda, Adams County Fire Protection District, Fleet Manager

**"Ford IDS Fundamentals"**, by Damon Bond, Columbine Ford

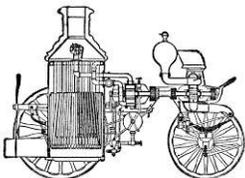
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