

# The Rambler

## The Squeaky Wheel/Chairman speaks

### Our Next Meeting will be

**May 16th, 2018**  
**0800-1200**

#### Description:

Business Meeting  
A/C Refrigerant  
Training

#### 2018 Academy:

*"Colorado Emergency  
Vehicle Technician's  
Academy"*

July 30-Aug 3rd at:

Aims Community Col-  
lege, Greeley at the new  
Fire Sciences Facility  
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Hello all,

We are heading into spring and working right along on putting together an Academy for you! We held an e-board meeting a few weeks ago and fine-tuned a plan. Eric was sick enough to have to take time off from work for a couple of days and even brought lunch to this meeting. I view this as a heroic effort. And do appreciate. Kent braved traffic for 6+ hours to get to Windsor for the meeting as well. Jeannie and Tim made the time to come Ken was in the house taking time from his personal life. Jarrett made quite a drive himself. I had some personal issues at work as well and wanted badly to call it off but with this group making the effort I couldn't see doing it. It was worth the time. The good that came from the meeting outweighed the bad for sure.

Ken has the cooking machine in motion and is planning some good meals. He will entertain requests if you have something in mind let us know. He is also helping out in many of the committees.

Kent and his training Chief have been crusading in the Southwest of Colorado visiting 50 departments in 4 days! This is on a mission to find out what training needs these folks may have. I feel some good will come from this. He has a need for some Swag type items to bring along on subsequent trips. We have some leftover Academy items we would donate in the trailer. Incidentally we have a need to put together a work session for the trailer. We want to rebuild the ramp door and change out a pump on one of the stands. We also need to revamp the front and clean out old to make room for new. If you have a desire to help please let me know. Kent has also been bringing us great information from the Chiefs Association helping to build a strong working relationship. Could I see a show of hands for those that would be interested in seeing a "Bulletin Board" for tech tips etc. linked to our website? Our Facebook page is also a viable possibility.

Tim is receiving many new membership applications this year so far that number will go higher when all of you that read this go on the Website [www.coevta.org](http://www.coevta.org) and renew your memberships for 2018. It is early in the process but things are cranking up. We have had our first four Academy Attendees sign up and many of you need to join in, as some of our classes are limited to space available so sign up for that on the website as well.

Jeannie has been in contact with vendors three have committed to sponsor the program and there needs to be some more. If you know others that want to raise their exposure to the Fire Service EVT Training Academy attendees point them to the website or directly to Jeannie.

Jarrett has the schedule tuned up and it will be finalized on the 15<sup>th</sup> on the website. There are instructor Bios and course descriptions in there very soon as well. Look forward to seeing an informational flyer out in the near future. Additions this year are Holmatro Tool training, Law Enforcement Electrical, and Driver Operator Inspection classes. At our meeting in May we need to choose a Fall Meeting place and we need one for January. We also would like input as to what sort of training you would like to see.

If you have items of interest Contact Alan Gosselin so he can post them on our Facebook page, we are committed to making that a useful tool. I tried to post some information and I couldn't figure out what happened to the post I had written. I hunted and pecked until I did find it a couple of days later. I decided to have my second grade Granddaughter train me on the use of Facebook so I can improve my skills. I believe we are going to move to a Facebook Page for the COFMA that folks can join and that we can use as a pseudo bulletin board to post questions that some of our more knowledgeable members can reply to with answers based on their experience.

See you all in May

Chris

## 2018

### 30th Colorado Emergency Vehicle Technicians Academy

**When**

July 30<sup>th</sup> through August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.

**Location/Host**

The new Aims Fire Sciences Facility, Greeley CO

**Classes**

**For a complete list of classes offered please see the website**

\*EVT testing will be offered

**Hotel Accomodations**

We have made a group block ar-

rangement with the local Best Western Plus Loveland in. We have secured 40 rooms at a discounted rate of \$119.00, which is a very competitive rate. Many local hotels quoted much higher rates. Best Western Plus will only hold this rate until June 29. We highly encourage you to book your rooms early. If we get early bookings for all 40 rooms then we can request that more rooms are held, but we can only do this if you book early.

*Please log on to [www.coevta.org](http://www.coevta.org) get in your 2018 membership dues as soon as possible, Members receive a discount on academy tuition.*

## 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 and share in our wins. As well as; present ongoing training and learning opportunities that provide for continuing education

credits. We are a group whose sum is greater than the tally of parts by pulling together.

If you have any additional questions regarding membership, please feel free to call me on my personal cell:

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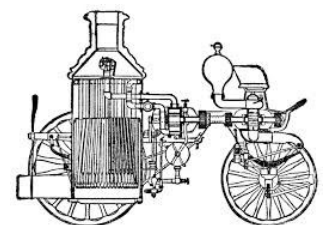
**Membership Term**

*Please check out our new web site [www.coevta.org](http://www.coevta.org)*

*Thank you Sarah Ryan for building our awesome new website.*

## Facebook Page

We are working on developing a new Facebook page to appropriately reflect the name of our association. Please standby for updates. And...when we do launch it, please make it a habit to post picks of all the cool EVT related stuff you do and see.



# Vendor Support—Academy Sponsorship

**CALLING ALL VENDORS!!!**

*New Location!*

This year we will be having a Vendor/Dinner function at Aims Community College.

Confirmed setup times are still being determined but, we will tentatively plan for 3-5pm on Tuesday July 31st. Vendor fee is \$150, and we will supply the tables (6' x 2'), chairs, and electricity for your display.

For participating vendors two dinner tickets are provided and additional tickets may be purchased for \$10 each.

Also, there are additional opportunities for sponsorship listed

on the website

You also have the opportunity to display apparatus or other large equipment items that are included in your fee.

Call me for additional information and/or directions.

In addition, you can also place a stand-alone banner representing your company in the registration area of the Facility for the week. Please contact me ahead of time if this is something you plan to take advantage of so that I can plan for space.

***For your convenience, all forms for registering are available on our web site at <http://www.coevta.org/>. You may pay your fees online.***

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please email or call me.

## \$\$\$.....Money Talk.....\$\$\$

As spring approaches we are hard at work getting ready for our 30th yes 30th academy. We are going to a new place with new people and could not be more excited. We are starting this academy the strongest financially we have ever been. With over \$32,000.00 in our accounts this year we are planning great things for our students.

Membership renewal is moving along but we would like to see more.

That being said please remember to renew today. As always non members pay \$100 more in tuition for academy then our members do.

We already have our first student registered and look forward to many more signing up.

Please remember to be safe in everything you do at and away from work.

Tim

## Pump Testing

If you have apparatus that needs to be pump tested, we have a few open spots. If, you are willing to let you truck be used for training purposes. During the training, pump testing can be completed.

***“Be The Fire Service Savant Dedicating time, energy, and heart to be better than the day before” Ty Wheeler-***

## Special Committees– Do you have an opinion? Now is your chance to get it out there!

Many people have expressed their thoughts and opinions about how the Colorado Fire Mechanics Association should be run. Now is your chance to have a meaningful input on the association and its future. In an effort to build an association that targets the needs of its members in a meaningful, ethical and

compliant manner. We have, and will continue to, form special committees.

We are going to form a branding/ public image committee, Membership Committee, Education, Bi-laws and more.

If this is important to you, please come prepared to discuss matters pertaining

to existing committees or make suggestions on new committees.

If there are any matters that are of particular importance to you please be prepared to make suggestions on new committees that may need to be formed. And/or volunteer your time to join or support

## Next Meeting

**We have decided to change the date and time and subject for the Association's regularly scheduled quarterly training meeting. Rather than holding it on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April when there were several conflicts we moved the training to the 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2018. The training will begin at 0800. There will be a business meeting afterward. The address is 5440 Roslyn Street Building B in Denver. The training room is adjacent to the Fire Shop! The class will be on A/C work. Basically covering what we will be doing with a good portion of our time as the Thermometers begin to climb. Steve Jones from Drive Train Industries will be prepared to walk us through some basics and will cover some technology that other Fire Shops are currently using! Steve will also have a discussion with us in regard to the new 1234yf refrigerant that we will be seeing in most new vehicles. \*(see article below). Steve has asked that we are armed with a list of items that he and Drive Train can help us with. If we ask for it he will see that it is kept in supply so we can minimize down times. If there are some AC related parts that you find hard to obtain let him know during this class and he will go to his office and make arrangements to help you!**

This business meeting will include, but not be limited to a vote of the members present to ratify the amended by-laws. The amended by-laws are available for your review on the website at [www.coevta.org](http://www.coevta.org). Please take a few minutes to review them and if there are issues you have please contact your favorite e-board member with your comments.

**Volunteers.....**

*'A GOOD PLAN IS LIKE A ROAD MAP. IT SHOWS THE FINAL DESTINATION AND USUALLY THE BEST WAY TO GET THERE'*

**DONALD JUDD-**

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**When:**

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**Training Topic:**

**1234-YF Refrigerant**

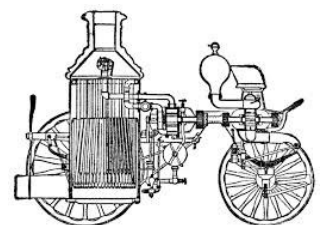
**Description:**

**Business Meeting**

**A/C Refrigerant Training**

**Where:**

**5440 Roslyn Street,**



# Next Meeting Agenda

5/16/2018 COFMA meeting agenda;

Call to Order

Welcome and Introductions

Thanks to Denver Fire, Scott, and Drive Train Industries  
(Indland Parts) .

Special recognitions for Accomplishments!

Thanks to IT (Sarah)

Roll Call (sign-up sheet)

Secretary's report.

Minutes from the Jan Meeting!

Treasurer's report.

Reports on Standing Committees

Academy Committee

Vendor Committee

Chief's Liason

Training officers Liason

Report on Special Committees

Membership Committee

Branding Committee

Unfinished Business

Schedule training meetings for 2018/2019

Trailer cleanup may 19<sup>th</sup>

By-laws ratification

New Business

Send dates to chiefs for 2019 meetings

Unlimited discussion pertaining to Apparatus Repair and Maintenance.

Adjourn

# Board Members

## Elected Members

Chairman of the Board: Chris Nelson

Vice Chairman: Ken Roland

Treasurer: Tim Schneiderwent

Secretary: Eric Beutz

## Appointed Members

Chief's Liaison: Kent Coker

Vendor Coordinator: Jeanie Schnederwent

Public Information Officer: Alan Gosselin

Academy Coordinator: Jarrett Hill

# 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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