Recent Event for our Department:

Wildcat Cruise:

We recently had our second annual Wildcat Cruise. We started at Kirt’s Family Drive In and were police escorted all the way to campus. We then joined the Bare Bones Car Show/Tailgate Party for Weber State’s first home football game. We had over 40 cars participate in the cruise and had a great time at the car show afterwards.

We would like to thank all those the helped make this happen as well as Bare Bone Customs for letting us join their car show.

Incoming ATEP Cohort:

School is back in full swing after having the Summer off. We have a new batch of Freshmen that are already most of the way through their first set of Electrical courses. They are very excited about all the club activities and can’t wait to be part of all the department has to offer.
Curriculum:
Currently Being Taught:

- The first semester ATEP freshmen are taking Electrical classes taught by Will Speigle. They are learning about Ohms law and how to diagnose electrical problems.
- The second semester ATEP freshman are in the Brakes 2 course taught by Blair Newbold. They are learning about wheel bearings as well as how to machine brake drums and rotors.
- The third semester ATEP sophomores will be starting the Automotive Body Control Systems course taught by Blair Newbold. This course covers vehicle network communications.
- The fourth semester ATEP sophomores are currently in Automatic Transmission course being taught by John Kelly. They are learning to rebuild a variety of automatic transmissions.
- The BS courses we are teaching currently are Introduction to Automotive Technology, Advanced Automotive Technologies, Advanced Electrical Systems, Advanced Propulsion Systems, and Directed Readings.

Announcements:

High School Competition:

We are gearing up for our annual High School Competition. We will have the Qualifying Round exam on December 1, 2016. The Championship Round will be February 9, 2016. We look forward to having all these students on campus to see our facility as well as learn all they can from the contest.

Please visit our Contest Webpage to fill out the registration form and pay if your school wishes to participate this year. You can also view the contest rule book.

If you are interested in judging for the Championship Round in February please call or email Bree in the office: (801) 626-6579 or breeconlin@weber.edu.
**Student of the Month: Matt Ringler**

Matt is a sophomore in our ATEP program, and will be graduating this Fall with an A.A.S in Mechanical Engineering Technology and General Studies. He is planning to pursue a Dual B.S. degree in Field Service Operations and Professional Sales here at Weber State University.

He has served in the Utah Army National Guard for almost 11 years as a Wheeled Vehicle Mechanic. He has been married for almost 9 years and has an 18 month old son named Clark and another baby coming in May. He loves camping, shooting, spending time with his family, and video games.

**Faculty and Staff Member of the Month: Scott Hadzik**

Scott is the current Department Chair for the department of Automotive Technology. He has an A.A.S in Automotive Technologies (WSU), an A.A.S in Computer Science (WSU), a B.S. in Automotive Technology (WSU), and a Masters degree in Instructional Technology and Learning Sciences from Utah State University.

He is currently researching autonomous vehicle systems. He has built several miniature demonstration vehicles. The vehicles highlight some of the autonomous sensors and controllers found on self-driving vehicles. He hopes to highlight the advanced skills required for future automotive technicians.

**Auto Tech Club:**

**Kaizen Cobra:**

The Cobra has been to a few cars shows over the summer and has been a big hit. It now has its custom embroidered seats done by Alex Upholstery. The students are working to get the interior done this semester. Follow the progress of the car on our Facebook page.

**Recent Activities:**

The club has been having a great time so far this semester. They had a movie night where they watched Need for Speed, they helped out at the cruise, and they are putting together and FASE Racing Team.

Pictures right: Some club members in Brent Loucks’ beetle getting ready to cruise. They had a good time and were a little cramped in the tiny back seat.
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