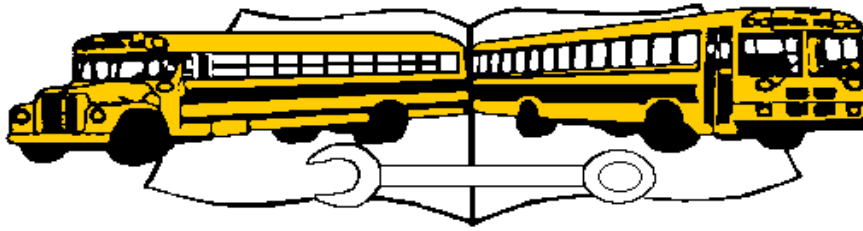


The Mechanic's Messenger



New Contact at OSHP

Greetings OSBMA! My name is Sergeant Kelly Weakley with the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Licensing and Commercial Standards Section. I recently transferred back to the Licensing and Commercial Standards Section in July where I worked from 2006 to 2010.

I am looking forward to continuing the Patrol's partnership with OSBMA in making school bus safety a priority throughout the State of Ohio.

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Membership

- ☞ **Active Membership** is open to qualified mechanic who has responsibility in maintaining the operation of a safe and efficient pupil transportation system. (\$30)
- ☞ **Associate Membership** is open to other Ohio school officials who are interested in promoting safe pupil transportation in Ohio, retired OSBMA members, and vendors. (\$20)
- ☞ Membership is good for one year: July 1 - June 30.
- ☞ General aim is to advance pupil transportation as a part of a school district's public education program.
- ☞ Please join us in promoting safe and efficient pupil transportation in Ohio.

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SHAWN DAWSON, WESTERVILLE CITY SCHOOLS

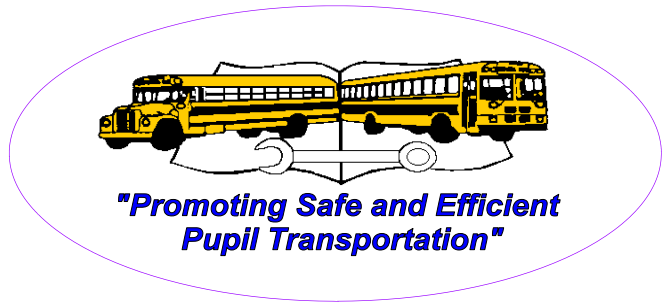
**"I AM VERY LUCKY TO ATTEND THESE CLINICS AND
 GRASP SOME KNOWLEDGE ON SCHOOL BUSES.
 IT HAS GIVEN ME A CHANCE TO TALK AND LISTEN TO PROBLEMS
 AND SHARE SOME TECHNICAL ANSWERS.
 I WORKED IN THE AUTOMOTIVE, TRUCK, SCHOOL BUS FIELD
 ABOUT A TOTAL OF 40 YEARS.
 KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK SO WE (THE TECHS),
 CAN BE INFORMED AND DO THE BEST JOB ON REPAIRING AND
 THE SAFETY OF OUR SCHOOL BUS FLEET. THANK YOU!"**

DANIEL B KRYSOSIK, HEAD BUS MECHANIC, ROCKY RIVER SCHOOLS

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All Ohio School Bus Mechanics
are invited to attend the
**23RD ANNUAL OHIO SCHOOL BUS
MECHANICS ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP**
to be held
September 27 & 28, 2011.



This workshop will be held at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North Hotel, 6500 Doubletree Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. Attending this workshop will help meet in-service requirements for school bus mechanics. Registration is limited to the first 275 registrants. Session and class sizes are limited, therefore, return your registration form and payment by **September 16, 2011**. As soon as we receive your registration form and payment, we will send your **Confirmation**, which will confirm your registration and be your receipt of payment. *Walk-in registrations will not be accepted.*

<u>DAY ONE—Tuesday, September 27, 2011</u>		<u>DAY TWO—Wednesday, September 28, 2011</u>	
7:00—8:00	Registration/Continental Breakfast	7:00—8:00	Continental Breakfast
8:00—8:30	Welcome, General Session	8:00—10:00	SESSION III
8:30—10:30	SESSION I	10:00—NOON	SESSION IV
10:30—12:30	SESSION II	NOON—1:00	Lunch
12:30—2:00	Lunch / OPEN FORUM	1:00—2:30	Business Meeting/Annual Election
2:00—5:00	Vendor Exhibit Show	2:30—3:00	ASE Master School Bus Technician Awards, Certificates & Door Prizes
5:00—	Dinner on your own		

SESSION TOPICS—This annual workshop will include four sessions, each two hours in length.

SCHOOL BUS BODY DIAGNOSIS *You will attend one of these three sessions.*

<u>BLUE BIRD</u>	TONY RUMER—CARDINAL BUS SALES
<u>IC</u>	DICK EPP—CENTER CITY INTERNATIONAL
<u>THOMAS</u>	JAKE GANNAWAY—EDWIN H DAVIS & SONS

VENDOR EXHIBIT SHOW

Over 40 vendors from across the country will be exhibiting their products!

SCHOOL BUS ENGINE DIAGNOSIS *You will attend one of these two sessions.*

<u>CUMMINS</u>	BILL DOWD & JIM CUSHMAN—CUMMINS BRIDGEWAY, LLC
<u>INTERNATIONAL</u>	JIM STICKEL—CENTER CITY INTERNATIONAL

SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE *All registrants will attend two of these seven sessions.*

<u>ALLISON TRANSMISSIONS</u>	JON DAVIES & TOM REDDIG—W.W.WILLIAMS
<i>This class will cover electronic tools, in-vehicle diagnostics, and transmission replacement.</i>	
<u>COMMON HAZARDS</u>	KIMBERLIE MITCHEM—PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RISK REDUCTION PROGRAM
<i>This class will cover shop safety issues, clean air, and noise standards.</i>	
<u>COOLANTS</u>	JAMES RITCHEY & JASON HALL—PENRAY CO.
<i>This class will cover proper selection and maintenance of coolants, including proper testing procedures for each coolant type and correct choice of additives.</i>	
<u>RETIREMENT ISSUES</u>	CAMERON VAUGHAN—SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEMS
<i>This class will cover retirement issues and changes to retirement rules.</i>	
<u>WHEEL BEARINGS & SEALS</u>	DAN HUMPHREY—TIMKEN CO., AND ANDY GIESLER—SKF SEALS
<i>This class will cover wheel end bearings and seal inspection, maintenance, and replacement procedures.</i>	
<u>WHEELCHAIR LIFTS</u>	DOUG HOOVER—BRAUN CORPORATION
<i>This class will cover general maintenance, repair and adjustments on wheelchair lifts.</i>	
<u>WHEELCHAIR SECUREMENT</u>	BUD FEARS—Q'STRAIT
<i>This class will be an overview of how to secure mobility devices, proper layout and orientation of occupant restraints and shoulder belts, review product choices, inspection procedures, documentation of inspections, continuity in specifications, incident and quarantine the product procedures.</i>	

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association provides each registrant with a Certificate of Achievement that serves as your permanent record of participation. This certificate is suitable for framing or can be placed in your personnel file to show that you have fulfilled the yearly in-service training requirements required by section 3301-83-10 of the Ohio Pupil Transportation Operation & Safety Rules.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Complete the registration form and mail it with a check or money order to: Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association, PO Box 30844, Gahanna, Ohio 43230. Return the registration form and payment by September 16, 2011. If you have questions, please call (614) 478-9300. If purchase orders are used, you may fax (614) 478-9304. School districts using purchase orders are responsible for paying the registration fee even if their mechanic does not attend (*see cancellations below). Registration is limited to the first 275 registrants. As soon as we receive your registration form and payment, we will send your Confirmation. *Walk-in registrations will not be accepted.*

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations received up to five working days before the workshop are refundable, minus a \$10.00 registration service charge. After that, cancellations are subject to the entire workshop registration fee, which you may apply toward future workshops. Please note that if you do not cancel and do not attend, you are still responsible for payment. School districts using purchase orders are also responsible for paying even if their mechanic does not attend.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions may be made, however, any additional fees due to the person substituting not being a current member, must be paid before of at registration.

ROOM RESERVATIONS

Room reservations can be made by contacting the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 614-885-1885 or 1-800-996-8916. Your consideration of this location will help reduce the cost of this workshop and future workshops. Have your school's tax identification number on-hand when making reservations. Tax exemption privileges will be honored to individual guests producing a school district tax exemption certificate AND paying with a school check or school credit card.

***** ROOM RESERVATIONS MADE PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 5 WILL RECEIVE THE GROUP RATE OF \$112.**

All rooms must be guaranteed by advance deposit or credit card. Cancellations can be made up to 6:00 pm day of arrival.

WORKSHOP COST SUMMARY

Workshop Registration (current members)	\$180.00	
Workshop Registration (non-members)	\$210.00	
Room at Crowne Plaza Hotel	\$112.00	Flat Rate* single or double
	\$ 7.56	Sales Tax** (6.75%)
	<u>\$ 11.20</u>	Bed Tax (10%)
	\$130.76	

* Flat rate means \$112 per room, not per person. Two people could divide the cost at \$56 each (plus tax if applicable)
 ** Sales tax will be applied if the room is not paid by a school district.

23RD ANNUAL OHIO SCHOOL BUS MECHANICS ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP
SEPTEMBER 27 & 28, 2011
Registration Form

Name (to appear on certificate)	School District / Employer	County
Home Address	Home Phone	
Home Address (continued)	Work Phone	
Email Address (please print legibly!)	Cell Phone	

I am an ASE MASTER SCHOOL BUS TECHNICIAN, and will be honored to receive an award (first time) from the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association. I am enclosing a copy of ASE certificate or Social Security Number _____ for verification purposes.

ALL REGISTRANTS WILL ATTEND THE VENDOR EXHIBIT SHOW.
 SELECT ONE TOPIC IN CATEGORY ONE AND TWO;
 AND TWO IN CATEGORY THREE BELOW:

Choose one:

1 BLUEBIRD
 IC
 THOMAS

Choose one:

2 CUMMINS
 INTERNATIONAL

Choose two:

3 ALLISON TRANSMISSIONS
 COMMON HAZARDS
 COOLANTS
 RETIREMENT ISSUES
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 WHEELCHAIR SECUREMENT—Q'STRAIT

**Are you a current member of the
 OHIO SCHOOL BUS MECHANICS
 ASSOCIATION?**

YES, membership number _____.
 I'm sending **\$180** for workshop registration.

NO, but I wish to renew or become a new member.
 I'm sending \$30 for membership and \$180 for workshop registration (**\$210**).

NO. I do not wish to become a member.
 I am sending **\$210** for workshop registration.

Purchase Order # _____ (if applicable)

- ➔ Mail registration form and payment by September 16, 2011 to: Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association, PO Box 30844, Gahanna, Ohio 43230.
- ➔ Every effort will be made to accommodate your class choices, however, if the class you chose is full, you will receive an alternate class.
- ➔ Room reservations at the Crowne Plaza Hotel are to be made separately by calling (614)885-1885 by September 5, 2011.

Just so you know, the Crowne Plaza Columbus North hotel is a smoke-free facility. If you smoke, reserve a room on the lower level facing the outside of the hotel. That way you can step out to smoke easily. Call 1-800-228-3429 to make reservations by SEPTEMBER 5.

Please call Susie Washburn at 614-478-9300 if you experience any problems reserving a room!



OSBMA Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association will be held September 28, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel & Conference Center in Columbus, Ohio.

The meeting will take place from 1—2:30pm on the second day of the annual workshop. The north, northwest, south and west regions will be electing regional directors. If you would like to nominate an eligible school bus mechanic to serve, please contact Matt Hoven, Vice President 440-965-41056 or mhoven@firelandsschools.org

The constitution may be amended at any regular Annual meeting of the members provided twenty days notice of such proposal is sent to each member. A motion was passed at the June meeting of the OSBMA Executive Committee to require committee members to hold at least one regional workshop and attend two executive committee meetings per year in order to receive 100% reduction in workshop fees. The current wording in the By-Laws & Constitution reads: “*The Executive Committee members shall receive a 100% reduction in workshop fees.*” The **wording change to be voted upon by current members** of the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association at the annual meeting in September is “Executive Committee members who are actively supporting the association by holding at least one regional workshop and attending at least two executive committee meetings per year shall receive a 100% reduction in workshop fees”.



Captain Carl Roark,
Ohio State Highway Patrol,
swearing in new officers at the
annual Ohio School Bus
Mechanics Association
Executive Committee Banquet,
June 17, 2011.

*Colin Eichel—President
Paul Bierhup—Treasurer
Matt Hoven—Vice President
(not pictured Truman Boylen—Secretary)*

Webinar—Commercial DPA Lift Training

Rick Jacobs with The Braun Corporation would like to invite you to participate in a Webinar on August 9, 2011. This training will cover all aspects of our DPA lift products including identification, maintenance and repair procedures.

Title: Commercial DPA Lift Training

Date: Tuesday, August 9, 2011

Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

System Requirements

PC-based attendees

Required: Windows® 7, Vista, XP or 2003 Server

Macintosh®-based attendees

Required: Mac OS® X 10.5 or newer

Space is limited.

Reserve your Webinar seat now at: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/905061566>

Check out the new social networking site developed specifically and only for the school transportation industry launched this month as another tool to help professionals share and connect ideas. Presented by School Transportation News and powered by Heavy Duty Bus Parts, the site features group discussions and “walls” similar to Facebook. Users can also create profiles, upload photos and video, and make and find new friends. The purpose of this site is for work- and industry-related activity but there is still plenty of fun to be had in interacting with others, sharing information and learning new things.

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