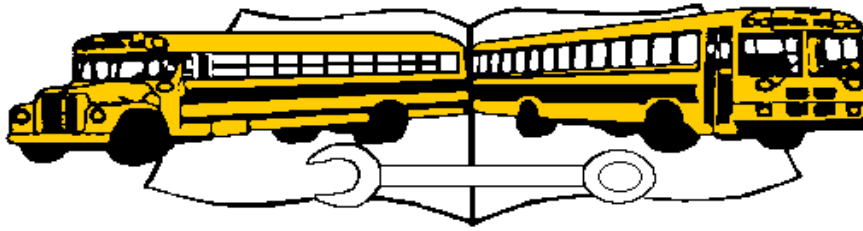


# The Mechanic's Messenger



## Annual Workshop Overview

Our sincere gratitude to the many vendors who participated in the 23rd Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association Workshop! If you missed the annual workshop this year, please make plans to attend the workshop in 2012. Mark your calendar to be sure you don't miss this valuable training experience!

*24th Annual OSBMA Workshop  
September 25 & 26, 2012 @*

**Doubletree Hotel & Conference Center (Columbus-Worthington)**

Registration information will be available in July @ [www.osbma.org](http://www.osbma.org)

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| Authorized Transmission Remanufacturing | Ohio State Highway Patrol                |
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## Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association

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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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## Upcoming Meetings and Workshops

**SCHOOL BUS INSPECTION MANUAL IN-SERVICE MEETINGS** will be held **February & March, 2012**. Sergeant Kelly Weakley, Licensing and Commercial Standards Section, Ohio Highway Patrol, in partnership with the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association will be holding these free meetings throughout the state. These meetings are open to anyone who is involved in maintaining the school bus in safe operating condition and prepares the school bus for annual inspection. There will be time during and at the end of the presentation for questions and answers. Check [www.osbma.org](http://www.osbma.org) for dates and locations as they become available.

**OSBMA SPRING WORKSHOP** will be held **April 4, 2012** at the Ohio Department of Transportation in Columbus, Ohio. This is a great opportunity for school bus mechanics to learn alongside the school bus inspectors. The *tentative* topics scheduled are:

- “Roadside safety & how to prepare the bus for towing”
- “How to get the most from your DVOM”
- “Retirement issues & general investment”

**OSBMA 24TH ANNUAL WORKSHOP** will be held **September 25 & 26, 2012** at the Doubletree Hotel Columbus Worthington. Please note that this is a different location than the past couple of years. This two-day event will include many different classes on engines, transmissions, brakes, wheelchair lifts, fuel systems, steering & suspension, charging issues and environmental concerns for maintenance shops. This workshop provides over 8 hours of training, and also offers a vendor exhibit show with over 40 vendors. Registration information will be available in July.

*Check the website [www.osbma.org](http://www.osbma.org) for up-to-date workshop information.*

## OSBMA Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association was held September 28, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel & Conference Center in Columbus, Ohio. The north, northwest, south and west regions elected regional directors. The OSBMA welcomes these regional associate directors who will serve for a term of two (2) years:

- \* North—Joe Belsan, Regional Director (Associates: Randy Reisbach & Sara Schlechter)
- \* Northwest—Jerry Jacobs, Regional Director (Associate: Ed Chambers)
- \* South—Steve Dougan, Regional Director (Associate: Mark Lowery)
- \* West—Dan Grothouse, Regional Director

The membership voted to amend the constitution. The new wording in the By-Laws & Constitution reads: “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”.



Congratulations to  
**James Creech**, Crooksville Exempted Village Schools for achieving **ASE Master School Bus Technician**  
and  
**Daniel Krystosik**, Rocky River City Schools for achieving **ASE Master Medium/Heavy Truck Technician**  
certifications!

We wish you a safe and happy holiday season and new year!



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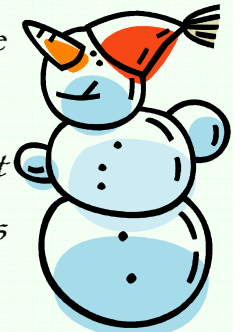
Check out the new social networking site for developed specifically for the school transportation industry!

## America's Best School Bus Technician

*"I was given the opportunity to compete in the America's Best Competition in San Antonio, Texas the last week of September 2011. This experience was very educational for me. I was able to learn many new techniques to use for bus*

*maintenance and repairs. I am very thankful for the opportunity to represent Ohio at the competition. I gained so much new knowledge and made many new friends which I am sure will prove helpful in the future."*

*—Scott Snoke, Forest Truck & Auto Parts*



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