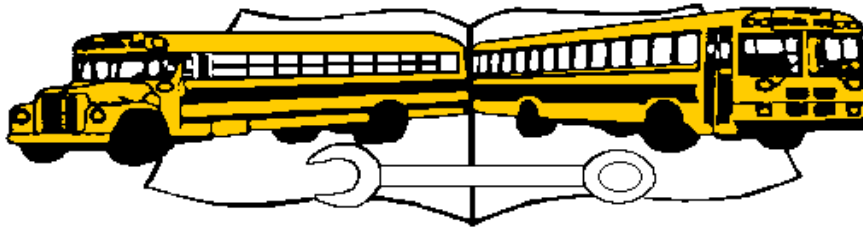


The Mechanic's Messenger



Upcoming workshops & informational meetings

February / March / April, 2014

Meetings to review the changes made to the Ohio School Bus inspection manual will be scheduled for February & March. Locations and dates will be listed online as soon as they are available. www.osbma.org

April 7, 2014

The OSBMA Spring Workshop will be held at the Ohio Department of Transportation in Columbus, Ohio.

Topics will include:

“School Bus Inspection Procedures”

“Ohio School Bus Construction Standards”

Registration will be available soon!

October 20-22, 2014

The 26th Annual Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association Workshop will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Columbus/Worthington. Early bird registration will begin August 1st.

America's Best School Bus Technician

A written test (typical ASE test, 50 questions) was administered at the 25th Annual OSBMA Workshop. A competitor to represent Ohio was chosen by the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association. All school bus mechanics in Ohio were invited to compete. All participants must be currently employed in a position requiring the regular/frequent maintenance and/or repair of school buses. The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association will be sponsoring the participant to the National Skills Competition.

Ron Milliron, with Crestview Local Schools (Columbiana County) will represent the state of Ohio at the 2014 America's Best School Bus Technician Competition. This competition requires technicians to demonstrate exemplary skills in technical knowledge and diagnostic troubleshooting. For additional information regarding the national competition, check out www.americasbest.org

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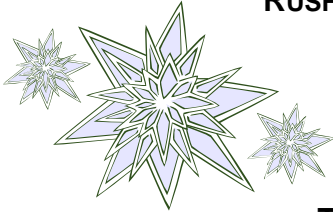
- ☞ **Active Membership** is open to qualified mechanic who has responsibility in maintaining the operation of a safe and efficient pupil transportation system. (\$30)
- ☞ **Associate Membership** is open to other Ohio school officials who are interested in promoting safe pupil transportation in Ohio, 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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Annual Workshop Overview

The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association 25th Annual Workshop was held November 12 & 13, 2013 at the DoubleTree in Columbus, Ohio. A huge thank you to all school bus transportation vendors contributing to the success of this workshop:



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Attending this workshop meets in-service training requirements for school bus mechanics. Make plans now to attend the 26th Annual Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association Workshop which will be held October 21 & 22, 2014 at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Columbus-Worthington.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association was held November 13, 2013 at the conclusion of the annual workshop. Regional meetings were conducted. We welcome these newly elected committee members:

Jason Divoll, Swanton Local Schools—Vice President
Ron Milliron, Crestview Local Schools (Columbiana County) - East Regional Director
Bob Roth, Wadsworth City Schools—North Regional Director
Bob Stanish, Medina County Board of DD—North Associate Director
Randy Behr, Maumee City Schools—Northwest Regional Director
Rob Widener, Greenville City Schools—West Regional Director

A Regional Director is still needed in the southwest region. Contact Matt Hoven, OSBMA President if you are interested in this position @ 440-965-4105.

ASE Master School Bus Technicians

Each year the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association recognizes school bus mechanics who have earned their "ASE-Certified Master School Bus Technician" distinction. The 2013 awards went to:

Matt Hartley, Piqua City Schools
Greg Pennington, Paint Valley Local Schools
W. Jay Graham, St. Clairsville-Richland City Schools

To earn this distinction, a technician must be certified in tests S1–S6. These tests are designed to test knowledge of systems specific to school buses.

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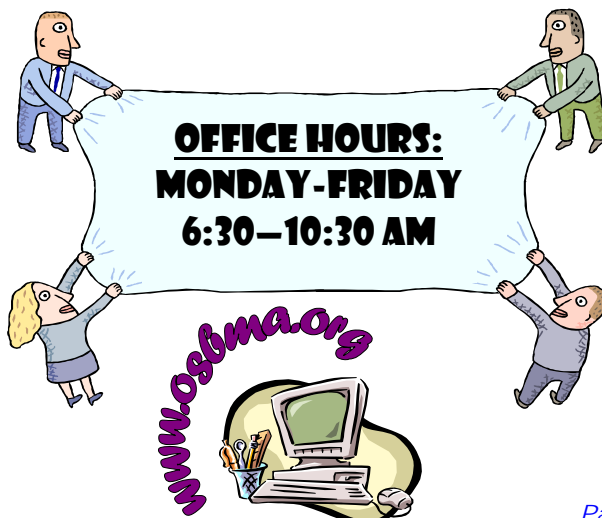
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