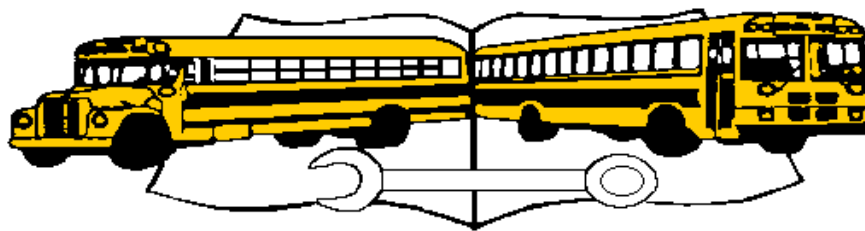


The Mechanic's Messenger



Annual Workshop

The 26th Annual Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association Workshop will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton.

October 21 & 22, 2014

Mark your calendar! Early Bird Registration begins July 15th!

Mutual Aid Booklet

Would you consider coming to the aid of fellow school transportation personnel? The Mutual Aid Booklet has been very helpful to many schools traveling far from their home base as they transport students to various extracurricular activities. The purpose of the booklet is to aid school bus drivers and mechanics from other districts by providing a name and number of someone to contact for help in the event of an emergency when traveling a distance from their school district.

The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association is updating the "Mutual Aid Booklet" listing contact information of current members. *If you do not wish to participate, please check the box indicating this wish on the membership form. If you have already renewed your membership for the 14/15 year and do not wish to participate, please contact Susie Washburn by August 30, 2014 by calling (614) 478-9300 or emailing your request to osbma@att.net.*

A complimentary copy of the Mutual Aid Booklet compiled of technicians across the state of Ohio (members of the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association) will be passed out at the 26th Annual Workshop. This booklet will also made available upon request after September 30, 2014. To request a copy, leave a voice mail message requesting a copy including your name and mailing address (614) 478-9300.

Sample:

Tuscarawas County

Dover City, 330-343-3566

contact Colin Eichel, cell/home# 330-243-3299

Be a
hero!



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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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Opening on OSBMA Executive Committee

Have you considered getting more involved in the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association? There is currently an immediate opening available as a Regional Director in the Southwest regions! The counties comprising this region is as follows:

SOUTHWEST REGION— BROWN, BUTLER, CLERMONT, CLINTON, FAYETTE, HAMILTON, & WARREN

Regional Directors are responsible for :

- ⇒ Attending committee meetings (4/year)
- ⇒ Planning and implementing workshops in their region

*If you are interested in serving in this position,
please contact Jason Divoll, OSBMA Vice President at (419)826-8891.*



*Our appreciation goes out to Charlie Osborn with New Albany Plain Local Schools for stepping up to complete the term for Tom Francis in the central region. Tom resigned due to family responsibilities. Thank you Tom for your faithful service!

Job Opportunities

Job postings for school bus mechanics can be found on the OSBMA website. Current openings are:

- ☞ Bobby's Truck & Bus Repair—Lead Mechanic Med/Heavy Duty Diesels
- ☞ Twinsburg City Schools—Mechanic, Transportation Department

For more information, go to www.osbma.org and click on NEWS then JOBS.

School Bus Mechanic of the Year

The David E. Drum Award for School Bus Mechanic of the Year was presented to Sara Schlechter at the 2014 OAPT Annual Conference. Sara has been very involved in the Ohio School Bus Mechanic Association since 1994.

Sara has served as the North Regional Associate Director, North Regional Director, Vice President, President, Past President and currently Secretary. She has also represented OSBMA on the State Safety Committee and State Road-e-o Committee.

We are so proud of Sara for all of her accomplishments!

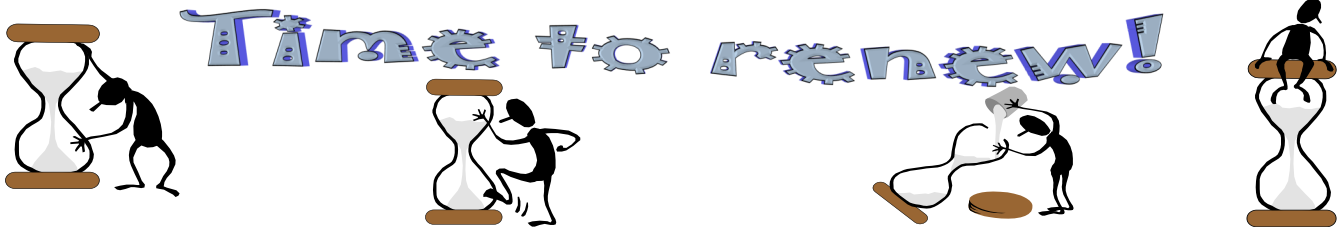
Cracking Floor Cross Members

Do you have older Amtran or IC buses? There have been some issues on some units with the floor cross members cracking at the frame attaching points. Until now the only repair was to try to weld the crack and hope it didn't reappear, or to try to make a reinforcement yourself and install that.

There is an easy solution to this problem from IC and it works with all three mount types—J bolt, U bolt and mounting ear type mounts. There is a left and right part number: 452456000 LH and 4524560002 RH. It is a heavy angle that sits in the cross member that has all the holes for the mount positions. To install, simply remove the mount bolt and clean the mounting area. Set the angle in the floor channel and stitch weld it to the floor and weld the existing crack. Coat with undercoating and the repair is factory approved and will stop any further issues.

-Shane Myers, OSBMA Newsletter Editor

OSBMA Membership Renewal



The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association is comprised of over 350 school bus mechanics working directly for school districts or for contractors from all over the state of Ohio. The general aim of the association is the advancement of pupil transportation as a part of a school district's public education program.

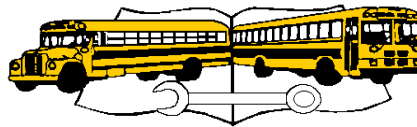
ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP is open to **any qualified mechanic** who has responsibility in maintaining the operation of a safe and efficient pupil transportation system. Active membership is \$30 per year.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP is open to other Ohio school officials who are interested in promoting safe pupil transportation in Ohio, retired OSBMA members, and vendors. Associate membership is \$20 per year, on an individual basis.

Membership is good for one year:
JULY 1, 2014 through JUNE 30, 2015

Please join us in promoting safe and efficient pupil transportation in Ohio!

Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association Annual Membership Application Form



School District / Employer _____

County _____

Name _____
[please print]

Work Telephone _____

Home Address _____
Street

Home Telephone _____

City State Zip Code

Cell Telephone _____

Email Address _____
[please print legibly!]

Current Membership Number _____

Complete this form and mail to Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association, P.O. Box 30844, Gahanna, Ohio 43230.
Enclose payment of \$30 (check or money order made payable to: OHIO SCHOOL BUS MECHANICS ASSOCIATION).
This will activate your membership for the 2014/15 school year (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015).

The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association corresponds either by utilizing "EMAIL" and/or "PHONETREE".
Please circle the best phone number for us to contact you via phonetree (phone message service).
If you do not have access to a computer, we will mail your information to your home address.

Would you like to be listed in the Mutual Aid Booklet?

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*-Sara Schlechter—
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