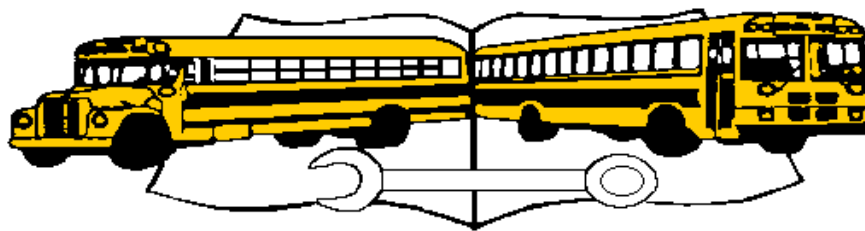


# The Mechanic's Messenger



## Message from the President

"I want to thank everyone who had a part in this year's annual workshop. This workshop provides over 8 hours of valuable training. The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association strives to present topics that meet the needs of new mechanics as well as the more experienced. There were 208 school bus mechanics across Ohio who were able to attend, and of those, 30 mechanics were new to the industry!"

The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association makes a continued effort to support safe and efficient pupil transportation in Ohio. From regional workshops to the annual workshop, there is much opportunity to receive great information. I hope you will continue to make time in your busy schedule to get the training you need to keep your fleets properly running and our children safe. I am so proud to have the opportunity to lead such a great group of people."

- **Matt Hoven, OSBMA President**

## School Bus Safety Poster Contest

The National School Bus Safety Week is the third full week in October to promote school bus safety. The 2014 poster contest theme will become the 2015 National School Bus Safety Week (October 19—23, 2015) theme.

The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association is a proud sponsor of the 2014 Ohio School Bus Safety Poster Contest.

*"Be Smart - Be Seen, / wait in a safe place!"*

Please encourage the kids in your school district to enter the 2015 School Bus Safety Poster Contest with the theme "Bully Free Zone".

## America's Best School Bus Technician

The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association is planning on sending a representative to the 2015 School Bus Technician's Training and Skills Competition. The test will be administered at the 2015 OSBMA Workshop which will be held in April, 2015 (date to be determined) in Columbus, Ohio. This test will be similar to the typical ASE test with 50 questions. The top score will represent Ohio in the America's Best School Bus Technician's Training and Skills Competition.



The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association will provide transportation to the contest, lodging and breakfast for the technician. Any other persons traveling with you will need to cover their own costs. Information regarding the national competition will be posted on the NAPT website as soon as details are finalized ([www.napt.org](http://www.napt.org)).

More information will be available in January.

## 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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## Weller Tour

"I would like to thank **Mike Laube of W.W.Williams** and **Dave Keller of Weller Truck Parts** for inviting the members of the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association to tour the **WELLER REMAN CENTER** in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Weller Reman Center is where they rebuild Allison Transmissions, Medium Duty Automatic Transmissions, Light and Heavy Duty Manual Transmissions, Transfer Cases, Steering Gear Boxes and Pumps, and Differentials. The Ohio school bus mechanics took the trip from Perrysburg, Ohio to the facility in Grand Rapids, Michigan on November 19, 2014. Other than the driving could've been better (good old lake effect snow!), we all had a great time. The facility was very impressive! If you have the opportunity to visit and take a tour of their plant, I would highly suggest it."

**- Jason Divoll, OSBMA Vice President**

## Bobby's Truck & Bus Repair

### Local Business Receives State Commendation

Press Release By Brian Liskai

FREMONT, Ohio (Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2014) –After working for the Fremont City Schools for five years as a mechanic, Bobby Sears found his passion was working on buses assuring safe transportation for the drivers and passengers.

So, in 1989 Bobby and his wife, Kellie, founded Bobby's Truck and Bus Repair in Fremont. Little did the couple think that small beginning would lead to expansion and accolades 25 years later.

"I've always liked to figure out why something wasn't running right and that sense of accomplishment when you use knowledge and hard work to fix something," said Bobby.

"Our success is a product of our loyal customer base over the past 25 years along with our dedicated employees who work just as hard as we do and are just as passionate about our business," said Bobby.

In 2010 Bobby and Kellie expanded into bus sales and in 2012 added a new location in Toledo. The two locations ran over 290 school buses through for state annual inspections the past few years alone.

But Bobby and Kellie still weren't done. In 2013 Bobby's Truck and Bus Repair became the exclusive dealership in Ohio for Lion Bus, an innovative new school bus with many "firsts" in features in the industry.

While Fremont remains the home base for Bobby's Truck and Bus Repair, the Toledo location was referred to as "one of Toledo's greatest accomplishments in small business" by Deputy Toledo Mayor Paul Syring on their recruitment of an international product – the Lion Bus. Bobby's also graced the cover of the Toledo Development News/Business Journal and Economic Development publication as a feature story this year.

With the first sale of the innovative Lion buses to Bedford City Schools, Bobby's Truck and Bus Repair was featured in the national publication of School Bus Fleet.

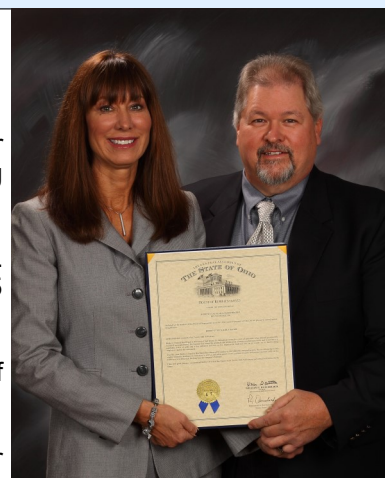
"While our overall operations may be small in comparison, our pride for serving others and contributing to our local community is big," said Bobby Sears.

State Representative Rex Damschroder (R-Fremont) echoed those sentiments. "During Bobby's Truck and Bus Repair's years of operation, their presence has been important to the local community. Their continuing success is a justifiable source of pride as well as a reflection on the business and its dedicated employees."

"It is with pleasure I present this commendation in recognition of their years of service to the Fremont area," said Damschroder about the commendation he recently presented to Bobby and Kellie Sears on the celebration of their 25th anniversary.

"Bobby and I are both honored and humbled by such prestigious recognition from Representative Damschroder and the State of Ohio House of Representatives. We remain grateful for the ongoing support we receive from the state and look forward to our future," added Kellie Sears.

You can find out more about Bobby's Truck and Bus Repair at the Fremont location, 2485 W. State Street (419-334-8699) or the Toledo location at 5258 Tractor Road (419-478-6800. Or you can go to [www.BobbysTruckAndBusRepair.com](http://www.BobbysTruckAndBusRepair.com).



## Annual Workshop Overview

The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop was held October 21 & 22, 2014 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 annual in-service training requirements for school bus mechanics.*

**MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE 27TH ANNUAL OHIO SCHOOL BUS MECHANICS ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP TO BE HELD  
OCTOBER 27 & 28, 2015 AT THE DOUBLETREE BY HILTON,  
COLUMBUS-WORTHINGTON.**



## Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association was held October 22, 2014 at the conclusion of the annual workshop. Regional meetings were conducted. We welcome these newly elected committee members:

*Bob Roth, Wadsworth City Schools—Vice President (term will begin July, 2015)*

*Sara Schlechter, Firelands Local Schools—Secretary*

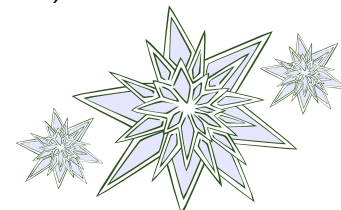
*Paul Bierhup, Wellston City Schools—Treasurer*

*Anthony Schroeder, Noble Local Schools—East Regional Director*

*Brent Shaner, Whitehall City Schools—Central Associate Director*

*Isaiah Hatfield, Centerburg Local Schools—Central Associate Director*

*Jim Ball, Carlisle Local Schools—Southwest Regional Director*



*The OSBMA Executive Committee proposed a change in the wording of the By-Laws and Constitution to include a representative from OAPT – Ohio Association for Pupil Transportation if they are willing to participate. This was approved by the members of the association and will take effect July 1, 2015.*

### **Section 8. Executive Committee**

*There shall be an Executive Committee composed of all elected officers and Regional Directors. The immediate Past President of the association, the Political Liaison, and the Newsletter Editor shall be ex-officio, non-voting members. The Director or his/her designee of the Ohio Department of Education shall be automatically on the Executive Committee as a non-voting ex-officio member. The Captain, or his/her designee, of the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Office of Licensing and Commercial Standards shall be a non-voting ex-officio member of the Executive Committee. **The Director or his/her designee of the Ohio Association for Pupil Transportation shall be a non-voting ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.** The 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.*

## 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 2014 awards went to:

*Kevin Keaton*  
*Seneca East Local Schools*

*Roger Urbanek*  
*Olmsted Falls City Schools*

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