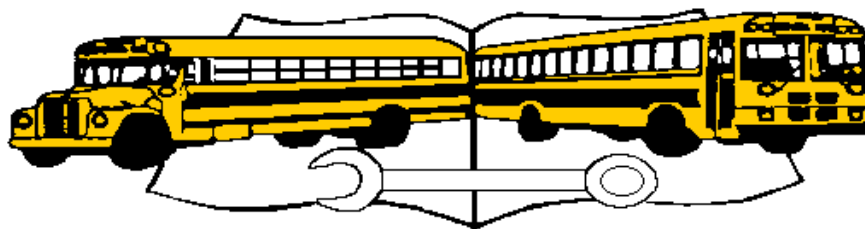


The Mechanic's Messenger



Message from the President

If you are involved in any way with the transportation of school children, we hope that you will continue to strive for excellence! The main goal of our association is to provide useful and up-to-date training for the mechanics who work on school bus fleets.

The **27th Annual Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association Workshop** will be held **October 27-28, 2015**.

- ⇒ This two-day event also boasts a Vendor Exhibit Show with over 40 school bus industry vendors participating. This is a great opportunity to talk with some of your normal salesman and also perhaps to see some of the new products that are available.
- ⇒ Please plan on booking a room at the DoubleTree as this helps us offset the cost of holding the workshop.
- ⇒ Take advantage of the "Early Bird" registration and the option to pay for the workshop registration by credit card.
- ⇒ "Monday Night Gathering" will take place October 26, 2015 to kick off the annual workshop and to celebrate 27 years of promoting safe & efficient pupil transportation in Ohio!
- ⇒ "Tuesday Night Social Gathering" will take place on October 27, 2015. Hang out in and talk with fellow mechanics (guest/spouse invited). Mark your calendar now and plan on attending!

The Ohio Administrative Code 3301-83-10 states that all school bus mechanics must have a minimum of 4 hours of training each year. I would encourage all school bus mechanics in Ohio to attend our workshops to fulfill this training requirement. As we all know the school bus industry is ever evolving and therefore we strive to provide classes and instructors that will keep you current with valuable information and diagnostic techniques.

Bob Roth, President

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October 27 & 28, 2015

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**Ohio School Bus
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Membership

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- ☞ 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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New OSBMA Committee Members!

Our appreciation goes out to **Bob Roth** (Wadsworth City Schools) for assuming the position of **OSBMA President** after the resignation of Jason Divoll. Jason resigned due to increased responsibilities at his school.

The OSBMA By-Laws and Constitution (Article X Vacancies) states "When any officer of the association, for any reason, should not be able to function as their office required, because of death, resignation or inability to fully qualify, their office shall be filled immediately for the remainder of the unexpired term by an appointment by the Executive Committee." **Randy Behr** (Maumee City Schools) has been appointed the **OSBMA Vice-President**. **Chad Klinge** (Patrick Henry Local Schools) will be acting as the **OSBMA Northwest Regional Director**.



Please show your appreciation to these gentlemen who are striving daily to keep the association strong!

Northwest Regional Workshop

Chad Klinge, Northwest Regional Director, has planned a workshop in the northwest region. All school bus mechanics are invited to attend. This workshop will be held Tuesday, August 11, 2015 from 9am-noon at the Patrick Henry Bus Garage in Hamler, Ohio.

Topics scheduled:

- Demonstration on Cummins Insight Software & Quick Serve
- Enzo's will set up an under carriage wash unit for a demo
- Transportation Accessories Company products & lunch

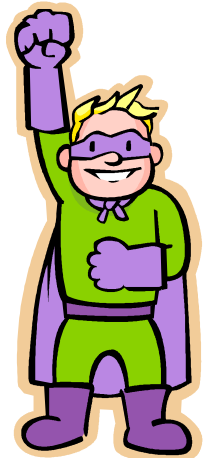
Please register quickly! Registration information can be found at www.osbma.org.

Mutual Aid Booklet

Would you come to the aid of fellow school transportation personnel? The Mutual Aid Booklet is compiled of technicians across the state of Ohio (members of the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association). 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 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 Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association updated the "Mutual Aid Booklet" (April, 2015) listing contact information of current members. The Mutual Aid Booklet can be found online at www.osbma.org.

*I'm a
hero!*



Job Opportunity

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



V.A.T., Inc.—School Bus Mechanic (residing in Franklin County)

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



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Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association "Promoting Safe & Efficient Pupil Transportation in Ohio"

27TH ANNUAL OHIO SCHOOL BUS MECHANICS ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP OCTOBER 26-28, 2015

All school bus mechanics in Ohio are invited to attend!

This workshop will be held at the **DoubleTree by Hilton Columbus-Worthington**, 175 Hutchinson 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 sizes are limited; therefore, return your registration form and payment (or purchase order) by **October 20, 2015**. You will receive a **Confirmation & Admission Ticket**, which will confirm your registration and be your receipt of payment.

Walk-in registrations will not be accepted.

DAY ONE – Monday October 26, 2015	DAY TWO – Tuesday October 27, 2015	DAY THREE – Wednesday October 28, 2015
<p>7:00pm – 11:00pm Monday Night Gathering to kick off the Annual Workshop.</p> <p>Come join us at the Winking Lizard Tavern (walking distance from the DoubleTree Hotel).</p> <p>Food & drink provided 7-9pm!</p>	<p>7:30 am – 8:30 am Registration/Continental Breakfast</p> <p>8:30 am – 9:00 am Welcome, General Session</p> <p>9:00 am – 11:00 am SESSION I</p> <p>11:00 am – noon <u>HOT BUFFET LUNCH</u></p> <p>noon – 2:00 pm SESSION II</p> <p>2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Vendor Exhibit Show</p> <p>5:00pm- Dinner on your own</p> <p>7pm-11pm Tuesday Night Social Gathering!</p>	<p>7:00 am – 8:00 am Continental Breakfast</p> <p>8:00 am – 10:00 am SESSION III</p> <p>10:00 am – noon SESSION IV</p> <p>noon - 1:00 pm <u>HOT BUFFET LUNCH</u></p> <p>1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Annual Meeting, Certificates, Awards & Door Prizes</p>

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

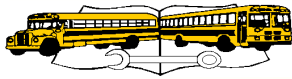
SCHOOL BUS BODY Ohio Specifications & New Improvements <i>You will attend one of these three sessions.</i>		SCHOOL BUS ENGINE Diagnosis & New Improvements <i>You will attend one of these two sessions.</i>	
BLUE BIRD	Cardinal Bus Sales - Tony Rumer	CUMMINS	Cummins Bridgeway, LLC - Jim Cushman & Dexter Dorris
IC	Rush Bus Centers of Ohio - Jim Stickel Jr, Bobby Schalk, Mike Kanoski & Steve Coil	INTERNATIONAL	Rush Bus Centers of Ohio - Jim Stickel Sr, Mitch Wilson, Joel Crist & Kevin Campbell
THOMAS	Edwin H. Davis & Son - Jake Gannaway		
SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE <i>You will attend two of these seven sessions.</i>			
AMERICA'S BEST & LION BUS	Are You the Best Tech You Can Be? Past competitors will cover the America's Best School Bus Technician competition. Find out why you should take part in this worthy event. Also, see a presentation on the new LION BUS by Bobby's Truck & Bus Repair.		
DIESEL FUELS & EGR SYSTEMS	Do You Have Issues in Your Garage? Diesel Fuels and the Changes in them Related to Crude Oils and Refining Technologies and EGR Systems and Emissions Technologies—The Problems and the New Solutions, presented by Bill Richards, Lyden Oil		
FOUNDATION BRAKES	Take a Brake! What's Stopping You? ABS System Diagnostics, Automatic Slack Adjusters, Foundation Brakes, Air Disc Brakes and Troubleshooting presented by Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems		
MECHANIC 101—TROUBLESHOOTING	Reduce or Eliminate Down-Time! Accessory drive, Heating, Fuel, Air Conditioning, and Hydraulic Systems presented by Gates Corporation		
PRINCIPLES OF LUBRICATION	Are You Just Sliding By? Who's Who in Lubricants, The Science of Friction & Lubrication, Properties of Lubricants, Enclosed Gear Oils, Automatic Transmission Fluids, Engine Oils, Greases, Fuel Improvers, Selecting a Lubricant, & Lubrication Management presented by Jerry Duber, Hydrotex		
TRANSMISSIONS	Don't Let Your Gears Grind! Transmission Preventative Maintenance and Troubleshooting presented by Jon Davies, Allison Transmission		
WHEELCHAIR LIFTS	What's Holding You Back? Basics of the Braun Lift, Making Technical Adjustments, Proper Maintenance Procedures, Taking Care of and Maintaining the Handicapped Vehicles in Your Fleet presented by Rick Jacobs, BraunAbility		

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 of section 3301-83-10 of the Ohio Pupil Transportation Operation & Safety Rules.

WORKSHOP COST SUMMARY

Workshop Registration (current members)	\$185 if registered 7/15 - 9/15	\$210 if registered 9/16 – 10/20
Renew or Become a New Member	\$30 (good 7/1/15 – 6/30/16)	
Workshop Registration (non-members)	\$255	



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REGISTRATION FORM

Name	School District	County	T-SHIRT SIZE:	
Home Address		Home Phone	Medium	
Home Address (continued)		Work Phone	Large	
Email Address		Cell Phone	XL	
			2XL	
			3XL	

☐ I am an ASE Master School Bus Technician, and will be honored to receive an award (first time) from OSBMA.
ASE certification# _____ (for verification purposes)

☐ I am interested in taking the test to be eligible to represent Ohio at the 2016 America's Best School Bus Technician competition.
*Select "America's Best" as one of your session topics.

All registrants will attend the vendor show.

Select one topic in category one and two; and two topics in category three below:

CATEGORY 1 – School Bus Body Diagnosis:
(choose one)

- ☐ **Blue Bird**
☐ **IC**
☐ **Thomas**

CATEGORY 2 – School Bus Engine Diagnosis:
(choose one)

- ☐ **Cummins**
☐ **International**

CATEGORY 3 – School Bus Maintenance:
(choose two)

- ☐ **America's Best*/Lion Bus**
☐ **Diesel Fuels & EGR Systems**
☐ **Foundation Brakes**
☐ **Mechanic 101**
☐ **Principles of Lubrication**
☐ **Transmissions**
☐ **Wheelchair Lifts**

Are you a CURRENT MEMBER of the OHIO SCHOOL BUS MECHANICS ASSOCIATION?

YES, membership number:

Early Bird Rate* (7/15 – 9/15) \$185 ☐

Regular Rate (9/16 – 10/20) \$210 ☐

NO, but I wish to renew or become a new member.

Early Bird Rate* (7/15 – 9/15) \$215 ☐

Regular Rate (9/16 – 10/20) \$240 ☐

NO. I do not wish to be a member.

(7/15 – 10/20) \$255 ☐

Make check out to:
**OHIO SCHOOL BUS MECHANICS
ASSOCIATION**

*Registration and payment or purchase order must be postmarked, faxed or emailed by September 15 to receive the "Early Bird" rate!

Check # if applicable

If paying by credit card:



PO # if applicable

Credit Card # if applicable
Name on card:

Expiration date
MM/YYYY

Billing Zip Code
zipcode

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Return the registration form and payment by September 15 to receive the discounted "early bird" rate. The regular rate will apply September 16 through October 20, 2015. School districts using purchase orders are responsible for paying the registration fee even if their mechanic does not attend (*see cancellations below).

1. Mail form with a purchase order, check or money order or credit card information.
2. Email form with a purchase order. (*Do not send credit card information via email as this does not meet PCI security requirements.)
3. Fax form with a purchase order or credit card information.

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.

SUBSTITUTIONS

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

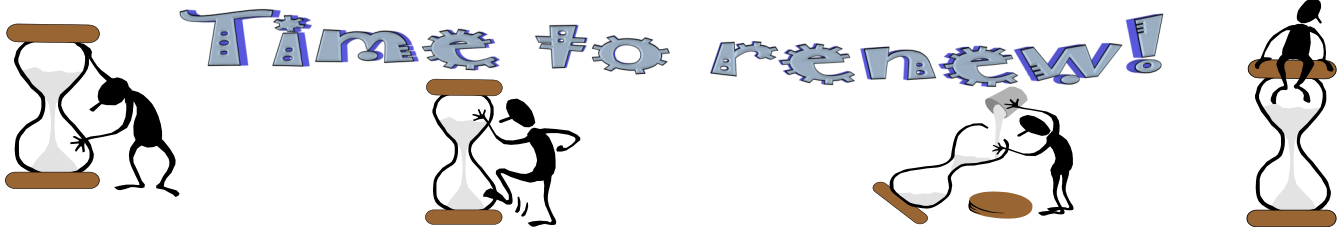
ROOM RESERVATIONS

Room reservations are to be made separately online or by calling the DoubleTree by Hilton Columbus/Worthington at 614-885-3334 or 800-870-0349. A link at www.osbma.org will take you straight to the dedicated website to reserve rooms online 24/7. The special group rate of \$95 will be available until October 5, 2015. Use the group code "SBM" or the group name "2015 Fall Conference" to ensure you receive the special group rate. 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. All rooms must be guaranteed by advance deposit or credit card. Cancellations can be made up to 4:00 pm the day of arrival.

Room at DoubleTree by Hilton \$95.00 per night / flat rate* single or double
\$7.13 sales tax** (7.50%)
\$9.50 bed tax (10%)
\$111.63

*Flat rate means \$95 per room, not per person.
Two people could divide the cost at \$47.50 each plus applicable tax). ** Sales tax will be applied if the room is not paid by a school district.

OSBMA Membership Renewal



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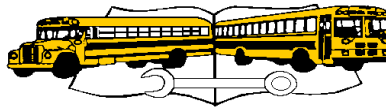
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP is open to other Ohio school officials who are interested in promoting safe pupil transportation in Ohio, retired OSBMA members, and vendors. Associate membership is \$20 per year, on an individual basis.

Membership is good for one year:

JULY 1, 2015 through JUNE 30, 2016

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 2015/16 school year (July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016).

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?

Yes

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