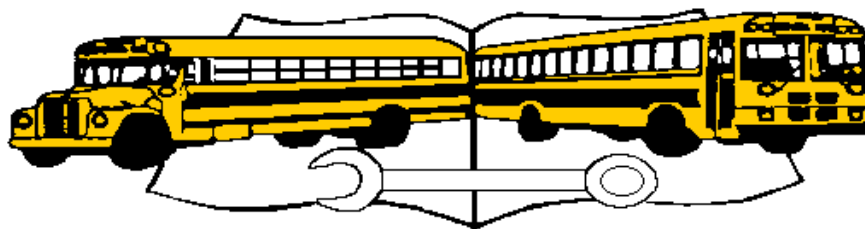


The Mechanic's Messenger



Message from the President

I want to express my appreciation to all of the vendors, presenters and school bus mechanics who made the annual workshop a huge success. The school bus mechanics received valuable training and networking connections to assist them in maintaining a safe fleet. There were 206 school bus mechanics who attended, with 31 being new to the industry. Thanks to Sergeant Saunders, OHP and Bob Harmon, ODE for addressing the group at the general session.

We strive to offer classes that will meet the needs of the new school bus mechanics as well as challenge the more seasoned mechanics. If you have suggestions for classes to be held in the future, please let us know.

Thank you for partnering with us to provide safe and efficient pupil transportation in Ohio!

*Bob Roth, OSBMA President
Wadsworth City Schools*

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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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We hope you make plans to attend the 2016 Annual OSBMA Workshop!

**October 11 & 12, 2016
DoubleTree Columbus-Worthington**

Here are some of the comments from the school bus mechanics who attended this year:

"The presenters were very knowledgeable, personal and patient. Food was good and the social gathering was a blast."

"First time attending. It was a great experience."

"Great vendor show. Food was excellent. Classes were very good."

"Well done and put together."

"Food was great. I got a lot of good information from the classes and vendors. Look forward to next year."

"First time here! Everything was great. Good classes, food and accommodations. I was impressed."

"All was very good. Look forward to next time."

"Very informative. Food was perfect. Thanks for everything."

Annual Workshop Overview

The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association 27th Annual Workshop was held October 27 & 28, 2015 at the DoubleTree in Columbus, Ohio. A huge thank you to all school bus transportation vendors sponsoring portions of this workshop:

SHOWCASE VENDORS:
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*Attending this workshop meets
 annual in-service training requirements for school bus mechanics.*

**MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE 28TH ANNUAL OHIO SCHOOL BUS MECHANICS
 ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP TO BE HELD
 OCTOBER 11 & 12, 2016 AT THE DOUBLETREE BY HILTON, COLUMBUS-WORTHINGTON.**

MONDAY NIGHT GATHERING AT THE WINKING LIZARD

A huge shout out to Cummins Bridgeway and Unity School Bus Parts for sponsoring the "Monday Night Gathering" to kick off the 27th Annual Workshop. There were approximately 80 school bus mechanics who attended, and it looked as though a good time was had by all.

What a great way to network with other school bus mechanics, build a community atmosphere, and catch up with and/or make lifelong friendships. If you are planning on attending the annual workshop in 2016, come join in the fun the evening prior to registration.

*Randy Behr, OSBMA Vice President
Maumee City Schools*

TACO TUESDAY, OLE!

The Tuesday Night Social Gathering at the 27th Annual Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association Workshop was just a happening place to be! The men were entertained with a live 3 piece band, Rendition 3.0, from the Columbus Area. The band mostly served as the background music while those attending enjoyed the Taco Bar, many snacks and drink and a time to talk and unwind from a day in classes. Also a highlight was an every 30 minute door prize drawing.

I would like to thank our sponsors of this event! Enzo's Cleaning Solutions, Rush Truck Centers, REI – Radio Engineering Industries, Cleveland Tank; their continued support goes beyond this evening event, Thank You!

*Sara Schlechter, OSBMA Secretary
Firelands Local Schools*

P.S. Sorry if you missed the dancing girls!

ANNUAL WORKSHOP

I hope everyone that attended the 27th Annual Workshop in Columbus enjoyed themselves. For me it's a chance to talk with fellow mechanics during the social gatherings, some who I remembered from years past, and many that I meet for the first time. We talked about our fleet of buses and the issues that we deal with. Telling stories about how wonderful all our Bus Drivers are. I learn something from each mechanic I talk to. Then you have the vendor's exhibit show. That's a great time to see what different companies have to offer, new products, information, and if you are lucky a free pen, hat, or beverage cuzi. Taco Tuesday is always a good time, food and drinks provided, although the band wouldn't let me karaoke, they were still entertaining. Thanks to Tony Rumer and the rest of the Cardinal Crew for a great dinner at "Champs" and chauffeured ride in a new Propane Vision. I recommend the steak medium well with a double order of shrimp, thanks again Tony! And last but not least the classes. I enjoyed the Blue Bird and Cummins classes. I got a great refresher on Cummins Quick serve and Blue Bird vantage.

Blue Bird vantage is a great FREE tool to have. (<http://vantage.blue-bird.com/portal/vantage-home.aspx>). For those who have not used this program, I encourage you to check it out. I saved this link on my bookmark bar, so I didn't have to type it in every time I used it. You can access wiring schematics, dash fault codes, service manuals, driver's handbooks, and much more. Type in your vin or body number, and all information pertaining to that Bus will be available. Serial numbers, build dates, make, model, etc. very quick and informative. There is also a link for Sales and Financing.

Cummins Quick Serve is another free tool (although you can upgrade for an additional cost) that gives you many different options to explore items related to your Cummins engine. You can add up to 5 engine serial numbers for free. Once you have selected an engine number, you can access parts, service and products. Very helpful troubleshooting steps, symptoms search, fault codes, and service bulletins. This is all free information that is intended to make our jobs easier. I truly encourage you to try these programs, they are very user friendly.

I like the idea that was brought up in the past few Mechanics Messengers, about common problems were finding on our buses, or quick fixes that make a certain job easier. If there are any tips or tricks that you may have learned along the way that may benefit a fellow mechanic. Feel free to email me (cklinge@phpatriots.org) we can post these ideas or fixes on the OSBMA website.

*Chad Klinge Northwest Regional Director
Patrick Henry Local Schools*

Time Change

On Sunday, November 1st Daylight Savings Time ended, and Monday, November 2nd I had 15 Bus Drivers asking me to set their clocks back. It seems like each bus has a different radio, so trying to remember how to set each one may take an extra minute. Here are a few different radio models and a quick refresher on how to set the time.

CRC-1050A....HOLD DISPLAY BUTTON CONTINUOUSLY, THEN USE TUNE LEFT TO SET HOUR AND TUNE RIGHT TO SET MINUTES.

CSS-6000E.....HOLD T/F BUTTON UNTIL HOUR FLASHES. CHANGE HOUR WITH VOLUME BUTTON, THEN HIT T/F AGAIN TO SWITCH TO MINUTES. USE VOLUME BUTTON TO SET MINUTES.

CQ-C1304U...HOLD DISPLAY, TIME WILL FLASH. USE TUNE BUTTON TO ADJUST HOUR. PRESS DISPLAY AGAIN TO SWITCH TO MINUTES. USE TUNE TO SET MINUTES.

XD230M.....HOLD DISPLAY, TIME WILL FLASH. USE RIGHT TUNE TO SET MINUTES AND LEFT TUNE TO SET HOUR.

*Chad Klinge, Northwest Regional Director
Patrick Henry Local Schools*

Ohio School Bus Driver Safety Road-e-o

The dates for the 2016 Road-e-o are Regional April 23, 2016 and State Road-e-o May 7th, 2016.

The State Road-e-o will always be the first Saturday of May and the Regional will be 2 weeks prior.

The website for road-e-o information is www.ohiobusroade-o.com. More information will be available after the first of the year when the Regions have their planning meetings.

I encourage the members of the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association to assist their regional meetings and encourage participation from their schools.

*Sara Schlechter, OSBMA Secretary
Firelands Local Schools*

Spring Workshop

The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association Spring Workshop will be held in April, 2016 at the Ohio Department of Transportation in Columbus, Ohio.

The actual date cannot be secured until after the new year, so check the website early next year www.osbma.org.

We hope your holiday season is warm and cheerful!!

Please be safe when traveling.

In a car garage, where a famous heart surgeon was waiting for the service manager to take a look at his Mercedes, there was a loud mouthed mechanic who was removing the cylinder heads from the motor of a car. He saw the surgeon waiting and Lured him in to an argument.

He asked the doc after straightening up and wiping his hands on a rag, "Look at this car I'm working on. I also open hearts, take valves out, grind them, put in new parts, and when I finish this baby will purr like a kitten. So how come you get the big bucks, when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The surgeon very calmly leaned over and whispered to the loudmouth mechanic, "Try doing it with the engine running."

Regional Workshops

Many workshop are currently being planned for regions across the state. If you have a topic that you feel would benefit the school bus mechanics in your region, please contact your Regional Director to make a suggestion.

The Regional Directors contact information can be found on the last page of the newsletter under Executive Committee. We want to cover topics that directly concern you and your fleet!

NE Regional Director

There is an opening for regional director in the Northeast region. Truman Boylen is stepping down from his position as the regional director. He will be taking a new position with Myers Equipment, so he will still be in the industry, but not directly working on school buses.

If you know of someone in the northeast region who might be interested, please let me know. The northeast region consists of : Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Mahoning, Portage, Summit, and Trumbull counties.

Truman has faithfully served in this position for many years and will be greatly missed!

Annual OSBMA Meeting

The annual meeting for the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association was held October 28, 2015 at the conclusion of the annual workshop.

Regional meetings were conducted. The North, Northwest, South and West regions were up for electing regional directors. They will serve a term of two years. We welcome these continuing elected committee members:

North Regional Director

Dan Krystosik, Medina County Board of DD

Northwest Regional Director

Chad Klinge, Patrick Henry Local Schools

South Regional Director

Bob Adams, Minford Local Schools

West Regional Director

Rob Widener, Greenville City Schools

America's Best School Bus Technician

The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association congratulates Scott Todd with Springboro Community City Schools for representing Ohio at the 2015 School Bus Technician's Training and Skills Competition.

This national competition was held at the Annual NAPT Summit in Richmond, Virginia, November 7-11, 2015.

Scott is an ASE Master School Bus Technician, ASE Master Truck Technician as well as A/C certified. He enjoys boating at Lake Cumberland with family and friends and motorcycling. He maintains 70 school buses along with service vehicles and grounds equipment with 2 other mechanics. He also plows snow during the winter with other maintenance staff.

Thank you Scott for representing Ohio at the national competition!

Job Opportunities

☞ Orrville City Schools is looking for a mechanic for their school bus fleet. For more information, please go to www.osbma.org or contact Rick Campbell at roc_rcampbell@tccsa.net.

☞ Westlake City Schools currently has a Transportation Director opening, effective January 1, 2016. If you are interested, or know of someone that is, please contact David Koccevar, Director of Business Affairs directly at koccevar@wlake.org.



New OSBMA Newsletter Editor!

The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association welcomes Chad Klinge, Patrick Henry Local Schools, as the new "Mechanics Messenger" editor. Please forward topics of interest to him for consideration. He welcomes your input!

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