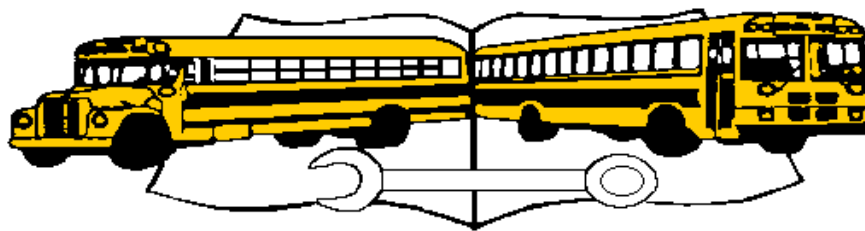


The Mechanic's Messenger



Message from the President

I hope that your school bus inspections went well and that you are beginning a great summer! I have been working hard on putting together a spectacular panel of presenters for the 2016 OSBMA Annual Workshop. Mark your calendar for October 10-12, 2016.

Tentative topics include brakes, cameras, electrical, medium duty vehicles, welding and wheel seals. We will also be offering a class on CAT engines since there are still quite a few rolling on the roads of Ohio.

We are also trying some new ways to get to know each other better. We have held a "Taco Tuesday" for the past two years, but we want to know what you are interested in. Casino, Euchre Tournament, Texas Holdem Poker, Bowling, Billiards, Video Games are some of the suggestions. What would you like to see? Send your suggestions to Sara Schlechter @ ssschlechter@firelandsschools.org

Bob Roth, OSBMA President, Wadsworth City Schools

**The 28th Annual Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association Workshop
will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Columbus-Worthington.**

OCTOBER 11 & 12, 2016

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 16/17 year and do not wish to participate, please contact Susie Washburn by August 30, 2016 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 28th Annual Workshop. This booklet will be available upon request after September 30, 2016. To request a copy, leave a voice mail message requesting a copy including your name and mailing address (614) 478-9300.

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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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TIPS & TRICKS

I'm sure everyone is excited for Annual Inspections this year. With changes going on at the State Patrol, some of us have already been inspected and stickered. For those still getting their fleets ready, here is an easy way to put a smile on your Inspector's face and extend the life of your exhaust system. I have been using a Primer Sealer on all of our buses for the past three years. I use it on the entire system—tubing, clamps, hangers, mufflers, etc.



I use 2 cans of Primer Sealer on each bus. Most auto stores sell this. I get it at NAPA for around \$4.50 per can. (I tried it by the gallon in my paint gun, but the air hose and size of the gun was too big to get up in some of the tight spots. The can seems to work the best.) That's \$10.00 per bus and we all know how much 4 inch exhaust is—not cheap. It seems to always rust at the clamp. This sealer slows down that process.

After using the Primer Sealer, if there are any small leaks, they will show up black, which is an easy way to be sure your system is sealed properly. Unless your entire system is stainless steel, we will always deal with rust. Putting this Primer Sealer on will extend the life of your exhaust and components. The Inspectors love to keep that white glove clean, and after seeing all the painted exhaust with no leaks they will be smiling from ear to ear (at least our inspector was)!



BEFORE PRIMER SEALER



AFTER PRIMER SEALER

The OSBMA has many Mechanics with Years of experience. Feel free to send me any tips or tricks that you have learned along the way. There are many new Mechanics that would appreciate some new knowledge.

Chad Klinge, OSBMA Northwest Regional Director/Newsletter Editor,
Patrick Henry Local Schools,
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State School Bus Road-e-o

We had 48 winners from the Regions attend the State Road-e-o at Westland High School, May 7th, 2016, Galloway, OH. What a great day for a Road-e-o! The weather cooperated, the facility was great and the course was perfect.

The LUAU was a success! Grass skirts, Tiki Hut, hoola hoops and a prize table under the palm tree! Our committee organizer, Terri Jones, did a super job of getting this set-up!

We themed the Road-e-o this year and advertised it so everyone would get involved, to make it a more “fun” event. I would say that most contestants or Regions got together and made this a successful venture. (Please, look on www.ohioschoolbusroadeo.com for photos) There is a certain amount of waiting by contestants, so to make it interesting there were activities and awards given to contestants, family and friends during that lapse time. Everyone became engaged. Photo opportunities, table decoration, personal dress, ALOHA!

The topper was the Pig roast! Everyone was able to join in! We had approximately 140 persons present. Colorful cupcakes were provided in honor of Fred Anness, Pre-service Instructor retirement, to finish off the festivities.



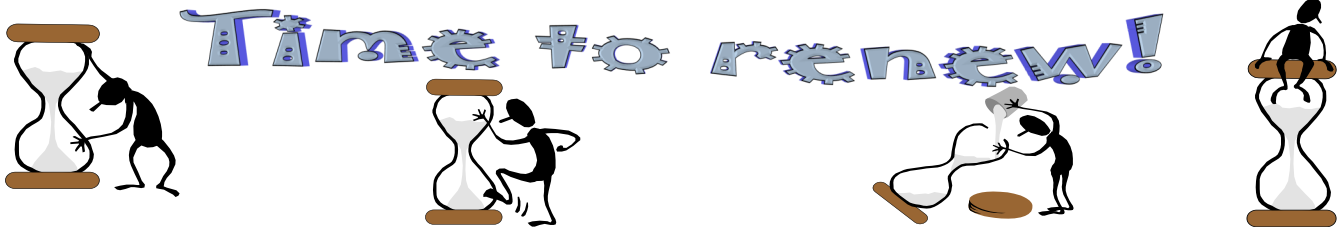
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- AND NOT LEAST-
- **THANK YOU!!!! TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS, FAMILY, FRIENDS AND VOLUNTEERS THAT TAKE THE TIME TO BECOME INVOLVED**

WINNER RESULTS TBA

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: *Sara Schlechter, 2016 Chairperson, State School Bus Road-e-o Committee*

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.

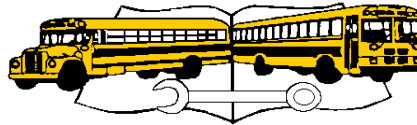
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ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP is open to other Ohio school officials who are interested in promoting safe pupil transportation in Ohio, retired OSBMA members, and vendors. Associate membership is \$20 per year, on an individual basis.

Membership is good for one year:
JULY 1, 2016 through JUNE 30, 2017

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 _____
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Work Telephone _____

Home Address _____
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Home Telephone _____

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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, 2016 through June 30, 2017).

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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Check # if applicable



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Spotlight!

SARA SCHLECHTER, OSBMA SECRETARY FIRELANDS LOCAL SCHOOLS, OBERLIN, OHIO

Position: *Mechanic and in a pinch- Bus Driver*

How long have you been with the OSBMA and what titles have you held?

I have been a member of OSBMA since 1994? Not sure. I have been Assistant North Regional Director, North Regional Director, Vice President, President, and Past President, Secretary as of present, person in charge of Tuesday night gathering at the fall Workshop, Active with North Regional School Bus Road-e-o and representative for OSBMA on the State School Bus Road-e-o Committee.

What do you enjoy most about being part of the OSBMA Executive Committee?

I enjoy the comradery and being involved. I have always thought it important that we in transportation, mechanical or otherwise, keep educated in the field. I have enjoyed getting to know the experts in the fields that have taught at our workshops. And learning from other mechanics- problem solving, seems we all have the same ones!



What do you enjoy doing in your spare time/hobbies?

I work another job with a large Group Home facility as bus driver/recreational person. The other part of my spare time is spent with family-husband, Ed, 3 grown children, two daughter-in-laws and 6 grandchildren. My children live within a several mile radius; we do spend a lot of time around each other and doing things together. My hobbies include gardening-flower and vegetable, cooking and baking, photography and travel.

Ok now to the GOOD QUESTIONS...

On a scale from 0-10, how often do you sing in your vehicle? 0 being never and 10 being always:

That would be a 10 for me, nothing like a great tune!

How old were you when you realized the Easter Bunny and Santa Claus probably never knew each other in real life? What? Really? Not that I thought they were best buds, but really they didn't know each other??? You're kidding, right? I don't want to know any more-La La La!

If you could be a fly on the wall anywhere in the world, where would it be? *I would never choose to be a fly, having lived on a Dairy Farm for many years I know there is always someone or something trying to get rid of you. Maybe an important lesson but be aware of your surroundings at all times and strive to survive. And be happy where you are planted.*

How many donuts are you capable of eating in one sitting?

One donut, but I am particular of the kind- Local bakery style only, NOT Dunkin or Krispy Kreme!

Ok back to the SERIOUS QUESTIONS...If you won 10 million dollars, what would you do with it?

Apportion it to Local Church, pay off loans and local school in some way.

What is your favorite TV show of all time? *I get "addicted" to PBS television and their mini-series of programing-Love "Call the Midwife" and "Doc Martin" I like English humor.*

If you could be anyone else for a day, who would it be and why? *I feel pretty comfortable in my own body- never had the desire to be anyone else other than who God me to be. Besides I would probably make a mess of someone else's life even for a day!*



What is your favorite day of the year? *I love the winter solstice- when the days start getting longer; I like knowing we are coming out of the darkness into the light!*

And last but NOT LEAST...

What do you hope to be doing after you retire? *Hopefully, way too much! I truly don't want to retire from "working" just, maybe, try something different. One of these days I'll find out what I want to do, before I "grow up"!*

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Regional Workshops

The school year is coming to an end, and I know how busy the summer months can be. I hope everyone still has time to attend some workshops in your area. I'm in the Northwest Region and hope to have an EGR Cleaning Workshop with Lyden Oil sometime this summer (as soon as their new equipment comes in).

I'm also hoping to have someone from Cummins give a Presentation on Cummins Insight Software. I have the system but would personally like a refresher and information on upgrades.

If anyone has an idea for a workshop or would like to learn more about a certain Product or Company, be sure to contact your Regional Director and we can work on putting something together. Most companies have no problem hosting a Workshop. It's advertising for them and valuable information for us.

Chad Klinge, cklinge@phpatriots.org

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HOW TO CHANGE YOUR OIL

Women:

1. Pull up to Jiffy Lube when the mileage reaches 3000 since the last oil change.
2. Drink a cup of coffee.
3. 15 minutes later, write a check and leave with a properly maintained vehicle.



Men:

1. Go to parts store and write a check for 50 dollars for oil, filter, oil lift (AKA kitty litter), hand cleaner and scented tree.
2. Discover that the used oil container is full. Instead of taking it to recycle, dump in hole in back yard.
3. Open a beer and drink it.
4. Jack car up. Spend 30 minutes looking for jack stands.
5. Find jack stands under kid's pedal car.
6. In frustration, open another beer and drink it.
7. Place drain pan under engine.
8. Look for 9/16 box end wrench.
9. Give up and use crescent wrench.
10. Unscrew drain plug.
11. Drop drain plug in pan of hot oil; get hot oil on you in process.
12. Clean up.
13. Have another beer while oil is draining.
14. Look for oil filter wrench.
15. Give up; poke oil filter with Phillips screwdriver and twist it off.
16. Beer.
17. Install new oil filter making sure to apply thin coat of clean oil to gasket first.
18. Dump first quart of fresh oil into engine.
19. Remember drain plug from step 11.
20. Hurry to find drain plug in drain pan.
21. Hurry to replace drain plug before the whole quart of fresh oil drains onto floor, Slip with wrench and bang knuckles on frame, Begin cussing fit, Throw wrench, Clean up; apply Band-Aid to knuckle.
22. Beer.
23. Beer.
24. Dump in additional 4 quarts of oil.
25. Lower car from jack stands.
26. Accidentally crush one of the jack stands.
27. Move car back to apply more oil lift (AKA kitty litter) to fresh oil spilled during step 21.
28. Finally finished!



REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Are you in the North, Northeast or South Regions and are interested in getting more involved in the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association? Currently there are openings for Regional Directors in those regions.

There are many benefits of serving on the OSBMA Executive Committee:

- ☞ Active members of the Executive Committee (attends majority of 4 meetings/conducts 2 regional workshops) receive 100% reduction in workshop fees!
- ☞ Honored for your service at the OSBMA Executive Committee Banquet.
- ☞ Direct input on the direction of the association and what training is available in your region.
- ☞ Opportunity to participate in on committees relevant to safe and efficient pupil transportation in Ohio!

Regional Director (2 year term)

The members of each region shall elect a new Regional Director by secret ballot at the Annual Meeting of the association. North, northwest, south & west regions elect new regional directors on the odd years. Central, east, northeast & southwest regions elect new regional directors on the even years.

- ☞ Appoint up to three assistants (Associate Regional Directors) to assist in planning and implementing regional programs and serve on the Executive Committee in the absence of the elected Director.
- ☞ Set up date & location for the school bus inspection manual in-service meeting in their region
- ☞ Plan and implement two regional workshops/year

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