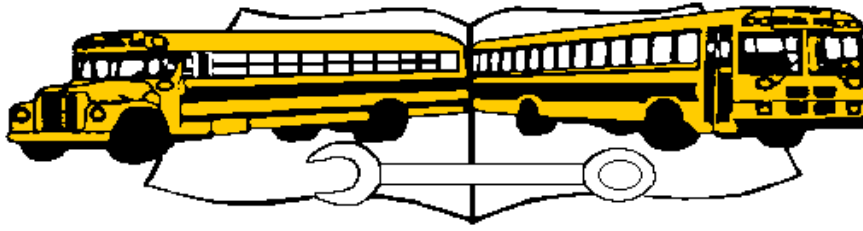


The Mechanic's Messenger



Message from the President

I want to thank each and every person who attended the OSBMA Annual workshop. It was very encouraging to see so many new school bus mechanics. Close to 30% of the attendees are new members to the association!

Attending the annual workshop is a great decision to remain current on your training to keep your school bus fleet running safely. Some of the attendees travelled quite a distance, and we appreciate you taking your job seriously. There were close to 200 school districts across Ohio that participated. We would like to see the number of school districts participating increase.

The OSBMA Annual Meeting was held at the conclusion of the workshop. Many new faces stepped up to participate as Regional Directors, Associate Directors, as well as Vice-President and Secretary positions. We are excited to see this very important association remain strong.

Please plan on attending the Ohio School Bus Inspection Manual In-service Meetings. These meetings will take place in each of the eight regions. You are welcome to attend any that fit your schedule. You do not have to register—just show up! The information on these meetings can be found on Page 6.

OSBMA Annual Workshop

The two social events that take place at the annual workshop are the “Monday Night Gathering” and “Toss’em Tuesday”. Attending these events adds to the total workshop experience by building a community atmosphere where mechanics can network and make lifelong friendships. If you attended either of these events you know how much it helped to get you connected with other mechanics. If you weren’t able to participate, make plans now for 2017.

“A huge shout out to Cummins and Unity School Bus Parts for sponsoring the “Monday Night Gathering” to kick off the 28th 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 2017, come join in the fun the evening prior to registration.”

Randy Behr, OSBMA Vice President, Maumee City Schools

“Great time and great success! A special thank you to the sponsors of the “Toss’em Tuesday” event: Cleveland Tank and Supply, Enzo’s Cleaning Solutions, LLC, Schaeffer Manufacturing and The W.W.Williams Co. Your interest, support and participation is very much appreciated by our organization!”

Sara Schlechter, OSBMA Secretary, Firelands Local Schools

**THE 29TH ANNUAL OSBMA WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 10 & 11, 2017
AT THE DOUBLETREE COLUMBUS/WORTHINGTON.**

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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)
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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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TIPS & TRICKS



Here is a quick and easy way to remove rusted screws or bolts. When I first started replacing these Warning Light Housings I probably broke 2 or 3 nice screwdrivers because of these rusted screws. Vice-grips were too big to get a bite on them and I did not want to have to drill each one out.

So I went and got one of the handiest persuasion tools I own... **The Air Chisel.** This tool works wonders for lots of different jobs. I'm sure most of you would agree. Just a little hammer on each side of the screw and shizzam even the rustiest stripped out screw will back out with ease!

On a side note: The Inspectors keep an eye on faded Amber and Red covers, so changing the whole housing, if needed, will save you time down the road. Also, once you have your Backing Plate removed, this is a great time to paint the background black again, as that area will fade over time as well.



Feel free to email me any Tips or Tricks that you may have learned or figured out along the way. As an Association, we should share and communicate thoughts and ideas to help out our fellow Mechanics.

Chad Klinge, OSBMA Newsletter Editor, Patrick Henry Local Schools

OSBMA Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association was held October 12, 2016 at the conclusion of the annual workshop. An election for the Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary took place.

Regional meetings were conducted. The Central, East, Northeast and Southwest regions were up for electing regional directors. The vacant positions for the North and South regions were also filled. They will serve a term of two years. We welcome these elected committee members:

Vice-President elect (term begins 7/1/17)

Chris Dingus, Ridgedale Local Schools

Treasurer

Paul Bierhup, Wellston City Schools (will continue)

Secretary elect (term begins 7/1/17)

Kody Hittle, Zanesville City Schools

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Southwest Region

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Annual Workshop Overview

The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association 28th Annual Workshop was held October 11 & 12, 2016 at the DoubleTree in Columbus, Ohio. A huge thank you to all school bus transportation vendors sponsoring portions of this workshop:

MONDAY NIGHT GATHERING:

**CUMMINS
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RUSH BUS CENTERS OF OHIO

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annual in-service training requirements for school bus mechanics.*

**MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE 29TH ANNUAL OHIO SCHOOL BUS MECHANICS
ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP TO BE HELD
OCTOBER 10 & 11, 2017 AT THE DOUBLETREE BY HILTON, COLUMBUS-WORTHINGTON.**

Toss'em Tuesday



Pictured left to right: Jake Eidenier & Connor Spangler (First Place), Anthony Walker & Cammy Decker "Team Awesome" (Second Place)

Toss'em Tuesday, the Ultimate in a Corn Hole Experience!

Great time and Great Success! The setting for this corn hole competition was the 28th annual School Bus Mechanics Association Fall Workshop. Completion was stiff as you had novice and beginners challenging for the title of Champion Cornholers Team! Approximately 8 -10 teams vied for the title in the single elimination contest. Cash prizes and gift cards were issued to winners throughout the evening. Light snacks and beverage were served in an area that provided for plenty of conversation to approximately 60-70 Mechanics.

First place went to Jake Eidenier and Connor Spangler from Interstate Truck and Trailer Repair in Pioneer Ohio.

Second place went to "Team Awesome" Anthony Walker and Cammy Decker from Enzo's .

A huge thanks goes out to our sponsors: **CLEVELAND TANK & SUPPLY, ENZO'S CLEANING SOLUTIONS, SCHAEFFER MANUFACTURING & W.W WILLIAMS**

Over all a great time to talk amongst fellow Mechanics and with the Companies who sell the products that we use on a daily basis and of course throwing some corn and having some cold ones!

The new Tuesday Night venue was so well received that **next year** more C-Boards- more competition and fun!

Sara Schlechter, OSBMA Secretary, Firelands Local Schools

"I hope everyone who participated in the "Toss'em Tuesday" Cornhole Tournament enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Sara Schlechter for being the "Grand Cornholio", organizing the Event, and working with the Sponsors. Thank you to the Sponsors, without them we would have been out in the parking lot throwing rocks into trash cans. Instead, we had cornhole boards, a large room, drinks and many door prizes!"

Chad Klinge, OSBMA Newsletter Editor, Patrick Henry Local Schools

America's Best School Bus Technician

Opportunity of a lifetime!

When I received the call about representing Ohio in the America's Best School Bus Technician competition, I could not have imagined how it would be. I arrived in Kansas City expecting to take a few classes and compete. That is not at all how it went. This was a great learning opportunity but even more so the people I met and the stories that were shared will be lasting memories.

Every day was presented with a new opportunity of growth and lasting friendship. Informative classes were held and at the end a written test was given. A hands on competition was completed and I did my best. Even though I did not get first, the opportunity was amazing. The competition was created in recognition of School Bus Technicians that take pride in promoting safe and efficient pupil transportation. Every evening a reception was held, where I was able to relax and meet some amazing technicians. I am grateful for the opportunity presented.

Ryan Gross, Jonathan Alder Local Schools



Pictured left to right: Marshall Casey gives Ryan Gross his certificate for participating in the 13th Annual America's Best Training & Skills Challenge.

Spotlight!

SUSIE WASHBURN, OSBMA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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

I have been involved in the association for 25 years and have held the position of executive secretary for the last 24 years.

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

Working with such great people. You are truly the salt of the earth.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time/hobbies? I love to sing and act and have been involved in many musicals on the local level. The next one I am doing is Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, with the Gahanna Community Theatre, February 17-19, 2017. You are all invited!

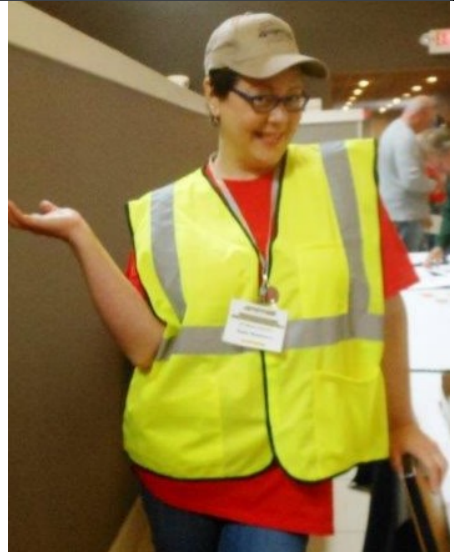
If a train departs Ohio at 8:00 a.m. and is heading to Chicago at a speed of 48 mph and a School Bus is going from Chicago to Indiana at 60 mph and arrives at 11:30 a.m. which direction is the wind blowing? The direction of the wind will always blow toward Chicago because my baby girl is moving there after her wedding next month!

If you could only ever eat at Taco Bell or McDonalds for the rest of your life which one would it be? Breakfast all day? Are you kidding me? Do you have to ask?

Which is heavier 80 lbs. of stones or 100 lbs. of Feathers? I wouldn't be able to lift either of them, but I'm thinking the feathers would be heavier, especially if they came from Big Bird.

What are your top 3 favorite Bands/songs of all time? Breathe by Jonny Diaz, Oceans (Where Feet May Fail) by Hillsong United, and Better Together by Jack Johnson.

What are your future plans/goals in life? I had a near-death experience one year ago and it has completely changed my perspective on life and what God still has planned for me to accomplish. I plan on enjoying every day, surrounding myself with positive people, taking every opportunity to tell the ones I love that I love them! Life is too short to hold grudges, be unhappy about your situation or take out your frustrations on others. 😊



A man who is driving a car is stopped by a police officer. The following exchange takes place

The man says: What's the problem officer?

Officer: You were going at least 75 in a 55 zone.

Man: No sir. I was going 65.

Wife: Oh, Harry. You were going 80!
(Man gives his wife a dirty look)

Officer: I'm also going to give you a ticket for your broken tail light.

Man: Broken tail light? I didn't know about a broken tail Light!

Wife: Oh, Harry, you've known about that tail light for weeks.
(Man gives his wife another dirty look.)

Officer: I'm also going to give you a citation for not wearing your seat belt.

Man: Oh, I just took it off when you were walking up to the car.

Wife: Oh, Harry, you never wear your seat belt.

Man: Man turns to his wife and yells – "Shut your damn mouth!"

Officer turns to the woman and asks: "Ma'am, does your husband talk to you this way all the time?"

Wife: No, only when he's been drinking."



2016 School Bus Inspection Manual In-service Meetings

Visit www.statepatrol.ohio.gov and click on publications at the top. "2016 School Bus Inspection Manual" is listed under Licensing and Commercial Standards Publications.

The new manual is now available! Print a copy and bring it with you to the meeting!

Lieutenant Aaron Reimer of the Licensing and Commercial Standards Section, Ohio Highway Patrol, in partnership with the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association is holding free in-service meetings throughout the state.

These meetings are open to anyone who is involved in maintaining the school bus in safe operating condition and prepares the school bus for annual inspection. There will be time during and at the end of the presentation for questions and answers. Coffee and donuts will be provided at most locations.

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EAST REGION	DECEMBER 13	10-NOON
Sandy Valley Local Schools (Stark County) 5362 State Route 183 NE, Magnolia, Ohio 44643		<i>contact: Doug Neading Transportation Supervisor 330-866-2528</i>
NORTH REGION	DECEMBER 27	10-NOON
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Myers Equipment Corporation (Mahoning County) 8860 Akron Canfield Road, Canfield, Ohio 44406		<i>contact: David Bilbie Northeast Regional Director 440-992-2170</i>
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SOUTH REGION	DECEMBER 12	10-NOON
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SOUTHWEST REGION	DECEMBER 16	10-NOON
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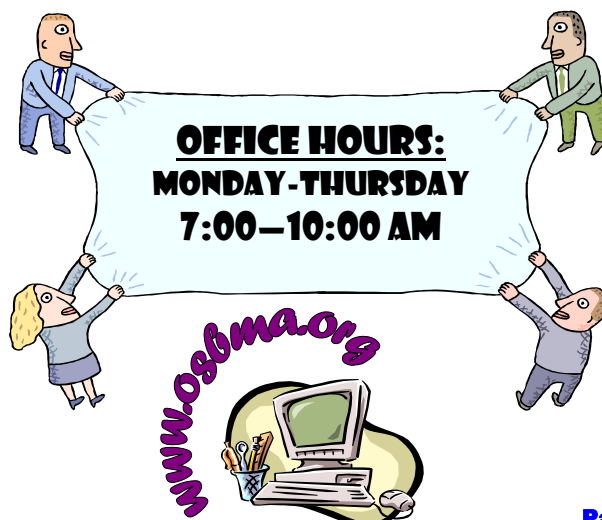
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