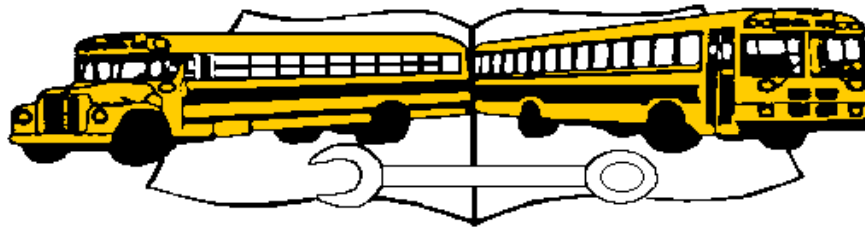


The Mechanic's Messenger



Message From The President

We had a great time of learning and networking at the 30th Annual OSBMA Workshop! The association appreciates the many vendors who participated in presenting classes, donating door prizes and workshop materials and exhibiting at the 30th Annual OSBMA Vendor Show:

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The Central, East, Northeast and Southwest regions elected Regional Directors. Bob Roth was voted in as the next Vice President (beginning 7/1/19) and Kody Hittle and Paul Bierhup were re-elected as the Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

Take a look at some of the highlights from the Annual Meeting that took place at the conclusion of the workshop:



Pictured left to right: Sara Schlechter, Chris Dingus, Kody Hittle, Randy Behr and Bob Roth. The OSBMA Executive Committee as they draw winners for the many door prizes donated by OSBMA, DoubleTree, and vendors from the Annual Vendor Show.



Justin Moffett (Ashland City), Alfredo Digiandomenico (Independence Local) & Robert Heitbrink (Chickasaw Garage) were awarded a plaque from OSBMA for their achievement of ASE Master School Bus Technician.



Randy Behr, OSBMA President, congratulates Kevin Keaton on representing Ohio at the America's Best School Bus Technician competition in St. Louis, Missouri.



Sara Schlechter announced that she will be retiring at the end of the school year.

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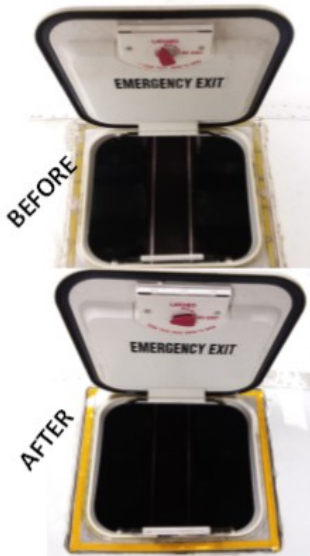
Membership

- ☞ **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



Are you ready for Spot or Annual Bus Inspections? It seems like every year the State Patrol finds something new to pick up on when it comes to Inspections. That's a good thing though. It keeps us on our toes and keeps the students safe. Here are a few things that I had encountered and made sure to double-check before our Inspection:

Emergency roof hatch reflective tape and instructions. This is something that's out of sight, out of mind, unless you are 12 ft. tall or fly a helicopter to work. Those garages that do not have their busses covered throughout the year are affected by the sun and other elements of weather.

Double-check the screws that hold down the trim along the aisle way. If a screw is missing, it is a violation. It can be difficult to see without a flashlight, but trust me, our Inspectors have bright lights!



Do you have any Tips or Tricks? Email me cklinge@phpatriots.org and we can share this helpful information with our fellow Mechanics.

Chad Klinge, OSBMA Newsletter Editor, Patrick Henry Local Schools

THE OHIO SCHOOL BUS CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS HAS APPROVED THIS ADDITION TO OHIO'S 2019 SCHOOL BUS STANDARDS!

(CC) ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL SHALL BE EQUIPPED:

- (1) ON AIR BRAKE EQUIPPED SCHOOL BUSES WITH A BUILD DATE OF AUGUST 1, 2019 OR LATER.
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OSBMA Logo Contest!



It's been thirty years; time for an upgrade! The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association wants your input on the new logo design. The contest is open to all active members of the association.

The current logo (above) displays two buses (conventional and transit), a book for continuing knowledge and a wrench. The new logo should represent the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association motto:

"PROMOTING SAFE AND EFFICIENT PUPIL TRANSPORTATION IN OHIO"

Put your creative minds to work and let's see if we can spruce things up a bit. We will vote for the best new Logo at the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association Spring Workshop in April, 2019.

The winner will receive a \$100 VISA GIFT CARD.

You may enter as many designs as you would like. All designs must be original (please follow copyright laws). Logos can be emailed to: osbma@osbma.org with "LOGO CONTEST" in the subject line.

All entries must be received by April 1, 2019 (no joke!).

Spotlight!

DAVE MCCLURE, OSBMA NORTH REGIONAL DIRECTOR

School District: Ashland City Schools

Position: Assistant Mechanic / Service Tech / Driver

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

I have been with the association for 6 or so years. I have been the North Region Associate Director and am now the North Regional Director. I have also participated as one of 3 State School Bus Road-e-o delegates the past 3 years.

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

I enjoy representing the association as a delegate for the School Bus Road-e-o and on the OSBMA Executive Committee. I am always happy to help where I can.

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

I am not sure what spare time is! I teach Drivers Education as well as Hunters Education. I am also an Ashland County Parks Commissioner, and director of Outdoor Education programs at the Ashland County Wildlife Conservation League. I have developed a mentorship programs to get individuals with the desire to learn about the outdoors connected to those with experience.

If you were in the WWF what would your Wrestling Name be?

"Die Laughin' Dave"... My strategy? Make them laugh so hard they don't see me coming!

What is your favorite joke? (I know you have a collection)

What do you call an Amish man with his hand up a horses backside?
...a mechanic

A guy rear-ends another. The first guy jumps out of his car (he's just a little short fella), goes back to the guy that hit him. He looks up and says **"YOU KNOW I'M NOT HAPPY!"** The guy looks down and says... **"Well... which one of the dwarfs are you then?"** My Motto: Life's too short not to laugh!

If you could trade jobs with anyone in the world who would it be? and why?

I would trade jobs with the guy that does quality control on these busses... He must sleep 7 hrs and 58 min / day! Seriously, I would trade jobs with the Chief of the Division of Natural Resources. I feel that there are a lot of amazing programs out there for the education of youth in the outdoors that could be implemented. These programs would offer opportunities and choices to encourage and inspire them to be better citizens. This would also expose them to positive role models.

What is your favorite movie of all time?

I find myself quoting "Forest Gump" more than any other movie... "stupid is as Stupid does"

What are your future plans/goals in life?

I would like to continue on the ROAD-E-O committee and all my outdoor education adventures. My goal is to have an Outdoor Education / Nature Center for Ashland and surrounding communities. I feel if given positive opportunities anyone would rather choose that path.



Dave McClure
Ashland City Schools



A man and his wife arrived at an automobile dealership to pick up their car, but were told that the keys had been accidentally locked in it. They went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As they watched from the passenger's side, the owner of the vehicle instinctively tried the door handle and discovered it was open.

"Hey" the man announced to the technician, **"It's open!"**

"I know" answered the young man. **"I already got that side."**

30th Annual OSBMA Workshop in Review!

Another year in the books for the OSBMA Fall Workshop and Vendor Show. Lets see, 30 years to be exact! The event started Monday Night at Past times Pub. **Cummins and Unity School Bus Parts** sponsored the event. The weather was great for an October evening, mechanics gathered outside on the patio and socialized. Food and drinks were provided.

Tuesday was a full day of classes and the annual Vendors Show. There were some new classes this year. Braun had a hands-on class that showed operation and troubleshooting of their wheelchair lifts. Lincoln Electric had a virtual welding class. We also had some new vendors at the show: **Buckeye Western Star, Bus Parts Warehouse, Fortress Mobile, Ohio Propane Gas Association, Point Spring & Driveshaft, and Safety-Kleen.**

Later in the evening was the **3RD ANNUAL TOSS'EM TUESDAY CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**. We started the evening with a 7 team blind draw tourney. First place went to Nick Baughman and Chad Klinge, second place was Greg Blessing and Robert Ball. The next tournament was a 13 team blind draw double elimination tourney. First place went to Craig Wise and Tim Esposito and second went to Greg Blessing and Chad Klinge. We had six custom cornhole boards that were used for the tournament and then given away as prizes. Greg Blessing won the W.W.Williams set, Kursten Hemphill took the 30th Annual boards and Robert Ball won the OSBMA set. We also had Enzo's Cleaning Solutions donate two sets of custom boards that were raffled off at the end of the wrap-up meeting on Wednesday. A special thank you to our Tuesday Night sponsors, **Meritor, Enzo's Cleaning Solutions, W.W.Williams and Cleveland Tank!**

Wednesday—classes resumed, followed by Lunch and the wrap up meeting. Lots of tools, gift cards and other donated prizes were given away as we wrapped up another year.

I hope everyone enjoyed themselves but also learned a few things. I enjoy seeing the new faces that show up every year and taking the time to talk with people that are in the same line of work. See ya NEXT YEAR!!



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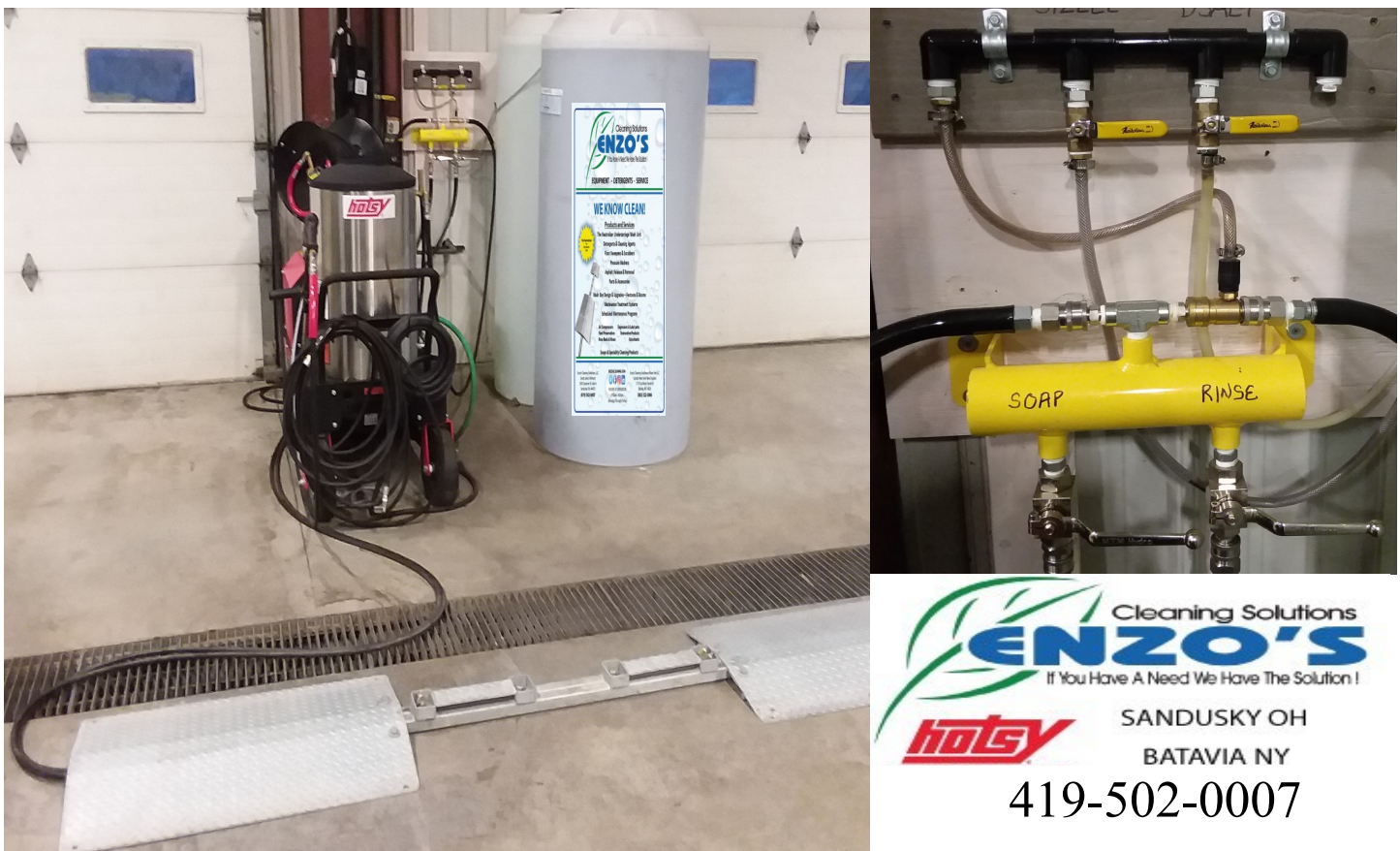
BWC Safety Grant

I hope some of you have been able to look into the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation "**SAFETY INTERVENTION GRANT PROGRAM**". The program is designed to work and partner with Ohio employers to establish safety intervention best practices for accident and injury prevention. Private and public employers are eligible for a 3-to-1 matching grant, up to \$40,000. This means the BWC gives \$3 for every \$1 the employer contributes.

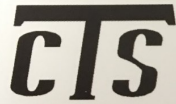
My school, Patrick Henry Local in northwestern Ohio, applied for the grant after meeting all of the criteria and was awarded grant dollars. We purchased an indoor and outdoor lift for the maintenance department.

For the bus garage, we purchased "THE NEUTRALIZER" Under Carriage Wash Unit from Enzo's Cleaning Solutions. Tim Esposito with Enzo's Cleaning Solutions, set us up with a new Hotsy diesel fueled hot pressure washer, 220 gal tanks of SIZZLE brushless truck wash and conSALT neutralizer. It's a great system for cleaning, degreasing and neutralizing under the bus. Its very portable and can be moved outside or kept in. Mike Taylor from Enzo's came down and installed everything to get me up and running!

For more information about this grant check the website @ info.bwc.ohio.gov
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