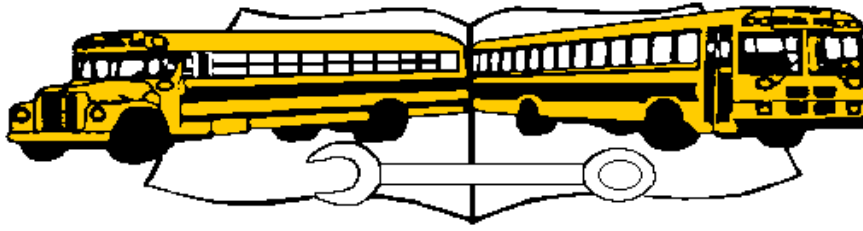


The Mechanic's Messenger



Message from the President

- ☞ We hope you are/were able to take part in the school bus training webinars, scheduled on Wednesdays in October & November (see page 2). These courses count towards your annual minimum of four hours of training requirements (Ohio Administrative Code 3301-83-10 Personnel Training Program, section D—School Bus Mechanic Training). If you missed any of them, the presentation notes will be on the osbma.org website.
- ☞ Please consider renewing your annual membership to keep our association strong.
- ☞ The annual meeting of the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association has been postponed until the 2021 Spring Workshop. If you have a nomination for vice-president or treasurer, please email current Vice President Bob Roth at rroth@wadsworthschools.org.



*Chris Dingus, OSBMA President
Ridgedale Local Schools*



We mourn the loss of David McClure, Ashland City Schools. He served well as the OSBMA North Regional Director and OSBMA Treasurer, as well as represented the association in the Ohio School Bus Driver Safety Road-e-o and promoted the association at the OAPT Conventions.

The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association has donated a grove of trees in his memory as he was an avid outdoorsman. Dave always had a joke or two to brighten everyone's day. He will be greatly missed.

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Membership

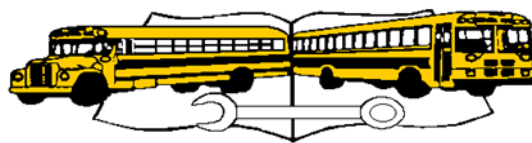
- ☞ **Active Membership** is open to qualified mechanic who has responsibility in maintaining the operation of a safe and efficient pupil transportation system. (\$30)
- ☞ **Associate Membership** is open to other Ohio school officials who are interested in promoting safe pupil transportation in Ohio, 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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School Bus Training Webinars

Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association



Announcing the first ever OSBMA Training Webinars!

All school bus mechanics in Ohio are invited to attend. No registration or fees required. Attending these webinars will help meet in-service requirements for school bus mechanics.

Wednesday, October 21 (10-11:30am)

This class had 98 attendees! If you missed it, the Cummins presentation can be accessed at:

http://www.osbma.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/OSBMA-Cummins-Tech-Update_October-2020Rev2.pdf

**CUMMINS INSITE - TEMPORARY REPAIR PRACTICES UPDATE
QUICK OVERVIEW/REVIEW REGENERATION**

Presented by Jack Szalka & Dave Dickerson, Cummins Sales & Service

Wednesday, October 28 (10-11:45am)

This class had 52 attendees! If you missed it, the Blue Bird presentation can be accessed at:

<https://youtu.be/rZ7r1OAwGy0>

**BLUE BIRD INSTRUMENT PANEL/DASH LIGHTS
TRACTION & STABILITY CONTROL**

Presented by Cardinal Bus Sales / Blue Bird Sales & Service

Wednesday, November 4 (10-11:30am)

**COLLISION MITIGATION
BEST PRACTICE MAINTENANCE**

Presented by Alan Stegich & Mark Fletcher, Rush Bus Centers / IC Bus

Wednesday, November 11 (10-11am)

FLEETGUARD COOLANT TRAINING

Presented by Ray Weidmann, FleetGuard Coolant

Wednesday, November 18 (10-11am)

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/799206485>

FUEL AND ITS ADVERSE AFFECTS ON TODAY'S ENGINES

Presented by Bryan Roth, Enertech Labs

Promoting Safe & Efficient Pupil Transportation in Ohio!

Vendor Spotlight!

PAT DONEGAN, CLEVELAND TANK & SUPPLY

Position: Sales Manager

What do you enjoy most about the OSBMA?

I enjoy the comradery of the members as they navigate the challenges of providing safe transportation to our greatest asset-children.

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

Family, golf.

Do you have any hidden talents?

I am a great singer in the shower.

Johnny gets on bus #10 at 7:45am central eastern time and arrives at school at 8:52am. He rides the same bus home and arrives at 3:28pm. What did Johnny have for breakfast?

Frosted Flakes

What is your favorite Television Show or Movie?

Godfather II

What is your future / goals in life?

I want to continue my career in sales and business development for 10+ years and be the best dad, husband and grandfather I can be.

Pat Donegan, Cleveland Tank & Supply 216-233-6175 cell



*Pat Donegan, Sales Manager
Cleveland Tank & Supply*

Teacher: "If I gave you 2 cats and another 2 cats and another 2, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "No, listen carefully... If I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?"

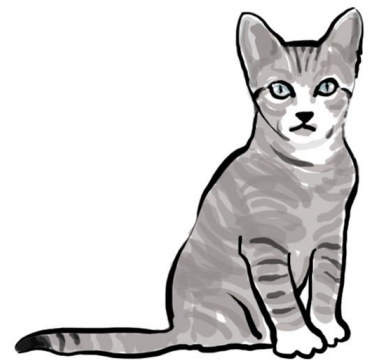
Johnny: "Six."

Teacher: "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven!"

Teacher: "Johnny, where in the heck do you get seven from?!"

Johnny: "Because I've already got a freaking cat!"



Teacher: "If you had one dollar and you asked your father for another, how many dollars would you have?"

Johnny: "One dollar."

Teacher: "You don't know your arithmetic."

Johnny: "You don't know my father."

TIPS & TRICKS

It takes a lot of time to check a bus over, inside and out before inspection. Here are a few **TIPS** while getting your fleet ready for spot or annual inspections. We have 20 buses in our fleet and a newly asphalted parking lot so I can lay on my creeper and roll down the line checking brakes, exhaust, tires, basically the whole undercarriage. I want to make sure that on inspection day I'm not changing any parts that are going to take a lot of my time. If your drivers are doing a good pre-trip inspection you should not even have to check lights, heater motors or loose seat bottoms. It's amazing how you can write a note on the board about a possible spot inspection and all of a sudden buses are swept clean and drivers flock to you with issues that need attention. I feel I have a good relationship with our inspectors. They know I care about the safety of our kids and drivers and it shows on inspection day. I enjoy learning new things from our inspectors, after all, they spend as much time in and under a bus as we do! So here are a couple things I ran into this past spot inspection, maybe it will help someone else along the way!

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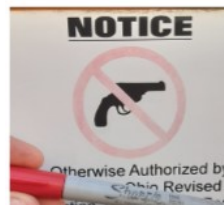
NEW PART



GUN STICKERS

If the red out line around the gun is faded they will ask you to replace it. If you are out of stock take a red Sharpie and freshen it up!

BEFORE



AFTER



FEEL FREE TO EMAIL ME CKLINGE@PHPATRIOTS.ORG
ANY TIPS OR TRICKS YOU MAY HAVE AND WE CAN SHARE THEM WITH OUR FELLOW MECHANICS.

Chad Klinge, OSBMA Newsletter Editor, Patrick Henry Local Schools

32nd Annual OSBMA Workshop—postponed

The OSBMA Executive Committee voted in favor of postponing the 32nd Annual Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association workshop until 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please take good care of yourself and stay healthy.
We look forward to seeing you in 2021!





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