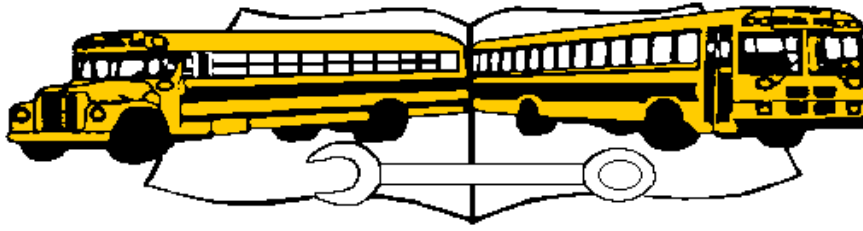


The Mechanic's Messenger



Message from the President

I hope you are all having a great start to your summer!

The 2022 OSBMA Virtual Spring Workshop was a success! There were over 90 school bus mechanics in Ohio who participated! We hope that this training was beneficial to you.

Please consider renewing your annual membership to keep our association strong.

The next annual meeting of the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association will be held at the 2022 OSBMA Annual Workshop in October. If you have a nomination for vice-president, please email me at r.widener1@twc.com.

We are looking forward to seeing you in person this fall at the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association 33rd Annual Workshop. Registration will be available in July.

If you know of vendors who would like to participate in the Vendor Show, please forward their information to Susie Washburn @ osbma@osbma.org.



*Rob Widener, OSBMA President
Greenville 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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SAVE THE DATE!

**The 33rd Annual
Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association
Workshop
will be held October 18 & 19, 2022
in Columbus, Ohio.**

Vendor Spotlight!

TONY SCANNELL

Sumarel Tire Service / Wonderland Tire, Sales Manager

How long have you been a part of the OSBMA?

2021 was the first year that I attended the OSBMA Fall workshop.

What do you enjoy most about the OSBMA?

I would have to say that the varied background of the attendees is one of the most enjoyable aspects. I found that everyone was extremely cordial and they were happy to ask questions and interact with us.

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

In my position I travel frequently so when I have the time, I like to spend it at home with my wife and daughter. We do quite a few projects around the house. We also like to take the motorcycle out and ride in the country.

Do you have any hidden talents?

I tend to tinker with lots of different things. Lately I've found myself working on vehicles more than I ever had. I need to talk with the mechanics and see if they can give me some pointers.

Why are tires black? Could we get yellow tires to match our buses?

Tires are black due to the use of "carbon black". This is one of the main components in the rubber compounding process. A few years ago, there was a passenger tire manufacturer that offered different colored tread. They did this using synthetic rubber. It was a very costly offering so it didn't last very long in the marketplace.

What is your favorite Television Show or Movie?

I usually will watch shows on the Smithsonian, History, or Discovery channel. I've always enjoyed learning new things. The downside to all of this is that my wife says I'm a master of useless trivia.

What are your future plans/ goals in life?

I'm on the backside of my professional career so more of my plans are probably on a personal note. My daughter will be finishing up high school in the next few years and that will allow my wife and I to travel for pleasure a little more than we have in the past.



Tony Scannell,
Sumarel Tire Service

A truck carrying Vicks Vaporub overturned on the highway. Amazingly there was no congestion for 8 hours!



What did the traffic light say to the truck?

Don't look, I'm about to change!

TIPS & TRICKS

It's that time of year again. The bus garage just got a whole lot quieter!

It's summertime and most of our buses are sitting for 3 months. This time frame can be hard on any vehicle, so here are a couple tips to help protect your fleet.

I like to start off by fueling the buses up. I add a summer fuel additive and top them off. Don't over fill them though, or you will have fuel expand from the overflow in the hot weather. I feel like if they're full of fuel there is less chance to have moisture condense to water in the tank. Plus diesel has a shelf life twice as long as conventional gasoline.



I also keep the DEF level around 20%, and then top it off with fresh fluid before school starts back up. The shelf life of this fluid is about 12 months if stored between 68 degrees and 23 degrees Fahrenheit. Sunlight is no good for this fluid. Anything above 86 degrees will start to decompose this fluid making it harmful for the vehicle. And let's be real, these buses are sitting out in the HOT weather all summer.

This may sound weird, but I still have a few buses that have a straight tail pipe (no turn down). I have to plug the tail pipe to keep the barn swallows from building a nest all summer long. Don't get me wrong, it's pretty cool to start a bus up and watch a huge bird's nest get blown out the tailpipe, but I don't need anything making babies in there!

I'm sure you all have your own summer time checklist and we would love to hear about it. So send us an email and we can share these tips with our fellow Mechanics! Have a great summer!

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

OSBMA Facebook Page

All current Active and Associate members of the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association are invited to join the OSBMA Facebook page!

Search for the "Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association" and click on "Join Group".
An administrator will verify your membership status and admit you to the group.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/285004800279493>

OSBMA Membership Renewal



Time to renew!



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.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP is open to **any qualified mechanic** who has responsibility in maintaining the operation of a safe and efficient pupil transportation system. Active membership is \$30 per year.

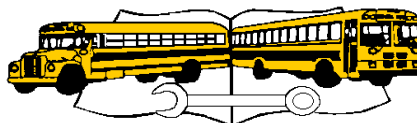
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP is open to other Ohio school officials who are interested in promoting safe pupil transportation in Ohio, retired OSBMA members, and vendors. Associate membership is \$20 per year, on an individual basis.

Membership is good for one year:

JULY 1, 2022 through JUNE 30, 2023

Please join us in promoting safe and efficient pupil transportation in Ohio!

Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association Annual Membership Application Form



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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 2021/22 school year (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023).

The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association corresponds primarily by email. 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?

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