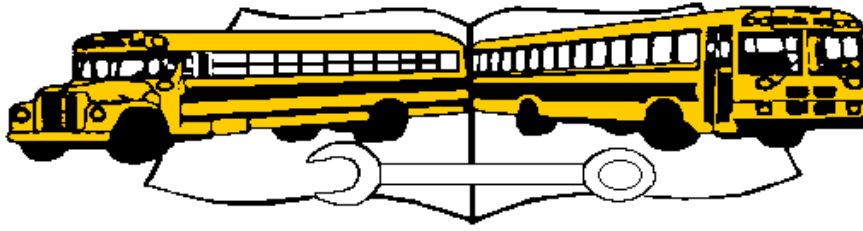


The Mechanic's Messenger



OSBMA Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association members was held October 19, 2022. The members broke down to their regional groups to discuss what training was needed in their area.

The Regional Directors for the Central, East, Northeast and Southwest were up for election this year. The regions met and decided that the directors will remain the same:

Central: Brandon Grandominico
Franklin County MRDD

East: Michael Rote
Chippewa Local Schools,

Northeast: David Bilbie
Buckeye Local Schools

Southwest: Jack Lewis
Oak Hills Local Schools.

The West region welcomes Greg Blessing with Tipp City Exempted Village Schools. The Vice President position still remains open.

There were four entries for the logo contest. The members voted to continue the search and have the current members vote online. If you have an idea for the new logo, please see the details below and submit your entry by December 31st.

Keith Jordan, Wellston City Schools was awarded a plaque for achieving the Master School Bus Technician status



Rob Widener, OSBMA President, congratulates Keith Jordan, Wellston City Schools for achieving Master School Bus Technician.

OSBMA Logo Contest

The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association is still on it's quest to upgrade the logo! If you have an idea for the new logo, please submit your logo entry via email to osbma@osbma.org by **January 31, 2023**. Be sure to include your name, school district/ employer, member number and contact information with your entry. The submitted designs will be compiled and sent to current members for vote in February, 2023. The winning entry will receive a \$100 Visa gift card. The contest is open to all active members of the association. You may send in as many designs as you would like. All designs must be original (*please follow copyright laws*).

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.**

Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association

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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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Vendor Spotlight!

DAVE HANFORD

Fleetguard Filtration

Position: Territory Manager Ohio/Northern Kentucky



*Dave Hanford
Fleetguard Filtration*

How long have you been a part of the OSBMA?

I have been involved for 3 or 4 years.

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

I really enjoy the customer interaction and relationship building.

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

I enjoy reading American Military (USMC) history books.

Do you have any hidden talents?

Can't say that I do?

You just won a million dollars! What's your first purchase?

Moon bag of Cardano #ADA

What is your favorite Television Show or Movie?

The Matrix Trilogy

What are your future plans/ goals in life?

I would like to relocate to a warm weather climate!

Seven guys have been going to the same deer camp for many years. Two days before the group is to leave, Bubba's wife puts her foot down and tells him he isn't going. Bubba's friends are very upset that he can't go, but what can they do?

Two days later the six guys get to the camping site only to find Bubba sitting there with his gear set up, firewood gathered, and dinner cooking on the stove. "Dang man, how long you been here, and how did you talk your wife into letting you go?"

"Well, I've been here since yesterday. Yesterday evening, I was sitting in my chair at home and my Wife came up behind me and put her hands over my eyes and said, 'guess who?' I pulled her hands off, and she was wearing a brand new nightie. She took my hand and pulled me to our bedroom. The room had candles and rose petals all over. On the bed she had handcuffs, and ropes! She told me to tie and cuff her to the bed, and I did. And then she said, "Do whatever you want."

So, here I am.



TIPS & TRICKS

My Wife asked me why I always have a pocket full of sharpie markers. Well because I use them everyday at work. I may be walking past a bus that has a letter starting to fade or torn off. So I grab my marker and spiff it up abit. Takes a few seconds and is cheaper than replacing the whole sticker..



Before



After



A red sharpie is perfect for fixing those faded master switches.

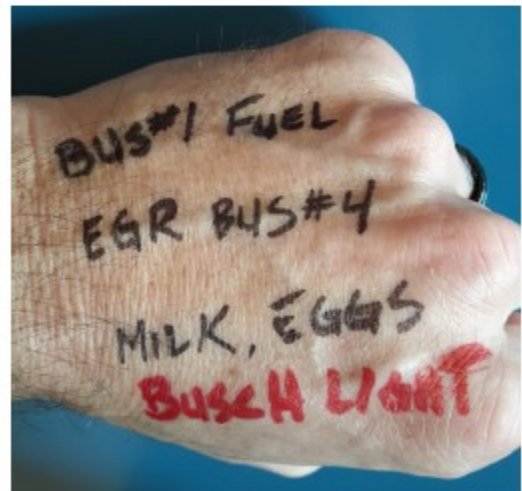
Before



After



I have a terrible memory. So I write notes on my hand constantly. It's kind of hard to forget things when you have ink smeared all over you!



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

BWC Safety Grants

THIS PROGRAM HELPS EMPLOYERS PURCHASE EQUIPMENT TO SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE OR ELIMINATE INJURIES OR ILLNESSES ASSOCIATED WITH A PARTICULAR TASK OR OPERATION. THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO ESTABLISH SAFETY INTERVENTION BEST PRACTICES FOR ACCIDENT AND INJURY PREVENTION.

The Safety Intervention Grant (SIG) Program reopened in November 2022, making the program easier for employers to apply. We've:

- Reduced the requirement for being in business from two years to one year.
- Changed eligibility cycle to three years for all businesses.
- Limited reporting requirements to a one-year report/case study.
- Added the program to the new grant management portal for online application.

The SIG Program is available to any Ohio private or public employer covered by the State Insurance Fund to purchase equipment to substantially reduce or eliminate injuries and illnesses associated with a particular task or operation.

With the Safety Intervention Grant, recipients are eligible for a 3-to-1 matching grant, up to a maximum grant award of \$40,000 for each three-year eligibility cycle. This means BWC gives \$3 for every \$1 the employer contributes.

In return, employers will submit a one-year case study one year after the implementation date of the intervention. We'll use this information to determine the effectiveness of the intervention and share successes with other employers. You may [view the complete policy for the program](https://www.bwc.ohio.gov/for-employers/safety-and-training/safety-grants/safety-intervention-grant) at www.bwc.ohio.gov.

Grant process involves five phases:

- Steps to take before you apply for a safety intervention grant.
- How to complete the online grant application.
- Process to evaluate and approve your application.
- Receiving your grant funds.
- Next steps for approved applicants.

<https://info.bwc.ohio.gov/for-employers/safety-and-training/safety-grants/safety-intervention-grant>

OSBMA Annual Workshop overview

The 33rd Annual Fall Workshop was recently held October 18th and 19th in Columbus, Ohio. Unfortunately, it was not warm enough for shorts as in past years but I think the wings at the Monday Night Gathering warmed us up!

The event started Monday night at Past Times Pub with dinner and drinks provided by Cummins Sales & Service, Rush Bus Centers and Unity Bus Parts. We had a great evening catching up with our fellow members and watching some Monday night football!

Tuesday Morning started with registration and straight to classes. There were 10 presenters that brought a ton of great material. Transmissions, filters and coolant, Tires just to name a few of the classes. We even had a question and answer session with the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Blue Bird, IC and Thomas were here to show off their newest buses.

After lunch we had our Vendors Show. Over 30 Vendors set up their displays as the Mechanics made their way around the room. These Vendors came prepared with great products and plenty of information to go along with them.

Later that evening we had our Annual Toss'em Tuesday Cornhole Tournament. This event was sponsored by Enzo's, Cleveland Tank, Cummins Filtration, Pre-Q Galgo Corp, Seon/ REM and the W.W.Williams Company. This event gets bigger every year. It's a great time to network with our fellow Mechanics in a relaxed atmosphere. We gave away gift cards and sets of custom cornhole boards all thanks to these great sponsors!

Wednesday morning started with 2 more class sessions, followed by lunch and then into our annual meeting and award assembly. This Annual Workshop is packed full of classes, Vendors and other events that will keep you busy from start to finish. Looking forward to seeing everyone again next year! Plans are currently being made for holding this event at a new location in 2023. Stay tuned for more information!



Open Forum with the Ohio State Highway Patrol on School Bus Inspection

Monday Night Gathering!

Thank you to Randy Behr, Maumee City Schools for hosting the Monday Night Gathering. This event was sponsored by:



CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

The 6th Annual Toss'em Tuesday Cornhole Tournament took place at the Fall Workshop in Columbus on October 18th. The games began at 7:30pm sharp! We started off with a 12 team, blind draw, double elimination tourney. It didn't take long for me to goof up the bracket (my brain may have been a bit fuzzy) but luckily Eric Rychener from Pettisville Local Schools stepped in and took over as Head Cornholio for the evening. The winners of the first tourney were 1st place, Tim Esposito and Justin Showman. Second place went to Chad Kling and Craig Broering. We raffled gift cards and cornhole boards throughout the night, along with an endless amount of cold beverages (special thanks to Craig Wise for that beer run!). Of course one tournament isn't enough! The second tourney of the evening had somewhere between 25 and 50 people participate... honestly I just forgot to count. It was another blind draw double elimination tourney and from what I can remember it was full of excitement! First place went to the DOUBLE D's, Danny Beatty and Dan Thornton. Second place was awarded to Craig Wise and Chad Klinge (I got lucky for sure).

Cornhole board raffle winners were Tony Scannel, Ted Heitbrink, James Lee, Keith Chandler and Hunter Cunningham. Thanks again to our awesome sponsors! Enzo's Cleaning Solutions, Cleveland Tank & Supply, PRE-Q GALGO, W.W.Williams, Cummins Filtration and R.E.M. Communications. These companies made this night possible and we all greatly appreciate that! Look forward to seeing you all again next year. So practice up, the 7th Annual Toss'em Tuesday Cornhole Tourney is only 10 months away!

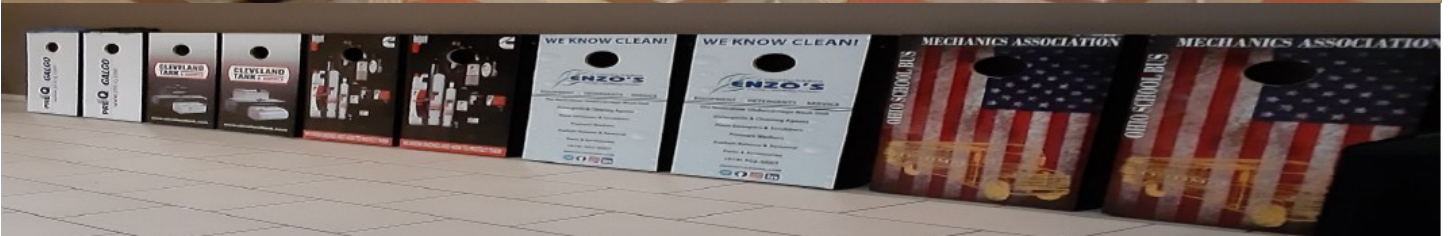
Chad Klinge, Patrick Henry Local Schools

Toss'em Tuesday!

Thank you to Chad Klinge, Patrick Henry Local Schools for hosting the Toss'em Tuesday event! This event was sponsored by:



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OSBMA Annual Vendor Show

Thank you to the school bus industry vendors who participated in the 33rd Annual Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association Workshop! We appreciate the many vendors who participated in presenting classes, donating door prizes and exhibiting at the OSBMA Vendor Show:

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