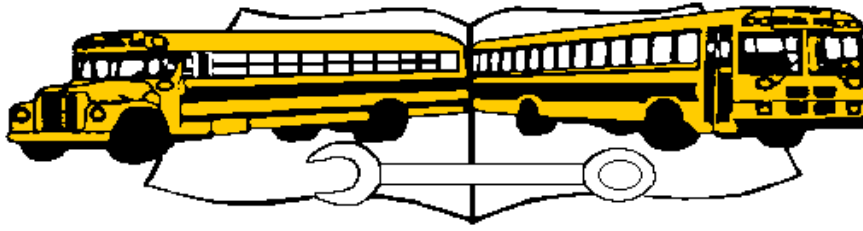


The Mechanic's Messenger



Annual OSBMA Workshop!

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The **34TH ANNUAL OHIO SCHOOL
BUS MECHANICS ASSOCIATION
WORKSHOP** will be held
**October 3 & 4, 2023 at the
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*Monday Night Gathering will be held at
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Registration begins in July!

OSBMA Logo Contest



Congratulations to Chad Klinge, Patrick Henry Local School District, for winning the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association Logo Contest!

Receiving 58% of votes, entry #3 has won. Thank you to all of you who participated in submitting an entry and voting.

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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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Mechanic Spotlight!

NAME: BRANDON GRANDMINICO

School District: Franklin County Board of DD

Position: Fleet Mechanic

How long have you been a part of the OSBMA?

I have been a part of Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association for 6 years.
I am currently the OSBMA Central Regional Director.

What do you enjoy most about the OSBMA?

I would say what I enjoy most about OSBMA is meeting new/fellow mechanics. Telling stories, the good and the bad, and learning from each other. Seminars are nice and always full of useful information, but I believe what we can learn from each other is something a seminar can NEVER teach.

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

The real answer is what don't I do in my spare time...lol! Below I will list what work/hobbies I have:

1. Mechanic for Lane Aviation @ John Glenn International Airport
2. Business Owner (Spookyboo Inc.)
3. Animatronics Manager @ Carnage Haunted House in Columbus, Ohio.
4. Mechanic/Farm Hand @ Gregg Farms in Bainbridge, Ohio.

When I'm not busy with one of those, I enjoy camping, hunting, traveling and spending quality time with my daughter.

Do you have any hidden talents?

I don't know if I would say any hidden talents, but a saying that I like to say is: "I'm a jack of all trades but a master of none". Lol

What is your favorite Tool in your Tool Box?

I'm gonna have to say my Milwaukee 1/4 Hex Impact Driver :)

What is your favorite Television Show or Movie?

I would have to say, Shooter with Mark Walburg or Deadpool.

What are your future plans/ goals in life?

Work as hard as I can and learn as much as I can while setting up / providing my daughter the best life possible.



Brandon Grandminico
Franklin County Board of DD

Where do math teachers go on vacation?

...Times Square!

What are a teacher's three favorite words?

...June, July and August!

Why was the cross-eyed teacher fired on the last day of school?

...She lost control of her pupils!



TIPS & TRICKS

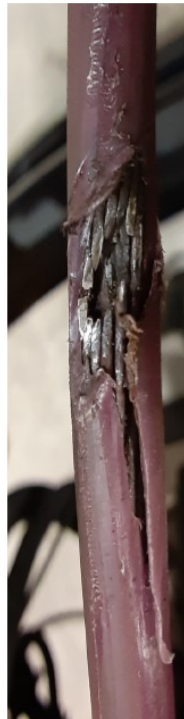
Can somebody tell me why engineers make the big bucks? Every now and then I come across an issue with a bus that could have been avoided.

This is a 2017 All American but the issue must span from 2017 to present because our new 2023 All American has the same issue. If you have one of these units open the front cover to access the radiator and look at the purple shifter cable to the right. This cable has been installed tightly between two metal brackets. I had a driver tell me they were having problems shifting their bus out of neutral.

After checking the linkage at the transmission (everything was good) I happened to follow the routing and saw that it was pinched between the two metal brackets. Once I removed the cable I was able to see where it had been rubbing to the point where the cable was exposed.

The picture below to the left shows how the cable is routed from factory. The picture to the right shows how I routed the cable after I replaced it. The middle picture shows the cable after rubbing on the metal bracket.

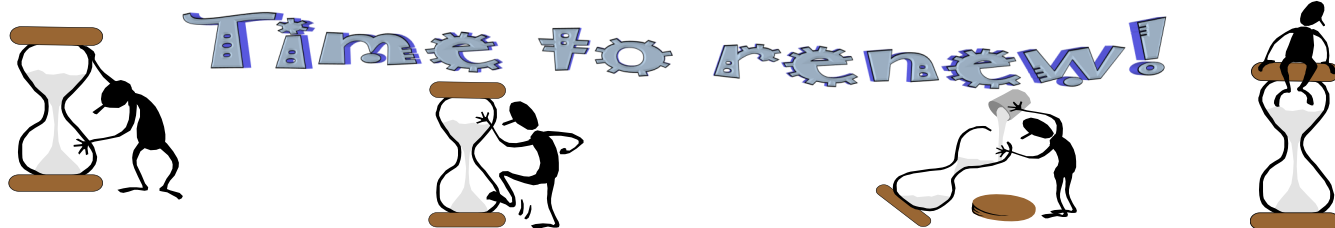
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ANY TIPS OR TRICKS YOU MAY HAVE AND WE CAN SHARE THEM WITH OUR FELLOW MECHANICS.

Chad Klinge, OSBMA Newsletter Editor, Patrick Henry Local Schools

OSBMA Membership Renewal



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.

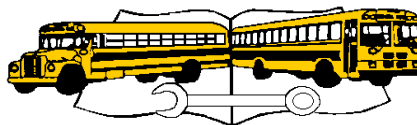
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP is open to other Ohio school officials who are interested in promoting safe pupil transportation in Ohio, retired OSBMA members, and vendors. Associate membership is \$20 per year, on an individual basis.

Membership is good for one year:

JULY 1, 2023 through JUNE 30, 2024

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, 2021 through June 30, 2022).

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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The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association invites all school bus industry vendors to exhibit at the **34TH ANNUAL OSBMA VENDOR SHOW** to be held at the **Embassy Suites Columbus/Dublin** on **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2023.**

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