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**Ohio School Bus
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Annual OSBMA Workshop!

**NEW
LOCATION!**

**The 34TH ANNUAL OHIO SCHOOL
BUS MECHANICS ASSOCIATION
WORKSHOP will be held
October 3 & 4, 2023 at the
Embassy Suites Columbus/Dublin!**

*Monday Night Gathering will be held at
Pins Mechanical in Dublin, Ohio!*

Registration is now open!

**Check out the Regional Workshops in the
East and Northeast Regions (on page 4).
Any school bus mechanic in Ohio is
welcome to attend.**

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!

NAME: RYAN GREENE
Company: Enertech Labs
Position: Regional Sales Representative

How long have you been a part of the OSBMA?

I have been a part of Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association for 5 years. (I have been with Enertech Labs since March of this year.)

What do you enjoy most about the OSBMA?

Connecting with great people outside of our local area (Buffalo, NY). I like to meet new people, learn about them and their lives, and share stories. I feel a higher connection to the state of Ohio in general, as I graduated from Ohio State in 2020, so it's fun to meet and talk to people from the area/state.

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

In no particular order, I enjoy golfing, watching the Buffalo Bills and Buckeyes football (OSU Alumni—Go Bucks!), and traveling. I have season tickets to the Buffalo Bills, and when I went to Ohio State, going to games in The Shoe were my all-time favorite events. I picked up golfing a couple years ago and love it, but I have a long way to go. I've done some traveling in my life, but my bucket list destinations are Switzerland, Greece and Italy.

Do you have any hidden talents?

I can pick up new things pretty quickly and easily. I don't have any training for sales, mechanics, fuel products or parts, but I was able to quickly adapt. I can also pick up sports/physical activities quickly, like skiing and golfing.

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

New golf equipment. I'd love to get fitted for clubs by a professional, but the cost to get a club fitting is enough, let alone buying a new set of clubs. So, if I won a million dollars, I'd buy a lot of things like a house and nice car or two, but the first purchase would most likely be something golf related.

What is your favorite Television Show or Movie?

"It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia". My friends in college got me to watch the series, and since then it's been my favorite show. I love "organic" feeling comedies, and this show is my favorite "sit-com" show I've watched.

What are your future plans/ goals in life?

Travel Europe and retire somewhere warm and peaceful. I don't have a clear plan for the future, but my life goals in general are to be happy with what I do every day. When I retire, I want to be somewhere that is almost always nice out and have a nice size piece of property where I can relax.

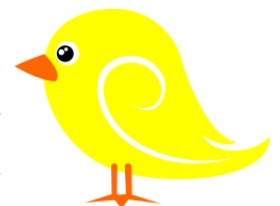


*Ryan Greene, Regional Sales Representative,
Enertech Labs*

There was a man driving down the road behind an 18-wheeler, at every stoplight the trucker would get out of the cab, run back and bang on the trailer door. After seeing this at several intersections in a row the motorist followed him until he pulled into a parking lot.

When they both had come to a stop the truck driver once again jumped out and started banging on the trailer door. The motorist went up to him and said, "I don't mean to be nosey but why do you keep banging on that door?"

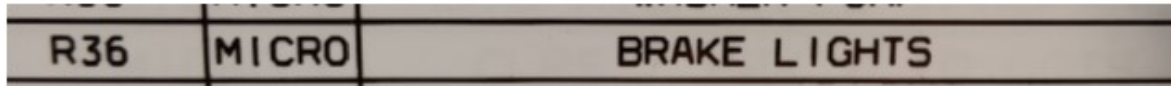
To which the trucker replied, "Sorry, can't talk now, I have 20 tons of canaries and a 10-ton limit, so I have to keep half of them flying at all times."



TIPS & TRICKS

It was the last day of school and I got a call from Bus #16 saying he was stuck at the rail road tracks and could not move. Luckily it was just around the corner from the garage. As I hopped on the bus I saw the Range Inhibit light illuminated. Thinking he just didn't have his foot firmly on the brake while shifting, I tried with no luck. It was a 2017 All American with about 70 kids ready to start their summer.

After checking a few things around the brake pedal and shifter linkage I had the Bus Driver check to see if the brake lights were working., and they were not. Ok, now were on to something. I checked the fuse and relay panel, found a brake light relay (R36) swapped it out with a different one and PRESTO. The range inhibit light went off and the bus was back in drive. I have had a bunch of issues with these relays from high beam headlight, brake lights and even some SCR issues. I have 4 sister buses like #16 so I have an extra relay in the fuse panel for each one incase it fails again on the route.



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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

Regional Workshops

The East Region is hosting a workshop on Thursday, July 27, 2023 at Chippewa Local Schools Bus Garage. **“DRUM BRAKE CLASS”** will be presented by Point Spring and Driveshaft. For more information please contact Mike Rote, OSBMA East Regional Director @ (330) 903-4196.

The Northwest Region is hosting a workshop on Thursday, August 3, 2023 at Patrick Henry Local Schools Bus Garage. **“LUNCH AND LEARN”** will be presented by Myers Equipment Corporation. This class will cover Braun Lift troubleshooting, online parts program, and other Thomas related information. A Thomas Saf-T-Liner C2 demo bus will be there as well. For more information please contact Chad Klinge, OSBMA Northwest Regional Director @ (419)769-0472. *Myers Equipment will offer anyone who registers for the workshop a \$20.00 parts credit that would be added to their account!*



Got a cool School Bus picture? Email it to us!
We will share it in the Mechanics Messenger.

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**34th ANNUAL OHIO SCHOOL BUS MECHANICS
 ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP**
OCTOBER 2-4, 2023

All school bus mechanics in Ohio are invited to attend!

This workshop will be held at the **Embassy Suites Columbus/Dublin**, 5100 Upper Metro Place, Dublin, Ohio. Attending this workshop will help meet in-service requirements for school bus mechanics. Registration is limited to the first 275 registrants. Session sizes are limited; therefore, return your registration form and payment (or purchase order) by **September 26, 2023**. You will receive a **Confirmation & Admission Ticket**, which will confirm your registration and be your receipt of payment.
Walk-in registrations will not be accepted.

!DAY ONE – Monday October 2, 2023	DAY TWO – Tuesday October 3, 2023	DAY THREE – Wednesday October 4, 2023
7:00 pm – 11:00 pm Monday Night Gathering to kick off the Annual Workshop. Come join us at Pins Mechanical! (Blue Bird will be providing shuttle from Embassy Suites.) Food & drink provided 7 - 10 pm!	7:30 am – 8:30 am Registration/Continental Breakfast 8:30 am – 9:00 am Welcome, General Session 9:00 am – 11:00 am SESSION I 11:00 am – noon <u>HOT BUFFET LUNCH</u> noon – 2:00 pm SESSION II 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Vendor Exhibit Show 5:00 pm Dinner on your own 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm Toss'em Tuesday!	7:00 am – 8:00 am Continental Breakfast 8:00 am – 10:00 am SESSION III 10:00 am – noon SESSION IV noon - 1:00 pm <u>HOT BUFFET LUNCH</u> 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Annual Meeting, Certificates, Awards & Door Prizes

SESSION TOPICS – This annual workshop will include four sessions, each two hours in length.

SCHOOL BUS BODY - Ohio Specifications & New Improvements *You will attend one of these three sessions.*

BLUE BIRD	Presented by Tony Rumer, Cardinal Bus Sales & Service
IC	Presented by Steve Coil, Rush Bus Centers of Ohio
THOMAS	Presented by Paul Myers, Myers Equipment

SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE *You will attend three of the seven sessions.*

ALLISON TRANSMISSIONS	Presented by Norm Martin, Allison Transmissions
CAMERA DIAGNOSTICS	Presented by Jeff Wager, REI—Radio Engineering Industries
CUMMINS ENGINE	Presented by Dave Dickerson, Cummins Sales & Service
EGR CLEANING	Presented by Rich Mahler, Lyden Oil
FILTRATION	Presented by Ray Weidmann, Cummins Filtration Fleetguard
FUEL INJECTION (double-block counts as two sessions)	Presented by Guy Garrett, Bosch
WELDING (double-block counts as two sessions)	Presented by Owen Meston, Lincoln Electric Company

OPEN FORUM - School Bus Inspections *All attendees will be able to participate.*

Come find out the latest on the School Bus Inspections as well as the School Bus Construction Standards!
 Presented by **Trooper Mark Murray, Ohio State Highway Patrol** and **Jason Heilman, Ohio Department of Education**

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association provides each registrant with a Certificate of Achievement that serves as your permanent record of participation. This certificate is suitable for framing or can be placed in your personnel file to show that you have fulfilled the yearly in-service training requirements of section 3301-83-10 of the Ohio Pupil Transportation Operation & Safety Rules.

WORKSHOP COST SUMMARY

Workshop Registration (current members)	\$200 if registered 7/15 - 8/31	\$225 if registered 9/1 - 9/26
Renew or Become a New Member	\$30 (membership good 7/1/23 - 6/30/24)	
Workshop Registration (non-members)	\$270	



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Name	School District	County	T-SHIRT SIZE:	
Home Address	Home Phone		Medium	
Home Address (continued)	Work Phone		Large	
Email Address	Cell Phone		XL	
			2XL	
			3XL	
			4XL	

I am an ASE Master School Bus Technician, and will be honored to receive an award (first time) from OSBMA. ASE certification# _____ (for verification purposes)

I am interested in taking the test to be eligible to represent Ohio at the next America's Best School Bus Technician competition.

All registrants will attend the vendor show. Select one topic in category 1 and three topics in category 2 below:

CATEGORY 1 – School Bus Body Diagnosis:
 (choose one)

- Blue Bird
 IC
 Thomas

CATEGORY 2 – School Bus Maintenance:
 (choose three)

- Allison Transmissions
 Camera Diagnostics
 Cummins Engine
 EGR Cleaning
 Filtration
 Fuel Injection (double-block)
 Welding (double-block)

All attendees will be able to participate in the **Open Forum** (School Bus Inspections/ School Bus Construction Standards).

Are you a CURRENT MEMBER of the OHIO SCHOOL BUS MECHANICS ASSOCIATION?

YES, membership number:

Early Bird Rate* (7/15 – 8/31) \$200

Regular Rate (9/1 – 9/26) \$225

NO, but I wish to renew or become a new member.

Early Bird Rate* (7/15 – 8/31) \$230

Regular Rate (9/1 – 9/26) \$255

NO. I do not wish to be a member.

(7/15 – 9/26) \$270

Make check out to:
OHIO SCHOOL BUS MECHANICS ASSOCIATION

*Registration and payment or purchase order must be postmarked, faxed or emailed by August 31st to receive the "Early Bird" rate!

Check # <i>if applicable</i>	If paying by credit card: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			Security Code
PO # <i>if applicable</i>	Credit Card # <i>if applicable</i>	Expiration date	Billing Zip Code	
	Name on card:	MM/YYYY	zipcode	

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Return the registration form and payment by August 31 to receive the discounted "early bird" rate. **The regular rate will apply September 1 through September 26, 2023** School districts using purchase orders are responsible for paying the registration fee even if their mechanic does not attend (*see cancellations below).

1. Mail form with a purchase order, check or money order or credit card information.
2. Email form with a purchase order or credit card information.
3. Fax form with a purchase order or credit card information.

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations received up to five working days before the workshop are refundable, minus a \$10.00 registration service charge. After that, cancellations are subject to the entire workshop registration fee, which you may apply toward future workshops. Please note that if you do not cancel and do not attend, you are still responsible for payment.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Substitutions may be made, however, any additional fees due to the person substituting not being a current member, must be paid before or at registration.

ROOM RESERVATIONS

Room reservations are to be made separately online or by calling the Embassy Suites Columbus/Dublin at 1-800-220-9219. A link at www.osbma.org will take you straight to the dedicated website to reserve rooms online 24/7. **The special group rate of \$139 will be available until September 11, 2023 or until the group block is sold out, whichever comes first.** Use the group code "OM2" or the group name "The OSBMA Annual Conference" by phone) to ensure you receive the special group rate. Your consideration of this location will help reduce the cost of this workshop and future workshops. Have your school's tax identification number on-hand when making reservations. Tax exemption privileges will be honored to individual guests producing a school district tax exemption certificate and paying with a school check or school credit card. All rooms must be guaranteed by advance deposit or credit card. Guest check in time is 4pm and check out time is 11am.

Each room reservation includes complimentary: made-to-order breakfast, evening reception (light snacks and beverages), parking, wifi, indoor heated pool, 24 hour fitness center, refrigerator, microwave and coffeemaker!

Guest Suites at Embassy Suites Columbus/Dublin	\$139.00 per night / flat rate* king or double	*Flat rate means \$139 per room, not per person.
	\$10.43 sales tax** (7.50%)	Two people could divide the cost at \$69.50 each
	\$13.90 bed tax (10%)	(plus applicable tax). **Sales tax will be applied if
	\$163.33	the room is not paid by a school district.

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.**

For more information, please check out the details on www.osbma.org or contact Susie Washburn @ 614-478-9300.

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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.

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