

The Mechanic's Messenger



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OSBMA Workshops!

We are pleased to announce two workshop scheduled in 2024! We hope you will be able to attend both events!

The **2024 Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association Virtual Spring Workshop** will be held **April 10 & 17, 2024** (*registration on pages 3-4*).

The **2024 Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association Annual Workshop** will be held **July 23 & 24, 2024** at the Embassy Suites Columbus/Dublin in Columbus, Ohio. We are very excited about moving this event to the summer. We are hoping that this change will increase the attendance as many school bus mechanics had to fill in for the driver shortage. We are anticipating school districts sending all of the school bus mechanics to participate since school bus inspections will have already taken place and school is not in session.

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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2024 OSBMA Annual Workshop—July 23 & 24, 2024

We are hoping that you will bring your family for a fun, close to home, vacation. There are many fun activities that your family can participate in while you are learning about school bus mechanical issues. COSI (Center of Science and Industry), Columbus Zoo and Zoombezi Bay to mention a few!

*Promoting Safe and Efficient Pupil
Transportation in Ohio!*

Mechanic Spotlight!

Name: Jamie Lee
Company: Sandusky City Schools
Position: Mechanic , Associate Director North Region

How long have you been a part of the OSBMA?

I have been a member since 2019. I became a member as soon as I hired on with the Schools.

What do you enjoy most about the OSBMA?

My favorite part of the OSBMA is being on the forefront of the latest technology and safety information in our field. A close second is Toss'em Tuesday!

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

My spare time is spent traveling with my wife and dog. I'm fortunate enough to have a logistics business that pays me to see the country on a regular basis.

Do you have any hidden talents?

My only hidden talent is my ability to make friends instantly over music and brews. I have been to many weddings of people I barely knew.

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

If I win a million dollars, my first purchase is a classic 70's van decked out to travel the country with my wife Sandy and my dog Larry.

What is your favorite Television Show or Movie?

My favorite movie is "No Country for Old Men" or pretty much any movie the Cohen Brothers do.

What are your future plans/ goals in life?

My future plans consist of doing exactly what I am doing now until I die. Working on cars and trucks, riding motorcycles, traveling and spending time with my wife, two kids and dog.



Teacher: "Answer this math problem: if your father earns \$500 a week and gives half to your mother. What will he have?"

Student: "A heart attack."



Q: Did you hear about the kidnapping at school?

A: It's okay. He woke up.



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**OHIO SCHOOL BUS MECHANICS ASSOCIATION
VIRTUAL SPRING WORKSHOP**

All school bus mechanics in Ohio are invited to attend!

This workshop will be held virtually. The link to the online workshop will be emailed the day before each session.
Attending this workshop will help meet in-service requirements for school bus mechanics.

Return your registration form and payment (or purchase order) by April 5, 2024.

You will receive a **Confirmation & Admission Ticket**, which will confirm your registration and be your receipt of payment.

TWO Wednesdays in April, 2024

INSERVICE TRAINING REQUIREMENT

YOU WILL ATTEND BOTH DAYS:

April 10, 2024

April 17, 2024

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.

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

9:30am-11:00am

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE

- School bus accident statistics.
- Seventeen school bus work group safety recommendations.

Presented by Jason Heilman, Ohio Department of Education

11:00am-noon

OHIO HIGHWAY SAFETY PATROL

- Changes in the Ohio School Bus Inspection Manual.

Presented by Trooper Mark Murray, Ohio Highway Safety Patrol

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

10:00am—noon

CUMMINS DIAGNOSTICS & SERVICE TOOLS

- INSITE and Guidanz Mobile
- Cummins troubleshooting

Presented by Dave Dickerson & Mike Tillotson, Cummins Sales and Service



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TWO WEDNESDAYS in APRIL, 2024**

REGISTRATION FORM

Name	School District	County
Home Address	Home Phone	
Home Address (continued)	Work Phone	
Email Address	Cell Phone	

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

YES, membership number: I'm sending \$30.00 for workshop registration. **\$30**

NO, but I wish to renew or become a new member.
I'm sending \$30.00 for annual membership & \$30.00 for workshop registration. **\$60**

NO. I do not wish to be a member.
I'm sending \$70.00 for workshop registration. **\$70**

***Registration and payment or purchase order must be received by mail, fax or email by April 5, 2024.**

Check # <i>if applicable</i>	If paying by credit card: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			3-digit security code:
PO # <i>if applicable</i>	Credit Card # <i>if applicable</i> Name on card:	Expiration date MM/YYYY	Billing Zip Code <i>zip code</i>	

YOU WILL ATTEND BOTH DAYS:

April 10 Ohio Department of Education and Workforce / Ohio Highway Safety Patrol
April 17: Cummins Diagnostics & Service Tools

Return the registration form and payment by April 5, 2024. School districts using purchase orders are responsible for paying the registration fee even if their mechanic does not attend (*see cancellations below).

Checks payable to: **OHIO SCHOOL BUS MECHANICS ASSOCIATION**

1. Mail form with a purchase order, check, money order or credit card information.
2. Email form with a purchase order or credit card information to osbma@osbma.org.
3. Fax form with a purchase order or credit card information to 614-478-9304.
4. The link and instructions for the virtual workshop will be emailed to registered attendees the day before the session.

Complete the registration form and return it with payment by April 5, 2024. You will receive a Confirmation and Admission Ticket which serves as your receipt of payment.

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 may be applied toward future workshops.

Substitutions may be made, however, any additional fees due membership status must be paid at or prior to the workshop.

TIPS & TRICKS

We sure like to keep our bus drivers happy! Right? Of course we do! The more they drive the less we have too! So whatever it takes...that's our goal.

I had a bus driver driving a stub nose and hand very cold feet. Just couldnt get enough heat down there by the pedals. Soooo..."WWMD"...(what would MacGyver do) unfortunately a bubble gum wrapper and a paperclip was not going to solve this problem.

So I started by removing the instrument cluster to access some duct work. Minutes after looking inside the dash my brain had already came up with the master plan. Time for some plumbing! I noticed a hole in the lower portion of the dash that was right above the gas pedal. I cut a section of ductwork and added a plastic tee. Next I ran a straight piece directly through the hole in the lower part of the dash. Then I added a couple 90 degree elbows and positioned it right above both pedals. Just like that instant FEET HEAT! (Not sure that's an approved option)



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

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