

The Mechanic's Messenger



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OSBMA Workshops!

**We are pleased to announce the first ever
OSBMA ANNUAL SUMMER WORKSHOP!**

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.



2024 OSBMA Annual Workshop—July 23 & 24, 2024

**Don't miss out on "Early Bird" (*discounted*)
registration, available until June 15! After that the
regular rate applies. Hope to see you at the 35th
Annual OSBMA Workshop!**

***Promoting Safe and Efficient Pupil
Transportation in Ohio!***

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: Steve Coil
Company: Rush Bus Centers of Ohio
Position: Regional Bus Sales Manager



Steve Coil,
Rush Bus Centers of Ohio

How long have you been a part of the OSBMA?

I have been a part of the OSBMA for 30 years!

What do you enjoy most about the OSBMA?

I enjoy building relationships with technicians, as they are a big part of the safe transportation of our school children.

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

I like being outside and supporting our communities.

Do you have any hidden talents?

Thinking out of the box.

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

Investments in stocks and digital money assets.

What is your favorite Television Show or Movie?

Shark Tank

What are your future plans/ goals in life?

My future plans are to continue to lead the Rush team as the market share leader in the Ohio School Bus industry and customer service thru retirement.

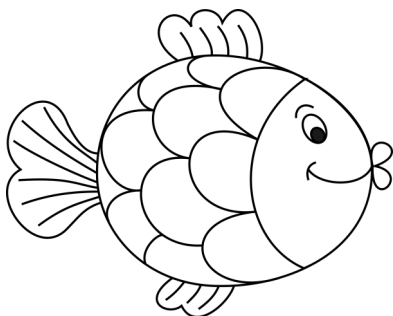
Bob got up bright and early one weekend and headed to the local river. He fished all day long but didn't catch a thing. On the way home, he stopped at the fish market.

"I want to buy the three biggest Steelhead you've got," he said to the owner.

The owner starts to bag up his order when Bob says, *"No need for that, just throw them at me."*

"Why would I do that?" the owner asked.

"So I can tell my wife that I caught three fish today!"



How do fish always know how much they weigh?

Because they have their own scales!



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35th ANNUAL OHIO SCHOOL BUS MECHANICS ASSOCIATION WORKSHOP
JULY 22-24, 2024

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 **July 15, 2024**. 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 July 22, 2024	DAY TWO – Tuesday July 23, 2024	DAY THREE – Wednesday July 24, 2024
7:00 pm – 11:00 pm Monday Night Gathering to kick off the Annual Workshop. Come join us at Pins Mechanical! (Rush/IC will be providing shuttle from Embassy Suites.) Food & drink provided 7 - 10 pm!	7:00 am – 8:00 am Registration/Continental Breakfast 8:00 am – 9:00 am General Session / <u>Open Forum</u> 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 John Davies, Allison Transmissions
CAMERA DIAGNOSTICS	Presented by Jeff Wager, REI—Radio Engineering Industries
CUMMINS ENGINE	Presented by Dave Dickerson, Cummins Sales & Service
DIESEL	Presented by Rich Mahler, Diesel Force/Lyden Oil
ELECTRICAL	Presented by Chuck Gisewite, Palmer Trucks
TIRES	Presented by Tony Scannell, Wonderland & Ron Elliott, Pre-Q Galgo
VINYL REPAIR	Presented by Paul Lamontagne, Trim Flex Vinyl

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)	\$240 if registered 5/1 - 6/15	\$265 if registered 6/16 – 7/15
Renew or Become a New Member	\$30 (membership good 7/1/23 – 6/30/24)	
Workshop Registration (non-members)	\$310	



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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 National Inspectors & Technicians 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
 Diesel
 Electric
 Tires
 Vinyl Repair

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

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

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER:

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FEE

Early Bird Rate (5/1—6/15) \$240
Regular Rate (6/16—7/15) \$265

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FEE + NEW MEMBERSHIP OR ANNUAL RENEWAL

Early Bird Rate* (5/1 – 6/15) \$270 (\$240 + \$30 membership)
Regular Rate (6/16 – 7/15) \$295 (\$265 + \$30 membership)

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FEE (WITHOUT MEMBERSHIP)

(5/1 – 7/15) \$310

Make check out to:
OHIO SCHOOL BUS MECHANICS ASSOCIATION

*Registration and payment or purchase order must be received, faxed or emailed by July 15th 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 MM/YYYY	Billing Zip Code <i>zipcode</i>	
	Name on card:			

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Return the registration form and payment by June 15 to receive the discounted "early bird" rate. **The regular rate will apply June 16 through July 15, 2024.** 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. 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 July 1, 2024 or until the group block is sold out, whichever comes first.** Use the group code "QM2" 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
\$10.43 sales tax** (7.50%)
~~\$13.90~~ bed tax (10%)
\$163.33

*Flat rate means \$139 per room, not per person. Two people could divide the cost at \$69.50 each (plus applicable tax). **Sales tax will be applied if the room is not paid by a school district.

Annual Workshop Preview

I hope everyone is excited for our new SUMMER Annual Workshop! Since most districts are dealing with driver shortages, we understand a lot of mechanics are forced to drive buses. We are hoping that a Summer Workshop will make it easier for all mechanics to participate, as school is not in session. Here is a preview of the event!

This two-day workshop will be held JULY 22-24, 2024 at the Embassy Suites in Dublin, Ohio. Registration and much more information can be found on the website <http://www.osbma.org>

The event starts off with the **Monday Night Gathering** at Pins Mechanical. This event is sponsored by **Cummins Sales and Service, Unity Bus Parts** and **Transfinder. Rush/IC** will be providing transportation to the event. They will run a few shuttles from the hotel to Pins starting around 6:45pm. The event is from 7-10pm with food and drink provided. If you have never been to pins, imagine an adult arcade with adult beverages! It is a great evening to reconnect with fellow Mechanics!

Tuesday Morning starts with registration, continental breakfast sponsored by **Rush Bus Centers of Ohio** and then our Welcome/General Session/Open Forum Now the classes begin. We have a great line up to choose from. Electrical, Transmissions, Tires, Diesel Engines and even a Vinyl seat repair class, just to name a few! All three Bus manufacturers will present as well. Next up is lunch sponsored by **Hill International Trucks**. Then another round of classes before the Vendor Show.

We have 30+ Vendors from all over the country showing off their latest and greatest parts and tools. The Vendor show is from 2:00- 5:00pm and will run in two groups to give everyone enough time to mingle. Be sure to stick around as we will be giving away tons of door prizes! Must be present to win. After the Vendor show, it's dinner on your own or hook up with a bus dealer and have dinner on their bill. They are always looking for new customers!

After Dinner we have our **7th Annual Toss Em Tuesday Cornhole Tournament**. This is located in the same room as the Vendor Show. We start around 7:00 pm and play 2 blind draw double elimination tournaments. This event is marked from 7-11pm but if you are a regular at this event you know it ends a little later than that! ;) Snacks and drinks are provided, along with prize money to 1st and 2nd place winners. We will have gift cards and cornhole boards to give away as well. You don't want to miss this event and it's all possible thanks to this year's sponsors. **Cleveland Tank, Enzo's Cleaning Solutions, Lyden Oil, Pre-Q Tire, Rem/ Safe Fleet** and **Rush/IC**.

Wednesday Morning begins with breakfast and back to classes until lunch. After lunch we have our Annual Meeting where we hand out certificates, awards and door prizes!

I have been attending this event for over 15 years and it is a blast. It's great to reconnect and network with mechanics from all over the state and talk about fixes and issues. If you have never attended, make sure to ask questions. There is always an executive committee member around that will guide you in the right direction. Looking forward to a great Workshop. See you all soon!

Chad Klinge, OSBMA Newsletter Editor, Patrick Henry Local Schools

Have you fulfilled the yearly in-service training requirements
of section 3301-83-10 of the Ohio Pupil Transportation
Operation & Safety Rules?

TIPS & TRICKS

Just a reminder to anybody in need of new equipment, the BWC Grants are a great way to save a ton of money! We have received many new pieces of equipment through this grant. We have purchased scissor lifts indoor/outdoor, undercarriage wash units (Enzo's), various cleaning machines for buses or bathrooms and the newest piece of equipment.....portable plasma cutter!

For those not familiar with the BWC or Bureau of Workers compensation, they have safety grants and if they approve an item you are interested in purchasing, they will pay \$3 to every \$1 you pay. I like to share this info because budgets are real people!

If you need more information or a contact check out the website (info.bwc.ohio.gov) click on safety grants or shoot me an email cklinge@phpatriots.org

And as always, if you have a Tip or Trick please email and lets share it with our fellow Mechanics!



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 Membership Renewal



Time to renew!



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

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ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP is open to other Ohio school



Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association Annual Membership Application Form

School District / Employer _____

County _____

Name _____
[please print]

Work Telephone _____

Home Address _____
Street

Home Telephone _____

City State Zip Code

Cell Telephone _____

Email Address _____
[please print legibly!]

Current Membership Number _____

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 2023/24 school year (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025).

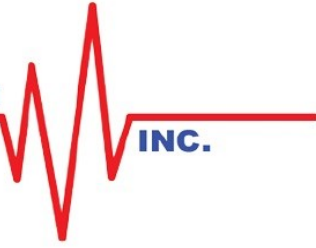
The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association corresponds primarily by email. If you do not have access to a computer, we will mail your information to your home address.

Would you like to be listed in the Mutual Aid Booklet?

Yes No

Check # <i>if applicable</i>	If paying by credit card: <input type="radio"/> VISA <input type="radio"/> MasterCard <input type="radio"/> DISCOVER <input type="radio"/> AMERICAN EXPRESS			3-digit security code:
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