

The Mechanic's Messenger



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OSBMA Annual Meeting

The members of the Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association met for the annual meeting on July 23, 2024 voted in favor of increasing the annual dues in order to keep the association in good financial order. This change will take effect July 1, 2025. **The annual dues for active membership will be \$40, and associate membership will be \$30.**

The membership also elected these officials:

Vice President **Kevin Goff, Miami Valley Career
Technology Center** (*term begins 7/1/25*)

Secretary **Mike Rote, Chippewa Local Schools**

Treasurer **Adam Harju, Jefferson Area Local Schools**

Congratulations to these school bus mechanics in receiving an award to recognize their accomplishment of Master School Bus Technician in the state of Ohio!

Greg Ridgeway, Chardon Local Schools
Dameon Mollett, Mason City Schools
Jeremy Polcar, Olmsted Falls City Schools

We wish Rick Bauman, Perkins Local Schools, happy retirement!
Thank you for your hard work on the OSBMA Executive Committee
for many years.

*Promoting Safe and Efficient Pupil
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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: Kevin Goff

School District: Miami Valley Career Technology Center

Position: Mechanic

How long have you been a part of the OSBMA?

I have been a part of the OSBMA for 8 years.

What do you enjoy most about the OSBMA?

I enjoy the camaraderie with all the other mechanics. I also enjoy meeting new people and learning how they do things different from how I do them in the shop.

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

I enjoy anything water related. I have a boat and 2 waverunners and usually on the water every weekend in the summer.

Do you have any hidden talents?

I can cook. I learned that I don't need recipes and I can just come up with different things to make and 99% of the time its good.

What is your favorite Tool in your Tool Box?

It would probably have to be my Milwaukee Impact. It hasn't failed me yet.

What is your favorite Television Show or Movie?

I like a lot of cooking shows, I also like HGTV. As far as movie goes, I like The Fast and The Furious #1. I also like Top Gun Maverick.

What are your future plans/ goals in life?

My family has a lake house in northern Michigan. My goal is to buy another lake house around here. Indian Lake or another surrounding lake.



*Kevin Goff,
Miami Valley Career
Technology Center*

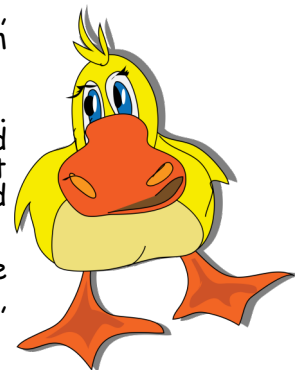
A hillbilly went hunting one day in Kentucky and bagged three ducks. He put them in the bed of his pickup truck and was about to drive home when he was confronted by an ornery game warden who didn't like hillbillies.

The game warden ordered to the hillbilly to show his hunting license, and the hillbilly pulled out a valid Kentucky hunting license. The game warden looked at the license, then reached over and picked up one of the ducks, sniffed its butt, and said, "This duck ain't from Kentucky. This is a Tennessee duck. You got a Tennessee huntin' license, boy?"

The hillbilly reached into his wallet and produced a Tennessee hunting license. The game warden looked at it, then reached over and grabbed the second duck, sniffed its butt, and said, "This ain't no Tennessee duck. This duck's from Mississippi. You got a Mississippi license?"

The hillbilly reached into his wallet and produced a Mississippi hunting license. The warden then reached over and picked up the third duck, sniffed its butt, and said, "This ain't no Mississippi duck. This here duck's from South Carolina. You got a South Carolina huntin' license?" Again the hillbilly reached into his wallet and brought out a South Carolina hunting license.

The game warden was extremely frustrated at this point, and he yelled at the hillbilly, "Boy, just where the hell are you from?" The hillbilly turned around, dropped his pants, bent over, and said, "You tell me. You're the expert."



OSBMA Summer Workshop

We hope everyone enjoyed the first Summer Workshop and Vendor show. We know its tough for some Mechanics to get out of the shop due to driver shortages. It seems the summer time makes it easier to attend. We had some great classes and got to see a lot of new faces. This Workshop is a great place to network and make new connections with Vendors and Mechanics.



The Ohio School Bus Mechanics Association is sincerely grateful to the many school bus industry vendors who participated in presenting topics and displaying their products at the 35th Annual OSBMA Workshop, held July 22-24, 2024:

- Allison Transmission
- American Bus and Accessories
- Anglin Equipment
- Auto-Jet Muffler Corp.
- Cardinal Bus Sales & Service
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- Kenworth of Columbus
- Lyden Oil Company
- Myers Equipment
- Noregon Systems
- Ohio Department of Education
- Ohio Highway Safety Patrol
- Ohio Propane Gas Association
- Palmer Trucks of Dayton
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- Rush Bus Centers of Ohio
- Thomas Built Bus
- Timken
- Transfinder
- Transportation Accessories Company
- Unity School Bus Parts
- W.W. Williams

Looking forward to seeing everyone again **July 14-16, 2025.**

Save the dates!

OSBMA Monday Night Gathering

We kicked off the 2 day workshop with a Monday night get together at Pins Mechanical. Had an awesome time catching up! Thanks to **Rush** for the transportation, **Cummins Sales and Service**, **Unity School Bus Parts** and **Transfinder** for sponsoring the event.



OSBMA Vendor Show

We hope everyone enjoyed the July Vendor Show in Dublin this year. We had a great lineup of Companies showing off their top of the line products! Thankfully the rain held off as we added some extra activities for the outdoor portion of the show. The mechanics skills test seemed to be enjoyable. Most of the competition was beer related, which helped. We had door prizes, gift cards and even gave away some cornhole boards! Check out the pics!



OSBMA SKILLZ COMPETITION

Thank you to all of the participants at the first ever OSBMA Skillz Competition! Congratulations to Kevin Goff, Miami Valley Career Technology Center, for winning the competition.



OSBMA Toss'Em Tuesday

Tuesday night cornhole—same time, same place every year! We had two packed blind draw tournaments and not one kernel hit the floor! Winners in no particular order (probably because I lost my notes) forgive me if I miss spelled your name, William Goerl, Garret McMahan x 2, Alex Monning, Me (Chad Klinge), James Lee, Josh Walters and Rich Mahler.

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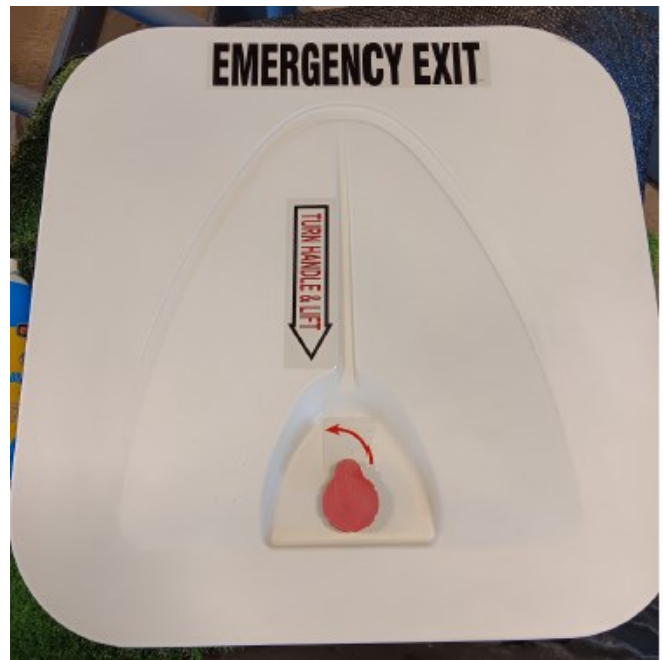
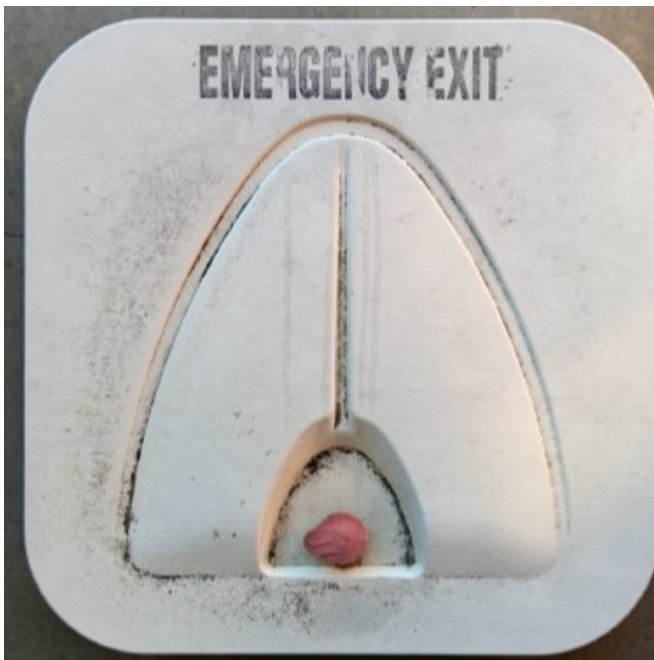
We truly appreciate these GREAT Sponsors!



TIPS & TRICKS

So this is probably not a repair your bus drivers are reporting. Honestly, the only reason I noticed how bad this hatch looked, was do to removal for repair. I could remember a time my Inspector had mention that all emergency hatches had to have proper direction on how to open. This one obviously does not anymore.

So off to the pressure washer it went. Some degreaser and hot water and it cleaned up like new. I had ordered a new instruction sticker kit from TAC (part # in pic below) and boom, I had that hatch looking like brand new.



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

2024 FALL WORKSHOP

The 2024 OSBMA Fall Workshop was held November 13, 2024 at the Ohio Department of Transportation. If you missed it, please plan on attending in the future.

The topics were:

SCHOOL BUS UPDATES

Presented by: Sergeant Justin Dement, Ohio State Highway Patrol

CUMMINS

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

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT

Presented by: Cameron Vaughn, School Employees Retirement System of Ohio



OSBMA Mutual Aid Booklet

Mike Rote, OSBMA Secretary and Region East Director, is resurrecting the OSBMA Mutual Aid Booklet (in virtual format).

For those of you that are not familiar with this, we would put your name and number on the OSBMA Mutual Aid Booklet list and post it on our website. Let's say you have a school bus 2 hours away from your district and it breaks down. You would be able to look on the list to see if there is a mechanic close by. That mechanic could do minor repairs or at least diagnose the problem for you, so you know what you need to fix it. This would also be a voluntary basis. I would not expect my school district to pay me to fix someone else's bus, or expect the other school district to pay me.



If you would like to put your name on this list, please email your:

- 1) **Name**
- 2) **School District**
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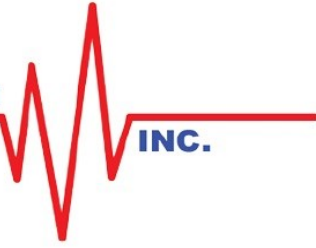
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