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As a part of our commitment to service excellence and our industry, we host many training courses and seminars at our facility. Students develop industry specific skill sets in specialty gas filling through both classroom and hands-on instruction. Participants in the programs can receive certification in Specialty Gas Mixing and Gas Chromatography. All of this is provided by Precision Specialty Gas Products, a Weldcoa Company, in partnership with AsteRisk. It is a long-term support service for continuing education.

The advanced seminar is featured only one time per year and it is coming up soon, **June 10-14th**. To more details and registration information, visit <https://www.weldcoa.com/specialty-gas-training> today!

FEATURED NEWS

The GAWDA 2019 SMC App is Live!

Be sure and take a moment to download the 2019 SMC App to take advantage of these great features during the conference!

9 Important Reasons to Download the GAWDA Mobile App

1. Stay up-to-date with announcements and event reminders.
2. Get full access to the attendee list.
3. Message and set up meetings with attendees.
4. View the schedule of events and set your schedule.
5. Learn about our featured speakers.
6. Post and share on our social media wall.
7. Easily view area maps and meeting locations.
8. Plan your Contact Booth experience with interactive floor plans and exhibitor information.
9. Call an UBER back to the airport when it's time to go home.



Ready to Download the GAWDA Mobile App?

Scan the QR code with your mobile device or follow the directions below.

iPhone/iPad:

1. Type <https://crowd.cc/gawdasmc2019> in your browser.
2. Click "Download iPhone/iPad App" to load Apple's App Store and download the app.

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1. Type <https://crowd.cc/gawdasmc2019> in your browser.
2. Click "Download Android App" to load the Google Play Store and download the app.



To gain access to event content, you will be prompted to confirm your registration. A code was sent to the email you used to register for GAWDA 2019 SMC. If you lost your password, you can re-enter your email in the app. To view the SMC website, click [here](#).

If you could do the project over again, what would you do differently?

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PANEL DISCUSSION
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A promotional banner for a panel discussion. The background is dark with white text. At the bottom, there are six logos for sponsors: ILMO products company, A-OX Welding Supply, FRESNO OXYGEN, BARNES SUPPLY, KOEHLER WELDING SUPPLY, INC., and Industrial Source.

SPRING MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

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2019 SPRING MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

Saturday, May 4 through
Monday, May 6, 2019
Hyatt Regency
Minneapolis, Minnesota



It's finally here! We can't wait to see you all later this week for GAWDA's 2019 Spring Management Conference in Minneapolis. Get ready for three days of business information and networking, along with some amazing speakers, a huge Contact Booth Program, as well as dinner and dancing at the President's Welcome Reception on beautiful Nicollet Island!

[View the Agenda](#)

[Meet the Speakers](#)



Overflow Hotel for 2019 SMC

The Hyatt Regency hotel is now sold out. An overflow block has been established at the nearby Doubletree, which is located at 1101 LaSalle Avenue, Minneapolis, MN.

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Contact Booth Prize Program

The Contact Booth Program is filling up and the number of prizes keeps growing. There are still a few booths available. Click [here](#) to get started.

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NEWS FROM GAWDA



We Need Your Help With the GAWDA Archive Project

Do you have a drawer full of old pictures, meeting badges, early publications or supplier giveaways that you would like to donate to the GAWDA archives? If so, please bring them to the GAWDA Booth at the SMC!

In preparation for GAWDA's 75th Anniversary Celebration in 2020, we are collecting GAWDA-related memorabilia from members for use in the magazine and newsletter, for a mobile display during events and to preserve as a permanent archive at the GAWDA Headquarters in Hollywood, FL.

In addition to collecting your GAWDA memorabilia at the SMC, donated items can also be mailed directly to GAWDA at 1 Oakwood Blvd., Suite 195, Hollywood, FL 33020.

For more information, please contact Andrea Levy, Director of Member Services & Programs, at 954-367-7728, ext. 260 or alevy@gawda.org. (Please note that donated items will become a part of the permanent collection and cannot be returned.)

GAWDA EVENTS

2019 Annual Convention Washington, DC

Saturday, Sept. 28 – Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2019
Marriott Marquis Washington DC
901 Massachusetts Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20001

For 2019 AC hotel details, click [here](#).



2020 SPRING MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE April 5 – 7, 2020

J.W. Marriott Austin
110 E 2nd Street
Austin, TX 78701

2020 ANNUAL CONVENTION September 25 – 28, 2020

J.W. Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort & Spa
5350 E Marriott Drive
Phoenix, AZ 85054

2021 SPRING MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE
March 29 – 31, 2021

Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center
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2021 ANNUAL CONVENTION
October 6 – 9, 2021

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REGIONAL MEETINGS

SEVEN SPRINGS REGIONAL MEETING
June 17 – 19, 2019

Seven Springs Mountain Resort
Seven Springs, Pennsylvania
Registration now open. Click [here](#) for details.

NORTHWEST REGIONAL MEETING
July 17 – 19, 2019

Skamania Lodge
Stevenson, Washington
Registration opening soon. Click [here](#) for details.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING
August 6 – 7, 2019

Foxwoods Resort and Casino
N. Stonington, Connecticut
Registration opening soon. Click [here](#) for details.

CENTRAL REGIONAL MEETING
August 19 – 20, 2019

Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest Resort
Ypsilanti, Michigan
Details and registration coming soon.

[Full Event Listings](#)



Registration Now Open for Seven Springs Regional Meeting

The Seven Springs Regional Meeting takes place June 17 – 19, and offers three days of business education and networking at a beautiful resort in the mountains of Pennsylvania. Featured speakers include Air Products President **Marie Ffolkes** and Messer Executive Vice President **Chris Ebeling**, with a DOT Workshop led by GAWDA Consultant **Michael Dodd**. There will also be a Reverse Contact Booth Event where suppliers will walk the floor and each distributor will have a table.

Activities include a group golfing event and a sporting clay shooting event. The family-friendly resort also offers fishing, an adventure tower, hiking, hydrobiking, a zipline, an alpine slide and more!

[Event Website & Agenda](#)

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LINKS YOU'LL LIKE

In our communications with members and research for the GAWDA publications, we often come upon links that are worth sharing. Check them out, and if you come across any links you like, please send them to editorial@gawdamedia.com.

All About the SMC: Click here for the complete SMC brochure, including details on the hotel, featured speakers and more!

Register for the SMC: Direct link to the online registration portal for the SMC.

SMC Contact Booth Program: Check this link for the latest information on the SMC Contact Booth Program, including participating suppliers, remaining booths available, and information on the Contact Booth Prize Program.

Enjoying Minneapolis: Check out all of the best things to do in Minneapolis. From art to nature, shopping, casinos, music and great food, this city offers something for everyone!

MEMBER NEWS & NEW PRODUCTS

- Weiler Abrasives Recognized for “Leading a Warriors Charge” Campaign
- AWISCO Annual Trade Show to Feature Student Competition and New Demo Booth
- Greg Mayer Joins Independent Welding Distributors Cooperative
- Haun's Tim Howell Retires
- Lincoln Electric Launches New Activ8X with CrossLinc Technology
- Norton Introduces BlazeX F970 Fiber Discs
- Xiris Weld Video Library Grows to Over 300 Videos
- ArcOne Releases Next Generation of AirPlus Powered Air System

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