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FEATURED NEWS



Sellout Attendance at the 2019 GAWDA Professional Compliance Seminar

Weldcoa hosted the Fall 2019 GAWDA Professional Compliance Seminar at their new Innovation Center in Aurora, IL from October 29 – 31, 2019. This was an opportunity for attendees to get the latest certified DOT Function Specific Training and FDA Food/Drug CGMP Training.

"We had a great meeting," says **Michael Dodd**, GAWDA's DOT, Homeland Security, OSHA and EPA Consultant. "Weldcoa was a wonderful host and

really helped make the seminar a great experience for everyone."

Attendees of the event were treated to presentations from Dodd, GAWDA FDA and Medical Gases Consultant **Tom Badstubner**, GAWDA Government Affairs and Human Resources Consultant **Rick Schweitzer** and Techair Compliance Officer **Marilyn Dempsey**. They were also given a presentation on Weldcoa's new Fill Plant Operations training and given the opportunity to tour Weldcoa's newly updated facilities, including the first of its kind Weldcoa Innovation Center.

"The event was a sellout, with 40 attendees, says Badstubner. "For the first time, we had a wait list. In response, we are holding two back-to-back seminars in March in order to handle the number of people wanting the training."

Thank you to Weldcoa and all of the presenters and attendees! For more information about the March training seminars, be on the lookout for a link in the GAWDA Connection coming soon.

Participate in the 2020 GAWDA Forecast Issue

Every year, the First Quarter Issue features the GAWDA Distributor and Supplier Forecasts. These forecasts are an opportunity for GAWDA members to share news about their company. It is also an opportunity to help paint as complete a picture as possible about what is in store for the gases and welding industry in 2020. The more GAWDA members that participate, the more accurate the forecast becomes. If you would like to participate, please click below.



[Participate in the GAWDA Forecast](#)

A banner for the University of Innovative Distribution (UID) 2020. The top part shows a city skyline at night with the text 'uid2020' in large, stylized letters. Below the skyline, there is a blue bar with white text: 'SERVING THE SUPPLY CHAIN FOR OVER 26 YEARS | NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES | SIX EDUCATION TRACKS | INDUSTRY EXPERTS'. At the bottom, there are three logos: 'MARCH 8-11, 2020 INDIANAPOLIS, IN' on the left, 'PRESENTED BY aea association education alliance INNOVATION THROUGH COLLABORATION' in the center, and 'WITH THE SUPPORT OF PURDUE UNIVERSITY' on the right.

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Registration is Now Open for the University of Innovative Distribution

GAWDA members are invited to attend this concentrated educational program focused on the unique needs of the industrial wholesale distribution industry. Known worldwide for excellence in education, the University of Innovative Distribution is sponsored by leading industrial distribution professional associations, in cooperation with the Department of Technology, Leadership and Innovation of Purdue University. Working together, these groups take great pride in providing a superior learning experience.

This year's program is taking place March 8-11, 2020 and registration is now open. Early bird discounts for GAWDA members are available through January 12th!

[Click here to view/download](#) the UID program brochure or visit us at www.gawda.org for more information.

For additional information on attending UID and other GAWDA member benefits, please contact Andrea Levy, Director of Member Services, at alevy@gawda.org

Renew Your GAWDA Membership Now for Special Savings



Renewal is now available for your 2020 GAWDA Membership. GAWDA Distributor and Supplier members who renew their membership by Dec. 31, 2019 are eligible to save 5 percent on their 2020 membership

dues.

To renew your GAWDA membership by credit card or check, log in to your account at gawda.org. Updated online payment information and step-by-step instructions, including how to apply the 5 percent discount, can be found [here](#).

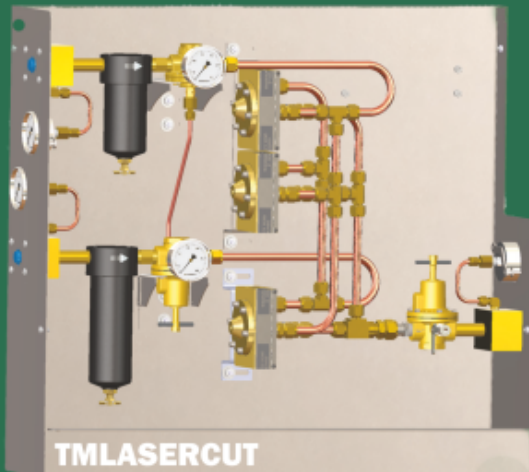
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To check your membership status, or find out more about paying by check, please contact Andrea Levy, Director, Member Services, via phone at 954-367-7728 ext. 260 or email alevy@gawda.org.

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2020 SPRING MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE
APRIL 5 - APRIL 7, 2020
AUSTIN, TX

SAVE THE DATE

Mark Your Calendars

Mark your calendars for the 2020 Spring Management Conference, April 5-7, 2020 at the JW Marriott Austin in Austin, Texas. The re-imagined event will feature one day of "educational tracks" with four separate tracks, each comprising three different presentations. These tracks include: Safety & Operations, Human Resources, Technology, and Sales and Marketing. The revised format of the SMC is designed to target the needs of management and operations decision makers. For more information about the 2020 Spring Management Conference, click [here](#).



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SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE

CGA Regulatory Alert (RA-220): U.S. DOT PHMSA Safety Advisory Notice: Unapproved Foreign-Made DOT Cylinders

Please be advised that the Compressed Gas Association has issued a CGA Regulatory Alert (RA-220) regarding the November 1, 2019 Safety Advisory Notice by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

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GAWDA EVENTS

2020 SPRING MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE April 5 – 7, 2020

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

2021 SPRING MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE March 29 – 31, 2021

Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center
2800 Opryland Drive
Nashville, TN 37214

2022 SPRING MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

2020 ANNUAL CONVENTION September 25 – 28, 2020

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

2021 ANNUAL CONVENTION October 6 – 9, 2021

The Broadmoor
1 Lake Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

2022 ANNUAL CONVENTION

April 3 – 5, 2022

JW Marriott Indianapolis
10 S. West Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

October 5 – 8, 2022

Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina
333 West Harbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92101

INTERESTING ARTICLES

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 interesting business or industry stories, please send them to editorial@gawdamedia.com.

Why Musicians Should Weld - Maybe you're a little bit country. Maybe you're a little bit rock n'roll. Either way, if you're a musician, you should 100% consider a career in welding, and Rob Tessier wants to tell you why.

7 Reasons Why Every Homeowner Should Pick Up Welding - Welding is like any other skill. The question isn't actually why you should take it up, but what you can do with it to make the investment worthwhile.

FABTECH Announces Change to Future Chicago Event Dates - The five FABTECH event partners announced that beginning in 2021, FABTECH Chicago-previously held in November-will shift its dates to September. FABTECH is North America's largest metal forming, fabricating, welding and finishing event. The event, hosted in odd years at Chicago's McCormick Place, will make its next visit to the Windy City on September 13-16, 2021 and remain in September in future odd years.

MEMBER NEWS & NEW PRODUCTS

- Weldship Appoints Vice President of Business Development
- AWISCO Gives Back
- All Safe Global Continues on Growth Path with Acquisition
- Xiris Appoints Australian Representative
- ILMO Products Company Welcomes New Specialty Gas Program Director
- ABICOR BINZEL Adds New Key Accounts Manager
- Saf-T-Cart Announces Truck Shop Expansion
- Techniweld USA Launches Revolution Lead Reel
- Turn Your Delivery Trucks Into Profit Centers

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