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FEATURED NEWS

NEW CGA Benefit for GAWDA Distributor Members

As a GAWDA distributor member, your company is eligible to receive free access to the Compressed Gas Association's extensive safety resources. As a participant in the program, your company receives the following benefits:

- **NEW Benefit in 2019:** FREE access to CGA's eLearning modules for up to 15 employees per company location, including topics such as safe handling and storage of compressed gases, safe handling of acetylene cylinders and safe handling of cryogenic liquids in portable

containers. CGA is actively working with GAWDA to select topics for future eLearning modules as they continue to develop this exciting new resource.

- Free access to CGA's library of over 330 electronic publications for one employee per company location, a total value of more than \$18,000 per user.
- Participation in the prestigious CGA and GAWDA Distributor Safety Award program, which recognizes improvements in personnel safety among more than 80 participating GAWDA distributor members.

To register your company for access, please complete the [Subscriber Application and Distributor Safety Awards Data forms](#), available online [here](#). CGA will contact you with instructions on how to access your CGA account within one week; if you do not receive a response in a timely manner, please call CGA at 703-788-2722 to follow up.

SPRING MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE



The banner features a teal and blue color scheme. On the left, the text reads "It's All About Service" in white, followed by "2019 SPRING MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE" in large, bold, white letters. To the right, the dates "Saturday, May 4 through Monday, May 6, 2019" and the location "Hyatt Regency Minneapolis, Minnesota" are listed in white. The GAWDA logo (Gases and Welding Distributors Association) is in the top right corner. The background image shows a bridge over a river with a city skyline in the distance.

[View Agenda](#)

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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.

[View the Prize Program](#)



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

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

Sunday, Apr. 5 – Tuesday, Apr. 7, 2020

2020 ANNUAL CONVENTION

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

Friday, Sept. 25 – Monday, Sept. 28, 2020

2021 SPRING MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

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

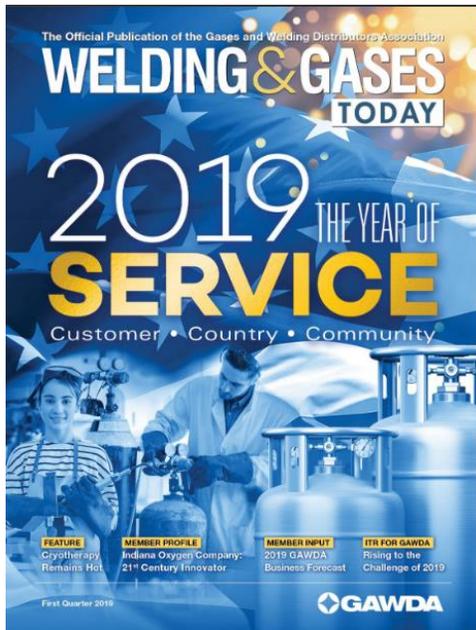
March 29, 2021 – March 31, 2021

2021 ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Broadmoor
1 Lake Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

October 6, 2021 – October 9, 2021

[FULL EVENT LISTINGS](#)



Check Out the New Issue of *Welding & Gases Today!*

The Winter 2019 issue of *Welding & Gases Today* was mailed out recently. If you would prefer to read it online, click [here](#).

GAWDA's quarterly magazine presents the latest industry news, consultant advice, quarterly GAWDA Economic Analysis by ITR Economics and other important association information.

This issue features business forecast interviews with dozens of GAWDA member companies. It also includes an article on cryotherapy, another on regulatory issues, two sales feature articles and a member profile of the **Indiana Oxygen Company**. This issue also provides a preview of the upcoming SMC in Minneapolis, with information on speakers, events and more.

Latest Issue

SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE

PHMSA Revises 2016 Interpretation on Cylinder Labeling

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has revised an interpretation letter dated October 20, 2016 to clarify that the words "flammable gas" or "non-flammable gas" may be placed on two lines instead of one line when set out in the transportation diamond as illustrated in *CGA C-7, Appendix A*.

The new interpretation states that the *Hazardous Materials Regulations* provide several options for labeling of compressed gas cylinders. Although the letter states that neither *CGA C-7, Appendix A* nor the HMR specifically illustrate the hazard class text displayed on two lines, *49 CFR 172.407(f)* of the HMR specifically permits the use of labels that conform to the *UN Model Regulations* in place of a corresponding label that conforms to the HMR. Section 5.2.2.1.5 of the *UN Model Regulations* states that for labels other than Class 7 labels, the insertion of any text in the space below the symbol is authorized provided it relates to the nature of the hazard and the precautions to be taken in handling.

Thus, PHMSA concluded that a label displaying the words "flammable gas" or "non-flammable gas," whether on one or two lines, that otherwise conforms to the *UN Model Regulations*, is permitted by *49 CFR 172.407(f)*. To read the letter of interpretation, click [here](#).

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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!

The Online Buyers Guide includes articles directly from GAWDA Supplier members. Check out the latest articles here.

[Read the GAWDA Buyers Guide Articles](#)

Update Your Membership Listing *for the* 2019 GAWDA Membership Directory!

Be on the LOOKOUT for the e-mail linked to last year's directory!

If you haven't yet, please review your company listing
and send updates with new edits marked in red.

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- OMAX Joins Forces with Hypertherm
- AWG Hires New Director of Bulk Gas Sales
- Pulsa Releases Software Update and New Cellular Gateway
- Ratermann Releases New Hard-Cover and Digital Cryogenics Catalogs

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