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## This newsletter is brought to you by:



Our Annual Advanced Specialty Gas Training Course has been officially moved to the week of July 15<sup>th</sup>. This will be the first class to be hosted in our new Weldcoa Innovation Center! Students will be trained and exposed to the latest technology in our industry. Our revolutionary DLA (Digital Lab Assistant) System was just installed this week and will be featured at this event. Don't miss out – sign up today. Room is still available.

Click here for more details:

<https://www.weldcoa.com/specialty-gas-training>

## FEATURED NEWS

### Lincoln Electric Joins Forces with Tooling U-SME to Strengthen U/LINC Welding Curriculum

**Lincoln Electric** is making its flagship welding curriculum platform, U/LINC, even more user-friendly and accessible to welding instructors and educational institutions through a new partnership with a leading provider of manufacturing training solutions.

The new partnership gives Tooling U-SME the authority to administer U/LINC and leverages the company's extensive access to industry and academia, as well as its competency-based learning and development solutions. Working directly with thousands of companies, including more than half of all Fortune 500 manufacturers, as well as 600 educational institutions across the country, Tooling U-SME helps to prepare the incumbent and next generation workforce by providing industry-driven curriculum. As part of the agreement, new and current U/LINC subscribers will receive additional support services and reporting capabilities; and Tooling U-SME can now provide the U/LINC platform as part of its broad range of learning and development product offerings. Curriculum materials will also be integrated with the industry's most popular learning management systems, such as Blackboard, Moodle and others.

"Tooling U-SME has a proven track record of providing solutions that help welding educators enhance their practice, leading to measurable results and improved performance outcomes," said **Jason Scales**, Ph.D., business development manager for Lincoln Electric's Education Division. "We're excited about this partnership because it will allow us to make our industry-recognized welding curriculum even easier for welding school instructors and industry trainers to integrate and enhance their welding programming."

Lincoln Electric established U/LINC to help welding educators find the detailed curriculum resources needed for teaching welding at every level. Developed by 35 of the industry's top welding instructors, U/LINC contains more than 18,000 pages of curriculum resources connecting welding theory, practice and knowledge in one place. Subscribers to U/LINC can easily search, download and print out lesson plans, class assignments, presentations, group-based activities and more with in-depth directions, tips and teaching strategies that leverage Lincoln Electric's more than 100 years of welding training experience.

Plans call for U/LINC to migrate over to Tooling U-SME this fall. Existing U/LINC subscribers will still be able to access the U/LINC platform in its current form until the transition is completed in January 2020. For more information on U/LINC, visit [education.lincolnelectric.com/ulinc](http://education.lincolnelectric.com/ulinc).



## Excellence in Welding Award Nominations Open

The American Welding Society Foundation is accepting nominations for the 2019 Excellence in Welding Awards.

The awards, created by WEMCO, recognize individuals and organizations that are instrumental in raising the image of welding and strengthening the industry. They cite those who have shown exemplary dedication to promoting the image of welding in their communities.

The awards are divided into nine categories: individual, educator, educational facility, small business, large business, distributor, AWS section, media and veterans. Winners are announced at the Excellence in Welding Awards Ceremony at the FABTECH show, which is

Nov. 11 – 14 in Chicago, Illinois.

The nomination form is online [here](#). The entry deadline is June 30.

2019 JULY						
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28	29	30	31	1	2	3

**THE ADVANCED SPEC GAS TRAINING CLASS HAS BEEN MOVED TO JULY!**

**1ST CLASS HOSTED IN THE NEW WELDCOA INNOVATION CENTER**

[click here for more details](#)

## NEWS FROM GAWDA



## We Need Your Help With the GAWDA Archive Project

There's still time to donate old pictures, meeting badges, early publications or supplier giveaways to the GAWDA archives. In preparation for GAWDA's 75th Anniversary Celebration in 2020, we are collecting GAWDA-related memorabilia 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.

Donated items can 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](mailto:alevy@gawda.org). (Please note that donated items will become a part of the permanent collection and cannot be returned.)

## Are You Celebrating an Anniversary?

The yearly "Anniversary" issue of *Welding & Gases Today* is the focus of GAWDA's third-quarter magazine. If your company is celebrating a milestone business anniversary, we'd like to include you in our coverage.

Please contact us at [editorial@gawdamedia.com](mailto:editorial@gawdamedia.com) or 315-445-2347 to make sure you are included in this special issue.

# 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  
2800 Opryland Drive  
Nashville, TN 37214

**2021 ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
October 6 – 9, 2021

The Broadmoor  
1 Lake Avenue  
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

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## REGIONAL MEETINGS

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### Register for Seven Springs by June 3rd

Over 200 attendees are now registered for the Seven Springs Regional Meeting. Reserve lodging by June 3rd to guarantee your room, printed name badge and space at GAWDA's FIRST Reverse Contact Booth Program.

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. Learn from these industry leaders and get to know them at GAWDA Seven Springs:

- **Marie Ffolkes**, President, Americas, **Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.**
- **Chris Ebeling**, Executive Vice President Sales and Marketing, North America, **Messer**
- **Anne Hayes**, Vice President and Corporate Counsel, **Indiana Oxygen Company**

A DOT Workshop with safety consultant **Mike Dodd** completes the value-added content lineup. With networking opportunities like sporting clays, golf and two reception events, the Seven Springs Regional is sure to leave your team well-informed and well-connected.

[Event Website & Agenda](#)

[Register Online](#)



## Northwest Regional Registration Now Open

The Northwest Regional takes place at Skamania Lodge July 17 – 19, and offers three days of business education and networking in the majestic mountains of Washington State. The meeting kicks off with an update from GAWDA President **Brad Peterson** and includes three engaging speakers:

- **Art Waskey**, "The Organized Sales Executive"
- **Bill Stainton**, "Produce Under Pressure"
- **Tom Elliott**, President, **A-OX Welding Supply**

Networking events include a welcome reception on Wednesday and dinner on Thursday, a shotgun golf tournament and a bocce ball tournament. The Skamania Lodge Resort offers a distinctly Pacific Northwestern experience the entire family will enjoy, including an outdoor zip line, the Skamania Lodge Golf Course and a full-service spa.

[Event Website & Agenda](#)

[Register Here](#)

### 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](#)

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

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## MEMBER NEWS & NEW PRODUCTS

- DeLille Oxygen Co. Leases Two eCOs Units for Onsite CO Production
- CGA Welcomes Cichocki and Ffolkes to the Association's Board of Directors
- KEMPER Expands Clean Air Tower Series

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- Anova Adds to Executive and Sales Teams
- ORNL and Lincoln Electric to Advance Large-Scale Metal Additive Manufacturing Technology
- Contrivance Adds to Sales Team
- Airweld and Lincoln Electric Are Off to the Races
- AWISCO Announces Winning Student Burn-E Sculpture

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