



American Welding Society

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Flextur Factory Tour
Tuesday, March 11th, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
16875 Jericho Road
Dalton, Ohio 44618

The Cleveland AWS section will be hosting a factory tour on **Tuesday, March 11th at 6:00 pm.** The tour will take place at Flextur located at 16875 Jericho Road, Dalton, Ohio 44618.

Flextur is a U.S. manufacturer specializing in welding and work cell solutions. A family-owned and operated company, Flextur designs and produces welding tables, welding fixtures, workbenches, material handling stations, and complementary solutions for cobot welding, such as docking stations and Quick-Change tables. Their products are built with a focus on LEAN principles, durability, and efficiency – helping businesses optimize workflow and maximize productivity. The evening will begin with an overview of Flextur's business history and manufacturing practices, followed by a guided facility tour. On the tour, attendees will see how Flextur products are manufactured. Some of the manufacturing steps include laser cutting, press brake operation, both manual and robotic welding, and painting.

The meeting / facility tour will start at 6 pm. Enjoy a classic Amish haystack dinner, a build-your-own layered meal featuring a variety of fresh ingredients. And, of course, no meal would be complete without a local favorite - fry pies for dessert! There will be no cost for attending the meeting. Come and enjoy an evening of great conversation, excellent food, and an inside look at Flextur's innovative manufacturing facility.

To register, or if you have any questions or concerns, please send an email to the Cleveland section cleveland@awssections.org or call Mike Barrett at 216-212-2021. Please register by Sunday, March, 9th.

Please let us know your email when you RSVP for this meeting. In the event of poor weather and the meeting needs to be cancelled, an email notification will be sent out from the cleveland@awssections.org email address.

*****Vic Matthews Grant*****

The Cleveland Section created a Vic Matthews Memorial Grant in 2024. The grant allows welding schools to buy welding equipment. Secondary and post secondary non-profit schools are eligible to apply for this \$10,000 grant. The money is to be used to further welding education. More information is available on the AWS grants website, [AWS Foundation Section Grant | Supporting Local Welding Initiatives](#). The deadline to submit an application is March, 15th 2025. Apply now!

ATTENTION Welding Supervisors and CEOs

AWS will be offering 5 day Certified Welding Supervisor seminars in 2025. The location and dates of the seminars are listed below.

Welding supervisors can gain valuable credentials and add to knowledge needed to improve welders' productivity, throughput, weld quality, and safety. Participants learn the science of welding for better control of variables, as well as the economics of welding. The course, which helps attendees prepare to take the CWS certification exam (an option at a time and location of your choice) is taught from 8 AM to 5 PM at a welding related company site. The instructor is AWS Cleveland Section's Phil Schmidt, P.E., CWI, IWE.

Register through the AWS website at www.aws.org or call 1-800-443-9353 and select certification. Deadlines are usually more than a month out so please register soon.

- Columbus, OH; May 19-23
- Minneapolis, MN; Aug 11-15

Looking to Get Involved in the AWS?

The AWS Cleveland Section is welcoming volunteers to join the Cleveland Section Board. If you are interested in volunteering on the board, please email cleveland@awssections.org for more information. We currently have a Member at Large position open as well as other opportunities! We are also looking for a future Treasurer.

AWS Scholarships

The Cleveland Section has three named scholarships, the **John Gerken**, the **Jack Buck**, and the **Ray Sacha**. Each of these awards has a specific focus. The **Gerken Award** helps pay for welding education at the community college and university level for up to four years. The student earning the **Buck Award** will receive a scholarship for learning pipe welding. The **Sacha Award** is to develop welding skills for students pursuing a post-secondary degree in a welding related program and will assist with paying for hands on welding skills training. These scholarships are awarded to residents within the Cleveland Section boundaries -- Sandusky to Ashtabula, Cleveland to Akron. It is not necessary to be an AWS member or related to an AWS member to receive a scholarship.

For scholarship details contact our Scholarship Chairman by emailing cleveland@awssections.org. Students wanting to apply for the Gherkin scholarship can do so through the AWS website using the scholarship link below. In addition to the Cleveland Section Scholarships, the AWS Foundation has awards more than \$600,000 in scholarships at the national and the district levels every year. Applications for National Scholarships are now open. Please go to <https://scholarship.aws.org> to Apply! **Deadline to apply for National, District, and Section Scholarships is March 1st, 2025!**

SPONSORS

Many of our sponsors offer their time as board members and volunteers and donate items for our annual auction, please support them.

Every month during the Section's business year, over six hundred welding professionals see the ads in this newsletter. That's over 5,000 opportunities each this year. Many of those welding professionals make purchasing decisions. A business card ad is a great way to get a buyer's attention and show support for the Cleveland Section. Please contact Harry Sadler at maineoutpost@gmail.com for more information. A business card ad is only \$200 for the entire year.

Regards,
Roman Martynyuk – AWS Cleveland Section Chair



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2024-25 AWS Cleveland Meeting Schedule

9/10/24 – AWS Social Meeting – Forrest City Brewery

10/8/24 – No Meeting – AWS Show

11/12/24 – AWS B2.1 Procedure Qualification

12/12/24 – Annual Holiday Party / Scholarship Auction

1/14/25 – NDE (Nondestructive Testing)

2/13/25 – Work Force Development / Aerozone Alliance

*** **2/13/25 is a Thursday!** ***

3/11/25 – Flextur Factory Tour

4/8/25 – Compressed Gas Safety

5/13/25 – AWS Social (TBD)