



American Welding Society

Cleveland Section, District 10
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Compressed Gas Safety
Tuesday, April 8th, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
28825 Ranney Pkwy
Westlake, Ohio 44145

The Cleveland AWS section will be hosting an in person meeting on **Tuesday, April 8th at 6:00 pm.** The meeting will take place at Superflash located at 28825 Ranney Parkway, Westlake, Ohio 44145.

Kurt Tarkany will give a presentation on compressed gas safety and a tour of the SuperFlash facility. Kurt will discuss gas properties, the hazards of mixing gasses, and essential safety protocols. The talk will also cover safety devices like flashback arrestors, including how they work and how to maintain them.

Kurt is the national sales manager for SuperFlash and has over 20 years of experience in the compressed gas safety industry. He has a degree from the Ohio State University and is active in the welding industry through the AWS and GAWDA.

The meeting will start at 6 PM. AWS Cleveland Section will supply food and drinks for all attending the meeting. There will be no cost for attending the meeting.

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, April, 6th.

Nominees for Section Offices

The officers of the Cleveland Section are taking the names of nominees for section offices to start the annual election process. AWS members can be nominated by in accordance with the Section Bylaws. Section Bylaws are available by emailing cleveland@awssections.org. Elected section officers include the chairman, first and second vice chairmen, secretary, and treasurer, and a member at large. All current Cleveland Section AWS members can run for these offices.

Candidates for office are:

Chairman – Roman Martynyuk
First Vice Chairman – Bryan Lowiec
Second Vice Chairman – Open
Secretary – Mike Barrett

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In addition to the section offices, the volunteers are welcome to help promote welding and support the Cleveland Section. There are currently openings on various committees, such as Christmas Party and Auction, Membership, Education, and Scholarship. Many of these openings only require one to three hours of your time each month or season. Talk to any of the section officers, board members, or email cleveland@awssections.org for more details.

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 For Presenters

The AWS Cleveland Section is looking for anyone who would be interested in presenting on a welding related topic or would like to give a tour of their facility. We are currently scheduling speakers for Spring meetings. If anyone is interested in giving a tour of their facility or doing technical presentation to the Cleveland Section, please email cleveland@awssections.org.

Thank You!

The AWS Cleveland Section would like to thank Flextur for opening their facility for a tour and an Amish Haystack dinner. The presentation and the tour were great, and the fry pie desert was even better. We want to especially thank Mark Blakely of Flextur for working with us to set this up.



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)