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Stainless Motorsports Welding
Wednesday, October 21st, 2026 6:00 PM
Lakewood High School Weld Lab
14100 Franklin Blvd
Lakewood, Ohio 44107

The Cleveland AWS section will be hosting a meeting on Wednesday, October 21st, at 6:00 pm. The meeting will take place at the welding lab located in "D" Building behind Lakewood High School. The high school is located at 14100 Franklin Blvd, Lakewood, Ohio 44107. **Please note, this meeting is on Wednesday!**

Karl Hoes, a motorsports welding consultant, will give a presentation about welding stainless steel exhausts for the performance racing industry. Karl's talk will cover the different types of stainless steels used in the automotive exhaust industry. He will discuss stainless metallurgy, material applications, welding techniques, and filler metal selection.

Karl was a welding instructor at Lincoln Electric for 16 years where he taught motorsports welding and traveled to racetracks to perform repairs during races. Prior to Lincoln, Karl worked at LTV steel as an iron worker and welding instructor. Karl holds AWS CWI and CWE certifications. He still supports Nascar, Indy Car, Moto GP, USAC, and IMSA racing with trackside welding. Karl has also performed repairs on robots fighting in the Battle Bots series and trained welders in the experimental aircraft association (EAA).

Dinner and drinks will be supplied by the AWS Cleveland Section. There will be no charge to attend this meeting. Please RSVP so we can make sure there is enough food for everyone.

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.

The welding lab is behind the high school right next to the football and baseball fields. The building is separate from the high school and it is called "D" Building. **The location of "D" building is shown in the map on the second page of the newsletter.**

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 have several dates we are trying to fill in the spring for speakers or tours. If anyone is interested in giving a tour of their facility or doing technical presentation at their site (or any location), please email cleveland@awssections.org .

Lakewood High School “D” Building Map



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. You can also talk with a current AWS Section Board member during the next meeting. We have plenty of open opportunities and could use your help!

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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 Mike Barrett at cleveland@awssections.org for more information. A business card ad is only $200 for the entire year.

Regards,

Mike Barrett – AWS Cleveland Section Secretary

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2026-27 AWS Cleveland Meeting Schedule

10/21/25 – Motorsports Welding – Forrest City Brewery
11/18/25 – Joint Meeting with ASM at Lincoln Electric
December – Holiday Party