



Columbus, Ohio
 Section 36, District 7
 2008-2009

Chairman’s Message:

Welcome back for a new Columbus Section meeting season!

The Columbus section has led a drive to bring local technical societies together. We have joined together with The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), The American Society of Materials (ASM), The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), The Society of Women Engineers (SWE), The Institute of Industrial Engineers (IIE), and The National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE). Our objectives in this venture are to provide a more diverse range of lectures for continuous learning, address the obvious problematic link between poor attendance and speaker satisfaction, and to increase networking opportunities. Each of these societies will be hosting a meeting.

Despite abysmal attendance at section meetings last year (which would have been more than embarrassing if it were not for the student chapter) the Columbus section has remained in the black. It is quite evident that this is due, in no small part, to the efforts of Tom Kuntzman who has organized and run the annual golf outing. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors and good weather, this event has managed to return a small profit. After reviewing our printing and mailing costs, we have concluded that we need to move the bulk of our section correspondence to email to free up more money to support welding scholarships, local schools, and technical colleges in order to promote welding related careers. In the future, more of our section announcements will be delivered by email. This will not affect correspondence from AWS National.

The Columbus section will be hosting the first meeting on Thursday, September 25. Stan Ream of EWI will be speaking about laser welding in the manufacturing of fuel cells. The meeting is being held at Arlington Café in Upper Arlington and starts at 6PM. This year’s tentative meeting schedule is listed in the following table. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend. See the monthly emails for additional details on the rest of the meetings.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Society</u>	<u>Presentation Topic</u>
Thursday, September 25	AWS	Laser welding and fuel cell manufacture
Thursday, October 16	ASME	Tour of CC Technologies in Dublin
Wednesday, November 19	ASM	The Amazing Henry Bessemmer
December	-	None
Wednesday, January 21	ASM	TBA
Wednesday, February 11	AIAA	SR71 Blackbird
March 10 or 12	SWE	Problem Solving by Lexmark
Thursday, April 16	IIE	TBA
May 6 or 7	NACE	Bio Fuel Transport
Thursday, June 11	AWS	Golf outing at Foxfire golf club



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Once again, Professional Engineers can earn Continuing Professional Development Credits. Keep your license up to date by attending meetings.

Work of the Columbus Section is being done by Brian Victor, John Lawmon, Bryan Lyons, and me; however, we need your participation. If you are interested in becoming an officer, would like to volunteer your time, or have any comments regarding the section, please contact me at kclear@ewi.org or by phone at 614-688-5243.

Once again, welcome back!

Regards,

Kevin Clear, Chairman
AWS Columbus Section