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### **Sunshine and Speakers Highlight GAWDA Regional Meeting**

FORT MYERS, Fla. (March 8, 2010) – The intricate details of climbing Mount Everest and the rapid growth of a company that specializes in cylinder tracking were outlined during the 2010 Southeastern regional meeting for the Gases and Welding Distributors Association (GAWDA).

The event, hosted by CryoVation, drew more than 50 manufacturers and distributors from around the country. The attendees also were treated to a barbecue at CryoVation's headquarters the evening before the conference, and an afternoon of golf under sunny skies capped off the annual event.

Lloyd Robinson, president of Awisco and President Elect of GAWDA, opened the meeting with updates on the organization's activities and benefits. He noted that GAWDA will unveil a new website at its Spring Management Conference in Chicago, that it no longer charges members to use GAWDA University Online, and that Airgas, Inc. had renewed its membership.

Christopher Guest, a distributor sales manager at Air Liquide who scaled Mount Everest last spring, took attendees on a visual tour up the world's highest mountain and stressed the critical, life-saving role oxygen plays in the climb. Guest started the climb with 2 partners and 4 Sherpa; only he and 2 of the Sherpa made it to the summit, where winds of 100 mph blow 90 percent of the year.

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Jim Glessner, president of Trackabout, Inc., discussed a “step” approach to business growth and how it helped his company double in size last year. Afterward, attendees participated in a golf skills challenge, played 18 holes and capped the day with a reception.

Photos from the event can be found online at:

<http://s125.photobucket.com/albums/p56/ryanboyd35/GAWDA%20Southeast%20Regional%20-%202010/>.

This is the second year CryoVation has sponsored the regional meeting. CryoVation is a manufacturing firm specializing in custom cylinder filling systems. The company, with locations in Florida, Indiana, New Jersey and Colorado, specializes in cylinder filling systems, system upgrades and filling equipment tailored to the needs of the industrial, specialty gas, medical oxygen and beverage gas industries. For more information about products, services and Specialty Gas training classes, contact CryoVation at (239) 337-1114 or [info@cryovation.com](mailto:info@cryovation.com). More information is available online at [www.CryoVation.com](http://www.CryoVation.com).

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