

- 2023 Meeting Update
- October 10<sup>th</sup> TRAP SHOOT
- November 7<sup>th</sup> General Mtg.

## 2023 Meeting Dates

**October 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Board Mtg.  
**Trap Shoot**  
Flyer Attached



**November 7<sup>th</sup>**  
(Tuesday) Note Day Change!  
Board & General Mtg.  
Topic: TBD  
Place: Carmody's

**December -**  
No Meetings

**ACCWPA**  
Air Conditioning Contractors Western Pennsylvania

*The mission of the Air Conditioning Contractors of Western PA is to assist its members in managing their companies more efficiently, therefore becoming more profitable, together with increasing their exposure and credibility within the community.*

## 2023 ACCWPA Upcoming Events

### October 10<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) TRAP SHOOT!



325 Mt. Pleasant Road, Warrendale, PA 15086

**Register Now! Flyer attached**

### November 7<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) Note Day Change.

Board Meeting – 3:30 – 5:30 pm  
Social – 5:30 – 6:00 pm  
Guest Speaker - 6:00 – 7:00 pm  
Speaker & Topic: TBD  
7:00 pm Buffet Dinner



4905 Grand Avenue (on Neville Island)

### December – No Meetings

**Remember Your BOSS!!**



**National Bosses Day October 16<sup>th</sup>!!!**

# Trap Shoot

Join us for loads of FUN!

## Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023



325 Mt. Pleasant Road, Warrendale, PA 15086

**Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> \$50 Gift Card; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$25 Gift Card; 3<sup>rd</sup> \$25 Gift Card**

ACCWPA has available 12g Trap shells to purchase at \$15.00 a box.

If you have any you can bring your own 12g shells!

If you have an extra shotgun, please bring it so if someone who does not can borrow it for the shoot.

**Shoot, Prizes, soft drinks water, and DiBella's Boxed Dinner Selections - \$80.00**

Each shooter fires 2 rounds of 25 clays from the 16-yard line.

Each round will be scored for a total # of birds hit.

If there are duplicate high scores, a shoot off 1 round of 25 clays will take place.

3:00 – 5:30 pm Board Meeting • 5:30 – 6:00 pm Social (See Pat\*)

**6:00 pm - TRAP SHOOT begins**

DiBella's will be available before, during or after shoot.

**RSVP – 724-687-7860, fax or email • No Cancellations after October 3<sup>rd</sup> noon!**

**\* Important – RSVP is appreciated! \***

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**Shoot and Dinner: \$80.00 NO Cancellations after Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> NOON. No shows will be billed.**

**IF YOU ALREADY MADE YOUR RESERVATIONS, THANKS!**

**PLEASE PASS THIS NOTICE TO SOMEONE ELSE THAT WILL BENEFIT!**

## Guide to choosing the right flashlight!

– Grainger

A good flashlight can be invaluable on the job. Maintenance techs need them to see into machinery, and security guards use them while patrolling at night. Other workers may need a light in the event of a power outage, or if they need to enter an unlighted space. It's also important to consider any specifics of the working environment, for example, if you're working where hazards or chemicals are present or in a dirty environment. The best flashlight for your job will depend on the task at hand.

### Types of Lights

Once you know the performance features you need, you'll need to choose the best type of flashlight for your purpose.

**Handheld:** The classic flashlight design. Handheld lights are durable, have a large battery capacity and are easy to grab at a moment's notice. However, they do require a free hand to operate.

**Headlamps and Helmet Lights:** These lights mount to the user's forehead with an adjustable elastic band. They naturally point in the direction you're looking, and they keep your hands free for work. However, most headlamps can only accommodate small battery packs, and it's hard to have a conversation without shining the beam in your coworkers' eyes.

**Penlights and Inspection Lights:** A favorite of maintenance workers, [penlights](#) are small enough to be clipped inside a shirt pocket, like a pen. They're easy to carry and can fit into tight spaces to inspect machinery. However, they tend to have small batteries and relatively low output, making them less useful outdoors.

**Lanterns and Spotlights:** Preferred by emergency services, [lanterns and spotlights](#) have more battery capacity and brighter bulbs than handheld lights. Spotlights cast a narrow beam that can pick out objects hundreds of yards away, while lanterns have a flood beam or a 360-degree aperture to illuminate a broad area.

**Weapon-Mounted Flashlights:** Security and law enforcement officers often mount these [lightweight compact flashlights](#) on the barrel of their service pistol or rifle. Many of these lights also have integrated targeting lasers, and some can be operated with remote switches, allowing the operator to turn on the light without taking their hands off the gun's stock.

**Hand Crank and Power Outage Lights:** [Crank lights](#) are relatively dim, but they never need batteries. Some hand crank flashlights also have a radio to keep you informed during a natural disaster. Plug-in emergency lights serve as a nightlight, but in a power outage they can be unplugged from the wall and used as a flashlight.

### Key Flashlight Features

illuminate objects a full mile away, while a small [keychain light's](#) To choose the right light, you'll need to think about some key features. For example, a flashlight's brightness, run time and beam distance are three elements to consider in relation to each other. If you run a light on a high output setting, it will shine brightest, but it will also use a lot of battery. Similarly, if you run the light on a lower setting, it will be less bright but can send light out farther affecting beam distance. Here are some features to think about when purchasing a flashlight.

**Brightness:** A flashlight's brightness is measured in lumens, which can range from under 50 to over 500. A [50-lumen light](#) is good for indoor use, when you just need to see the floor ahead and light up objects within arm's reach. A [500-lumen](#) light is great for a security guard scanning a fence line, but it may be too bright for close-up work.

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**Multiple Light Output Modes:** You may not always want to use your flashlight at full brightness. A 300-lumen beam is great for investigating distant objects, but if you're just walking around, you'll probably want to click it to a [dimmer output mode](#) and conserve the batteries.

**Run Time:** A flashlight's operational time depends on its brightness and battery capacity. Run time is always a tradeoff: a bright and compact light may run less than two hours, while some bulkier flashlights can last all shift. Run time will be most impacted by how often you run your light at a high output level vs. low or medium output levels.

**Beam Pattern, Adjustability, and Distance:** A flashlight's beam can be a narrow spotlight or a broad flood pattern, and some lights have [adjustable beam patterns](#). Beam distance (the range at which the flashlight is about as bright as a full moon) depends on both brightness and beam pattern. [Some spotlights](#) beam might fade at 15 meters.

**Body Material:** Flashlight cases are typically made of plastic or aluminum. [Aluminum](#) dissipates the bulb's heat, extending its lifespan. Plastic has better chemical resistance and is less electrically conductive.

**Mount Types:** Some flashlights come with clips, clamps, magnetic strips or freestanding bases that allow for hands-free illumination. [Right-angle flashlights](#) have their bulb pointing at a right angle to the case, keeping the beam pointed straight ahead when the light is clipped to a worker's vest.

**Special Operating Modes:** Some flashlights have an automatic flashing ["beacon" mode](#) to signal rescue crews in an emergency. Others have built-in laser pointers that allow workers to pinpoint a place they're showing colleagues.

**Bulb Type:** Most new flashlights use bright, high-efficiency LED bulbs, but more economical incandescent models are still available.

**Rechargeable:** Most flashlights will run down their batteries within a few hours. So if you're regularly using your flashlight, a [rechargeable lithium battery](#) can cut down on operational costs.

**Battery Size:** The flashlight's weight and run time will depend on its battery size. A "D" cell battery holds more charge than a AAA, but it will be bulkier and heavier to carry around. If your facility has a lot of flashlights, it's convenient if they all use the same battery size.

**Hazard Classified Flashlights:** [These safety-rated handheld flashlights](#) meet International Electrotechnical Commission standards for spark-free operation, while flashlights with a Hazard Classification meet National Electric Code guidelines for safe operation in areas with flammable vapors or combustible dust.

**IP and Drop Rating:** Flashlights with IP (ingress protection) ratings are tested for water and dust resistance. Ratings range from splashproof (IPX4) to [fully submersible and dust tight](#) (IP68). Lights can also be rated for drop resistance, tested to survive drops from 1 to [7 meters](#).

**Flashlight Accessories:** In addition to replacement battery packs, chargers and bulbs, flashlights [can be accessorized](#) with mounts and holsters. Handheld lights can also be fitted with wands and cones that glow a bright orange when the light is on, creating a baton for directing traffic at night.

With the right flashlight, you'll be prepared to take on jobs in the dark. Visit the [Know How Equipment section](#) for more information about the tools and equipment you need to keep your business running smoothly.

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We highly recommend you bring your own shot!

ACCWPA has some available for sale that evening.



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### General Meetings Schedule!

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Work Hard in  
Silence,  
Let Success  
make the  
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Happy Halloween!!! October 31<sup>st</sup>!



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