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January 10, 1985

Dear BASUGI Member:

The next meeting of the Boston Area SAS User's Group is scheduled for Tuesday, January 29, 1985 from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m. Our host will be Russ Hackett.

The location is: Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts
100 Summer Street
Boston, MA.

The Agenda:

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Russ will present to our group a paper he will be presenting at SUGI 1985. His topic: 'SAS Made User Friendly.' He will discuss an applicaiton his group has developed for Blue Cross using SAS and TSO command language.

3:00 - 3:30 p.m. Break, informal discussion.

3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Hal German of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts OMIS Information Center will lead a group discussion on the technical support of SAS. He will discuss SAS system options, the SAS sample library, the usage notes, help library, and Help facility. These all are tools provided to you, the user, to obtain additional information about SAS procedures, SAS coding, and the status of SAS at your installation. Come and join the discussion.

Due to the security at Blue Cross, Russ has asked that you please call in advance so he can have a guest list available to Security. The number to call is 956-2962. If you are unable to call in advance, please call extension 2962 when you arrive at Blue Cross on the 29th.

If you have any questions or comments, please call Debby Blackey at (617)570-6724 or Hal German at (617)727-2160.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 29th!

Debby Blackey DB
Hal German HG

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April 3, 1985

Dear BASUGI member;

The next meeting of the BASUGI User's Group is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 1985 from 1-5pm. Many people have expressed an interest in the SAS Macro Facility so this will be the topic of the April 25th meeting.

The purpose of this session will be to present a basic, introductory view of the SAS Macro Facility to the group. Craig Andree, Rich Potter and Debby Blackey have put together a presentation that will introduce the basic concepts of the macro facility and discuss some practical applications of these concepts. This will be an introductory session--the main purpose will be to provide the membership with some basics to get you started with the SAS Macro Facility. If you haven't used Macro before we hope this meeting will help get you pointed in the right direction to get started and if you are already using Macro please come and join the discussion.

Topics we plan to cover are:

1. the relationship between the SAS supervisor, the compiler and the Macro facility. An understanding of how these elements work together is necessary to an understanding of how the Macro facility works.

2. We will provide and introduction to the following macro language features:

   a. macro variables / definition and resolution
   b. methods for defining and calling a macro
   c. macro programming statements
   d. some of the macro functions (ie symput, %let, %global etc).

   We realize we only have 4hrs and our purpose is to give you a good foundation to get started.

3. the SAS System options used with the macro facility/ macro error messages

4. examples of how several BASUGI members have applied the features of the macro facility from titles to an online system. If you are a macro user please come and share how you are using the various macro features.

The meeting will be held again, thanks to Russ Hackett at:

Blue Cross/ Blue Shield of Massachusetts
100 Summer Street
Boston, Ma.

...e to the security at Blue Cross Russ has asked that you please call in advance so he can have a guest list available to Security. This will make it easier for you to get to the conference room. Please call 536-2962. If you are unable to call in advance, please call x2962 from the lobby when you arrive.

If you have any questions or comments please call Debby Blackey (617) 570-6724 or Hal Jermyn (617) 727-2160.

Looking forward to seeing you on at the meeting.

Debby Blackey DB
Hal Jermyn HJ

B A S U G I

April 30, 1985

Dear BASUGI member;

The next meeting of the BASUGI User's Group is scheduled for Thursday, June 6, 1985 from 9:30am-noon. Many people have expressed an interest in the SAS macro Facility so this will be the topic of the June 6th meeting.

The purpose of this session will be to present a basic, introductory view of the SAS Macro Facility to the group. Craig Andree, Rich Potter and Debby Blackey have put together a presentation that will introduce the basic concepts of the macro facility and discuss some practical applications of these concepts. This will be an introductory session--the main purpose will be to provide the membership with some basics to get you started with the SAS Macro Facility. If you haven't used Macro before we hope this meeting will get you pointed in the right direction to get started and if you are already using Macro please come and join the discussion.

Topics we plan to cover are:

1. the relationship between the SAS supervisor, the compiler and the macro facility. An understanding of how these elements work together is necessary to an understanding of how the macro facility works.

2. We will provide and introduction to the following macro language features:

   a. macro variables / definition and resolution
   b. methods for defining and calling a macro
   c. macro programming statements
   d. some of the macro functions (ie symput, %let, %global etc)

   We realize we only have 3.5hrs and our purpose is to give you a good foundation to get started.

3. the SAS System options used with the macro facility/ macro error messages

4. examples of how several BASUGI members have applied the features of the macro facility from titles to an online system. If you are a macro user please come and share how you are using the various macro features.

The meeting will be held in the 5th floor Director's Room of
Fidelity Investments
82 Devonshire St. -5th Floor
Boston, Ma.

We would apppreciate your being prompt so we can start the meeting at 9:30am. We must vacate the room by noon.

If you have any questions or comments please call Debby Blackey (617) 570-6274 or Hal Jermyn (617) 727-2160. (Debby will be out out town 5/3-5/17).

Looking forward to seeing you on at the meeting.

Debby Blackey

Hal Jermyn

August 27, 1985

Dear BASUG Member:

I hope that you have taken advantage of Boston's nice summer weather and are now ready to attend another worthwhile meeting of the Boston Area SAS User's Group.

The first order of business for BASUG's third year is the nomination of officers. As a non-profit volunteer organization, BASUG is highly dependent on its over 100 members to offer whatever resources they can. This includes their company's facilities to host a meeting, presentations on a variety of topics, and time/effort. Any help that you can give will make BASUG closer to your type of organization and keep the only forum for SAS users in the Boston area growing.

Like last year, I propose that interested volunteers for the positions listed below, contact me no later than the September 27th general meeting. If more than one person is interested in a position, then elections will be held September 27.

The following are the available positions for the forthcoming year and members who have expressed an interest in them:

Position	Term	Interested Members to Date
Co-Chairpersons	1 Year	Hallett German
Secretary	1 Year	Debby Blackey
Steering Committee	6 Months	Rich Potter, Craig Andree, Tom Marx
Meeting Coordinator (NEW)	6 Months	

The next meeting will on September 27, 1985 from 9:00 -12:00 at Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts, 100 Summer Street, Room 2C, Boston, Massachusetts.

The agenda is as follows:

9:00-9:45 BASUG Business - Election of Officers (if needed), Installation of New Officers, Review of BASUG's second year.

9:45-10:00 Break, Informal Discussion.

10:00-10:45 Craig Andree of Bank of Boston will continue his talk on macro applications.

10:45-11:15 Bob Virgile of AVCO will discuss using hierachical files with SAS.

11:15-12:00 Tom Marx of MSSR Associates will review Proc Summary and special features of its output files.

12:00-12:30 Bob Grunin of Blue Cross will talk about his experiences at SUGI 10. You are also encouraged to share some of

your SUGI 10 experiences (non-gamoling tales only!) at the end of his talk.

If you are planning to attend the September meeting, please call me in advance at 956-2282 so that you can be included in the guest list required by Security for admission into the building. If you are unable to call in advance, please call extension 2282 when you arrive at Blue Cross on the 27th.

Looking forward to seeing you in September and don't forget to call if you are interested in helping out.

Sincerely yours,

Hallett German

Hallett German

October 9, 1985

Dear BASUG Member:

The September 27 meeting of the Boston Area SAS Users Group was canceled due to threat of hurricane Gloria. This meeting has been rescheduled for November 15th from 9:00 - 12:30 at Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Room 2C, 100 Summer Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

Once again, if you are planning to attend the November meeting, please call me in advance at 955-6386 to be included on the guest list required by Security to enter the building. If you have not called me by the meeting date, please call extension 2282 once at Blue Cross to enter the building.

The agenda remains the following:

9:00-9:45	BASUG Business - Installation of New Officers. Review of BASUG's second year.
9:45-10:00	Break, Informal Discussion
10:00-10:45	Craig Andree of Bank of Boston will continue his talk on macro applications.
10:45-11:15	Bob Virgile of AVCO will discuss using hierarchial files with SAS.
11:15-12:00	Tom Marx of MSSR Associates will review Proc Summary and special features of its output files.
12:00-12:30	Bob Brunin of Blue Cross will talk about his experiences at SUGI 10. You are also encouraged your SUGI 10 experiences at the end of his talk.

As of today, these BASUG members are interested in serving the following positions:

Position	Term	Interested Members
Co-Chairperson	1 Year	Hallett German
Secretary	1 Year	Debby Blackey
Steering Committee	6 Months	Rich Potter, Craig Andree Paul Grant, Bob Virgile, Debby Blackey
Meeting Coordinator	1 Year	Khacher Dostoomian

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the above positions, please contact me before the November 15th meeting.

In response to your many suggestions in the past several weeks, I propose the following actions:

A) Place the mailing list on a microcomputer during the next three months to give all of you an up-to-date mailing list.

B) Have the next meeting after the November 15th one deal entirely with reviewing SAS Version 5 features. I am looking for speakers to talk about any of the following enhancements new products:

1. BASE SAS 2. DISPLAY MANAGER 3. SAS/GRAPH 4. SAS/FSP
5. SAS/ETS

SAS PC will be discussed at a future date.

C) Start up to 4 BASUG subgroups:

1. STATISTICS 2. NEW USERS 3. CAPACITY PLANNING
4. MARKET RESEARCH

If you are interested in joining these subgroups or serving as their chairperson, please contact me at (617) 956-3262.

D) Have a "first-timer" session at each BASUG meeting to allow members who have not spoken at a meeting the opportunity to gain experience in public speaking and share their SAS knowledge. It is understood that these speakers may not be as experienced with SAS as some of the regular ones.

Looking forward to seeing you November 15th and hope that you continue to call with your suggestions and desire to actively participate in BASUG meetings.

Sincerely,

Hallett German