BASUG Meeting Announcement

Wednesday, January 10, 1990 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Boston Edison Company, 29th Floor, Conf. Room 29N
800 Boylston St., Prudential Tower, Boston, MA

Directions

The Pru can be reached using public transportation via any branch of the Green Line(Pru, Copley, or Auditorium stops). If you drive, recommended parking is at the Cheri Garage on Dalton Street (across from the Sheraton-Boston main entrance). RSVP: Wendell Refior (508-799-4441 x5718) is preferred, but not necessary.

8:30 - 8:50 Coffee, Pastry, Socializing

8:50 - 9:00 Welcome, Announcements

9:00 - 10:00 PANEL DISCUSSION: SAS Version 6.06 Changes
Hal German of GTE Labs(VMS), Alan Dickson of Paul Revere Ins.(VM/CMS), Tom Marx of MSSR, Inc.(MVS/TSO), and Frederick Pratter of Abt(MVS/TSO) will discuss the Preliminary Documentation of the next release of Mainframe SAS under several operating systems. New procedures and capabilities follow along the lines of SAS under the new IBM OS/2 operating system for PS/2's with windowing, pull down menus, etc. Focus will also be given to what is NOT in the new version. Discussion of probable implications will be encouraged throughout. Wendell Refior will moderate.

10:00 - 10:10 NESUG News

10:10 - 10:30 Break

10:30 - 11:30 Windowing in SAS under PC/DOS, Version 6
Lee Hargraves, Systems Analyst at Harvard University, will discuss how to use the WINDOW and DISPLAY statements to create user-friendly windows for data entry and other applications. These function are a very important part of the future direction of SAS as it attempts to move toward the new workstation environment based on the OS/2 operating system and a complete windowing capability.

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 14th, Abt Assoc., Inc., Cambridge, MA

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Wednesday, February 14, 1990 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
ABT Associates, Inc., Ask for Room at the Front Desk
55 Wheeler Street, Cambridge, MA

Directions

Abt Associates is very close to the Fresh Pond Rotary in Cambridge. By Car, go right off Concord Avenue at the Fresh Pond Rotary, onto Wheeler Street. Park in the Visitors Parking Lot. Questions: Call Fred Pratter (617) 492-7100.

8:30 - 8:40 **Coffee, Pastry, Socializing**

8:40 - 8:45 **Welcome, Announcements**

8:45 - 10:15 **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION: COMPUTER TRENDS in the 90's**

John McKenzie of Babson College
Richard Goldstein of Qualitas, Inc.
Rebecca Rosenstein of Mass. Eye and Ear Institute
Don Olivier of Harvard University O.I.T.
Bob Virgile, an Independent Consultant

10:15 - 10:30 **Break**

10:30 - 11:30 **Selected Usage of Formats - Igor Choodnovskiy**

Igor Choodnovskiy of Beth Israel Hospital will discuss how to improve programs with selected usage of PROC FORMAT combined with various functions and FORMAT statements in SAS programs.

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 14th, Site yet to be determined

BASUG Meeting Announcement

Wednesday, March 14, 1990 from 8:15 to 11:30 a.m.
Harvard University
*Office of Information Technology ("Annex")**
50 Church Street, 4th Floor Conference Room
Cambridge, Mass.

Directions

Harvard O.I.T.(* leased space) one block from Harvard Square Cambridge, behind the Harvard Coop, at 50 Church Street off Mass. Ave or off Brattle St. Paid Parking Lot across the street at Brattle St. end. Or take the MBTA Red Line to Harvard Square, head toward Harvard Coop to Church St. See map on back.
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: Lv msg at (617)876-0962(Tom Marx), A.S.A.P.
ONLY 50 SEATS AVAILABLE on a first reserved, first admitted basis.

8:15 - 8:30 **Coffee, Pastry, Socializing**

8:30 - 10:30 **SAS INSTITUTE COMES TO BOSTON AGAIN !!!**

Randy Becker, assisted by Susan Cross, both of SAS Institute, Inc., will discuss the UNIX Workstation Ver. 6.03 of SAS today. Hewlett-Packard and SUN workstations will be displayed and SAS applications will be demonstrated. Also future platforms will be discussed in the context of the upcoming Ver. 6.07 of SAS

10:30 - 10:45 **Break**

10:45 - 11:30 **MACROS TO BUILD FORMATS, Nancy Blood, MIB, Inc.**

Nancy Blood, Sr. Analyst, will present useful Macro applications for automatically generating formats statements in PROC FORMAT. She will also discuss differences in the Macro Language under V. 5.08 vs. SAS under PC/DOS, V. 6.03.

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 9th, John Hancock Institute

Boston Area SAS® Users Group Meeting Announcement

Featuring the SAS Institute Inc.

Wednesday, May 9, 1990, 8:30-11:30 AM

John Hancock Conference Center

Room 202, Trinity Place, Boston MA

Join BASUG for a morning with the SAS Institute and other DP professionals at Hancock. Admission is free, but **registration is required to reserve a place.** Mail or FAX the enclosed reservation form, and be sure to include your questions for The Institute. Through May 2nd, we'll be compiling questions for Paige to answer during the Q&A session. SAS doesn't come to New England too often; show them how inventive you are!

Directions

By car: from the west use the Mass Pike to Exit 22 (Copley Square), follow Stuart Street for two blocks, go right on Clarendon Street where there are several parking areas. From the north take the Expressway (I-93) to Storrow Drive, Copley exit, right on Beacon, left on Clarendon. From the south, take the Expressway to Chinatown/Downtown exit, left on Kneeland Street to Stuart Street.

By public transportation: from the west take the Green Line to Copley; from other points connect to the Orange Line and exit at Back Bay Station. Call Mike Murphy for further information (617-572-6533).

Coffee and pastry will be available at 8:30; the meeting begins at 9:00.

Presentations:

Migrating from SAS Releases 5.18 to 6.06: Issues and Concerns about Performance, Data, and Applications

Paige Query, Technical Support Trainer - Systems, SAS Institute Inc., Cary NC

Using ISPF to Generate SAS Programs

Hal German, Technical Staff Member, GTE Laboratories, Waltham MA

Q & A with the Institute

Plus videos and more ...

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Boston Area SAS® Users Group Meeting Announcement

Wednesday, June 13, 1990, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Eye Research Institute, Taft Conference Room

20 Staniford Street, Boston MA

RSVP: Rebecca Rosenstein (617) 723-6078 X559

Directions

By car: From the south, take the Expressway, exit at Government Center, at the bottom of the exit ramp turn left onto Causeway Street, at the second light take a slight left up the hill onto Staniford Street, continue up the hill about one block. From the west, use the Mass Pike to the end, go North on the Expressway, and continue as above. From the north, take the Storrow Drive exit right at the merge of Rte. 93 and the Mystic Bridge, bear right at the bottom of the exit ramp and turn hard right onto the new Nashua St., follow Nashua St. about 2 blocks and turn right just before reaching a stop sign (where you cannot turn right), continue about 1/2 block onto Lomasney Way, under the el, take a right at the first stoplight onto Staniford Street, continue up the hill about one block.

By public transportation: ERI is within a short walk of the North Station (orange line), Government Center (green line), Bowdoin (blue line) and Charles (red line) T-stations (see map on reverse).

Coffee and pastry will be available at 8:30; the meeting begins at 9:00.

Presentations:

USING PROC NLIN
David A. Schoenfeld, Ph.D., Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard School of Public Health

David will discuss the use of PROC NLIN for the Cox Proportional Hazards Model with Time-Varying Covariates

PROC SUMMARY
Alan Dickson, Paul Revere Insurance Group

Alan will talk about some options in PROC SUMMARY in Version 5 (and perhaps Version 6 as well).

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 12th, site yet to be determined

BASUG Meeting Announcement

Wednesday, September 12, 1990 from 8:30 - 11:30 AM

John Hancock Conference Center

Room 202 Trinity Place, Boston MA

Directions

By car: From the West, use the Mass Pike to Exit 22(Copley Square), follow Stuart Street for two blocks, go right on Clarendon Street where there are several parking areas. From the North, take the Expressway(I-93) to Storrow Drive, Copley exit, right on Beacon St., left on Clarendon. From the South, take the Expressway to Chinatown/Downtown exit, left on Kneeland Street to Stuart St. SEE MAP ON BACK, or call Mike Murphy (617) 572-6533.

By public transit: From the West, take the Green Line to Copley; from other points, connect to the Orange Line and exit at Back Bay Station.

Coffee and pastry will be available at 8:30; the meeting begins at 9:00.

9:00 - 9:30 **SAS Views, video tape news, SAS Institute Inc. & BASUG Welcome and Business Items**

9:30 - 10:15 **Understanding PROC UNIVARIATE Statistics**

Wendell Refior, Paul Revere Insurance Group, Worcester, MA, offers a beginning tutorial on the meaning and proper use of the plots and statistics reported by the UNIVARIATE procedure, including the Stem-and-Leaf, Box and Normal plots.

10:15 - 10:30 **Coffee Break**

10:30 - 11:30 **Using the Macros to Solve a Scheduling Problem**

Nancyanne Causino, Ed.D., Research Economist, Harvard University, has applied the Macro Language to solve a scheduling problem.

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 10th, site yet to be determined

BASUG Meeting Announcement

Wednesday, October 10, 1990 from 8:30 - 11:30 AM
Harvard Medical School
Countway Library, 5th floor
Huntington Ave, Boston, MA

Directions

By car: From the West, use the Mass Pike to Exit 22(Copley Square), follow Huntington Avenue out to Longwood. Turn on Longwood to Children's Inn Parking. From the North, take the Expressway(I-93) to Storrow Drive, Copley exit, right on Beacon St., left on Mass Ave, right on Huntington. From the South, take the Expressway to Chinatown/Downtown exit, left on Kneeland St, west on St. James(?), angle left at Copley Sq. (Use a good map.)
By public transit: Take an E-line train and get off at Brigham's Circle.

Reservation Requested: Leave Msg for Jim Efird at 617-576-2226(App.Stat.Corp)
Coffee and pastry will be available at 8:30; the meeting begins at 9:00.

9:00 - 9:15 **BASUG Welcome and Business Items**

9:15 - 10:15 **Screen Control Language -**
An Invaluable Tool in Application Development

David Septoff, SAS Consulting Services Inc., Rockville, MD, will present his SUGI 15 talk, an Advanced Tutorial, covering real-time cross-validation, controlling access, communication with an application, and customized error-handling.

10:15 - 10:30 **Coffee Break**

10:30 - 11:30 **CAMS - A System Built on 3 Platforms:**
Useful Techniques

Clint Rickards, Aetna Life & Casualty, Hartford, CT, presents the Clearing Account Management System, CAMS, with components in the CMS, OS, and PC environments. It tracks the flow of funds for policies, claims, surrenders, loans, refunds, dividends; reports discrepancies.

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 12th, after NESUG, Nov 11 - 13

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9:00 - 9:30 **BASUG Annual Election of Officers / Coordinators**

IMPORTANT:
We need your participation to keep the Steering Committee and regular meetings going. Many thanks to this year's officers: Efird, Dickson and Refior. Both Dickson and Refior are resigning from the Steering Committee.

9:30 - 10:15 **A Macro to Produce Rank Percentiles**
H. Sophie Lo, Private Health Care Systems, Lexington, MA

She will present a Macro that invokes and manages output of PROC UNIVARIATE and PROC RANK to yield the desired percentiles.

10:15 - 10:30 **Coffee Break**

10:30 - 11:30 **Custom Tailored Use of SAS Modules under v.6.04**
Using .BAT and .COM Files with SAS/PC-DOS
Jimmy Thomas Efird, Medical Research International, Burlington, MA

He will present a method for using PC batch files(.BAT) and system command files(.COM) to custom tailor an integrated system that manages invocation of SAS Modules and procedures from other packages.

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Next Meeting: To be scheduled, maybe Wed. Jan. 9, 1991.