January 14, 1985

Dear BASUG Member:

I hope that your holidays were pleasant and you look forward to attending another informative meeting of the Boston Area SAS User's Group.

The next meeting will be held on February 27, 1986 from 9:00 - 12:30 at Blue Cross/ Blue Shield of Massachusetts, 100 Summer Street, Room 2C, Boston, Massachusetts.

The tentative agenda is as follows:

9:00-9:10 Introduction, BASUG Business

9:10-10:00 Tom Marx of MSSR Associates will review Proc Summary and special features of its output files.

10:00-10:15 Break, Informal Discussion

10:15-11:15 Rich Potter of the Commonwealth's Rate Setting Commission will review a Macro application that he developed and summarize tips for macro applications.

VERSION 5: NEW FEATURES

11:15-11:35 Craig Andree of the Bank of Boston will talk about using arrays under Version 5.

11:35-12:20 Bernie Siryk of Blue Cross will give a talk on SAS's Display Manager. DM makes interactive SAS more powerful and flexible and is the foundation for many Version 6 features.

12:20-12:30 Open Discussion - Time for SAS questions, Comments on SUGI 11, or whatever SAS related.

Due to Blue Cross's security regulations, if you are planning to attend the February meeting, please call me in advance at (617) 956-2282. This will insure that your name is placed on the guest list to enter the building. If you have not called me by the meeting date and plan to attend, please call me at extension 2282 once at Blue Cross.

In order for the high quality of our previous meetings to continue, **BASUG needs meeting sites and speakers**!! If you are willing to serve as meeting host/hostess or give a talk on a SAS-related topic (first-timers encouraged!!!) please feel free to call me at (617) 956-2282. Planned future topics include SAS/PC, public-domain statistical software, Version 5 enhancements, Macro Applications, a poster session and more SAS workshops. Also if you are especially interested in a topic, it will be considered for the next meeting.

Other news:

1. Craig Andree has expressed an interest in serving as co-chairperson of BASUG. His experience will be useful in shaping BASUG's future and helping provide worthwhile meetings.

2. I am starting to work on the mailing list database. The going is slow but I plan to get the mailing lists to you ASAP.

3. As to the subgroups, there appears to be enough interest to start them and you should be receiving information about them in the near future. Likely subgroups are a)MARKET RESEARCH/STATISTICS, b)CAPACITY PLANNING and C) NEW USERS(this is the smallest of the subgroups and will probably have enough people for just 1-2 meetings.)

4. As promised, a notebook will be available at the next meeting, that will have SAS products, prospective employers, and prospective employees.

Looking forward to seeing you on February 27th and hope that I continue to receive your suggestions and support.

Sincerely,

Hallett German

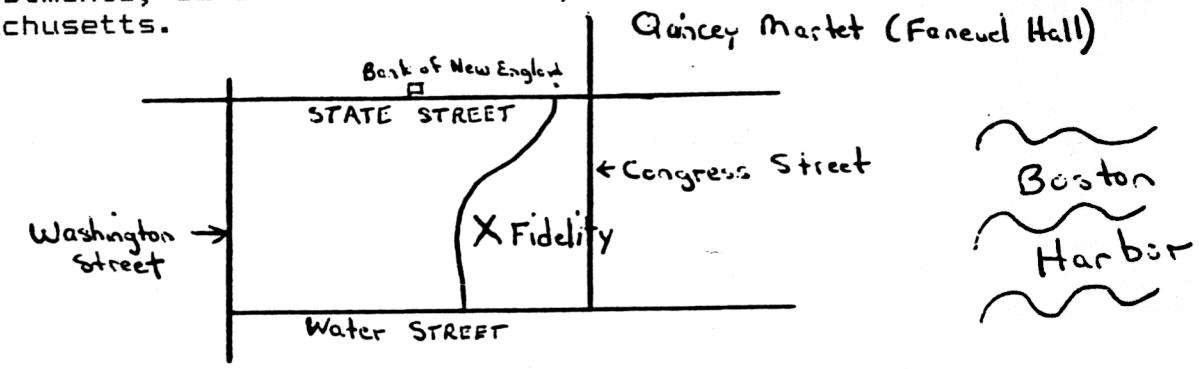
Craig Andree

March 25, 1985

Dear BASUG Member:

Spring is here(!!!) and with it arrives another enjoyable meeting of the Boston Area SAS User's Group.

The next meeting will be held on May 1, 1986 from 8:30-11:30 at Fidelity Investments, 82 Devonshire Street,5th Floor - Directors Room, Boston, Massachusetts.



The tentative agenda is as follows:

8:30 - 8:40	Introduction, BASUG business
8:40 - 9:10	Craig Dickstein, University of Rhode Island will talk about the components of the SAS CLIST and customizing them to meet URI's needs.
9:10 - 9:25	Break, Informal Discussion.
9:25 - 9:40	Craig Andree of Bank of Boston will review using arrays under Version 5 of SAS.
9:40 - 10:00	Fred Pratter of ABT Associates will give an example of "pipelining" in SAS using alternate PROC AND DATA steps.
10:00 - 10:30	Hallett German of Blue Cross of Mass will discuss public domain software with an emphasis on micro statistical packages.
10:30 - 11:00	Rich Potter of the Rate Setting Commission will give an overview on starting to use SAS macros.
11:00 - 11:30	Open Discussion, Time for SAS questions, Comments on SUGI 11, Talk about the next meeting.

Due to Fidelity's security regulations, if you are planning to attend the June meeting, please call me in advance at (617)-956-2282. This will guarantee that your name is place on the building guest list. Last minute attendees will be allowed to enter the building.

Other News:

1. To cover mailing and software costs (needed to maintain the mailing list and analyze questionnaires), members are being asked to contribute voluntarily $1 at each meeting.

2. A mailing list was distributed at the last meeting. Updates will be available at all future meetings. Please notify me of any changes to the mailing list.

3. A subgroup mailing list is now available.

4. The June meeting will include:
   a) Both SAS or TANGRAM ASSOCIATES will come to one of the next two meetings to discuss their SAS/ISPF interfaces. This is a rare appearance for both vendors to speak in front of a users group.

   b) Problem-solving sessions

   c) Birds of a feather/subgroups. Groups include:
      1) market research/statistics,
      2) capacity planning
      3) SAS problems/ experiences for users with less than a year in SAS.
      4) problems/experiences for people with more than a year in SAS.
      This is the first scheduled meetings of all subgroups.

   d) Poster sessions illustrating interesting SAS code.

   e) A resource guide form to fill out. Using REFLEX (a micro database package), the results will provide a useful listing of site configurations and users' SAS interest/expertise.

   f) A meeting evaluation form to help prepare better future meetings.

   There are still plenty of positions to be filled for this meeting. BOF coordinators, poster presenters, and SAS problem solvers. Please help make this one of the most exciting meetings to date !

5. A notebook is now available at each meeting listing prospective employers, employeees, SAS courses and new products (taking the sales literature is encouraged).

6. An "after the meeting" lunch group is forming. If you are interested, please stay after the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you May 1st and hope to receive your support for the May meeting.

Sincerely,

Craig Andree

Craig Andree

Hallett German

Hallett German

Dear BASUG Member:

The next meeting of the Boston Area SAS Users's Group will attempt to bring you the flavor of a SUGI conference. We are especially honored to have representatives of the SAS Institute, Marino Associates, and Tangram Systems making rare appearances before a users group.

The date and time of this meeting is June 26, 1986 from 8:ØØ A.M. to 12:ØØ P.M at the Bank of Boston Auditorium on 1ØØ Federal Street, Boston, Mass.

The following lists the scheduled meeting events:

8:ØØ -8:15	Introduction and BASUG Business by Hallett German and Craig Andree.
8:15-9:25	Dale Ingold from the SAS Institute and Jim Walker from Morino Associates will trace the history of ISPF and give an overview to SAS/DMI software. SAS/DMI (Dialog Manager Interface) is a SAS Institute product that allows interactive applications access to full power of both ISPF and SAS.
9:25-9:4Ø	Break - Coffee and Informal Talk
9:35-1Ø:45	Michael Camp, of Tangram Systems will talk about two of Tangram's products. IIF (ISPF Interface Facility) is an application development tool that allows dialog developers to deliver complex applications to end-users with little or no data processing experience. The second product is a VTAM application that serves as a micro-mainframe link.
1Ø:45-1Ø:55	Ask Dale, Jim, or Michael about their products.
1Ø:55-11:2Ø	You may do one of the following: 1) Continue to talk to Dale, Jim, or Michael about their products. 2) Look at one of the three planned posters and talk to the authors about them. 3) Visit the problem booth for answers on those annoying SAS problems. 4) Talk informally with other attendees.

11:20-12:00 Bob Virgile will hold a New Users workshop/discussion and review SAS efficiency tips. The first meeting of the Market Research/Statistics subgroup will also be held at this time. Please contact Rick Warhola (617-273-0250 ext 6481) if you are interested in attending this group.

In order to make this successful, your participation is needed. You are encouraged to make a poster, bring a problem, and help contribute to the subgroup/workshop sessions.

Please contact me (Hal German -350-4891) as soon as possible so we can get an estimate on how many people are coming.

Future meetings include the following: Elections (more information on that in the next letter), a representative from Geographic Data Technology Inc to talk about DYNAMAP USA (a SAS-compatiable map database, Version 5 overview, and much much more. Speakers and sites are SORELY needed for future meetings.

The mailing list has been updated. Those who did not return the postcard sent in the last mailing were taken off the list. The revised list will be available at the next meeting. Contributions such as postage, mailing labels, and time spent on mailing newsletters would be GREATLY appreciated.

An effort is also underway to get out the resource guide form by the next meeting. The compilation of the results will give you an idea of SAS users with similar hardware and software configurations to your own.

We hope to see you at the next meeting.



Sincerely,

Hallett German

Craig Andree

August 23, 1986

Dear BASUG member:

The next meeting of the Boston Area SAS Users Group will be September 30, 1986, 8:00-11:30 a.m., at Blue Cross of Mass. (Room 2C, 100 Summer Street, Boston, Mass.).

The following is the planned agenda:

8:00-8:15	Introduction and BASUG Business
8:15-9:15	Tom Marx of MSSR Associates will discuss what criteria to use when looking for a consultant. If there is interest, Tom will give a talk at the November meeting on becoming a consultant.
9:15-9:30	Break
9:30-10:30	Molly Hutchins of Geographic Data Technology Inc. will discuss DYNAMAP USA, a product that provides geographic coordinates at the street level for 300 SMSAs (cities and suburbs). At the end of the meeting, Molly will be available for further information about her product.
10:30-11:30	Craig Andree of Bank of Boston will give an overview of the major changes to the SAS Base Product in Version 5.

Due to Blue Cross's security regulations, all meeting attendees **need to call Hal German at 350-4895 before the September 30th meeting.** This will guarantee your entry to the meeting. However, if you are unable to do this, other arrangements will be made to let you attend the meeting.

A November 13th general meeting will be held at Boston Edison, 8 A.M.-12 P.M. One of the agenda topics for that meeting will be elections.

The following positions are available for nominations:

Chairperson or Co-Chairperson -1 Year
Meeting Coordinator - 1 Year
Secretary- 1 Year
Steering Committee- 6 months (5-6 openings)

Your interest and input are needed to help BASUG maintain the high quality of recent meetings. Please contact Hal German (617-350-4895) or Craig Andree (617-929-6549) to be listed as a candidate.

The Market Research/Statistics subgroup is trying to start up. Please contact Sue DiManno (617-929-2699) if you are interested. If there is no interest, this useful forum will be abandoned.

Finally, I would like to thank all the participants that made the last BASUG meeting a huge success. Special thanks go to Craig Andree, Huch Dostoomian, Tom Marx, Craig Dickstein, Paul Grant, Bob Grunin, Sue DiManno, Bob Virgile, and Wendell Refior.

Hope to see you at both meetings.

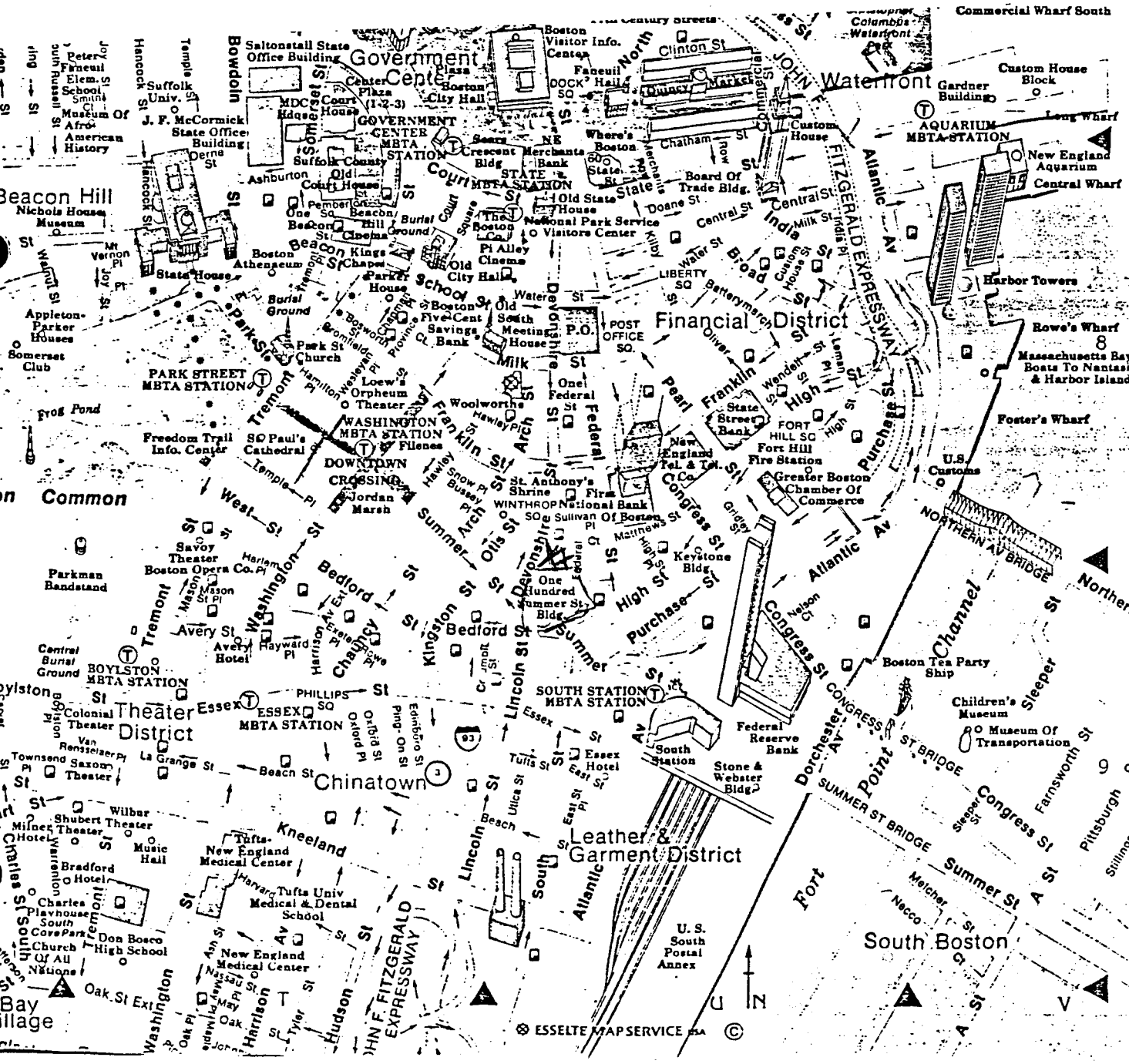
Sincerely,

Craig Andree

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Massachusetts Bay Boats To Nantasket & Harbor Islands
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NORTHERN AV BRIDGE
Boston Tea Party Ship
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Custom House
Old State House
Boston National Park Service Visitors Center
Old City Hall
Old South Meeting House
POST OFFICE SQ.
One Federal St
State Street Bank
Fort Hill Fire Station
Greater Boston Chamber Of Commerce
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.
Keystone Bldg.
One Hundred Summer St. Bldg.
Board Of Trade Bldg.
Crescent Merchants Bank
Where's Boston
Saltonstall State Office Building
Suffolk Univ.
J. F. McCormick State Office Building
Museum Of Afro-American History
Peter Faneuil Elem. School
MDC Court House
Suffolk County Court House
Old Court House
Ashburton Pl
Pemberton Sq
Beacon Hill Cinema
Nichols House Museum
Mt Vernon Pl
State House
Boston Athenaeum
Beacon Kings Chapel
Parker House
Boston Five Cent Savings Bank
Pi Alley Cinema
Burial Ground
Park St Church
Appleton-Parker Houses
Somerset Club
Loew's Orpheum Theater
Woolworth
Freedom Trail Info. Center
St Paul's Cathedral
Jordan Marsh
St. Anthony's Shrine
WINTHROP SQ
National Bank Of Boston
Savoy Theater
Boston Opera Co.
Parkman Bandstand
Colonial Theater
Avery Hotel
Central Burial Ground
Van Rensselaer Pl
Saxon Theater
La Grange St
Beach St
Wilbur Theater
Shubert Theater
Milner Hotel
Music Hall
Bradford Hotel
Charles Playhouse
South Cove Park
Don Bosco High School
Church Of All Nations
Tufts-New England Medical Center
Harvard Tufts Univ Medical & Dental School
New England Medical Center
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Fort Point Channel
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BOSTON AREA SAS USERS GROUP

TO: BASUG Members **DATE:** October 28, 1986

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

The next meeting of the Boston Area SAS Users Group will be hosted by the Boston Edison Company on Thursday, November 13, 1986, 8:00-11:30 AM. It will be held in conference room 29N of the Prudential Tower, 800 Boylston Street, Boston.

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 Theatre garage on Dalton Street (across from the Sheraton-Boston main entrance). Call Wendell Refior at Boston Edison for further directions, telephone (617)424-3516.

PLANNED AGENDA:

8:00- 8:15	*Coffee & donuts.*
8:15- 8:30	*Group business meeting. Topic: 1987 objectives.*
8:30- 9:15	*Tom Marx of MSSR Associates will discuss how to enter the consulting field.*
9:15- 9:45	*Break / problem-solving session. You are encouraged to bring along problems and/or solutions.*
9:45-10:05	*Bob Virgile of AVCO will display data input validation techniques using SAS/FSP.*
10:05-10:15	*Hal German of Blue Cross of MA will explain the new BASUG Resource Guide.*
10:15-10:30	*Break.*
10:30-11:20	*Wendell Refior will demonstrate PC/SAS.*



MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The latest BASUG meeting was held at Blue Cross of MA on September 30. Outgoing co-chairperson Craig Andree called for both future meeting topics requests and steering committee nominations.

Subjects that attendees wanted to be considered during the coming year were: SAS/AF, System-2000, SAS/FSP, cost efficiency tips, employment opportunities, report-writing techniques, SAS interfaces, a look at competing products, a group charter, creating subgroups, and a joint meeting with the Hartford-area user group.

The following individuals were elected:

Chairperson	*Tom Marx*	*(617)876-0962*	*(1 year)*
Steering Committee	*Hal German*	*(617)350-4895*	*(6 months)*
	Lowell Mercier	*(617)638-5185*	
	Wendell Refior	*(617)424-3516*	
	Bob Virgile	*(617)657-4982*	
Secretary	*Mike Murphy*	*(617)421-2927*	*(1 year)*
SAS Liason	*Craig Andree*	*(617)929-6549*	*(life)*

Tom Marx of MSSR Associates gave the group a talk concerning criteria to use when evaluating and hiring a consultant.

Molly Hutchins of Geographic Data Technology, Lyme NH was our invited guest. She presented a slide show and lecture featuring DYNAMAP USA, mainframe computer mapping software with street-level geographic coordinates for 300 SMSAs. GDT also sells state, county, census, civil division, and zip code boundary files for PC and mainframe graphics products.

Craig Andree of Bank of Boston reviewed some of the major changes to the SAS base product between versions 4 and 5.

The steering committee wishes to thank all of the participants in the last BASUG meeting. Your continued involvement is required for the group to maintain and improve the quality of its meetings. Please contact any of the above listed members with your ideas.

Finally, the outgoing co-chairpersons would like to thank the following members for their contributions in making BASUG meetings a success during the past two years: Craig Dickstein, Sue DiManno, Tom Marx, Wendell Refior, and Bob Virgile. Thanks to all of you for attending. We hope to see you at this and future meetings.

Sincerely,

Craig Andree — Craig Andree

Hallett German — Hallett German

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The latest BASUG meeting was held at Boston Edison on November 13.

New chairperson Tom Marx opened the business meeting with a request for 1987 group objectives. It was suggested that the group first draft and approve a charter, stating the goals of this body. Among the reasons offered in favor of this were that such a statement of purpose would be an aid in membership recruitment, allow us to speak as one voice, and validate BASUG in the eyes of the Institute. This was approved, and the steering committee volunteered to draft a document for presentation at the next meeting. The subject of imposing annual dues was tabled until contents of the charter is determined.

The subject of SAS policies on updating documentation was raised by Bruce Green of Medical Information Bureau. He had taken issue with Kathy Council's article in the latest SAS Communications which defended their practice of publishing individual manuals and technical reports over looseleaf binders and update pages. Bruce had written a letter making a case for the latter practice which he wished to send in the name of BASUG. After a brief debate, this was approved.

Tom Marx of MSSR Associates gave the group a lecture on how and whether to become a consultant, a sequel to his previous talk on evaluating and hiring consultants.

During the problem-solving session, Allen Brooks of Mitre informed the group of a bug he encountered producing plots using a Zeta printer with a linkable driver. He is looking for others using similar equipment.

Hal German of Blue Cross introduced the BASUG Resource Guide which will be available at each meeting. It contains information about prospective employers, employees, consultants, and courses available in the Boston area. On another subject, Hal expressed criticism of the Institute's treatment of user groups other than SUGI. He will be presenting a paper on the subject of local user groups at SUGI 12 and welcomes your contributed ideas. Hal is preparing for the next meeting a member questionnaire to provide group reference data, such as site hardware configuration, products licensed, and experience of users.

Bob Virgile of AVCO/Textron delivered a typically astute lecture on data input validation techniques using PROC FORMAT, PROC FSEDIT, and undocumented features of the base product.

Finally, the highlight of the meeting occurred as Wendell Refior of Boston Edison gave an excellent, all-too-brief one-hour live demonstration of the powers of SAS/PC.

Thank you again for attending. We hope to see you at the next meeting.

Sincerely,

Tom Marx