

From PROC SQL to Tempura Fried Bacon – My First Experience at NESUG

Or, The Maine Event of the Year

Why did I want to go to NESUG?

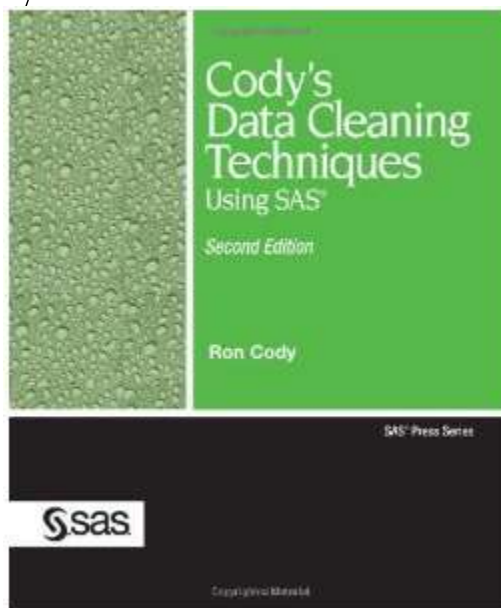
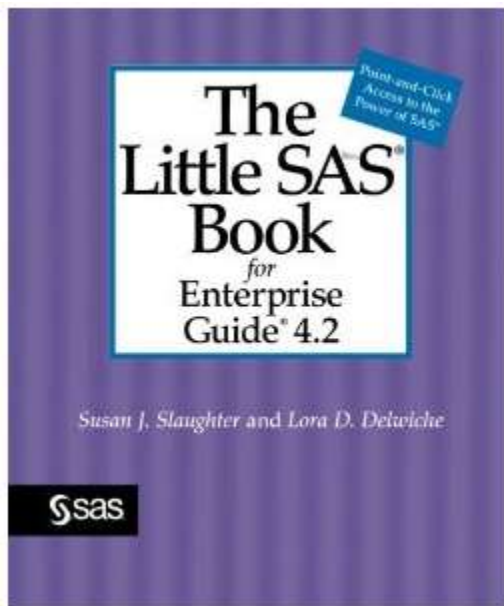
- At the time, I'd been using SAS for 5 months
- Had been to a couple TASS meetings, wanted more!!!
- The largest portion of my support was coming from User Group papers online





The SAS Stuff...

- Sunday Sessions
- Monday – Wednesday
 - The Papers
 - The Books
 - The People



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The after-effect

- Planning Committee
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[The Last and Final NESUG Post...sort of.](#)

I wanted to post this yesterday, but after an extraordinarily turbulent flight back to Toronto, I ended up passing out on my couch. So I'm back to work, email inbox full, reports coming due, project schedules looming, and I'm blogging to SAS Canada :-)

Yesterday was my stint as a Session Coordinator. I was in the PROC SQL Session, which had Ed Heaton as the Chair (amazing guy, for anyone that has not met him). For those that don't know, a Session Coordinator is responsible for...

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[the second last nesug11 post....](#)

Well, we are coming to the end of the NESUG 2011 Conference; only 1/2 a day left, and then all the amazing people and I are heading back to our respective cities and jobs.

This morning we had a Spotlight on SAS, which was a panel of people (Maura Stokes, Vince delGobbo, Darrel Massengill, and Lisa Horowitz). It was really interesting to hear their perspectives on SAS, and to have them answer people's questions about features etc.

The first session I went to was Sunil... [Continue](#)

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[Notes from the NESUG-side....](#)

Once again, I am mentally exhausted - and yet again, I have eaten extremely well!! Lunch was pizza from a place called Otto's, where I had a slice of bacon, red onion and granny smith apple pizza - sounds weird, but it was an unbelievable taste combination! Dinner tonight was 12 of us (including John Fahey!) went to Gilbert's Chowder House where I had the best clam chowder I've ever had, and that was followed by some fantastic fried scallops...soooo full haha.

So, the conference... [Continue](#)

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[Sunday SAS Sessions - stimulating, sensational, stuffed!!](#)

I was hoping to post this last night but my brain (and stomach) were just way too full. I started off my day with cinnamon french toast from the hotel restaurant, which was very good. I then wandered the city and made my way over to Dunkin' Donuts. I've never had anything from there and have always been intrigued. I just got a coffee, and now I know why they say America runs on Dunkin' - that stuff is powerful!! It makes starbucks look like water! And it isn't the taste, as it is a very

NESUG 2012 – November 11 – 14 in Baltimore, MD!



The stats...

- 1.5 hour flight; \$289 each way with Air Canada
- 9 hours driving, 750 km from Toronto
- Experience of going to NESUG – Priceless

- At this year's conference, there were 4 Canadians – two of whom are in this room (Lisa Eckler and myself). I'd like to see that go up in 2012!



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