

## Dennis Mikalson Con't

**Pets:** PK the number one pest cat, who attacks my nose when she wants out in the middle of the night.

**Partner/Family:** Married 31 years with two daughters one married living in Winnipeg and one who is getting married in the fall.

**Sports/Hobbies:** Curling, gardening, volunteering, camping, reading and archeology.

**My ideal weekend would be...** To lounge at a nice sunny campsite overlooking a lake or river, to fish, hike, eat and read a good book.

**Favorite Foods:** BBQ steak and fried Potatoes with baked pears for dessert.

**If I could be anything at all (besides a SAS programmer), I would...** study Anthropology "the origin of the first American people"

**When I'm not programming in SAS, I like to...** Visit with people and discuss sports, theology, history.....

**One thing every SAS programmer should know...**

Today I am using a simple getnum window to import Excel lab reports into SAS datasets.

```
data _null_;
  length stat $8;
  window getnum # 5 @10 'enter EXCEL file number
  (ie L102558):' stat;
  display getnum;
  stat=upcase(trim(left(stat)));
  call symput ('infil',trim(left(stat)));
  stop;
run;
```

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Proc IMPORT OUT= WORK.&infil DATAFILE= "C:\&infil.xls"
  DBMS=EXCEL2000 REPLACE;
  GETNAMES=YES;
RUN;
quit;
```

**My favorite thing about being a SAS user is...** when people come to me for help because their projects have become to big or complicated for spreadsheets