

Odyssey News



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A note from the SSA President, Ed Guskowski.....

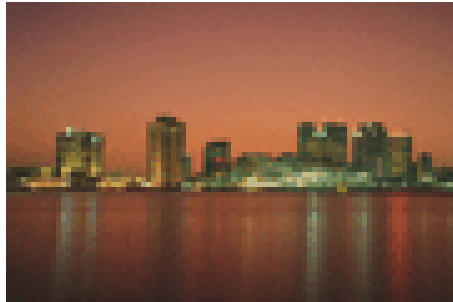
As we approach the 2001 Symposium I am pleased to see how we are changing to meet the growing needs of our attendees. I'm sure you will find that the changes being implemented will make your experience educational and worthwhile. Changes and additions to the Symposium are being made because the attendees let us know what they need and want out of a conference. You will find a top notch slate of Professional Development Courses as well as more round table and panel discussions. As always, there will be dedicated times to visit the Exhibit Hall and discuss your needs with the suppliers of the industry. And last but certainly not least, there will be time to network and catch up with associates and friends. As SSA moves into the future, we look for your comments and suggestions to help us keep in touch with your needs.

If you have any comments or suggestions you would like to share with SSA Headquarters or the Annual Meeting Co-chairs, please email LStrong@BurkInc.com. I look forward to seeing you in New Orleans!

The Semiconductor Safety Association's Annual Symposium "A High Tech Odyssey" will take place April 10-13 in New Orleans at the Sheraton New Orleans



Jackson Square by Richard Nowitz



Government Per Diem Rate Increase....

The rates just released by the General Services Administration (GSA) of the federal government are significantly higher than in year's past. Effective January 1, 2001 through May 31, 2001 the federal per diem rate for the parishes of Orleans, Jefferson and St. Bernard increases to \$139 per night. According to the Hotel/Motel Association, only 11 locations nationwide saw an increase of \$30 or higher per night with New Orleans being one of them.

Need to update your mailing address????

Email or Fax SSA Headquarters and address the correspondence to Membership.

New Orleans Word of the Month

Gumbo

From the word "kingombo", the African word for okra. Okra was brought to New Orleans by African slaves, considered to have both spiritual and health giving properties. It became a main ingredient in many gumbos, along with rice and seafood (or sausage or chicken) and a powder called file (feelay), the inspiration of Choctaw Indians, made from ground up sassafras leaves. See page 4 for a Gumbo recipe.

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Fun with the Family in the Big Easy

New Orleans is more than Mardi Gras, raise a glass of lemonade to a city that's brimming with family-friendly things to do. New Orleans' charismatic French Quarter has been a popular getaway, yet its smoky jazz clubs, cajun food and Mardi Gras madness is hardly typical family fare. The Big Easy's best kept secret is that it offers families quite a bit of good, clean fun. Following are some ideas of how to spend a few days with the family in New Orleans.

Day 1

Napoleon House

The first stop is a 1797 house that has been turned into a restaurant. Muffulettas, which are huge Cajun-style hoaggies of Italian olive salad, cold cuts, and cheeses on crusty round bread (about \$10 for a whole and about \$6 for a half) are sure to fill even the hungriest appetite. Other options are loaded baked potatoes (500 Chartres Street) or if you want a carry out Muffulettas don't forget the home of them, Central Grocery (923 Decatur Street). Although the line may be long at lunch

time, it moves pretty fast. Take your sandwiches to Jackson Square and enjoy the street theater.

Mule-drawn carriage tour of the French Quarter

After lunch it's time for a mule-drawn carriage tour of the French Quarter. At Jackson Square hop into a shiny black carriage pulled by a mule for an half-hour tour—which will give you a look at Bourbon Street. (Decatur Street along Jackson Square; about \$40 per carriage).

Jackson Square and the Louisiana State Museum

Strolling on Decatur Street, stop to try on Mardi Gras masks and share a praline (a local specialty made of pecans and sugar).

Statue mimes at Jackson Square stand amazingly still, without taking a visible breath. If you toss a dollar into their hat, they'll make a few movements before freezing again. Chances are a juggler will recruit your youngster to toss him his juggling pins while he rides a unicycle. The crowds will cheer and your child will enjoy the attention.

Stop by the Mardi Gras Exhibit at the Louisiana State Museum, where you can climb aboard a float while a video backdrop shows waving parade-goers begging for beads (751 Chartres Street; call for current prices 800-568-6968).



Jeff Strout

New Orleans Historic Voodoo Museum

Chances are you will see someone on a third floor balcony holding a python. This museum's collection is overflowing with skulls, pickled

swamp creatures and, of course, a tombstone. The resident poet-priestess, Bloody Mary, will teach you how to make voodoo dolls out of moss, twigs, yarn and fabric. You can purchase keepsakes such as Love Potion #9 and tarot cards. Most kids think the place is really cool as long as they don't mind the gross stuff (724 Dumaine Street; about \$7 for adults and \$4.50 for kids, call for current prices 504-523-7685).

Aquarium of the Americas

Stroll down to the riverfront aquarium where you can walk through a reef with stingrays and also see otters play. The kids will get a



Carriage Ride by Carl Purcell

kick from sitting on top of a fiberglass orca and will be surprised when a blast of air comes out of his blow hole. You can pet a baby nurse shark and, see the amazing jellyfish exhibit, the largest in the country (1 Canal Street; call for prices and current exhibits 800-774-7394).

Michaul's Live Cajun Music Restaurant



Michaul's offers live Cajun music and dance lessons for free. So take advantage of the opportunity to sping to the foot-stomping zydeco music. Your child may get the chance to play the child-size washboard.



Carl Purcell

You can dine on the wild side with gator or the child standby chicken tenders (840 St. Charles Avenue; call for menu and prices 504-522-5517).

Day 2

La Madeline French Bakery & Cafe

Start your day off right with croissants, fruit and eggs at la Madeline on Jackson Square (prices for breakfast range from about \$3.50 to \$5; 547 St Ann Street, call 504-568-0073 for hours). Then head for the free ferry across the Mississippi River. On the way, you can stop to marvel at the vendor's colorful artwork and take a few detours to shop.

Blaine Kern's Mardi Gras World

After you ferry across the river, you can tour Mardi Gras World. At Mardi Gras World you can try on elaborate sequined head dresses and sample the famous green and purple iced "King Cake." You will enjoy watching the artisans who are responsible for 80% of the Mardi Gras floats (233 Newton Street; about \$12 for adults and \$4 for kids 3-12, call 504-361-7821 for current prices.

New Orleans School of GlassWorks & Printmaking Studio

Take the ferry back over and head for the Warehouse District. The first stop should be at the School of GlassWorks, a gallery of working artists' studios in the back. Everyone will be in awe watching glassblowers working with pliable molten glass (727 Magazine Street; 504-529-7277).

Gamble's Red Bike Restaurant

Time for Lunch! A few blocks from the studio you can fill up on huge sandwiches at the Red Bike. The kids get their chance to be artists as they draw on the paper tablecloth with crayons. The weekend brunch menu is quite generous (entrees range from about \$7-11) and includes three-egg omelettes, pancakes, smoked salmon, breakfast burritos, French toast and a variety of salads (746 Tchoupitoulas Street;504-529-BIKE).

Louisiana Children's Museum

Down the street at the Children's Museum, a height-reading machine calls out



your heights in meters and in feet. You and the kids can scale up a rock-climbing wall or make giant bubbles or go to the kid-size supermarket and "buy" milk and bread. It's always fun to stop by the Shadow Trap and strike a pose to make quick-fading shadow prints (420 Julia Street; about \$5 for adults and kids over 1, call 504-523-1357 for current prices).

WANT TO EXHIBIT?

If you only exhibit at one show this year, you can't afford to miss the SSA Annual Symposium in New Orleans. Why? Because this is your opportunity to reach a targeted audience of safety, industrial hygiene and environmental professionals. Meet new prospects, make new sales and develop contacts. If you are a past SSA exhibitor, then there is good news! One quarter of attendees are first time attendees, and we expect even more this year because of the significant changes in the symposium content. While you reconnect with established contacts, you can cultivate a new line of customers. The SSA Exhibition is the only way to reach this variety of professionals in one location at one time! For more information call Lori Strong at SSA headquarters or visit the website www.semiconductorsafety.org and look over the prospectus.



French Quarter

Hop on a bright, red streetcar along the river to the French Quarter where chances are you will encounter a mime, who will be more than happy to pose for photos.

Next, head around the corner to have your palm read at Bottom of the Cup Tearoom (call ahead for an appointment and prices). The kids will get a kick out of it and will have some great things to tell you about how rich they will be one day and who they will marry and where they will travel (732 Royal Street; 800-729-7148).



Richard Nowitz

After the Tea Room, stop in at the Cafe Du Monde where you can discuss all of the fun you've had over a plate of beignets – deep-fried pastries heaped with powdered sugar (\$1.25 for a plate of 3; 800 Decatur Street; 504-525-4544).

As you leave, the kids will be adorned with a helmet and sword from a sidewalk balloon man, who will have a magic trick or two up his sleeve or maybe a quarter from behind your child's ear.

Natchez Steamboat Jazz and Dinner Cruise

The Natchez is a 265-foot steam stern-wheeler that serves a two-hour dinner buffet with a Dixieland jazz band.

If the kids have enough energy after a long day, they can bop to the music or just rest in their seats and enjoy the ride. Take the time to slip outside and watch the night sky and listen to the big red paddle wheel (Toulouse Street Wharf; call for current prices 504-586-8777).



Carl Purcell

Day 3

Mother's Restaurant

You won't want to miss breakfast at Mother's, where if you are lucky, you'll get there at a time where there isn't a line that snakes out of the door. Order whatever you like at the counter and wait for it at a table where you can look at memorabilia from past guests (Al Gore, Dan Quayle to name a couple). If you enjoy biscuits, make sure you try

them here (Breakfast entrees range from about \$2-\$11; 401 Poydras Street, call 504-523-9656 for hours).

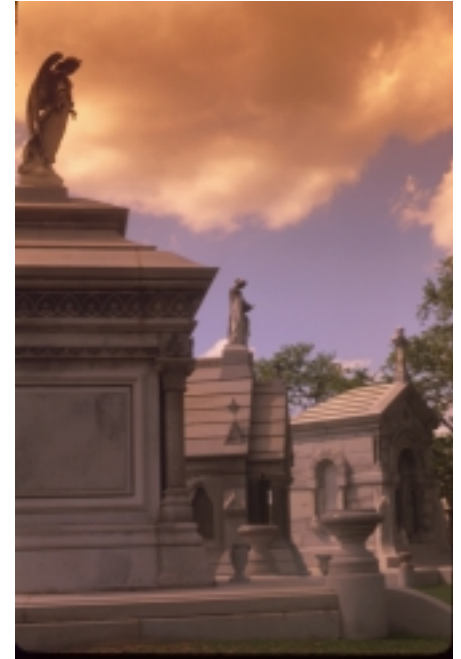
John James Audubon Cruise to the Audubon Zoo

The riverboat John James Audubon will take you on a 45 minute narrated cruise to the zoo (2 Canal Street; cruise and zoo admission is about \$22 for adults and \$12 for kids, call 504-586-8777 for current season prices or for zoo only admission prices). The Louisiana Swamp exhibit is a must see, where you can admire rare white alligators and MEGA alligators that are over 11 feet long. Walk through the simulated fog along a trail that will lead to Mayan temple ruins in Jaguar Jungle, and play archaeologist with trowels and brushes in a sand pit. There is also a petting zoo with lizards, goats and other animals.

There is a McDonalds at the zoo where you can stop for a quick lunch (zoo location is 6500 Magazine Street; 800-774-7394).

Extras....

The St. Charles streetcars are always fun and will take you through the Garden District on your way back from the zoo to the French Quarter.



Ann Purcell

A cemetery tour always proves interesting and full of fun facts. New Orleans has an unusual legacy in its cemeteries and how people are buried and naturally cremated.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Preliminary Programs will be mailed in December to members of the Association, as well as to those non-members whose abstracts have been accepted. Final programs will be available at the Symposium in April. Pre-registration and hotel reservation materials will be mailed as a part of the Preliminary Program.

News from the Co-chairs of Boot Camp, Safety & IH and Environmental Tracks

Boot Camp

Are you new to the industry or EHS? Are you a manager trying to understand the job responsibilities of your EHS constituents?

Or are you experienced in your area of expertise in EHS and curious about what the "other half" does?

From semiconductor processing basics to new and innovative ways to handle old problems, BOOT CAMP has what your career needs. Speakers from hi-tech manufacturers, suppliers and consulting companies will share their knowledge and skills through a series of exciting presentations.

Sheraton New Orleans

The Sheraton features 1,100 guest rooms and over 90,000 square feet of meeting and exhibit space. The hotel's richly furnished guest rooms provide an elegant, upscale ambiance. The Sheraton New Orleans believes it's the little things that make the difference like the daily newspaper at your door, an in-room coffeemaker, an iron and in-room safe. Just beyond the rooms you will find everything to make your visit a memorable one. The Waterbury Fitness Center offers a chance to re-energize or the Pelican Bar offers a quiet spot to unwind and meet friends. The hotel also features a Starbucks, and the Cigar Bar. Room rates start at \$159 single/double and can be reserved at 800-253-6156



Safety & Industrial Hygiene

This year's Safety & Industrial Hygiene Track will be of great interest to participants at SSA '01. While the sessions are targeted towards a more experienced, technical audience, all attendees will benefit from the presentations. A wide variety of papers will be presented ranging from cutting-edge industrial hygiene issue to critical considerations on process tool ergonomics and more. Of particular interest will be discussions about the on-going proposal to reduce the Threshold Limit Value of arsine and its implications to safety and emergency response activities at semiconductor manufacturers.

Creole Gumbo

- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 3 cups water
- 1 (16 ounce) can stewed tomatoes
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 to 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 pound peeled medium shrimp
- 1 (10 ounce) package frozen cut okra
- 1 teaspoon gumbo filé

Saute the onion and celery in the oil in a large stockpot over medium-high heat until the onion is lightly browned. Add the water, tomatoes, bay leaf and salt. Simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes. Stir in the shrimp and okra. Bring to a boil and reduce the heat to medium. Cook, covered, for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in the gumbo filé. Simmer, covered, for 5 minutes. Remove the bay leaf. Serve over cooked rice. Yield: 6 servings.

Environmental

The Environmental Symposium of SSA 2001 in New Orleans will explore new issues and solutions for the semiconductor and high technology industry. New topics for this year will include environmental due diligence and mergers/acquisitions, examining the issues from the perspective of both the acquiring and acquired organizations. The ESH issues of compound semiconductor operations, a growing market sector, will be covered in a dedicated session as well. Emissions management, always a challenge, will examine air and HAP issues. Global environmental stewardship will be covered in one session, ranging from the small supplier issues to large scale chemical delivery. Finally, we will buzz through to EMS and beyond with presentations looking at new standards and how to stay current with changing issues. We look forward to seeing you through out the sessions in New Orleans!

In the Next Issue

Look for more technical program highlights, more to do in New Orleans, words from our poster session chairs and the latest on the exhibitors, hot links to their websites and sponsors!