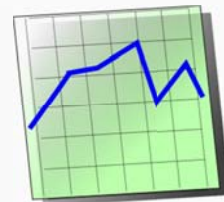




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NEWSLETTER



Something Old and Something New

Speaker: Dr. Michael Sutherland

Enjoy more stories and examples from Mike's recent experiences in the front lines of modern industrial and academic statistical practice.

Be dazzled - but not buffaloed - by the marketing buzz of "Data Science" when we show some memorable examples of Markov Chain Monte Carlo methods applied to real problems. Be reminded of the simple, rock solid value of such time honored statistical practices as random sampling, graphing your data and simple design of experiments as we analyze the behavior of blind cave fish!

(Please understand that no fish have been hurt for this talk.)

About the Speaker:

Mike Sutherland is a Harvard trained Ph.D. in Statistics (1974) with an abiding interest in applications whether academic, managerial or industrial. He owns Sutherland Associates a consultancy focused on Statistical Thinking, Design of Experiments, Lean operations and Six Sigma training and deployment. He helped found Hampshire College and spent 12 happy years there. He is happily retired from 20 plus years as the Director of the Statistical Consulting Service of the University of Massachusetts where he is presently an Adjunct Research Professor in Anthropology and an Emeritus Professor of Statistics. He recently helped found the Masters in Data Science Program at New College of Florida where he is a Visiting Professor. His fondness for mathematics, statistics and statistical computation continues unabated but his primary commitment is to consulting and teaching - both in the academic world and in the business and professional world.

TUESDAY, 04/11/2017

**Join us at Westwood
Restaurant & Pub
94 North Elm St.
Westfield, MA**

*Mass Pike to Exit 3,
then South on Rt 202.
About 2 miles down
on the right.*

5:30 pm Social

6:00 pm Speaker

7:00 pm Dinner

The cost is \$20.00

Drinks not included.

For reservations, contact
asqwmassdinner@yahoo.com

Include # attending and names.

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Tidbits from Technical Dinners

Did You Know?

That 40% of newly learned information can be lost in three days? "Rehearsing" new training is a key to retention of training and trainee competence. The more time we rehearse initially, the less time it takes to relearn it later, and the slower the rate of memory decay.

~ from "Training the Trainer" presented by Kurt S. Moore

-That the biggest section of ISO 9001:2015, Section 8, Operation, is mostly recycled requirements of "Product realization" from ISO 9001:2008? However, the focus has been shifted to managing processes and resources to achieve a state of control (even when changes occur). ISO 9001:2008 was more focused on verifying compliance.

~ from "ISO 9001:2015 - Now What?" presented by Gary Grubbs, November, 2016

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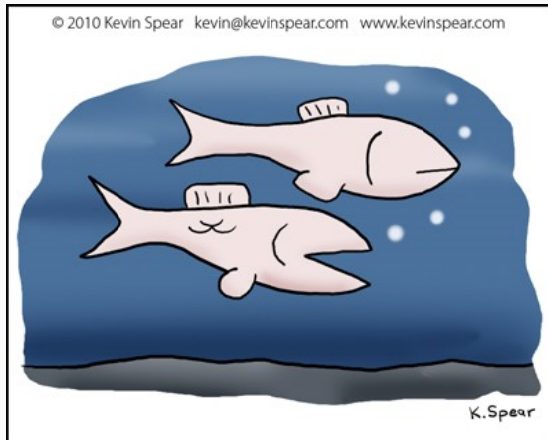
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"The one thing I regret about being a blind cave fish is I'll never be able to see the desert."

