

Odyssey News

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This web-based Newsletter is the first in a series about the 2001 Annual Symposium. We hope you find the information useful and look forward to seeing you in April.

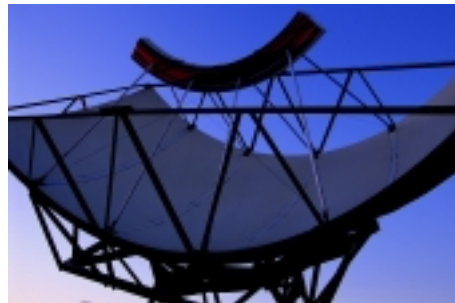
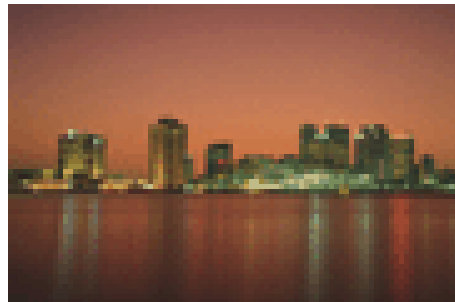
This issue will highlight New Orleans, the city. Things to see and do to make the most out of your trip. In future issues we will cover sights and activities to enjoy with your family and in each issue we will provide the technical highlights of the symposium, the latest list of exhibitors and their highlights.

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.

Need to update your mailing address????

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

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



New Orleans....

New Orleans has been bestowed with many titles in her day: "Paris of the Americas," "The Big Easy," "The City That Care Forgot." And given the rich, diverse history, it's easy to see why. Founded in 1718 by the French aristocrat Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne, Sieur de Bienville, it is a tremendous city steeped in tradition and superstition. This undisputed "Queen of the Mississippi" is also one of the most popular convention and meeting destinations in the US. In recent years, over 2.1 million visitors came to the Crescent City to attend a meeting or convention.

Following is a geographic overview of the city's prime locations, beginning with the French Quarter.

The French Quarter

Founded in 1718, The French Quarter is one of the oldest and most extraordinary neighborhoods in the country. It is often referred to as the "heart" of New Orleans. And with good reason: Many of the city's attractions can be found within this lively enclave of clubs, shops and restaurants. In the French Quarter you will find a number of historic sites, including Jackson Square, the public plaza named in honor of General Andrew Jackson, and the Cabildo, site of the signing of the 1803 Louisiana Purchase Transfer. The Quarter is also home to Bourbon Street, the world renowned "Playground of the South."

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Hitachi America
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Mark Systems
PermAlert ESP
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Sierra Monitor
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The Central Business District

The Central Business District is located adjacent to the French Quarter. This part of downtown boasts a wide range of first class shops and accommodations, including the Louisiana Superdome, the world's largest indoor sports arena; Riverwalk Marketplace, an expansive shopping center along the banks of the Mississippi River; Canal Place Shopping Center, First NBC Center; New Orleans Shopping Center; and the Aquarium of the Americas, the country's fifth largest aquarium.

The Garden District

This primarily residential neighborhood occupies a section of town located between St. Charles Avenue and Magazine Street. The Garden District is known for its opulent gardens and spectacular antebellum homes, many of which date back to the mid-1800s.

Uptown

West of the Garden District lies Uptown, a settlement that extends all the way to the outlying suburb of Carrollton. Uptown encompasses several commercial and residential quarters, including the Audubon Park, a 340-acre sanctuary used by Loyola University and Tulane students.

Lakefront

And finally, the Lakefront. New Orleans is bordered on the north by Lake Pontchartrain. Named after its early native American inhabitants, Lake Pontchartrain is a year-round haven for boaters, swimmers, picnickers and fishermen. Along its banks, you'll find an array of recreational hot-spots, including an 18th-century fortress-turned-resort area known as the Old Spanish Fort, and West End, a cluster of seafood restaurants and yacht clubs along Lakeshore

Drive.



Now that you have an overview of the city, here are some things you won't want to miss to truly experience the best of the city!

Where to Eat

If you've never been to New Orleans you won't want to miss the Cafe Du Monde, located at 800 Decatur. This century-plus cafe serves beignets and cafe au lait for a very reasonable price. Cafe Du Monde is something you must experience for yourself. The beignets are hot, coated with powdered sugar and served either to go or at one of the cafe style tables on the patio. A great place to people watch, the cafe is open 24 hours a day. The Muffuletta was invented in New Orleans at Central Grocery, located at 923 Decatur. A Muffuletta is a thick, dinner plate sized sandwich of cold cuts, olive relish and cheeses. If you'd prefer to eat your



Muffuletta seated or hot, then you won't want to miss the historic Napoleon House, located at 500 Chartres. The Camellia Grill, located at 626 South Carrollton, has lured crowds uptown since

1946 for great diner food. The best way to get there is via the street car. The same griddle is used to cook your omelet as warm your slice of pecan pie and it makes it all the better! If you're looking for something a little more upscale, then you'll want to try Metro Bistro at 200 Magazine. Metro Bistro offers a great location, reliable service, creative menu and a surprising value. Further up Magazine at 3242 is Semolina. A locally based restaurant chain serving pasta and salads in a carefree and fun setting. If you are in the mood to splurge and

have a incredible dining experience then you may want to try one of Emeril Lagasse's restaurants. Delmonico, at 1300 St. Charles, is all about local cuisine and traditions; Emeril's or NOLA are other possibilities. Peristyle at 1041 Dumaine is another great choice. Anne Kearney trained under Emeril, but offers her



own style in a bistro setting. You may have to try extremely hard to have a bad meal in New Orleans, just ask a local for recommendations.

What to Do

One thing about the Big Easy is that it is rich with free amusement. Just stroll the streets and enjoy the artists and musicians, and of course an attention-seeking oddity. If you enjoy window shopping, you will find quaint, opulent galleries and stores on Royal Street. For a dollar or two you can tour the breathtaking Garden District on the streetcar.

The National D-Day Museum opened on the anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 2000. The museum is the only one its kind in the country; it presents World War II as personal stories and exhibits.

The Audubon Zoo is a must see, especially if you bring the family, with its new Swamp Expansion Exhibit. Sights, sounds and smells fill the air. You will see alligators, bobcats and snakes in a natural habitat. As part of the Swamp Expansion Exhibit you will see residents cook up exotic treats while telling tales about their forefathers. Also Artisans make objects of charm and beauty out of materials from nature.

Make a day of it with tickets to the zoo, a round-trip steamboat ride on the John James Audubon and the Aquarium of the Americas which celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. Also don't forget to consider seeing the movie at the IMAX theater.

A couple of extras! If you are looking for a jazz club for just the two of you, try the Snug Harbor Jazz Bistro. Take a cab because the neighborhood can be rough and city parking is tough. High Tea at the Westin Canal Place Hotel is a fun afternoon snack. In case you need one more place to spend some money, you may want to try Harrah's New Orleans Casino. The casino features 3,000 slots and 120 gaming tables, including live poker. It is located at the end of Canal Street, just a short walk from the headquarters hotel.

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

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.

The SSA Symposium Planning Committee is looking for speakers to present high quality, leading edge topics at the 3 day international high technology EHS Symposium. Potential speakers from all levels of experience in the safety, health, environmental, medical or related fields are encouraged to submit an abstract for consideration in any one of the session tracks. Final scheduling will be at the discretion of the Annual Meeting Program Committee. Abstracts will be reviewed by the Committee to allocate time and ensure program balance.

SESSION TRACKS

- ◆ Safety & Industrial Hygiene
- ◆ Environmental ◆ Boot Camp

This year's technical presentations will include all facets of the environmental, safety & industrial hygiene industry including information for those ESH professionals who are new to the high technology industry. For suggested topic areas, more information or to submit an abstract go to our online submission page at www.semiconductorsafety.org. Submission deadline is September 22, 2000.

In the Next Issue

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

Want to Present a Paper or Professional Development Course at SSA 2001?



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES (1/2 day and full day courses)

The Professional Development Committee is accepting proposals for Professional Development Courses (PDC) to be held at the 2001 Annual International High Technology ESH Symposium. You are required to submit a syllabus of the Course using the on-line PDC submittal form. Please note that PDC net proceeds will be shared by SSA and the presenter(s), 50% will go to SSA and 50% to the presenters. Professional Development Courses are scheduled on Tuesday, April 10th. Deadline for submission of required materials is September 22, 2000.



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.

