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### Welcome to SIGAda 2001 About Ada-WOW

By Hal Hart (TRW), Ada-WOW '99/2000 Editor



Welcome to SIGAda 2001! Ada-WOW, your daily SIGAda conference newsletter, is now in its third year. Ada-WOW, will bring you late-breaking "news" stories, interviews with speakers and organizers, thought pieces, and interesting bits of information about the conference, the location, and the current and next generation of Ada software engineering researchers and practitioners - with occasional humor and light-hartedness. Bear with us as we try to get our digital camera connected for download by the next issue. Or, better yet, contribute with articles, reviews, picks and pans of local restaurants.

Seriously, we can always use more Ada-WOW staff help -- write a critique of a tutorial or session you attended, a local restaurant review, a good story you heard during the schmoozing, or your opinion about an issue in the profession of computing. We'll publish everything we can. Or if you have a digital camera along and download capability, let us know. Room 154. Please drop by.

Today's issue #0 starts off slowly with announcements about meetings tonight and the Mall of America. Tomorrow's conference-opening issue will be full of "technical content."

Lastly, I am happy to announce that Ann Brandon will relieve me of Editorship of Ada-WOW this year, and I'll serve as Production Co-Editor. Please give Ann the support I've received the past two years. Thanks! H<sup>2</sup>

### Free Dinner Tonight

by Ann Brandon, Onyons, Inc., & SIGAda Vice Chair for Liaison



Expanding on a 15-year tradition of "Local SIGAda Chapter Reps" dinners at SIGAda conferences and meetings, tonight SIGAda will host an informal, light, buffet-

like dinner for all early-arriving conference attendees. This will occur approximately 5:30-7:00pm tonight in the Navaho Suite in the Hall of Nations (ballroom on the second floor) here at the Best Western Thunderbird.

At previous SIGAda conferences and meetings, this event focused on organizers and members of Local SIGAda Chapters or other Ada societies, including our international visitors and others interested in helping promoting Ada activities in their communities. We still particularly welcome anyone interested in finding out about or potentially starting local Ada events back home. Two former SIGAda Vice Chairs for Liaison (responsible for Local Chapters oversight), Ron Oliver & Hal Hart, will join newly elected Ann Brandon to chat with anyone about such organizing.

Remember, you're all invited and this dinner is FREE! 5:30 pm, Navaho Suite.



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### Weather Forecast

Today (Sunny with some clouds)  
High: 23 C (75 F)  
Low: 13 C (56 F)

Tomorrow (Chance of showers)  
High: 13 C (56 F)  
Low: 3 C (38 F)

### SIGAda Extended Executive Committee Meeting Tonight

by Currie Colket (Mitre), SIGAda Chair



The business of SIGAda and planning of future conferences is the responsibility of the seven elected SIGAda officers, aided by the inputs of working group chairs, chairs of local chapters, the present and next conference committee members, the Ada Letters editor, and a couple others. These are the volunteers that keep SIGAda vibrant and power the efforts to make our conferences and other activities happen. This group collectively is the SIGAda Extended Executive Committee (EEC). New volunteers are always sought and are welcome at any time.

Your best near-term opportunity to view or join into EEC business is tonight's EEC meeting from 7 pm onwards, in room Pawnee Room at the Thunderbird. Everyone is welcome to observe or participate. Come help contribute to SIGAda future directions!



by Jeanne Kopesky (webershandwick)

**MUST-SEE:** The Twin Cities' largest attraction -- in more ways than one -- is the Mall of America. Affectionately known as the "megamall," the 4.2-million-square-foot retail-dining-entertainment complex boasts the US's largest crowds and best shopping and indoor

entertainment. Shopaholics can peruse the mall's four anchor stores -- Bloomingdale's, Nordstrom, Macy's and Sears -- and more than 300 specialty shops. For non-shoppers, options include Camp Snoopy, an amusement park with 28 rides and free stage shows, and Underwater Adventures, a 1.2-million-gallon walk-through aquarium filled with more than 3,000 aquatic animals and exotic fish (including 100 sharks). You can drive a simulated racecar, get spa treatments, and watch a movie, and there are scores of places to chow down. For kids, the Lego Imagination Center provides a distraction.

Located right here in Bloomington, Minnesota, approx. one half mile east

of the Thunderbird, the Mall of America is the nation's largest retail and entertainment complex and attracts more visitors annually than Disney World, the Grand Canyon and Graceland combined. Since opening in August 1992, more than 350 million people have visited Mall of America, which continues to attract more than 40 million people per year. In addition to more than 520 stores and the nation's largest indoor theme park, the Mall is home to a 12-lane bowling club, a 14-screen movie theater, and the best night life (*night clubs!*) in the upper Midwest.

**Quote of the Day**

*Not everything that counts can be counted.*

*Not everything that is counted counts.*

— A. Einstein

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**YOUR NAME CAN GO HERE**

Your "reviews" of the technical sessions you attend are welcomed for publication in Ada-WOW. Indicate whether you want them printed anonymously or signed. Submission is via drop-off at Thunderbird room 154 or hand to a staff member (on a floppy preferably, but hand-written paragraphs are accepted too -- we'll type).



**Geek Humor**

It seems 3 guys were travelling in a car together, an *industrial quality control expert*, a *hardware engineer*, and a *software engineer*. As they were going down a VERY steep hill, they realized the brakes were out and they faced certain death.

The QC expert said, "no problem, we'll put together a work group, study the problem, make a fishbone diagram and come up with suggestions about how to solve this problem."

The hardware engineer said, "That'll take too much time, we'll DIE!! I think I can dismantle the ignition system, find out the problem and cross wire the brake system so we can stop the car."

The *software engineer* just said, "What's the big deal? Instead of getting upset, why don't we just push the car back up the hill and see if it happens again?"