

## Practical Stats Summer 2002 Newsletter

Summer is here in force, so we hope you are staying cool at the pool, beach, or mountains. For when you are working, below are three helps for applying statistics to your data. The goal of Practical Stats is to help you "Make Sense of Your Data". Hope you find this Summer Newsletter helpful.

1. The Applied Environmental Statistics course. It will be held in Golden CO on the campus of the Colorado School of Mines on August 12 to 16, 2002. Only a few days until a price increase -- see the PracticalStats.com website for details. If you haven't yet taken it, it has helped over a thousand people "make sense of their data" since 1990. No, all of Colorado is NOT burning -- there are still plenty of reasons to come, including Rocky Mountain National Park, many cultural events in the Denver area and in the mountains, and of course this course. Enrollment is still open, and prices on hotels etc. are less this year due to fewer tourists. We also haven't raised our course rates in the past few years - a competing course charges the same amount for three days, compared to our 4.5. If you or a colleague have been waiting to take this course, the opportunities won't get better.
2. The Statsoft Electronic Statistics Textbook. A good online statistics text, from the makers of Statistica software. NOT a replacement for a paper book to sit on your desk, but a good overview of methods which will lead you to investigate further on topics of need. At <http://www.statsoft.com/textbook/stathome.html>
3. The "Which test should I use?" guide on the Practical Stats webpage. Newly updated and enlarged. Based on a few characteristics of your data, determine the statistical test best suited for your job.

A quote from one of our students in the course held a few weeks ago in Riverside, CA: "one of the most useful I have attended in the last 15 years .... We are already implementing some of the methods we learned during the class."

Useful. Practical. Hope to see some of you in August. Best wishes.

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