

## HHC 2006 Committee HP Calc "Bio" Info

How much experience does the HHC 2006 Committee have with HP Calculators/handhelds? Who are these people, and what are their interests? In order to find out we made a list of questions among ourselves for us all to answer. Here are the questions and answers from each member along with their major area of expertise used while serving on the committee. Each one of us has been active in the HP User Community, HPUC, for 25 years or more. Among us, we own every calculator since the HP Advanced Products Division first started producing handheld calculators in 1972 with the first shirt pocket scientific calculator ever manufactured, the HP-35A. Many machines that were not released are also part of the Committees' legacy. We hope you enjoy our web site and find it informative. We also look forward to HHC 2007 (USA) and HPCC 2007 (UK) when HP celebrates their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### 1. Joseph K Horn - Webmaster

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1. What year (and month?) did you become involved with HP Calculators? September 29, 1976.
2. What was the model that got you started?  
HP-25A, given to me on that day by my brother Jim, along with a 1-year gift membership in the HP-65 User's Club.
3. What is your favorite model?  
HP 50g.
4. What models do you now have that are still operational?  
15C, 16C, 21S, 30S, 32SII, 33S, 38G, 39G, 39g+, 41CX, 48SX, 48G, 48GX, 49G, 49g+, 50g, 65, 71B, 75C, 97, 200LX.
5. Which HP calcs did you ONCE own and use, and wish you hadn't gotten rid of?  
"It still brings a tear to my eyes that the following got stolen, destroyed, or given away: 11C, 15C, 16C, 19BII, 21S, 25A, 28C, 28S, 34C, 42S, 71B, 85(!)"
6. How often/much do you use your machine today?  
Very/too.
7. Do you do much programming?  
Yes.
8. If you could receive, as a gift, any HP calculator/handheld that you don't have, which model would it be?  
"Wished to have and never did: the HP-19C, sorta like an HP-25 with printer built in. Oooh, how I wanted one of those!"
9. What calculator/handheld articles, books, manuals, or publications have you authored?  
Book: HP-71 BASIC Made Easy. *rjn- Plus many articles in the UK Datafile, PPC Journal, Programming class handouts, and the CHHU Chronicle. Add to this the Goodies Discs, and many helpful postings on the Newsgroup.*
10. What HP products have you beta tested in the past?  
Sorry, I can't answer that.

2. Wlodek Mier-Jedrzejowicz - Coordinator for attendees from Europe. (28)

1. What year (and month?) did you become involved with HP Calculators?

Involved, as in "interested in" would be about May 1972, when the Spectroscopy lecturers at my college got very excited about the HP-35 that their friends were getting in the US, and told us (the students) about it. Involved as in "owning" was not till about February 1978 when I purchased a second hand HP-25.



2. What was the model that got you started?

The HP-35 - I could not afford one, but a few were available, on security stands, for Physics students to use in lab classes.

3. What is your favorite model?

Must be the HP-41CX - still the calculator I first think of when looking at a problem - even if I usually pick up a 49G to actually work on the problem...

4. What models do you now have that are still operational?

Um - all of them? I tried to get one of each when I was writing my "Guide to HP Handhelds". Though obviously I can't use them all at the same time - most are stored in boxes and occasionally taken out to try, or to check a point for a book or article.

5. Which HP calcs did you ONCE own and use, and wish you hadn't gotten rid of?

Get rid of an HP calc??? I've never been that desperate ;-)

6. How often/much do you use your machine today?

I use an HP Jornada 928 WDA (Wireless Digital Assistant - combined mobile phone and PDA) all the time, mostly the mobile phone though. But it's not really mine, just on loan. I use my HP49G a few minutes every day, and seriously maybe once a fortnight. My HP200LX does not have a mobile phone but does have my databases and a nice built-in calculator - I use the 200LX about 10 minutes a day.

7. Do you do much programming?

Less and less programming, unfortunately. Maybe one HP49G program a month.

8. If you could receive, as a gift, any HP calculator/handheld that you don't have, which model would it be?

The one HP calculator I do not have that I would really like to get is the HP38G+ - but only a very few were made. The HP handheld I would most like to get is an HP728.

9. What calculator/handheld articles, books, manuals, or publications have you authored?

One HP manual - for the HP41CV Emulator card for the HP48SX. Part of the manual for a third-party HP-41 accessory - the Eramco plug-in database unit, rather like an MLDL. Four books about HP calculators and handhelds. Submitted papers for HHC Conference Proceedings. Co-edited RCL 20, authored several of the articles in it. About 400 articles, mostly in Datafile, some in the PPC Journal and the CHHU Chronicle.

10. What HP products have you beta tested in the past?

I Beta tested HP32SII (called the HP32S+ at the time), and HP49G. Had several others just to look at and comment on a few weeks before release, such as the HP28C, HP48SX and HP38G.

3. Ted Kerber - Registration.

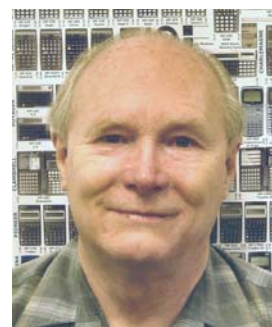
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1. What year (and month?) did you become involved with HP Calculators? March 1973.
2. What was the model that got you started? HP-35.
3. What is your favorite model? HP-42S.
4. What models do you now have that are still operational?  
HP33s (6), HP41CV, HP48SX (2), HP48GX (4), HP49G (3), HP49g+ (6), HP50g (3 so far), HP9s.
- 5) Which HP calcs did you ONCE own and use, and wish you hadn't gotten rid of? HP42S  
(4 w/hardcases)
- 6) How often/much do you use your machine today? Average of 9 hours per day overall, switching models, depending on what I am working on.
- 7) Do you do much programming? Constantly – It's the reason for so many calculators – I have different versions of applications in all of them.
- 8) If you could receive, as a gift, any HP calculator/handheld that you don't have, which model would it be?  
HP42S
- 9) What calculator/handheld articles, books, manuals, or publications have you authored?  
HP-41CV/CX Surveying Field Solutions (1986), HP-41CV/CX Geometrics Solutions (1987), HP-41CV/CX Triangle Solutions (1987), Point Storage Conversions for the HP-41CV/CX Surveying Pac (compiled several smaller books into one book: Traverse, Inverse and Sideshots / Intersection Solutions / Predetermined Areas / Coordinate Transformation (1989), HP42S Surveying Solutions (1990-1993), HP42S Topography (1990), HP42S Alignment & Offsets (1990), HP42s Triangle Solutions (1994), HP42S Vertical Alignment (1989-1992), HP42S EDM Slope Staking (1990), HP48S/SX Student Pac (1991), HP48SX Surveying Packet 1 (1990-1993), HP48 Australian Surveying Pac {1994), HP48 Transportation Pac ver 2 (1993-1998), HP48 Strut Length Calculator (for the Taylor Spatial Frame Fixator) (1996), HP48GX Surveying Pac Plus (1999), hp49g+ Student Pac (2005), hp49g+ Surveying Pac (2005), hp49g+ Transportation Pac (2005), HP50g Basic Cogo+ (2006), HP50g Surveying Pac (2006), HP50g Transportation Pac (2005), Surveying Solutions for the hp33s (2005)(2<sup>nd</sup> Edition 2005), and scores of papers and course materials.
- 10) What HP products have you beta tested in the past? Subject to Non-Disclosure Agreements

4. Richard J. Nelson - Schedule and Speakers.

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1. What year (and month?) did you become involved with HP Calculators?  
June 1972.
2. What was the model that got you started?  
HP-35A, announced in January, it took a while to get one.
3. What is your favorite model?  
HP48GX, then the HP49G when the keyboard is as reliable as the HP48.
4. What models do you now have that are still operational?  
All High End Scientifics including HP-71B & HP-75CX, all Pioneer Series, most finance models, Xpander, Jornada X25, all 10 (Voyager) Series, HP-01, all Nut series, assorted others.
5. Which HP calcs did you ONCE own and use, and wish you hadn't gotten rid of?  
HP-19C, the printer was nice.
6. How often/much do you use your machine today?  
A least half an hour every day. Conversions and basic calculations are done most.
7. Do you do much programming?  
I write programs for work and for recreation. When I am working on a recreation problem I program during snippets of spare time and the average time doubles or triples, especially when I am documenting the programs.
8. If you could receive, as a gift, any HP calculator/handheld that you don't have, which model would it be?  
An HP97S or a never produced HP-95C. I have the manuals for the latter.
9. What calculator/handheld articles, books, manuals, or publications have you authored?  
I have probably written, edited, and published as much material on HP calculators as anybody. This includes 5,200 pages (at over 2,000 words per page, the PPC Journals & CHHU Chronicle pages are 2,200 w/p) on PPC CD's (Thanks Jake), numerous articles in HPCC's Datafile, HHC Conference proceedings, contributor to RCL 20, PPC ROM Manual (along with hundreds of other contributors), eight articles in industry trade magazines, EduCALC Technical Notes, HP48 Programming Class Notes over four years, articles in HP's Key Note, and several papers in WESCON calculators' sessions.  
  
The acronym PPC has many meanings. One was defined in my paper, "The Role of PPC's in Computerland", in the *NCC '78 Personal Computing Digest*. I used the acronym at that time as Personal Programmable Calculator. It was later that *the PPC* was called the Personal Programming Center. At least 25 meanings have been attached to PPC over the years; other examples are Personal Programmables from Corvallis, and People Programming Calculators. Of course, we were also confused with other organizations such as the Professional Photographers of California.
10. What HP products have you beta tested in the past?  
HP-67, HP-41C, HP41 Barcode Wand and barcode reproduction, HP75C and IL peripherals, HP-28S, HP48SX, HP-48GX, HP49G.

5. Jake Schwartz - Videographer.

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1. What year (and month?) did you become involved with HP Calculators? Sept. 1971.  
When on a co-op job with RCA in Camden, NJ, I saw the HP9810 for the first time and was hooked.
2. What was the model that got you started?  
HP35A
3. What is your favorite model?  
HP41C - its announcement was the point when all activity increased at such a high rate that the Philly group changed meetings from quarterly to monthly and, I believe, the Orange County group changed from monthly to weekly. I don't believe that such an exciting time has repeated since.
4. What models do you now have that are still operational?  
35, 80, 34C, 16C, 41C, 41CX, 71B, 75C, 10B, 10B-II, 14B, 17B, 20S, 21S, 22S, 32S-II, 42S, 38G, 39G, 40G, 48SX, 48GX, 49G, 6S, 6S Solar, 9S, 9G, 30S.
5. Which HP calcs did you ONCE own and use, and wish you hadn't gotten rid of?  
HP65, HP67, HP25A, HP31E, HP32S, HP28C and HP28S.
6. How often/much do you use your machine today?  
Around a half hour a day - usually the emu48/49 HP48/49 emulator running in the iPAQ h1910. Base conversions, mostly.
7. Do you do much programming?  
My day job is programming on HP Unix boxes. Not much programming on calcs, lately, except relatively short keystroke programs.
8. If you could receive, as a gift, any HP calculator/handheld that you don't have, which model would it be?  
HP10C or HP27S.
9. What calculator/handheld articles, books, manuals or publications have you authored?  
A few dozen articles in PPC Journal, CHHU Chronicle and HPX Exchange, edited the Peripheral Routines documentation (61 pages) in the PPC ROM manual, many papers in the HP calculator conference proceedings (1979-2002), contributor to *RCL20*, wrote the HP41 Port-X-Tender user manual, wrote the user manual for the HP16C Emulator Library for the HP48.
10. What HP products have you beta tested in the past?  
HP41 Barcode Wand, HP41 Plotter Module, HP75C, HP48 PDL software, HP49G