

HHC 2008 Committee HP Calc "Bio" Information

How much experience does the HHC 2008 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 27 years or more – total 162 years. 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 newly redesigned HHC 2008 web site and find it informative.

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 calculators 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.

Wlodek Mier-Jedrzejowicz - Coordinator for attendees from Europe. (30)

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 calculators 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.



1. What year (and month?) did you become involved with HP Calculators?
July 1972.
 2. What was the model that got you started?
The HP-35A, announced January 1972, it took a while to get one. See: <http://holyojo.net/hhc2007/Remembering%20The%20HP35A.pdf>
 3. What is your favorite model? HP48GX, then the HP50G if I can find it
 4. What models do you now have that are still operational?
All High End Scientifics including HP-28, HP-71B & HP-75CX, all Pioneer Series, most finance models, Xpander, Jornada X25, all 10 Series (Voyager), HP-01, all Nut series, assorted others.
 5. Which HP calculators did you ONCE own and use, and wish you hadn't gotten rid of?
HP-19C, the printer was nice. I still have lots of the small rolled printer paper.
 6. How often/much do you use your machine today?
A least once each day, the HHC 2008 HP35s. Conversions and basic calculations are done the most.
 7. Do you do much programming?
I write programs 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. I just recently won an HP70 as an HHC door prize, very nice!
 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 HPC'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/exercises over four years, articles in HP's Key Note, and several papers in WESCON calculators' sessions. Most recently articles on the various HHC websites, One Minute Marvels on HPCalc.org., HP Calculator firsts <http://h20331.www2.hp.com/Hpsub/cache/392617-0-0-225-121.html> and the RPN Tips in *HP solve* <http://h20331.www2.hp.com/hpsub/cache/580500-0-0-225-121.html>.
- 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 much 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. 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, HP-33s, HP-35s, HP48SX, HP-48GX, & HP49G.

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, 50g, 6S, 6S Solar, 8S, 9S, 9G, 10s, 30S, 33s 35s, 17BII+, 20b.
5. Which HP calculators 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 h1955.
Base conversions, mostly.
7. Do you do much programming?
My day job is programming on Unix boxes. Not much programming on calculators, 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

Gene Wright – Registration.

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1. What year (and month?) did you become involved with HP Calculators?
June 1980, when I graduated from High School.
2. What was the model that got you started?
The HP-41c. Alpha characters just blew me away. It switched me from a former TI man.
3. What is your favorite model? The HP-41C.
4. What models do you now have that are still operational?
HP-35, HP-45, HP-55, HP-65, HP-70, HP-80, HP-67, HP-97, HP-21, HP-22, HP-25C, HP-27, HP-29C, HP-19C, HP-31E, HP-32E, HP-33C, HP-34C, HP-37E, HP-38C, HP-41C, HP-41CX, HP-10C, HP-11C, HP-12C, HP-15C, HP-16C, HP-42S, HP-71B, HP-75C, HP-10B, HP-14B, HP-17B, HP-18C, HP-20S, HP-21S, HP-22S, HP-27S, HP-32S, HP-38G, HP-48GX, HP-49G, HP-28C, HP-28S, HP-91, HP-97, HP-12C Platinum. Might be a few more.
5. Which HP calculators did you ONCE own and use, and wish you hadn't gotten rid of?
HP-32SII, only because I don't like the thought of paying \$200+ to replace it now.
6. How often/much do you use your machine today?
I use the 12C every day at work.
7. Do you do much programming?
I have written several HP-41C/42S games. I do not program much on the 12C, because it does not have enough programming features for me.
8. If you could receive, as a gift, any HP calculator/handheld that you don't have, which model would it be?
Probably the HP-35 red dot I sold in a fit of insanity. Perhaps, the HP-92 I also sold when crazed.
9. What calculator/handheld articles, books, manuals, or publications have you authored?
I wrote an article for PPC back in 1985. I am the author of textbook "Quantitative Analysis for Business", a time value of money and statistics textbook using the HP-10B, HP-12C. I am also a video lecturer for Allen Resources in Rhode Island for the CFA exam. One of my videos is for the HP-12C calculator, one of two the test allows.
10. What HP products have you beta tested in the past?
The 12C platinum and now the 49G+