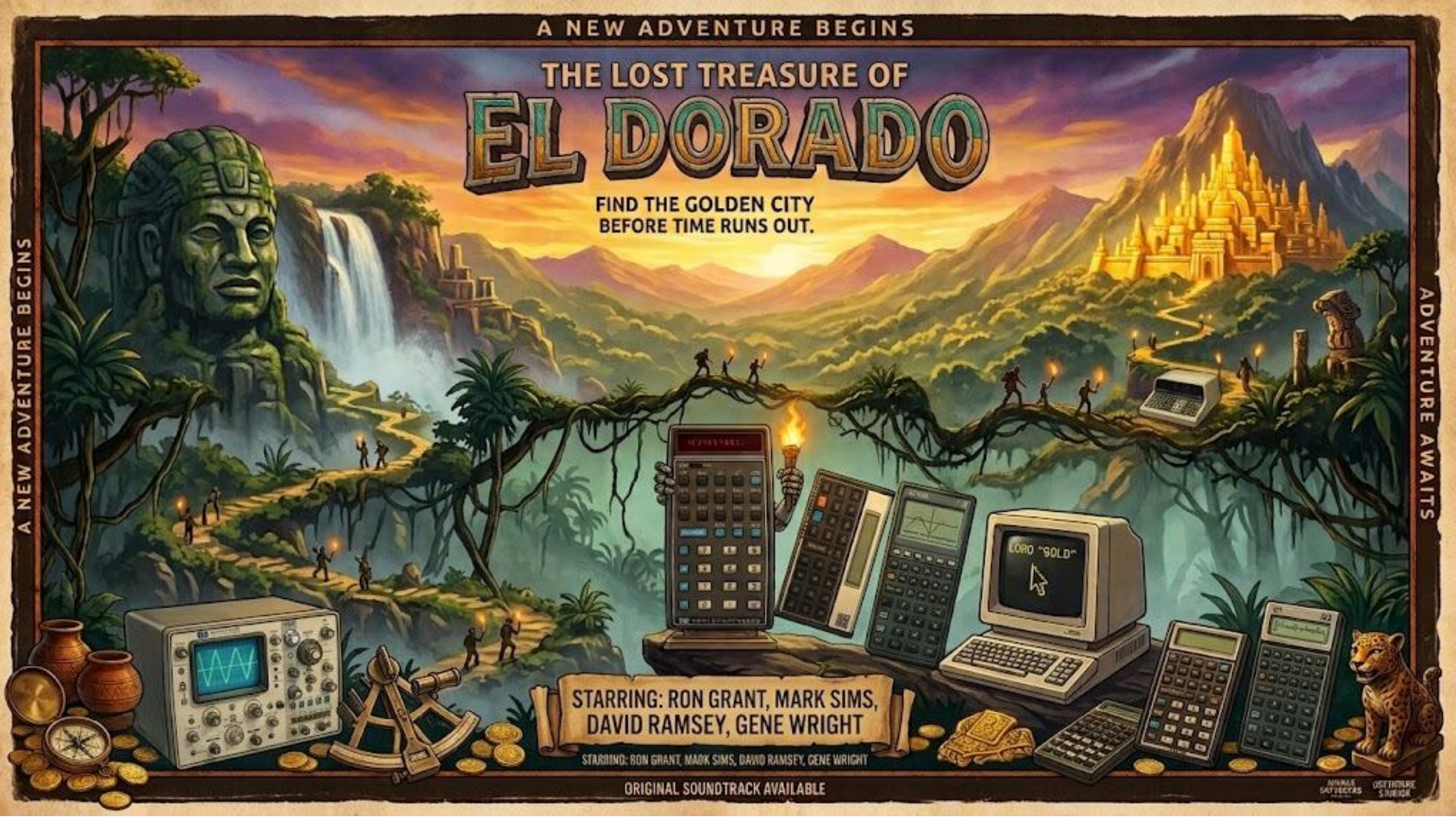

A NEW ADVENTURE BEGINS
THE LOST TREASURE OF
EL DORADO
FIND THE GOLDEN CITY
BEFORE TIME RUNS OUT.
A NEW ADVENTURE BEGINS
ADVENTURE AWAITS
LOAD "GOLD"
STARRING: RON GRANT, MARK SIMS,
DAVID RAMSEY, GENE WRIGHT
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ORIGINAL SOUNDTRACK AVAILABLE

The tale starts in the late 1970s…

- I had graduated from college with a biology degree but wasn't sure if I wanted to try for medical school.
- Instead, I went to work for the "KA Computer Store" in Dallas, Texas in late 1978.
- I was a sales/tech support guy.

We hired a hardware tech

- His name was Mark Sims.
- He was great in repairing the computers of the day, but a little…socially awkward.
- In retrospect he was likely somewhat autistic.

Ron Grant

- Ron was a customer of the store, about my age.
- He loved writing machine code programs for the Apple][, especially graphics programs.
- Ron and I would geek out over the latest Apple stuff.
- Ron and Mark became fast friends.

STB systems

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- and HP calculators.

Mark bought a large house in Dallas and filled it with his collections.

Being a hardware guy, he repaired most problems he found.

But there was…



So.
Much.
Stuff.






HP-28C
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Calculator
HP-28C
Scientific Professional
Calculator
HP 20S
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HEWLETT-PACKARD
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Math Pac I
HEWLETT-PACKARD
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Stat Pac I
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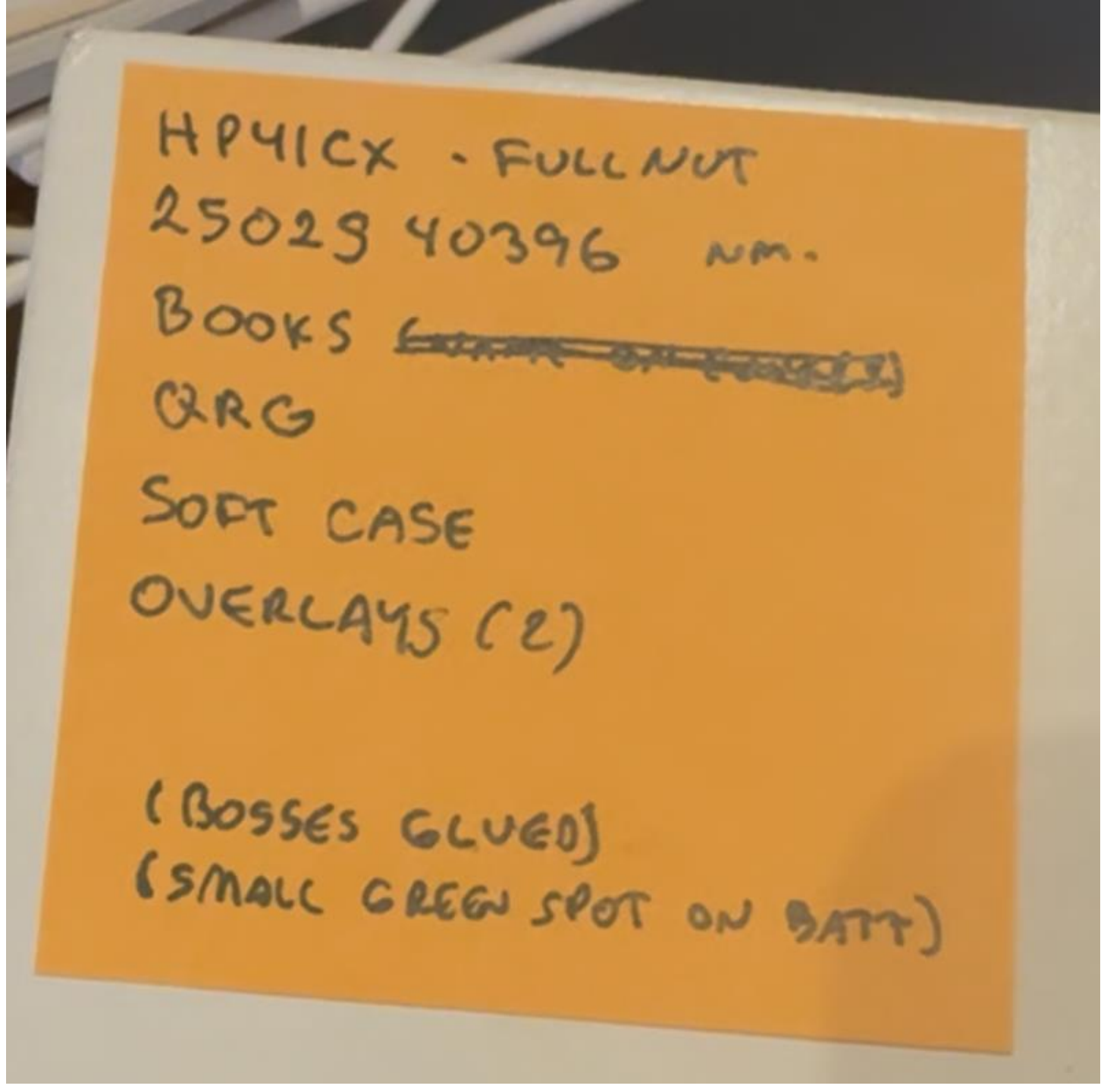
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8280A

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HP41CX - FULL NUT
25029 40396 NM.
BOOKS [redacted]
QRG
SOFT CASE
OVERLAYS (2)
(BOSSES GLUED)
(SMALL GREEN SPOT ON BATT)


SPEICHER MODUL
HEWLETT PACKARD 9114
HEWLETT PACKARD 9114


HP-41
HEWLETT PACKARD
HP-41 INFRARED PRINTER MODULE
HP-41C
HEWLETT-PACKARD
CIRCUIT ANALYSIS PAC
NAVIGATION PAC
STATISTICS PAC
MATHEMATICS PAC
SURVEYING PAC
PETROLEUM FLUIDS PAC

Mark’s reclusive nature

Mark Sims never married and had no social life. Other than Ron Grant, almost nobody knew the extent of his collection.

I certainly didn’t.

Mark Sims died early this year.

Ron had been helping Mark with medical appointments and general lifestyle support for years.

Mark left the bulk of his estate to Ron.



And Ron gave all the calculators to me.



But after decades of collecting, I have plenty of calculators.



So, I’m giving all of them to you.



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(Well, most of them anyway.)



I called Gene and we hatched a plan.

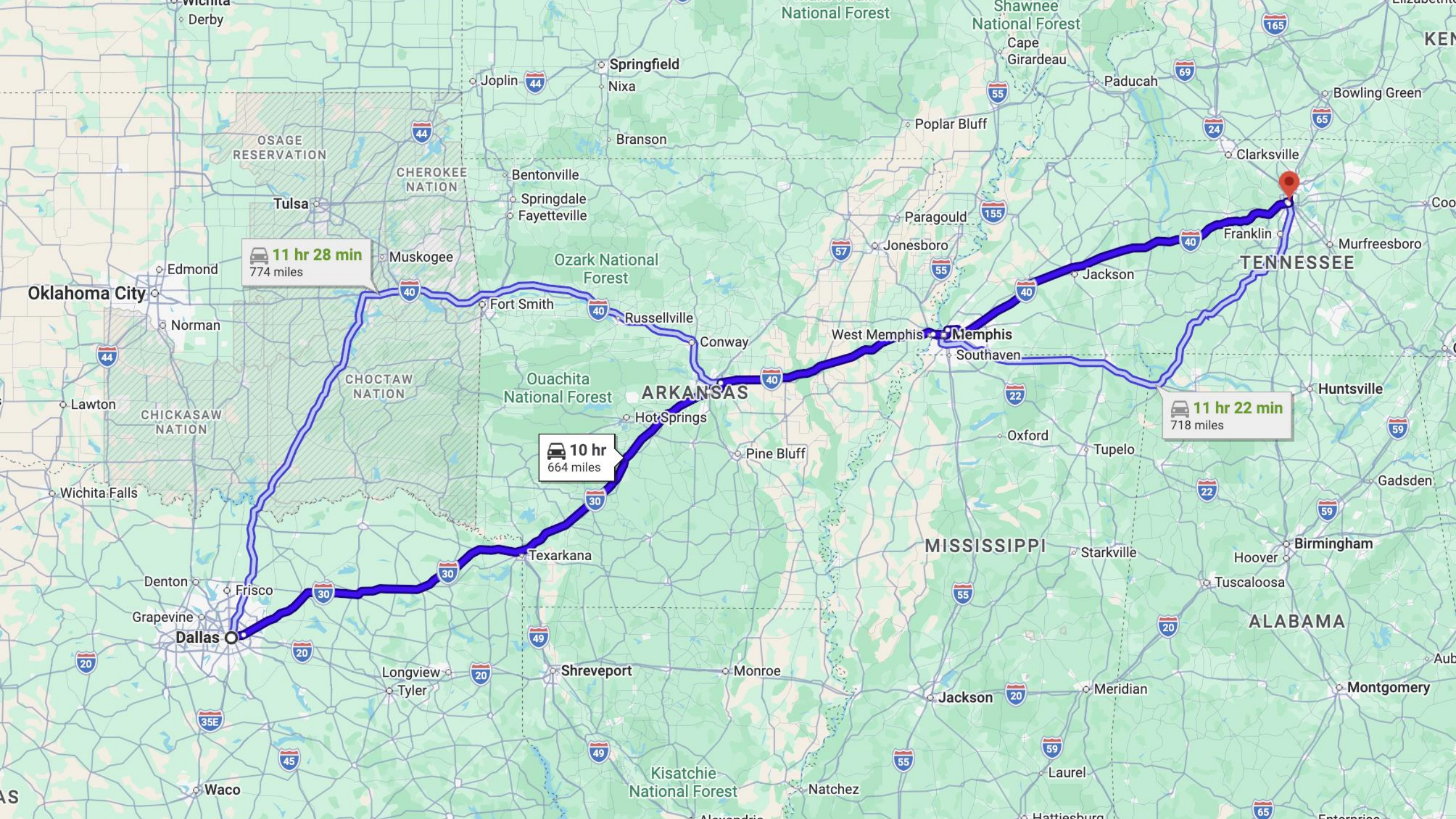


The Trek

In early June, I flew to Dallas from Reno and Gene flew to Dallas from Nashville.

We rented a 16-foot box truck from Budget, loaded it with the treasure, and drove it from Dallas to Nashville in a single day.

That’s just the kind of hard-core calculator nerds we are.


11 hr 28 min
774 miles
10 hr
664 miles
11 hr 22 min
718 miles
Dallas
Oklahoma City
Tulsa
Springfield
Memphis
Nashville
Clarksville
Texarkana
Hot Springs
Fort Smith
Little Rock
Jackson
Birmingham
Huntsville
Shreveport
Monroe
Meridian
Montgomery
Waco
Wichita Falls
Lawton
Norman
Edmond
Muskogee
Joplin
Branson
Bentonville
Springdale
Fayetteville
Russellville
Conway
Pine Bluff
West Memphis
Southaven
Paragould
Jonesboro
Poplar Bluff
Paducah
Cape Girardeau
Bowling Green
Franklin
Murfreesboro
Oxford
Tupelo
Starkville
Tuscaloosa
Gadsden
Hoover
Laurel
Natchez
Longview
Tyler
Grapevine
Frisco
Denton
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CHOCTAW NATION
CHICKASAW NATION
Ozark National Forest
Ouachita National Forest
Kisatchie National Forest
Shawnee National Forest
ARKANSAS
MISSISSIPPI
ALABAMA
TENNESSEE


Budget
917703
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Cyberdyne Systems
SKYNET


WARNING


Goodwill
Denny's
Mobil
WAFFLE HOUSE
SONIC
TEXAS
VPP-6355


3000
4000
U-HAUL
HEAVY-DUTY
SMALL BOX
Thick, Strong Office Moving Box
(Excellent for office moving, storage, or archiving!)
SMALL
HDX
EduCALC
U-HAUL


U-HAUL
HEAVY-DUTY
SMALL
pen+ GEAR
17" x 11"
HEAVY-DUTY
SMALL BOX
EASY-TO-LIFT HANDLES
SAVE!
BEST PRICE GUARANTEED




U-HAUL
SMALL
17" x 11" x 12"

Once we arrived…

Gene rented a storage unit for all the calculators.

Now the real work had to begin. Roughly 300 hours has been spent.

Each calculator or accessory had to be catalogued and have its condition assessed:

- Cosmetics
- Completeness
- Functionality
- Let’s let the curator of the collection, Gene, discuss…


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97


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TAN-1
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SIN-1
COS-1
TAN-1
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I
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Evaluation of the items

- Battery packs were checked for charging and retaining charge.
- Card readers in units were checked for read / write. HP-41 card readers were checked for the same as well as rom version.
- Printers were checked for print / advance.
- Units themselves were checked for basic operation: All digits light up, computes trig correctly, BEEP works, etc. No HP-IL checking, no port checking.

The list

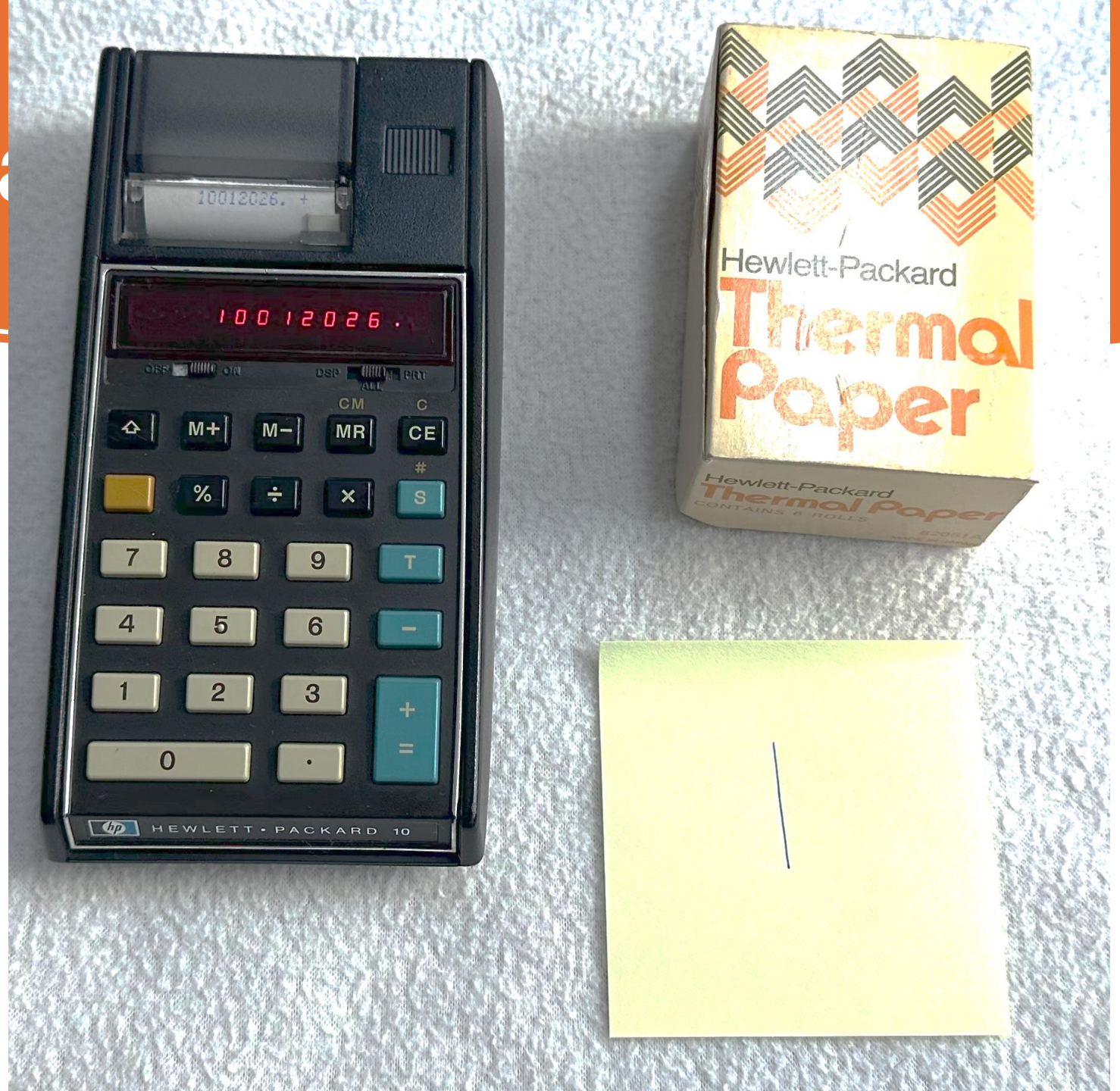
We have a list of calculators for each of you to pick one item late tomorrow afternoon.

There are a number of interesting items on this list.

Evaluation of the items

Item	Model	Physical	Completeness	Box?	Comments
1	10A	Good	Poor	No	No manual. Has battery. Printer works.

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HEWLETT · PACKARD 10
Hewlett-Packard
Thermal Paper
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CONTAINS 6 ROLLS

Evaluation of the items

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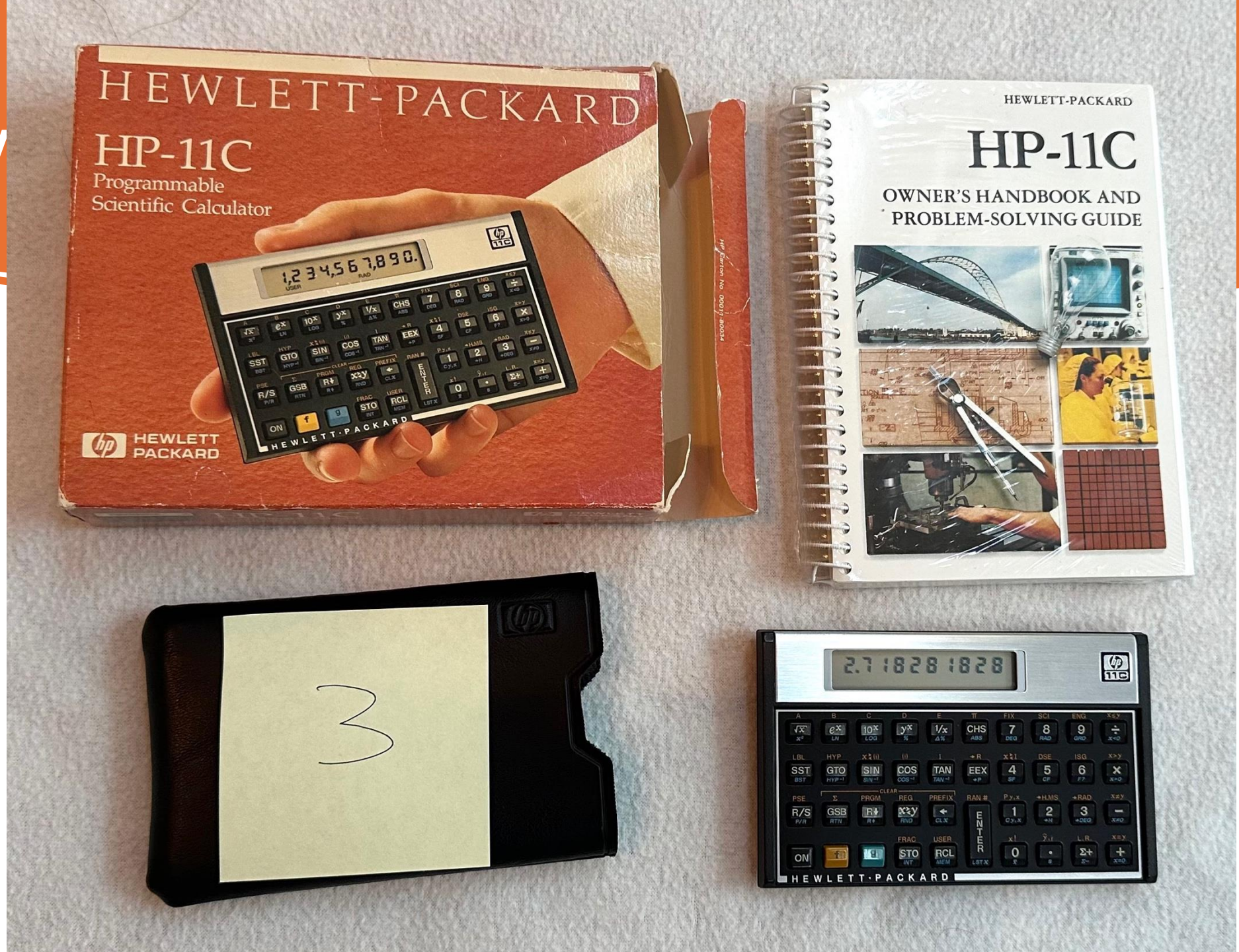
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HEWLETT-PACKARD
HP-10C
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OWNER'S HANDBOOK
2
-8.888888888
10C
HEWLETT·PACKARD

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Ev


HEWLETT-PACKARD
HP-11C
Programmable
Scientific Calculator
1,234,567,890.
HEWLETT PACKARD
HEWLETT-PACKARD
HP-11C
OWNER'S HANDBOOK AND
PROBLEM-SOLVING GUIDE
3
2.718281828
HEWLETT-PACKARD

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4	Friden 132	Used	Poor	No	Works. No apparent problems. Weighs 40+ pounds!


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132 ELECTRONIC CALCULATOR
Friden
OVER FLOW
LOCK
CLEAR ENTRY
CHANGE SIGN
ENTER
REPEAT
CLEAR DISPLAY
STORE
RECALL
DECIMAL POINT


132 ELECTRONIC CALCULATOR
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Friden 132 Electronic Calculator
√ square root
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Other items on the list

<u>HP-41 System II</u>

- HP-41CV
- Printer, card reader
- Time module
- In a special box

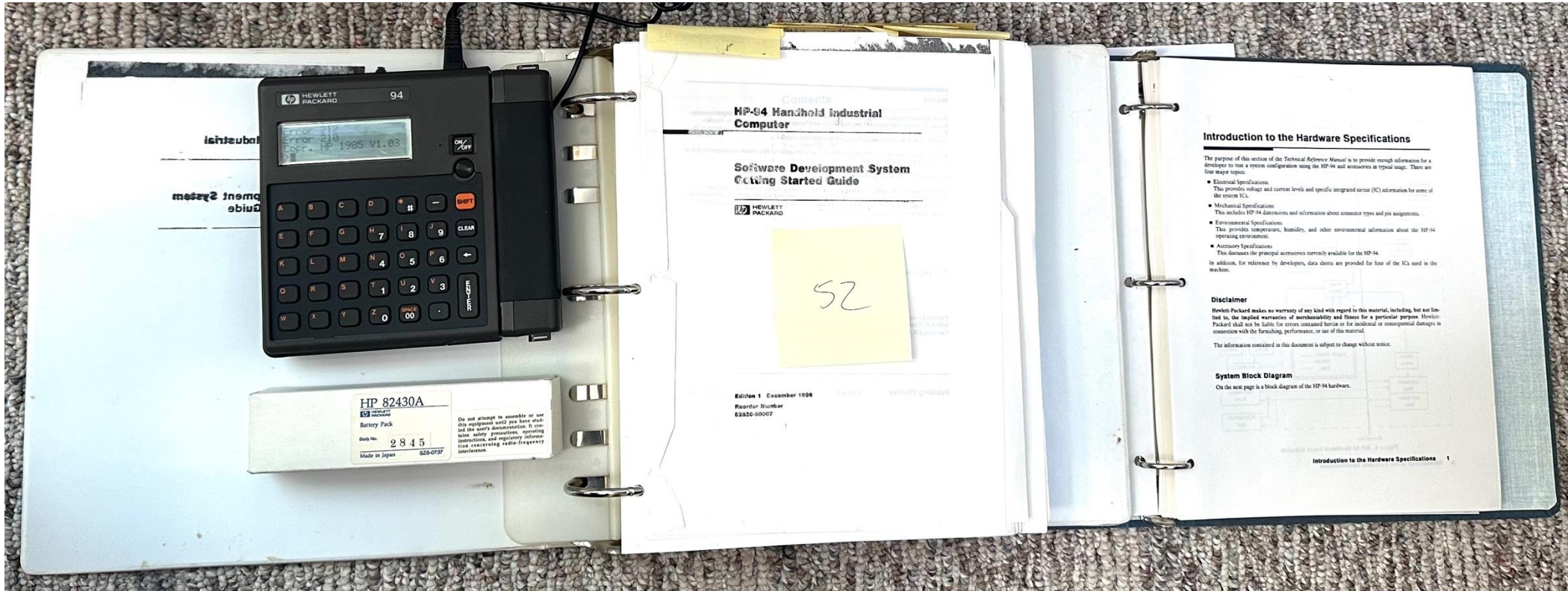
Everything works.



Other items on the list

HP-94E

- Turns on
- Manuals
- Spare battery



Other items on the list

In the box

- HP-65
- HP-67
- HP-19C







Other ite

Educalc

HP-32E

Note:

Display completely lights up. Picture shows camera artifact.



How It's Going to Work

- Tomorrow, after the normal door prize activities are over, when your ticket number is called you may pick ONE calculator from the list on the next slide.
- Have several items chosen in the order you want them.
- Your first choice may not be available by the time your number is called! None of these items are bad choices.
- If you have a question about an item on the list, ask me. I'll do my best to answer it.

How It's Going to Work

- The link below has an image of each item and corresponds to the number by the item on the printed list being handed out now.
- The items will **not** be brought in to a table. Pick from the pictures.
- You cannot request a calculator not on the list. The calculators are not for sale.
- Do not share this list publicly. Please.

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- Webpage looks like this…

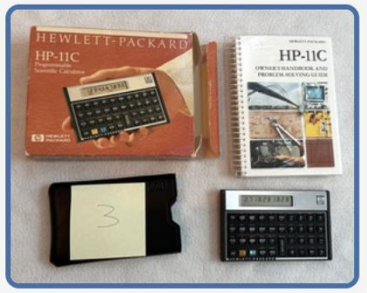
NOCALCS Collection



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Caveats

- We try to describe the condition of each machine accurately. But no guarantees.
- Some machines include batteries. If yours doesn’t, getting batteries is your responsibility.
- Getting the machine home is also your responsibility. If you flew here, maybe don’t select a large desk calculator.
- Enjoy!