

HHC 2009 Venue Change Update 090704

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On June 26, 2009 it became public knowledge that the complete HP Vancouver Campus had been sold. See the details at: <http://www.holyjoe.net/hhc2009/SEH%20Buys%20HP.pdf> This obviously precludes that HP could host the HHC 2009 Conference at that location.

HP suggested that HP Fort Collins Colorado could provide their Conference Facilities if we were willing to hold the Conference there. Several of Colorado's HP facilities have worked on calculators (desk top) and we have never been to Colorado for a Conference, so we accepted. Next came the details, lots of details. As it turned out it is not common practice for the Fort Collins facility to have non-HP people on their campus on a week end. Any one who has attended HHC 2007 or 2008 will remember that HP Security has to log each attendee and establish procedures for the two days that we are using their facilities. While the San Diego and Corvallis facilities had to plan for us (staff for the weekend, etc.) they had experience for such "events." This is a new event for Ft. Collins and it is taking time for them to plan and prepare. Add to this that it is now Summer and having all the people that must be involved available – and not on vacation, etc. – it is taking a little longer than anticipated.

We have selected a hotel and I think that we really made a "deal" with a brand new 'suites' type hotel that is walking distance from HP. Also there is a walking distance Mall so everything we will need to have a regular and intense Conference is coming together. Add to this the Colorado Location and the possibilities of side trips – yes we are looking into these – and I think that we will be the better for this "bump" in the road. We just have to get all people and procedures officially in place before we announce and make it official.

Another concern is the planned presentations and demonstrations in terms of the venue change. We now know that nothing is changed and everyone is able to adjust to the venue change. It all takes time and the larger the number of people involved the more time it takes. Especially when you consider the vast distances involved and what they are now doing during the summer. 😊

The HHC 2009 Committee will make an announcement and provide all the details as soon as possible. The July 4 holiday is also stretching the time for decisions. Please stay tuned.

For the Committee

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P.S. How were HP-41 programs transmitted over phone lines or recorded on audio tape not using any HP IL accessories in 1980? Hint: The 82153A. Attend the conference and you will find out.