HHC 2011

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Each year I look ahead to our "annual" HP Handheld Conference wondering what we will talk about, what we will demonstrate, learn, discover, and who we will meet. I have seen many changes in the HP calculator market place, but recent changes, reflected by the conferences recorded at http://hhuc.us , have been so unexpected that it is increasingly difficult to "project" ahead.

Our Conferences since HHC 2007 have been held at an HP facility and this has provided two especially nice advantages. (1) We save the cost of renting the Conference Meeting room. (2) We are able to focus entirely on the topics at hand because we spend 100% of our extended weekend time all in one place – no facilities changes are needed for breaks or meals.

We use a standard HHC "format" but we place greater emphasis on what is most important for that year. Will HP show a new product, or is there a new third party product, etc. What are the issues that the HP User Community, HPUC, is concerned with, and what can we, as a group, do to advance the HP calculator art?

The accomplishments of the HPUC are many, ranging from suggesting and (eventually) seeing new features or functions as part of an HP calculator, to publishing books or calendars and even to provide new math algorithms for HP to use.

The HHC website, where this is posted, also records the history of the Conferences since HHC 2000 and we now have a single simple site from which you may review any of our past websites. Our webmaster, Joseph K. Horn, has done a superb job of constructing this 11th HHC website. He recently added Conference photos to the site, and you may review them by clicking on the icon. These photos are annotated so you may, usually, connect a name to a face.

This year I am more confident of a varied Conference because of a significant number of interesting HPUC and HP projects that will be presented. These are being continuously discussed on the HHC list. If you are not signed up on this list you may do so at: http://lists.brouhaha.com/mailman/listinfo/hhc This list is maintained by Eric Smith and it also serves as a historical record of the many topics and events of each Conference.

Here is a preliminary (partial) list of topics that are planned for HHC 2011.

A new HP Calculator? I am sure I can confidently say that this is true. More than one? Suggesting this is "beyond my pay grade," but I am an optimist.

A repurposed HP 30b? Jake gave a report on the wp34s project for a powerful mid-range scientific machine and things are going well so we are hopeful. Here is the URL for wp34S updates: http://sourceforge.net/projects/wp34s/. Also, a recent HP Museum thread is: http://www.hpmuseum.org/cgi-sys/cgiwrap/hpmuseum/forum.cgi?read=181388#181388

Monte's NEWT is real and this will be a BIG topic of discussion. Old time RPNers (vs RPL based

RPNers) will rejoice. You may check out the HP-41CL progress at: http://www.systemyde.com/hp41.

The first production batch of 20 is "sold out," but if you want to be added the list to be notified of the second production run contact Monte at: monted@systemyde.com .

HP Calculator Refurbishing book. Geoff Quickfall (see lead article in *HP Solve* issue #12 at: http://h20331.www2.hp.com/Hpsub/cache/580500-0-0-225-121.html) gave a presentation at HHC 2010 on this really neat project. This is a must have book for every HP Calculator user.

The PPC DVD's are being expanded by Jake Schwartz and the one dedicated to all HHCs has been greatly updated. See: http://www.pahhc.org/ppccdrom.htm. Be sure to check for updates over the next few weeks.

HP-12C 30th Year. This is one amazing calculator and once again HP makes the record books with the calculator that has been made continuously for 30 years. It has also been made in more countries, five, and for a short period in two countries at one time. The HP-12C is part of the Voyager series and we will be recognizing this achievement.

Calculator Book Event This idea was suggested by an attendee who was asking about Geoff's book project. Another reason that this is suggested is Gene Wright wanting a hard copy of the PPC ROM Manual. He wants to get participants to sign his copy. I suggested to several book authors that they should bring copies of their books to sell. I know that if I can buy a book on the spot I will most likely to buy it because I will forget to order it later. If you have some books to sell – new or used – bring them to the Conference and participate in this "Calculator Book Event." I think that some HP people would also be interested.

I won't describe all the reasons to attend an HHC because these have been described in previous HHC Introductions. See page 2 at: http://hhuc.us/2010/HHC-2010-Introduction.pdf . The one reason that stands out, however, is meeting the HP staff that is always "on the Go." There are quite a few calculator people in San Diego. I have also heard that at least one ex-HP manager is planning to attend. HHCers will immediately recognize this true HP Calculator enthusiast.

It is only April and we already have a nice mix of calculator topics to discuss, new machines to study, and new people to meet. If you have a special topic of interest contact one of the HHC committee members now so we may use our "vast resources" to make it happen. If you would like to give a talk be sure to mention this when you fill out the HHC 2011 registration form – this is very important for us to do our planning.

I hope to see you all in San Diego,

For the HHC Committee - Joseph, Wlodek, Jake, Gene, & (unofficially, Eric)

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P.S. There is some important related news in HP Solve issue #23 which will be posted soon after this is posted. See: http://h20331.www2.hp.com/Hpsub/cache/580500-0-0-225-121.html