HHC 2007

Calendar

of

HP

Personal

Calculators

Celebrating 35 Years
1972 – 2007
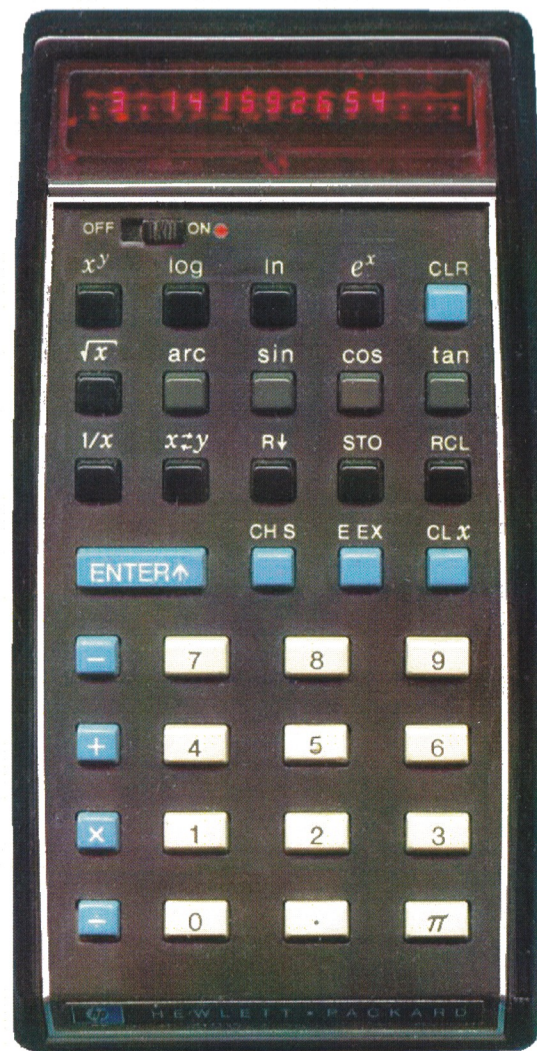
HP-35A   January 4, 1972

HP 35s   July 12, 2007

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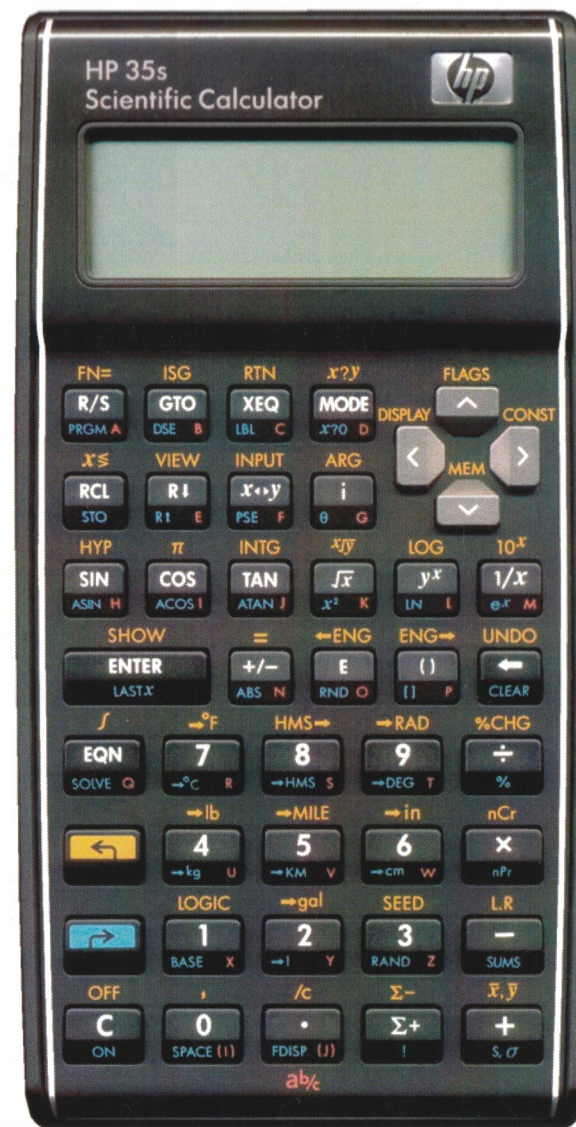
September 2007 through December 2008

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was suggested by Jake Schwartz over dinner at the 2007 Consumer Electronics Show in January in Las Vegas. Richard Nelson thought it was a great idea because it could be done several times, it could cover a wide range of topics of interest to the HP Calculator User Community, and it would document HP calculator history. Everyone needs a calendar and this "project" seemed practical. This first (16 month) edition was thought financially possible because HP would provide the HHC 2007 meeting facilities and that would save the typically $ 1,500 room rental cost for the hotel meeting facilities. This would provide the financial resources for the paper, ink, drilling and binding. The first printing was 125 copies and the second printing was 50 copies. The nonconference first printing copies were sold and the extra money collected ($969.01) will be used as seed money for HHC 2008 - and possibility a 2009 Calendar of HP Personal Calculators? See the Conference Report.

The HHC Conference Committee worked on the Calendar and the result is what you see here. As usual the work required was many times more effort than what was planned, but the idea of providing a unique perspective and collection of HP Calculator information was a challenge that seemed in tune with an HHC. The general theme of Celebrating 35 Years of HP Calculators was used for the 2007 portion of the calendar. The 2008 portion followed a theme of ordering all of HP's calculators into 12 groups/series and presenting them in time order with each month. Perhaps the '09 version could focus on the people behind HP's Calculators.

From a technical perspective the calendar was produced in Word ('07 pages, covers, and date pages) and PowerPoint (twelve '08 photo pages) and was to be printed on an inkjet printer to make the originals for printing on heavy A4 glossy photo paper for reproduction on a color copier. The planned printer backed out 4.5 days before the deadline (we were late 0.5 days late) and in a panic a new printer was found. Alphagraphics of Mesa AZ took the electronic files and reproduced the pages two up on their own paper and cutting the pages. This increased the cost but it also provided the desired '08 page bleed – which was very much desired.

Since this is the "end" of the calendar and the end of 2008 we thought it might be fun to predict what would be nice to happen in the future by looking at the high end machines we can see today – September 2007. Consider the machines below and think where these sign posts are pointing. The HHC 2007 Conference Committee – Joseph K Horn, Wlodek Mier-Jedrzejowicz, Richard J. Nelson, Jake A. Schwartz, and Gene Wright. *The images below are not to scale.*
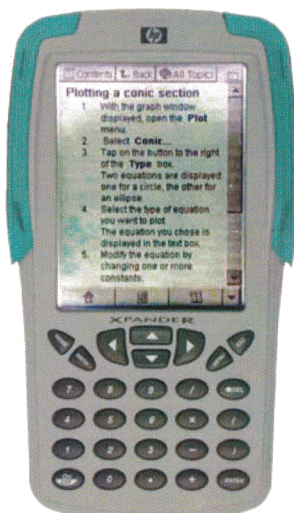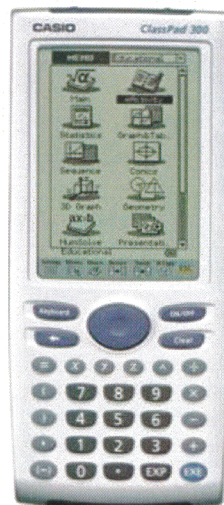
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