

Notes on the back story of this letter:

This is my first letter to *William C. Wickes*, of *41 Synthetics* (and later *RPL*) fame, sent just after I joined *PPC* (Jan 1980), thus becoming *Member #4747*. At the time I was very keen in contacting relevant people mentioned there, to try and get hold of all the marvels I saw announced in the pages of *PPC CJ*, such as Mr. Wickes' *Black Box* programs, in order to be able to use and investigate synthetics on my own using a *41* lacking the necessary bugs (this was well before the *Byte Jumper* had been discovered, which allowed jump-starting synthetics on any *HP-41*, regardless of bugs.)

Mr. Wickes kindly honored my requests and promptly sent me a reply letter with everything I asked for, which letter regrettably hasn't survived to this day (perhaps Mr. Wickes still keeps a copy, but it's doubtful). Also, as a nice side effect, with me writing and sending so many letters, my English was steadily improving and I felt much more comfortable using it, though my meager economy suffered considerably.

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Dear Sir:

My name is Valentin Albillo, and I recently joined the PPC Club : my member number is 4747 . I own an HP-41c (also-an HP-67 and an HP-25 , but that's another story) which had all bugs, but they were removed after some repairs done by Hewlett - Packard.

When my first issue of PPC J arrived (V7N1), I was amazed by the "41C TONES" article. As it seems, an HP-41c with - B2 is needed to synthesize the new tones. The article did mention several alternatives available to those members who (like me) , have machines without B2: the second one was as follows: "send 5 blank cards to William C. Wickes and request the Black Box programs, as described in V6N8, these programs will allow any 41c - to synthesize codes".

Well, I haven't got the V6N8 issue, so I don't know what the procedure is, but here included are my 5 mag cards labeled 1,2,3,4,5 and I ask you to please , copy the Black Box programs onto them , and send them back to me . Any instructions about how to use the programs would be greatly appreciated. Also included are 4 unmarked blank cards for your use, as a kind of - compensation for your efforts and time.

When reading the january issue of PPC , I also noticed your letter published on page 5 . There you mentioned two articles: "Freedom from Bugs" and "Key assignments of HP-41c synthetic functions" , and I ask: Have those articles been published ? If they don't , do you know in what future issue of PPCJ- will they appear ? . Fourteen lines after, you mention two programs , "UNBLD" and "REBLD" : what are they about ? I would feel very happy if you would be so kind of sending me listings of those programs , because if they are yours , I'm sure they will be superb.

As you may have already suspected, I am anxious to learn as much as I can about non-supported features , synthetic-functions , and the like , on the HP-41c. In the past few years- I have been mastering my HP-67 in conventional programming, without ever hearing nor a single word about NNN's or something like that , till I got two issues of PPCJ . Since then I decided to - join PPC , and the only thing I regret is not having joined before. To regain all lost time , I wrote several letters to some- PPC members , either USA residents or foreign , asking for some- information, and I am extremely pleased that all of them were so kind as to give me the answers I requested. It is comforting to know you have other people with the same interest of you all over the world, since here in Spain there are very few members of PPC if any. Now I think it's time for a little introduction of myself: I am a Spanish resident, I am years old , and am studying the th course of . I am a member of the HP User's Library Europe, to which I have submitted 34 programs up to date. I am also working in the HP Sales - Office here in Madrid. I have access to almost all standard software for the 41c (Library Solutions, Modules, etc) , and also all HP calculators, even the new HP-65 computer. If any of those materials is of any use to you, don't hesitate to ask me for it , either material or information. I enclose 1 dollar to cover mailing cost.

Giving you thanks in advance, yours sincerely:

(my complete address is on the back)