



THE MARK 8 MICROCOMPUTER - 1974

This computer is considered to be the first one available for an individual to actually own and use—his or her very own computer! David's colleague, Dr. Jon Titus, designed the Mark 8 while still a graduate student at Virginia Tech in 1974. David says:

Jon published the construction details in Radio Electronics May/June/July issues 1974. The original Mark 8 shown on the cover of Radio Electronics is on display in the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, DC. Jon received much recognition and wonderful awards including the “George R. Stibitz Computer & Communications Pioneer Award” for his pioneering work which led the way for personal microcomputing. He was a major partner in the Blacksburg Group as a writer/editor and designer of computers. The Blacksburg Group finished its publishing and product development efforts in the early 80's. Jon continued his career in electronics as editor of several major electronic publications for many years. He has retired from the publishing field; he and his wife Jane now live in Utah and Jon does consulting and enjoys family time.

There is a lot of information about Jon Titus's creation of the Mark 8 Microcomputer on the web. One site is www.bycollector.com/mark_8.html take a look here or just Google Mark 8 microcomputer.

For history buffs like me, this is a fascinating story and I was lucky to have worked with Jon for over 10 years in a really great and successful adventure at the very start of the microcomputer revolution.

This 1974 Mark 8 is on display at Floyd Professional Center, at the Village Green in Floyd (Suite #8).

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