

Re: Deep Rescue: Will a shuttle float?

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In article <e4skr8\$75n\$1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>,
Andre Lieven <dg411@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

"Do you know how to find the square root of 9,567,281?"
"Sure, I just tap the number in and hit the square root key... piece of
cake." :-\

Thats another example of skills lost by way of modern tech...

Even in pre-calculator days, precious few working professionals could have remembered how to find a square root by hand. For low precision, you used a slide rule; for high precision, a table of logarithms, possibly extended to higher precision via interpolation. Admittedly not quite as simple as using a calculator, but still very much dependent on mechanical aids.

(And yes, I still have both and could use them if I really had to... My undergrad years straddled the transition to calculators.)

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