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Dear Oughtred Society Member,

As has been posted in the Oughtred Society Bulletin and on the Society's webpage since the beginning of the year, the Annual Meeting of The Oughtred Society will be held at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View on Saturday, June 21, 2008, the same location as in the past two years. There will be the usual opportunity to share information on our collections and, of course, the ever-popular afternoon auction.

Following the activities at the Computer History Museum, there will be a reception and dinner at the home of Tom and Ellen Wyman and later, dessert at the home of Bob Otnes.

We will be meeting in the usual location at the Computer History Museum, the Robert Noyce Room and Lobby; information on registering and further details is enclosed. We are working to have a special presentation on the Babbage Difference Engine replica on display there for the next six months, and as always, there will be many museum volunteers available to explain the wonderful collection of old calculators, rules and computers that is housed there. Finally, we were able to obtain a special OS rate again this year at the Mountain View Hilton Garden Inn as noted in the enclosures.

The 14th International Meeting will be returning to the UK at the Royal Lemington Spa and will feature a special display of "pocket watch" type slide rules, such as Fowlers, Bouchers, Haldens, and "wrist watch" type slide rules, such as the Breitling and Mondia. This follows the display of Fuller calculators at the previous Lemington Spa Meeting which proved to be well-received and highly successful in adding to our collective knowledge of these distinctive instruments. Please refer to www.oughtred.org and to the Oughtred Society Bulletin for more details on all of our activities for 2008.

Sincerely yours,
Bob

Enclosures

ANNOUNCING THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SLIDE RULE COLLECTORS MEETING

Saturday, June 21, 2008
Computer History Museum
Mountain View, California

The Oughtred Society again offers the opportunity to see hundreds of choice slide rules, to meet other collectors, and to enhance your collection.

Participants: As usual, the West Coast Meeting will be limited to collectors and dealers. The public will not be admitted.

Theme: This year there will be equal emphasis on showing and swapping slide rules. Collectors are asked to display the ten to twenty slide rules that would be of most interest to a group of collectors. Collectors and dealers are urged to offer rules for sale and swap.

Space: We will be meeting in a large room. There will be one display table [30" (76.2cm) by 72" (182.8cm)] for the first twenty-three participants. A lunch will be serviced in an adjacent room.

Sales and swaps: Items for sale and swap will be on display during the morning. All items with two buyers who have expressed interest will be auctioned after lunch.

Donation table: The Society is accepting donations for auction at the meeting. All proceeds from the sale will go to the Society and its uses.

Schedule:

8:30 Room Opens

Set up displays

Coffee and muffins available

9:00 Circulate, View Displays, Meet Collectors, Evaluate Items for Sale,

Exchange Ideas.

12:00 Private Luncheon (Buffet). Short Business Meeting.

1:30 Auctions, Followed by open sale of unsold items.

3:30 Pack Up.

4:00 Vacate Rooms.

5:00 Buffet Dinner and Reception at the home of Tom and Ellen Wyman

Location: As in the past two years, this year the meeting will be held at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, near Palo Alto and Stanford University. Directions will be mailed to registrants.

Parking: There will be ample parking with easy access to the meeting room from the parking lot.

Hotels: A block of rooms is being held at the Mountain View Hilton Garden Inn until June 15, 2007 at a special rate of \$89.00/night, single or double occupancy. Just mention the "Group OGS" meeting for the special rate. Contact the hotel at 849 East El Camino Real, Mountain View, CA, 94040; Tel: 650-964-1700, Fax: 650-964-7900. In addition, one can use www.travelocity.com or www.expedia.com, click the HOTEL button, and enter Mountain View, CA or Palo Alto, CA to view other hotel alternatives.

Travel by air: If you plan to fly to the Bay Area for this meeting, then specify arrival at San Francisco International Airport or San Jose Airport which is closer and more convenient to Mountain View.

Cost: \$90.00 per person (\$100.00 after June 1, 2008) includes coffee, luncheon, Computer History Museum tour, tips, and display space. Beverages from the bar are not included.

Beginners: Beginners are encouraged to participate. Displays are not competitive but a learning process, so bring whatever you'd like - it's your collection. This will allow you to share and learn from other members with different displays and collections. As a special incentive to collectors with small collections we will arrange for you to share a table (and save \$10.00). For first time attendees only, a table is not mandatory.

Activities for out-of-towners: On Saturday spouses may prefer to run amok nearby at the famous Stanford Shopping Center (Bloomingdale's, etc.) which is across from Stanford University. On Sunday morning there will be one flea market to visit. Also, the Sunday brunch at the Sheraton Palo Alto is four star (****). If you are flying out on Sunday, book an afternoon departure (2pm or later).

Registration: To assure your participation at this meeting, please complete the attached form. Send in your form and your check as soon as possible. Register before June 1 and save \$10.00. We reserve the right to close registration one week before the meeting.

Cancellation: Registration can be cancelled without penalty before June 14, 2008. No refund after that date.

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