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Dear Oughtred Society Member,

The last year was one of significant change for the Oughtred Society with a new editorial staff assuming responsibility for publishing our well-known and leading Journal for researching, documenting and uncovering new information on the history and evolution of slide rules and early mechanical calculating devices. Our new editorial staff, under the leadership of Robert Koppany as Editor and Otto van Poelje and Ted Hume as Associate Editors, has done an absolutely outstanding job with the quality and content of their first edition, the Fall/Winter 2009 Journal and are ready to send the Spring/Summer 2010 edition to the printer this month. Bob Otnes, our editor for the past 18 years, has assumed the position of Editor Emeritus and is working to complete several related personal projects which should prove to be both useful and exciting to the JOS membership. We have also added a new member to the OS Board, Richard Davis. Richard continues to do an excellent job with organizing the new Winter Meeting as our Las Vegas Meeting Chairman and has also assumed additional OS organizational responsibilities.

Due to two postage increases over the past several years that have impacted international rates most significantly, we are being forced to raise the postage rate for international deliveries by USD 5.00 in 2010; this is being put into effect and will show up as a USD5.00 increase to international membership only. Since domestic postage is not as significantly impacted, we are leaving that rate unchanged from last year.

Four very successful meetings were held in 2009, including the OS Winter Meeting at the Atomic Testing Museum on the UNLV campus in Las Vegas, the OS US West Coast Meeting at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, CA, IM2009 in Sept, at Ernst Moritz Arndt University in Greifswald, Germany, and the OS US East Coast Meeting held in November, in Florham Park, NJ. At these meetings, several significant pieces and collections were auctioned, including the very significant Osborne Price Collection, which included hundreds of rules, related devices, and literature spanning the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries. During the last year, the OS published Calculating with Tones - The Logarithmic Logic of Music by Klaus Kuehn and Rodger Shepherd, and this book has been well-received both by calculating device and music enthusiasts. Finally, annual Oughtred Society Scholarships were made available for Excellence in Mathematics for both college bound juniors and seniors and college students majoring in engineering and mathematics. Details can be found at our web site www.oughtred.org.

Our current year will be equally as active with our first meeting, the OS Winter Meeting being held Feb 20 in Las Vegas, the West Coast Meeting scheduled for the last Saturday in June, IM2010 to be held in The Netherlands in September (www.rekeninstrumenten.nl/IM%202010%20Information%20Sheet.pdf), and finally, the East Coast meeting is on track for late Fall of this year. As a final note, IM2011 will be hosted by the Oughtred Society at MIT in Fall 2011, in Cambridge, MA. The 17th annual International Meeting will be held in 2011 in the USA for the first time, previously

being held in locations throughout the UK, Germany, and The Netherlands. The Oughtred Society takes great pride and pleasure in hosting this event in the 20th anniversary year of the founding of the Society. We are anticipating a great deal of interest in this meeting and additional information will follow on our web site as it becomes available throughout the year.

As always, do not forget to regularly check in for the latest announcements, the numerous informative articles, and over a hundred useful related links on subjects from US patent data to Napier's bones to the latest online museum exhibits at www.oughtred.org.

Best regards,
Bob De Cesaris