

The Oughtred Society's Twentieth Anniversary Recognized at Annual Meeting

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The 20th Annual Meeting of the Oughtred Society was held on Saturday June 25, 2011 at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, California. The meeting provided an opportunity for those attending to see an interesting selection of unusual slide rules, some dating back to the 18th and 19th centuries. Each attendee had an opportunity to highlight and describe to the group slide rules that he or she brought for display.



During the Annual Meeting (chaired by President Bob De Cesaris, above center) the present officers of the Society were reelected for another one year term. Society membership remains relatively stable with over 400 members. There was an active discussion on what could be done with the inventory of past issues of the *Journal of the Oughtred Society* that have accumulated over the years. Various suggestions surfaced including offering sets to educational institutions and encouraging members to order bound sets. These ideas and others will be considered by the Oughtred Society Publications Committee.

Rodger Sheppard (below left), as one of the nine founding members of the Society, expressed his pleasure at seeing how the organization had grown and prospered since the initial meeting 20 years ago. The many contributions of Don Black as long-time Associate Editor of the JOS were appreciatively recognized with a letter and a plaque.





The auction (run by Bob Koppany, center above) followed the Annual Meeting and offered an opportunity for members to accumulate a wide variety of slide rules for their collections. Several members left the auction with an armload of “new” slide rules.





The wide variety of slide rules, catalogs, instruction manuals and other calculation devices surprised some of the members!



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Following the meeting the group adjourned for a reception and dinner hosted by the Wymans.