

Fourth Annual Oughtred Society Winter Meeting an Outstanding Event

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Credit goes to Richard Davis for organizing a most successful Fourth Annual Winter Meeting of the Oughtred Society that was held in Las Vegas on February 19 at the Atomic Testing Museum. Attendees enjoyed a dinner Friday evening in the exclusive piano room of Carluccio's restaurant where Liberace, one-time owner of the restaurant, once entertained guests.



Saturday morning attendees displayed their slide rule collections and had an opportunity to hear two interesting talks – one by Richard Smith Hughes, who stressed the versatility of various sophisticated slide rules for electrical engineers, including the Sun-Hemmi 256.



The other paper, by Bill Robinson, chronicled the history of the ingenious circular hyperbolic complex number slide rule designed by William Everitt.

The traditional auction, with Bob Koppany as our ever-able auctioneer



and with Ted Hume assisting, offered an opportunity for collectors to

acquire a wide variety of slide rules at very attractive prices. The Oughtred Society itself netted over \$500 from sales of slide rules that had been donated to the organization, including many rules from the David Hecht collection.

As usual the most enjoyable part of the meeting was meeting old friends, making new friends and just enjoying a good conversation.

Carl Schwent displayed and sold several new in the box Pickett slide rules.



Once again, Hawaiian collector Riki Nakamoto endeared himself by giving cans of macadamia nuts to all attendees.



Overall, the meeting was an enjoyable occasion to renew friendships and to make new friends.

Next year's winter meeting is scheduled to be held at the Gene Autry Museum in Griffith Park, Los Angeles.