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SOCIETY

# Newsletter

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Who's Who in the Oughtred Society ..... Louis Gotlib is a native of Bangor, Maine. By the time he got to chemistry and physics in high school slide rules were out of favor and it wasn't until decades later that he picked a few up, started playing with them, and began collecting. A graduate of The Johns Hopkins University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Louis is in his 28th year of teaching chemistry and his collection of 1500 rules features many slide rules and slide charts related to chemistry. In addition to collecting slide rules and teaching chemistry, he plays chess and is the coauthor of a number of study guides for standardized tests such as the GED, CLEP and MCAT. Louis has helped with hosting past East Coast Meetings of the Society.

*Information by Louis Gotlib, West Chester, Pennsylvania*

New members ..... who joined the Society in March are:

Jack Hixson, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania  
Kyle Miller, Findlay, Ohio  
Dorothy Stout, Bakersfield, California  
Charles Youngblood, San Marino, California  
Larry Seward, Sunnyvale, California

*Membership information from Clark McCoy, Roseville, California*

Annual Meeting of the Oughtred Society ..... will be June 29 at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, California, near San Francisco. There will be displays, an auction, trading, buying, selling, a talk by Bob Otnes on K&E history prior to WWI, as well as opportunity to visit with fellow slide rule enthusiasts and exchange knowledge. After the meeting, cocktails and dinner will be nearby at Tom Wyman's home, followed by dessert three blocks away at Bob Otnes' home. Attendees will have the rare opportunity to view the outstanding collections of Tom and Bob. Registration is \$90, lunch included. See [www.oughtred.org](http://www.oughtred.org)

The Oughtred Society Rarities Gallery ..... now contains 203 items. Visit the [Rarities Gallery](#) and view the amazing items that our fellow members have listed. *You are invited to participate in the Gallery.* Please contact the Society at [oughtredsociety@comcast.net](mailto:oughtredsociety@comcast.net) to discuss listing your rare items.



*Rarity categories are:*

- **RR** = Rare -- 1 of 25 collectors has one; it may take a year to find an example in the marketplace.
- **RRR** = Very rare – very few known to collectors; may be several years before it comes up for sale.

- **RRRR** = Extremely rare – a museum piece; unlikely that an example will ever come up for sale.

The Gallery was created by and is operated for the Society by OS members Richard Davis, Ted Hume, and Rod Lovett. Please contact us if you are interested in helping with operation of the Gallery. We can use your help!

Amazing eBay recent sales ..... include a near mint Thacher calculator for \$1795, a Faber-Castell 2/84N Mathema slide rule for \$1595, a Fuller Calculator for \$1025, a RotaRule for \$850., a Hemmi 23" Vectolog for \$632, an Aristo 0972 Hyperlog for \$610. You can view these items on eBay closed auctions.

On the lighter side .....



*Cartoon by Kate Matthews, Sonora, California*

Wise words .....

You can straighten a worm, but the crook is in him and only waiting.

--- *Mark Twain*

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