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# Newsletter

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Who's Who in the Oughtred Society ..... Nicola Marras, collector, member of ARC and of the Oughtred Society, promotes through exhibits and educational courses the memory of old calculating devices and ancient navigational systems. Nicola wants young people to understand that the world as we see it now, skyscrapers, highways, atomic power, space exploration, and the electronic computer, was made possible by simple tools like slide rules. His main event every year is the exhibit at Cagliari Festivalscienza. His goal is the construction of a permanent museum of calculus. Nicola

Marras' website, both in English and Italian, is <http://www.nicolamarras.it/calcolatoria>

**Information by Nicola Marras, Cagliari, Italy**

New members ..... who joined the Society in May:

- Oliver Engelen, Bielefeld, Germany
- Mark Prange, Port Isabel, Texas
- Cliff Frohlich, Austin, Texas

**Membership information from Clark McCoy, Membership Secretary**

Publications Inventory Reduction Sale ..... ends June 30. Discounts up to 90% are available for back issues of the Journal. This is a great opportunity to obtain a complete set of Journals or to complete your partial set at cost as low as \$1.50 per Journal. Note that when supplies are exhausted there will be no reprinting and those issues will be unavailable. Quantity discounts apply to any mix of items you wish to purchase. Payment accepted via PayPal or by check. [Details HERE.](#)

**LAST CALL ! Annual Meeting of the Oughtred Society** ..... will be Saturday, June 29 at the Computer



History Museum in Mountain View, California, near San Francisco. There will be displays, an auction, trading, buying, and selling, as well as the opportunity to visit with fellow slide rule enthusiasts and exchange knowledge. Rare items for sale will include a Sexton's Omnimetre with original instructions, a K&E 4092 log log slide rule with early cursor, and an Ashcroft "Coffin" planimeter. Bob Otnes will present *K&E's Golden Years*, a history based on several years of research and

documentation on one of his favorite topics. Meeting attendees will also receive a 72-page handout that covers this history, which in its final form will eventually become an OS publication for sale. The results of the annual election of officers will be announced.

After the meeting, cocktails and dinner will be nearby at Tom Wyman's home, followed by one of Bob Otnes' famous desserts. Registration is \$90, which helps to pay for catered lunch, morning and afternoon refreshments, meeting room rental, museum tour, tables and chairs, other equipment rental, etc. [Register here.](#)

[The Oughtred Society Rarities Gallery](#) ..... now has 254 items.



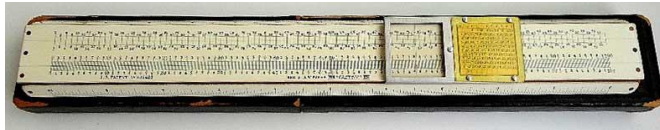
Many rare and interesting items have been added by our fellow members. You are invited to send us a list of your rare items so we can work with you to add them to the Gallery. Fellow members Richard Davis and Jodie Hobson will assist you. Send to [oughtredsociety@comcast.net](mailto:oughtredsociety@comcast.net)

[The Journal of the Oughtred Society](#) ..... can use more Assistant Editors, whose function is to edit submitted articles using the JOS Editor Guidelines. Assistant Editors have each been editing 1 to 3 articles per issue, but the work load would decrease with more editors. Editing an article typically takes 1 to

2 hours. If you would like to join the JOS staff and work on the Journal, send an Email to [david\\_for\\_os@att.net](mailto:david_for_os@att.net) to contact David Sweetman, Editor.

[Notable eBay sales in May](#) .....

Faber-Castell 366 System Schumacher slide rule. \$1099.



Fuller's Calculator Slide Rule. Looks nice. Only \$499.



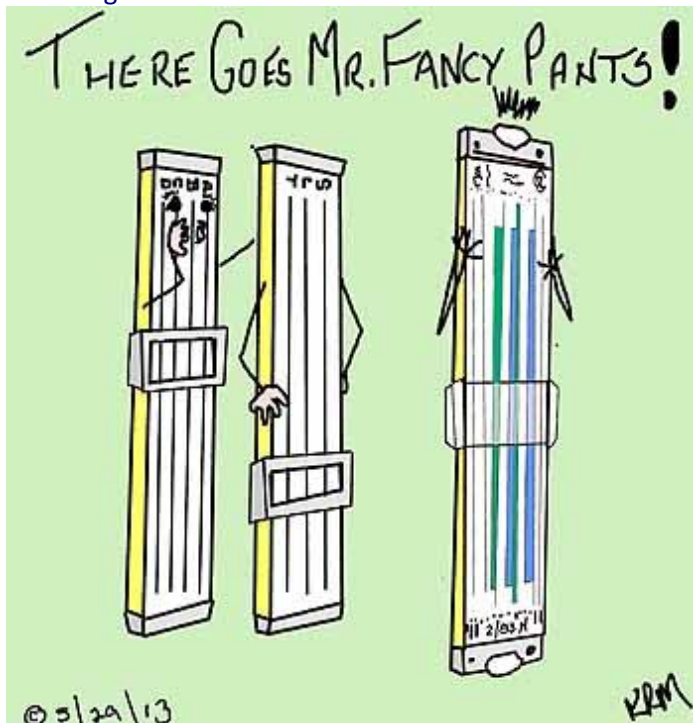
Pickett 110ES circular slide rule. \$341.

Pickett N535ES electronics slide rule. \$269.

Aristo 869 pocket Studiolog slide rule. \$204.

[You are invited](#) ..... to write an article for the Journal. Take a look at this new document: [Yes, You Can Write for the Journal of the Oughtred Society.](#)

On the lighter side .....



Wise words .....

I think there is a world market for maybe five computers.

-- *Thomas Watson, Chairman of IBM, 1943*

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