

**THE
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SOCIETY**
Newsletter

August 1, 2013



Winter Meeting will be March 1, 2014, in Las Vegas. Dick Rose is host and chairman and is making great plans for the meeting. Make your plans now to attend! If you have any questions or meeting suggestions, please email Dick at rarose@rose-vintage-instruments.com



Who's Who in the Oughtred Society David D. McFarland, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, UCLA, and a Fellow of the Oughtred Society, writes: My recent research and publications concern pre-electronic computing devices and techniques. My collection focuses on these, but also includes historic means of getting mathematical symbols and other non-standard characters onto paper or other writing surfaces. Lois, my wife, has been quite supportive. It was she who suggested that I get my old slide rules out where they could be seen by our guests, rather than taking up valuable closet space. She also donated several items, including her then-retired Versalog, an early computer mouse prototype, and a mechanical adding machine that had been owned by her grandfather. At UCLA I taught mathematical sociology and demography, social stratification, and statistical methods. I also offered a seminar "Slide Rules, Punch Cards, and Relatives: How Computing Used to Be Done". I am now retired but still teach a bit, as in the photo of me showing my grandson Griffin how to multiply on a slide rule.

Information by David McFarland, Rancho Palos Verdes, California

New members who joined the Society in July are:

José Amram, Victorville, California

Wayne Buchheit, Dacula, Georgia

Roy Parish, Shreveport, Louisiana

Membership information from Clark McCoy, Membership Secretary

Coming soon on the Oughtred Society website.



Stay tuned!

Notable eBay sales

Japanese Gun Target Slide Rule \$967.

K&E 4087T Slide Rule with column cursor \$677.



Pilot Balloon Slide Rule \$560.

Aristo 0972 Hyperlog Slide Rule \$392.

Hemmi 154 Slide Rule \$585.



Aristo 10065 System Gruter Slide Rule \$372.

Japanese Military Fuse Time Slide Rule \$372.

Faber-Castell TR-1 Slide Rule \$355.



2013 Oughtred Society Awards nominations are in progress. Please send your nominations for The Oughtred Society Award and for Fellowships. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

On the lighter side



Cartoon by Kate Matthews, Sonora, California

Wise words

The young man knows the rules, but the old man knows the exceptions.

-- *Oliver Wendell Holmes*

