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Who's Who in the Oughtred Society



Paul Tarantolo is a retired geophysicist currently living in Houston, Texas. His interest in slide rules began in high school when he received his first slide rule, a K&E 4083-3, from his father. He used a Gilson Binary slide rule in high school slide rule competitions and also in college. After graduating from Texas A&M University with a doctorate in geophysics, Paul had a successful career in oil and gas exploration with Exxon Mobil. In 2005, a gift from his wife rekindled his interest in slide rules. His collection is focused primarily on K&E slide rules where he is particularly interested in collecting and cataloging variants of the different K&E models. He also collects early model Otis King and Fowler calculators. In addition to collecting slide rules, he is an avid mineral collector and enjoys photography, woodworking, and playing golf. Paul has contributed to both the Oughtred Society Rarities Gallery and the International Slide Rule Museum.

Information from Paul Tarantolo

New Members in October are

- Patrick Finnigan, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada
- Charles Henry, Gambrills, Maryland
- James Long, Fairfield, California
- Tony Pearce, Glenelg North, South Australia, Australia

Welcome to the Oughtred Society!

Information from Clark McCoy, Membership Secretary

New on the OS Website

Beginner's Guide



Collecting Slide Rules

prepared by Ted Hume and Rod Lovett and presented by the Oughtred Society and the United Kingdom Slide Rule Circle.

The [*Beginner's Guide*](#) includes these six chapters:

- Why collect slide rules?
- What slide rules to collect?
- What makes a slide rule valuable?
- Where to buy slide rules?
- How to find more information about slide rules?
- Slide rules that are popular with collectors.

The last chapter is a list of 97 suggested slide rules in 4 categories:

- Inexpensive, readily available (less than \$30)
- Medium priced, often more advanced (\$30 to \$100)
- Higher priced, scarce (\$100 to \$250)
- Highest priced, rare collector's items (over \$250)

Thumbnail images appear in 4 columns per the 4 categories above and are clickable to view a large image with description of the rule.

We hope you enjoy this new feature of the Oughtred Society and UKSRC websites.

Winter Meeting March 1, 2014 in Las Vegas



We are ahead of schedule, with many registrations already in, and many others coming shortly.

[Please add your registration now.](#)

Features of the meeting are:

- Prof. Dr. Bernard Zygelman of the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, presenting a talk on John Napier (2014 is the 400th anniversary year of his discovery of logarithms).
- Joe Pasquale, Professor of Computer Science, University of California, San Diego, presenting his popular slide rule seminar.
- Richard Smith Hughes presenting specialty slide rules and what they can do.
- Peter Holland of Germany presenting a report on IM2013 and plans for IM2014.
- Mike Konshak's extensive library exhibits of slide rules, abaci, calculators, and more.
- We have invited professors and students from eight departments of University of Nevada-Las Vegas to drop in as our guests at the meeting.
- Many opportunities to visit with friends:
 - Optional Friday and Saturday evening Group Dinner.
 - Optional Sunday morning Group Breakfast.
 - Optional Group Activity Sunday for those who are staying over.
- Our usual exciting auction, a source for bargains as well as rare items.
- The outstanding venue of the Atomic Testing Museum.

Combine a pleasure or vacation trip with a great slide rule meeting!

[Register HERE.](#)

Information from Dick Rose, Meeting Chairman

Message from Journal (JOS) editor



In addition to the existing Guidelines for Authors, the OS website now includes Word templates for JOS articles. The templates contain most JOS formatting items and make it easier for authors to prepare articles. We encourage occasional authors, as well as new authors, to join our 'regular' authors more often in preparing articles for publication.

Northeast local Oughtred Society meeting



At Ed Chamberlain's farm October 19 at Hanover, NH was a success, with ten collectors attending. Displays were impressive, as was Ed's 200 year old house, and quite a few slide rules changed hands. At left are some of Ed's long scale rules. The intellectual feast of the day occurred at Harold Frost's house nearby, where part of his fantastic planimeter collection was on display.

Meeting information from Ed Chamberlain

Recent specialized slide rule books are

- **Joint Slide Rules**, by Peter Hopp
- **Pocket Watch Slide Rules**, by Peter Hopp
- **Otis King Calculators, a History of Production 1920-1977**, by Colin Barnes and Tedford White
- **Rechenschieber--Slide Rules --A.W.Faber--A.W.Faber-Castell**, by Peter Holland.

See www.oughtred.org/resources.shtml for details.

Notable eBay sales



← Hemmi No. 160 slide rule/nomograph, 25 cm, inductive statistics, \$2370.
The rare Hemmi craze continues!

- Thacher's Calculator, box, manual, \$1175.

- Fuller's Calculator, box, manual, \$1099.

- German military field circular slide rule, 3 discs, Kreisrechenschieber, \$800.



← Stevens & Co. slide rule with
R.C. Smith's formulae, 1884, \$760.

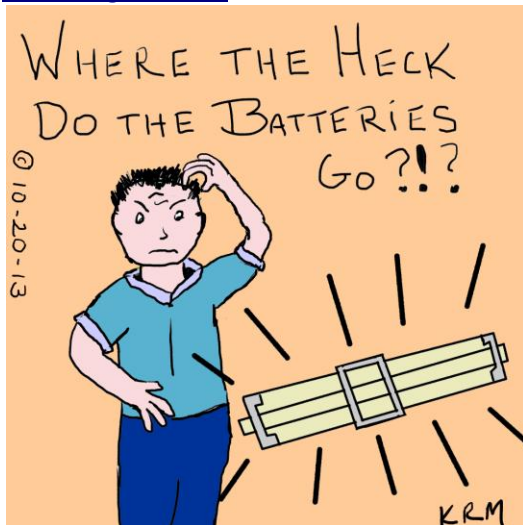
- Dempster Rota Rule Model AA with magnifier, case, manual, box, \$730.



← Dempster Rota Rule Model AA with magnifier, case, manual, \$718.

- Boxwood multi purpose slide rule, 4 sides, 3 slides, c. 1750, \$609.

On the lighter side



Cartoon by Kate Matthews, Sonora, California

What?

I'm reading a book on anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

This Newsletter will be produced by Ed Chamberlain beginning with the January 1, 2014 issue. Many thanks to Ed for his interest in continuing the publication of this Newsletter!

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