



**THE  
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# Newsletter

January 1, 2014

## Who's Who in the Oughtred Society .....



Ed Chamberlain is your new editor of the Oughtred Society's monthly newsletter. Ed began using slide rules at Michigan Tech as a civil engineering student in the late 1950s. His trusty K&E LL Duplex Decitrig pocket and 10-inch slide rules were his primary calculation tools later as a research arctic engineer until the early 1970s when the HP 35 was introduced. From then on his slide rules and others he came across were relegated to the back of a desk drawer, and only saw the light of day when a junior engineer became curious. Later when he retired, he was given a 5-gallon pail of old slide rules at his roast. Soon after, Ed found the Oughtred Society, and started attending the East and West Coast OS Meetings.

Today, Ed focuses his collection on (and writes mostly about) long scale slide rules. He also serves the OS on its board of directors, and is often found at the International Meetings. He frequently has displays at his local library and sometimes teaches the slide rule (and logic, approximation, order of magnitude, etc.) to 8th grade math students.

This spring Ed will attend the Spring Las Vegas OS meeting, and on his return trip, give a seminar on slide rules at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland. In his spare time, he keeps up his 240-year-old farm in Hanover Ctr. NH, and serves as chair of his local Conservation Commission.

*Information from Ed chamberlain*

## New Members in December are .....

- Art Loepp, Kansas City, MO
- Hoyt Wallace, Saint Louis, MO

**Welcome to the Oughtred Society!**

*Information from Clark McCoy, Membership Secretary*

## Winter Meeting March 1, 2014 in Las Vegas .....



Plans for the OS Winter Meeting the weekend of March 1, 2014, have progressed extremely well. It should be a great meeting, as early registrations are proceeding at a record rate. We are asking everyone who is thinking seriously about coming to the meeting to please register now so that we will be able to arrange sufficient facilities.

Please [Register HERE](#) now.

**Hotel Arrangements:** We have made arrangements with The Baymont Inn (part of the Wyndham Hotel Group) at 4055 Palos Verdes Street, Las Vegas, NV 89119, which is only 2 blocks from the meeting site and one mile east of the Strip. Our group rate is \$48 per night (very reasonable for Las Vegas!). While some attendees may wish to stay elsewhere in Las Vegas to be closer to the Strip, Richard Davis was able

to negotiate this very favorable rate for us, and it will be nice to be able to be together. To make reservations, please **call the hotel directly at 702-473-6400 and select #5 Front Desk when prompted. Then ask for the Oughtred Society group rate (do not register online!).**

**Group Meals:** Optional group dinners Friday, February 28 and/or Saturday, March 1 will be at the Baymont Inn.

**University of Nevada-Las Vegas:** We are extending guest invitations to interested UNLV students and faculty. They should add an exciting dimension to the meeting. Physics Professor Dr. Bernard Zygelman will be our guest speaker on the subject of John Napier, celebrating the 400th year anniversary of his discovery of logarithms..

**Sunday Event:** For those who plan to remain in Las Vegas on Sunday, March 2, we are arranging a special group event. Details will follow later. We will also arrange a breakfast meeting place.

**Las Vegas Area Sights and Events:** Attached to this Email announcement is our list of attractions in the Las Vegas area to add to your meeting weekend or for an extended vacation.

**Questions and Suggestions:** If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact meeting chair, Dick Rose, at [rarose@rose-vintage-instruments.com](mailto:rarose@rose-vintage-instruments.com)

**Meeting Registration:** Please [Register HERE](#) if you have not already done so. Thanks.  
*Combine a pleasure or vacation trip with a great slide rule meeting!*

*Information from Dick Rose, Meeting Chairman*

### **International Meeting IM2014 Update.....**

The Dutch Circle (KRING) has made the final choice for the old city of Delft as location for this year's International Meeting of Slide Rule Collectors, IM2014. Facilities have been reserved. The conference will take place on Friday afternoon and Saturday, September 5 - 6. The city of Delft is about as old as Leiden, where we organized the IM2010 meeting four years ago. It too has charming canals, museums and other interesting places to visit. There is however a different flavor in the type of students in Delft, at the oldest Technical University in the Netherlands.

In the program of presentations there is still room for additional papers. The theme of IM2014 is "Turning and Sliding", but in a broad sense - so definitely not restricted to round and straight slide rules only.

To submit papers for IM2014, please contact <mailto:ovpoelje@rekeninstrumenten.nl>

*Information from Otto van Poelje*

**Oughtred Society Membership Directory .....** will be produced in early January. **Members please send us any changes needed for your listing. *New members in 2013:* Please send us a brief list of your interests and specialties for inclusion in your listing. [oughtredsociety@comcast.net](mailto:oughtredsociety@comcast.net)**

### **Notable eBay Sales in December .....**

- 2 K&E Anolon slide rules sold for \$662 & \$700.
- 2 of 6 Fullers posted sold for \$553 & \$620.
- a Pickett Executive X-3 did not sell for the reserve bid of \$1000.
- a Hemmi 154 20" EE slide rule with asking price of \$5500 sold for \$3300.
- a 24" long sliding Guenter rule by Dring and Fage sold for \$656.
- a rare Type 2 Charpentier with case & instructions sold for \$700, and
- 20 Curtas sold for prices ranging from \$541 to \$1418.



### **On-The-Lighter Side.....**

In the beginning, after the great flood, Noah watched the animals as they walked down the gangplank to the safety of solid ground and instructed them all to go forth and multiply. Amongst the last to leave the ark were two small snakes. Noah looked at the snakes, and as with the other animals, told them to "go forth and multiply". Bewildered, the snakes looked up at Noah and replied "We can't multiply because we are adders." Noah looked a bit perplexed, and then spied a log that had floated up alongside the ark.

He dug out his carpentry tools and sawed the log into planks and 2 x 2's. He went on to build a beautiful wooden table. He then gathered up the snakes and placed them on the table, and joyfully told them again, "Now go forth and multiply". The snakes smiled and responded to Noah: "You are a very wise man, because you know that even two adders can multiply on a log table!"

*Information from International Slide Rule Museum as edited by Ed Chamberlain*

**Editor's Notes** .....

Many thanks to Ted Hume for his pioneering service to this newsletter. My apologies for the delay in getting January's OS monthly newsletter out.

*Ed Chamberlain, Editor*

