



Newsletter

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IM 2012 18th International Meeting of Slide Rule & Historic Calculating Instrument Collectors, September 21-23, 2012. The United Kingdom Slide Rule Circle will host this annual event at Bletchley Park, home of the wartime codebreakers. Main meeting will take place in the Library of the historic Victorian Mansion. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Who's Who in the Oughtred Society David Sweetman is Editor of the Journal of the Oughtred Society. He oversees all activities needed to produce the Journal biannually, including coordinating with Associate Editor Otto van Poelje, seven Assistant Editors, and our Layout Editor, all of whom are hard working member volunteers.

Among David's duties are gathering articles from member authors; communicating with authors; final editing of articles; creating and maintaining Guidelines for Authors, Editor Guidelines, Journal Layout Guidelines, JOS Plus Guidelines, and the Journal Annual Publication Schedule that includes dates for the many steps needed to produce the Journal. In his thorough and methodical manner, David has reduced to writing all steps and standards required to produce two JOS issues annually. We are fortunate to have a member as talented as David who is willing to devote untold hours to producing the Journal.

The Oughtred Society Message Board currently features a *very large slide rule collection for sale*. See the *For Sale* listings, last item, for detailed information about buying. Condensed list is 280 items (Click [HERE](#)), full list is 780 items (Click [HERE](#)). The Message Board is a secure method for members to communicate with other members. Access is by password at www.oughtred.org

The Oughtred Society 2012 Summer Meeting was held June 23 in Mountain View, California. Excellent displays and auction were the usual highlights. Click [HERE](#) to view full report with photos.

JOS Plus section of the OS website has six recently added items – supplemental information for four articles in the current Journal, Spring 2012, Vol.21, No.1. Click [HERE](#).

Oughtred Society Scholarships for 2013 The OS is now accepting applications for its 2013 [Scholarship](#) program, which provides cash awards to assist with college expenses to mathematically minded students attending colleges or universities worldwide. If you would like to recommend an applicant or contribute to the scholarship fund, please contact the Society at oughtredsociety@comcast.net.

Deborah Douglas, Curator of Science and Technology, MIT Museum interviewed Frank Adorney, creator of the mock-ups and working prototypes of the K&E Deci-Lon slide rule. He worked on this project with James R. "Pop" Bland, mathematics professor at the U.S. Naval Academy and designer of the Deci-Lon. Videos of this interview are available -- the main interview and three short excerpts. This is fascinating slide rule history. Click [HERE](#).

The 2012 Oughtred Society Awards nominations are in progress. Please send your nominations to oughtredsociety@comcast.net for The Oughtred Society Award and for Fellowships. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

The Journal has received enough articles to fill the Fall 2012 issue and the Spring 2013 issue. Thanks for your many excellent articles. All members are invited to submit articles for the Journal. If you are preparing an article, please send your draft to David Sweetman, Editor, at david_for_os@att.net as soon as possible.

This Newsletter is planned to be sent to you the first week of each month. If you have suggestions for items to be included in the Newsletter, please send them to us at oughtredsociety@comcast.net.