



Newsletter

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Happy New Year !

OS member activities Clay Castleberry has a display of slide rules and calculators in the Butte County Main Library in Oroville, California. In the display are 12 items: Journal of the Oughtred Society, Commodore 64 computer, abacus, HP35, circular slide rule, Curta calculator, K&E 10 inch slide rule, cigarette lighter slide rule, Otis King cylindrical slide rule, brass sector, ivory slide rule, and Zlotnian calculator. There is a list with brief description of each item. The duration of Clay's library displays ranges from 3 months to 2 years.



Information from Clay Castleberry, Oroville, California

Who's Who in the Oughtred Society Marion Moon writes:

My interest in slide rules began in high school when I had a few cheap models. In my senior year, sixty-one years ago, my mother managed to find about \$23 for my Christmas gift, a Pickett Model 4 magnesium slide rule. I don't know how long she put aside money for this, for it was a very expensive gift for our family. It served me well for my upcoming college education and it allowed me to do some real engineering at Convair in the summer of 1957. I spent a few weeks calculating several thousand pot settings for some analog computer runs for collecting data on climb-out tables and graphs for pilot planning on the B-58 bomber. I still have the Model 4 and it is showing a lot of wear and corrosion but is still workable.

Furnished by Marion Moon, Orange, California

Winter Meeting in Tucson will be Saturday, February 16 at the world-renowned Pima Air and Space Museum. There will be a slide rule talk, displays, and auction. Dick Rose of Vintage Instruments will be there with lots of slide rule bargains. Oughtred Society members and non-members are invited to attend. Cost is only \$35. Details and registration at www.oughtred.org

By Martha Prince, Tucson, and Richard Davis, Las Vegas, meeting co-hosts.

New members who joined the Society in December are:

- Kenneth Baldwin, Corvallis, Oregon
- John E. Buonora, Rockville, Maryland
- Paul Buonora, Long Beach, California
- Hugh Sparks, Watertown, Minnesota
- Arthur Wall, Angier, Washington

Membership information provided by Clark McCoy, Roseville, California

Members' Column

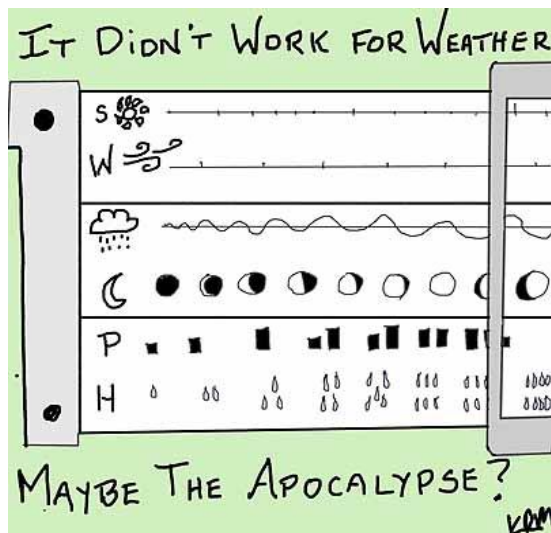
My interest in slide rules started back in the 60's when I was in high school and first saw a sleek Pickett Slide Rule display in a store where my father was shopping. The interesting yellow color, the fine scales, and the leather cases intrigued me. After studying the various models I decided an N4ES Log Log Vector Hyperbolic would be perfect, but the \$25 selling price was too much for my budget – a circular Concise would have to do! In the 1980's, after college and during my electrical engineer career, my slide rule collecting began when I saw a Pickett N4ES at a flea market for \$3 – I could not pass it up!

By Richard Davis, Las Vegas, Nevada

You are invited to write an article for the Journal of the Oughtred Society. Take a look at this new document ---

Yes, You Can Write for the Journal of the Oughtred Society.

On the lighter side



Cartoon by Kate Matthews, Sonora California

Well said

I advise my students to listen carefully the moment they decide to take no more mathematics courses. They might be able to hear the sound of closing doors.

-- James Caballero

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