



**THE  
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SOCIETY**

# Newsletter

March 1, 2013

Meeting Report ..... the 5th annual winter meeting was held in Tucson, Arizona February 16 at the Pima Air and Space Museum, attended by 24. Extensive displays, an auction, sales and trading, Bill Robinson's talk about his engineering analysis of the wings of the B-47 and B-52 bombers, a tour of aircraft displays, and optional dinners at local restaurants Friday and Saturday evenings were highlights of the meeting.



*Part of Mike Konshak's extensive display of slide rules and calculators*



*Report by Richard Davis and Martha Prince, Meeting Co-Chairmen*

New members ..... who joined the Society in February are:

- Michael Aronoff, San Jose, California
- Steven Baum, Bryan, Texas
- John Davey, New South Wales, Australia
- George Keane, Festus, Missouri
- Robert Levine, Odenton, Maryland
- John Markee, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
- Nicola Marras, Cagliari, Italy
- Jeffery S. Pierce, Roanoke, Virginia

Rodney Syer, Dallas, Texas  
David Walker, West Yorkshire, United Kingdom  
**Membership information from Clark McCoy, Roseville, California**

Who's Who in the Oughtred Society ..... by Riki Nakamoto.

Born on the island of Lanai that would later become part of the State of Hawaii, I attended school in Hawaii and graduated from the University of Hawaii-Manoa on Oahu. I have been an Engineer at Pearl Harbor Shipyard for the past 35 years. I first became interested in slide rules when my father showed me his Pickett and Eckel 600-ES. He later gave it to me, and I carried it through part of high school and my first semester of college. I also carried it as a backup to my calculator when I took the Hawaii professional engineering licensing exam in 1981. The slide rule I saw most in college was the Post Versalog. I guess that is why I have an interest in Japanese bamboo rules, especially log-log, and Pickett. I also like rules made to teach principles of the slide rule, such as the Pickett N904, N901 Simplex Math, and Microline 115, and also the Faber-Castell Mentor.

**Information by Riki Nakamoto, Oahu, Hawaii**

eBay sale, a record? ..... February 10, 2013 a Hemmi No. 200 slide rule sold for \$2,687.89. The 200 is an unusual slide rule with only four 40 cm (16") scales, each folded 6 times for total scale lengths of 240 cm (96").



*Photo from eBay auction listing*

You can view a Hemmi 200 in detail in the Oughtred Society Rarities Gallery at [www.oughtred.org](http://www.oughtred.org)  
Click Rarities Gallery in the main menu. The Rarities Gallery now contains 177 items. Take a look! To contribute to the Gallery, write to [oughtredsociety@comcast.net](mailto:oughtredsociety@comcast.net)

Reminder -- All About Slide Rules ..... the online version of *The Oughtred Society Slide Rule Reference Manual* is on the OS website for all to view and download. This 110 page, 17 chapter document contains 114 photos and a vast amount of information about slide rules. The original printed *Manual*, Second Edition, is available for purchase from the Society for those who prefer to hold it in their hands. See [www.oughtred.org](http://www.oughtred.org)

On the lighter side .....



*Cartoon by Kate Matthews, Sonora, California*

Wise words .....

I'm all in favor of keeping dangerous weapons out of the hands of fools. Let's start with typewriters.

--- **Frank Lloyd Wright**

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