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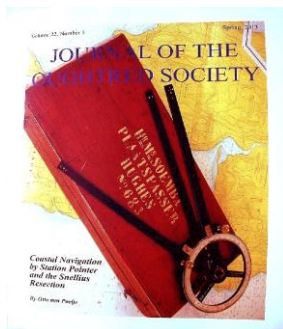
Who's Who in the Oughtred Society Nathan Zeldes, of Jerusalem, Israel, is a veteran engineer (26 years at Intel) and currently a consultant. He started accumulating technology bits and pieces as a young radio ham, and "formally" became a collector in 2001, when he created an exhibition of computer history for his workplace. He is particularly interested in the development of technology over time, and has many "timeline" sets showing such trends, whether in slide rules, mechanical calculation or electronic devices. Over the years he has helped build a number of technology exhibitions for young people, culminating in his recent role as curator of the Alan Turing exhibition in the Jerusalem Science Museum. He often lectures on the history of calculation over the past six millennia to general and professional audiences. Nathan's collection and writing are accessible on his web site at http://www.nzeldes.com/HOC/HOC_Core.htm

Information by Nathan Zeldes, Israel

Articles planned for the next Journal, Vol. 22, No. 2, Fall 2013

- Pickett C-19, by Richard Smith Hughes
- The Reticle Cursor, by Rodger Shepherd
- A 21st Century Slide Rule, by Marion Moon
- Transistors, Compucracy and Jobs, by Alex Green
- Soho Excise Rules, by Tom Wyman
- A 13 Year Project, by Detlef Zerfowski
- Combined Slide Rules, by Panagiotis Venetsianos
- Multiplication Tables from the 11th Century, by Stephan Weiss
- Two Cadrans Logarithmiques by Leblond and Gattey for Old to New, by Otto van Poelje
- Elias van Lennep, by Werner Rudowski
- UNIS - France: A collective Trade Mark, by Panagiotis Venetsianos

Information from David Sweetman, JOS Editor, Dyer, Nevada



Spring 2013 Journal, Vol. 22, No. 1 has been received by most members. Congratulations for an excellent Journal to Editor David Sweetman, Associate Editor Otto van Poelje, Layout Editor Carl Strange, and Assistant Editors Steven Casey, Jim Joseph, Rod Lovett, Dennis Maack, Jerry McKenna, Riki Nakamoto, and César Quiroz

New members who joined the Society in April:

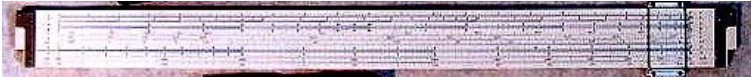
- Dr. Ross Du Clair, Rocklin, California
- Wolfgang Irlner, Trento, Italy
- Joseph Ranchel, Bristol, Wisconsin
- Michael Russo, Bayville, New York
- Jim Santagata, Brooklyn, New York
- Needham Smith, St. Michaels, Maryland

Membership information from Clark McCoy, Membership Secretary

19th International Meeting of Historic Calculating Instrument Collectors, Berlin, October 11–13, 2013. Outstanding speakers, swap market, historic venues. Information [Here](#).

Notable eBay recent sales

- Thacher calculator \$3250.
- Hemmi 275 20 inch rule \$2605
- Hemmi 279 20 inch rule \$2370.



- Fuller's calculator \$913.
- K&E 5" rule \$887.



- Sperry's calculator \$749.
- Bygrave cylindrical slide rule \$747



Annual Meeting of the Oughtred Society will be June 29 at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, California, near San Francisco. There will be displays, an auction, trading, buying, selling, a talk by Bob Otnes on K&E history prior to WWI, as well as opportunity to visit with fellow slide rule enthusiasts and exchange knowledge. The election of officers will be announced. After the meeting, cocktails and dinner will be nearby at Tom Wyman's home, followed by dessert three blocks away at Bob Otnes' home. Attendees will have the rare opportunity to view the outstanding collections of Tom and Bob. Registration is \$90, catered lunch included. See www.oughtred.org

On the lighter side

1. Teacher: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

Donald: H I J K L M N O.

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Donald: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

2. Teacher: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile' ?

James: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

Teacher: No, that's wrong

James: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

3. Due to current economic conditions, the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off.

Wise words

The world is full of willing people; some willing to work ... the rest willing to let them.

--- *Robert Frost*

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