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**New on the Oughtred Society website .....**



146 Classics, with images and descriptions, in 4 categories. Take a look [HERE](#) !

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



Peter Holland of Brühl, Germany is a High School teacher who has been collecting slide rules for more than 15 years. Because of his age he was among the last students in Germany who learned to use a slide rule and a logarithmic table in school in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Years later he visited a flea market in his home town where he bought a slide rule to add to his school days Aristo 903LL. This first purchase initiated his interests in slide rules and he began to study the history of German slide rule manufacturers, which made him later write a small book about Faber-Castell slide rules. He is an active member of the group of German language slide rule collectors and webmaster of their web page. Peter is proud to have been honored with the Oughtred Society Award in 2010.

*Information by Peter Holland*

**In Memoriam .....**



Dieter von Jezierski, a leader of the world community of slide rule enthusiasts and a friend to all, died June 17, 2013. From his career at Faber-Castell, to his book *Slide Rules – A Journey through Three Centuries*, to his 20 articles in the Journal of the Oughtred Society, Dieter will be best remembered for his humor, undisguised naturalness, and friendship with many collectors.

**In Memoriam .....**



IJzebrand Schuitema, noted slide rule historian, premier collector, founder and member of the Dutch Kring, died August 22, 2013 at the age of 84. He donated his vast collection to the Arithmeum in Bonn, Germany in 2008. His legacy will be well preserved by his four books, 19 articles in the Journal of the Oughtred Society, and articles in other publications. His many friends will remember his inspiring, energetic, and creative character and his shining example as a driven collector.

**Advance list of articles for 2014 Journals .....**

- *B47 Slide Rule* by Bill Robinson
- *Chisel Cursors* by Clay Castleberry
- *Clark & Company* by Tom Wyman
- *Combined Slide Rules* by Panagiotis Venetsianos
- *HP Commemorative Calculators* by Otto van Poelje
- *Moinot's Stadia* by Richard Hughes
- *Paper Excise Rule* by Tom Wyman
- *Station Pointer* by Robert Sauer
- *UNIS – France: A collective Trade Mark* by Panagiotis Venetsianos
- *Writing - My Take* by Tom Wyman

**President's Corner ..... by Bob De Cesaris**



This is the first brief quarterly Newsletter update to our members on key upcoming OS activities and calculating instruments tidbits that members may find interesting. Next up, **IM2013** from **Oct 11-13** at the Technical University of Berlin, Germany. Please see the IM2013 Registration Website under [OS Calendar of Events](#). Dick Rose, with help from Ted Hume and Bill Robinson, has been doing an outstanding job planning our [2014 Winter Meeting](#) for March 1 at the Atomic Testing Museum in Las Vegas, reaching out to UNLV faculty and students and other sources to generate additional interest.



Finally, a slide rule tidbit ..... Recently discovered is clear evidence that K&E refurbished their Thacher Calculators --- a very clearly Thacher slide rule, Model 4012, serial no. 43. K&E used Model 1740/1741 designations for all Thachers up to approx. serial no.1000 (1899 catalog) and then moved to Model 4012/4013 at the turn of the century (1901 catalog). This early example exhibits beautiful, very clean scales, still shows the tack hole from the early metal serial number tag, but the base clearly identifies the rule as Model 4012 with the very early serial number 43! The obvious explanation is that this early rule was refurbished at some time in the 20th century and K&E used their updated wood base with the 4012 model designation.

**International Reports .....**

**United Kingdom Slide Rule Circle ..... by Peter Hopp**



The latest, 14th edition, of the UKSRC Slide Rule Gazette, under the new editorial team of Rod Lovett and Peter Hopp, contains the usual 100 plus pages of slide rule, math instruments and collecting articles, will shortly be available for all to purchase. The summer has brought its normal collection of antiques and collectors fairs; it will be interesting to see what exciting finds have been made by our members when we have our National meeting later in the autumn. And then of course we have the next International Meeting in Berlin coming up October 11-13.

**Dutch Kring ..... by Otto van Poelje**



The Dutch Circle (KRING in Dutch) has started preparations for the next International Meeting, IM2014, to be held in the Netherlands September 2014. We were hampered somewhat by a possibly competing event, to honor Napier and 400 years of logarithms in the UK. As it turns out, there will be an event organized by the Royal Society of Edinburgh early April 2014, but it will totally different from IM2014 in scope, attendance, place & time. The KRING progresses steadily: In the last MIR articles were presented about the metal slide rules by Nestler (nrs. 9 and 9a), recently found Matthijssen (Dutch maker) slide rules 370 and 386, and compasses by Royer, the French maker of drawing instruments.

**German RST ..... by Peter Holland**



The group of German language slide rule collectors held their annual spring meeting in Luxembourg this year. It was the second time it took place outside of Germany and OS member Jean-Paul Hild was the host of this very successful event. In October we will be hosting the International Meeting in Berlin, chaired by OS members Karl Kleine and Klaus Krämer. This event will reflect mathematical tools for the second industrial revolution. Berlin is a very appropriate place to meet because it was the largest industrial city in central Europe before World War II. You still have the chance to register for the IM 2013.

**On the lighter side .....**



**Cartoon by Kate Matthews, Sonora, California**  
(Man has always resisted technological advances.)



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