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# Newsletter

March 7, 2014

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

### **Werner Rudowski, Dipl.-Ing.; Retired Engineer**



Werner Rudowski has researched extensively English and German historical 17th to 19th century slide rules. He is a prolific author, having written nearly 50 high quality papers for the JOS, Skid Stick and the SR Gazette as well as for the RST and IM Proceedings. Werner has also organized several presentations and lectures in his home city of Bochum in order to generate more interest in the slide rule and related topics. He has also been encouraging the teaching of logarithms in the local schools.

Werner is very active in the German national meetings. He organized a very successful one in Bochum in 2008. Werner's wife, Inge, is a strong supporter of his slide rule hobby and the reports that he writes. She has collaborated on one of Werner's papers and has 6 of her own published in slide rule journals. Inge & Werner are frequent participants together at the International Meetings of slide rule collectors.

In 2012, Werner won a slide rule calculating contest at the German collectors meeting in Altona, having the best time and getting all 10 of the contest solutions correct. The year 2012 was a banner year for Werner as he also published a comprehensive book (*Scheffelt & Co. – Frühe logarithmische Recheninstrumente im deutschen Sprachraum*) on the history of early logarithmic calculating instruments in the German speaking countries of Europe. Werner is the only slide rule enthusiast known who has executed a sculpture in his garden honoring the death of the slide rule by a computer processor chip. For all of his contributions to the international slide rule collecting community, Werner Rudowski was awarded the Oughtred Society's OS Award in 2009.

*Information edited from numerous Internet sites by your editor*

## Winter Meeting March 1, 2014 in Las Vegas .....



By the time you receive this Newsletter, the Winter Meeting of the Oughtred Society in Las Vegas will be history. April's Newsletter will have an update on the activities at the meeting.

*Information from Dick Rose, Meeting Chairman*



**An Oughtred Society Announcement .....**

Your newsletter editor, Ed Chamberlain, will give a talk at the Goddard Space Center in Greenbelt Maryland at 3:30 pm on Monday, March 3rd. The presentation is titled: *"The Slide Rule: 350+ Years from Napier through the Manned Apollo Missions."* Contact: Ed S <edwin\_chamberlain@valley.net> for more information.

**International Meeting IM2014 - Reminder .....**



More information is available on this year's International Meeting of Collectors of Historical Calculating Instruments, IM2014, the Netherlands. The location is the old city of Delft. The dates are September 5 & 6, 2014, with an optional program on the day after, for visiting some small special museums in Delft.

The full announcement can be found at [www.rekeninstrumenten.nl](http://www.rekeninstrumenten.nl).

IM2014 registrations will be handled by Andries de Man at [andriesdeman@gmail.com](mailto:andriesdeman@gmail.com).

In the program of presentations there is still room for additional papers; nine papers already have been promised. The theme of IM2014 is "Turning and Sliding", but in a broad sense - so definitely not restricted to round and straight slide rules only. Contact Otto van Poelje at [ovpoelje@rekeninstrumenten.nl](mailto:ovpoelje@rekeninstrumenten.nl)

News from The Dutch Circle (KRING)@rekeninstrumenten.nl for more information about papers and presentations.

**Other News from the Dutch Kring .....**

The "Nationale Wiskunde Dagen", a yearly conference for math teachers in the Netherlands, was held Jan. 31 & Feb. 1, 2014, with a presence from the KRING. The Dutch Circle arranged a large exposition table of some 50 square feet with many calculating instruments from the collections of eight KRING members. Three members presented history and use of the slide rule - with a hands-on workshop - for 40 teachers. We hope that some other teachers will accept our offer to use one of the KRING's sets of school slide rules for a similar workshop in this year's school classes.

**Information from Otto van Poelje and your editor**

**New Members in February are .....**

- Thomas W. Millar, Chula Vista, CA
- Thomas Hankinson, Ewing, NJ

**Welcome to the Oughtred Society!**

*Information from Clark McCoy, Membership Secretary*

**Reminder to Renew Membership in the Oughtred Society .....**

Visit the [Oughtred Society](http://www.oughtred.org) website and select Membership in the main menu.

**Upcoming articles in the Spring 2014 (Vol 23.1) Journal .....**

- o *B47 Slide Rule* by Bill Robinson
- o *Chisel Cursors* by Clay Castleberry
- o *Clark & Company* by Tom Wyman

- *Combined Slide Rules* by Panagiotis Venetsianos
- *HP Commemorative Calculators* by Otto van Poelje
- *Mainot'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

### **Notable sales on eBay in January 2014 .....**

#### **US Makers:**

- 1) K&E Universal 4090 Slide Rule (see details below) \$4000
- 2) K&E 681400 Analon Slide Rule \$534
- 3) Boyken 510 RotaRule \$510
- 4) K&E Wooden Slide Rule Engineering Sculpture, with K&E brass tag. \$445
- 5) Dempster No. AA RotaRule (no magnifier) \$400
- 6) Pickett N15-T Georgia Iron Works D W Hagler Hydraulic Slide Rule \$285
- 7) Pickett N906-T Hydraulic Slide Rule \$255
- 8) Pickett N-525-ES Stat Rule \$208

#### **European Makers:**

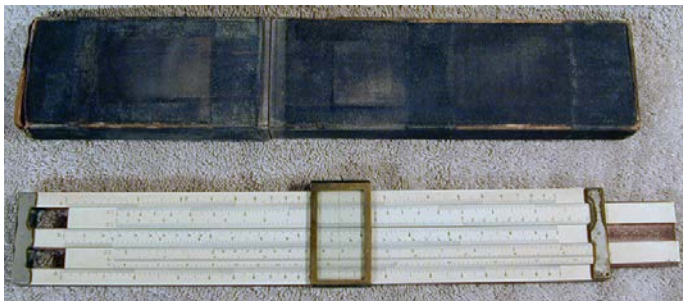
- 1) Fuller Calculator, year: 1929 \$561
- 2) Early 12" Boxwood alcohol guager's slide rule by Cook \$537
- 3) Fuller Calculator \$526
- 4) Courvoisier Spiral (long scale) slide rule, French \$500
- 5) Faber Castell 2/84 Mathema Slide rule \$450
- 6) Calculigraphe H.C pocket watch slide rule \$450
- 7) Roplex Graphoplex circular slide rule \$350
- 8) Boxwood "Power Scales" slide rule by F.Robson Newcastle-On-Tyne \$331
- 9) 4 Sided Alcohol Slide Rule by Horcraft \$328
- 10) German Sickler Surveying Slide (made by tavernier-Gravett?) c.1900 \$270
- 11) Nestler Rechenwalze 3.75 m Cylindrical Slide Rule (fair condition) \$228
- 12) Nestler 12.5m Cylindrical Slide rule (poor condition) \$216
- 13) Aristo 90126 Hydraulic Engineering Slide Rule \$208
- 14) Nestler Nr. 37a Elektro - 50 cm long slide rule \$203

#### **Asian Makers:**

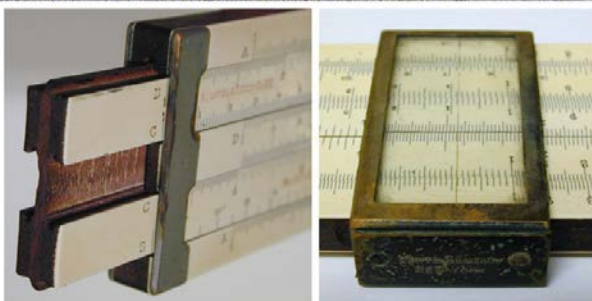
- 1) Sun Hemmi 266 Electronics Slide Rule \$337
- 2) Sun Hemmi No 257 Chemical Engineering Slide Rule \$258
- 3) Sun Hemmi No. 257 Chemical Engineering Slide Rule \$228

### **K&E Universal 4090 Slide Rule c.1890s.**

**Sold on eBay in February 2014 for \$4000.**

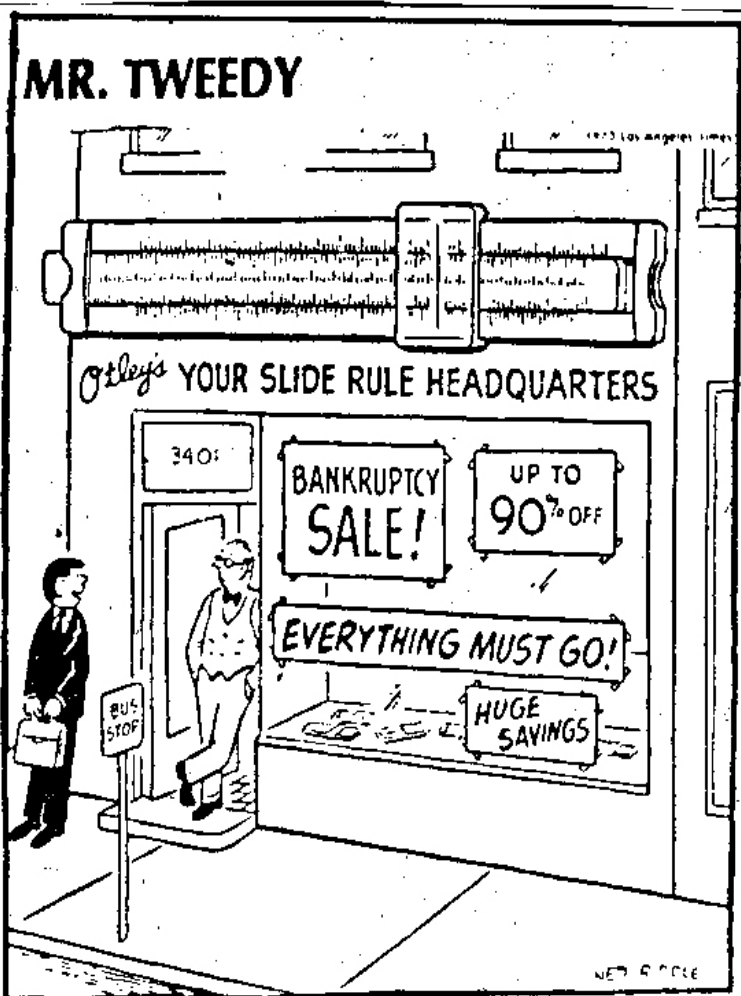


This is a very rare slide rule, a unique K&E slide rule with 2 slides, Cox end posts, & brass cursor with glass window  
*Information from your editor*



eBay photos, Feb. 2014

On The Lighter Side .....



“What do you think of those new electronic slide rule calculators?”

Editor's Notes .....

Please send contributions to me by the 25th of the month. Make your messages short. Short contributions can be made longer without taking up page space by adding a link.

*Ed Chamberlain, Editor of the OS Newsletter*

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