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Newsletter

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News from the Oughtred Society's President - Bob De Cesaris



The Oughtred society is now making preparations for the next **International Meeting, IM2015** This meeting is scheduled for Fall 2015 for the US West Coast. It will follow **IM2014**, which is being held next week (Sept 5th and 6th, 2014) in Delft, The Netherlands. . . . IM2015 will provide our international visitors a significant contrast in venue from the US last hosting of IM2011 in Cambridge, MA.

The Oughtred Society continues to seek volunteers to assist with planning and preparation for IM2015, including for the positions of:

- IM2015 Proceedings Chairperson** to solicit papers and presentations
- IM2015 Local Site Chairperson** for hotel, dining, tours, and other necessary arrangements.

In addition, the **Oughtred Society Publications Committee (OSPC)** is seeking additional assistance for the variety of **Committee activities**, including the coordination and preparation of printed and electronic publications that are in progress at OSPC related to IM 2015 papers, slide rules, calculators, and collections. Specific needs are for coordinating, monitoring, tracking, and reporting the status of various projects.

Please contact Bob De Cesaris (robert.g.de.cesaris@intel.com) or Clark McCoy (oughtredsociety@comcast.net) if you are interested and willing to assist with any of our IM2015 events and activities. Thank you!

Reported by Bob De Cesaris

News from the Dutch Kring



Next week, September 5 and 6, the Dutch KRING will host the 20th International Meeting for Historical Calculating Instruments IM2014 in Delft, The Netherlands. The attendance looks to be excellent. We have 44 registered participants with 17 partners. The programs are ready for all to enjoy as in previous International Meetings.

Twelve papers and presentations, plus 12 One-Off's, will provide fresh and exciting information about a wide range of old or newly discovered calculating instruments and their usage. Next month we hope to report in more detail about what happened in Delft at IM2014.

For more information and for a registration form, please visit: www.rekenlinialen.org

Report from Otto van Poelje

Announcing

Reprinting of IJzebrand Schuitema's "The Slide Rule - Technical Cultural Heritage"



The Oughtred Society is proud to reprint IJzebrand Schuitema's 2002 book entitled "The Slide Rule – Technical Cultural Heritage". The first printing sold out in 2003 in Europe. The Oughtred Society is now making this book available to the rest of the world.

The price of the book is \$35.00 USD plus shipping. Shipping to a US address is \$5.05. All international shipping is \$12.66.

This Oughtred Society reprint of the classic *The Slide Rule Technical Cultural Heritage* by IJzebrand Schuitema is a must have for the serious slide rule collector or enthusiast. This book succeeds in sharing with the reader the vast knowledge and experience of Dutch collector Schuitema from his 20-year quest for slide rules. Included are descriptions of a variety of specialty slide rules from various countries, an overview of slide rule history and patents, ideas for exhibiting, and information about three European manufacturers. Much of his

collection of over 3,000 slide rules and extensive library resides at the Arithmeum Museum in Bonn, Germany.

English, Perfect Bound, 8 1/2" x 11", 272 pages, 30 in full color, 29 ounces. \$35.00 plus shipping. Order at www.oughtred.org; or the book can be ordered from the OS web site or mail a check to:

The Oughtred Society
9 Stephens Ct.
Roseville, CA 95678

Clark McCoy, Membership Secretary, reporting

Past Oughtred Society Journals Are Available on DVD



All past issues of the Journal of the Oughtred Society are now available in digital format on a DVD. The new DVD archive contains all Journal issues published since vol. 0, no. 0 in 1991. The DVD also includes three special publications: *The Slide Rule*, a reprint of the booklet published by Edwin Thacher; *Slide Rules in K&E Catalogs*, by Bruce Babcock; and *A Slide Rule Bibliography*, by Peter M. Hopp. Individual journals are presented as PDF files at high resolution. Price (including postage) for all OS members: \$95. Yearly updates for OS members will

also be available for \$10. To order a DVD go to the OS website and click on the **Journal page** and pay for the disk via PayPal.

Information from the OS web site as edited by your OS Newsletter editor

New Oughtred Society Members in August are

Bernard Ryckebusch, France

Joe Ranchel, WI, USA

Jose Gabriel Fernandez, Spain

Welcome to the Oughtred Society!

Joining the OS is easy & rewarding. Just visit the Oughtred Society website and select Membership in the main menu.

Clark McCoy, Membership Secretary, reporting

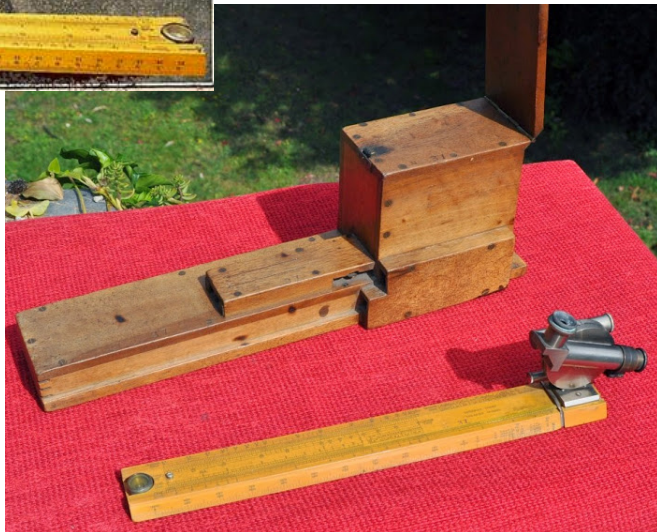
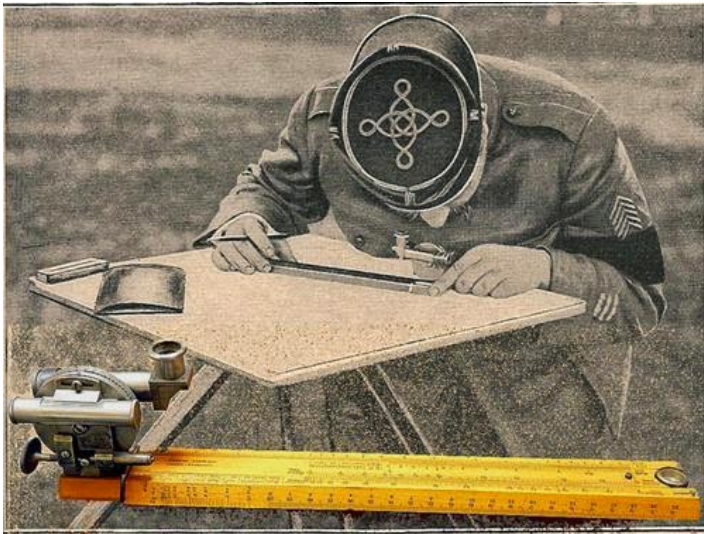
Upcoming articles in the Fall 2014 (Vol 23.1) Journal

- *The Deaths of the Slide Rule* by Robert James
- *My Slide Rules* by William J. Wayne
- *The Peruvian-German Slide Rule Connection: The ARISTO Nr.10065 System Gruter* by Richard Smith Hughes
- *Design Considerations for the Anolon Slide Rule* by Cliff Frolich
- *Charles Hoare His Book and His Slide Rules* by Tom Wyman
- *Pencil Slide Rules: Part 1 "An Overview"* by Rodger Shepherd
- *A Brief Summary of Combined Slide Rules: Part 1* by Panagiotis Venetsianos
- *Golding's Horse Power Computer* by Stephan Weiss
- *Aspect Ratios of Pictures* by Otto van Poelje
- *Collectanea de Logarithmis* by Klaus Kühn

David Sweetman, Managing Editor, reporting

Notable Slide Rule Sales on eBay in August (as of Aug.24)

Slide rule sales greatly dipped in August. Notable were 3 sales of Thacher cylindrical slide rules by the same seller, all sold for more than \$1200. Also notable was the sale on French eBay of a Tavernier-Gravet Règle à éclipmètre that combines a stadia slide rule with a surveying instrument. This device was used for mapping contours and for aiming artillery. The design incorporates a quality T-G slide rule in boxwood with a sighting scope. This instrument would have been used on a stadia mapping table in the field. Note the wood 'parking garage' case for this device.



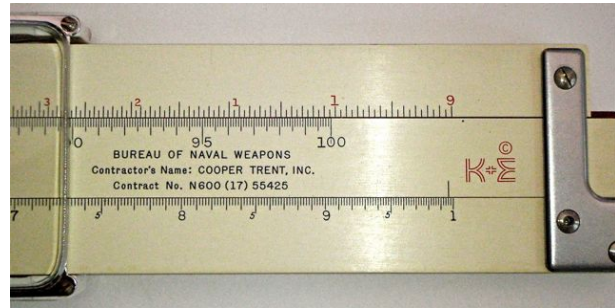
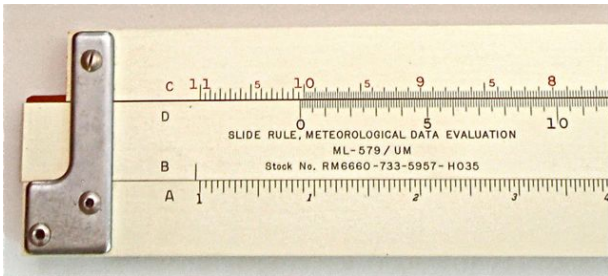
Tavernier-Gravet Règle à éclipmètre Mod. du Colonel Goulier (photos from eBay)

US Slide Rules (15 slide rules sold for \$100 or more in Augusty)

\$1,384 Keuffel & Esser 4012 Thacher Engineering calculator, s/n 6575

\$1,379 Keuffel & Esser 4012 Thacher's Calculating Instrument - s/n 6182

\$1,272 Kueffel & Esser 4012 Thatcher Calculating Instrument - s/n 3629



\$611 Keuffel & Esser Co. 20-inch Meteorological Slide Rule for Bureau of Naval Weapons

\$315 Pickett Douglas Sky Rule Slide Rule, US Air Force

\$310 Dempster Rota rule slide rule w/magnifier

\$182 Post Versalog II 1460 Bamboo Slide Rule, NIB'

\$152 Pickett Slide Rule Model N600 ES Apollo mission model

\$152 K&E DECI-LON Slide Rule Model # 68-1130 w/pocket protector case

\$140 K+E Deci-Lon 10 slide rule #68 1100 w/ case, manual

\$140 POST Versalog II #1460 slide rule - w/ case, manual

\$135 Keuffel & Esser 20" 4051(-5) Mannheim slide rule

\$129 Pickett Model N 4P-ES Vector Type Log Log Dual Base Slide Rule

\$125 K+E Deci-Lon 10 slide rule #68 1100 w/ case, manual

\$112 Pickett N600-ES Slide Rule with Magnifying Cursor

Other notable US sales:

\$78 Dietzgen Atlas Circular Slide Rule

\$56 Kueffel and Esser 4088-3 with classic column cursor - circa 1915

European Slide Rules (11 slide rules sold for \$100 or more)

\$512 Fullers Calculating Slide Rule, 1907

\$374 Daemen Schmid Loga 10-m cylindrical slide rule

\$316 Fuller Slide Rule serial # 1776,1903

\$292 Ernst Billeter 10-m Rechenwalze, Zürich, um 1930

\$240 Fuller Slide Rule serial # 1076,1898

\$232 Tavernier-Gravet Règle à éclimètre Mod.1933 du Colonel Goulier - Artillerie WW2

\$200 Faber Castell Slide Novo Duplex No. 2/83, New, Leather Pouch

\$186 Faber Castell Slide Novo Duplex No. 2/83, New, Leather Pouch

\$181 Belcher & Sons 2-fole engineer's Slide Rule

\$160 Faber Castell Slide Novo Duplex No. 2/83, New, Leather Pouch

\$106 Faber Castell Columbus 3/42 Slide Rule with Case

\$100 Nestler 0292 Multimath Duplex Slide Rule

Other notable European slide rule sales:

\$47 1915 Aston and Manders British WWII Artillery Slide Rule , aluminum

\$92 Calculigraphe Model F-C (not H-C) pocket watch slide rule

Asian Slide Rules (2 slide rules sold for \$100 or more)

\$179 10 inch Hemmi 255 slide rule w/case

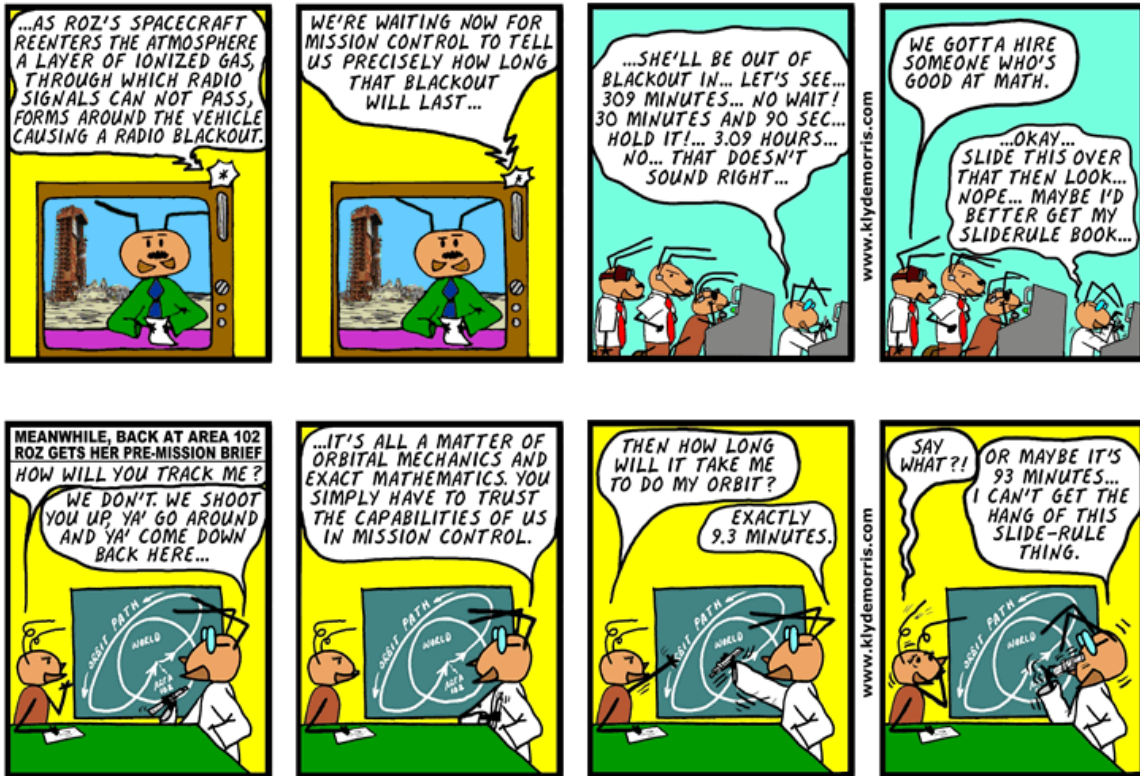
\$149 10 inch Hemmi 255 slide rule w/case

Note: The above slide rule descriptions are taken directly from eBay. There is some editing, but some errors may have slipped through.

Ed Chamberlain, your Newsletter editor, reporting

On The Lighter Side

An exciting moment at NASA



Courtesy of the International slide Rule Museum

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