Congratulations, Walter Shawlee!

Tom Wyman, President

Walter Shawlee II received The Oughtred Society Hall of Fame Award 2006 for his activities over the last ten years in attracting over half a million visits to his website *Slide Rule Universe* where viewers can learn about slide rules and acquire specimens of their own. The wide range of information available on Walter's website includes the history, types, brands, construction, operation and maintenance of slide rules. The 2006 Award also recognizes Walter's ongoing support of The Oughtred Society in promoting the Society and its activities and for his role in developing and promoting the OS Slide Rule Reference Manual. His website may be accessed at www.sphere.bc.ca/test/sruniverse.

Walter is the 15^{th} recipient of The Oughtred Society Hall of Fame Award. The Award has been made to one recipient representing each year of the organization's existence since it was founded in1992 and is made "For outstanding contributions to the world community involved with slide rules and historical calculating instruments."

In addition, seven members have been recognized this year as Fellows of The Oughtred Society for their services to our organization. Those recognized in 2006 were Deborah Douglas, Michael Konshak, Clark McCoy, John Mosand, William K. Robinson, Werner Rudowski, and Richard Smith Hughes.

OS awards are made in recognition of the many contributions and services that recipients have made over the years in promoting our shared interest in historical calculating devices. It's a small token of the appreciation that we all owe to those of you who have done so much to advance our shared interests. Thank you!

We also sincerely thank the Award Committee for 2006 for their conscientious work in selecting 2006 award recipients. Members of the committee consist of Otto van Poelje (chair), Ted Hume, Bob Otnes, Colin Barnes and Klaus Kühn. Additional information on Oughtred Society awards, including criteria for making awards, may be found at the Oughtred Society website *www.oughtred.org*.

A Short List of Slide Rule Exhibits and Other Public Activities

Bruce Babcock

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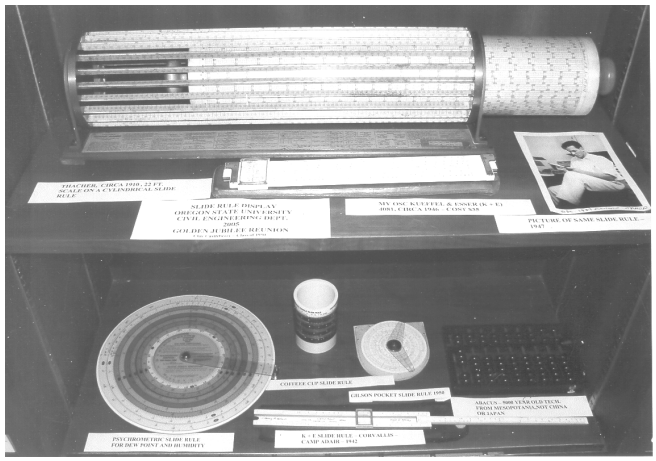
Bruce counts some 15 events, 1999 through 2005, where he has demonstrated the use of the slide rule and the Prony brake, primarily throughout the state of Ohio.

These are field events where Bruce actually shows how the Prony brake, planimeters, and steam engine indicators are used to develop data for making operating efficiency calculations with slide rules. Bruce has developed an interesting way to show the practical applications of various measuring devices and the use of slide rule to make calculations.



Clay Castleberry

Clay has organized numerous slide rule displays at, for example, his local library, Butte County Library; Rio Vista Library; and Oregon State University. Typically, these are not large displays but are designed to give the viewer an overview of the history of slide rules. Clay reports that his displays have been well received, but there have been no reports of crowd control problems. He has also given talks on slide rules.

Ed Chamberlain

Over time, Ed has sponsored slide rule exhibits at his local library and at the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory, both in Hanover, New Hampshire, and at the American Precision Museum, Windsor, Vermont. Displays have been of various sizes depending on space available. Ed has also had his collection featured in the local newspaper.

Paul Crowther

Paul presented a talk to the local Tools & Trades History Society, Seaford, East Sussex, England. This was a fairly large group of tool collectors with little knowledge of slide rules. The challenge was to develop displays that could be used during the talk, which went off very well.

Bob De Cesaris

Bob actively seeks out opportunities to speak to technical groups about slide rules. Even as this is being written,