

## THE CARD – Vol. 24, No. 6, Issue 272, June 2013

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*Enjoying postcards through education and entertainment.*

Next Meeting – June 17, 2013. Farm & Home Center. Buy, Sell & Trade from 4:30. Meeting - 7 PM

**Yearly membership is \$15 (\$5 for each additional member at the same address.)**

**Membership chairman: Richard Pendergrast, 950 Willow Valley Lakes Dr., I-506, Willow Street, PA 17584**

Club website: [WWW.playle.com/clubs/lancaster](http://WWW.playle.com/clubs/lancaster) or Google search: Lancaster County Postcard Club

### MAY MEETING

**BUSINESS:** Thirty-Four (34) members signed in. There was one visitor. The minutes of the April 2013 meeting were read and accepted as read. Treasurer Barabra Mowrer reported that the balance in the treasury as of 5/20/13 was \$6,093.48.

Jere Greider, Expo chair, reported that he has enough dealers to fill the show. Advertising cards for the show are available now – take some and spread the word. Jere asked the members to help with the show - to setup on Friday night, tear down on Saturday and to sell tickets during the event.

Bob Zink has drafted a list of the historical societies of Lancaster County. Windows to Our Past, vol. 2 will be distributed to each of them soon. Bob asked for help to deliver the books. Please contact him if you can help.

**Mark Your Calendars!** This year's picnic will be held on July 21 and will be hosted by the Mowrer's. It will begin at 1:00 with food being served at 4:00. More information to follow in the July newsletter.

**Member News:** We learned of the passing of Mary Darrenkamp's son Edward who died on 5/12/13. James Tanis reported that he visited Jim Ward and he thought Jim would be most appreciative of members sending him a postcard. Jim's address is:

Jim Ward KT0847 P.O. Box 1000 Houtzdale, PA 16698-1000

The door prizes of gerbera daisies were donated by the Mowrers. They were won by Elmer Fry and Jere Greider. Dick Pendergrast won the 50-50 drawing.

**PROGRAM:** For the evening's program, Bud Heim was able to join us and gave a interesting postcard and photo illustrated talk on the "6 Bridges of Columbia and Wrightsville".

- The first bridge built in 1813 was a covered bridge that cost \$231,000. It was destroyed by ice.
- The second bridge was built in 1834 for \$128,726. It was burned in 1863 by Union troops to stop the advancing Confederate troops.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> covered bridge built in 1869 at a cost \$400,000. It was destroyed by a cyclone that came up the river.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> bridge was made of steel at a cost of \$455,000. It was built in 1897 and was completed in 21 days. It was scrapped between 1963 and 1965.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> bridge - the Veteran's Memorial Bridge - was built in 1930 for \$2, 529,000. It is still in operation today.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> bridge, the route 30 bridge, was built in 1972 at a cost of \$12 million dollars.

### JUNE MEETING

W. Earl Long's presentation – "America at Night in the Golden Age of Picture Postcards 1900-1914" will be well worth the wait. According to Mr. Long – antique picture postcards will be used to visually describe what the United States was like at night from 1900 until the start of World War I. This presentation highlights many aspects of American life at night during this period.

#### **Future Programs**

**July:** Picnic

**August:** Expo, No Meeting

**September:** Easton Pennsylvania, James Tanis

### POSTCARD COMPETITIONS

Two members participated in the evening's board competition on the subject "Parades."

**First:** Maria Schurz Parades

**Second:** James Tanis Naval Parades of the Great White Fleet

#### **Future Subjects**

**June:** College/University – single card

**July:** Seashore - board

**August:** No meeting \*\*Bring a board to the Expo!

**September:** Baby Carriers – single card

### EXPO BOARDS 2013

The topics for the board competitions at the Expo will be:

**Local Views, Greetings, Animals, and Famous People.**

Join in the fun and make a board!

#### **Future Shows**

**June 15** - York Post Card Club's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Show at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, 2000 Loucks Road, York, PA, Sat 8:30 to 4, Admission \$2.00

**July 5-13** – Brimfield Paper & Postcard Marathon, Brimfield, MA 10 to 6 every day except Tue 1 to 6

**July 20** – Allentown Summer Antique Advertising, Book & Paper Show, Allentown Fairgrounds, Allentown, PA, Sat 9 to 6, Admission \$7.00

### HELP WANTED

The newsletter editor, Susan Glass, is looking for members willing to share their favorite postcards by contributing to "The Card". Her supply of articles furnished by Jim Ward has all been used in the newsletter. Here is your chance to showcase some of your cards and share your knowledge with other members. If you will supply some cards with some information about each card the editor will do the rest. If interested see Susan at a meeting, call her at 717-872-0810 or email her at [sfg47@comcast.net](mailto:sfg47@comcast.net). Thank You!

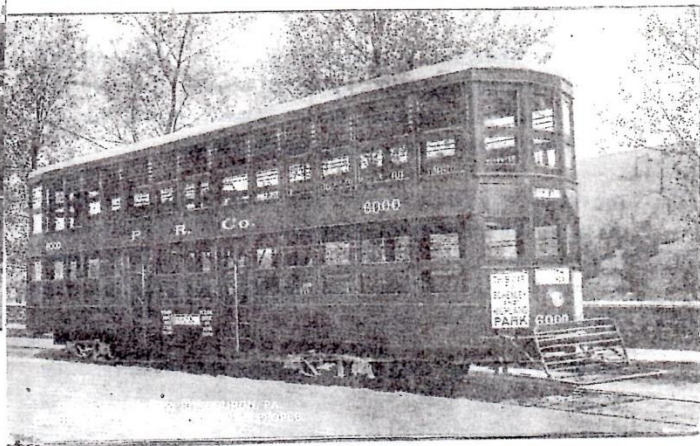
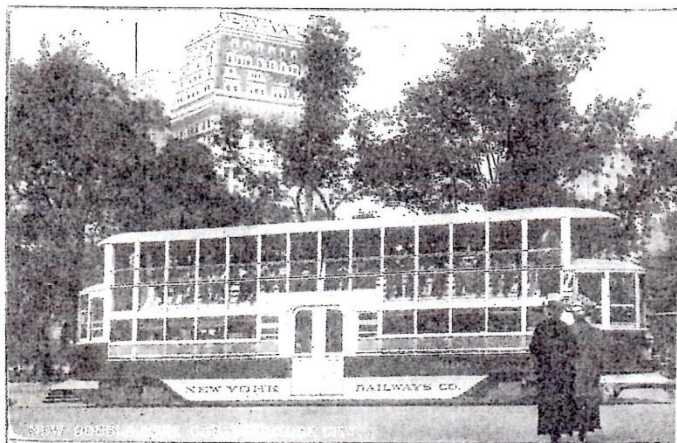
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## DOUBLE DECK TROLLEY CARS

Submitted by Dick Pendergast

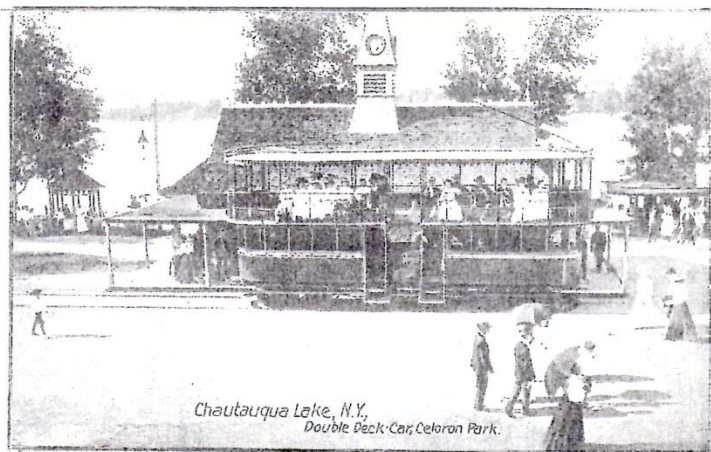
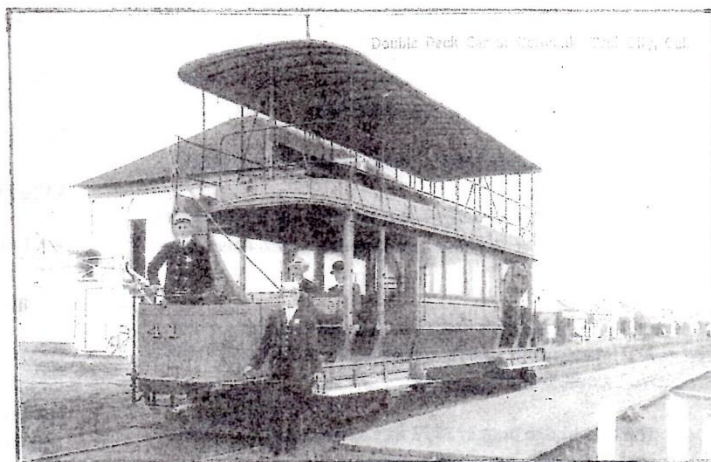


They were probably some of the most popular, yet rarest, of all the trolleys that could be found on American streets in the early 1900's. Double deck trolleys appear from the pictures to have been for the summer trade. Their upper decks invariably were open air and sometimes the lower decks were partially open too.

These cars in the cities were extremely large. The Pittsburgh car at the upper right claimed to be the largest in the world although it appears to be about the same size as the New York car above. Both cars had doors in the center and were partially screened on the upper deck.

Cars in resort areas were more open than the city cars. The car in the center photo traveled through the tent city in Coronado Beach, California. It was next to the famed Hotel del Coronado. San Diego magnate John D. Spreckels built this area by the water for middle class people who could not afford to stay at the famous hotel.

Chautauqua Lake, New York was another resort area with a double deck car. This trolley line ran from Jamestown, New York to Celeron Park which was the nearest town on the lake. The car was so famous it had a name – "Columbia"





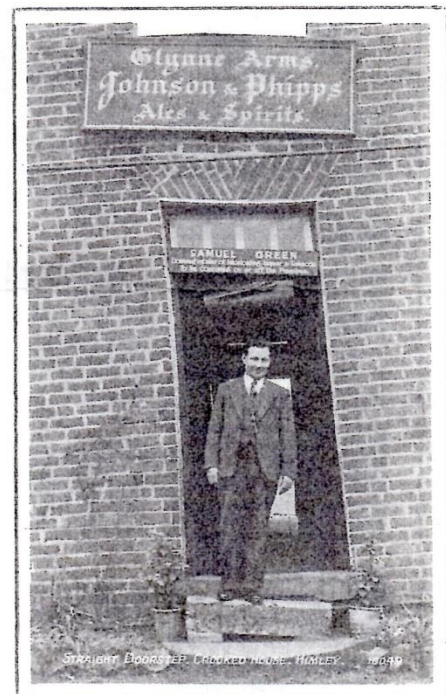
## MORE ON THAT CROOKED CLOCK

Submitted by Dick Pendergast

The subject for the competition in February was clocks. One of the entries was a "crooked clock" in Himley, England.

In fact, it was not the clock that was crooked but the house itself. Now known as the Crooked House the building has had many names over the years. First it was a farmhouse built in 1765. In the 1800's local mining caused one end of the house to subside four feet below the other but it did not keep the building from becoming a public house.

In the 1940's it was condemned as unsafe but it was rescued by a brewery which spent money to support it with buttresses and girders and now makes it the perfect place to stop for a drink.






## FLAG DAY

The idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the flag is believed to first originated in 1885. BJ Cigrand, a school teacher at a public school in Waubeka, Wisconsin arranged for pupils to observe June 14<sup>th</sup> as Flag Birthday. Flag Day was officially established by President Woodrow Wilson on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1916. President Harry Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14<sup>th</sup> of each year as National Flag Day on August 3, 1949. Be sure to fly your flag on June 14<sup>th</sup>.





1 Washington's Coat of Arms

### THE STORY OF OLD GLORY

June 14th, 1917, is the 140th birthday anniversary of the American Flag. June 14th is known and annually observed as Flag Day all over the United States of America.

Figure 1.—The coat of arms of George Washington, with its stars and stripes, probably influenced the design of our Flag. Its Latin motto means "The event justifies the deed."


Figure 2.—The first official National Flag raised by General Washington at Cambridge, Mass., January 2nd, 1776. The king's colors are in the canton and 13 stripes represent the 13 original states. An ensign used in colonial trade as early as 1704.

Figure 3.—General Washington designed and Mrs. Betsy Ross made the first Stars and Stripes at Philadelphia, in 1777. Congress adopted this as the American Flag on June 14th, 1777. It was first raised over Fort Schuyler (present Rome, N.Y.) August 2nd, 1777 during unsuccessful siege by a British Army. The Fort Schuyler flag was "home made" of "a peasant's red, a soldier's shirt and a captain's cloak of blue."


Figure 4.—The Flag of fifteen stars and stripes adopted in 1794 after Vermont and Kentucky were admitted. This is the "Star Spangled Banner" which inspired Key's immortal lines, when he saw it "still there" over Fort McHenry which defended Baltimore from British attack in 1814.

Figure 5.—"Old Glory"—our present American Flag—the style adopted by Congress in 1818—13 stripes for the 13 original states and one star for each state—48 in 1917.


The American Flag is the oldest of those of the great nations and only the flags of Denmark and Holland are older.




2 The Union or Cambridge Flag of 1776



3 The First Stars and Stripes (Betsy Ross Flag 1777)



4 The Star Spangled Banner as 1814




5 The American Flag

This postcard was published and distributed free by the United Cigar Stores Co. In those days of old smoking a cigar was a sign of opulence! In spite of this and that, we show for Flag Day this teaching postcard, which dates itself and our readers with the 48-star flag as the most recent.

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