

# THE CARD – Vol. 36, No. 6, Issue 411, June 2025

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**Next Meeting: June 16, 2025** Farm & Home Center, Buy, Sell & Trade from **5:30 PM**, Meeting – **7:00 PM**

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## MAY MEETING

The May meeting of the Lancaster County Postcard Club was held at the Farm and Home Center on the 19th at 7p.m. with 20 members and 4 guests attending. The meeting was preceded by a Member's Mart.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Vice-President Pam Tronsor. The secretary's report was approved as read. Ruth Frankhouser reported for the Treasurer that the club has a balance of \$983.45.

The subject 'Springtime on the Farm' for the Postcard Competition was entered by four contestants. The subject for the June Postcard competition will be: 'Humor, People/Animals'.

Door prizes were won by Dede Schaeffer and Donna Bashaw. The 50/50 prize of \$10 was won by Brian Frankhouser who donated it back to the club.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanne Schopf, Secretary

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Happy Father's Day! Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> is "a holiday honoring one's father, as well as fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society." Might there be some trivia questions on this holiday at the meeting?

This month we will have the members market, the competition and a time for members to share about their favorite summer vacations. Who knows where their travels will take us. I hope you join us.

Susan



## JUNE PROGRAM

School is out, it's getting hotter and many people are looking forward to summer vacations. The program for June will be one of member participation. Please bring a postcard from a summer vacation to the meeting to share and be prepared to tell what made it a trip to remember.

## 2025 PROGRAMS

**July:** Picnic

**August:** Expo

**September:**

**October:** Kerry Mohn

**November:** Pam Tronsor

**December:** Holiday Party

## MAY POSTCARD COMPETITION

There were 4 entries in the competition – Springtime on the Farm.

**First:** Pam Tronsor "Chocolate"

**Second:** Bob Kramer "Spring Planting"

**Third:** Gisela Withers "It Must Be For Spring"

**Honorable Mention:** Chris Brown "Spring Lilacs"

## POSTCARD COMPETITION SUBJECTS

**June:** Humor, People/Animals

**July:** Fireworks

**August:** Expo

**September:** Toys with Wheels

**October:** Advertising

**November:** Rivers

## FUTURE SHOWS

**August 2:** Summer Chesapeake Postcard Fair & Civil War Photography Show, Havre de Grace Community Center, 100 Lagaret Ln, Havre De Grace, MD 21078, Sat. 9-4, Admission \$3.00.

**August 16 – 31st Annual Postcard Expo**, Lancaster County Postcard Club, Farm & Home Center, 1381 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, PA, Saturday 9-5

**November 21-22:** York International Photo & Postcard Expo, Pennsylvania Fairgrounds, 334 Carlisle Avenue, York, PA 17404, Friday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm, Saturday 9 am - TBA  
ADM: \$5

## Sycamore Camp

By Brian Frankhouser

On the west side of the bridge in Hinkletown, down towards the Conestoga River, lay the remnants of what was one of the village's most popular summer spots. For many years, local picnickers surrounded themselves with shade trees, open meadows, and cool breezes coming off the creek. At the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the site was called Bard's Park. It was a favorite venue for Sunday School picnics and family reunions. The Bard family sold the property to W. M. Neidamyer in 1924. During his short tenure of ownership, most references identified the area as "Hinkletown Park". In 1926, Neidamyer sold the real estate to George S. Althouse. The new owner promptly renamed the park "Sycamore Camp".

George S. Althouse spent the rest of his working life managing the park, general store, and gas station at this location. By the late 1930's, the picnic area was usually identified as "Sycamore Park". Soon after, it was called "Althouse Park". In 1969, the Althouses retired and moved to Ephrata. The real estate was sold to Horace S. Eshelman. "Eshelman Park" continued to provide a place for local picnickers for several years. Where the store and pavilion were located is now a parking lot.

My sisters and I have fond memories from over 60 years ago at this park. My Dad bought a half interest in a red 1929 Ford pickup truck for \$50. We would pile in the back and go have a picnic. There was a large gate at the front of the meadow. It cost 10 cents to enter the grounds. Dad would drive the truck down to the creek and we would float around on a big black inner tube. Dad knew this area very well. There was a postcard published of him fishing in the creek at this site (see the Card #105 – Sep. 1998).



Photo #1: In front of the picnic area was Althouse's Gas Station and General Store. George and his wife, Ada, operated the business for 44 years.



Photo #2:

Sycamore Camp was located on the Lakes-to-Sea Highway (Route 5), which extended from Erie to Atlantic City, NJ. In 1937, the road was renamed Route 322.



Photo #3:

In 1932, Althouse built the pavilion shown, and described the grounds as "5 acres of beautiful grove". The park was suited "with conveniences for bathing, fishing, boating, etc."



Photo #4:

A much earlier RPPC of the property that was postmarked July 10, 1907. This photo was taken from the Black Horse Hotel (see the horse hitching posts on the left and right side of the photo). The auto is a 1906 Rambler Model 14 Touring Car, probably purchased from Butzer Brothers in Ephrata.



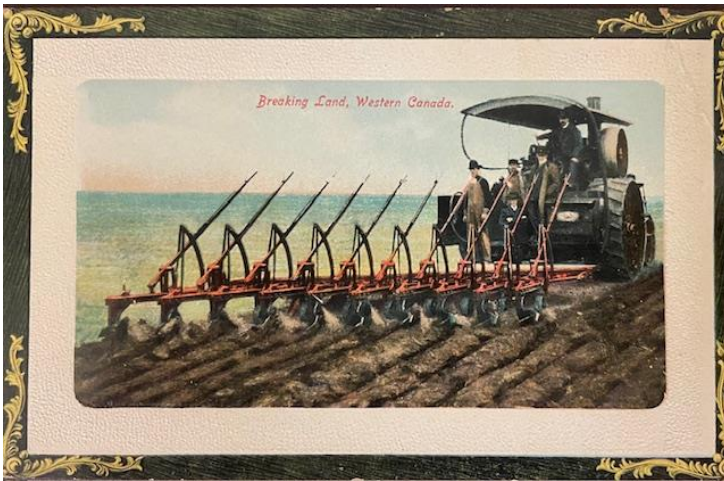
Brian's father, Edwin Frankhouser, Jr. fishing in the creek with Barabra Ann Melligan 1952



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**2025 MEETING DATES & TIMES**

April 21 - 7 PM

August - EXPO

May 19 - 7 PM

September 22 - 7 PM

June 16 - 7 PM

October 20 - 3:30 PM

July TBD Picnic

November 17 - 3:30 PM