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EXPO 2026

Thank you to everyone who helped with our EXPO, especially Gordon who contacted dealers, planned the room layout and was there very, very early to get things started.

Dealers:
Aaron Heckler
Gordon S. Smith
Morgan Hassenmayer
Dede Schaeffer
Delores Rowe
Adam Ringler
Jim Tigner
Tom & Carolyn Gordon
Gary & Peggy Spengler
Michael Krafick
Kenneth Leininger
Tom Hassenmayer
Leighton Stover
Kay Feight
Robert Dissinger

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Annual Club Expo was held on August 15th. Many thanks to Gordon Smith for yet again making this show such a success! Gordon initially volunteered to run this show for one year. This turned into five years, but sadly, this is Gordon's last year in this position. The Club was very lucky to have benefitted from all Gordon's hard work and dedication over the years.

We are now either looking for a new volunteer or to establish a committee to share in this work so we can continue raising funds to support our Club. Thanks also go to the Club members (Barabra Mowrer, Renate Sachse, Susan Glass, Brian Frankhouser, and Gwen Fulmer as well as Barb's daughter Tina who staffed our table: greeting new and old friends, collecting money, and signing up new members.

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2026 POSTCARD COMPETITION SUBJECTS

September: Sports
October: General Stores
November: Musicians at Work

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

The program, "More Things I've Learned from Postcards ", will be presented by club member Gisela Withers. Gisela says that one of several reasons she loves this hobby is that she learns so much from postcards. "The hobby feeds my curiosity and satisfies it. It's as though postcards know me and want to please me — and they DO! I'll come across a card and wonder about the image and try to find out about it (that's loads of fun) and invariably wind up saying to myself, "Isn't that interesting!" Or "How about that!" So come to the meeting to find out what she finds interesting!

2026 PROGRAMS

October: Kerry Mohn – "Selected Real Photo views of Berks County"
November: Pam Tronsor – "Propaganda Postcards of WW1."
December – Holiday Party

FUTURE SHOWS

September 19-20: 66th Annual Show, Garden State Post Card Club, PAL Center, 33 Baldwin Rd., Parsippany, NJ, Saturday 10-6 $5.00($1 off with card), Sunday 10-4 "Free"
October 3-4: Allentown Paper Show, Allentown Fairgrounds, Agricultural Hall, 1929 Chew St., Allentown, Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-3, Cost $10
November 20-21: York International Photo & Postcard Expo, York Fairgrounds 334 Carlisle Avenue, York, PA, Fri 9 am – 6 pm, Sat. 9 am – 4 York, 17404 Cost - $5.00

NOTE: The Fall Lancaster Show has been CANCELED.

Slate Sign Street Scenes in Lititz

By Brian Frankhouser

Several years ago, I published an article about slate signs that were used to identify the location of nine Terre Hill real photo postcard views. The same photographer used the same large slate sign in other Lancaster County towns. These RPPCs are scarce, so a complete checklist has not been completed, but the search goes on to find more to document. At this point, what's not known about this set is the photographer's name. What is known is:

1. The slate sign has been found on real photo street scenes of Lititz, Millersville, Mount Joy, Florin, and Terre Hill
2. The postmarked examples found are dated 1908 or later
3. There have been some examples of these photos being used on lithographed views (with later postmarks)

Following are five street scenes of Lititz.

Photo #1:
South Broad Street looking north towards the intersection of Main Street. Small sign on the right is the "Record Printing House", publishers of the Lititz Record newspaper. Note that the spelling on the postcard of "Lititz" is wrong, but was corrected on other views.

Photo #2:
Another view of Broad Street showing the same trolley. Unfortunately, the photographer missed the bottom portion of the slate sign, so only "Broad St." is visible.

Photo #3:
Looking east from Spruce Street along West Orange Street. The steeple for the Trinity United Evangelical Church can be seen in the distance on the right.

Photo #4:
Looking north along the 100 block of South Spruce Street. The visible steeple on the left belongs to the old St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The church building still stands, but the steeple is gone.

Photo #5:
Standing on Main Street in front of the Hotel Sturgis, looking west towards Broad Street; the most prominent building is the Lititz Springs Hotel (on the corner). In 1930, the Lititz Springs Hotel changed its name to the General Sutter Inn. It's now called the Lititz Inn & Spa.

WHERE WERE YOU?

By DeDe Schaeffer

The last two meetings we have seen dwindling numbers attending – yes – we know everyone has a busy life, but we would like to keep in touch!

So, this is just some of what you have missed. You would have heard about a lot of famous people – one famous sport figure that got to dance at a ball at the Waldorf-Astoria with our new president! Then, the program that featured cards that changed their lives - who started collecting when they found a card at a show that featured a building that they passed on their way to school and brought a hoagie for their lunch numerous times? You would have heard Gisela's wonderful childhood memories in Germany at Christmas-time with Saint Nicholas and angels. Did you ever hear of a Clown Motel? Who brought that card? You weren't here to find out! Then, out of the ashes of the Black Angus' fire – a new & full- time business of postcards was born. A wonderful find of diaries led to finding the postcard of the person's business that was associated with the founding of the town. But, to top it off, Nathanial picked his card & told why he liked it – find out what two things he likes.

Stay tuned for a quiz!