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Enjoying postcards through education and entertainment.

Next Meeting: July 17, 2016. Home of Walter & Barabra Mowrer

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JUNE MEETING

President Glass called the meeting to order at 7:00 and the members rose to recite the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag". 32 members signed in. There was one guest - Roxanne McMillain from Bath, NY.

Treasurer Barabra Mowrer gave the treasurer's report, noting the balance in the treasury to be \$\$7,277.65. Betty Beck read the secretary's report and it was approved as read.

Committee Reports – Dick Pendergrast reported that we have two new members to our club, Robin and Jack Gardner. He also reported that we have around 101 members. Jere Greider asked for members to help with the Expo.

Winner of the door prize voucher was Leighton Stover. Annetta Buettner won \$11.00 in the 50/50.

PROGRAM – Jere Greider showed the members a collection of posed real photo cards. Each photographer had his unique set of backgrounds and props, so that many collectors knew who the photographer was by simply looking at the background. Jere showed us a variety of cards with backgrounds such as oceans, cars, mountains, trains, boats and aircraft. There were also posed animals, trick photography with mirrors, and cards of photographed heads attached to a variety of bodies.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

POSTCARD EXPO

Members – help still needed for the Expo:

Sell tickets & Sit @ Club table: Sat 8/20 10:00-12:30, 12:30-3:00 Call or email Jere (717) 413-6882 jereg@earthlink.net to volunteer.



EXPO BOARD COMPETITION SUBJECTS

- 1. Lancaster County Towns
- 2. Trains & Train Stations
- 3. Amusement Parks
- 4. National Parks

FUTURE SHOWS

July 30 – Summer Chesapeake Postcard Fair, Havre de Grace Community Center, 1 Lagaret Lane, Havre de Grace, MD, SAT 9-4, Adm \$3.00

August 20 – 25th Annual Postcard Expo, Farm & Home Center, Lancaster, PA, SAT 9-5, ADM \$2.50 (\$2 with ad)

JULY PICNIC

The LCPC Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 17 at the home of Walter & Barabra Mowrer. Rain or Shine we are pleased to be invited back to their home at **4614 Marietta Avenue, Columbia, PA.** Phone 717-684-5331.

Directions: Take Route #30 to the #441 exit. Go north on #441 over Chickies Rock to Route #23 (Marietta Pike), then go east to their home. You can also pick up Route #23, Marietta Ave in Lancaster and head west. Continue on until you see the Village of Florinel sign, then look for their home on the left.

You are welcomed at the Mowrer's any time after 2:00 PM. Bring your favorite cards or albums of postcards to show other members. Please bring a covered dish to share. Barbecue, paper products and beverages will be provided. The picnic meal will be served at 4:00 PM.

2016 PROGRAMS

August – Expo September – Members Market October – "Man's Best Friend"- Dick Pendergrast November – Lititz – Betty Beck December - TBA

JUNE POSTCARD COMPETITION

Eleven members competed in the single card competition on the subject "Embossed".

First: Susan Glass Bluebirds
Second: Maria Schurz Santa
Third: Jere Greider A Quiet Game

Honorable Mention:

Walter Mowrer Santa with Kids
Leighton Stover Teddy Bear
Bob Zink Flowers
Betty Beck Coat of Arms

Annetta Buettner Flowers in a Wheelbarrow Don Tribit Washington Inauguration

Dick Pendergrast Jamestown Flyer

Doug Milliken State House in Dover, DE

2016 POSTCARD COMPETITION SUBJECTS

July – Beauties – bathing or otherwise, single card August – Expo – enter a board for the competition

September - Comic Cards - a board

October – A Pumpkin card November – Political card December – Snow Person



GENE CARR by Jim Ward

A popular cartoonist had images appearing on early postcards. It's not difficult to recognize Gene Carr's (1881 - 1959) work and his signature is prominent.

Eugene Gilmore Carr was born on Manhattan Island. He was educated in public schools and never studied art but the talented kid was doing cartoons for Wm. Randolph Hearst's papers at 15. Like many budding cartoonists of the day, he'd jump from one newspaper to another to "be where the money is." **Who's Who** said Carr was "employed on New York Recorder, 1894, later on New York Herald, New York Journal, Philadelphia Times and the New York World.

His stylish "Lady Bountiful" was his most popular feature – his sister, Irene, being his model. The Lady Bountiful comics began October 2,1901. Later Carr's creation was turned into a stage production.

Here we see 3 PCs from his Fourth of July series #219 by The Rotograph Company of New York City.



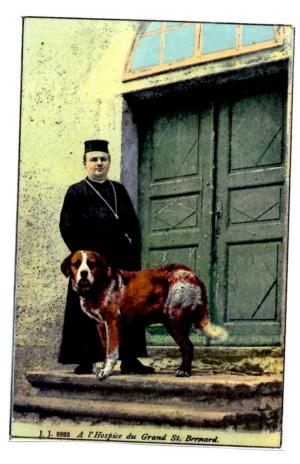




DOG DAYS A Sirius look at our favorite friends.

By Jim Ward
With postcards and internet data provided by our member in the Far North, Alan LeMay.





"Leave the dog alone. It's too hot to pester him." ... "Give her water – Now! And keep her water bowl full." These were words we heard from time to time and again when, as youngsters, our parents told us "It's Dog Days. Don't make him angry. He's hotter than we are."



Upper Left – H.K. & Co., Munich Series 323

Upper Right – J.J./Julien, Geneva

Lower – Business Services Bureau, Long Island, NY Centuries ago, the Romans had Caniculares Dies – Days of the Dog. Their explanation came from the stars. From mid July until the end of August, it was the time of highest heat and humidity in Rome. The Dog Star – Sirius, the brightest star (often called 'the hat star') rose in the sky "with their sun". The unbearable summer happened because of this phenomenon ... so they thought.







Upper Left – PFB Series 987

Upper Right – Multi–lingual. Publ. unknown

Lower – "Dog-Gone-It", Ashville, NC





We weren't able to find dogs in misery (we didn't look very far) but we did find pups and pooches and hounds doing their thing – having fun with people and themselves.



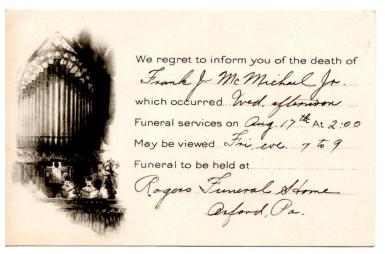
Upper Left – Printed in Western Germany

Upper Right – PPC Series. Mailed from Blackpool, August 1915. "Lovely weather; been wading. Order me some mutton from Walter's. Could do with another week."

Lower - #61 Basset – Daschund. Stehli series, Switzerland.

A Heart-breaking Story By Susan Glass

It's funny how a chance encounter with a piece of paper can lead to an interesting story. At an LCPC meeting I happened to stop by Leighton Stover's table to check out some postcards. I came across a card that wasn't a postcard. Instead it was a funeral announcement card for a service to be held at a funeral home in my hometown. The day was listed but no year and the funeral home no longer exists.



Of course I was intrigued. So I contacted a friend who is a member of the Oxford Area Historical Association. She and others checked the association's archives. As a result, I learned the tragic and heart-breaking story that occurred on August 15th, 1946. It seems that 13 year old Frank McMichael and his grandmother were alone on their farm that day. She saw & heard Frank drive a tractor past the house presumably from one field to another. But after a while she realized that she was hearing the tractor idling for an extremely long time. Upon investigation she found an unresponsive Frank pinned at the throat between part of the tractor and a tree.



Frank McMichael, Jr., 13-yearold son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McMichael, Oxford RD, who met death Wednesday afternoon in a freak tractor accident while working on his father's farm. The rear wheel of the machine pinned the boy's throat to a tree, causing death by suffocation, physicians said.

His grandmother went nearly two miles across fields to summon help from their nearest neighbor. Word spread and more help arrived but all efforts were futile. Young Frank was dead.



In happier times – Frank & his twin brother Fred in 1945.