



NATIONAL POSTCARD WEEK - MAY 7-13

FEBRUARY, 2017

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, February 14, 2017, 7:00 - 9:30 P.M.

Jewish Community Center, 5403 Monument Avenue

GUEST DEALER

Jeff Eastland



ODPCC PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from the President's desk – and I don't mean the Oval Office! THIS President is just recovering from a case of the shingles (not the roof kind, but rather the kind related to chicken pox). After my experience, I highly recommend that anyone who has had chicken pox to get the shingles vaccine. Not to worry, I'm not contagious, and should be fully recovered by meeting time!

I spoke to **Jeff Eastland**, and as always, will be looking forward to the February meeting, where he will be **guest dealer**. He always seems to have something for everyone, and this year should be no exception. Please come and support him for making the trip from Garri-sonville, VA!

Final preparations are being made for the **Chesterfield's Picture Postcard Past** exhibit at the **Chesterfield County Museum**, 6813 Mimms Loop, Chesterfield, VA, **March 4 – August 31, 2017**. This Exhibit is being presented by our Club, the Chesterfield Historical Society, and the Chesterfield Department of Parks & Recreation. Tim O'Gorman has done much of the planning for this Exhibit, putting to use his career museum experience now that he's retired! The Club will have a **work session on Tuesday, Feb. 21** at the **Chester Library**, 11800 Centre St., Chester, VA from 4 – 8:30 p.m. in the large Meeting Room. **All Club members are encouraged to come and help** mount postcard enlargements and text to display boards for the Exhibit. Your participation is needed! More details at the Feb. meeting.



40th ANNIVERSARY SHOW & SALE

November 10 - 11, 2017

"Can we have 40 boards please!"

EXHIBIT THIS !

It takes 8(?) to 20(?) cards to make a single* board (22" wide X 28" high) for our annual show competition. Consider the following topics for your board(s)!

1. Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey Circus - NO MORE
2. Your Hometown Stores, Schools, Churches Etc. When You Were 10 Years Old
3. D.C. Old Post Office - Now Trump International Hotel
4. Afro-Americans in WWI and WWII
5. Christmas Trees in Shopping Malls
6. Virginia Fishing Industry
7. Cheap Motels, Each with a Cadillac Outside
8. Native-American Tribes Encountered by Lewis and Clark
9. Uncle Sam Welcoming Immigrants
10. Animals/Birds Doing People Things on Easter Cards

* Double boards (44 w X 28 h) require more cards. Talk with show chair to define meaning of Double Board.

"Let's Make It 40 for 40"

(This new column "EXHIBIT THIS" will appear monthly to get you thinking about and preparing your boards)

Tim O'Gorman Speaks to Caroline Historical Society

By Dale Brittle

Tim O'Gorman, author of several books and member of the Old Dominion Post Card Club, was guest speaker at the Caroline Historical Society meeting held in Bowling Green in January. Tim began his presentation with a quote from Charles Kuralt. "Thanks to the Interstate Highway System, it is now



possible to travel the country from coast to coast without seeing anything."

Caroline County is blessed with three major highways – Interstate 95, and state Route 301 and Route 1. Using old postcards of Rt. 301 and Rt. 1, Tim began researching what had happened to motels, restaurants, gift shops,



and service stations that were pictured along the roadsides of these two major roads in Virginia. He documented many of these buildings that are still standing, and located those that are not. O'Gorman provided an interesting discussion using slides of postcards comparing them to recent photographs he had taken. Many of the scenes in his recently

published book, **Traveling Virginia's Tobacco Trail**, subtitled, "Post Card Roadside History of U.S. Highway 301 from Dahlgren to Emporia 1920-1965", are places with which Caroline residents are familiar.

Of all the postcards studies, Horne's Restaurant in Port Royal remains the closest to the 1960 postcard picture. It was the last of a chain of restaurants that by 1965 numbered 60 restaurants and 6 motor lodges.



Today many of the fixtures in the building are the same and tourists continue to enjoy shopping and eating there. Its location is at the crossroads of Rt. 301 and Rt. 17. Copies of this publication may be purchased at the Port Royal Museum of American History and all three of Tim's books are available at the Caroline Visitors Center at mile post 104 off Interstate 95 in Caroline County.

Carolyn Davis, President, Historic Port Royal

Dale Brittle, Historian, Caroline Historical Society

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Promote your hobby! Now! Is the time to begin planning your postcard for National Postcard Week, May 7-13, 2017. 2017 will be the Thirty-fourth year celebration of our own special holiday. Promote your holiday! Let people know you collect postcards. If you are making more than one postcard, please let me know as I will add that



to the participant lists. There are usually over 50 participants. If you would like to be on a shorter list please check out www.swap-bot.com. There you will find several lists for sending 5 or 20, International or USA only.

I am taking names of those who wish to participate in this event. Please email me with your mailing information as well as how many postcards you will be making.

National Postcard Week was the brain child of: John H. McClintock; DeeDee Parker; Roy Cox and Richard Novick and others. It began in 1984 as a way to promote our hobby. In the early years most of the postcards were made by the many clubs around the country and few individuals. Today, more are made by individuals than clubs. Although many clubs still make postcards.

What you need to know to get started: Pick a design! Any design! Do you like animals, vegetables or people? Maybe your favorite is something else!!!! Whatever your favorite is take a photo, draw a picture, use stickers, lettering or rubber stamps to design your NPCW postcard. Many people use postcard programs on their computer to design a postcard. Others make them by hand. If you would like someone else to design your postcard, Rick Geary is the best. His address is: PO Box 869, Carrizozo NM 88301 or you can email him at rickdeborahgeary@tularosa.net check out his website: www.rickgeary.com

Here are some guidelines courtesy of The Tucson Post Card Exchange Club

National Post Card Week and the date May 7-13, 2017

must be on the postcard, preferably on the front. 2017 is the 34th NPCW. Your name or the club and mailing address should be on the postcard, preferably on the front. but can be on the back. Minimum size 3-1/2x5-1/2 inches –This is postal regulations Maximum 4-1/4x6 inches any-thing over is first class letter postage.

Minimum thickness is 90# card stock unless having



printed by a printing company. 110 lb card stock can be used in most home printers.

All postcards printed should be of the same design. You can design more than one. If you use commercial postcards you must add National Postcard Week and the Date May 7-13, 2017 somewhere on the postcard.

A minimum of 100 copies is recommended to give other traders a chance to receive a copy. To give card an extra worth, numbering them is an excellent idea. /100 on the back is okay.

Be sure to autograph your postcard. A first name is okay, especially if it is odd like mine.:) Postcards should be mailed during NPCW week, especially those that are stamped. But if the recipient prefers your using an envelope, you can mail early. I prefer mine in an envelope as I scan them for the website as well as the printed directory. The directory is \$15 for unbound and \$20 for bound with plastic comb binder. The price of the directory helps defray the cost of the website as well as supplies for printing.

Printing your NPCW postcard can be as easy as using your home computer or a printing company. Check your local yellow pages for printers in your area. There are many online printing companies. I can recommend a few if you are interested. If you are interested in trading with many people, please send your name and address to ezrestexas@aol.com If you are online or drop me a note at the address below.

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You should send your postcard or postcards to: Demaris Swint PO Box 746 Alamo, TX 78516

They will be included in the National Postcard Week Directory, a printed booklet. As well as on the Website.

www.nationalpostcardweek.com There are some 2016 directories available.

For inclusion in the printed year book of National Postcard Week postcards with addresses of those who will trade with you. I will not be printing the directory until July to allow for those who are late making their cards.

Check out ideas at www.nationalpostcardweek.com there you will find many examples of work done in past years.

You should also send your postcard/postcards to: Barr's Post Card News National Postcard Week PO Box 720 Vinton IA 52349-0720 They will publish your postcard in their magazine in their May issues.

If you use rubber stamping in your design please submit your postcard to RSM Postcard Week PO Box 610 Corvallis OR 97339 or [Http://rubberstampmadness.com](http://rubberstampmadness.com)

ODPCC 2017 Guest Dealer/Club Events

January 10 – John Whiting

February 14 – Jeff Eastland

March 14 – Program TBD

April 18 – John Lawson

May 9 – Joe Kirby

June 13 – Club Picnic

July – No Meeting

August 8 – Mike Lee

September 12 – Ernie White

October 10 – Club Swap Meet

November 10-11 – ODPCC Postcard Show

December 12 – Club Holiday Party

2016 CALENDAR OF POSTCARDS EVENTS

Feb 11-12 – 25th Anniversary Myrtle Beach Stamp & Postcard Show, Myrtle Beach , SC

Feb 14 – ODPCC Monthly Meeting

March 4-5 – DC Big Flea, Dulles Expo Center , Chantilly , VA

March 14 – ODPCC Monthly Meeting

March 17-18 – NYC Spring Postcard Expo, NY , NY

March 24-25 – 43rd Annual Morlatton Postcard Show, Lancaster , PA

March 24-26 – Raleigh Antiques Extravaganza, NC State Fairgrounds, Raleigh , NC

April 21-22 – Greater Roanoke Postcard Show, Baymont Inn & Suites, Salem , VA