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NEWSLETTER OF THE OLD DOMINION POSTCARD CLUB

The Virginia Deltologist

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

7:00 - 9:30 P.M.

Jewish Community Center

5403 Monument Avenue

Guest Dealer

Joe Kirby

Come out and enjoy the evening.

Guests are always welcome!

ODPCC President's Corner

This month we look forward to Joe Kirby bringing his wonderful stock of postcards to our meeting, including 50c boxes at ½ off! Should be plenty to look at, plus I hear there may be a box or two from other collectors available for our perusal. Please come and support Joe, who is travelling all the way from Salem, Va. to be with us. Reminder to Bill Gregory (snacks) and Phil Eckman (drinks) for the meeting this month (once in a while I write it down!).

Be prepared to take Show cards with you from our meeting – hot off the press! Thanks to Warren Long, who suggested a Maymont theme, since they are celebrating 90 years as a park in Richmond. And thanks to Tim O’Gorman for the design and ordering the card.

Speaking of the Show, I was at the DC Big Flea last week, and recruited a couple of new dealers, if we have space. There is great interest in our Show, and the mailing list keeps growing, along with the dealer list. The Club has a reputation as putting on one of the best Shows on the East Coast, and thanks to everyone’s participation, this year is shaping up to be better than ever!

The Judging procedure revision committee met last month and did a run-through of the new procedure. They are hopeful that it will create an even more equitable way to judge the Exhibit boards at the Show. More details at the meeting.

The Chester Library has scheduled the ODPCC as their featured guest “artist” for July, giving us the opportunity to expose our hobby and the Club to the public for a whole month! During the Exhibit in July, there will also be an “Artist Reception” at the Library on Saturday, July 9, with more opportunity to promote our Club and the Show. To do this, we need member involvement in displaying postcards artistically and informatively throughout the Library. Unlike the Club Show exhibits, these will not have size or theme restrictions, so cards can be mounted and displayed however you want. Your help is needed – we will have our first work session on Monday, May 16, 3 p.m. at the Antique Village, with materials and some cards provided by the Club. More info at the meeting!

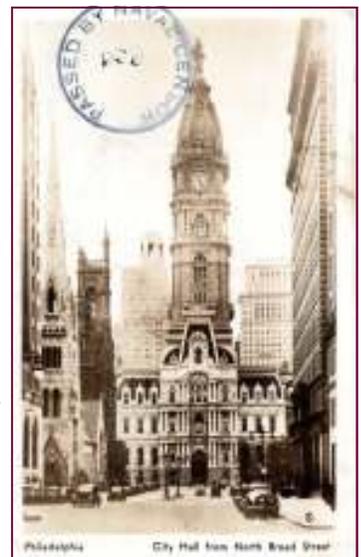
This month, I continue with last month’s theme of how messages on postcards provide us with sometimes historic, sometimes poignant, and sometimes just plain entertaining links with our past.

The first card is loaded with history, mailed from Philadelphia, with a real photo view of City Hall there. It is postmarked “U.S. Navy, Oct. 25, 1943” and also “Passed by Naval Censor”, mailed by a sailor on the U.S.S. Christopher. Servicemen could mail for free, as indicated by his writing “Free” in the Stamp Block.

Their mail was read by government Censors, so no military information was written in the message. The handwritten message reads: “Hello Folks - Well, my ship was commissioned yesterday here in Philly.

We just came up from Norfolk. It won’t be long

now. Write Soon. As Ever, Don.” This message tears at the heartstrings, knowing he is shipping off to the war, and his comment “It won’t be long



now" indicating his knowledge and doubts about what lies ahead, this being in the middle of WWII.

The second card is more lighthearted, at least for us reading it over



100 years later. It was mailed from Elmira, N.Y., Nov. 1905, and shows Mark Twain's Summer Home "Quarry Farm". The author was still living and writing in 1905 – that's him on the porch (he died in 1910). The handwritten message, however, has nothing to do with the pictured view. It reads: "I want you to understand that you can leave "Bill" alone. He is spoken for. Didn't you hear him ask me to change my name. Jealously, C.F.S." Mailed to Miss Mary Tencale, Phoenixville, Pa. WOW – watch out Miss Mary! C.F.S. sounds serious about "Bill"!

By the way, both of these cards came from \$1 boxes at our Show. I didn't even read the handwritten messages until several months later. Just think of what historical and entertaining tidbits still await us in those boxes and boxes of cards! See you at the meeting!

Mike U.

ODPCC 2016 Guest Dealer/Club Events

Jan 12 - John Whiting, Guest Dealer

Feb 9- Jeff Eastland, Guest Dealer

Mar 8 - Ray Bonis - Presentation of Stubbins Postcard Collection at VCU Library

***Apr 19** - John Lawson, Guest Dealer

May 10 - Joe Kirby, Guest Dealer

Jun 14- Club Picnic

Jul - No Meeting

Aug 9 - Mike Lee, Guest Dealer

Sep 13 - Ernie White, Guest Dealer

***Oct 18** - Member Swap, Sell, Trade Night

Nov 11-12 - Postcard Show

Dec 13 - Holiday Party

*** Please note that the April and October meeting will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month**

2016 CALENDAR OF POSTCARDS EVENTS

May 6-14 – Brimfield Paper & Postcard Marathon, Brimfield , MA

May 9 – Hampton Roads PC Club, Monthly Meeting

May 10 – ODPCC Monthly Meeting

May 13-14 – Metropolitan PC Club of NYC, Spring, 2016, Show, NY, NY

May 20-22 – 58th Shenandoah Antiques Expo, Fishersville , VA

May 28-June 4 – WORLD Stamp Show New York 2016 , NY , NY

June 4 – Washington Crossing Card Collectors Club, 9th Annual PC Show & Sale, Titusville, NJ

June 6 – Hampton Roads PC Club, Monthly Meeting

Jun 14 – ODPCC Annual Club Picnic

Minutes of the March and April Meetings

Our March meeting was held at the James Branch Cabell Library on the campus of VCU and twenty two were in attendance as Ray Bonis presented images from the collection of James F. Stubbins. Mr. Stubbins was one of our club's founding members and a professor at VCU. As part of VCU's special collections, his postcards and pictorial images have been scanned and digitized for reproduction and sharing worldwide via the Internet. And his images of old Richmond are in many ways unique. A link to his collection at the library is included in this newsletter. Stubbins Collection located at: <http://dig.library.vcu.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/stu>

At the April meeting Tim O'Gorman discussed his newly published book on postcards from Route 301 ranging from Dalgren to Emporia Virginia. John Breedan was voted in as our newest member tonight, and our thoughts go out to Ernie White as we hope he continues to feel better. As a reminder, dues were due by April 30th to maintain membership on our roster. We are reminded that National Postcard Week is May 1 through May 7th and that Joe Kirby it will be our dealer in May.

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