



Denver Postcard Club



GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

March 2025

Welcome Denver Postcard Club members and friends!

Remember this month's meeting is on Daylight Savings Day, we will be one hour ahead - don't forget to set your clocks.

I recently returned from a trip to Japan with my husband; we had a great time learning the culture, trying new foods, and walking over 20,000 steps per day.

I had the privilege of meeting a souvenir store owner, who also is the artist of some remarkable postcards.

Her store is on the side of the mountain, as you walk down from the Fushimi Inari shrine in Kyoto.

I'll show off some of her postcards at the next meeting!

Exploring new places and cultures is something I treasure, and I hope you all get to travel somewhere new this year, even if it's our own state of Colorado!

Happy trails to you,

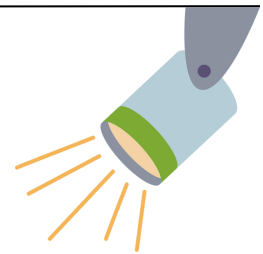
Liz Franco

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March Speaker Spotlight: Mike Viney

Topic: *Photographs and Photomechanical Prints: A Closer Look at Early 20th Century Fort Collins Postcards*

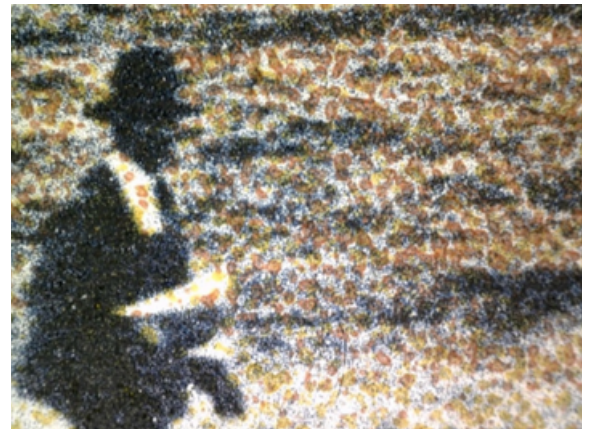


Early twentieth century printers of postcards used a myriad of techniques to transfer photographic images onto printing plates.

Printing a photographic image using ink on paper, known as a photomechanical print, reduced the cost of replicating images and made it easier to colorize an image made from a black and white photograph.

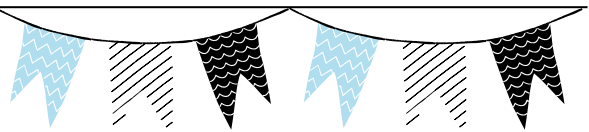
Join our presentation and tutorial "Photographs and Photomechanical Prints: A Closer Look at Early 20th Century Fort Collins Postcards" on Sunday March 9, 2025. Examining postcards under magnification adds a new avenue for enjoying deltiology.

Mike Viney, Wayne Sundberg, and Meg Dunn recently coauthored *A History of Fort Collins Through Postcard Views*. This presentation explores Chapter 3: Photographs and Photomechanical Prints.



Mike Viney completed a 30-year career teaching science in Poudre School District in 2017 and currently works at the College of Natural Sciences Education and Outreach Center at Colorado State University. He is the creator and webmaster for the Virtual Petrified Wood Museum and the Virtual Apple Parer Museum.

Viney is the editor of the International Society of Apple Parer Enthusiasts newsletter. Viney was co-editor for *The Civil War Diary of Frederick R. Baker: A Private in Lincoln's Union Light Guard Washington City, January 1–September 14, 1865*, and has published articles related to Colorado History. ORCID <http://orcid.org/0000-0002-1229-1349>.



Donations by the Numbers

- Richard Junge (Kingman, AZ) = 252 postcards and 8 folders
- Gary McIntyre (Ft Collins, CO) = 3,379 postcards donated via Dede

All of these donated cards will be at Sunday's meeting for you to look through and/or purchase. Thank you to everyone who donates or is involved in collecting donations!

Total donations this year 2025: 4,973



Show and Tell Topics

Bring a postcard from your collection or find one in the club's boxes that includes the designated monthly topic.

This is optional; if you bring a card there will be time to share it at the meeting.

March: Women wearing pants or trousers (Not dresses/ skirts)

April: Blimps



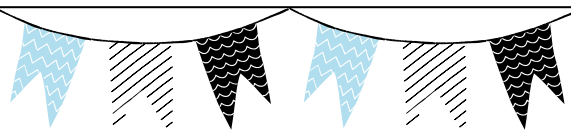
Did You Know?

America's huge postcard traffic got its start in 1861, when John Charlton of Philadelphia obtained a copyright for the first practical open-face mailing form.

Charlton passed his copyright to a businessman who set up "Lipman's Postal Cards." The United States government entered the field in 1873 with its own postals. They sold for a penny each - a price maintained with only brief interruption until 1952.



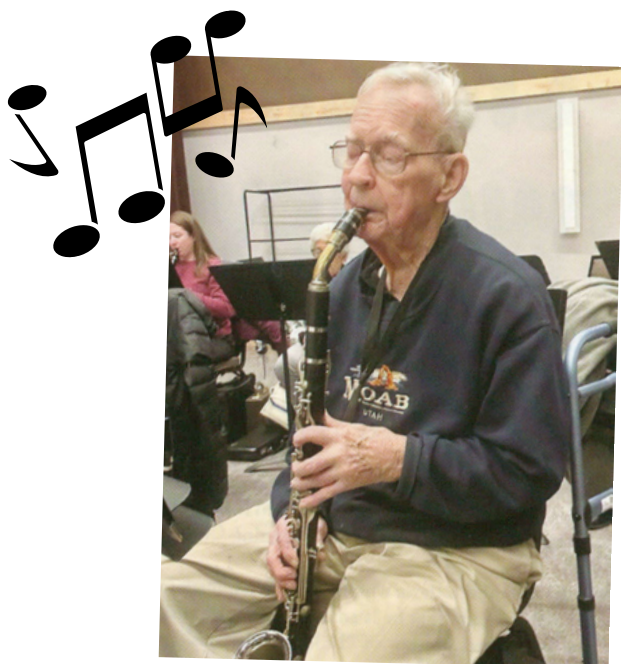
Club Member Spotlight: Charles Twomey



Last month we mentioned a fabulous article authored by Courtney von Bergen that highlights our club Treasurer and member, Charles 'Chuck' Twomey. Here is an excerpt from the article about Charles' life, hobbies, and his life on-the-go. Photo courtesy of ACB Journal.

They say it's the quiet ones you should keep an eye on, and Chuck is no exception. Charles "Chucli" Twomey has been dutifully playing his soprano and alto clarinets with the Denver Concert Band every week since 1971. To some he might just be one-of-the-old-guys at 91 years young, but some have been lucky enough to learn of his secret identity as "The Most Interesting Clarinetist Alive."

A humble man, even those who have known Chuck for years may be surprised to learn that he is an Army-trained musician, or that he is a three-time finisher of "Ride the Rockies" (a week-long cycling tour of over 300 miles with more than 2,500 feet of elevation gain), or that he rafted down the Moldau River in the Czech Republic for his birthday when in his 70s. Chuck's love of adventure has certainly not diminished over time. Just a few years ago, he booked himself a vacation to South Africa. When asked why South Africa, he explained, "Well, because I hadn't been yet..."



After transferring from Grinnell College to the University of Nebraska, Chuck graduated with a degree in Business Administration, partially supported by a music scholarship. Music also offered him the opportunity to serve his draft obligation as an Army musician with the 3rd Armored Division. While on tour in Europe, he had the opportunity to visit the Leblanc clarinet factory in France, where he purchased a clarinet of his own. After his service, he returned to a finance career in various industries, from a cement plant in South Dakota to warehouse distribution in Colorado..."

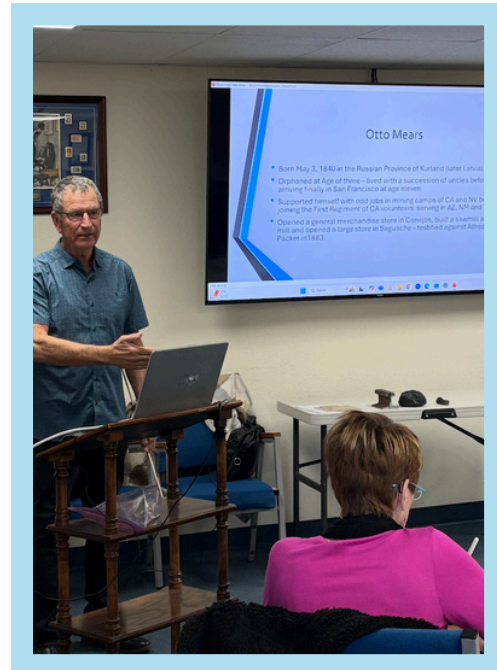


February Meeting Recap & Minutes



At our February meeting, Dave Erickson presented to us about the pioneers of Colorado Railroads. Dave is a volunteer at the Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden - there are many events and train rides given on Fridays!

The Colorado Central Railroad was organized by W.A.H. Loveland of Golden and others in 1865 as the Colorado and Clear Creek Railroad Company.



Meeting Minutes 2/9/2025

Attendees: 18 current members, plus 3 guests of Deb Simpson who may join, plus the speaker Dave Erickson and his wife Denise (23 total).

- President Liz Franco opened the meeting opened at 1:00pm. Deb Simpson brought Valentine's treats! Call for anyone with February birthdays – members with Feb birthdays = Jan G (present) and Tim C (present).
- Shad provided and collected name papers for the post-speaker drawing for door prizes.
- Three guests of Deb S, who she knows through the Parker Senior Center, introduced themselves.
- Liz F provided recap of last month's meeting and the presentation from John Meissner of Estes Park about Sanborn Real Photo postcards. Learned lots from his vast knowledge, research experience at the Sanborn HQ, data tables, and about his collection. He has a list of 10 Sanborn postcards that he would pay \$1000 for if anyone found them!
- New cards – Beth T reports that the organized 2000+ Real Photo cards from Paula Moore are here, mostly in binders.
- Cards for sale at the meeting today are 25¢ for most, \$1 for Real Photo, 10¢ for Colorado.
- Next meeting will be Sun March 9, the day after Spring Forward! Speaker is member Mike Viney from Ft Collins.
- Topic of the month postcards for February are rodents. Liz F brought some. Shad had lots of Mickey Mouse cards, Dede H brought prairie dogs and mice. March topic will be women wearing trousers (for Women's History Month).
- Membership update from Beth T. Have 60 renewed members so far from last year's list of 85, of whom 25 are Life members. Beth will continue to pursue renewal reminders.

Meeting Minutes Continued

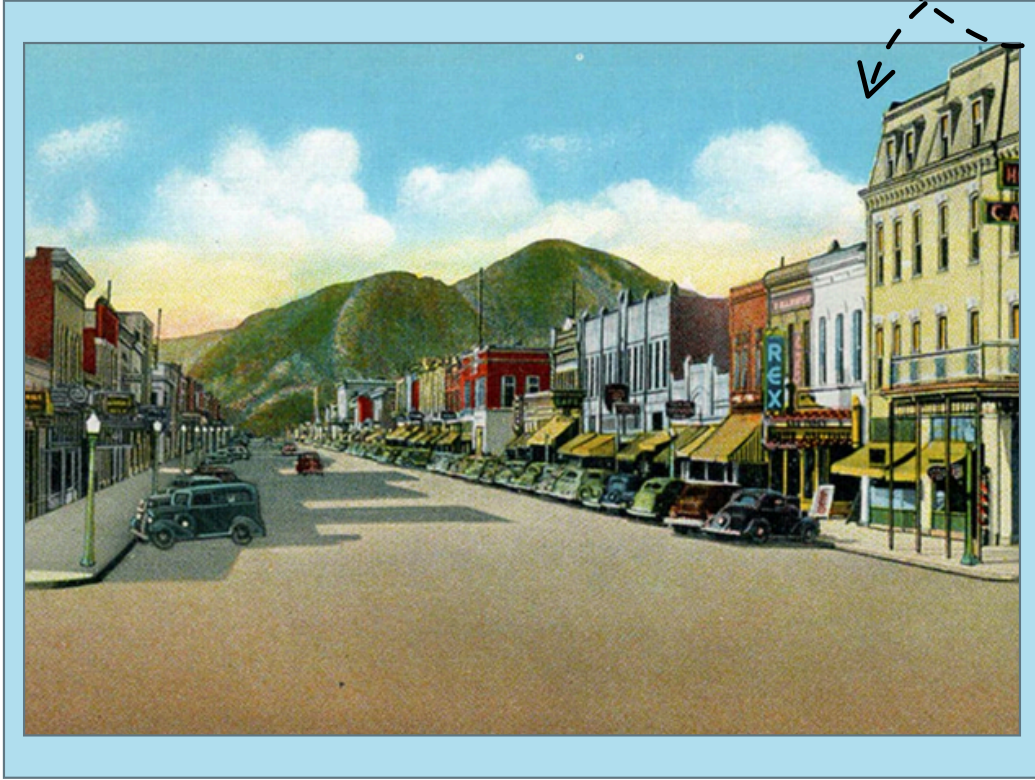


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- Beth T shared the field trip report from going out to visit Gary Mix in Sterling, CO. He asked to donate his collection of postcards, (estimated at 50,000 – 70,000) to the club. Beth T and Shad D traveled there on Sun Feb 2. Turns out the collection is over 400 shoeboxes of about 700 each, which could be over 250,000 cards! He also has lots of railroad books and memorabilia that he would like us to take. Told Gary we will take his collection, but it will take quite a while to find a place to store them all on our side. Gary wants them all to be picked up on the same day. More to coordinate for this. Passed around an example box.
- Beryl presented a recap of the Children's Project stuffing, which started at 10:30am today before this meeting. Had 10 volunteers/members come in early to help. Took longer than in the past because we decided to use 15 postcards in each envelope instead of 10, as well as adding a sticker sheet donated by a neighbor of Beryl's. Did 200 envelopes for the various Children's Hospitals. Beryl and Deb S will deliver. Thanks to everyone for keeping this project going!
- The Where Am I? card from the February newsletter was Finger Rock, in Yampa, CO.
- Treasurer's Report – Charles not here today. Will get the annual report for 2024 at the next meeting. New treasurer Jenny S will take over the checking accounts and deposits in the next several months.
- Other news - Deb S – brought postcards for everyone from her visit to the Money Museum in Colorado Springs. Also brought circa-2010s old Postcard News newsletters for sale today, from Paula Moore donation. Sale price \$1 each.
- Other news - Deb S shared that she and Jenny S will be setting up a new Ebay account for the Denver Postcard Club as a charitable site. Will auction/sell some of our old postcard stock in lots of 1000 (which is what fits into the medium prepaid USPS boxes). Buyers will pay shipping, will do 5-day auctions. Prior to listing any of the cards for sale, Deb will bring them into meetings as "last chance" for us to look through before posting on Ebay.
- Other – Beth T shared that late member Dan Brickley's wife died at the end of Dec (per member Judy C). Also passed around an article from the Concert Band News magazine which recently featured a glowing article about our treasurer Charles T, and his lifelong pursuits of playing clarinet in bands and traveling all over the world.
- Shad D updated on the national Postcard Week postcard progress (NPW is first week of May). Topic will be
- Denver's old jazz club El Chapultepec. Shad talked to a potential artist, who asked for \$500 as commission. Previously our limit was \$150. Club discussed raising limit to \$250 for artists, and approved that with a voice vote.
- Shad will work with artists to get that done asap. Beth T will get the cards printed at Vista Print again.
- Other – Tom K suggested that the club donate extra money when we have it to other organizations than the usual History Colorado and Denver Public Library, like disaster relief. Good club discussion. Determined that for now club donations should stick to our mission and be deltiology-focused for individuals or groups that support that.
- Next Denver Postcard Show will be in July; also a new show with postcards planned for Sept 2025.
- Other news - Liz introduced the speaker, volunteer Dave Erickson from the Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden, CO. He had a grand presentation about "Colorado Railroad Pioneers," highlighting the various historical railroad lines of circa-1800s Colorado, and their illustrious owners and managers.

Respectfully submitted, Shad Daly, Secretary

Where Am I in Colorado?



Do you know where this main street is in Colorado? This street and surrounding area is home to 80 historic structures, all built between 1870 - 1920, mostly from brick.

One of the more famous buildings, Raynolds Bank, was built in 1883 on this street in classical revival architecture style. This city was a popular trade and mining town, and in the 1860s, was a top contender to be Colorado's state capital.

The Denver and Rio Grande railroad was built through this Colorado city, which also helped the city's trade economy. One of the first commercial oil fields was also established here in the late 1860s.

Today, the economy is mostly supported by tourism and correctional facilities - what a combination!

Club Contact Information



**2025
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Liz Franco, President

Deb Simpson, Vice President

Shad Daly, Secretary

Jennifer Simpson, Treasurer

Charles Twomey, Assisting Treasurer

Beth Tallmadge, Membership Chair



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Thank you for reading! See you soon.



Denver Postcard Club Membership Form 2025

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Mail or deliver completed form with payment to: Beth Tallmadge, DPCC Membership Chair 12561 W Alameda Dr Lakewood, CO 80228-2816

Or bring this form to a Postcard Club monthly meeting (second Sundays at 1pm) at:

Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library (meeting room building)

2048 S Pontiac Way

Denver, CO 80224

Membership includes newsletters, access to club cards for purchase, informative discussions and presentations at meetings, and social events. Family membership members must live at the same address.

Payment methods are **Check or Cash only**. No credit card or app payments.

Make checks payable to **DENVER POSTCARD CLUB**.

Today's Date:		
Name(s):		
Street Address:		
City:		
State:		
Zip:		
	Family Member 1	Family Member 2
Phone (cell/home):		
Email:		
Postcard Topics I like:		

Regular Annual Membership Dues (check one):

Individual - \$15		Family - \$20	
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OPTIONAL Prepaid Lifetime Membership Dues Rates (to avoid annual renewal dues):

Age Range Oldest Member (as of Jan 1)	Under 60		60 – 74		Over 74	
Individual	\$250		\$195		\$60	
Family	\$335		\$260		\$80	

Half Year Dues (First Year New Members **joining after June 30** only) Check one:

Individual - \$8		Family - \$11	
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Supplemental donation for Children's Project work**	\$
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