



Denver Postcard Club



Next Meeting

Sunday,
February 9
1:00pm

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

February 2025

Welcome Denver Postcard Club members and friends!

I was elated to see 26 attendees at our first meeting of 2025, what a great turnout.

A big 'thank you' to Beryl for organizing the Children's Project supplies, including postage and bookmarks!

Please see the events section for more details about the Children's Project; join us if you can this Sunday ahead of the meeting at 11:00am.

At February's meeting, we plan to have new binders full of real photo postcards from Paula Moore's donated collection...

Maybe there is an exclusive Sanborn series to find! Whatever you collect, I'm certain there are photo topics to entertain you.

Fun Fact: Consumers in the US are projected to spend \$25.8 billion on Valentine's Day this year.

See you at the meeting,



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February Speaker Spotlight: Dave Erickson

Topic: Colorado's Railroad Pioneers



In 1869 the transcontinental railroad largely bypassed Colorado going instead through Cheyenne Wyoming. Colorado's second territorial governor, John Evans, realized that "Colorado without railroads is comparatively worthless."

During this presentation we will learn about the visionary efforts of folks who made railroads in Colorado a reality thereby helping to ensure Colorado's future success as a territory and as a state.

To the right is a photograph of the museum's locomotive 20. It served on many of Colorado's narrow-gauge railroads and required 12 years of restoration before it could pull trains at the museum, located in Golden, CO.

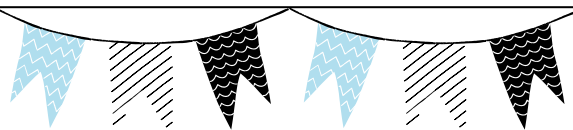


Dave Erickson volunteers for the Colorado Railroad museum where he provides guided tours and assists with the maintenance and repair of track. Museum tours cover a variety of subjects such as locomotives, dining on the rails and railroad related machines. He is a retired environmental scientist, birder and volunteer for Jefferson County Open Space.



Colorado Railroad Mission Statement:

The mission of the Colorado Railroad Museum is to preserve and convey the rich history of railroading in the Rocky Mountain region through acquisition, research, exhibition, and education.



Donations by the Numbers

- Member Steve N (Denver, CO) – donated **106** mostly vintage Denver postcards at the Jan meeting. Most in new box 04-20.
- Member Phil S (Denver, CO) – donated **243** mixed Colorado/US/Int'l postcards and 7 pieces of maps/brochure ephemera at the Jan meeting. Put the postcards into new box 04-20.
- Member/dealer Julia B (Lakewood, CO) – donated **810** mixed US/topics postcards after the end of the January Postcard Show. After pulling lots of cards for Children's put the rest of the postcards into new box 04-20.
- Steve Schwochow (Golden, CO) – donated **49** postcards at the Jan Postcard Show. Second time donor. Put in newbox 04-20.
- Anonymous (left in meeting room closet) – donated **134** mixed postcards (mostly continentals), along with some folded greeting cards. Put postcards in new box 04-20.

TOTAL DONATIONS for January: 1,342 postcards, of which over 325 were immediately pulled for use in Children's Project.



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.

February: Rodents

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



Children's Project

When: February 9, 2025

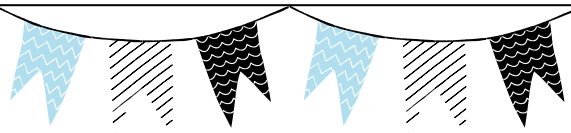
Time: 11:00am - 12:30pm

Where: Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library

Join us if you are able ahead of this month's meeting to help fill postcard packets for the Children's Project. Each packet receives 10 postcards, postage, a bookmark, and info card.



Previous Events



Denver Postcard & Paper Show Recap

Even though there was an arctic blast in Denver, the Postcard and Paper Show still went on!

There was still great connections made amongst the vendors and attendees. Thank you to those who participated!



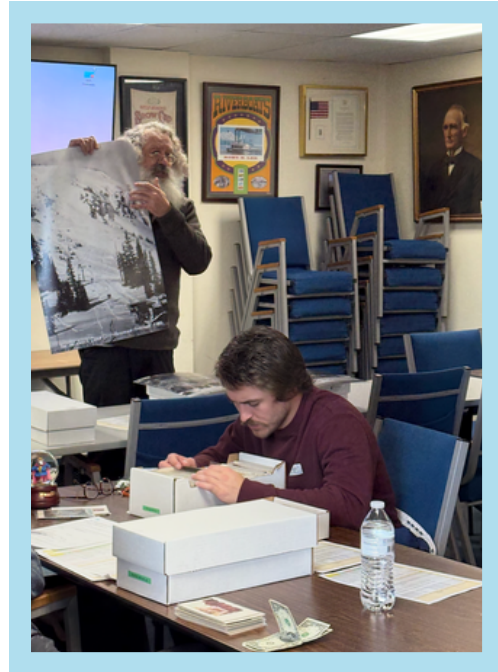
January Meeting Recap & Minutes



In January, John Meissner presented to us about Sanborn's real photo postcards. John also tested us on the spot to see if we could properly identify the series of some of Sanborn's work.

But! he explained some people have theories that Sanborn may have stolen photos from other photographers, and printed them with his own titles and series number. What do you think?

If you find any R series of Sanborn, let John know - those cards can be worth up to \$1,000! We had fun learning about John's collection and what is still out there to find and be recorded.



Meeting Minutes 1/12/2025

Attendees: 20 current members, plus 2 new members joining today (Tom P and wife Carol), plus 2 friends of president Liz F, plus the speaker John Meissner and his niece Lottie as guests (26 total).

- Meeting opened at 12:55pm. Liz Franco introduced herself as the new president.
- Call for anyone with January birthdays – Deb Simpson brought cake! Members with Jan birthdays = Dave G (present), Tom K (absent), and Wendy S (absent).
- New member Tom P asked to introduce himself and explain how he heard about the club – from Deb Simpson at the Parker Senior Center! Tom is a veteran and interested in certain military postcards.
- Guests of Liz Franco introduced themselves – Kailey and Kyle. New to postcards and collecting.
- Liz provided brief intro of today's speaker, John M who came down from Estes Park, CO to speak about his research about and collections of Sanborn postcards. His niece Lottie, a pediatric dentist from Thornton, CO joined us too.
- Liz F recap of the December holiday party. Everyone loved the catered food and requested the same or similar for next year. Agreed that the gifts that the Simpsons put together were wonderful, and the tables/decorations were nice.
- Cards for sale at the meeting today are 25¢ for most, \$1 for Real Photo, 10¢ for Colorado. (RPPC still at Beth's).
- Postcard Show and Tell topic of the month for Jan is parades. Deb S, Liz F, Shad D, and Beth G brought cards to pass around. The topic for February will be rodents, in honor of Groundhog's Day on Feb 2.

Meeting Minutes Continued



- Beth T gave updates on recent postcard donations. In late December, all “old” postcard inventory was removed from the closet and replaced with only new donations from the summer of 2024 forward. The closet now just contains 70,000+ cards from Paula Moore (gave over 30,000 cards), Hart Axley (gave over 30,000 cards), Allen Hagood, and other recent smaller donations. Older cards were taken to the Simpsons’ for storage for now. Closet is once again full/busting at the seams. New inventory listings on the tables today. Have also heard from someone who emailed the club with another possible donation of 50,000 cards.
- The speaker for our February 9th meeting will be from the Colorado Railroad Museum.
- Beryl updated on the Children’s Project. She coordinated with Joseph J to get reduced price stamp pairs for our next envelope stuffing and those were brought in today. Now we have all the parts needed to set the next date for stuffing.
- After some discussion about shared availability, we decided to do the next stuffing in the meeting room before the meeting on Feb 9 th . Doors will open by 10:30am that day to prepare. Volunteers needed/requested.
- Next Denver Postcard Show will be next weekend – January 17 & 18, at the Holiday Inn Lakewood. Deb will volunteer with Carol and for the club’s booth on the Friday, Beth T & Shad plan to be there on Saturday.
- Beth T update on Membership renewals in progress. Ended last year (2024) with 85 members. Have about 40+ members who’ve renewed so far, of whom about 22 are Life members. Several folks paid up today.
- Newsletter news! Great to see a new year and a new newsletter finally out after missing newsletters in all of 2024. President Liz F has taken on the Editor/writer task and produced a January 2025 newsletter with a great new look for the new year. Are there any components we need to add or bring in?
- Website update! Not only did our new president take on the newsletter task, she also reviewed and cleaned up the club’s website, which had been fairly static for many years. Liz F refreshed the whole look and feel of our denverpostcardclub.org website, including deleting many orphaned pages. Liz brought the website up on the big screen and we all agreed it looked great.
- Treasurer’s Report – Charles was delayed today. Will get the annual report for 2024 at the next meeting. New treasurer Jenny Simpson not here today, but will take over the treasurer role over the next few months.
- Shad D spoke about the club’s national Postcard Week postcard progress (NPW is first week of May). Liz suggested raptor tracks, like at the Dinosaur Tracks in Morrison/Golden. Four previous possible topics for this year’s card were: a) refreshed 16 th St Mall, downtown Denver (due to be finished in 2024), b) a John Fielder Then and Now tribute, c) Denver’s iconic East High School’s 150 th anniversary or d) El Chapultepec, the closed but storied Denver jazz club which recently got a reprieve from demolition. Club voted to select El Chapultepec. Shad will investigate Colorado artists. Trying to get the postcard completed by April mtg.
- Other news – Deb S mentioned her Chocolate Postcard received from a recent trip to the Broadmoor in the Springs.
- Liz introduced the speaker, John Meissner, who presented about Denver’s Sanborn Real Photo postcards. He provided samples and lots of supporting data about the various regional coded photo postcards, and shared about his research at the Sanborn offices. Some of the Sanborn cards were only produced in lots of 25, and are quite rare.

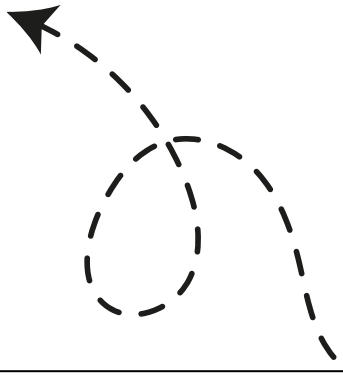
Where Am I in Colorado?



NEW FORMAT



Instead of emailing us with your answer, we will display the card onscreen at the meeting, and contribute answers as a group.



Do you know where this rock formation is in Colorado? Share your answers with us in our next club meeting!

The description on the back of this postcard includes the phrase: *"on the Moffat Road...its counterpart probably cannot be found elsewhere in the Rocky Mountain country."*

Today, this rock formation sits on 620 acres of a wildlife preserve, where biologists raise over 400,000 fingerling rainbow trout and 100,000 brown trout to annually distribute into Colorado's rivers.

The rock formation itself is 300 feet tall and is marked with a small sign from the highway as a viewpoint.



Club Contact Information



**2025
Officers**

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

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

denverpostcardclub@gmail.com

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**.

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| 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):

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| <i>Individual - \$15</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Family - \$20</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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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 | |
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| <i>Individual</i> | \$250 | | \$195 | | \$60 | |
| <i>Family</i> | \$335 | | \$260 | | \$80 | |

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

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| <i>Individual - \$8</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <i>Family - \$11</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Supplemental donation for Children's Project work** | \$ |
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** Denver Postcard Club is classified as a charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Donations in excess of membership dues may be tax deductible for certain taxpayers. You will receive a confirmation letter for your donation.

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| Date Paid: | | Check # or Cash: | |
| NEW/RENEWAL | | | |