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Holiday party on Nov. 30; make plans to attend

GP's holiday party is set for Nov. 30 and all are invited.

Members and their spouses/ partners will gather at D'Angelo's Italian Ristorante, 7995 Darrow Rd., Twinsburg. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Cost is $45 per person, with the menu likely similar to last year's to come, reports Rocco Caponi.

"Everyone enjoyed a good time and a good meal last year. We hope more will join us on this special evening," Caponi said.

RSVP to by email by Nov. 25 to rocco.caponi@gmail.com or text to 330-819-9999.

Please bear with us

As you probably know, Microsoft Publisher is no longer available for users. It had been the software used to layout Perryscope in recent years.

We're working with new software: Affinity. It's much more complex and requires a high learning curve on our part.

So if a few things seem a bit out of alignment or not quite up to par, please bear with us. Thanks for your understanding.

NOVEMBER MEETING PREVIEW

Photographer get his kicks along glorious Route 66

Note: As a preview of the program at the Nov. 5 GP meeting, this column is reprinted courtesy of The Chronicle-Telegram, Elyria, Ohio, published July 25, 2026

By Dennis Sadowski



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Photographer David Schwartz in his Lakewood studio.

Lakewood photographer David Schwartz just can't get enough of Route 66, America's historic adventure road.

Schwartz, 55, has traveled parts of the celebrated highway more than 40 times since 2004. He embarked on another trip in late summer to document more of the sights, sounds and stories of the people along the what author John Steinbeck called the Mother Road in "The Grapes of Wrath."

"I found very early on, on that first trip, that the people were really, really interesting and really welcoming," Schwartz said.

Schwartz's upcoming trip is his way to celebrate Route 66's centennial. The federal government established the road Nov. 11, 1926. At 2,448 miles, Route 66 connected Chicago with the Santa Monica, California. It changed the way Americans traveled cross country.

The U.S. Postal Service issued a pane of 16 "forever" (82-cent) stamps on May 5 at the National Postal Forum in Phoenix. The pane features eight photographs by Schwartz, one from each state along the road's lengthy trail:

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Meetings enrich joys of our hobby

The weather is getting colder and the stamp show and meeting season is in full swing. Please try to attend our Garfield-Perry Stamp Club meeting(s). Attendance enriches your enjoyment of the hobby and that of other attendees. We always learn something new at our meetings.



The Jewish Colonial Trust Ltd. was incorporated in London on March 20, 1899. It took three years to raise the 250,000-pound statutory minimum to commence operations.

To secure subscriptions to shares of the bank, Jewish Colonial Trust Share Clubs were established. A special stamp/label was produced in the form of a double triangle to facilitate the purchase of shares on an installment basis.

The upper half of the double triangle has a portrait of Theodor Herzl with the motto "United Share Clubs. Organization Society for distribution of shares for financing Jewish Settlement."



The lower triangle has the motto "United Share Clubs. Ownership not transferable."

The upper half of the label could be used as a seal or propaganda stamp. Booklets were prepared into which the lower half of the label could be pasted. When the booklet was complete, in approximately 84 weeks of purchasing a stamp weekly, a member could receive a one-pound share in the trust.

A blue stamp for the Club in Canada is also shown nearby.



Also shown is the top of a 1903 letter from a Yeshiva student to his rabbi asking for financial help in furthering his studies. The letter has in the upper corners halves of the triangular label, two early Jewish National Fund labels and a hand-drawn Magen David (Shield of David) with "Zion" inside in Hebrew.



Enjoy your collecting. We encourage you to attend club meetings.

Philatelically Yours,
Howard S. Chapman

APS offers discount to new members

If you're not already a member of the American Philatelic Society, perhaps a discount on dues can entice you.

To mark its 140th anniversary, APS is in the midst of a membership drive, offering new members a 25% discount on the first year of dues.

To join:

-- Go online at info.stamps.org/aps140

-- Click on "Join Today"

-- Complete the online application

-- Enter GP's APS Number 003208 as the referral source near the bottom of the Basic Info portion of the application.

-- Select membership type: Membership $45/year ($33.75 after discount) or "Digital Membership $35/year ($26.25 after discount).

-- Enter the promotional code APS 140 in the field below membership selection.

-- Continue to check out.

APS membership includes a subscription to a top-notch magazine, access to online forums, educational opportunities, trusted expert resources and involvement with fellow collectors who share your passion for philately.



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Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California.

The stamps may be available at local post offices. If not, ask that they be ordered.

For Schwartz, the USPS commission was a dream that finally came true. As he processed his photos over time, he thought that some would make nice stamps. But he wasn't sure how to proceed with postal officials.

His fortune changed in summer 2024.

"One morning the phone rings," Schwartz said. "I pick up the phone. The lady on the other end says, 'I represent the United States Postal Service. We're doing a set of stamps for the Route 66 centennial. We found your work. It's incredible. We love it. And we'd like to work with you if you're interested.'

"And I about fell out of my seat. I composed myself and I'm like, 'Yeah, absolutely. I'd love to do this.'"

The original plan called for 16 different stamps with two scenes from each state, Schwartz said. However, USPS lawyers were cautious about obtaining legal rights for some of the items depicted in the images Schwartz provided. With deadlines looming last summer, Greg Breeding, a USPS art director, told Schwartz the project had to be limited to eight stamps, two of each design in the pane of 16 stamps.

The stamps depict iconic scenes such as a Ford Model A automobile on the road in Auburn, Illinois; the brightly colored Munger Moss Motel in Lebanon, Missouri; an old-style Kan-O-Tex gasoline pump in Galena, Kansas; and the neon sign with a swooping arrow pointing the way to Grants Café in Grants, New Mexico.

A ninth photo along the pane's selvage shows a golden-hued highway stretching into Arizona scrubland, capturing, the USPS said, "the sense of possibility the open road inspires."

With the stamp release, Schwartz has used the opportunity to market his images on post cards, matted prints and posters. His website, www.picsonroute66.com, details his history with the road, photos from his trips and merchandise.

In the mid-20th century Route 66 was a major travel route. It boosted tourism, hastened westward migration and enabled people to flee Dust Bowl conditions in the southern Great Plains to better economic opportunities. The increased traffic led to an expanding service industry in towns along the famed route.

Route 66's future began to change, however, with the development of the interstate highway system in the 1950s. Superhighways bypassed the towns and services that made Route 66 a vivid part of Americana. Route 66 lost its place within the U.S. Highway System in 1985.

Schwartz said he continues to hit the road to find stories of the people who still live and run businesses along the route. He envisions eventually publishing a book, "Keepers of the Mother Road."

The years leading to the centennial led to resurgence in interest in the history and preservation of Route 66. While some efforts have been underway since the 1985 decommissioning, there are growing campaigns to promote tourism and create awareness of the roadway's importance to the country's development.

In addition, advocates are urging Congress to designate Route 66 as a National Historic Trail, opening the way for broader federal support.

Upcoming events

Nov. 6-7: AAPEX 2026, Ann Arbor Stamp Club, Morris Lawrence Building, Washtenaw Community College, 4800 Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor, Michigan

Nov. 7: WOOPEX 2026, Wooster Stamp Club, Ida Sue School, 266 Oldman Rd., Wooster, Ohio

Nov. 14-15: PITTPEX 2026, Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh, Fairview Sunset Room, 3326 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, Pennsylvania

Nov. 20-22: CHICAGOPEX 2026, Chicago Philatelic Society, Westin Chicago Northwest, 400 Park Blvd., Itasca, Illinois

Nov. 21: Black River Stamp Club annual show, American Legion Post 12, 393 Ohio St., Elyria, Ohio

GP programs

The club meets the first Thursday of the month except July and August. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. at the Wyndham Indepen-dence, 6200 Quarry Lane, Independence; (216-447-1300).

Club members are invited to meet for dinner at 6 p.m. at The Sanctuary Restaurant at the hotel.

Upcoming programs are:

Nov. 5: "Route 66: The Mother Road Through Photography," David Schwartz

Dec. 3: "All About Postcrossing," Mary-Margaret Kohut

Jan. 7: "More Bottom Feeding on the Internet," Bill Ullom

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The official designs of the Government, especially its designs in connection with postage stamps and coinage, may be described, I think, as the silent ambassadors of national taste.
-W.B. Yeats, Irish poet, writer and literary critic

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