

Stamping in Quarantine

By Dave Parsons

When 6 year-old grandson Matthew came into my office early one morning during the current quarantine. I was working on some stamps. (I know, what a surprise!) He had a lot of questions about what I was doing and what were the differences in all those little pieces of paper. He was very interested in the tongs. After a little practice he was able to pick up stamps and inspect them, then he could pick up piles of stamps.

He was very interested in the red stamps that I had a pile of ready to soak. They were the early Australia King George V series that I am going to fly-spec. So, we made a trip to the kitchen for a little soaking exercise (Sorry Lois, we didn't make too big of a mess). Matthew enjoyed gently moving the stamps around in the water and then placing them in a drying book. I don't know if he will ever get into stamp collecting with all the electronic amusements out there now, but with a little exposure early on, who knows?



Dave Parsons with grandson, Matthew, soaking stamps.

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*(**Editor:** Dave was in Southern California when the quarantine started. He has family close by and had some stamps and tools of the hobby to keep busy. He is providing his Zoom account for the stamp club virtual meetings. He plans to return to Truckee the first week in June.)*