

Things I Like About Stamp Collecting Ten Things I Don't Enjoy About Stamp Collecting

Presentation by Dave Parsons

The presentation was given by **Dave Parsons** discussing “Things I Like About Stamp Collecting” and a follow on with the “Ten Things I Don't Enjoy About Stamp Collecting.” There was a lot of member participation at the conclusion with comments on both sides for likes and don't enjoy about our hobby and collecting habits.

This was Dave's personal perspective on things he liked about stamp collecting:

1. Develop relationships
2. Gain understanding of history
3. Appreciate artwork, esp. engraved stamps
4. Treasure hunting for particular items
5. Philatelic puzzles
6. Learn about world currencies
7. Understanding different cultures
8. Trading – helping each other with hobby
9. Learning world geography
10. Ability to collect own interests – showed mushrooms on stamps



Things Dave does not enjoy about stamp collecting:

1. Forever stamps (postal value over time)
2. Self-adhesive stamps – not being able to soak
3. Proliferation of souvenir sheets for each stamp issue (from some countries)
4. Mass production of stamps, most with same denomination
5. Stupid commemorations
6. Perforations with irregular catalogue descriptions
7. Watermarks
8. Forgeries, counterfeits, and fakes
9. So many color variations (red, rose, carmine, etc.)
10. Cancellation value – color ink, fake cancels

Members also added postal history with enclosed letters (like), canceled-to-order (CTO) stamps (dislike) plus a few more in each category.

That's Dave Parsons on the right giving his presentation using PowerPoint. He had a very attentive audience.

