

New Member – Robert Dragone

Robert Dragone joined while attending his first meeting on June 10. When asked to provide a brief philatelic profile, Robert responded with the following.

“I began researching stamps and stamp related products when I was between 7 to 11 years of age while living in Newburyport, Massachusetts.

Of course, I grew up, and was out of the hobby for many years. It found me again, with all my knowledge still intact, a few years ago; about 6 months before the start of the pandemic.

A Ziploc bag was dropped in my hands, I reluctantly accepted, for some favors, and I was off and running, completely obsessed with all things philatelic.

Ironically, without eBay, I would have very little to show for the past few years. I have clocked thousands of hours on that online medium. I do lean towards worldwide stamps and less covers or revenues.

I feel these tell more of a story and can easily be made into presentations. One of my recurring thoughts about stamp collecting is the lack of an attainable degree from a university. The hobby, although profound, and more or less ethical, I would think, a degree in philately, would hold more weight than the expertizing speculation we now have.

My two cents on the future of philately. Thank you for letting me be a part of this vast hobby and the warm welcome I received at my first meeting on June 10. It was fun participating in the meeting live auction both as a seller and bidder. What Fun!”

Robert lives in Chico, CA.

