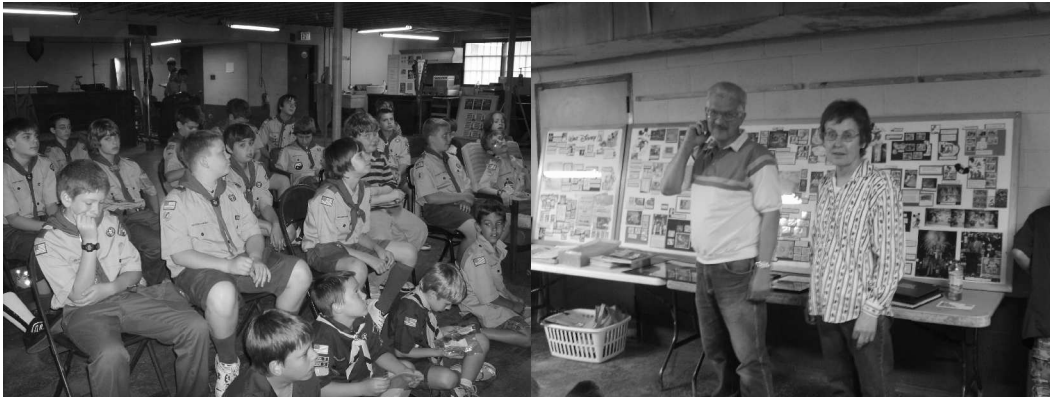


A REMINDER TO SHARE YOUR STAMP COLLECTING AND MACHINE CANCEL INTERESTS WITH YOUTH

By the Editor

Although my son has moved from Boy Scouts to the Marine Reserves, I have stayed back and assisted both in cub scouting, and his Boy Scout Troop. The cubs get their regular dips into loose stamp bins for their collection, and the Boy Scouts are eligible for Stamp Collecting Merit Badge counseling. The older boys in the Troop plan the meetings, and once a year the area stamp club gets invited to demonstrate for the Troop as a whole.



Boy Scouts in chairs; cubs on the floor listen to the presentation by Ben and Laura Lutz. Covers, stamps, and enlargements help deliver the message. The boys will eagerly search through loose stamps and covers. All they need is an opportunity.



Fancy postmarks attract their eye. Here Noah (a cub scout) finds SHREK plastered on a stamp, and the boys dive into the stamp boxes looking for SHREK & DONKEY.

As collectors, the heavy SHREK cancel is unsightly, but for the boys they are a bonus.

They will see things that you will not. Boy Scouts working on their Stamp Collecting Merit badge must save covers for a month, an opportunity to teach them postal markings.