



APS "Courses on the Road"

**August 10 –11, 2009 • Following APS StampShow
American Philatelic Center, Bellefonte, PA**

The American Philatelic Society is offering two courses as part of its continuing education series. The cost for each course is \$149 for APS members; \$249 for nonmembers. The cost includes lunches and Monday evening dinner.

Fakes and Forgeries, with Bill Dixon of APS Circuit Sales, will provide you with the knowledge to more successfully identify questionable material, primarily non-U.S. The first day will cover the history of the problem of these relatively low-priced forgeries, the rudimentary tools of the trade of spotting fakes and forgeries, a short list of helpful reference works, how to use the library to build your reference clipping file, and techniques of examining an item to determine its authenticity. Day two will be hands-on with several hundred of the more common fakes and forgeries that you may find in lots for sale.

Bill was introduced to stamp collecting 50 years ago when he found his grandmother's beginner stamp album. He began working in the APS Sales Division in 1981 and developed an interest in fakes and forgeries. He has studied this area of philately under Varro Tyler and has experience sorting through the millions of sales books that cross his desk. This is Bill's year teaching this course.

Collecting the Expos, with Ken Lawrence, will cover some of the most popular and attractive U.S. postage stamps that have been issued to promote and commemorate world's fairs. Stamped envelopes for the 1876 Centennial International Exhibition at Philadelphia; stamps and envelopes for the 1893 World Columbian Exposition at Chicago; stamps for the 1898 Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition at Omaha; and 20th and 21st century fairs since the 1901 Pan-American Expo comprise this area of collecting. Ken Lawrence will show how specialists gather expo material into great collections that can be treasured and displayed with pride.

Accommodations

The host hotel, the Holiday Inn Express at Williamsburg Square, 1925 Waddle Road, State College, PA, is offering a special room rate of \$81 per night until July 9, 2009. Their phone number is 814-867-1800. Other housing options include local hotels, bed-and-breakfast facilities, and camping areas. Visit our website for more details about housing,
http://www.stamps.org/TheAPS/abt_motels.htm.

\$15 Registration Discount until July 20, 2009

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