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## Course at WESTPEX Among the Spring Attractions from the Education Department of the APS

Hard on the heels of the recent success of “The Essentials of Aerophilately” — a two-day course October 17–18 at the American Philatelic Center — the Education Department of the American Philatelic Society has unveiled the first of its planned offerings for collectors in the year to come.

Spring 2008 will see the initial APS “traveling tutorial” — an intensive course offered on the road in conjunction with a World Series of Philately stamp show. Veteran APS instructor Dennis Gilson will offer a two-day version of his popular Summer Seminar course on “The Washington-Franklin Issues” on Wednesday, April 23, and Thursday, April 24, 2008, immediately prior to WESTPEX 2008

April 25–27 in San Francisco, California. This course is not just for the expert collector, but for anyone who has collected or wants to collect these classic issues. A minimum of eight students is required for the course to be held. Registrants will be given one month’s notice in order for them to have sufficient time to arrange for transportation and accommodations, which are not included. The course fee will be \$195 for APS members, and \$295 for non-members. Details of “The Washington-Franklin Issues,”

including a link for online registration, are available at [www.stamps.org/Education/edu\\_Courses.htm](http://www.stamps.org/Education/edu_Courses.htm)

The first 2008 weekend courses at the American Philatelic Center will be “Collecting Revenues” with Ron Leshner and “Collecting First Day Covers” with Lloyd de Vries. Leshner is past president of the American Revenues Association, former APS Director at Large, a Director of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors and longtime revenues columnist online and in the weekly philatelic press. De Vries, First Vice President of the American First Day Cover Society and a past APS Secretary and Director-at-Large, has written columns on first day covers for more than 20 years for the weekly philatelic press. He manages The Virtual Stamp Club online, and produces a weekly radio stamp collecting report for CBS News. Since 1983, he has produced his own line of first day of issue cards, and for about eight years, was a weekend bourse dealer selling FDCs and related material.

The courses will be offered Friday, April 11 and Saturday, April 12, 2008, in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

Planning is well under way for the 28th Annual Summer Seminar on Philately, June 22–27, at APS Headquarters. Since 1980, these annual conclaves of like-minded collectors have become a mainstay of the stamp hobby, spreading philatelic fellowship and imparting the latest thinking and knowledge through intensive, expert lectures and hands-on workshops.

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