

# APS Courses "On the Road"

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Sheraton Chicago Northwest • Arlington, IL



**Exhibiting for the Prize** with Rich Drews  
Land the big one with this course! Starting with a quick review of the basics, this course will delve into intermediate and advanced level topics of exhibiting to help exhibitors who wish to win a Grand Award or beyond, or to compete at the challenging international levels.

Students will explore how judging takes place in all the various exhibiting divisions. They will discover what considerations — including treatment, succinctly conveying knowledge and research, and difficulty of acquisition — will affect award level, and gain insight into what is in the mind of judges as they make their decisions. Students will learn what separates Silver and Vermeil from Gold, and what it takes to reach the sought-after Grand Award level. Exhibitors will be encouraged to bring their exhibits for assistance and comparison with a wide range of successful exhibits in all disciplines.

A collector with wide-ranging interests since 1951, Rich is an APS- and FIP-accredited philatelic judge, was an APS Champion of Champions Award-winner in 1997, and has won International Gold. Among the many important roles he has played in Chicago-area philately during the past quarter-century, Rich served as Director of Volunteers and Club Coordinator at AMERIPEX 86, and as Executive Director of the World Columbian Stamp Expo in 1992. Proprietor of Stamp & Coin King and Richard E. Drews Philatelic Auctions, which conducted five official APS show auctions in the 1990s, Rich sold his store inventory and retired in 2000.



**Collecting British Machins** with David Alderfer

The course will focus on the various characteristics that collectors must consider in order to appreciate all the varieties. Characteristics include colors, face values, numerals, papers, gums, phosphor band variations, perforations, regional issues, methods of printing, booklets, se-tenant combinations, and postal history. A PowerPoint presentation illustrating key points and hands-on experience will be part of the workshop. There will be something of interest for beginner, intermediate, and advanced collectors alike.

David began collecting Machins in 1983, initially attracted to the many bright colors of individual stamps in the series. For the past 25 years, he has kept up with the many technological changes that have affected the issuance and production of the current definitive series of Great Britain. He currently lives in the Chicagoland area with his wife, Kay, and is a retired pastor of the Lutheran church. Cost is \$195 for APS members; \$295 for nonmembers.

Both two-day courses meet from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day with a break for lunch. Lunch is not included in the registration fee.

#### Accommodations

The host hotel is the Sheraton Chicago Northwest, 3400 West Euclid Ave, located 10 miles northwest of O'Hare Airport and is adjacent to the Arlington Park Race Course. The room rate is \$115 and the phone number is 847-394-2000.

For further information, contact Gretchen Moody, APS Director of Education at 814-933-3810 or [gretchen@stamps.org](mailto:gretchen@stamps.org).

**A \$15 discount if registered by October 15<sup>th</sup>.**