

# AMERICOVER 2011

56<sup>th</sup> Annual AFDCS Convention,  
Exhibition, Stamp & Cover Bourse



**Indianapolis, Indiana**

**August 4-7, 2011**

FDC Dealer Bourse – 160 Exhibit Frames – Cachetmaker Bourse – AFDCS Business Meetings – Chapter Meetings – Educational Seminars – Youth Activity Table – Society Service Awards – President’s Banquet

## Convention Hotel Information

The Wyndham West Hotel, 2544 Executive Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana is near the Indianapolis International Airport just off the west side of Interstate 495. The group rate is \$89 per night (single, double, triple, or quad) if you mention “AFDCS” or the “American First Day Cover Society.” The rate is good for August 3-8 if you book rooms by Wednesday, July 4th. Call the hotel at 317-248-2481, or the toll-free number 877-999-3223. To reserve your room online, go to the AMERICOVER 2011 page at [www.AFDCS.org](http://www.AFDCS.org) and click on the direct link to the hotel.

## AMERICOVER 2011

### Special Convention Entertainment Highlights

Thursday, August 4

#### **Race to the Roast!**

What can be a more fitting theme for our visit to Indiana than the Indianapolis 500? A new commemorative stamp will have been issued in May to celebrate that famous race. You can get a real “feel” for the Indy racing theme by joining us on a bus ride to the **Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame** right next to the famous “brick yard” where the race is held every year. The bus leaves our hotel at 8:45 a.m. and whisks us there in minutes. Browse around all the historic race cars and visit the gift shop for racing memorabilia. A \$5.00 admission fee is charged by the Museum.

And then, when you are getting hungry for lunch, get back on the bus for a ride to the home of Ralph and Diane Achgill in Lafayette. Remember the **Hog Roast** of 2004? By popular acclaim, Ralph and Diane are again tempting us with some delicious barbeque. (If you would rather not eat pork, there will be other menu choices.) The bus will depart at 2:00 p.m. and return us to the hotel by 3:00 p.m.

Friday, August 5

#### **President’s Banquet and 2010 Cachet Awards**

This is your chance to meet and greet old friends, get acquainted with new friends, and catch up on philatelic news. The main social event of the convention

begins at 7:00 p.m. and runs until 10:30 p.m. – plenty of time to enjoy good company and good food. You pick the food you like from the **All American Dinner Buffet**. It includes your choice of roasted beef, chicken, or pork loin, and soup, salad, side dishes and dessert.

After dinner, sit back and enjoy a slide show of the best cachet designs from 2010. Awards will be announced and presented to winners of the **Cachetmakers Contest**.

Saturday, August 6

### **Night Owls Enjoy Speedway Deli Buffet**

After you have a “hoot” shopping and browsing at the Night Owl Cachetmakers Bourse from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., stay up a little longer to enjoy a meal from the **Speedway Deli Buffet**. You won’t go to bed hungry when you’ve sampled soup, three kinds of salad, three kinds of deli meat plus cheeses, and all the sandwich trimmings a person could want. Save room for dessert too. It promises to be a great late-night event.

Sunday, August 7

### **Wonderful Fun at a Dinner Theater**

Do you ever get an anticlimactic feeling when the Bourse closes on Sunday afternoon and almost everyone is leaving? How about extending your convention experience and taking some time to relax before heading home? Come along with us to the Beef ‘n’ Boards Dinner Theater in north Indianapolis. The featured play this time is “**Church Basement Ladies 2: A Second Helping.**” The playbill says:

They’re servin’ it up again! This time around, the year is 1969 and the world is a changin’. Return to the basement for heartwarming humor and hilarious antics. From the elderly matriarch of the kitchen to the young mom-to-be, these wonderful women find strength in each other as they deal with the joys and upheavals from below the “House of God.”

The bus departs the hotel at 4:50 p.m. to get us there in plenty of time for good seating. We board the bus again for the return trip at 9:15 p.m. This experience will be a perfect cap to our favorite long weekend.

### **The Best Prices are for EARLY Registration**

Mail your registration form and payment by June 30 to get the best individual ticket prices, or to buy the All Events package. The postmark must be dated June 30 or earlier. If you choose to register and pay online at [www.afdcs.org/americovert/2011events.html](http://www.afdcs.org/americovert/2011events.html), the same deadline applies.

See the registration form on the reverse of this page. Events are subject to change. There are no refunds unless event is canceled by AFDCS.

# AMERICOVER 2011 Pre-Registration

Register Early for Best Rates

<b>Ticket Events</b>	<b>By June 30</b>			<b>After June 30</b>		
	Qty	Bargain Rate	Total	Qty	Late Rate	Total
<b>Thursday, August 4, 2011:</b> Indiana Speedway Museum and the Achgill Cookout	1	\$26.00			\$32.00	
<b>Friday, August 5, 2011:</b> President's Banquet & Cachetmaker Awards	1	\$52.00			\$59.00	
<b>Saturday, August 6, 2011:</b> Night Owl Bourse Buffet	1	\$25.00			\$30.00	
<b>Sunday, August 7, 2011:</b> Dinner Theater	1	\$64.00			\$69.00	
<b>All Events Package,</b> Purchased by June 30, 2011		<b>\$155.00</b>			Total Late:	

## AMERICOVER Funding Donations

Beacon Donor	\$100+		<i>We rely on your generous donations to cover convention costs.</i>
Show Program Printing	\$35+		
Button Fund	\$25+		
Entertainment Fund	\$15+		

## AMERICOVER Souvenirs

	Qty		
Polo Shirt with Logo	1	\$25.00	<b>Size(s):</b> _____
Souvenir Program/cancels	1	\$5.00	<i>Mailed after event</i>
Convention Covers Set	1	\$10.00	<i>Mailed after event</i>

## Payment Method

**Total:**

Check (to AFDCS) \_\_, Credit Card Visa \_\_, MasterCard \_\_, AMEX \_\_  
 Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card Holder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Name Tag Name

Guest Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/ State/ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email or Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Send Form & Payment to: **Cynthia Scott, 4505 Chapel Dr, Columbus IN 47203**  
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## **Top Exhibit Goes to the Champion of Champions**

The Grand Award winner of the AMERICOVER 2011 exhibition may compete in the Champion of Champions (World Series of Philately) at the APS Stamp Show in August 2012.

## **Be a Beacon**

Consider becoming one of our AFDCS distinguished “Guiding Lights” by contributing to the Beacon Fund. Your donation of \$100 or more allows the convention committee to make a good show even better, without fear of running over budget. Beacon members receive a distinctive engraved name badge to show appreciation for their extra support. Send a donation with your Pre-Registration before the June 30 deadline in order to get the special badge.

## **Transportation to the hotel**

This year the Wyndham West Hotel will provide free shuttle service from or to the Indianapolis International Airport. When you arrive at the airport call the hotel at 317-248-2481 to arrange a shuttle pickup.

## **Donation Auction**

Each year AMERICOVER has a donation auction scheduled on Friday afternoon with a limited number of quality first day covers at auction. Check the show schedule for the times to view and bid on elusive FDCs that may fill holes in your collection.

## **Top Cachet Award Winners for 2010**

When you attend the President’s Banquet Friday night you also have the opportunity to meet many of the winners of our annual Cachetmaker’s Contest. Awards are given as the winners are announced and introduced to the audience. As each winner is announced a digital image of the winning cover is shown so everyone attending can see the beauty of the cachet.

## **Cachetmaker Night Owl Bourse**

Saturday night at the Cachetmaker Bourse you also have the opportunity to meet and talk one-on-one with fellow members of AFDCS who are cachetmakers. These fellow members enjoy sharing information about how they design their cachets and how they got started. Buy a ticket to the Buffet held afterward to finish the evening with other cachet collectors.