

Arizona License Plate Society

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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How did you start collecting plates? Was there someone who was your mentor?

My late father was an avid license plate collector. His collection is displayed in my Mom's garage in Colorado. Since Colorado changed their plates every year, he would just remove the current plate and tack it into the garage. Most of his plates go back to at least the 1950's. When Colorado removed the month and year from the plates (back in 1977) they began the staggering tab system, thus keeping the same plate. I started collecting plates within the past six months to keep my late father's legacy alive.

How did you hear about the Arizona Regional?

I think I was searching the internet and just happened to come across the website. But I'm not really sure.

What plates do you collect and which are your favorites? Where do you get most of your plates?

I started my 50 state collection just recently, and I think New Mexico is my all time favorite because they stand out with the red and yellow colors. I also favor Colorado of course. I get most of my plates from the plate meets here in Arizona, but have also ordered some on the internet.

Do you have tips for newer members on the best places to acquire plates?

Check the websites and join ALPCA. The plate meets that I have attended have a very good variety.

How often do you make it to Arizona License Plate Society events?

As often as I can.

Which plate in your collection has the best story?

A New Mexico plate I bought with the numbering designation 915 PCR. I didn't even know until a couple of months later that the letters PCR are actually my late brother's initials! That plate was destined to be mine.

How many plates are in your collection? What types? What do you wish you had more of?

I currently have about 40 plates although some are duplicated. Nebraska, Washington, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona (maroon), Missouri, Idaho, Texas – just to name a few..

Do you display your plates?

They are displayed in my kitchen, and outside my home.

What other non-license plate hobbies do you have?

I like to work on puzzles. Which by the way – I just recently completed a license plate puzzle of 1000 pieces. It is shaped exactly like the United States. That took nearly three months to complete (but only working on it part-time). It was truly a challenge for me, as there were many different color blends. So I am proud of myself for taking on such a unique challenge. And what makes this puzzle different from all the rest is that some of the plates are old, some are new, and just splattered every which way – all overlapping each other. (keep in mind, all the plates are in the exact location of where they are supposed to be). Once again, New Mexico, Arizona, and Colorado were the easiest to assemble due to the easy color blends.