

Arizona License Plate Society

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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

I started collecting license plates 3 ½ years ago when I retired for something to do. I always had the habit of looking to see the different plates on cars while traveling around the country on vacations.

How did you hear about the Arizona Regional?

I read about the Arizona meets in the ALPCA Plates Magazine

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

I like newer graphic plates, animal and bird plates, ALPCA convention plates, and Indian plates. I get most of my license plates on eBay.

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

I like salvage yards, if they will let you in. Also, flea markets, eBay, and swapmeets.

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

I make it to ALPS meets one or twice per year. I live in Minnesota most of the year so I am in Arizona only during the winter months.

Which plate in your collection has the best story?

Somebody gave me a 1940 Minnesota (my birth year). After that I decided to try to get a Minnesota plate from every year. I now have a run of Minnesota plates from 1920 to present.

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

I have around 600 license plates. I have at least one from all 50 states, all 32 Mexico states, all Canada, wildlife plates, Caribbean islands. I need about four more of the lighthouse plates.

Do you display your plates?

Yes – they cover two walls of my 28' by 32' garage interior.

What other non-license plate hobbies do you have?

I enjoy biking and hiking.

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