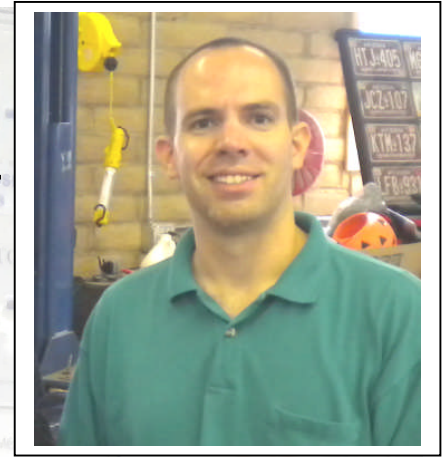


Arizona License Plate Society

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



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

I didn't really have a mentor, unless you count the internet. Growing up, my parents would keep the old plates off the cars when we moved or changed plates. I started myself when I first moved out and took the Iowa plates off my car. Then I stepped it up via the internet. I bought plates on ebay, learned that there were actually other people that did this, and learned about different styles of collecting like birth-year runs, specific types, etc. I finally settled on what I am (slowly) working on now.

How did you hear about the Arizona Regional?

From my mentor – the internet. I'm not sure exactly when or how, but I stumbled upon ALPCA at some point, and by extension, ALPS. It took me a while to join; I collected independently for almost 7 years before I finally signed up.

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

Officially I collect passenger plates from the US, Canada, and Mexico, 1982 to present. I also have a small collection of pet-friendly optionals. I started collecting around the time the Mexican graphics were taking off, and I quickly became hooked the more I learned about them. The Mexican graphics are by far my favorites, in particular the 2002 Quintana Roo and 2007 Nayarit. I am somewhat new-age in my methods, as I get most of my plates (especially the Mexican ones) on ebay. I mostly buy US and Canadian plates when I can't find Mexican plates I need for a while, and when I go to meets.

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

It depends on what you are looking for. If you are looking for a lot of not-so-difficult stuff, meets and junkyards are great. For a specific type, number, or other rarity, the internet is great.

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

Two or three times a year. I would like to make it to more, but I am poor and they often conflict with other things going on.

Which plate in your collection has the best story?

I don't have anything too profound. I would have to say the 2003 Baja California Sur that I have. These aren't overly rare anymore, but this marked my first successful plate hunting attempt in Mexico. At the time (mid 2004), these were incredibly tough to get – even on ebay they were going for over \$150. We took a vacation to Cabo San Lucas, so I felt it necessary to find the local DMV and try to schmooze the clerk with my terrible Spanish. It worked, and I picked up this plate, along with a truck and fronterizo passenger for about 40 pesos (\$4).

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

540 total – 260 Mexico, 44 Canada, 236 US (including 19 pet-friendly optionals). I wish I had more of all of the above. I am trying to assemble a complete 1982 – present run, and there are many many holes.

Do you display your plates?

Of course. My garage walls are covered, and in fact I recently ran out of room. I am planning to invest in a separate shed so I can move all the crap out of the garage and take the shelves down to make more room for plates.

What other non-license plate hobbies do you have?

Not a lot. Work mostly, watching sports, particularly college football and NASCAR. I used to fly, but not in a while.