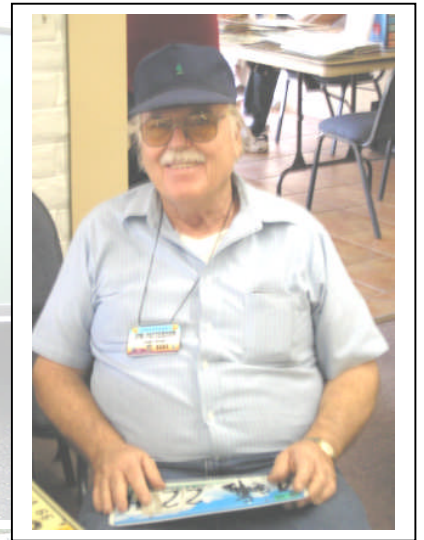


# Arizona License Plate Society

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**Name:** Jim Patterson  
**Birth Year:** 1933  
**ALPCA #:** 9494  
**Residence:** Tucson, AZ  
**Occupation:** Retired



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

I have saved the license plate from my first car, a 1947 Chevrolet, and plates from all of my cars since. I guess I was my own mentor.

**How did you hear about the Arizona Regional?**

My fellow car club member Arlon Burns told me about ALPCA and invited me to an ALPS meet in Tucson.

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

I collect Arizona and Ohio plates. I also collect Bicentennial and Centennial plates. I find most of my plates at ALPS meets.

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

I think the best place to find plates is at ALPS meets, but also car swap meets as well.

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

I make it to ALPS meets about 2-3 times per year.

**Which plate in your collection has the best story?**

My 1983 Rhode Island plate. It was the last plate I found for my 50 state run.

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

I have about 400 plates in my collection. I would like to have more of the newer animal and bird plates.

**Do you display your plates?**

Yes, I display some of my license plates in my storage room and the others in boxes.

**What other non-license plate hobbies do you have?**

I enjoy keeping up my old cars. I have a 1949 Chevrolet (this car was on display at the September 2006 ALPS meet in Tucson) and a 1958 Oldsmobile.

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