

# Arizona License Plate Society

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**Name:** Marvin L. "Big Marv" Dickson  
**Birth Year:** 1941  
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**Occupation:** Head Cook, Pinnacle Peak Patio Restaurant



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

In the Boy Scouts, my first plate was found around the Granite Reef area – a 1915 plate. I also found some around old homesteads, at the dump, in old mines, etc. P.S. I bought my 1921 to 1929 Arizona at the Phoenix Dog Track swap meet on Sat/Sun back in 1961.

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

I met a guy at work who gave me the address for the club and I signed up.

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

I collect all license plates. I like all kinds, especially Arizona and Kansas. I get almost all of my plates from Arizona license plate meets.

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

Yes – go to Arizona license plate meets and thrift shops / antique stores. Also, swapmeets, yard sales, etc. Don't forget estate sales too. Also, ask Clark!

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

I try to make it to 4-5 meets per year in Arizona

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

My older brother gave me a Kansas 1941 plate. It was the year I was born in Kansas. For this reason, this plate is definitely my favorite.

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

I have about 3500 total plates in my collection. I have plates from all states – but I always wish I had more Arizona license plates!

### **Do you display your plates?**

Yes – a bunch of my collection is on display at the Pinnacle Peak Patio Restaurant in Scottsdale, Arizona. This is where I work. I have many display cases full of lots of my different collections and some of my license plates.

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

I collect everything! Can openers, beer cans, bottles, keys, old books, locks, match books, badges, patches, spurs, branding irons, newspaper, coins and stamps, etc., etc., and much more!