



Arizona License Plate Society

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All,

I started drafting this letter in early November, just prior to what would have been our year end meet in November. I held off mailing it for a little while, partially still monitoring the COVID situation and looking for a window to host a meet, part of it still looking for some sort of positive from this year. A month later I came away empty on both counts. As COVID reared its head again in November, it became clear there may not be another meet for a while.

The plan for next year is all meets will be scheduled as opportunity arises about a month in advance, and not much beyond that. We still have 2-3 potential meet models tucked away, but at this point it is very much still a 'wait and see' situation. We have a site in Prescott on reserve for May 15 but who knows at this point. When the right opportunity arises, we will notify our members via the regular process – an ALPS flyer and listing on the ALPCA website. Also a blast announcement on the ALPCA.Discuss and ALPCA.Announce lists.

The ALPS 'Virtual' meets were fun and we had good participation for the first few, but as the year dragged on and weeks turned into months, participation fell as I think people had time to adapt their lives to the new normal. Originally, we thought we might lose one or two meets. But we are now at 5 and counting. We sent flyers and had prizes and awards. The feedback was great but it started to get too expensive. We may do something similar in the future if this drags on, but it will be most likely virtual in nature and not have a mail out flyer component. So any notification of a 'virtual' meet would be via email only.

I included a flyer for our ALPS Souvenir plate for 2021. As you will see from the flyer, the plate design will be a Route 66 theme around the famous old mining town of Oatman. Oatman is known as the town where the mules from the mine were released when the mine closed and are now 'residents' of the town greeting tourists traveling along old Route 66. Scott Broady is still finishing the design, but he cautioned that the prison is experiencing delays with production due to COVID so we aren't exactly sure when they will be complete. Any pre-orders are due back to me with payment by Dec 31st. We won't have very many extras so if you want this plate I strongly recommend pre-order. We will place the order in early January. Since the meet situation is so uncertain, we will be offering local pickup locations for the souvenir plates if you want to save on postage. There will be one in Tucson at Dean's house (near Speedway and Pantano), and one in Mesa at Clark's house (near Center and University). If you want to select this option, please indicate on the order form. Once the plates are ready, anyone who selected the pick-up option will be notified individually, and we will have a contact-free pickup process.

We also did an additional small run of the ALPS Project novelty plates just like the ones we had years ago. Our original sequence of plates numbered 1914-2010 have long since sold out. We added a few additional numbered 2011 to 2025, and a few that say ALPCA and ALPS. Proceeds from these plates benefit the ALPS Club Project fund.

I included officer ballots for those on the mail list, and an attachment (to be printed) for those on the email list. To vote for officers, a ballot can be cast by mailing the completed ballot via USPS your ballot to Dean Sandvold at the address on the ballot. Your ALPCA number must be on the outside of the envelope in order to be counted in order to ensure the integrity of the process. Dean has been absolutely sworn to secrecy on what he receives in the mail and will only release final total numbers. If Dean does not follow through, we will send Rudy Giuliani after him. And nobody wants that. Therefore the process can be trusted.

Please consider buying our souvenir plate this year, even if you haven't purchased our plates before – we had no revenue for most of the year but incurred the costs of the virtual meets plus other club expenses like the website. We also still have shirts available, and these can be shipped to you, or you can pick up the shirts with the souvenir plates at the pickup locations in Mesa and Tucson when the other plates are ready.

It has been a trying year for everyone, as always thanks for your support and here's to hoping 2021 is better.

Clark W, President (ALPCA 6191)