



Arizona License Plate Society

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To the ALPS Nation...

I am pleased to confirm our August 14th meet in Mesa Arizona at St Matthew's United Methodist Church. Special thanks to Kevin Allen for setting this event up for us. This is still a very trying time to try to find event sites and we are grateful to our sites and our hosts who were generous enough to work with us this year. Quite simply, if these sites were not available to our club we would not be able to host meets.

Your ALPS officers which include myself, Bruce, Dean, and Kevin are still watching the local Covid case counts as well as any changes to the mask requirement our meet site may impose upon us. The rising case counts as well as Arizona's general substandard vaccination rates are of concern, but unfortunately all we can do is monitor and react to any changes. Our mask policy as of the date I am writing this letter (7/22) is pretty much the same as it was at our Tucson meet. Please wear a mask if you are not vaccinated, masks optional for vaccinated attendees. Please keep in mind this policy may change up to the meet date so it is recommended everyone have mask in the car 'just in case' we are directed to revert back to masks for all. We are planning to provide a full lunch and donuts and coffee in the morning. If you have any questions please contact any of your ALPS officers.

PLEASE RSVP if you expect to attend this meet. It helps us with capacity and also if there is a change in this event we can let you know. But we can't notify you if we don't know if you are attending. Please let us know if you plan to attend.

As for our license plate display theme for Mesa, we wanted something that was beyond the actual plates, and shows the uniqueness of our members collections. The theme is "Plates acquired from a friend". It's OK if you paid for the plate but I personally had a few instances where friends in the hobby saved plates for me that were particular to my collecting interests, or a run I was trying to complete. It started me thinking that I bet all of us have some examples where a friend kept an eye out for us for a project trying to be completed, and I would love to read some of these stories. I hope you will share some of those stories with us. Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Lastly I wanted to share some sad news with you. We recently lost two of our most known smiling faces that have been attending our events for years. Leo Wood passed away earlier this month, he was 90 years old. Leo had been struggling with an illness since last year. Leo has been a part of our Arizona regional meets for about two decades. Leo would help out with so many of our auctions, and he was always there at his table smiling and ready to help a young

collector with some plates or some miniature key tabs. Leo's wife Louise (Weeze) Gibson was also a regular at our meets and was there to help out with anything we needed. A collector of many things, Leo's knowledge and upbeat attitude couldn't help but rub off on all who knew him. Last February, we also lost Ingrid Claussner, the wife of our member Ebby Claussner. The Claussners lived in Tucson and were from Schaumburg Illinois prior to moving to the desert. Ingrid was at almost all of the meets where Ebby attended as well. "Thank you and God Bless" in her accent were words I remember hearing from her almost every time we met at our meets. Although it is never easy to say goodbye to any of our ALPS family, I can think back on knowing these two special people and be thankful that we had both for as long as we did. Our sympathies go out to surviving family members.

I will be away in Covington Kentucky at the ALPCA National Convention like I know many of you will be. Again, please RSVP if you plan on attending this meet. If you email your RSVP to alpsclub@cox.net, I will respond and acknowledge your RSVP but my response may not be timely if it is during the week of the convention.

We are working on two additional meets this year but I have been busy with other projects and still need to reach out and secure sites. Any updates will be sent out to those on the ALPS email list, and as always the ALPCA Regional Meet website will be kept current of upcoming events.

Thanks all for your continued support of our club.

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Leo Wood and Weeze Gibson (Left)

Ingrid and Ebby Claussner (above)