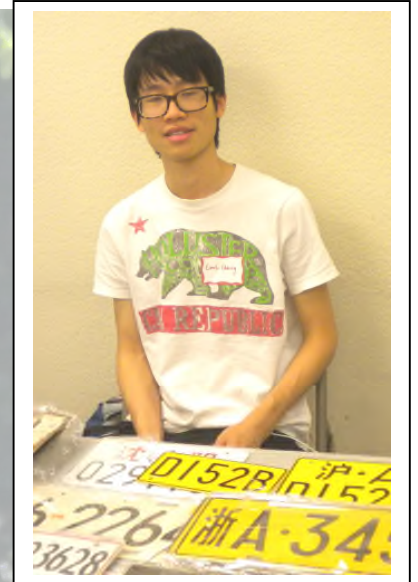


Arizona License Plate Society

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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

I was looking to find something to decorate my dorm room on eBay. I came across license plates, so I bought a couple to put on the wall. Then I fell in love with them.

How did you hear about the Arizona Regional?

I met many ALPS members at Southern California meets, and so I started attending ALPS meets as well.

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

I collect plates with number ‘515’ (my birthday), Georgia optional plates (I went to undergrad there) and Asian plates. I get my plates from different meets, on eBay, and junk yards.

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

Come to license plate meets and meet more collectors!

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

I try to make it at least twice per year.

Which plate in your collection has the best story?

None so far. Hopefully I will have one with a wonderful story soon.

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

Around 300 right now for my own collection. 50-state motorcycle, 50-state samples, 50-state #515 (not yet complete), 50-state 1990 run, the more the better.

Do you display your plates?

I don’t display right now because I rent an apartment right now and it is not allowed. 100% for sure when I have my own house in the future.

What other non-license plate hobbies do you have?

I collect Chinese stamps and lipsticks