

# Arizona License Plate Society

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



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

My first recognition of plates came as a child, while on a trip to visit family in Detroit. My aunt just happened to have received a new license plate, and she offered me her old one. I took it home and took a few of my father's old plates he had in the garage, hung them on my bedroom door, and as they say the rest is history. I never really had a mentor as my parents never understood my interest in plates.

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

I can't really remember, my first ALPS meet was in Prescott several years ago. I had just moved from Chicago to Flagstaff.

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

I mostly collect newer graphic and passenger plates. I am on a mission for an "Organ Donor" specialty plate run. I have about 12 Organ Donor plates now, but know there are more out there.

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

It seems to be easier now to get a run going quickly. Many collectors would be happy to donate some plates to a new collector, especially child collectors. I was around Junior High age when I first got into the hobby, and I collected the slow, hard way...one by one. The internet is a great place to find new plates, but it seems like more and more people are making this great hobby a business. Those are people you need to steer clear from.

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

When I lived in Flagstaff, I usually attended 2 events a year. Now that I have moved to the Valley of the Sun I hope to attend many more.

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

Oh I don't know, some plates mean a lot to me like ones I have that were on family members cars.

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

I have around 500 plates, and I believe that is an all time low for me right now. Mostly current passenger, my organ donor run, motorcycle, etc... I wish I had more of everything!

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

I have a current passenger and m/c run on my wall. (I still need a few hard to find m/c's) And my ongoing Organ Donor run. Also some "Arizona" vanity plates from all over.

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

I just like to golf.

