

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.

