

Arizona License Plate Society

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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

I started collecting license plates when I was 10 years old. A man gave me a plate from Colorado dated 1959. He was staying in a small trailer in my Dad's orchard while they were building a house in Tucson, Arizona. My mentor was my step dad Vaughn Short started saving the old license plates off of his cars and trucks when he changes them. He gave me a plate off of the old cabin at his lead mine in the mountains of Southern Arizona. It was a 1931 Arizona with a "B" on it which stands for the second most populated county in Arizona at that time. His mother (who was there at the time) said to me that there was a license plate down the road in some bushes. It was a 1949 Arizona that probably came off of Grandpa's old ore truck.

How did you hear about the Arizona Regional?

I heard about the group from the ALPCA newsletters and the ALPS meet announcements.

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

The 1931 Arizona plate with a "B" on it which stands for the second most populated county in Arizona, and the 1949 Arizona waffle plate are my favorites.

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

I make it to any ALPS events in Tucson, and any in the White Mountains.

Which plate in your collection has the best story?

My step dad Vaughn Short gave me a plate off of the old cabin at this lead mine in the mountains of Southern Arizona. A 1931 plate with a "B" on it which stands for the second most populated county in Arizona, and a 1949 waffle plate found in the bushes.

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

I probably have 1000 plates or more... All types, too!

Do you display your plates?

I display in a shed at my Dad's, and also a small display where I am staying right now.

What other non-license plate hobbies do you have?

I have some baseball cards and do some rock collecting. I also collect stamps, do walking, and play with my pet turtles – Murtle and Tillie.

