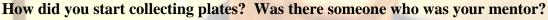# Arizona License Plate Society

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Name: Joe Tyron
Birth Year: 1942
ALPCA #: 7509
Residence: Tucson, AZ (Winter) and Ludington, MI (Summer)
Occupation: Air Force and Dept of Defense, Retired

How did you start collecting plates? Was there someone who was your mentor?
In 1995, I found three 1942 plates in an antique store in the White Mountains of Arizona, I thought they were neat, and the rest is history! I also found the Jim Fox license plate book in a Tombstone, AZ antique store.   Dick Pack and Roy Carson were my mentors.

How did you hear about the Arizona Regional?
I joined ALPCA in 1996. I joined NILPS in 1997. Roy Carson signed me up for the NILPS group.

What plates do you collect and which are your favorites? Where do you get most of your plates?
I collect 1942 pairs, 1942 Kansas, 1942 Montana. I get most of my plates from eBay and license plate club meets.

Do you have tips for newer members on the best places to acquire plates?
I recommend swap meets, antique stores, Midwest auctions, and eBay.

How often do you make it to Arizona License Plate Society events?
I make it to at least three ALPS meets per year.

Which plate in your collection has the best story?
The plate with the best story is a 1914 Florida pre-state plate that my wife, Diane, found in a small antique store in Mears, Michigan for $25.00. This plate is supposedly worth several thousand dollars!

How many plates are in your collection? What types? What do you wish you had more of?
I have 750+ plates in my collection. I have two complete runs of 1942 pairs, 100+ World War II military plates from some of the 1100 military installations that were in use during World War II.

Do you display your plates?
Yes – I display my plates in my living room in Tucson, and my pole barn in Ludington, Michigan.

What other non-license plate hobbies do you have?
In addition to license plates, I also collect antique furniture and mirrored beer signs.

Would you like to be our next featured member? Please contact Clark Wothe to set it up! We would like to know more about you and what you collect!