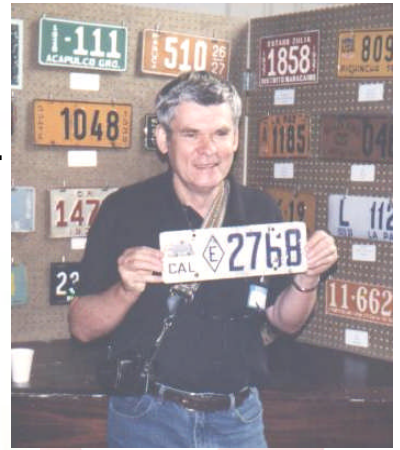


Arizona License Plate Society

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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

My Dad got me started when I was 13 years old. We drove from California to Maine in the summer of 1948. I was “spotting” out-of-state plates when we returned home. My dad suggested I try to get one plate from each state. I began collecting when the 1949 plates began replacing the 1948 plates.

How did you hear about the Arizona Regional?

I believe I heard about ALPS in the ALPCA newsletter and maybe from Roy Carson and Dick Pack.

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

I collect all states and provinces and in particular California, Arizona, and Nevada. I also collect low numbers. In the 1950's, I used to ask for registration data from state DMV's and then ask the owners of the low numbers for their plates at year end. It was a great way to get low numbers.

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

In the 21st Century I'd say eBay or ALPCA are the best places to find plates depending on what you collect. ALPCA and ALPS are two great sources.

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

I probably make it to meets about four or five times annually.

Which plate in your collection has the best story?

Maybe my #277 run of Arizona plates from 1914-1921. I got the Phoenix Yellow Pages from the chamber of commerce in 1963 – for antique shops. I then sent a postcard to all Phoenix antique shops asking if they sold Arizona license plates. One responded with a great Arizona run for \$65.00 including the #277 run.

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

I have about 3500 plates, including US & Canada runs for 1935, 1940, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1955. Also runs for California, Nevada, and Arizona; plus about 250 low numbers of the 1950's.

Do you display your plates?

Rarely – Just once at the San Bernardino “Orange Show” in 1953.

What other non-license plate hobbies do you have?

I collect Porcelain road signs of the 1920's to 1930's. These are very hard to find, such as the Lincoln Highway road signs or the old National Old Trails Road signs of the 1920's. Too many were used for target practice!

