

Arizona License Plate Society

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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

I was at an Illinois flea market, when I met Mike Naughton selling license plates. After several questions about plates, Mike invited me to attend a meet south of Chicago (MAPA). I attended the meet and joined ALPCA in 1993. The rest is history and I've been hooked on plates ever since 18 years.

How did you hear about the Arizona Regional?

After moving from Illinois to New Mexico, there was not much going on in New Mexico as far as license plate meets. I read in *PLATES Magazine* of a Grand Canyon club off in Arizona, so off I went. I attended a meet at Joel Kimmet's house around 1996 or 97. Since then I've attended as much as my schedule would allow.

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

I'm old school. I like plates that are embossed with dates, no paper tabs. I try to concentrate on plates from 1960 and back. Most of my plates come from regional meets or national shows.

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

Best places to get plates are the local meets and national shows. Another way is to ask members if they have any plates on your want list.

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

Now that I am retired, I can make it to all six meets!

Which plate in your collection has the best story?

The 1918 (thin variety) New Mexico plate I found at my place in Deming, NM. Upon digging for the supports on my barn, I hit some metal with the shovel. I reached down and picked up the plate. I almost cut it in half because it was so rusted and thin! I did my best to restore it, and now have it up on my New Mexico wall.

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

I have about 1000 total, runs of my birthyear, Arizona (passenger and motorcycle), New Mexico (passenger, motorcycle, trucks, and dealers). All states from 1960 back to 1906. I wish I had more of the non-passenger material.

Do you display your plates?

Yes, the plates are on display in my house and garage.

What other non-license plate hobbies do you have?

I collect records (78's and LP's). Also coins, breweriana, 1/18 scale 50's and 60's cars, and trains from the 1940's and 50's.