

Arizona License Plate Society

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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

I had an ad in AMCA Antique M/C America looking for a "54" Arizona and California Motorcycle plate! Talked with Smitty #5989 and Lou Bodie #2217 because they both had ads with M/C plates for sale. Got to talking with Lou and he told me I should check out ALPCA. He also sent me some pictures of his collection and that got me started!!

How did you hear about the Arizona Regional?

I heard from other members, and I believe it was in the ALPCA Register.

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

Only M/C plates! Indian Tribal plates are my favorites, but pretty hard to get. I have about 20 different tribes at present and am working on getting more. Also, military and law enforcement. I get most of my plates through members and at meets.

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

Look everywhere, I check local antique shops regularly, local swap meets car & M/C. Also check out local bike shops and get familiar with the owners. They come across plates from other states on trade-ins, etc. Sometimes go to trade shows in other states.

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

As often as I can usually 3 or 4 times a year when possible.

Which plate in your collection has the best story?

A California diamond exempt 547 plate that belonged to a retired superintendent of the Sacramento CHP. It was found at an estate sale in Northern California. This is my favorite plate so far!!

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

Around 250. I wish I could find more Indian tribal, military and law enforcement plates. I am trying to complete a Canada dealer run at present.

Do you display your plates?

I have displayed plates at local meets, I was really just getting started when the Tucson (ALPCA) convention was here. I had only been collecting about a year or so prior to the convention.

What other non-license plate hobbies do you have?

I have a '54 Harley I ride, and occasionally put in shows, and a '54 Ford F-100 with a Chevelle front clip and all Chevy drivetrain which has become my never-ending project of 20 years. I have owned my Harley since 1967.

