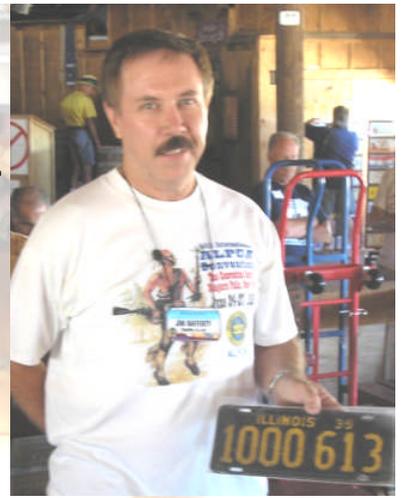


# Arizona License Plate Society

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



**Name:** Jim Rafferty  
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### **How did you start collecting plates? Was there someone who was your mentor?**

I started collecting DAV Keychain license tags around 1955. Since they came in pairs of two and most people only had one car, I got the spare. Since I lived in Illinois and had a family in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Iowa, I had some variety. DAV's were cool because they were an exact replica of my family's real license plate.

### **How did you hear about the Arizona Regional?**

After moving to Arizona from Illinois in 2003, I looked up the local meets and found ALPS.

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

In addition to collecting DAV's of all 50 states from 1942-1975, I also have a nearly completed run of full-sized 1976 Bicentennial (graphic) plates, featuring my own personalized 1976 Illinois plate off of my 1972 Chevelle.

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

For DAV's I prefer ALPS or ALPCA National Conventions, however, I will occasionally make an exciting find at a garage sale or antique store.

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

Unfortunately with my work schedule, I usually can only make it to 1 or 2 meets per year.

### **Which plate in your collection has the best story?**

In 1975 I wrote to the DAV Headquarters requesting a complete run of 1976 Bicentennial tags from all states in exchange for a generous donation. About 3 months later, I received a package and letter from the DAV Director. He explained that 1975 was the last year for key tags but in lieu sent me 75 tags from various years from 1954-1975, with at least one from all 50 states.

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

I have probably over 1200 keychain plates and about 40 full size graphics and Bicentennial plates. I wish I had more Identotags, which were the 1941 predecessor of the DAV tags.

### **Do you display your plates?**

I have a complete run of Illinois DAV's from 1941-1975 displayed in a case and am working on a similar display for Wisconsin.

### **What other non-license plate hobbies do you have?**

I am only 23 cards short of completing a set of 1961 Topps baseball cards