

# Arizona License Plate Society

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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**Birth Year:** 1930  
**ALPCA #:** 1417  
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**Occupation:** Retired Machinist

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

I hung plates I had run on my cars on the wall in the machine shop. My Dad came by and said he had some Oklahoma and Arizona plates he would bring me. Also a 1923 Nebraska which was on the car he had courted my mother with covering a rat home on a corn crib. Capt. Bender came in and saw the plates. He brought me a lot of foreign plates. I went to an auction that night and bought a box of plates. It contained all 50 states and a Puerto Rico for \$1.50. He then came by and said there was going to be a local meet in Kansas City. G.B. Moore, Bill Vickers, and Ed Hainey were some of the guys who were there.

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

When we moved to Arizona, we started going to meets in Reno and Henderson.

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

I collect DAV tags and BF Goodrich. Also cereal and any type of miniature plate. I even have a miniature porcelain from France.

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

The best place to find plates is at local and national meets.

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

We make it to all of them since we no longer run the road.

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

1909 Missouri set, 3 piece. I wanted to sell these but Weeze said NO. She now claims them to be hers.

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

I have over 100 sets of miniatures. Cereal, DAV, BF Goodrich, and any oddball license plate. I wish I could complete all of my incomplete sets.

### Do you display your plates?

I display in notebooks by state or by set. It takes days to see all of them.

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

I collect signs, Coca-Cola items, Pillsbury, Campbell Soup, M&M, oil cans, grinders, cartoons from WWII, airplane cards I picked up on the road as a kid, outhouse post cards, You name it – we have it!

