

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 tracking escaped inmates for the Arizona Department of Corrections. While looking for tracks I found some old plates and I started collecting. My mentor was Roy Carson, ALPCA #17.

How did you hear about the Arizona Regional?

I was there at the beginning, with Roy Carson #17.

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

I collect license plates that have the number 400 in them (ABC-400, etc). I also collect 1947 birthyear plates and historic Arizona and California samples. I get most of my plates from friends, family, local dealers, yard sales, shops, eBay, and other ALPCA members

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

I recommend getting plates many of the places I do, listed above.

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

I usually make about one meet a year, more if the meets are in the Tucson area.

Which plate in your collection has the best story?

I have a green Arizona plate that I took away from an inmate who made an illegal plate at the prison. The plate said "Freedom"

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

I have maybe 100 plates in my collection, all types of plates. I wish I had more #400 plates, more 1947 birthyear run plates, and 1914, 15, and 16 Arizona plates

Do you display your plates?

I display about 250-300 plates in my garage in Safford.

What other non-license plate hobbies do you have?

I collect 1/24 scale models, I am restoring a 1955 Chevy truck, and oil painting.

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