Arizona License Plate Society
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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How did you start collecting plates? Was there someone who was your mentor?
I found a run from 1923 to 1946 of Minnesota plates nailed to the wall in my Grandma's garage. She let me have them.

How did you hear about the Arizona Regional?
I joined ALPCA and I was contacted by someone in the Arizona group.

What plates do you collect and which are your favorites? Where do you get most of your plates?
I collect all Minnesota plates. My favorites are the Indian plates. I buy or trade them at ALPCA/ALPS shows.

Do you have tips for newer members on the best places to acquire plates?
Join ALPCA and ALPS! Before I joined ALPCA, it took me over 10 years to get a plate from all 50 states. This would take about 10 minutes at an ALPS meet.

How often do you make it to Arizona License Plate Society events?
I make it about 3 to 4 times per year.

Which plate in your collection has the best story?
My friend in Canada sent me a New Jersey plate that matches the one on my Chevelle: "SHOW 66"

How many plates are in your collection? What types? What do you wish you had more of?
I have around 300 plates. I have all 50 states and about seven bicentennials. I have a complete run (except for the first three years) of Minnesota passenger. I have Minnesota dealer from 1955 to present. I also have many other Minnesota plates. I'm always looking for odd-ball Minnesota plates. I'm also looking for older four-digit Minnesota plates.

Do you display your plates?
Yes, I display my plates in my garage.

What other non-license plate hobbies do you have?
I collect old beer cans (punch top and cone top). I also collect just about anything Budweiser. I have a 1966 Chevrolet Chevelle that I show. I am currently restoring a 1962 Chevy Impala. I also collect Chevrolet memorabilia.

Dean and his father, Red, at Sioux Falls.

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