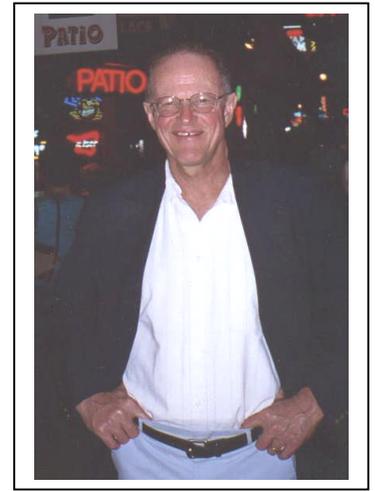




Arizona License Plate Society

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Name: Bruce Pearson

Birth Year: 1942

ALPCA #: 2785

Residence: Mesilla Park, New Mexico

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

I started when I was 10 years old in Burbank, CA. Some people from New York moved into the neighborhood and I asked for their New York plate. I didn't hear about ALPCA until John Speicher told me in 1977.

How did you hear about the Arizona Regional?

I heard about the Arizona License Plate Society through the ALPCA Newsletter.

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

I specialize in non-U.S. plates. I'm trying to get at least one from every country. My rarest plates are from the Vatican City and North Korea. I get most of my plates from other collectors at meets. I don't do eBay.

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

Yes – come to me for a great deal on Uruguayan plates! I've got hundreds of them!

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

I try to make every meet in Tucson. Phoenix is a tad far, but I may make it up there sometime to a meet.

Which plate in your collection has the best story?

My two 1942 Delaware plates, one of which is a mint porcelain. My wife gave them to me as an engagement present in 1977. I still have her – and the plates!

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

I have about 6,000 plates. I have a complete California run, a complete US and Canada run for 1942, and plates from all but about 30 countries. I'm also working on pre-1966 Mexican plates.

Do you display your plates?

Yes! I've made displays for each national ALPCA meet since 2001, as well as for regional meets in Virginia, North Carolina, Arizona, and New Mexico.

What other non-license plate hobbies do you have?

I jog and play the banjo (no, not at the same time). My wife and I are also birdwatchers and are getting into amateur astronomy.