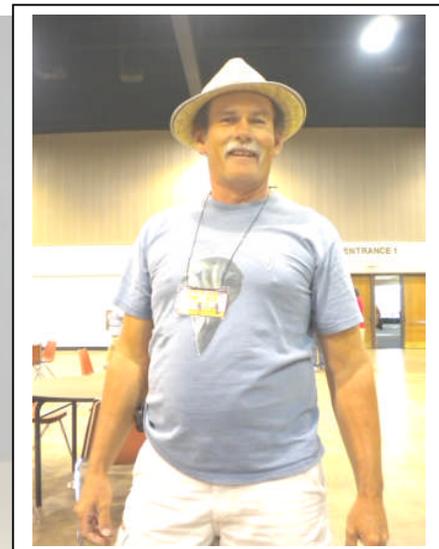


Arizona License Plate Society

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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

I started collecting when I was about 14 years old, my first license plate I found was a 1946 farm plate from Michigan where I grew up. I didn't have a mentor, but I always liked old things, not just plates.

How did you hear about the Arizona Regional?

Brian Thorstad from British Columbia Canada met up with me at a swapmeet in Mesa Arizona. Brian and his wife are very nice people.

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

I am going for an Arizona county run from 1922-1956. I also collect early US and state government plates. I get plates from old dumps, trade, and swap meets. I get most of my plates from asking people – all the way from father, mother, brother, sister, uncle, and so on – any way I can find them!

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

Yes – if you are a newer member, go to your license plate meets, swap meets, and antique shops. If looking for odd-ball and older plates, go to old dump sites, vacant properties – always ask for permission to search! Turn over a lot of rocks and ask people.

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

I don't miss very many meets – I don't want to miss anything!

Which plate in your collection has the best story?

A 1957 Saginaw Michigan fuel dealer from my home town and my birth year in near mint condition. I found this plate in an old barn

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

I don't have as many as some people – maybe only 200 to 300. I like rare county plates and like the challenge of finding them. I like government and some different US and some odd foreign plates. I wish I had more of the early government plates – these are really tough to find.

Do you display your plates?

I don't have room to display my plates at this time.

What other non-license plate hobbies do you have?

I collect Arizona badges and saloon trade tokens.