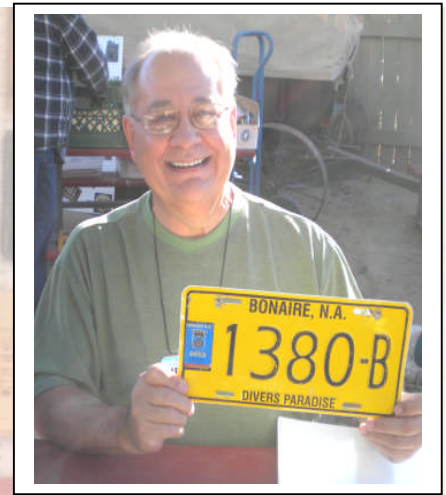


# Arizona License Plate Society

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



**Name:** Les Dergan  
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**Residence:** Peoria, Arizona  
**Occupation:** Retired from Hughes Aircraft Co

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

Early 1950's eating a lot of wheaties and collected lots of the mini plates they put in the cereal. Years later I found a meet in El Segundo, CA and met Steve Grove who advised me how the whole meet thing all works.

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

I found ALPS through an on-line accident!

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

Horseless Carriage and Antique plates. As an Eagle Scout I also have a collection of Boy Scout plates. I get most of my plates through meets and eBay.

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

You really need to attend as many license plate meets as possible, talk with other collectors and make new friends.

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

I attend as often as possible but many times I have conflicts with other hobbies.

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

One of the most difficult Horseless Carriage plates to find was a Hawaii. I was told that the Motor Vehicle Department sends a representative to your home to make certain you have an antique car!

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

Wheaties / Boy Scouts / Antique (51) / Australia

**Do you display your plates?**

Yes – my spouse gave me the garage.

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

I sing in a barbershop quartet, and am a member of "A-Cappella Syndicate", A barbershop chorus – also a "Practicing Golfer"