

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 out of Wheaties boxes in 1953.....and again in 1960.....and again in 1980. The last time I was interrupted was from about 1986-1988.

How did you hear about the Arizona Regional?

I learned about the club from Gene Dillman in about 1988.

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

I collect passenger plates in runs from every state and country. I also collect US Forces plates. I now get almost all of my plates at meets.

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

Ask everybody about plates they might have. They will think you are crazier than an overheated bedbug, but they might turn a few plates over just to get rid of you.

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

I make it to as many as possible.

Which plate in your collection has the best story?

I have a 1918 Oklahoma plate from a barn wall in Missouri that I got in 1960.

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

I have about 10,000 passenger plates from all over the world. I need more first issues and porcelains.

Do you display your plates?

No. I would need three large barns to display them all.

What other non-license plate hobbies do you have?

I collect old rifle and pistol bullets, and photograph Indian ruins and petroglyphs. I also enjoy and collect Cajun music

Clark's note: John is one of the most knowledgeable collectors in our group on foreign plates, especially older foreign types. He is a great resource at meets to identify some of your tougher plates!