

## How did YOU spend April 4, 2020 – the 'Virtual' ALPS Quarantine Day Meet?

### **Jeff Francis – St Petersburg, Florida**

Sending two photos of my ALPS quarantine meet. Woke up to a beautiful Saturday here in Saint Petersburg but spent it in the warehouse participating in the ALPS quarantine meet. On the way to Las Vegas I was fortunate enough to buy a complete Texas motorcycle run put together painstakingly by in Austin Collector. So I spent Saturday mounting the run in my plate museum comparing ones I already had and keeping the best. The only ones that are not shown are the 1921, 1920, 1924 as I did not have small enough nails with the proper heads to mount them. It's hard enough to get a passenger run in nice condition from Texas much less a complete motorcycle run. Many of these plates are one of a kind. I also have to include the fine bathroom facilities I have in my warehouse as your fine chief of Arizona meets tries to get facilities that feature these. Enjoy



### **Ed Wagner – Hesperia, California**

I cleaned off plates that I have mounted under the car port, which gets dusty a little bit. Stay safe during the stay at home period.

### **Chris Braaten – Oro Valley, Arizona**

Quarantine Meet--Great idea! I spent Saturday cleaning and waxing some of my BC run (lots of work w/a Q-Tip on those little letters). Bought a 1944 BC plate on eBay and spent some time trying to figure out the snafu with my ALPCA membership. THX Clark! (Chris is the guy on the right in the Red shirt →)

### **JD Adams – Weldon, Iowa**

Well, I did get to mess around with my plates, after doing some posting about our Heartland Independent Meets that we have now that 2 have cancelled, I kept the ALPS Facebook page open throughout the time of the meet, and seen the great "Little Red Corvette" display. That inspired My wife and I to "Social Distance" a display we have in our living room, hope you will enjoy. So here are some of the plates I got to mess with yesterday, I obtained these at a local farm sale here in Southern Iowa, a unique "pair" is the 1949 20-1000 Iowa which has the 1947/48 Iowa with the same number attached!!! I don't have the heart to separate these after they've been together for 70+ years, but I figured I would show them to you all... I'd like to thank Clark Wothe for coming up with this...It was PRICELESS!!!! Hope to see you all at Tulsa and someday at a ALPS meet not behind a keyboard!!!



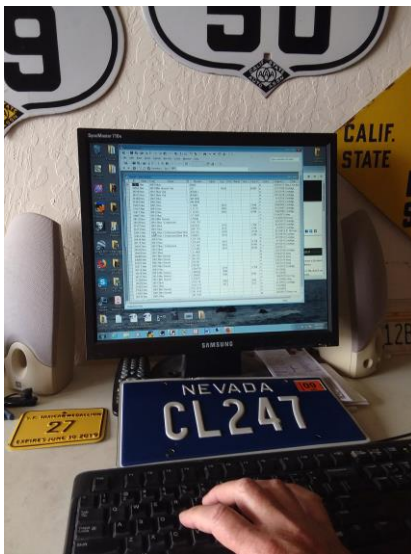
## ***John Ewing – Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada***

I spent a few hours in the basement, and out in the garage, looking at plates. I can literally wile away hours looking at the stuff. Added my #38 plate ALPS plate to my #38 plate set up in the garage. Sorted out my USA sets of 1947 and 1938 plates, and getting ready to put up in the garage , when the weather warms up a bit. (I got about a foot of snow last thursday)... missing about 10 states in each year now, so getting closer!



## ***Scott Broady – San Francisco, California***

I spent a portion of my day logging plates I recently acquired into my collection. Since I was a Covid-19 Vegas Warrior, I had a lot of plates to log. My process for new plates is that I wash them, followed by logging them into the database, and then take pictures of select plates to put into the ALPCA archives and add to my collection of plate photo collages. Here's a picture of me at the database. The database has fields for state, base year, expiration year, plate number, various sticker details, whether its a natural, the watermark, type of plate, county, country, where I got it, how much I paid, and much more. I've been using this database for about 20 years now. The most tedious part is getting the watermark to show up in the correct light. So plate logging is best done during the day. One of these days... dammit, I'm going to use that watermark data. Here I am logging in a Nevada retro blue county coded remake from Clark County. And I was trying to be careful, so I wore a mask.



## ***Clark Wothe – Mesa, Arizona***

When it became apparent to the club officers that the April 4 meet was not going to work, I didn't want to just give up and do nothing. I figured too many members were just fixated on buying and selling, and not enough recognition to learning about and enjoying the plates they already had. Most of my day was spent organizing the contests and assembling the display submissions as they came in. But I did have some time to organize a recently completed Mississippi Lucille base county run. I still need to add these to my inventory however. I hope  
Everyone enjoyed  
Their quarantine day  
With ALPS!



**BONUS! Visit the Arizona License Plate Society Facebook Page to watch videos from Dan Ciancio and Kevin Allen on their quarantine day experience!**

## ***Dean Sandvold – Tucson, Arizona***

April 4, 2020 was a first for ALPS and ALPCA. Rather than completely cancel our meet due to COVID19, we held a virtual meet. ALPS STRONG! At 8:00 AM I took photos of my “Three Plate Display.” Three vanity plates LIL RED CORVETTE BABY. It was a farm scene with a 1/18 scale corvette cars. LIL RED had tested positive for COVID19. I also did an inventory of my Minnesota X, Y, Z plates. X is non-farm Truck, Y is interstate truck, and Z is trailer. I laid them out and took photos. I also took photos of my Illinois Special Event plates that were Chevrolet related. The Virtual meet was an awesome idea that Clark came up with. I bet ALPS is the only region that did this. I sent Clark texts with funny comments like “I did not get a donut” and “Lunch seemed like the same old thing” and “I wonder if Bob LaBrash sleeps through the virtual donation auction.” Thanks for the great idea Clark. We are ALPS STRONG



## ***Bruce Biemeck – Cave Creek, Arizona***

In this time of self-quarantine, the idea of a virtual meet presented a welcome diversion from watching all the bad news. I thought, why not and dug into my license plates in the early morning. I hadn't reviewed and sorted my plates for a while and enjoyed going through the boxes and finding plates I had forgotten. I reflected back on when I found some of the plates, particularly those that were surprise finds or had other interesting twists. I have to admit, in some cases I couldn't remember how I had acquired plates, but the most interesting plates to me, included fond memories. Among the treasures I came across was my Wisconsin passenger collection. Each state had to be creative and improvise during WW 2 and Wisconsin rose to the occasion. My collection includes many examples of Wisconsin WW 2 era plates, a few of which are in the photo. Wisconsin started to issue metal tabs for the 1942 base plate, but for new issue plates, produced small war era plates to use less metal and in the following years, issued tabs to for validation. In the photo in my garage, you can see four 1942 small plates (war shorties) with validation tabs for each year thereafter. There were several other innovative ways Wisconsin dealt with vehicle registration during this period, all with the spirit of supporting the war effort. WW 2 was a difficult period for the country and the American spirit and pride was an important factor in winning the war. The country has experienced many other difficult times and, in each case, has come out of it and prevailed. We are currently experiencing a difficult period with the pandemic and I hope everyone is doing well.

## Bruce Pearson – Mesilla Park, New Mexico

Worked on a draft article about "Non-rectangular Plates." And a corresponding display. This is what I did today for our virtual plate meet.



## Wally Punzmann – Chandler, Arizona

"I washed a license plate!"

(Clark W note: This is the first documented evidence that Wally Punzmann has ever washed a license plate under his own will. A truly historic event)

## Bob LaBrash – Phoenix, Arizona

I spent my day putting together 3 displays 2 on I-10 and my 3 favorite early AZ plates. I had already been thinking on what I wanted to do and had pulled plates out of my stash. Then I laid each display first the 1929 & 1949 boards. Then the AZ Cities and Towns along I-10. I do not have a printer to print out all the graphics for each display but have written down each caption to be added to the boards.

My favorite early AZ plates are my 1914 restored, 1915 original paint 3 digit plate and a my restored 1917. Both restored plates were done by Arlon Burns.

During my day I talked with members Arlon Burns, Paul DeBelling and emailed Pete Madsen in Washington, Mike Myers in Washington, Dan Cianano in Illinois and Ken Fite.

