

Early New Mexico License Plates Newsletter #4

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***Early New Mexico License Plates* book is SOLD OUT**

The last copy of the *Early New Mexico License Plates* book was sold in January. As mentioned on prior occasions, there are no plans to print additional books. The web page describing the book has been left in place so that users wanting to look for a used copy, or borrow one on interlibrary loan from one of the several libraries which have the book, can obtain the ISBN and other information that would assist them in doing so: <https://nmplates.com/book.htm>

And now that the last book has been sold, we've discovered that we're in need of one copy ourselves — of either the Third or Fourth Edition. A number of collectors have bought more than one copy in the past, as subsequent editions were published, or to have one copy in each of two locations. Should you be in this category and have an extra copy of either the Third or Fourth Edition that you'd be willing to sell back to us, please contact Bill Johnston. We'll pay the full amount that you paid for the book yourself provided that it's in good condition.

More on Enlarging Photos that appear on the NMplates.com Website

In Newsletter #3 we described the general method for enlarging the photos which appear on the NMplates.com website. There is a shortcut that works on many, if not most browsers when using a PC.

To enlarge photos, hold down the CTRL key and press the += key while viewing the page of interest. Each press of this key will incrementally enlarge the photos currently on the screen. As in the case of the enlargement method described in the previous Newsletter, you may have to scroll the screen left or right, and/or up or down, to center the photo(s) of interest on your monitor.

To return to the original zoom level, hold down the CTRL key and successively press the - (minus) key until you reach the zoom level you want.

Special Characters No Longer Available on Vanity Plates

The New Mexico MVD has eliminated both the hyphen (-) and the apostrophe (') as available characters on Vanity plates for both cars and motorcycles, at least for applications submitted on line. The only characters presently acceptable are numerals, the alphabet, the Spanish Ñ, blank spaces and the zia symbol. (The Ñ is not, and has not been available for motorcycle plates for many years.) As there has been no known official announcement concerning the change, it is unknown whether this is a permanent or temporary policy change.

Optional 2-Year Registration

This is information from Eric Tanner, and is something that should have been in the Chronology that appeared in the *Early New Mexico License Plates* book, but didn't: New Mexico's optional 2-year registration for motor vehicles became available on January 2, 1999. We've now added this to the Chronology that appears on the NMplates.com website.

New Mexico Motor Patrol 1935 Annual Report

A new feature on the NMplates.com website will be the inclusion of historic and other documents in PDF format. The first of these to be introduced is the 1935 Annual Report of the New Mexico Motor Patrol (which actually covers about 17 months, beginning with the organization's inception on August 4, 1933). The report can be seen at:

<https://NMplates.com/1935%20NMMP%20Report/NM%20Motor%20Patrol%20Annual%20Report%2001Jan1935.pdf>