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Browser settings and NMplates.com updates

Because of the high frequency at which new material is added to the NMplates.com website, your internet browser settings may sometimes cause updates not to be displayed. If you suspect that you're not seeing all of the latest material for a given page, click the Reload/Refresh button on your browser while you're on the page of interest within the website.

A similar circumstance sometimes occurs on the Vintage Photos page:

<https://nmplates.com/CarPhotos.htm>

Here, though, the solution is to go to your Browser History and clear the recent history while you're on the Vintage Photos main page (where you see the table of years). Usually clearing just the last hour of history will do the trick.

Keep in mind that not all browsers act the same in all circumstances.

Vintage Photos

Since the last Newsletter in January we've added well over sixty additional period photographs to this section, and we invite you to browse through them to see what's new.

And speaking of vintage photos, we're always in need of period photos showing cars, trucks, motorcycles (and even trailers!) with readable New Mexico license plates for the years 1910–1976. All of these years are of interest to us, but we especially need photos from 1911, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1920, 1923, 1928, 1934, 1945, 1946, 1960, 1962, 1966, 1971, 1972, 1974 and 1976.

If you have suitable photos of this type that you would like to see posted in this section, please contact Bill Johnston by email: Bill@NMplates.com where you can send high resolution scans of the photos, or make arrangements with us to scan the photos for you.

License Plates For Sale

As described in the last Newsletter, the New Mexico Transportation History Project (NMTHP), a not-for-profit entity, frequently purchases license plates and related items for the sole purpose of photographing them. Once photographed the images are posted on the NMplates.com website, at which point we have no further use for the plates themselves. These items are then made available for purchase by interested parties at or below our actual cost of acquisition. We make no profit on these sales.

Quite a few additional plates have been added since the last Newsletter was sent out, and will continue to be added as time permits. So please check this page periodically, as we will be adding additional plates to the page as we clear out a backlog of items for which photography has been completed.

<https://nmplates.com/plates-for-sale.htm>

1926 New Mexico plate needed

New Mexico ALPCA member Mark Gutierrez is in need of a 1926 N.M. passenger plate to use in the restoration of a rare 1926 Highway Dept. plate, only three of which are known to exist today. The needed plate is to be sacrificed by cutting off a portion of it and using that portion to replace pieces that are missing on the HD plate. Consequently, we're looking for a rusty but solid plate that can be obtained at a reasonable price. If you have such a plate available, please contact Mark at: markjg2000@yahoo.com

Registration Statistics Now on NMplates.com

Comprehensive tables of New Mexico annual calendar year registration statistics for each type of motor vehicle, and for all years 1900 to 2014, are given in Chapter 50 of the *Early New Mexico License Plates* book. For those calendar year tallies, please refer to this book. The 2015 and later figures are now on NMplates.com at:

<https://nmplates.com/RegStats.htm>

We have also recently found two sets of county-by-county registration statistics recorded as of June 30, 1956, and June 30, 1958. The data is from the New Mexico Bureau of Revenue Biennial Reports for 1954-1956 and 1956-1958, respectively. These are also now on the aforementioned web page.

1954 Dealer Registration data

Among copies of documents recently obtained from State archival sources, and now digitized and filed in the NMTHP archives, is the registration information for 1954 Dealer plates, including all the dealers' names and addresses. All of the multi-plate registrations (i.e., 1D, 2D, 3D, 4D, etc., prefixes) are included. There are a surprising number of these, totaling some 870 in all. These records are not on NMplates.com at this time, but the information can be easily accessed for those who need it.

1949 Highway Department verified

An example of a 1949 Highway Department plate, a previously unknown year for this type, has surfaced and is illustrated on the corresponding page:

<https://nmplates.com/HighwayDepartment.htm>

New Information on 1956-1960 House Trailer plates

The longstanding mystery as to why no House Trailer plates are known for the years 1956-1960 has been solved. The explanation is given at:

<https://nmplates.com/HouseTrailer.htm>

Additional Varieties and Variations of New Mexico Plates Found

Additional varieties of various plates are now illustrated, including 1958 and 1959 Passenger and Truck, the 3rd variety of 1976 Vanity plates, 1962 Trailer plate, and so forth. These may be seen at:

<https://nmplates.com/Varieties.htm>

Sample Prorate Backing Plates and Stickers

Additional types and years of prorated backing plates and stickers, including a Sample backing plate with Sample stickers, have been documented, and are illustrated under Miscellaneous Samples and Sample Stickers at:

<https://nmplates.com/Samples.htm>

***Early New Mexico License Plates* book available**

In the previous Newsletter we mentioned that the last copy of the *Early New Mexico License Plates* book had been sold in January 2018, though our inventory records indicated that we still had two copies. Those two copies turned up in a box stored in a cabinet not long thereafter, one of which has since been sold, but there is still one available for sale. If you are interested in having this book, ordering information can be found at:

<https://nmplates.com/book.htm>