

Montana the land of the "Big Sky"

I have driven thru Montana a couple times but never spent much time there. It is beautiful country.

Gaming has been off and on since the first Montana settlers got there.

Pre-1937 it was all technically illegal (though rarely enforced).

1937-1950, gaming was okay as long as it was licensed locally.

1950-72, it was illegal.

1973, gaming was legalized state-wide (only poker, pan, and live keno).

Debby Whole a friend and my swing shift manager on the poker cruises spent 2 months driving Montana and hunting for chips. She haunted flea markets, bars, and where ever she could find chips and information on them. She came home with a lot of new Montana chips. She self published a book on them in 2002, with a lot of new info. She owned Murphy's card room in Elk Grove, Ca in 1993.

Three from Montana.

Mikes Club
Anaconda, MT

Chip originally said Mikes Reno Club. Reno scratched off by new owner in 1950's Closed 70's
I have 4 colors.



Kennedys Bar

Harlem, MT

1947



KENNEDY'S BAR
HARLEM, MONTANA

K 7386

TK

4-17-47 1100 B-9 HUB CHECKS \$500 10¢

200 WHITE WITH 10¢ IN TRADE ON ONE SIDE
200 RED WITH 25¢ IN TRADE ON ONE SIDE
400 BLUE WITH \$1.00 IN TRADE ON ONE SIDE
200 GREEN WITH \$5.00 IN TRADE ON ONE SIDE
100 BLACK WITH \$25.00 IN TRADE ON ONE SIDE

Completed April 19, 1947. SIDE

REVERSE SIDE MONO TK IN GOLD ALL CHECKS

\$2500 \$100.00

Walkers Café

Butte & Gardner, MT

Vincent T Quinlan - 120 W. Port St-Open 1901-40's-Also used at Gardner Bar in Gardner MT per Allan "Doc" Meyers.



K-4737

3-8

1800 B-9 HUB CHECKS

300 WHITE

300 RED

300 BLUE

300 GREEN

200 YELLOW

200 BLACK

200 LAVENDER

MCNO VTQ ON BOTH SIDES IN GOLD
OLD STYLE (SMALL LETTERS)

VINCENT T. QUINLAN
WALKERS CAFE
BUTTE, MONTANA

120 W. PORT ST.
(1901-1940's)

VTQ

COMPLETED: 3/9/46