

## THE QUEST FOR MORE

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Consulting our directory of Peter Wolf Toths' carvings, it showed one at Winslow AZ. Considering a driving distance of 90 mi. each way, we decided to take the car instead of moving the house that distance. Funny what the price of fuel can dictate!

Arriving in Winslow entails the usual search for anyone who might know anything about Indian statues. Starting with the Police dispatcher, we drew a blank. We had a picture of another statue, and showed it to a young patrolman. Yes, he knew where it was and directed us to it. It was next to a freeway off ramp and beside a vacated tourist information building. The carving was in a fenced area and even had a bird's nest in its mouth!

After eating lunch in a Dennys restaurant across the street, I played dumb and asked the manager what was that statue about. He knew more than a lot of people. He said it was carved by a Native American artist. Did not know that Peter Toth is a Hungarian. He thought it was about 10 years old. Was carved in the 80's.

The reason it was fenced is that someone set the statue on fire, and people were starting to carve their initials in it. Luckily the fire was extinguished in time.

There are so many stories connected with finding these carvings. The bottom line is that most people don't know what a treasure they have in their community, or where it came from or why it is there. This is such a shame. Perhaps the indifference stems from the fact that these statues honor American Indians. Maybe representative of their treatment by us over the years.

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