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FINALLY WE MEET

We drove south from Jacksonville on A1A. It appeared on the map to be a scenic drive along the Atlantic Ocean. Wrong! The road was beside a huge sand dune which separated us from a view. For much of the way, there were multi-million dollar homes perched on top of the dunes, and blocking all beach access. As we approached Daytona Beach, the dunes disappeared and we finally saw the ocean. About 20 miles south of Daytona is the town of Edgewater.

Peter Toth has an art studio on the corner of Arthur St. and Hwy 1. He is the famous sculpture who has carved all of the Indian statues we have been pursuing all over the country.

He is a colorful character, with a yard full of wood and many finished or partially finished carvings. He seems to work on the unfinished carvings as the mood strikes him. As we talked, he had to be chiseling on a carving of a fish!

We asked him all of the questions that we wanted to, and he filled us in on all of his current projects.



He seems to be a dedicated Indian aficionado, and he considers his contribution finished, with the exception of some recalls to try to preserve some statues that are suffering damage by insects and weather. He was impressed by my album of statue pictures that I have taken so far. I told him I would provide him with what I have taken.

We had a good meeting with him and then we drove to Orlando, where Thousand Trails has a beautiful Preserve. We may even put the awning out and stay a week to recover from our arduous travels!

Dave & Bonnie