

The Mudflap



News and Activities from the Tidewater Region— Antique Automobile Club of America

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New Member Corner

By Dalton and Carroll Wiliford

Dalton and Carroll Williford are some of our newest members and we would like to introduce them to you.



His first memory of cars was a 1957 Pontiac, Star Chief belonging to his parents. In 1964 his dad bought a 1963 Grand Prix, which he kept until Dalton could drive. His love of Pontiacs was always a part of him. It was evident in a paper he wrote in school describing his dream car, a 1967 convertible, 4 speed GTO. He was 12 when he wrote it in 1968.

Through the 70's Dalton had a 1966 GTO and several Grand Prix's.

During the 80's Dalton started his detached garage business.

In 1987 Dalton bought and restored a 1972 Pontiac Trans Am, and also bought a 1987 IROC with a Corvette motor. He took it to Bowling Green, Ky to drag race. Soon, he fell in love with the Grand National Buick because it was so fast. See how "infectious" this car thing can be?

While he was there a video was taken of Dalton racing his IROC against a T Type Grand National. The video has recently surfaced on IG. They didn't know until family and friends started to see it.

In January, 1988 he traded the IROC for a 1987 Grand National. He drag raced the car regularly for 8 years, eventually retiring it as a race car in 1996 with over 2,000 passes down the dragstrip. It would later become a show car.

TRAACA Calendar

Check traaca.com for the latest info on upcoming events!

October

26 —TRAACA Chili Cookoff, Kedive Temple, 645 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake

November

16—Square Car Tour, meet at Centerville Turnpike Kroger Parking lot at 11 AM

21 - TRAACA Monthly Meeting and Silent Auction, 6 PM (RSVP required), Holiday Inn Convention Center, Virginia Beach

December

8 - Holiday Party, (RSVP required), Princess Anne Country Club, Virginia Beach



Dalton picked Carroll up for their first date in the Grand National in 2002. The car was then 15 years old. When he opened the door for her the door squeaked and she thought “Oh no, he has an old car” not being familiar with collectible cars. Today Carroll’s favorite car to show is the GN.

Carroll & Dalton’s Car Journey

The GN was replaced as a drag car by the 1970 GTO. Both Carroll and Dalton enjoyed race weekends at the track.

July 2003 they bought a red convertible Corvette.

2008 they bought a Z06 blue Corvette.

They started going to Barrett Jackson in Las Vegas.

The second time in Vegas they bought a 1966 convertible 442.

2015 Dalton bought his dream car, a 1967 GTO at Mecum Auction in Harrisburg, PA. He went to Massachusetts to buy the correct motor for the GTO. On the way back, Dalton bought Carroll her first show car, a 2017 Pontiac Grand Sport convertible, white with a red interior.



He had the 1967 GTO restored and has shown it regularly, most recently at the AACA Nationals in Hampton this past summer where it received an AACA Senior.

The Grand National was replaced by a 1970 GTO drag car. Many nice weekends were enjoyed by both. It’s hard to describe the thrill of racing in a car like this, but this photo showing the front wheels off the ground gives you some idea of the tremendous power it has. Of course it’s not the family grocery-getter, but if ever needed for that, it’ll be a quick trip to the store!



In 2017 they went to the Barrett Jackson Auction and discovered the fast Dodge Demon. Carroll searched for one for sale and found an allocation for one to be built on E-Bay. They had car #1248 of 3,000 built. The Demon became a race car and show car, winning many awards. In 2023 the Demon was reintroduced by Dodge, it was bought with the matching VIN to the 2018 Demon.

Each Demon has been willed to the 2 granddaughters, Olivia and Charlotte. They are now the new car lovers of the family.

This journey has satisfied Dalton’s “Need for Speed”.

Awards received!

1967 GTO – Junior and Senior with
AACA

Best in Show – Spring Dust Off

1st Place at Pontiac Nationals

1st Place at the Shriners Show

It’s been a long and tremendously thrilling journey in the world of old cars, where often speed, sport, and shows intertwine. Through all of it though, it’s the fellowship with like-minded friends – like those in Tidewater Region AACA.

Ramblings from the President

Bill Treadwell
TRAACA President

Thinking about activities, the rest of 2024 is full of possibilities. Whether you like just enjoying your car, touring with friends, or working on improving your collection, our members have much to consider.

First, there is Hershey, the fall mecca of the AACA. Are you going to search the flea market for parts for your project? Or have you planned another trip to get reacquainted with old friends? Maybe you should sample the flea market on Thursday and stay for the spectacular cars on Friday. I will be going for most of the week, sharing a flea market space on the Orange field, and then judging at the meet on Friday. One item on my Hershey list is always to renew my membership at one of several national membership booths.

You may have already received a reminder to renew your Tidewater membership. Our membership chair, Scott Davies, has simplified the membership renewal form for 2025. Plan on renewing early or wait no later than January, but I encourage each member to renew to be eligible for all our activities.

October is also the month for our traditional chili cook off, this year on Saturday, the 26th, an excellent opportunity to show off your cooking skills, whether chili, a side dish, or your favorite dessert. Come for the food and the company, or maybe you enjoy touring with friends in antique automobiles. Planning is well underway for another successful square car tour on November 16th.

Filling out our 2024 calendar, we will have the silent auction at the November dinner meeting and the Christmas brunch at the Princess Anne Country Club in December.

It is time for me to give special thanks to Harry Park and all the active volunteers who have helped with this year's activities. You know who they are, so make sure to say thank you as you enjoy our events.



If you have any questions or suggestions for Tidewater activities, share them with one of our board members, or simply shout out to Paul Fuqua as he has volunteered to lead the activities committee for 2025.

Whatever you do, enjoy the automotive hobby, and fill your calendar with events that please you. I look forward to sharing many events with as many members as possible.

See you soon.
 Bill Treadwell, President

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From Your Editors' Keyboards

Greetings from your temporary, interim, part-time, stop-gap co-editors, Terry and Susan Bond.

We volunteered to publish the next couple of issues of our Mudflap while the search continues for a new editor, or team of editors. Susan will handle the main keyboard duties as publisher and chief format expert, while my fingers will be flying to gather some content. I've often said I'm so good that I can type with one finger! Susan is an eagle-eyed English major so my occasional (read often) spelling or word use issues should be screened out.

Don't be surprised if one (or both) of us approaches you at an event and asks you to write something or, as a good friend and editor of a large newsletter often says – "send me some INK!"

We already have a few contributors lined up, but we believe there is a lot of good stuff out there, you just have to ask. That's what we plan to do.

There are a few things we'd like to start doing so expect periodic columns featuring members and their vehicles – especially some of our newer members. Stories about you, your cars, projects, or your adventures are always welcome. Send me the ink and we'll make you famous!

Short on business but long on fun is our motto. We enjoy doing this and want to encourage everyone to participate. It's your newsletter and it is a reflection of your club. We're a great bunch of old car nuts who love to enjoy our hobby and there are many ways to do that, so expect some variety.

Hopefully, in the short time we'll be doing this, some trends can be established (or re-established) that will help keep the Mudflap alive and interesting for you.

This is gonna be fun so come along with us.

Terry and Susan

Nomination Committee Report

As required by club By-Laws, President Bill Treadwell appointed a nominating committee to select candidates for positions on our Board of Directors.

Terry Bond, Mike Brown, David Dillahunt, Mickey McChesney, and Linda Pellerin were asked to participate. This team selected Terry Bond as their chairman.

From a list of active and enthusiastic members, the following slate of officers and directors has been recommended by the committee:

President- Bill Treadwell (incumbent)
 Vice President – Harry Park (incumbent)
 Secretary – Nick Smith (incumbent)
 Treasurer – Charles O'Dea (incumbent)

Directors:
 Bill Colburn (incumbent)
 Hillary Pavlidas (Incumbent)
 Chris Ciccone (new Director)
 Mike Haag (new Director)

All have agreed to serve in these positions if approved by the membership.

Leaving the board of directors, having completed their term of office, are Herbert Mumford and Paul Fuqua.

This proposed slate of officers and directors was announced at the September dinner meeting. At our October meeting, any additional nominations can be made with the concurrence of the individual being nominated. At that time, the recommended slate can be voted upon for approval by acclamation. If any additional nominations are received, an election can be held.

Thanks to the hard work of the nominating committee, an excellent slate of candidates is in place and eager to lead TRAACA into the coming years.

Report submitted by Nominating committee
 Chairman, Terry Bond

TRAACA MEMBER'S PAGE

Members who celebrated birthdays in September

Ellen Adams
Dawn Bottoni
Scott Dayton
Kelly Dayton
Donna Elliott
Marie Gancel
Joe Gentile
Larry Goughan
Denise Haag
Millie Hunger
Ivan Joslin
Patrizia Lo Betti
Herbert Mumford
Wes Neal
Andrew Sitar
Nick Smith
Barbara Talley
Bob Ward

Members celebrating birthdays in October

Barry Basnight
Casey Bostjancic
Phillis Carnforth
Scott Cartine
Keith Colonna
Jody Dudley
Barbara Edwards
Holly Forester
Mark Gresalfi
Nancy Hassell-Sitar
Tonya Heath
Carlease Jackson
Dewey Milligan
Charles O'Dea
Ron Pack
Skip Patnode
Lori Powell
Henry Robson
Brittany Sitar
Carla Anne Sobota
Lisa Struniolo
Debra Swartz
Rad Tillett
Bill Treadwell
Giselle Weinstein
Charles Woolford



Members who celebrated anniversaries in September

John & Mary Ann Blair
Tom & Dawn Bottoni
Raymond & Angela Brown
Joe & Jenny Formato
Mickey & Toni McChesney
Herbert & Deborah Mumford
Andrew & Brittany Sitar
Jason & Lisa Sturniolo

Members celebrating anniversaries in October

David & Valerie Dillahunt
Daniel & Diana Etheridge
Paul & Cori Fuqua
George & Jana Gaylo
Mark & Diane Gresalfi
Ron & Sally Hartman
Mark & Marion McAlpine
Wayne & Carol Milligan
Tom & Missy Norris
Tim & Rhonda Russell
Bill & Linda Treadwell



Welcome to our New Members!

Casey and Mary-Ellen Bostjancic
Dave and Terry Cook
Stanley and Sandra Davoy
Scott and Mary Cortine
Andrew C. Jr. and Tonya Heath
Roger and Kerry Gwinn
Gene and Rungsi Turck

Dinner Meeting Corner

Chief Contact: Skip Patnode

Members will be contacted via e-mail to obtain their RSVPs for the club's monthly dinner meeting. (Members without e-mail will be contacted by phone.) If you will be attending, please respond to Skip Patnode's e-mail by the re-requested date and let him know how many people will be coming. (There is no need to respond if you are not coming.) Skip will reply to you once he adds you to his attendance list. **It is critical that you respond** so we can let the hotel know how many people will be attending & they can prepare enough food. If you are not receiving Skip's e-mails or want to be taken off the list, please contact him at skippatnode@cox.net or (757) 672-8495. Thank you for your cooperation!

Upcoming Events

The TRAACA Square Car Tour has been set for Saturday, November 16th. Details are forthcoming.

This traditional event was originated for good old fashioned "square cars" and has always been a popular driving event. We cruise at a leisurely pace over some back country roads you may not have thought even still existed. You'll have a chance to enjoy the scenery and the fellowship of club members. Yes, newer cars are welcome to take part but they will follow the older (square) cars and try to keep up.

TRAACA has been asked to have a membership table at the Coastal Virginia Automobile Show later in November, 22-24, in the Virginia Beach Convention Center. We will be looking for volunteers to help staff the booth during the show, and may also ask a few club members to display a representative sample of antique cars. Watch for more details coming soon.

It's not too early to begin thinking about Christmas! December 8 is the date of our Annual Christmas Brunch at Princess Anne Country Club. Details will be announced later.

Annual Convention

If you've never been to one of AACA's Annual Conventions before, you're missing a great time. It's a weekend filled with social activities, educational seminars about the antique automobile hobby, and fantastic banquets.

The list of available seminars will be lengthy once again, but you'll be able to choose from history to technical, as well as general hobby related topics. There are also several judging schools available and off-site excursions to car collections, museums, and historic sites. The event concludes with a Saturday evening gala banquet and awards presentation.

It's an exciting time and it's close, so join your fellow Tidewater Region members for a great time in February in Charlotte.

Other Local and National Events

October

8-11—Hershey! AACA Eastern Fall National

19 - TAMS 32nd Annual Model Car Contest and Swap Meet (9-4, VFW 4809, 5728 Barte St., Norfolk, VA. Free General Admission Contact Joe Formato at akorna@aol.com for info.)

23-26 — AACA Southeastern Fall National, Huntsville AL

November

7-10 ODMA Fall Tour, Ashland VA. For details see page 9 and <https://odma.aaca.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/ODMA-Fall-2024.pdf>

22-24—Coastal Virginia Automobile Show, Virginia Beach Convention Center

National AACA 2025 Event Calendar

FEBRUARY

6-8—AACA Annual Convention, Charlotte NC, hotel reservations open at <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/aacaannualconvention/>

MAY

1-3—Western Spring National/Grand National, Tucson AZ

JUNE

1-7—Vintage Tour, SE PA

JULY

2-5—Central Spring National, Auburn IN

SEPTEMBER

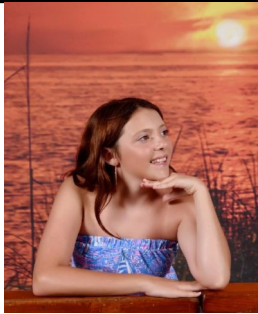
7-12—Revival AAA Glidden Tour®, Owensboro KY
18-20—Southeastern Fall National, Corydon IN

OCTOBER

7-10—Eastern Fall Meet, Hershey PA
22-25—Central Fall National, Galveston TX

Wright Brothers Memorial

By Aubrey Austin
Our Youngest Reporter



We first met at Kroger at 10:45am. Then, we went to Coinjock Marina to have lunch. The food was wonderful, and we all had a great time. Then we all drove to the Wright Brothers' Memorial. At the memorial there was an old sewing machine that was Margie Tillett's great aunts. A fun fact about the sewing machine is that Addie Tate is the one that lends it to Wilbur when he must modify the 1900 Glider's wing coverings. She used the leftover French sateen fabric to make dresses for her daughters. After many failed attempts to fly the glider, the first flight was December 17, 1903. Overall, we all had a great time, and it was fun.



This is everyone at lunch



This is the sewing machine



Aubrey receiving her First Junior Trophy at AACA Hampton, August 24, 2024

From the AACA Rummage Box:

Let's Get Social!

By Steve Rossi
VP-Public Relations & Event Planning

For those who can't just get enough of the AACA experience, it might be a long haul between the bi-monthly arrival of the hardcopy *Antique Automobile* magazine and even the monthly frequency of our electronic Speedster newsletter. But that doesn't mean members can't communicate to their heart's content because in this day and age of cyberspace, online is yet another answer.

AACA.org includes a comprehensive Forum platform that allows members to interact and chat on a myriad of antique auto subjects. There's everything from General Discussion, Technical and What is It? areas to topics that include Museums, Legislation and expansive Buy/Sell listings. Photos and Videos are featured as well, along with specific dialogue on the Library, Shows, Tours, Judging and Regional activity. To say that you could while away many an hour on our AACA Forums would be an understatement. CAUTION...it could become addictive! AACA also hosts a huge assortment of dedicated Club subgroups on the Forum such as Classics and the Horseless Carriage era. Then there are a myriad of Domestic make and International marque pages that run the gamut from Auburn to Volvo. And motorcycles, too. The Forum includes 56,756 total members. But wait, there's more...

As an outgrowth of a special strategy session that was held just before the recent February Chantilly, VA Annual Convention, the AACA Board of Directors and Headquarters Staff embarked on a new Digital/Social Media offensive to not only promote awareness and build rapport within the old car community, but to likewise drive membership growth. AACA's new Digital/Social agenda began by further leveraging existing Facebook and Instagram resources with dedicated and defined cadence.

To give you an idea of the immediate effectiveness of the effort, an unsolicited member just commented; "I have no idea who the new social media content creator is, but I

want to say as a marketing person for 30 plus years I say bravo! Great messages are going out that are clean and attractive! Please pass my excitement on to whomever it is!" Obviously, we've gained some immediate traction.

Antique Automobile Club of America is our official, national Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/AntiqueAutomobileClubOfAmerica>). There's also an AACA Antique Automobile Club of America private group page that was started by a member that we monitor. In addition, you can also find us on [instagram.com/antiqueautomobileclubofamerica/](https://www.instagram.com/antiqueautomobileclubofamerica/) Meanwhile, we will now start a further Digital initiative to target AACA advertising to the antique automobile universe at large in the interest of recruiting new members and promoting our events. The younger demographics of the target audience are in our favor!

We will also pursue those who have independently visited our website (remarketing) and will further follow-up with past members who haven't renewed. Plus...we will go after "lookalike audiences," which means those with antique automobiles, classic cars, etc. online tendencies. With definitive calls to action TO JOIN.

We look for the Regions to help spread the word that AACA has now aggressively entered the Digital arena in a meaningful way. And invite you to enjoy such new and dynamic old car





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FRIDAY

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<https://co.caroline.va.us/328/Whale-Display>

LUNCH – Team Carolina Barbeque. Order from menu, self-pay.
<https://www.teamcarolinabbq.org/>

SATURDAY

Dukes’ Car Collection – George and Kathy Duke have an extensive collection of outstanding antique cars. The Packard at the right is just a sample that you will see in their multiple garages. Don’t miss this opportunity!

Virginia Museum of History and Culture was founded in 1831 as the Virginia Historical Society. It is the oldest curated collection in Virginia, totaling more than nine million items. Taking pride of place in the lobby is a fully restored 1918 model Kline car, the only automobile ever manufactured in Richmond. Featured during this visit is a special exhibition celebrating the first Lego Factory in the United States. There are more than 100 models of iconic land, air, sea, and space vehicles constructed from nearly one million LEGO® bricks. After viewing the exhibition guests can get creative with thousands of LEGO® bricks to build anything they can imagine. \$5 Parking by Credit Card at Gate.
<https://virginiahistory.org/exhibitions/traveling-bricks>

Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens was named for the Tobacco Baron that helped rebuild Richmond after the Civil War. This year, 2024 marks the 200th anniversary of his birth, and the fortieth anniversary of the gardens dedicated to his memory by his niece. The two had traveled to Australia in 1890 for the international commercial exhibition of his tobacco products. They toured the public gardens in Sydney and Melbourne. Grace Arents left money and the land in her will as a tribute to him, and their trip Down Under.
<https://www.lewisginter.org/>

SUNDAY – Enjoy a safe trip home!



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News from Across the Bridge

HVPR members participate in Annual Labor Day Car Show

HVPR members Calie, Justin, Nate & Joe Mowery, George Bennett, George Maculley and family members, John Wyatt, Greg Smith, Al & Linda Crane, and Terry Fuller attended the Labor Day Car Show sponsored by the Classic Cruisers Car Club, Yorktown, at Coastal Church, Yorktown. Over 80 vehicles were on display for the enjoyment of automotive enthusiasts and attracted hundreds of spectators, both residents and visitors to the Historic Triangle. The event benefited Coastal Church Youth Programs. Hot dogs, hamburgers & drinks were available from BSA Scout Troop 45, FT Eustis. Attendees also patronized additional on-site food and craft vendors.



STILL COLLECTING? Well, of course I am!

Glad so many of you have enjoyed my regular column on collecting automobilia. It seems to have no boundaries and, as Susan reminds me, few limits! The series will resume again in our next issue with a full report of what was discovered at the world's greatest antique automobile treasure hunt – Hershey. There are always a few new acquisitions to brag about. Fear not – I have just restored another antique display case and the shelves are empty (as of now anyway).

Terry



WESTWARD-HO! Colorado here we come!
By Terry and Susan Bond

The AACA Nationals in Loveland, Colorado this year is one we've anticipated for a long time. Allowing a few extra days for sight-seeing would give us a mini-vacation, and we could incorporate an AACA event along with it.

Our flight to Denver was smooth and on-schedule. The week's weather forecast was beautiful, and all went according to plan. Although picking up our rental car was a bit of a hassle, we were on the road in a short time. And, we were still on the road hours later! Traffic coming out of Denver was extremely heavy. A stop for a late lunch was welcome, but the "rush-hour" turned into a "rush-afternoon."

From the airport to Loveland, much of the trip seemed like a drive through one big construction zone. If the highways themselves weren't being worked on, everything else was. To make the scenery even less appealing, the area had suffered from extreme drought and the only green things we ever saw were some microwave towers disguised poorly as fake trees.

Once we got away from Denver itself though, we began to see some green with beautiful mountains in the background. That's what we'd hoped for.

Once we were in Loveland, all was well. Our hotel was excellent, and a quick visit with some local region members helped us get the lay-of-the-land and a better understanding of the week's schedule.

On Thursday we enjoyed a bus tour to the Clive Cussler automobile museum. The well-known author had amassed a fabulous collection of antique automobiles. Many of them were featured in his exciting books. Although he passed away in 2020, his family still maintains the collection in flawless condition. In addition to the cars, there was a special exhibit recognizing his accomplishments in undersea wreck exploration. He was responsible for discovering the CSS Hunley, the long-lost civil-war Confederate submarine.



1936 Voisin



1911 Locomobile



1948 Talbot



1931 Stutz Boat-tailed Speedster

On Friday, we left early with Jim and Donna Elliott for some antique hunting in nearby Ft. Collins. Jim had a couple of favorite shops there that did not disappoint. One in particular was filled with signs and other advertising material. Automobile related items were everywhere. Everybody came away with something. Since Jim and Donna were driving back to Virginia, we didn't need to worry about buying things that we couldn't fit on the plane home. Thanks!

The show itself was small but fantastic. Cars from 1902 up to the muscle-car era were



1948 Chrysler Town and Country

represented. The well-organized event was handled by the Poudre Valley Region, AACA and was a testimony to just what a small enthusiastic group can accomplish. They should truly be proud on a great event! The photos here should speak for themselves.



1932 Rolls Royce Shooting Brake, Ron Jury

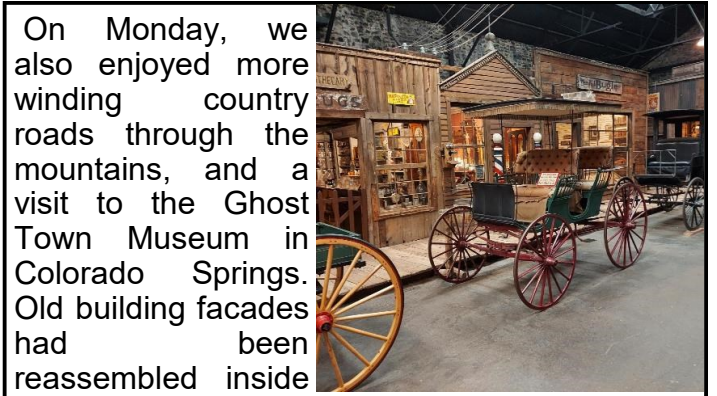


1902 White Steam Car

Representing TRAACA were Susan and I, Jim and Donna Elliott and Sam Kern. A former TRAACA member was also there – Dan Wheeler. Dan had joined TRAACA back in the 1970s, about the same time we did. Since he had never been to Hershey, he went with me and spent time at my swap meet spaces in the old Blue Field, where the roller coaster stands today. It was great seeing him again.



Terry Bond, Sam Kern, Dan Wheeler



On Monday, we also enjoyed more winding country roads through the mountains, and a visit to the Ghost Town Museum in Colorado Springs. Old building facades had been reassembled inside



a former railroad workshop to create a fully furnished 1800s town. There was a fully stocked general store, blacksmith shop, saloon, and many other businesses lining a street with

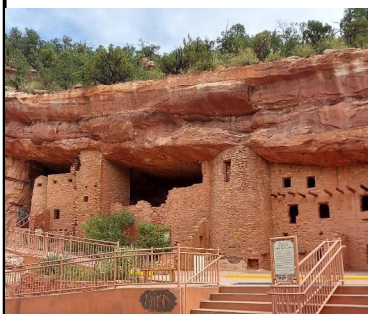
parked carriages and even a couple of early 1900s automobiles. It was like walking through a movie set.



Our weekend included wandering around through some early Indian cliff dwellings at



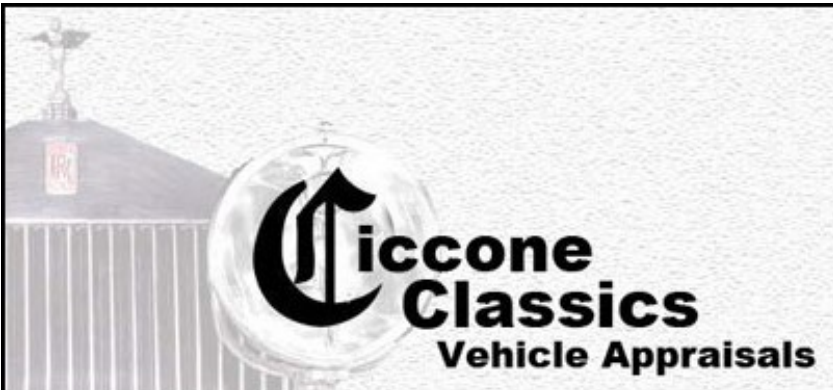
On Sunday, Susan and I headed further into the mountains to the Garden of the Gods to see some of the beautiful scenery there, including some amazing rock formations.



6,500 feet above sea level where we discovered such altitudes demand a lot more breathing than we were used to. Yes, the air is very thin up there, with lots of hazy

smoke from California wildfires, and we found ourselves getting tired easily. It's good to be back home at sea-level once again.





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