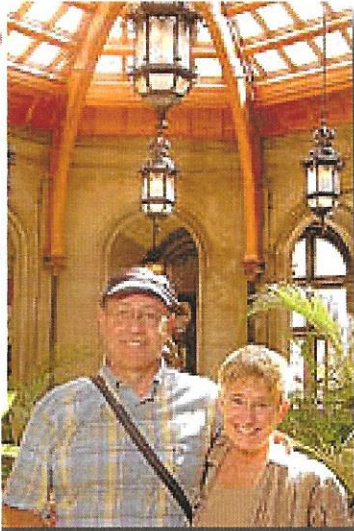


December, 2010
Holiday Greetings from Aldene and Barry



June: Barry and Aldene at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC

We hope this letter finds you healthy, happy and as prosperous as possible in the new year.

2010 was filled mostly with business travel. Barry worked hard, going to meetings and giving papers while Aldene played by sightseeing, taking photos and renting bicycles to explore whenever possible. She finds that her website business continues to lend itself well to travel. (Her photos: flickr.com/nicerpage.)

In February we survived the record snow storm in Washington, DC and strolled on the frozen Reflecting Pool between the US Capitol and the Washington Monument as part of our twice per year educational training visit to our nation's capitol.

In March it was off to San Antonio for Barry's annual corrosion conference that occurred during Texas' school break and St. Patrick's Day. Apparently, San Antonio is the only tourist attraction in Texas, and it showed in the crowds of grandparents touring with their kids. One tired granddad offered to give his grandson to Aldene!

Spring was characterized by a brief visit to Charleston, SC during the height of their very bizarre primaries where a unemployed felon received 60% of the vote as a senate candidate despite the lack of any campaign or even a website. It was not clear how he even afforded the \$10,000 fee to enter the primary. We then drove to Asheville, NC to visit the Biltmore Estate and more technical meetings and finally to Charlotte, NC for another teaching assignment. By the way, Aldene fell in love with NASCAR in Charlotte after visiting the newly opened NASCAR Hall of Fame. She is now practicing her tobacco chewing.

We returned to Bethesda, MD in September for another session of Barry's corrosion class. This time, however, the lack snow allowed Aldene to bicycle tour the capitol, Arlington and out to Alexandria. We had time for lots of touristy stuff, e.g., the Washington Cathedral where Aldene purchased a custom-made cocktail dress (right) in the St. Albans Opportunity Shop for \$15. We enjoyed a visit with friends the Summers, Hacks and Webers in Annapolis.

In October it was time for a brief vacation in Pacific Grove for concentrated very hilly bicycle riding at the former Fort Ord and visits to the Monterey Bay Aquarium of which we are members. Finally we attended another technical meeting in December in surprisingly nice Fort Lauderdale where it appears Spring Break has found another home, leaving the lovely beaches to boomers who oogle riverside mansions of the rich and famous.

Happy Holidays to all!

*Our best to each of you,
Aldene and Barry*

Dec: Barry and Aldene at Structural Integrity Holiday Party



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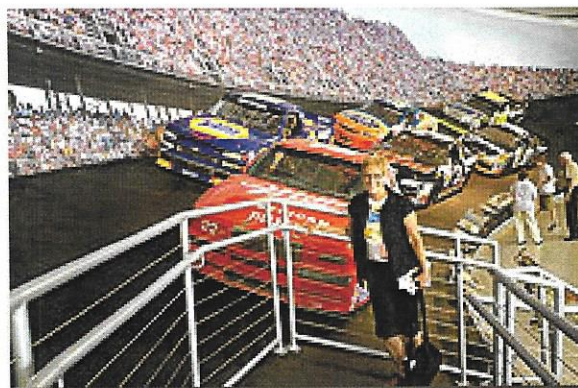
Sept: Aldene on her rented bicycle in Washington, D.C.



Oct: Barry in Pacific Grove, Monterey Bay area



June: Haley and Bob at their home



June: Aldene at the newly opened Nascar Hall of Fame in Charlotte, NC.



Nov: Aldene's brother Jim with Nancy, Robert and Annie



Barry's sister Mickey at an artisan's faire in Fort Collins, CO. Mickey and John (not pictured) raise spotted Jacob sheep. After shearing them she makes felt hats, etc. from their distinctive coats.