

**Ed & Rob's 50th birthday trip
to NYC June 4-9, 2006**



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**A new
adventure for
these two.
Previous trips
were to the UK
and all over
Europe.
Numerous US
states which
now includes
New York.**

**Day 1 – June 4, 2006. Austin airport.
Traditional first picture with beer**



DFW airport for second beer of the trip



Our flight landed at JFK about 8:45 EDT. Being seasoned travelers, we quickly picked up the “scent” of the subway line that would take us to downtown Manhattan.





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BKLYN-BATTERY TUNNEL
STATUE OF LIBERTY

MANHATTAN FOR DRIVE

BROOKLYN

QUEENS

LONG ISLAND

KENNEDY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

JAMAICA BAY

Queens Blvd

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Union Turnpike

GRAND CENTRAL PKWY

CLEARVIEW EXPWY

CANAL

MANHATTAN BRIDGE

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BROOKLYN-QUEENS

LONG ISLAND

Woodhaven Blvd

INTERBOROUGH PKWY

VAN WYCK EXPWY

678

Atlantic Ave

Conduit Blvd

Rockaway Blvd

SOUTHERN STATE

NASSAU EXPWY

PKWY

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Rockaway Blvd

PROSPECT EXPWY

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27

Linden Blvd

Pennsylvania Av

BELT PKWY

Cross Bay Blvd

FIX EXPWY

EXPWY

278

Fort Hamilton Pkwy

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PKWY

Flatbush Ave

Cross Bay Bridge

Rockaway Freeway

Beach Channel Drive

Seagirt Blvd

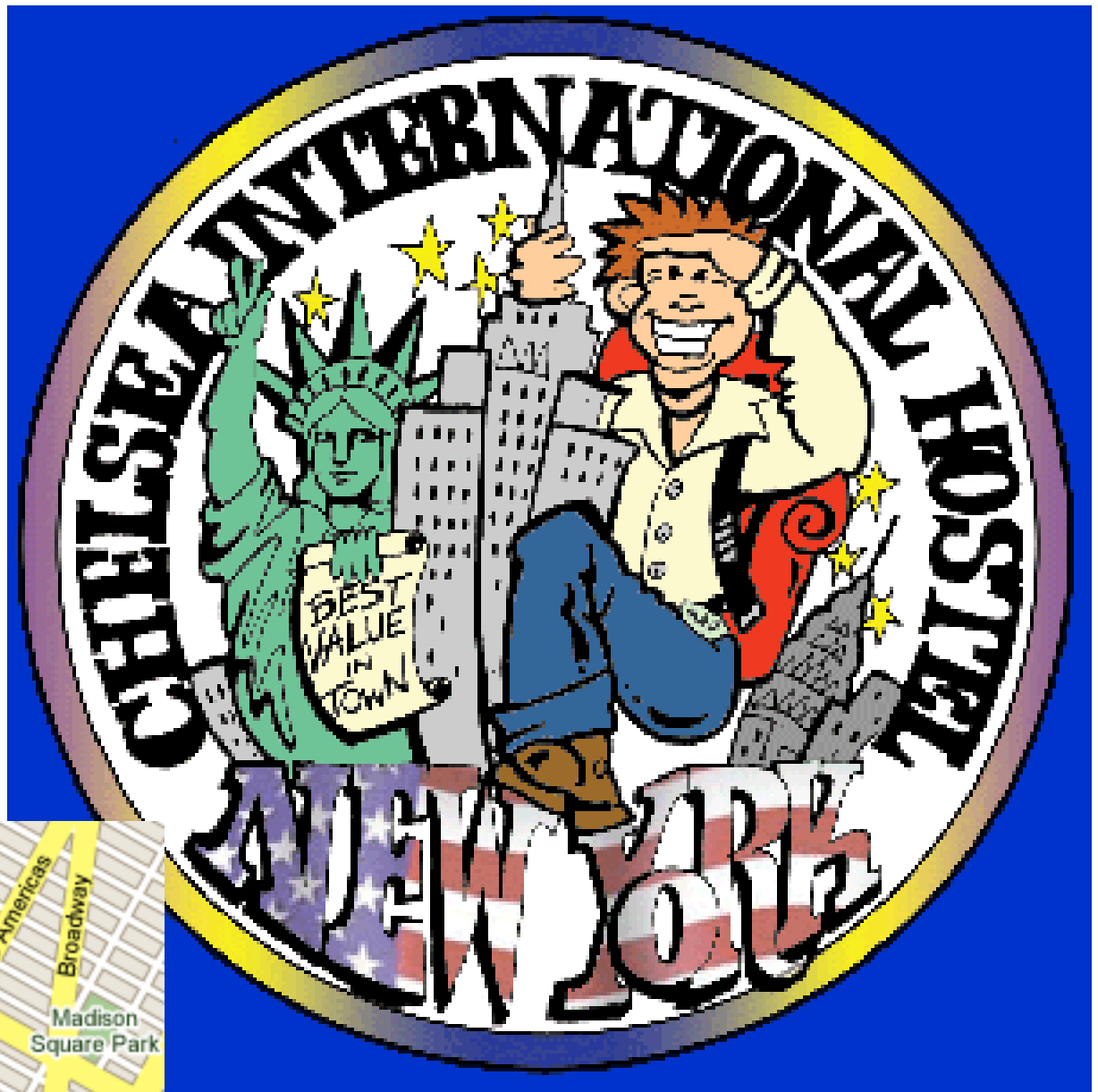
A man with glasses, wearing a grey t-shirt and blue jeans, is sitting on concrete steps. He is holding a green glass bottle of beer to his lips and drinking. To his left is a white and red striped construction barrier supported by two orange traffic cones. The background shows a brick wall and a dark metal railing. The scene is lit at night.

Once we found our lodging: Chelsea Int'l Hostel, on 20th St. between 7th & 8th Ave, we had a deli sandwich and a couple of Grolsch's at this old house being renovated. We realized then that we were right across the street from...

A police station!!!



“...where there are no strangers, just friends you haven’t met yet.” Kind of a wacky mission statement, but it was great for the little time we actually spent there.



Day 2, Mon, June 5, 2006

A photograph of a man in an orange t-shirt sitting on a white plastic grate in a courtyard. He is leaning forward, reading a book. A water bottle is on the grate next to him. The courtyard is surrounded by a white stucco building with several windows and a brown door. Red brick steps lead up to the door. There are some plants and a stone border in the courtyard. A utility box with 'AY' on it is on the wall.

**In the hostel “courtyard” Rob reads Sanford’s
BROKEN PREY. No time was ever wasted on
this trip. If there was nothing to see or do,
we read.**



Ed “girds his loins” for a long day walk and gets his back pack ready for the adventure.

Our first destination was the Empire St. Bldg. We walked past Madison Sq Garden where a graduation ceremony was about to take place.





Our first stop of the day was the Empire State Building. We did the self-guided tour with the recording by “Manny the cab driver” or some-such person

While we didn't actually witness the F-16's flying by the ESB, it's just a cool photo



Looking east into Queens



**Facing northeast –
Chrysler Building**



**UN bldg
here
somewhere**



Facing south – Greenwich Village and Chinatown below, financial district further up the picture – Statue of Liberty about 60% up and on far right





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GATEWAY ARCH

2005
ROSE BOWL
CHAMPIONS

University of Texas



What do a couple of wild & crazy guys do with a big mirror on a wall and a camera?



Our next plan was to take the subway across the river and walk back into Manhattan on the Brooklyn Bridge, first opened in 1883. Pretty spectacular.

It's getting close to 2 p.m. when we decided we better find some lunch.

Heartland Brewery had a good beer and a salad. We have to pick up our Letterman tickets 3-4 p.m.





Even in the daylight hours Times Square is a pretty hoppin place.



**Once at the
Ed Sullivan
Theater we
met Biff
Henderson**



We had an hour or so to kill until seating for the 4:30 taping of the Late Show #2565

**We walked
to the SW
entrance of
Central Park
and goofed
around until
time to head
back to the
theater.**



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with *David Letterman*

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**Guests
were Indy
champ Sam
Hornish Jr.
and Lindsay
Lohan
(pictured
outside the
Ed Sullivan
theater)**





Since we were also on the guest list for the next taping, we got back in line for the taping of episode #2569 featuring Michael Keaton promoting CARS and the Aussie group “Wolfmother” This show aired Friday as we were returning to Austin

We then ate pizza at Angelo’s right by the Ed Sullivan theater.



**Outside theater on
Broadway looking south
toward Time Square**

**Our next
adventure was
the hour long,
round trip on the
Staten Island
ferry. Was good
to sit for awhile.
Energy was
fading by this
time**



Day 3, 6-6-06 Our day began with breakfast at the deli: banana, yogurt & coffee. Then the ride to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island





**Quite a
spectacular
sight**

Status of Liberty
National Monument

Rate	Adult	Child	Senior	Family
1 Day	\$12.00	\$6.00	\$8.00	\$30.00
3 Day	\$30.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$75.00
7 Day	\$45.00	\$22.50	\$30.00	\$112.50





We did the audio tour here also. Pretty interesting how they got the statue from France and the work needed to fund the pedestal







**This room
where
immigrants
first entered
on Ellis Island
was
interesting**







The whole story of immigrants coming to America was amazing... and all they went through once they arrived at Ellis Island





We got back to Manhattan in time for a late lunch





After a deli sandwich for lunch we walked to another noteworthy site, Ground Zero....







We began to run out of steam so we stopped at Grand Central Station for a beer, people watching, and to knock off a few pages of our murder mysteries



More time on the murder mysteries at the famous St. Patrick's Cathedral

A little more sight-seeing at Radio City Music Hall and Rockefeller Center





A bar near the hostel we visited two nights used this old cash register.

Detective Lucas Davenport in John Sanford's "Broken Prey" spends spare moments choosing his 100 favorite songs for his I-pod. We too spent time, especially here at this place compiling what we, with our trained musical expertise, believe to be the top 100 best songs ever. Lucas had ZZ Top's "Sharp Dressed Man" as #1. Number 100 was Shostakovich's Jazz Suite No.2: Waltz 2

Outdoor movies Rockefeller Center

*NYC welcomes HMC from
Austin, Texas...*



Ed Stein

&



Rob Gerlach

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Day 4, 6-7-06 began with the usual deli breakfast. It was cold and rainy on this Wednesday morning. Our first visit was the American Museum of Natural History. Pictured here is the planetarium portion. We didn't choose this for the "best part of the trip" award, but it was a good thing to do on a rainy day.

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A GREAT LEADER OF THE YOUTH OF AMERICA
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IN THE LOVE AND CONSERVATION OF NATURE
AND OF THE BEST IN LIFE AND IN MAN



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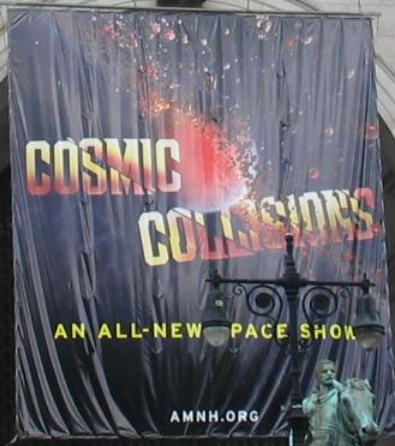
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The Butterfly Conservatory



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DARWIN





**After gasping
over \$24
sandwiches
at the
Carnegie Deli,
we ate at the
place across
the street**

**These were some
pretty BA sandwiches**



The next couple of hours were spent at the Museum of Television & Radio.

There is something for everyone at the Museum of Television & Radio! The collection includes over 100,000 television and radio programs and advertisements from the 1920s to the present. For up to two hours at a time, visitors can watch or listen to television or radio programs at individual consoles. Catch classic Jack Benny or early Ed Sullivan shows, watch the first moon walk, view episodes of I Love Lucy, M*A*S*H, and The Sopranos, or even see the Beatles' first appearance on American television.

We then had coffee at Barnes & Noble and a few beers at a nearby bar before going to...



EAR INN

Est. 1817 (A.D.)

**Ate
dinner
here**



Arguably the oldest bar in Manhattan, the Ear Inn is neither fossil nor throwback. For its lunch crowd of Teamsters and paper-reading regulars, the Ear's Billie Holiday tapes, earnest no cell-phone reminders and dusty tchotchkes represent the way things *are* as much as the way things were. Nights and especially weekends, UPS uniforms are replaced by Gap and Dockers worn by twenty- and thirtysomethings particular enough to recognize a thinking drinking man's tavern when they see one. Food is cheap, hearty and swiftly served by waitresses who'll patiently put up with your requests for a pint of Thomas Cloake's Fidelio beer (an extinct ale still advertised on the walls of this, its former brewery).



Following dinner we closed out the evening with more beer at that same bar from last night... after going to a theater for “X-Men – The Last Stand”

**More book
readin while
waiting to get in
at the movie**





Day 5, 6-8-06 After the usual breakfast at the deli we rode the subway out to 161 St. & River Ave... Yankee Stadium.

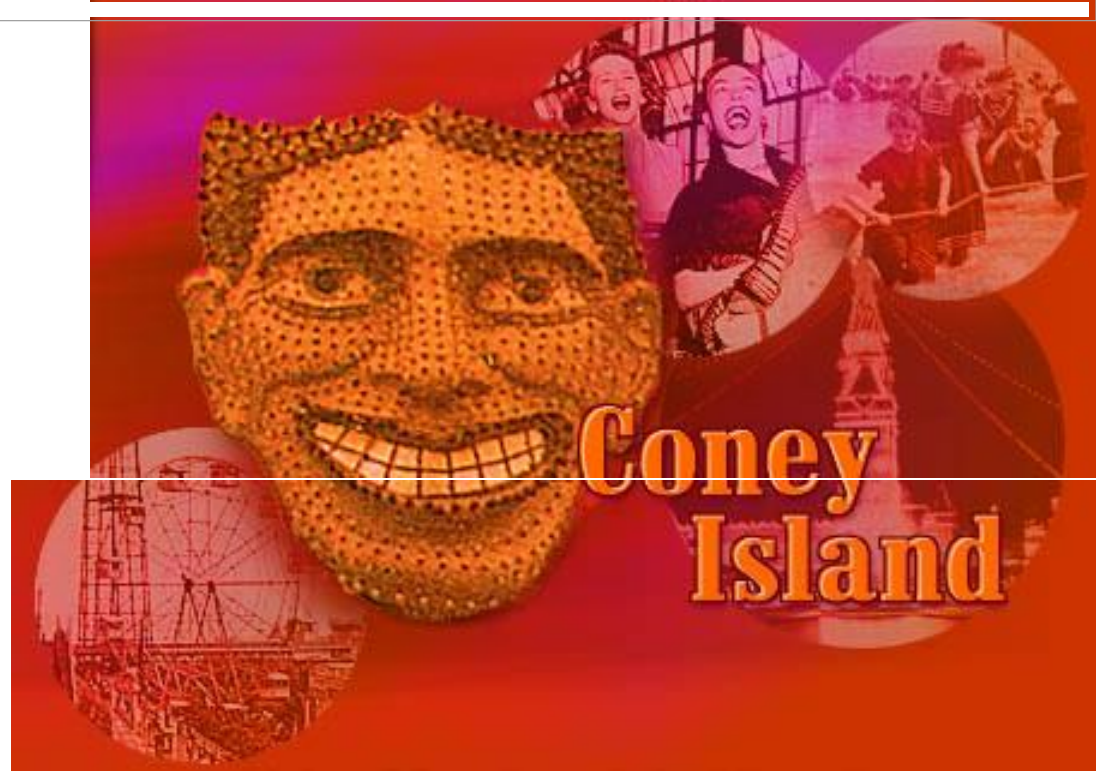




**Lunch at Rupert
Jee's HELLO DELI
on 53rd St. around
the corner from the
Ed Sullivan Theater**



Our next spot to visit in southern Brooklyn was the worlds first amusement park: Coney Island Beach and Boardwalk. This is now actually a peninsula (man-made) but it was originally an island. We rode the subway out there.





When we were here it was cold and rainy. That, plus schools still in session is probably why there weren't many people around here.



**This is what you see
on tourism dept.
pictures**



This is what we saw



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CIRCUS DAYS

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CIRCUS DAYS

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Ruby's





FREE

WONDER WHEEL

got 'em covered. no let 'em loose!

Dano's WONDER WHEEL

TICKETS

A dimly lit bar interior with a large window overlooking a boardwalk. A red umbrella is visible outside. A person is silhouetted at the bar on the right. A "BUD LIGHT" sign is visible above the window. The floor is wooden, and there are tables and chairs in the foreground.

You say you've never been to Ruby's Old Time Bar & Grill? Well get ready to live! Come sit on a flea-infested couch and drink beer! Voted the best "Dive Bar" in the area

From the couch looking out to the Boardwalk – bar on right

One of the more interesting places we've enjoyed beer



◆ RUBY'S ◆

Coors
LIGHT

RUBY'S

BAR

HAMBURGERS ICE COLD BEER & SODA HOT ICE CREAM
PIZZA CORNDOGS SWEET SAUSAGES FRENCH

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BUD LIGHT

HOT SAUSAGES
HAMBURGERS JAMAICA BEEF PATTY
NISHES CORN DOG
CHICKEN FRIES



The rest of the afternoon was spent sipping beers at various bars and pubs around the city. Our Italian dinner that evening was at Restivo Ristorante, 209 7th Ave. We sat out on the sidewalk and ate.



GOTHAM COMEDY CLUB

PROUDLY ANNOUNCES THE OPENING OF ITS NEW FLAGSHIP LOCATION



**ALL SHOWS WILL BE HELD AT THE NEW FLAGSHIP LOCATION
208 W. 23RD STREET, BETWEEN 7TH & 8TH AVENUES.**

**Following our Italian dinner we went
for beers and laughs at GOTHAM
COMEDY CLUB billed as one of the
top 10 comedy clubs in the US**

Day 6, 6-9-06 The usual deli breakfast one more time. Did I mention the people here are very friendly? On several occasions we would be looking at a map and somebody would come up and ask if we needed directions somewhere.

Did I mention we counted 19 different Starbucks?

Next we went to Central Park. The temp was perfect. We sat and read for awhile, then walked around the Greenwich Village and SoHo areas before heading out to JFK for the flight back.







**Lunch at Washington Sq.
Diner guided by friendly
“Vik-tah”**



Train tracks around JFK

Another great trip. Good sight-seeing, food, laughs, and of course, beer. Our thanks, love, and appreciation again to our wives Mary Kay and Joan for their “blessing” our adventures and beers.

Ed & Rob trips

March 1999 England & Wales with RRHS band

June 2000 Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium, France (with Nathan)

March 2003 Hawaii with RRHS band

June 2003 England & Scotland (with Nathan)

June 2004 Seattle & Portland

June 2005 France, Germany, Austria, Luxembourg

This doesn't count the numerous overnights around Texas, in Medina, and two trips to Cape Girardeau, MO in March and September of 2002