

**Ed & Rob's P&P excursion –
(Philadelphia and Pittsburg)
July 8-14, 2018
Including stops in NY and NJ**

So we've had beer in all 50 states now... nothing new to do in that regard. Rob hadn't been to Philly to see the Liberty Bell or any other sights there for that matter, including a bucket list desire to play the Wanamaker organ. Ed had a hankerin' to return to the Pittsburgh area (Turtle Creek) to visit the area where his dad and family grew up. Ed also suggested we visit a church in Rochester, NY that he & MK discovered that hosted Tuesday noon organ recitals. Beyond those things on the to-do list, the schedule was open for our travel improvisatory freedom!



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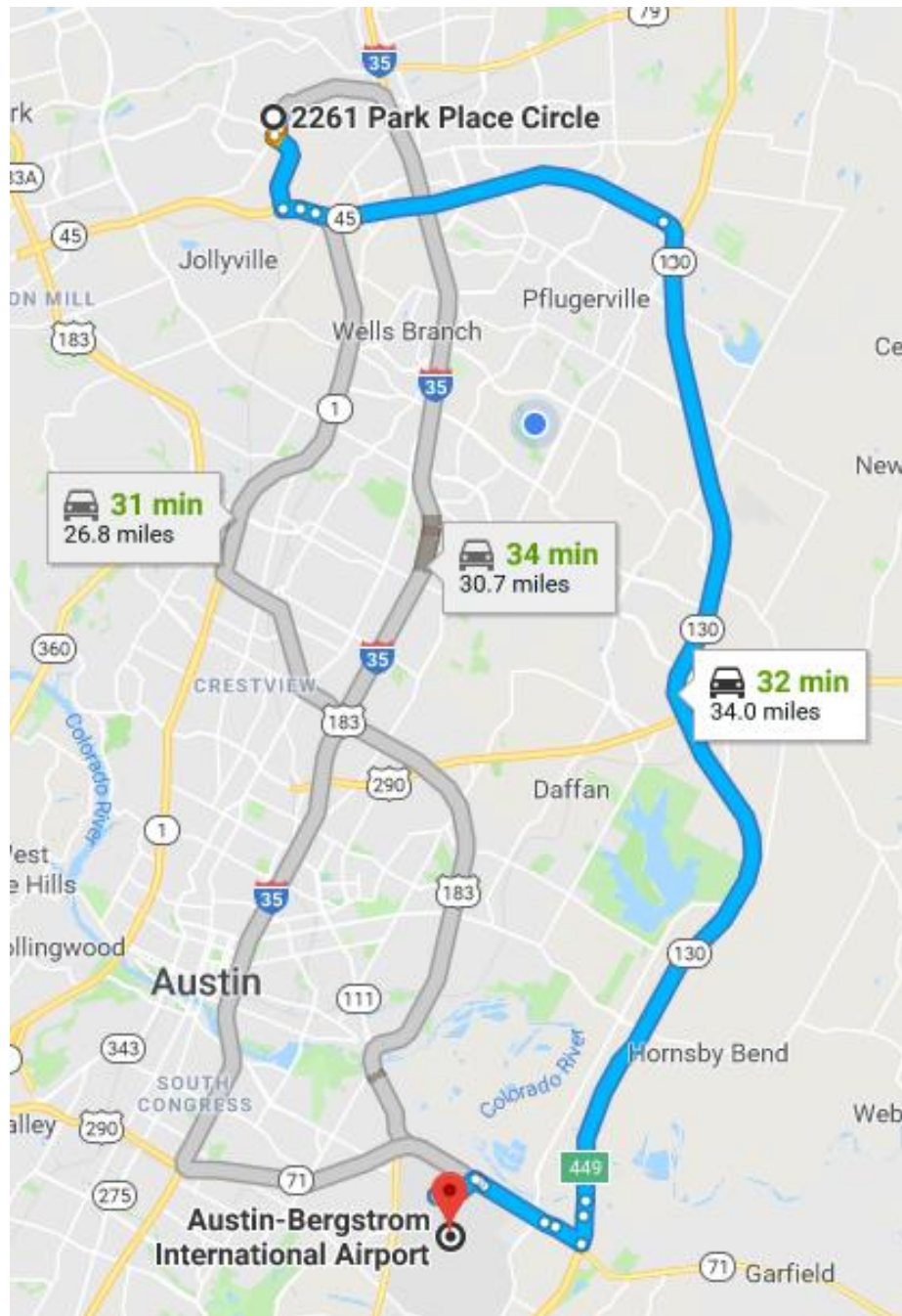
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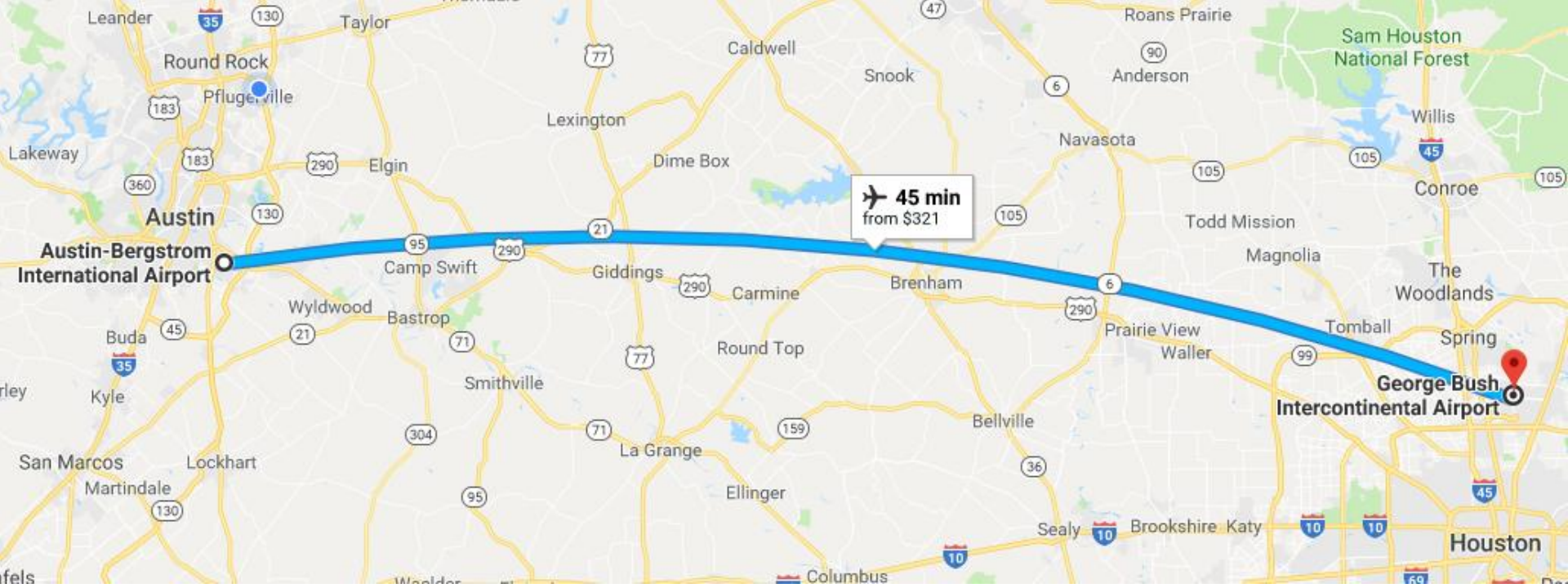
Ed got the car and flights booked early. He emailed on March 25: *Hey, I coined the name of the trip. P & P. Did some research on the cost; bundled the flight and the car; came up with 1300 ish on Expedia and a little less on Hotwire, but basically the same. That's not bad, I think; boils down to about 300 ish for 7 days of rent car and around \$500 for airfare. Lemme know how you want to proceed to go ahead and book.*

And so it began. 08 July 2018. At 1:30 pm Mary Kay and Joan drove us to the airport. Thanks girls!



As with previous trips, it all begins with beer at ABIA. Maybe not the early morning flights, but the afternoon ones for sure.





Our 4p flight was on time and smooth... all 37 minutes of it.



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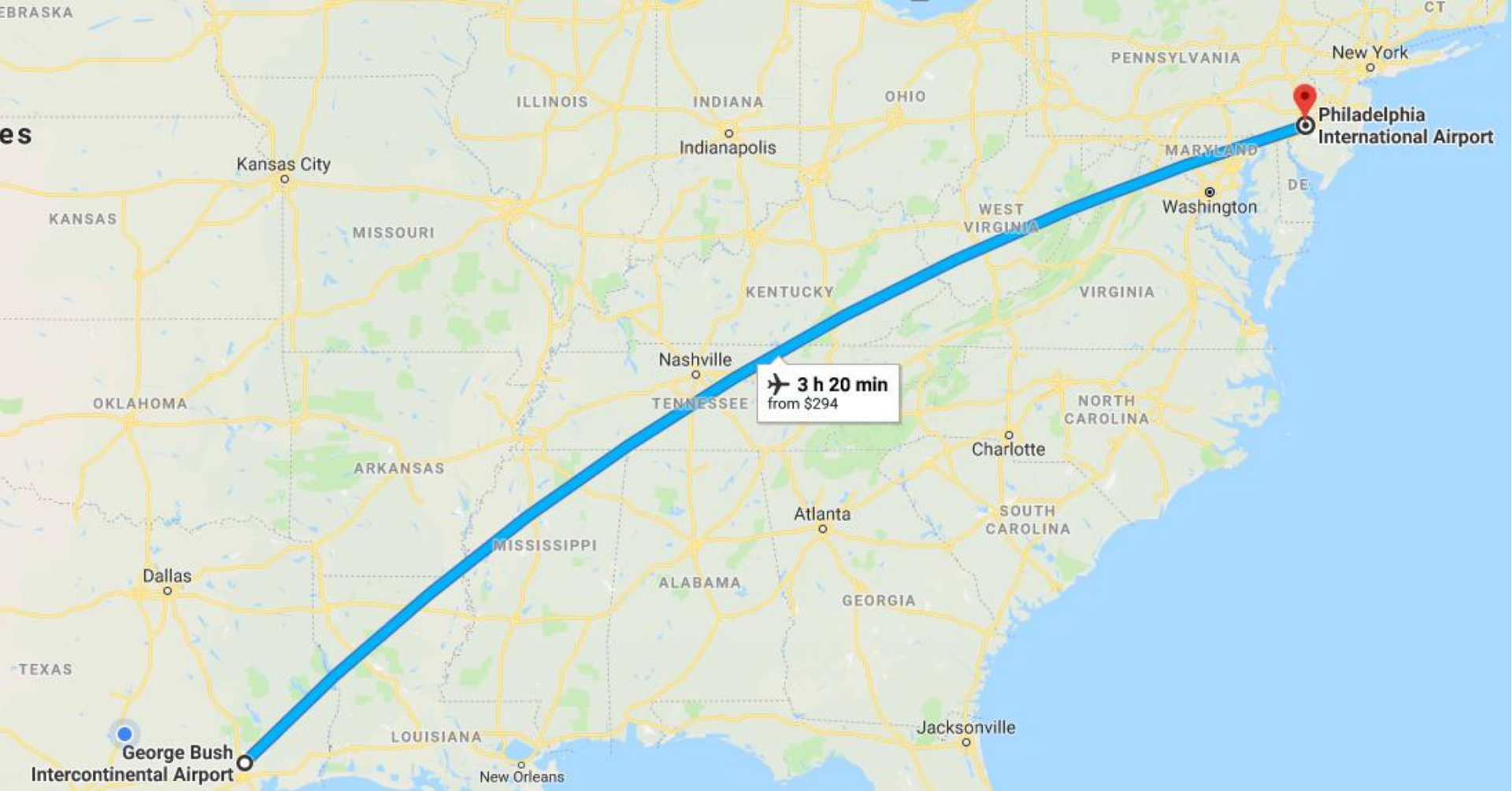
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The email above came at 5:37p Sunday, well after we landed in Houston

We have had flight delays in the past. What to do now? Now we wouldn't get there until after 3a. Hardly worth the cost of a room... but a night with no sleep could cramp our travel style. It just so happened, just a couple of gates away... another flight was about to board for a 6:30 flight to PHL. The lady at the desk did everything in her power to keep us off that flight. We stepped back and Ed called United Airlines. The person there said there was room on the flight and immediately moved us to it. It still took some talking to get the lady at the desk to understand we were now *on* this flight. At long last she pulled up our reservation and printed our boarding passes. Our original flight was leaving 8p and getting us there 12:30a. This way we avoided a super late flight, and instead would get there at 10:30p. Still time for beer! 😊





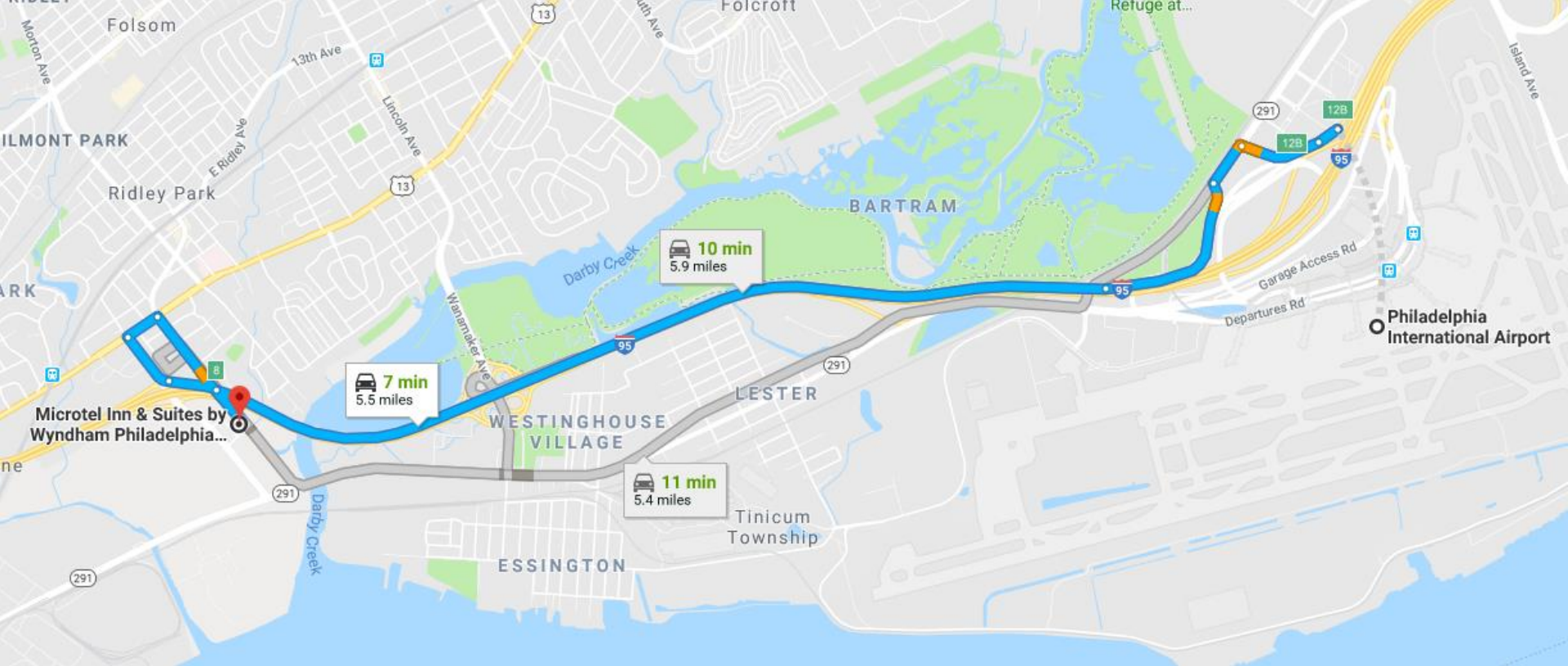
Stormy weather made us detour a bit, but we still took off at 6:30pm and got there pretty much on time.



Not long after detouring farther east, the skies cleared and we turned in a more northerly direction. Our quick maneuvering at IAH didn't leave us time to eat. Since it would be late to eat when we got there, we bought the sandwich and beer that United offered.



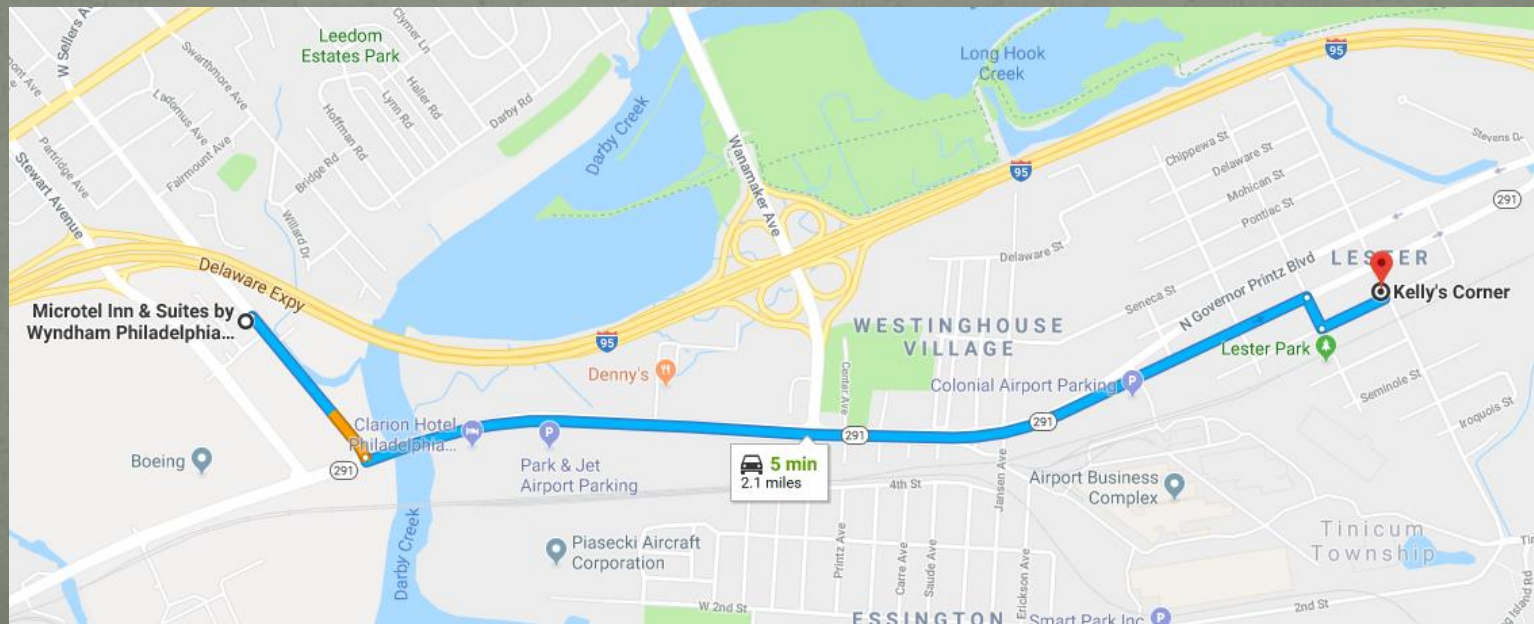
A pretty good airline beer.



Our wait time for the Microtel shuttle was minimal, and a short time later we were at the motel.

Kelly's CORNER

Though there were numerous hotels around the Microtel, none had bars. We asked the guy at the desk what he suggested to do, given our quandary. He summoned the shuttle driver who had nothing else to do at the moment. He took us to Kelly's Corner – Irish pub, to pick up a six of Brawler Champion Ale



**It was pleasant enough
to sit out on the patio
furniture outside the
front door of the
Microtel to enjoy a
couple of these worthy
beverages**



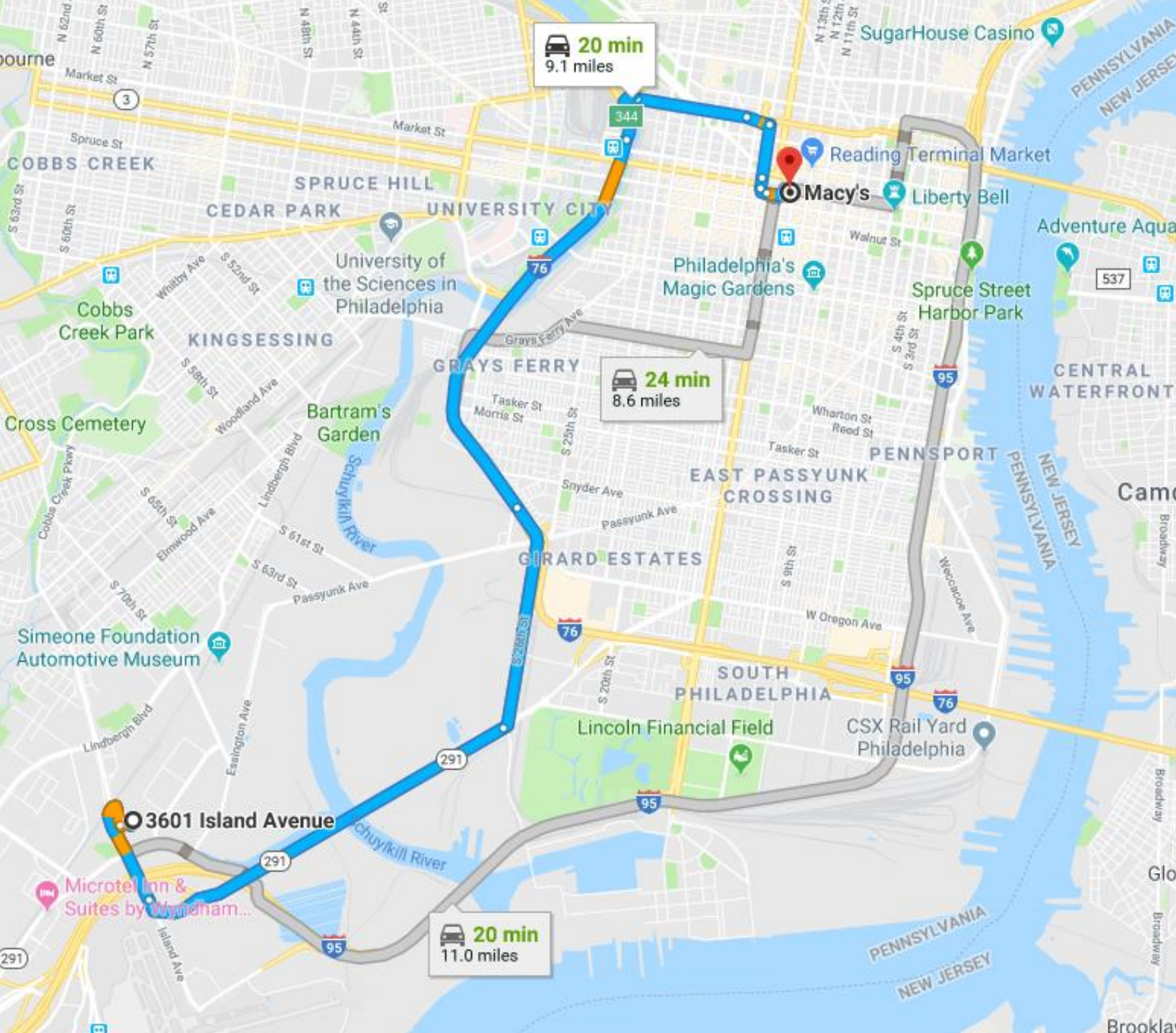


Day #2, 09 July 2018. Our stay at the Microtel was adequate... as was its continental breakfast. Got places to go... like SIXT to get car.



Took a little longer to get the car than expected. On the road 9:30a





Our first goal of the day was Macy's (Wanamaker Bldg) on Market Street.

Several noteworthy sights along the way... like the Phillies stadium...

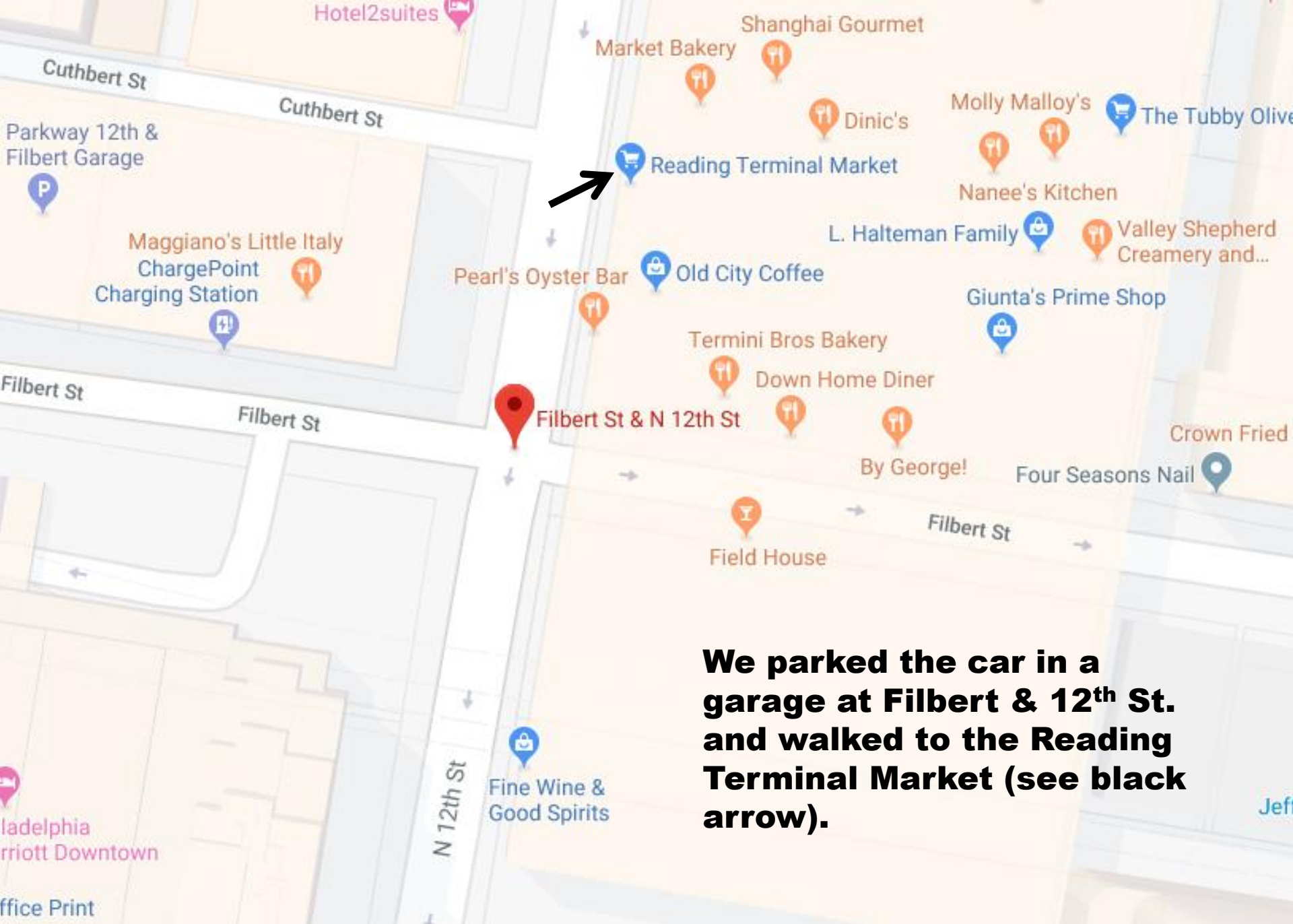


... and just the Philadelphia sky line in general





Here we are on Market Street heading toward Philadelphia's City Hall, with the Wanamaker building on the left in the shadow.



We parked the car in a garage at Filbert & 12th St. and walked to the Reading Terminal Market (see black arrow).

Wikipedia says: *Reading Terminal Market is an enclosed public market located at 12th and Arch Streets in Center City Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It opened originally in 1893 under the elevated train shed of the Reading Railroad Company after the city of Philadelphia advocated to move public markets from the streets into indoor facilities for both safety and sanitary reasons. The Reading Railroad Company owned and operated the market space until 1976 when the company liquidated, leaving the market without its parent company and foot traffic from the train. Presently, it still occupies the ground floor and basement levels of the Reading Terminal's former train shed which is now part of the Philadelphia Convention Center. Vendor stalls occupy the ground floor with entrances on Filbert Street to the South, Twelfth Street to the West, and Arch Street to the North. The stalls are arranged in a grid pattern with an open area in the center with tables and seating. Over one hundred merchants offer fresh produce, meats, fish, artisan cheese, groceries, ice cream, flowers, grilled cheese, baked goods, crafts, books, clothing, and specialty and ethnic foods. Two of the vendors are descendants of original merchants from the initial opening in the late 1800s. The basement floor of the market holds the state-of-the-art refrigerated storage area for vendor use. Currently, the market is open every day of the week, although the Pennsylvania Dutch merchants (a small but significant minority) generally do not operate Sunday through Tuesday.*





Very interesting here.
Lots to see and buy.

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After browsing around, we took the 11a tour led by Steve Mc?? and learned the following facts: the Wanamaker Building, completed in 1911, was the architectural and engineering marvel of its era. The property was fully restored in 1991 to meet the changing needs of today's retail and office users. Wanamaker's was the first department store in Philadelphia and one of the first in the country. The building sits on the site of an abandoned Pennsylvania Railroad station. The historic building was built between 1904-1911, replacing the famous "Grand Depot" in several stages. The new store, lavishly built in the Florentine style with granite walls by Chicago architect Daniel H. Burnham, had 12 floors (9 for retail), numerous galleries and two lower levels totaling nearly two-million square feet. Dedicated by President William Taft (there is a footstone in Macy's with the dedication information). on December 30, 1911.

One social accomplishment of John Wanamaker is that he supported legislation that brought us Mother's Day

MOTHER'S DAY
Founded by Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia. First officially observed in 1908. It honored motherhood and family life at a time of rising feminist activism. An early supporter was John Wanamaker, whose store stood opposite. Mother's Day was given federal recognition in 1914.
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JOHN WANAMAKER (1838-1922)

Philadelphia merchant, famed for the department stores bearing his name. In 1861 he opened his first store. He built his "new kind of store" here in 1876 and implemented new concepts including the one-price system & money-back guarantee. Active in public life, he built schools, churches, and missions in this and other nations. As U. S. Postmaster General, 1889-93, he fostered rural free delivery and introduced the commemorative stamp.

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**The amazing Grand Court of the
Wanamaker department store (now
run by Macy's)**



So it was a life-long dream of Rob's to take this monster on a *test drive*. After writing well in advance requesting the opportunity, the following response came: *Thanks for this Rob. The Wanamaker Organ is not available to be played owing to its unique retail location and security concerns and store policy. The only exception to this is as a fund-raiser for a very large gift, something that is difficult to arrange in any event. We appreciate your interest and hope you will pay us a visit when you are in the area. With many thanks and best wishes, Ray Ray Biswanger for the Friends of the Wanamaker Organ, Inc.*



This monster console itself weighs 2.5 tons. The entire instrument weighs in at 287 tons (according to Friends of Wanamaker organ website)

**The Market St and 13th St
entrances have these tile
Mosaics with John
Wanamaker's initials**



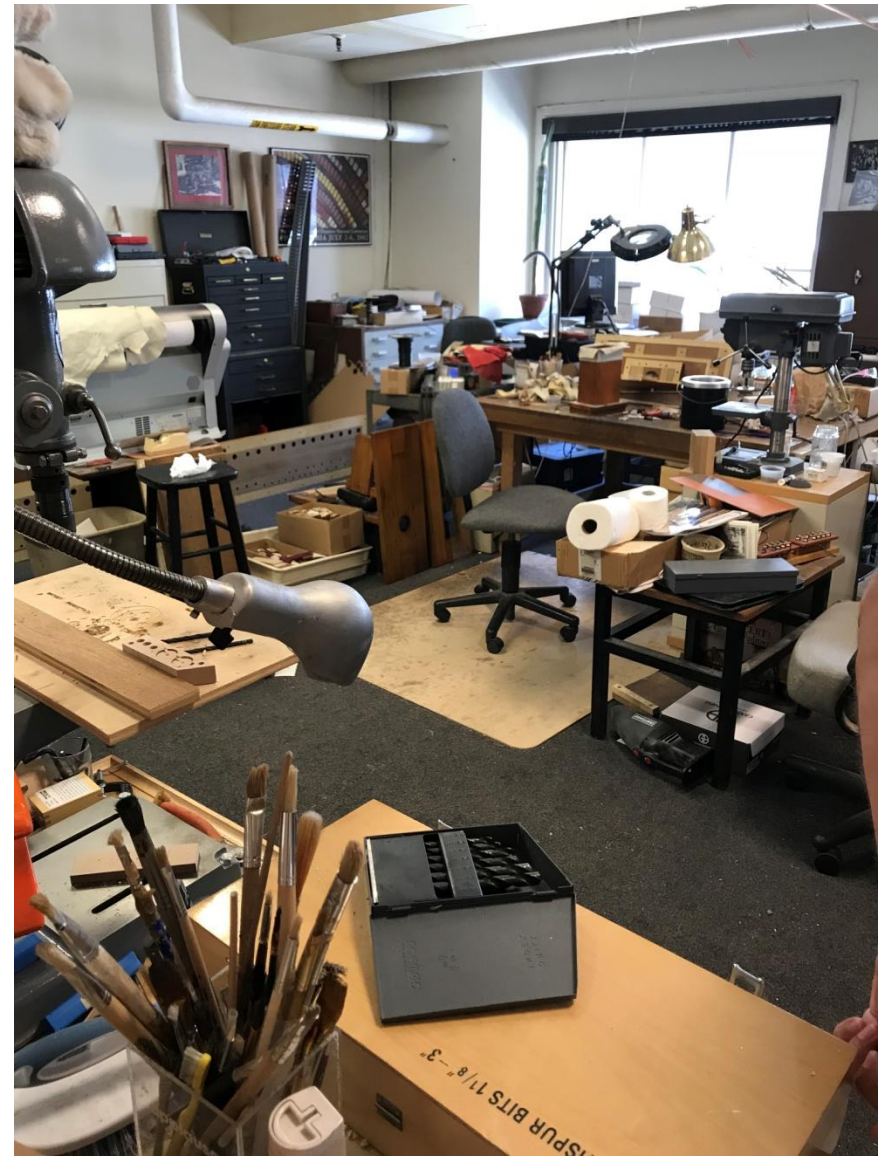


Besides a BA pipe organ in this Macy's/Wanamaker Bldg, there's this BA eagle in the middle of the grand court. Created to represent Germany at the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis, August Gaul's Eagle is made of a unique "Durana" bronze that lends the sculpture its warm golden hue. Each part of the 2,500 pound Eagle was hand-assembled and each feather individually attached. It took skilled workmen five months to complete the monumental piece. At the end of the fair, the sculpture was acquired by John Wanamaker for display in his store and has stood at that location (now Macy's department store) ever since. In 2001, the Eagle was designated a historic object by the city's Historical Commission.

Part of the tour took us to this profile shot of the organ façade. In this instrument all the façade pipes are fake. All 28,750 sound-producing pipes are behind the façade and in chambers all around the Grand Court on different floors.







Organ refurbishing department



The Wanamaker organ has quite a history. Built by the Los Angeles Art Organ company for the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis. In 1909 John Wanamaker bought it for his department store in central city of Philadelphia. Transported by 13 train cars. Some divisions of pipes are constantly being refurbished today. The Organ was first heard in the downtown Philadelphia Wanamaker's store on June 22, 1911, just as England's King George V was being crowned.

**Part of the
tour included
going in the
main pipe
chamber**





High



Pedal Division
Reservoir
5" wind pressure
one of 38 total in
this organ
1904 Organ



PIPE ORGAN
INFORMATION



Swell Division

High & Low

Low pressure

5" - 22" wind

53 Ranks

3312 Pipes



Great Chorus

11 Ranks - 779 Pipes

15" - 18" wind pressure

&

Solo Division


51 Ranks - 3640 Pipes

15" wind pressure



They boast that this phone in the main chamber has been there about as long as the organ itself, still functions.





The “Greek Hall” in the Wanamaker Building is home to a Wurlitzer pipe organ. These instruments were popular in the early 20th century for accompanying silent movies.





Framed picture somewhere in the halls of Wanamaker Bldg of famous mid-20th century organ showman Virgil Fox (1912-1980) at the Wanamaker organ console.



Virgil Fox

Pipes awaiting refurbishing



The tour ended around 11:45. We went to the Starbucks in Macy's for a Java Chip Frap just before the noon concert. House organist Peter Richard Conte playing today.

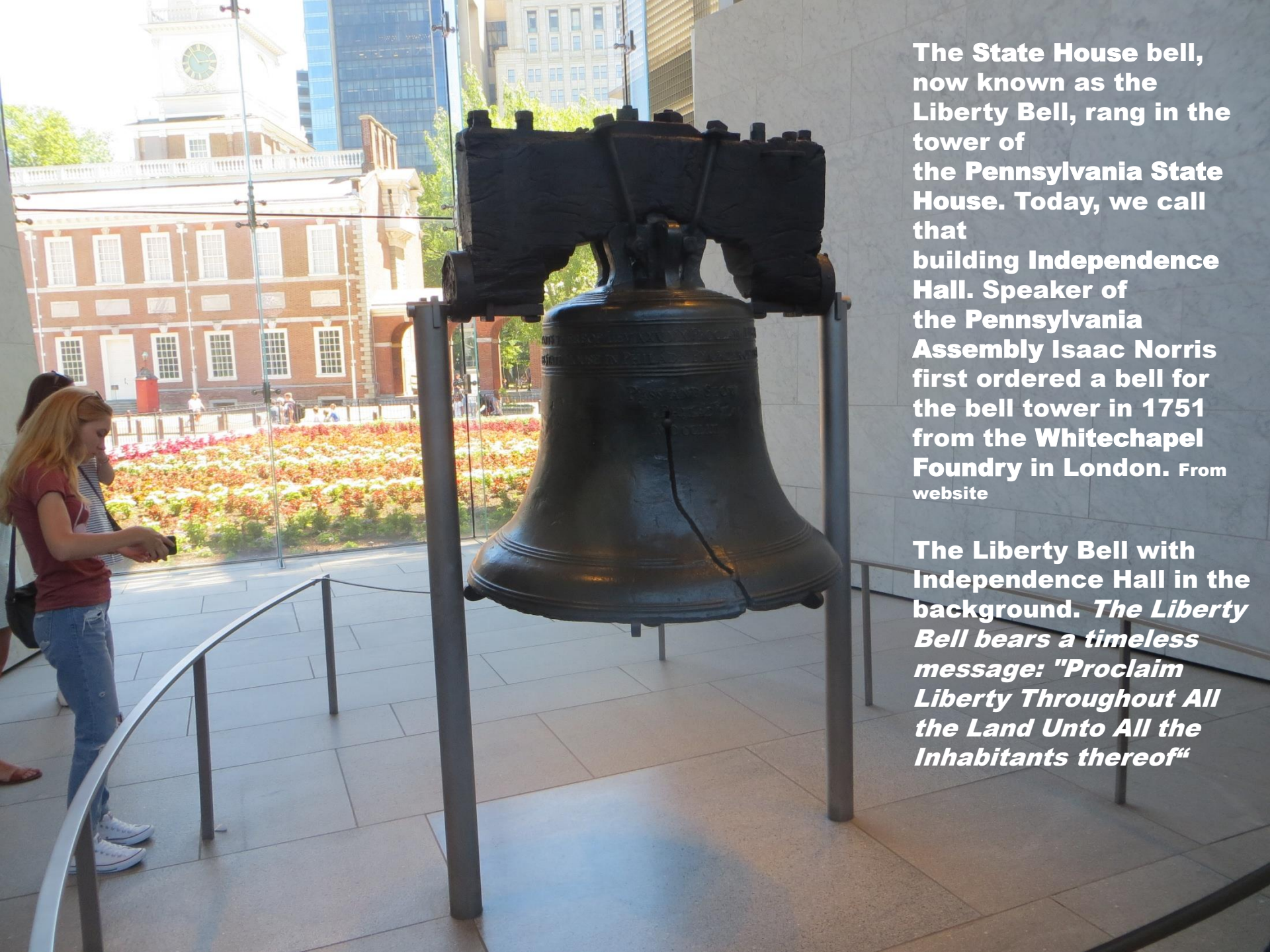




**As close
as he'll
get to
playing
it.**



After Wanamaker, we went back to Reading Terminal Market for lunch with Ed's cousin Doug's daughter, Benay



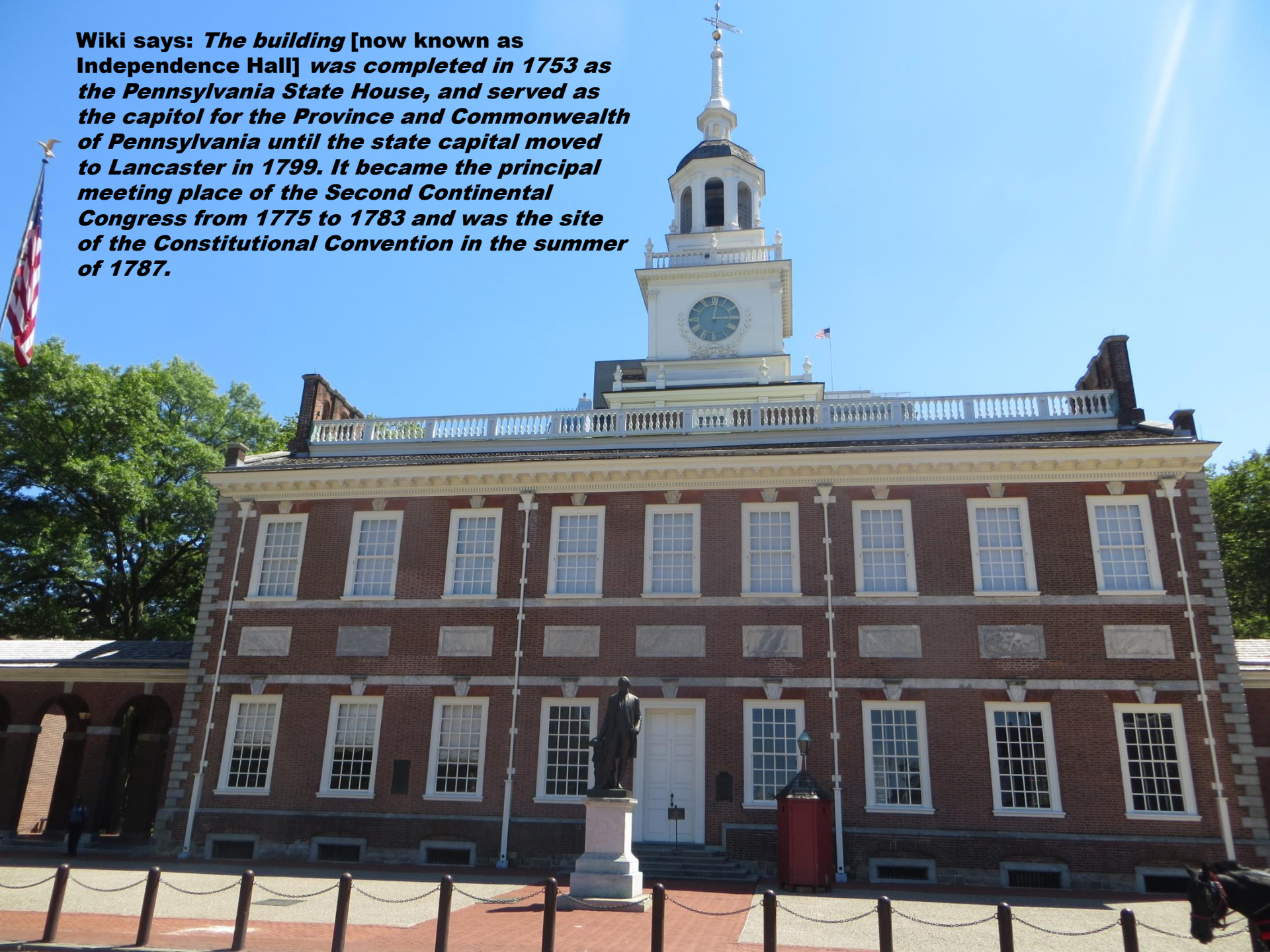
The State House bell, now known as the Liberty Bell, rang in the tower of the Pennsylvania State House. Today, we call that building Independence Hall. Speaker of the Pennsylvania Assembly Isaac Norris first ordered a bell for the bell tower in 1751 from the Whitechapel Foundry in London. From website

The Liberty Bell with Independence Hall in the background. *The Liberty Bell bears a timeless message: "Proclaim Liberty Throughout All the Land Unto All the Inhabitants thereof"*

The building that now houses the Liberty Bell nicely tells what it symbolizes for us today.



Wiki says: *The building [now known as Independence Hall] was completed in 1753 as the Pennsylvania State House, and served as the capitol for the Province and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania until the state capital moved to Lancaster in 1799. It became the principal meeting place of the Second Continental Congress from 1775 to 1783 and was the site of the Constitutional Convention in the summer of 1787.*



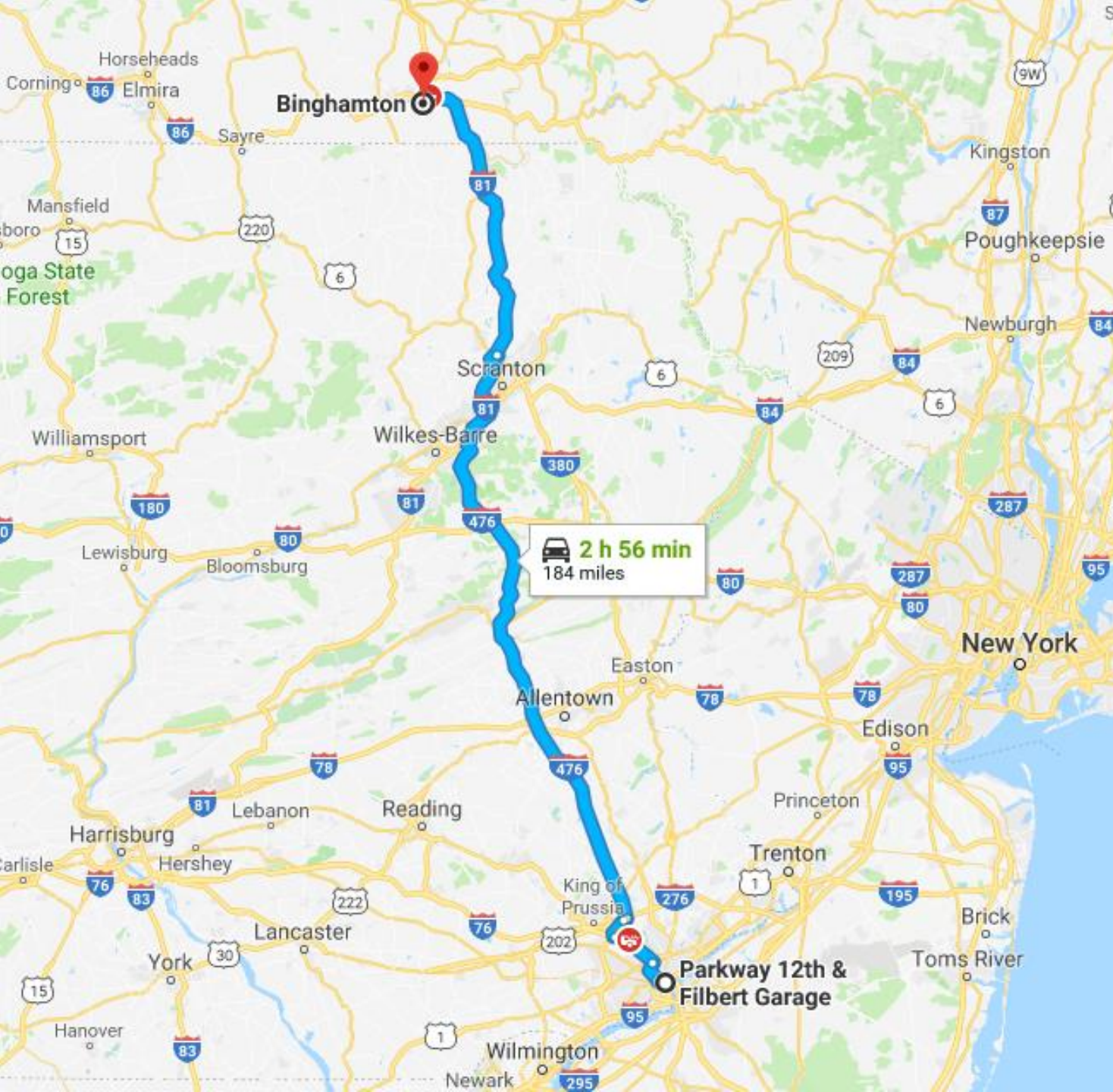


After that visit, Rob went to the gift shop across the street for a bottle opener. Then grabbed a Coke before walking back to the car for the journey toward Rochester.



This is another profound picture. We can now add the Liberty Bell to the list of noteworthy sights we have seen that include the Eiffel Tower, Berlin Wall, Statue of Liberty, Grand Canyon, Mormon Tabernacle, Pike's Peak, Jameson Distillery, Dachau & Auschwitz Prison Camps, Westminster Abbey, and even the erosion-preventing cars in the wall of the Little Flora Creek in Egypt Mills, MO.





Around 4:30p we left the Philadelphia parking garage and started toward Rochester, NY, knowing we probably wouldn't get all the way. As it turned out, we decided to hang it up for the day just across the NY border in Binghamton.



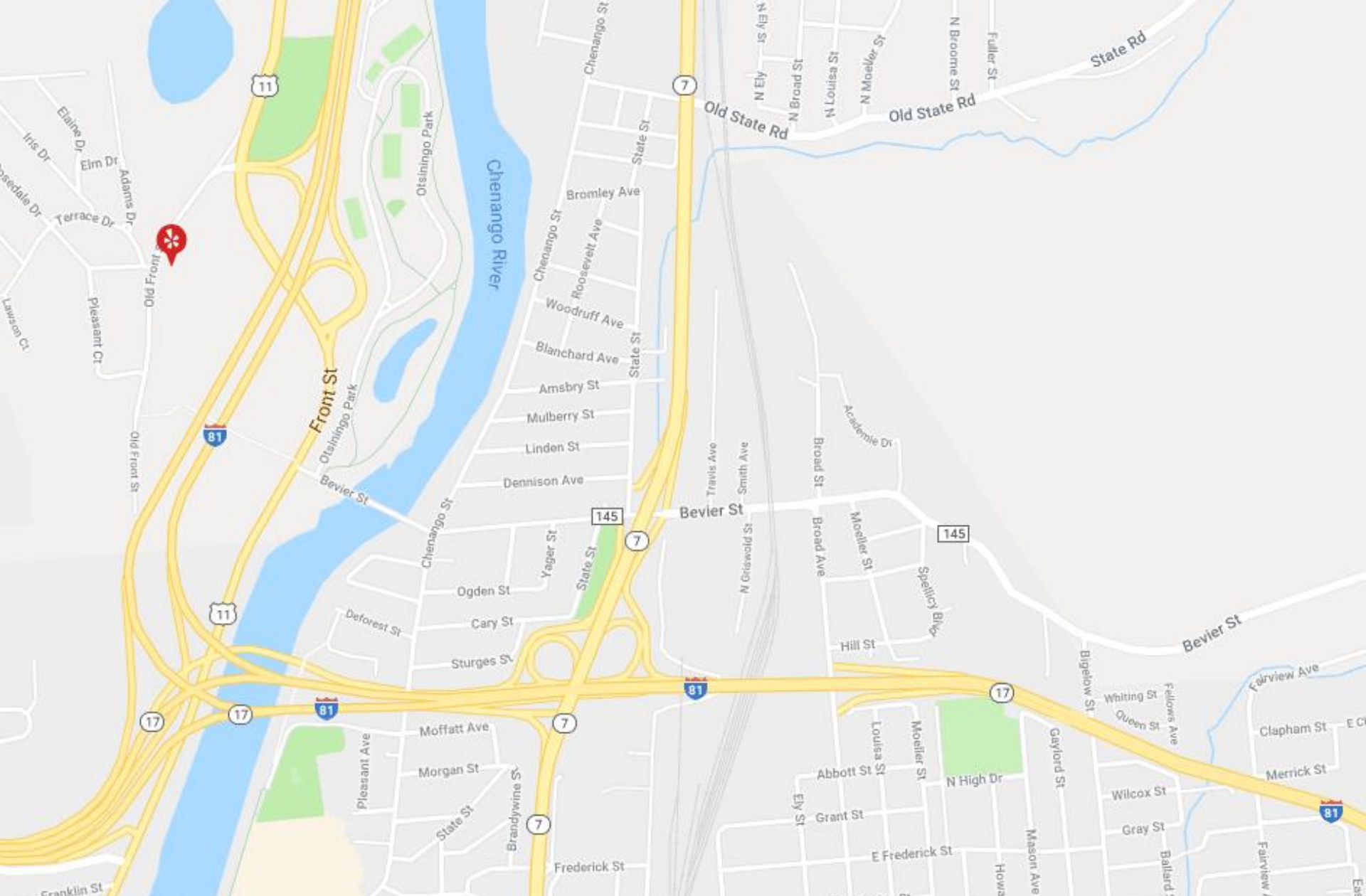
In our 18 years of travel together we have run across many bizarre people.... sights.... situations.... This was one for that list. We stopped at a nice rest stop just south of the NY border. Here was this young guy playing a didgeridoo. Again, Wiki says:

The didgeridoo (/ˌdɪdʒəˈriː duː/; also known as a didjeridu) is a wind instrument developed by Indigenous Australians of northern Australia potentially within the last 1,500 years and still in widespread use today both in Australia and around the world.



Into NY just before 8p





Got to Binghamton, NY just after 8p and took an exit off of I-81. Found the Red Roof Inn, which again, proved to be adequate. Hotel clerk recommended THE SPOT to get some food. We did.

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*Wine Selection
our Meal*



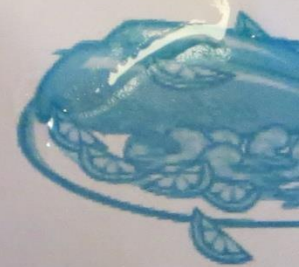
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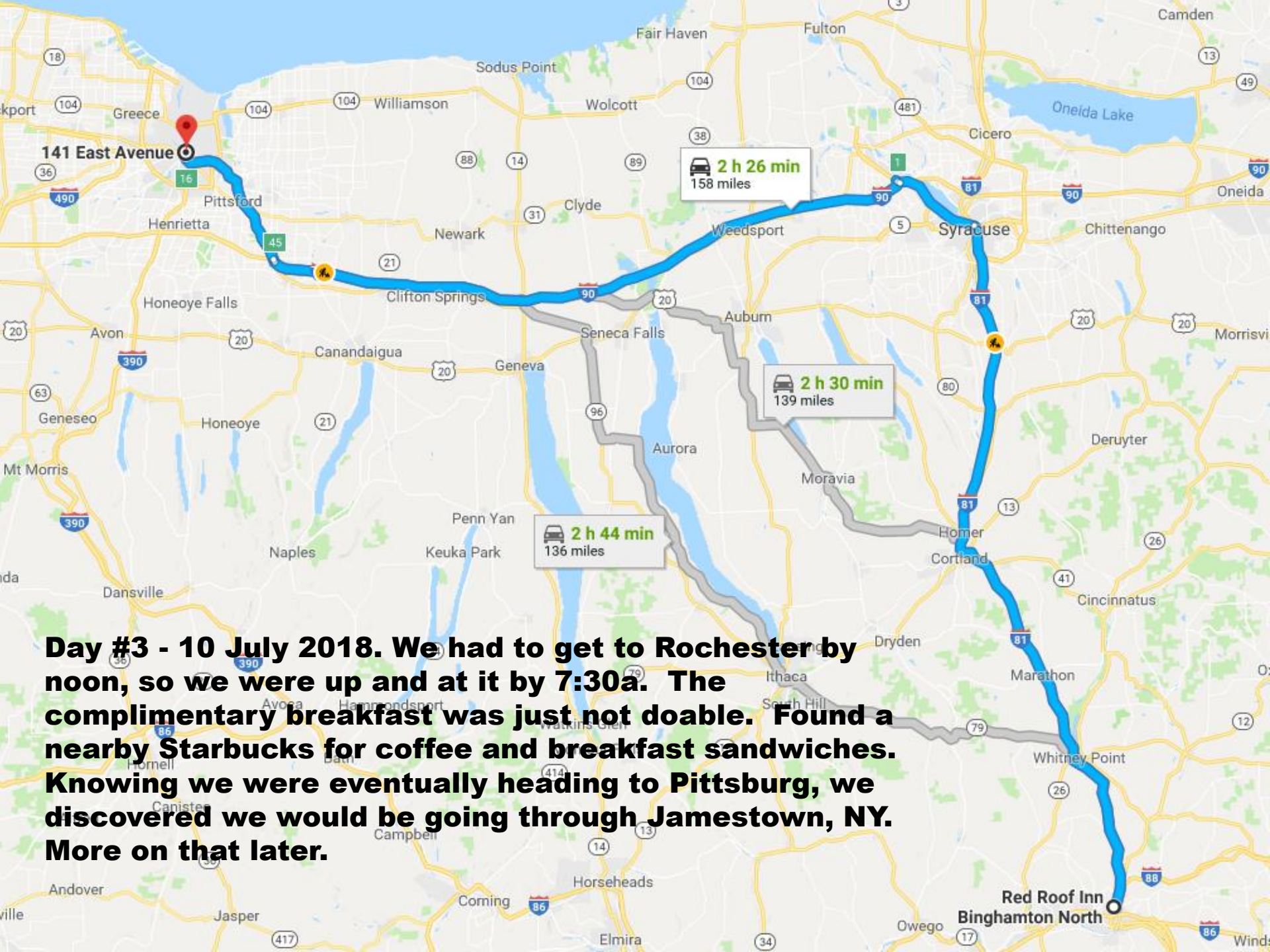
Our first beers were especially delicious probably because it had been a long day. Sam Adams Summer Ale

We rarely, if ever, have dessert on our trips. Beer is the food type that covers a multitude of courses... but Rob saw the strawberry-rhubarb on the menu and couldn't resist. Ed had a couple bites of it as well.





Following dinner, we went up the street to Applebee's for a real dessert/night cap, an Andromeda IPA. Nice closer for the day. This was about 10:30p. Crashed out by 11p or so.



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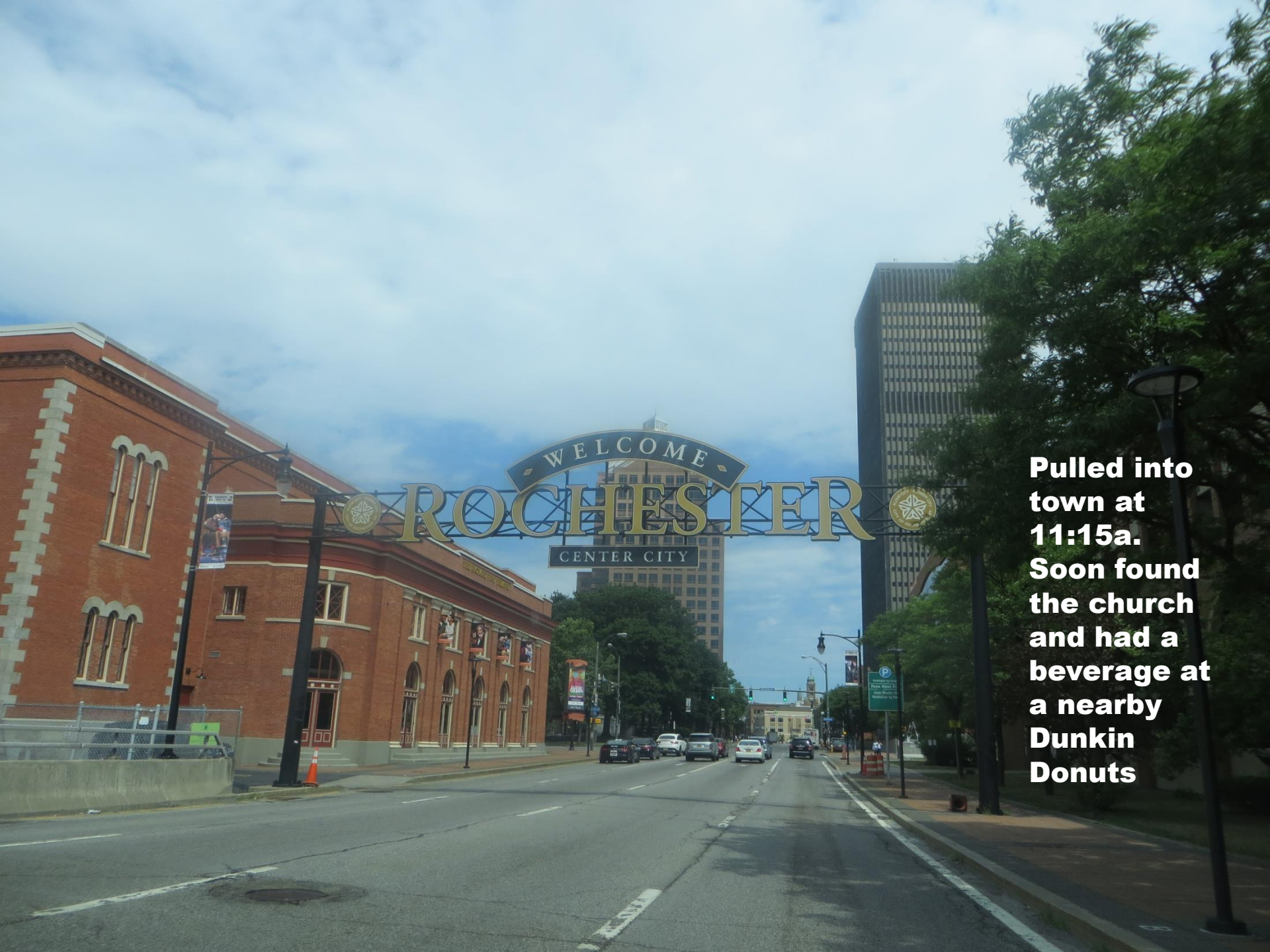
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Day #3 - 10 July 2018. We had to get to Rochester by noon, so we were up and at it by 7:30a. The complimentary breakfast was just not doable. Found a nearby Starbucks for coffee and breakfast sandwiches. Knowing we were eventually heading to Pittsburg, we discovered we would be going through Jamestown, NY. More on that later.

Red Roof Inn
Binghamton North



Pulled into town at 11:15a. Soon found the church and had a beverage at a nearby Dunkin Donuts

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Christ Church

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8am/11am

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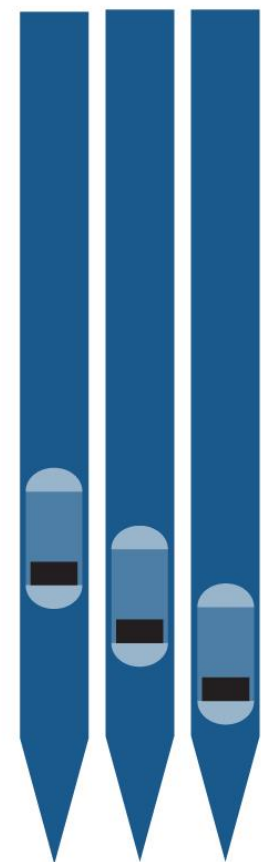
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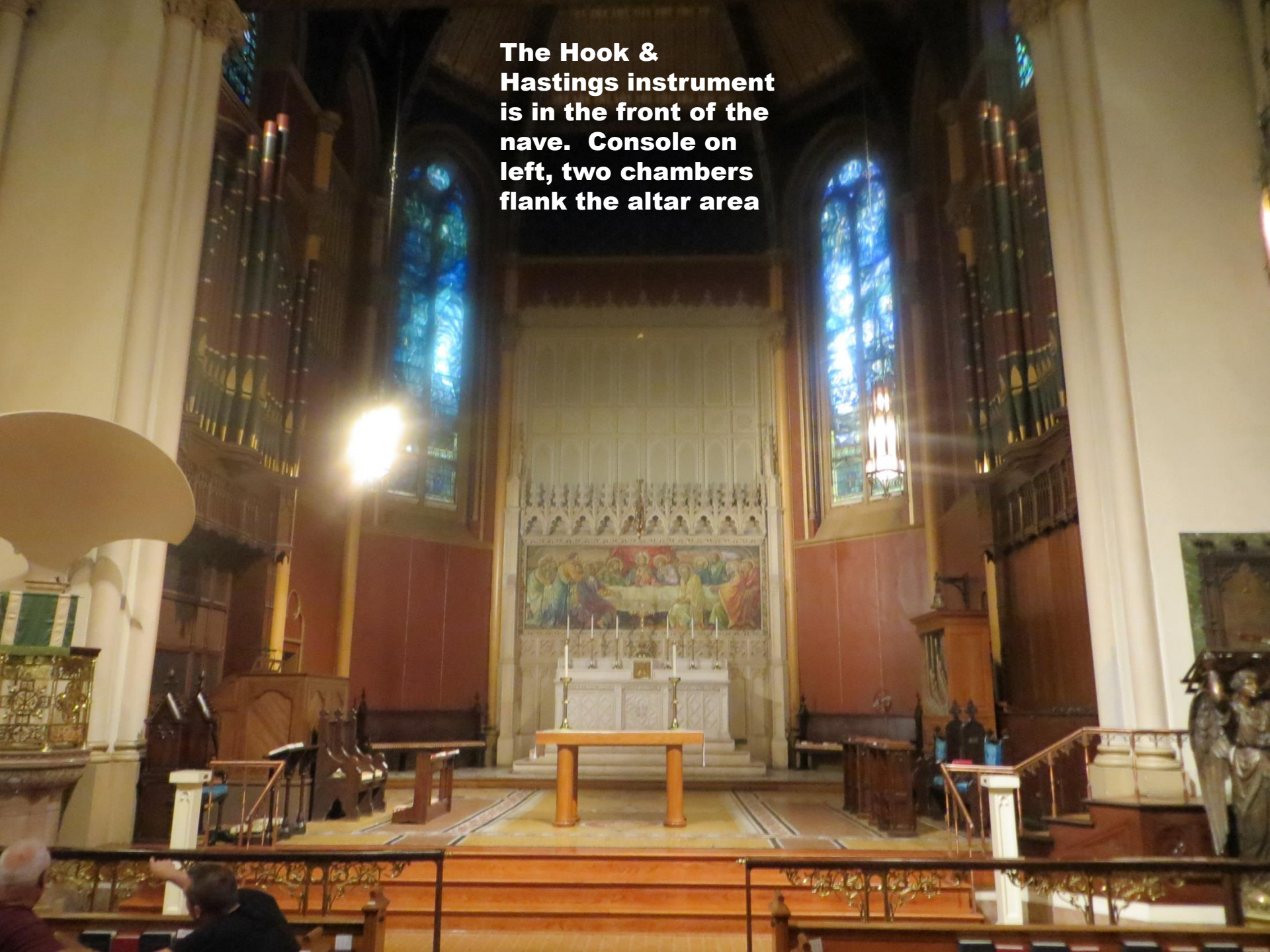
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Tuesday PIPES



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Oliver Brett, organ

From Sonata No. 4 in B-flat, Op. 65
I. Allegro con brio

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Partita on *O Gott du frommer Gott*, BWV 767

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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### About the Performer

**Oliver Brett** is a doctoral student of David Higgs. Born in the UK in 1985, he was organ scholar of King's College, Cambridge between 2004 and 2007, where he received his degree in music. In 2006, he was heard by millions worldwide when he played for A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. Since then, he has held positions at Westminster Cathedral, Durham Cathedral and most recently, at St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney, where he spent four years as Assistant Director of Music. He became a Fellow of the Royal College of Organists before leaving high school, passing the diploma with top prizes. He has studied the organ with Sarah Baldock, Thomas Trotter, David Briggs and Dame Gillian Weir. As an accompanist and recitalist, Oliver has performed at many venues across five continents, most notably the Concertgebouw, Amsterdam; the Royal Albert Hall, London; the Seoul Arts Centre in South Korea; the Esplanade Concert Hall in Singapore; the Baltic States; the Festival of Sacred Music in Ecuador; as well as venues across the USA including Washington National Cathedral and St Thomas', Fifth Avenue, NYC. As a continuo player, he has performed with ensembles such as the Philharmonia, Bitten

Sinfonia, Florilegium, the Academy of Ancient Music and the Armonico Consort. Oliver has recently released his first solo organ CD, recorded on the organ of St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.

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### Upcoming Performers and Events

July 17 – Jacob Taylor  
July 24 – Caroline Robinson with Benjamin Krug (cello)  
July 31 – Wendy Yuen

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**Doctoral student Oliver  
Brett played the  
Mendelssohn on the  
Romantic era organ....**





... then the Bach partita on the Craighead-Saunders  
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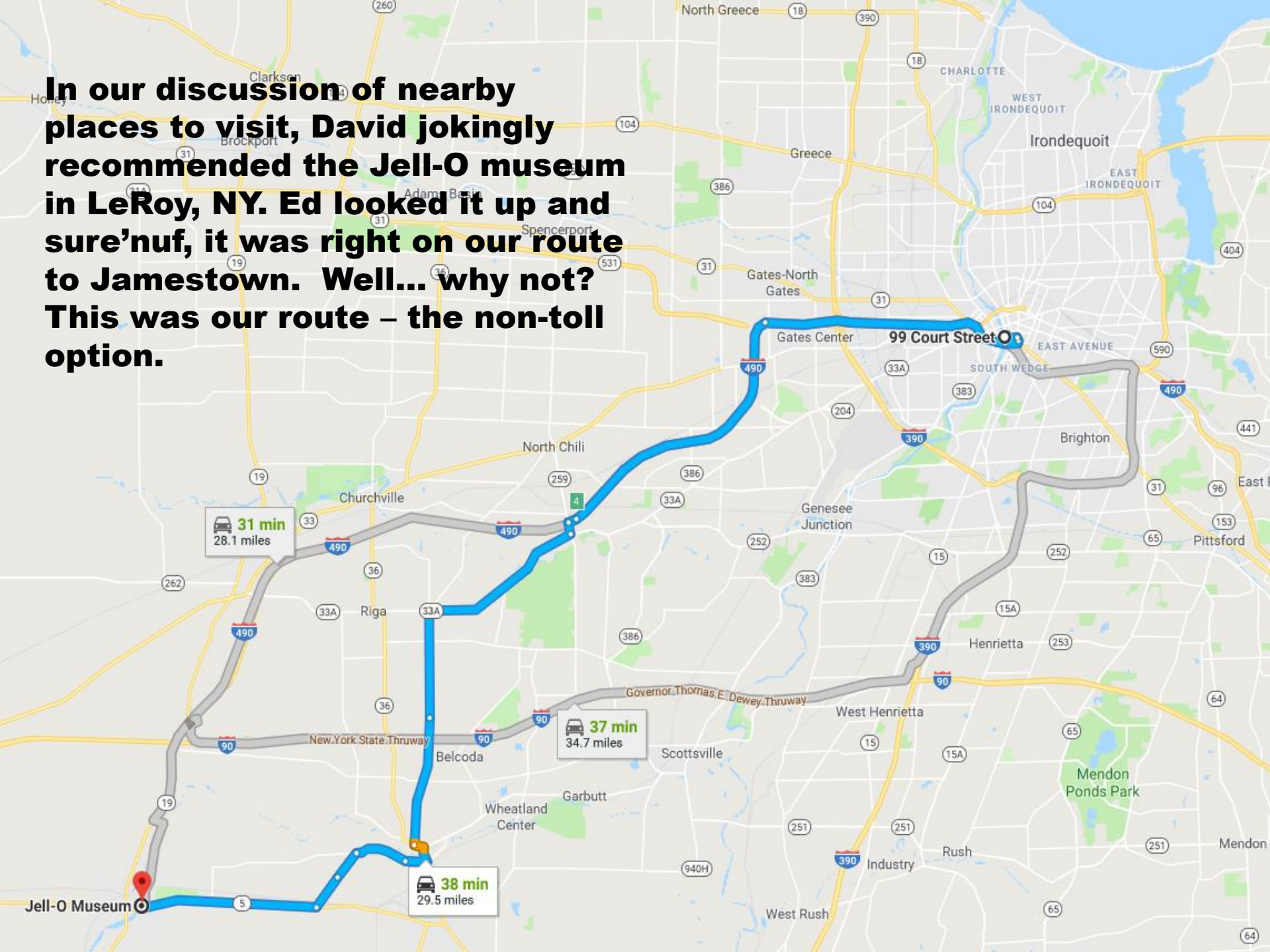


**We met David Walshak for lunch at Dinosaur BBQ which overlooks the picturesque Genesee River. David has been a friend of Rob's family for decades, and oddly enough, when he was starting Longhorn Band, Ed was in his last semester. They didn't remember each other, but had many mutual acquaintances from back in the day.**





**In our discussion of nearby places to visit, David jokingly recommended the Jell-O museum in LeRoy, NY. Ed looked it up and sure'nuf, it was right on our route to Jamestown. Well... why not? This was our route – the non-toll option.**





**Here it is! The Jell-O museum.  
Jell-O hasn't been made here in  
many, many decades, but this  
town is where it started.**







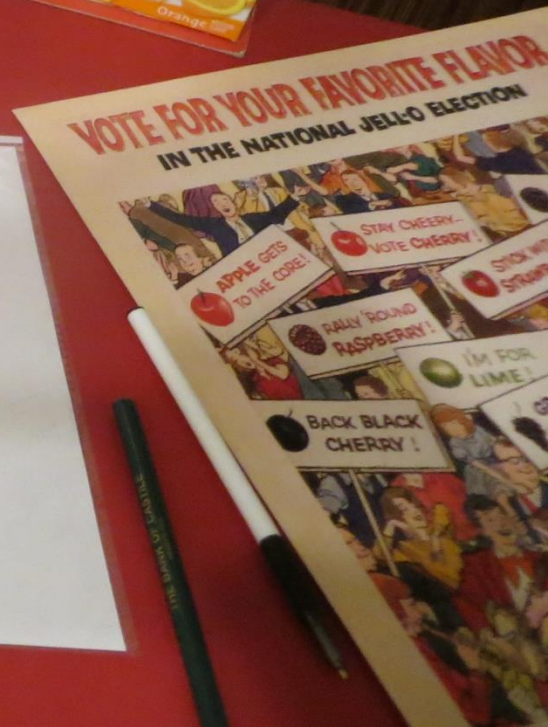
**After paying a \$10/person entry fee you get to see stuff like this. In the lower level is some antique farm equipment native to the area.**





**Our visitors have voted!**  
 Your favorite flavor is:  
**Strawberry**  
 Results through June 2018

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| <b>Strawberry</b> | <b>260</b> |
| <b>Cherry</b>     | <b>239</b> |
| <b>Lime</b>       | <b>207</b> |
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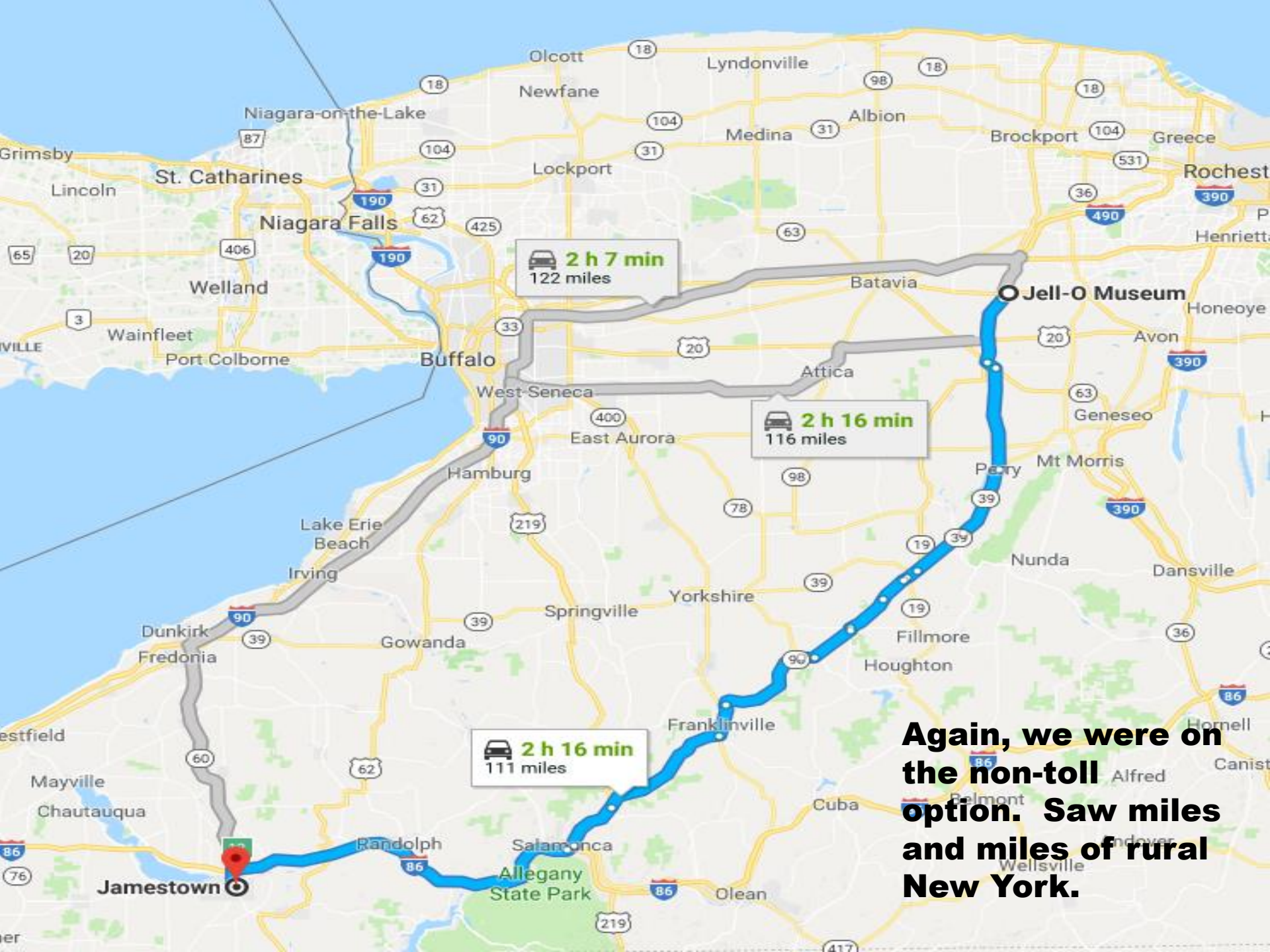




**New Jell-o model**

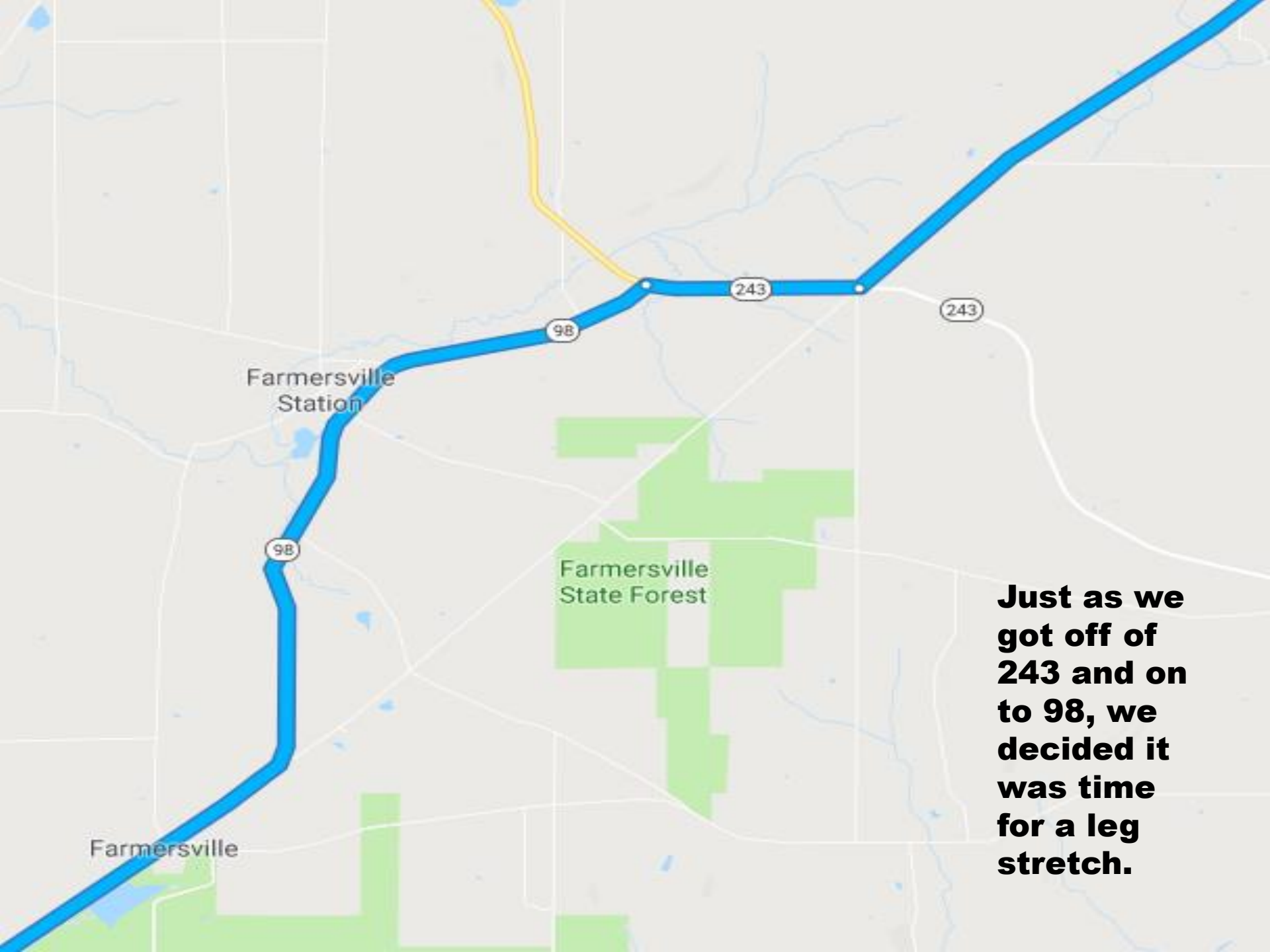






**Again, we were on the non-toll option. Saw miles and miles of rural New York.**





Farmersville Station

Farmersville State Forest

Farmersville

**Just as we got off of 243 and on to 98, we decided it was time for a leg stretch.**

















**Yelp and others gave this place a 5-star rating in Jamestown. Thought we'd give it a shot. Parked, tried to get in, but it was closed. Guy came out and said they were putting in a new walk-in cooler and were closed a few days. Just our luck.**



STATE OF THE CITY 2018

# JAMESTOWN



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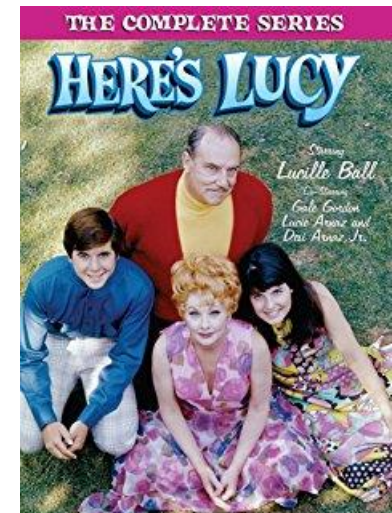
Why a stop in Jamestown, NY you ask. We were considering a stop in North Kingsville, Ohio to visit the place that lives in infamy from our 2008 trip... which we decided against. More on that later. Ed & Rob are baby boomers, closer to the 1964 boomers than the 1946'ers. Our age bracket lived though the best years of television. One TV icon from our birth through high school was *The First Lady of Comedy*, Lucille Ball. Jamestown is her home town. (Purists would say Celoron is where she lived mostly). While in the day we would have preferred Gilligan's Island, The Beverly Hillbillies, Hogan's Heroes, Wild Wild West, The Munsters, Mission Impossible, etc, you can't ignore her impact on television history. There is a museum dedicated to her and Desi Arnaz.



1951-60



1962-68



1968-74





**Going to N. Kingsville was certainly doable, but we decided not. What's the big deal? Wondering if "Bear" was still around. Flashback to 7/10/08, and oddly enough 10 years to the day: *So we arrive in North Kingsville about 10 pm. Check into the Hollywood Motel, then go down the road to the Breezy Inn – a hoppin dive bar that was pretty crowded. We sat at the bar. Someone's keys were at the empty spot next to Rob. The guy came back and introduced himself to us. His name was "Bear" because he "almost" played for the Chicago Bears. This guy was a piece of work for sure. We drank a few and headed back to the room.***







The guy at Coach's recommended this place. Had a couple beers here and some dinner. After seeing some other massive plates of food, we decided we could split something... a roast beef sandwich to be exact. Way more food than one person should eat. The owner, Gary (77), was quite a character as were some of the regulars there.





**Downtown Jamestown to this place for night cap(s). Was a quiet evening in Jamestown. Gary said much industry had left the area. It had a feeling that a better day must have been here in the past.**





**BRAZIL** *Open*  
craft beer & wine lounge



*Finest beer I ever tasted!*

says

**LUCILLE BALL**

star of stage play

"Dream Girl"



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JAMESTOWN

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OPEN TUES-SAT  
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craft beer & wine lounge

➔ 18 beers on tap ➔ Extensive bottle selection of beer and wine ➔ Relaxing atmosphere

**Even Lucy approved of  
this place**





**These Northern Tier IPAs hit the spot. While here we booked a room at the Red Roof Inn in nearby Falconer. To the room about 10p and crashed out pretty soon thereafter.**





**Day #4, 11 July 2018. After hotel breakfast we found Lucy's grave after some searching... not realizing that the little paved road in the cemetery has these symbols on the pavement leading to the grave.**







**Got here a little  
after they opened  
at 10a.**





**Set from the I LOVE LUCY show.  
Looks strange to see it in color.**



**FYI Laurence Luckinbill is  
Lucy's son-in-law**

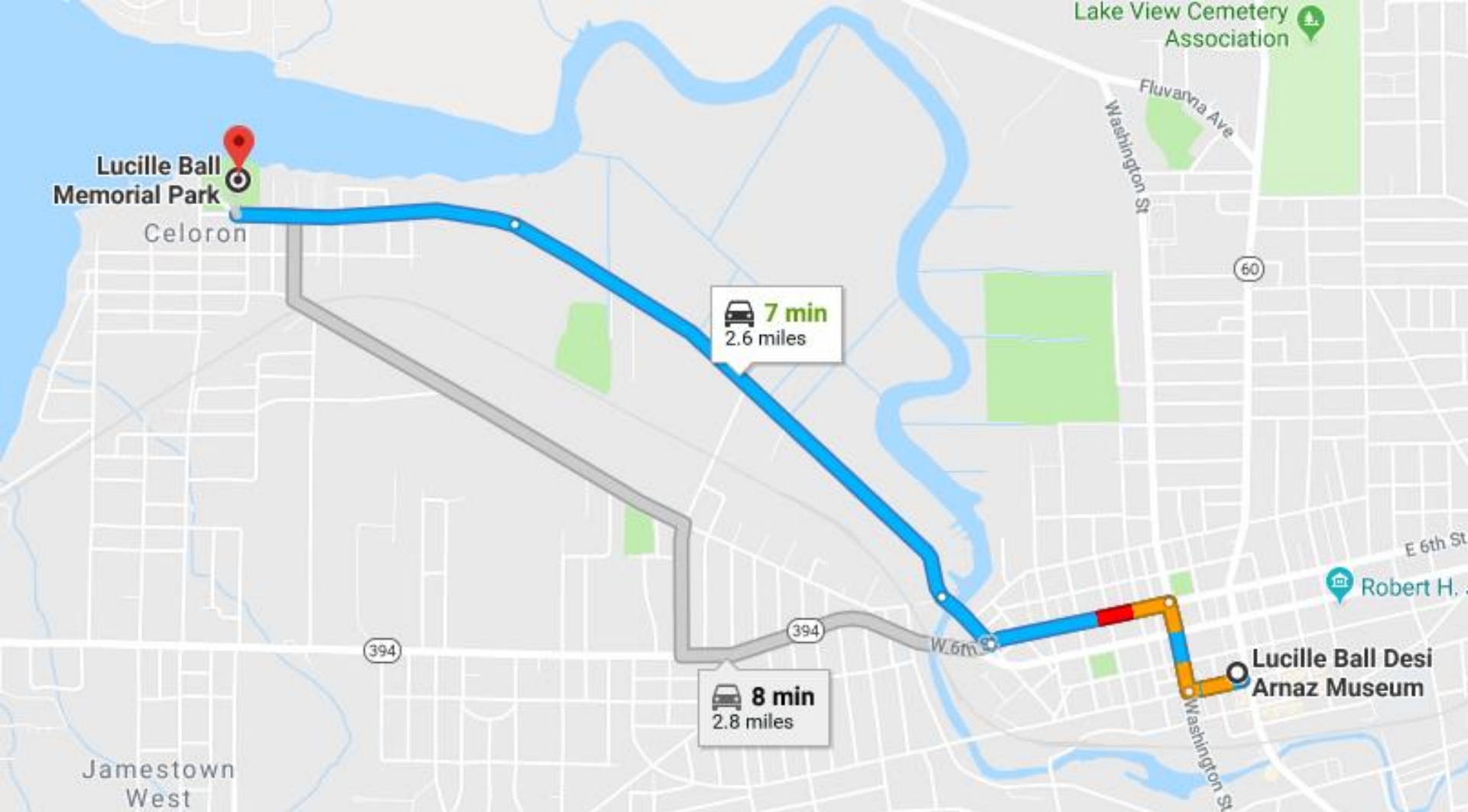
*Lucille Ball's*

**1972 Mercedes-Benz 280 SE**

*Donated to the Lucy-Desi Museum  
by Laurence Luckinbill*







**From the museum, we headed out of town and stopped at the Lucille Ball Memorial Park... mainly to see the statues that townfolk have dubbed “Scary Lucy” and “Lovely Lucy.” Jimmy Fallon has shown pictures of Scary Lucy on his show many times.**





1911 - 1989



# LUCILLE BALL

## *Memorial Park*

Celoron Native &  
America's First Lady of Comedy



**This park is in Celoron, NY where Lucille Ball grew up, right on Chautauqua Lake.**





**“Lovely Lucy”**

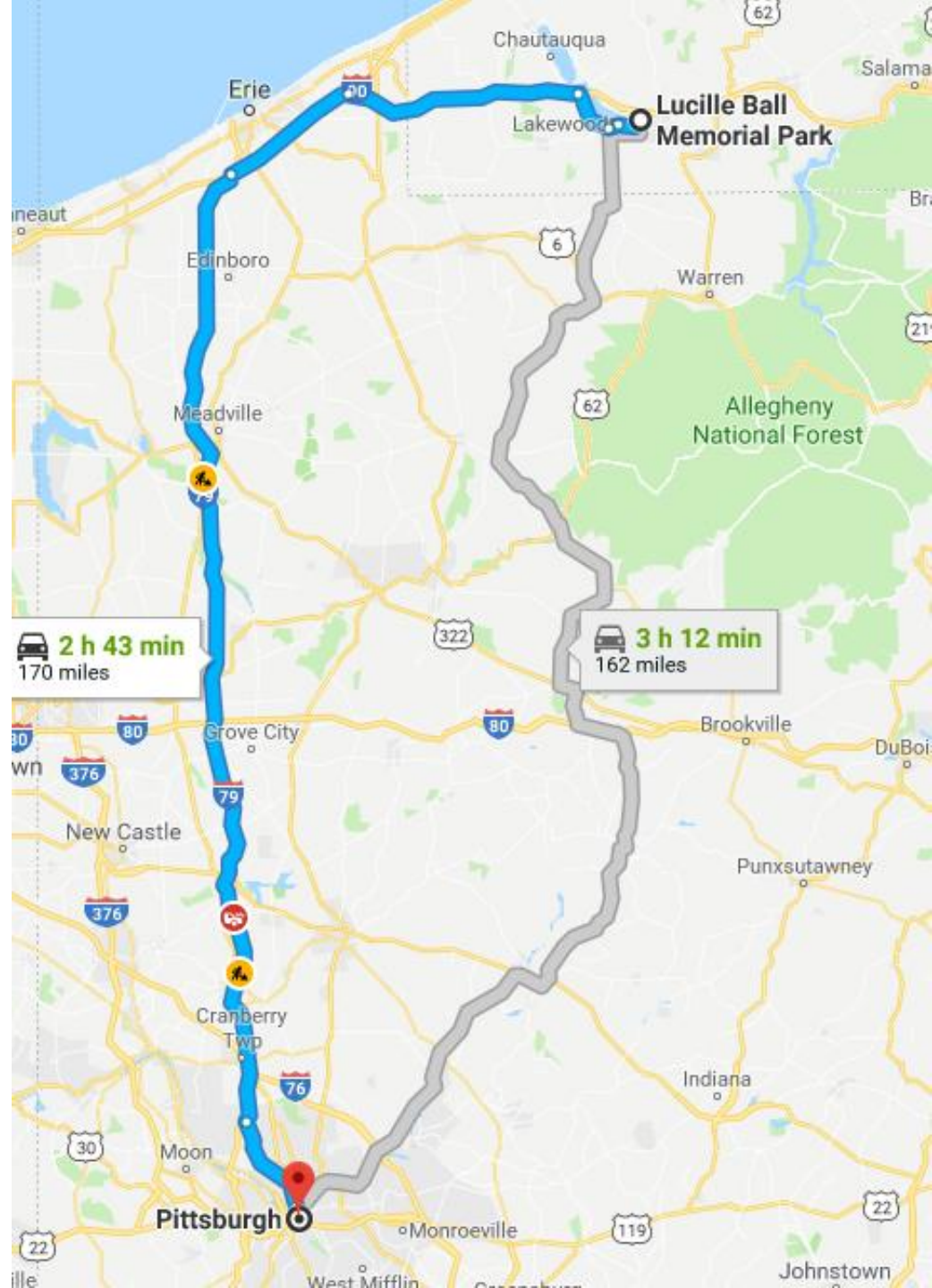


**“Scary Lucy”**

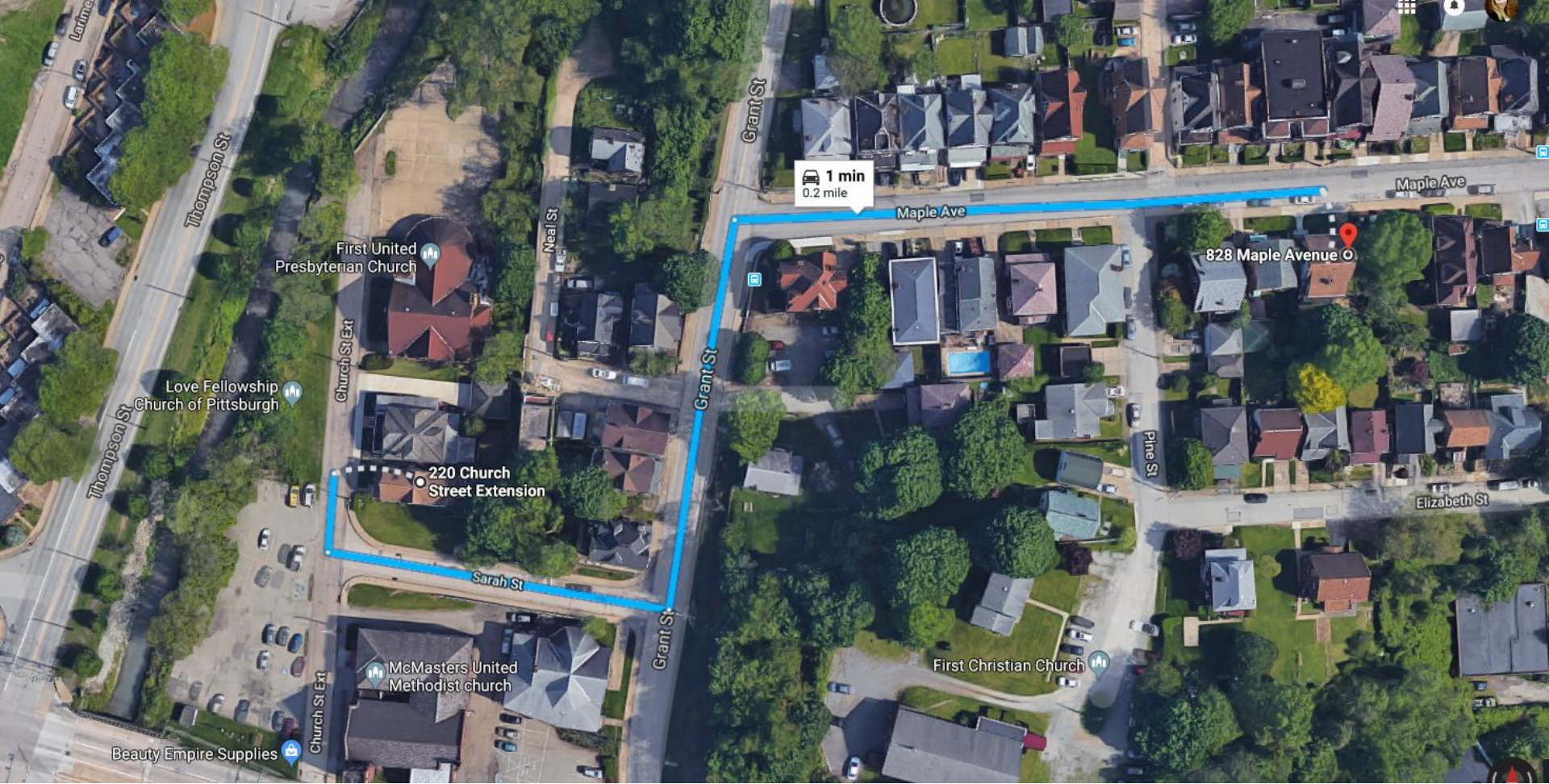
**I guess in the artist’s defense, Scary Lucy was suppose to be intoxicated as in the vitameatavegamin commercial. Website says: *Sculpted by Dave Poulin in 2009, Scary Lucy shows Lucille Ball during her famous tipsy TV pitch for Vitameatavegamin health tonic. A new Lovely Lucy statue arrived in August 2016, but the town decided to keep Scary Lucy as well.***



**Our next goal was  
Pittsburg. We left  
Celoron at 11:30a.  
Stopped at an Erie  
exit for gas and lunch  
before heading south.**







**Our next stop was Ed's dad's home place and Uncle Chuck's family home too. Grandparents house 220 Church St. Chuck's is 828 Maple Ave. in Turtle Creek, a suburb of Pittsburg. Very close to each other. Ed has many childhood memories of coming to visit and stomping around this area. Got here about 3:15p.**





**828 Maple Ave., Chuck's place**



**220 Church St., Grandparents place**



**Creek by  
grandparents  
house where Ed &  
cousins played as  
youngsters.**







**Ed says back in the day Sarah St. in the center, wasn't there, but instead another house.**





**Somewhere in the 5p time area we went to find the graves of Ed's grandparents. We decided to divide and conquer to find them. In one section Rob took the upper rows, Ed the lower. Took a long time, and we got in quite a few steps. Ed called Chuck's wife Pinky for some clues where they might be. Rob spotted them at 5:45p.**

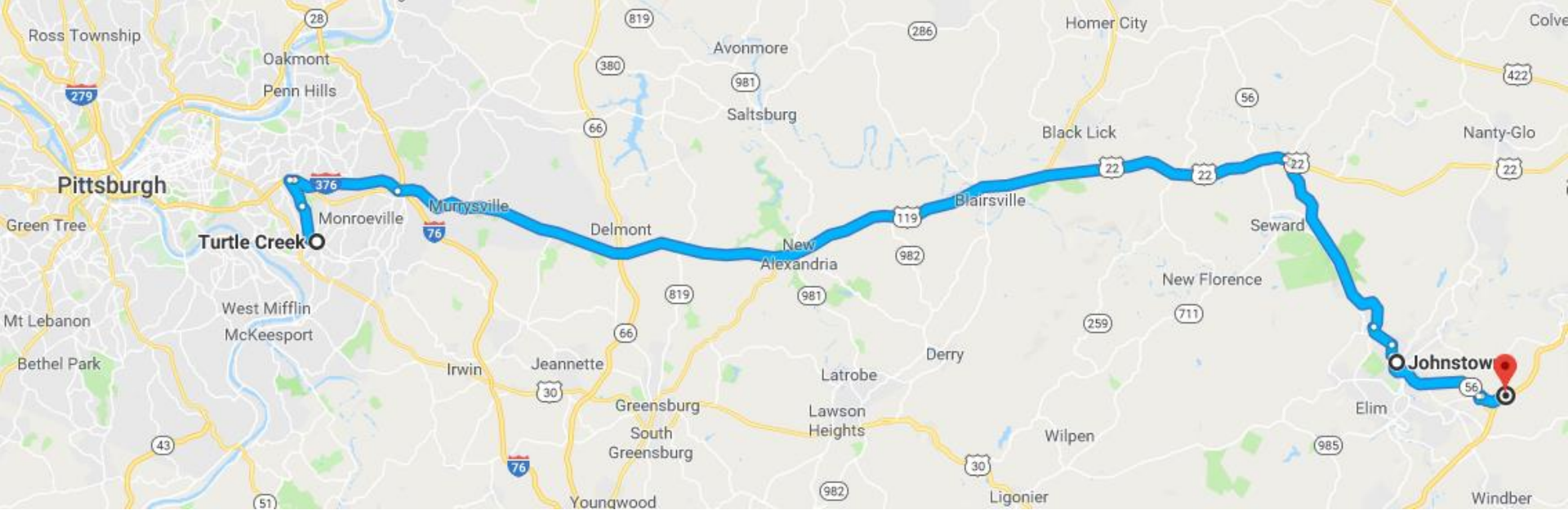




**Ed's grandparents and their infant son, who Ed's brother Richard was named after.**







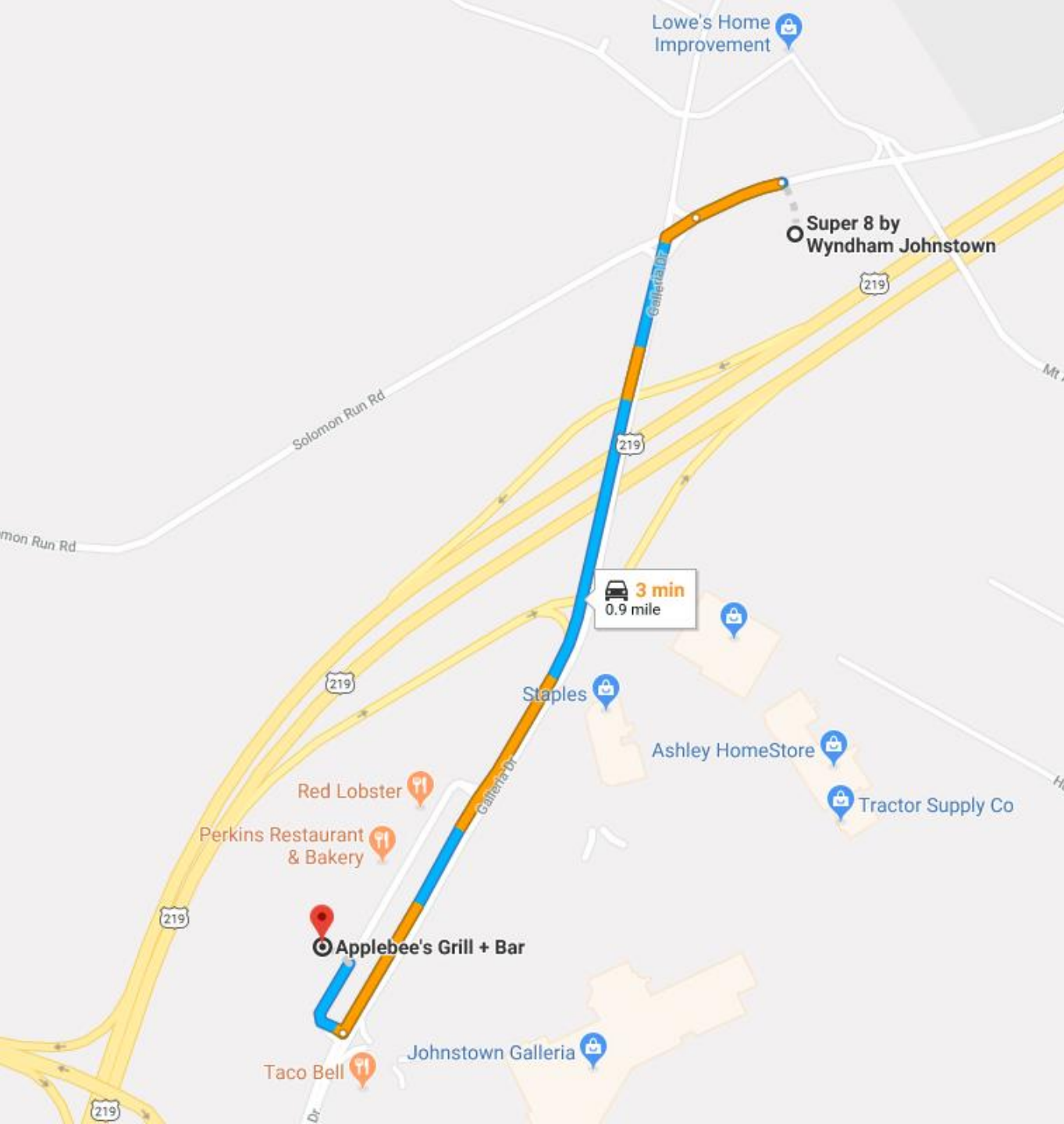
**By 6p we were starting our trek eastward. On Hwy 22... didn't care to drive too much this evening. Decided on Johnstown as on the map it looked substantial enough to have food (with beer, of course) & lodging options. Ended up at the Super 8 outside of Johnstown.**





**Once we checked in the Super 8, we found an Applebee's for dinner and beer. Waiter actually acted interested in our travel prowess. Back to room and crashed out by 10:30p**





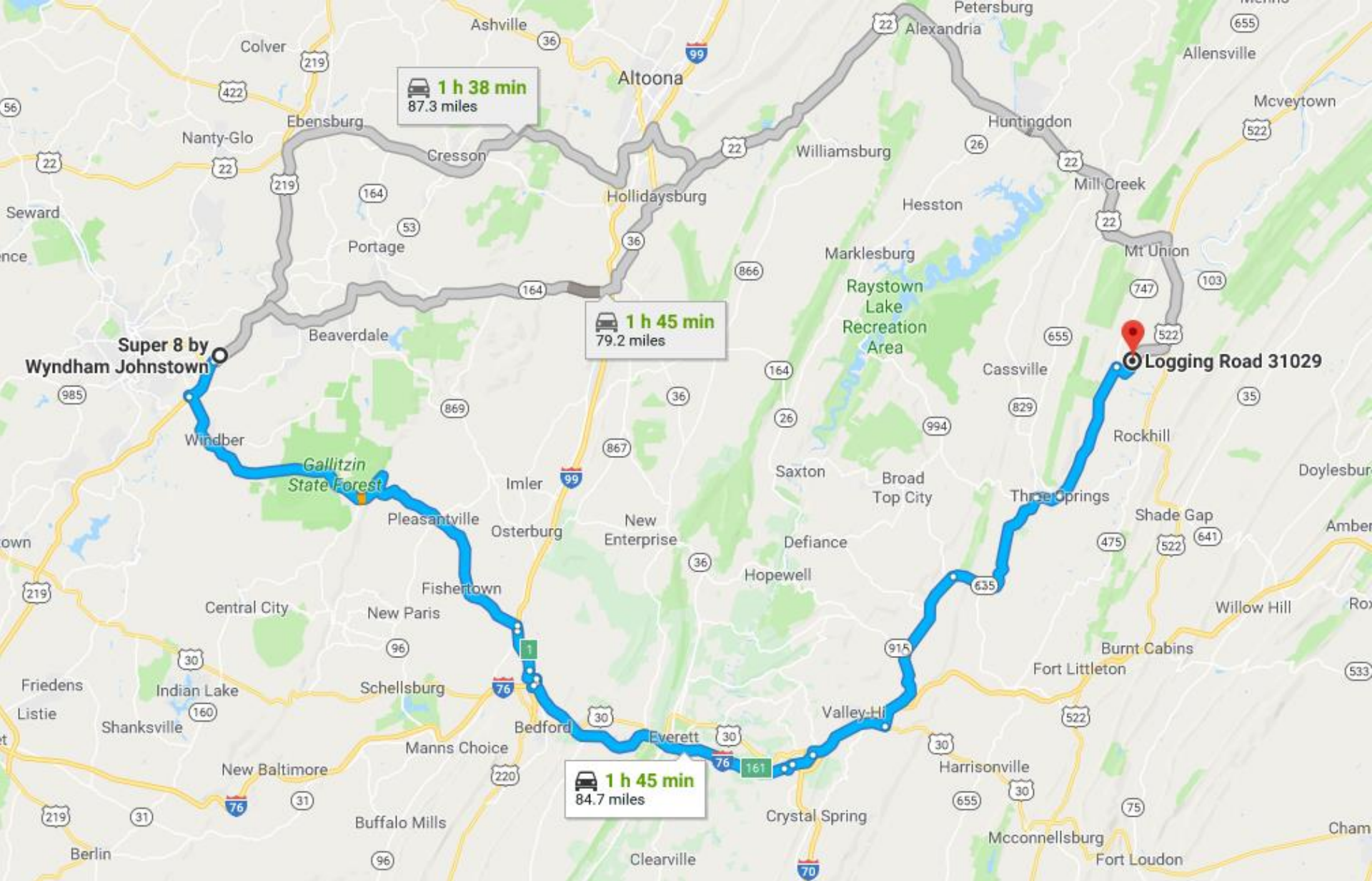
**Yup, about a 3  
minute drive to  
the Applebee's.**



**Day #5, 12 July 2018. It was a beautiful, cool morning... quite unlike Central Texas. Had the Super 8 breakfast and on the road before 8:30 heading east.**







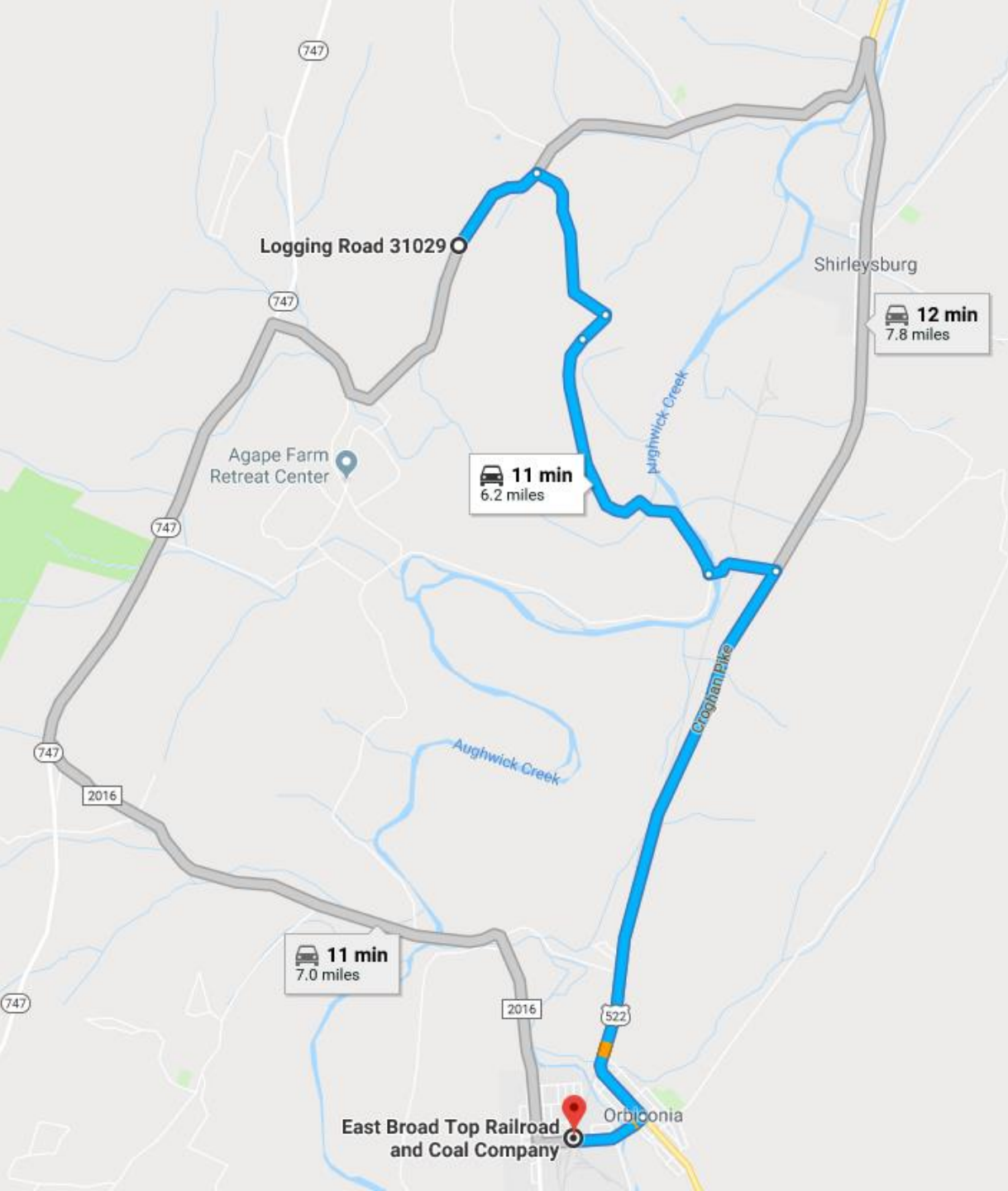
**Our next goal was to see Ed's Aunt Gladys & Uncle Ken's place from yester-year. I *think* the blue route was the one we took. Some pretty rural, remote roads to find the place.**



**While the place lost some of its grandeur of it's glory day, a family found it in good enough shape to live in.**







**Being longtime fans of all things railroad... we stopped to check out the East Broad Top Railroad and Coal Company. Got there about 11a.**





Hickory St  
The Iron Rail  
Bed & Breakfast

East Broad Top Railroad  
and Coal Company

United States  
Postal Service

Meadow St

Culvert St

Iron St

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American Legion

Rockhill Trolley Museum



# East Broad Top Railroad and Coal Company



**Wiki says: *The East Broad Top Railroad and Coal Company (EBT) is a for-profit, 3 ft (914 mm) narrow gauge historic railroad headquartered in Rockhill Furnace, Pennsylvania, 19 miles (31 km) north of Interstate 76 (the Pennsylvania Turnpike) and 11 miles (18 km) south of U.S. Route 22, the William Penn Highway. Operating from 1871 to 1956, it is one of the nation's oldest and best-preserved narrow-gauge railroads, and was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1964. The railroad, now preserved for use as a tourist attraction, has not operated public excursions since December 2011 and has operated no excursions since October 2013. The railroad is currently up for sale from its current owner.***



**Was fun  
hanging  
around this  
somewhat  
abandoned  
train stuff.**















**They say 60 is the new 40... but in our cases it's 30! We can throw the manually controlled track switchers pretty handily!**







East Broad Top Railroad  
and Coal Company

2015

2015

Nossville

State Game  
Lands  
Number 251

**Had lunch in the town of Spring Run  
at Path Valley Family Restaurant.  
Was good.**

475

994

2017

35

Shade Gap

4007

Meadow Gap

522

Dry Run

 **19 min**  
14.5 miles

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2007

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 **Path Valley  
Family Restaurant**

 76

2009



# PATH VALLEY *Family* RESTAURANT



Path Valley Bank  
ATM  
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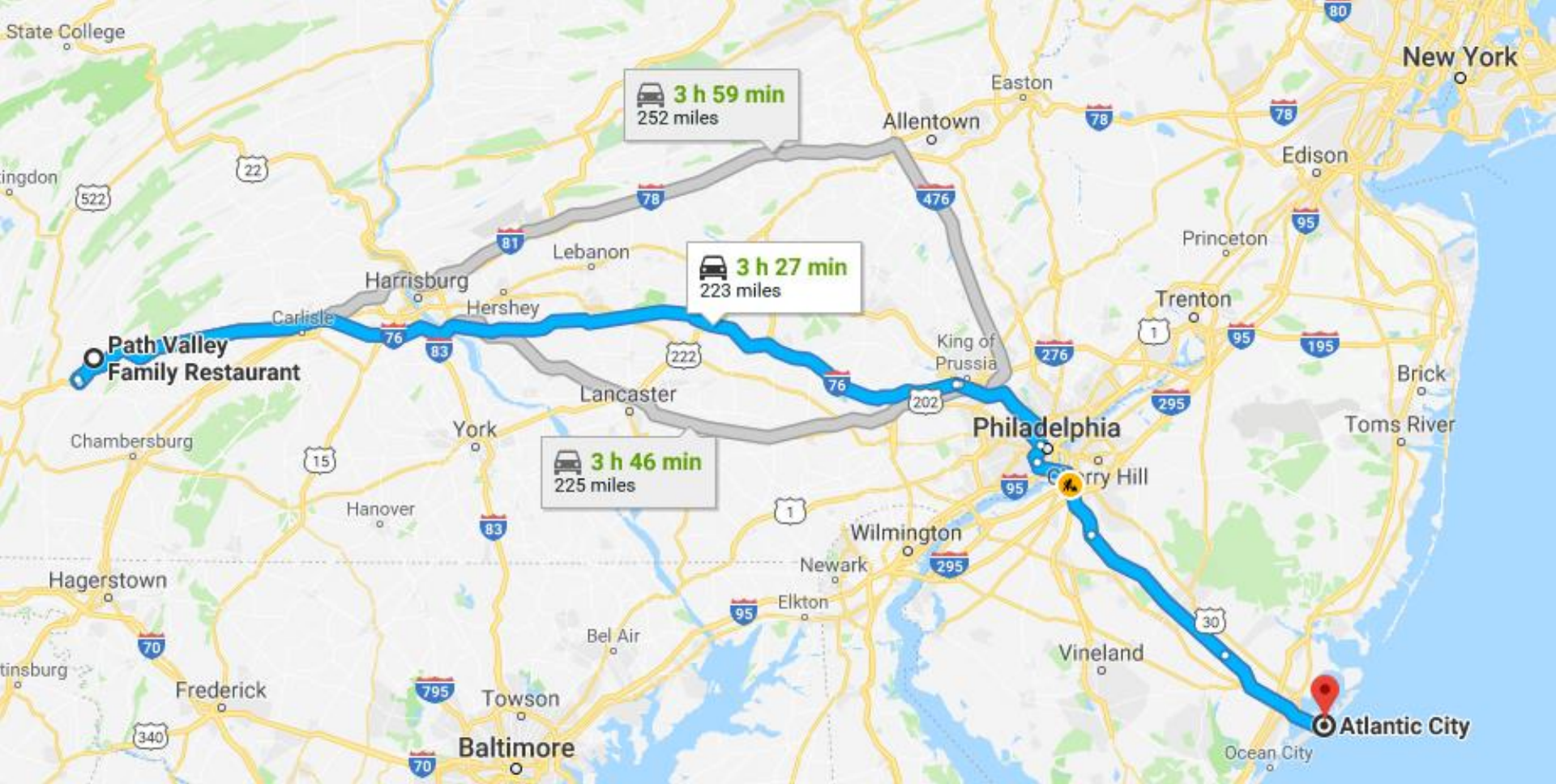
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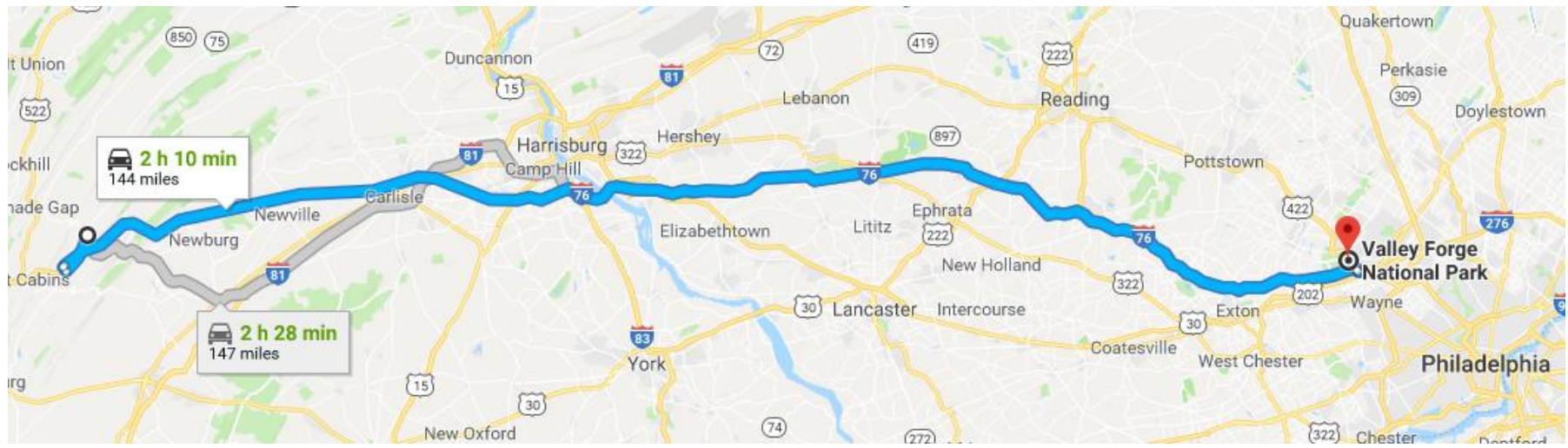
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**Somewhere in our drive a day earlier we were talking about Atlantic City and how there was a BA pipe organ there too. Got time. Let's go.**





**It just so happened our route took us through historically significant Valley Forge National Park.**







**Getting there later in the day didn't leave us much time to do the whole park, so we thoroughly studied the museum and watched the 18-minute movie.**





**Valley Forge is the location of the 1777-1778 winter encampment of the Continental Army under General George Washington. Here the Continental Army, a collection of disparate colonial militias, emerged under Washington's leadership as a cohesive and disciplined fighting force. In late 1777 while the British occupied the patriot capital of Philadelphia, Washington decided to have his troops winter at Valley Forge, a day's march from Philadelphia. Valley Forge was a naturally defensible plateau where they could train and recoup from the year's battles while winter weather, impassable roads, and scant supplies stopped the fighting. (website)**



**Arrived here 4pm.**





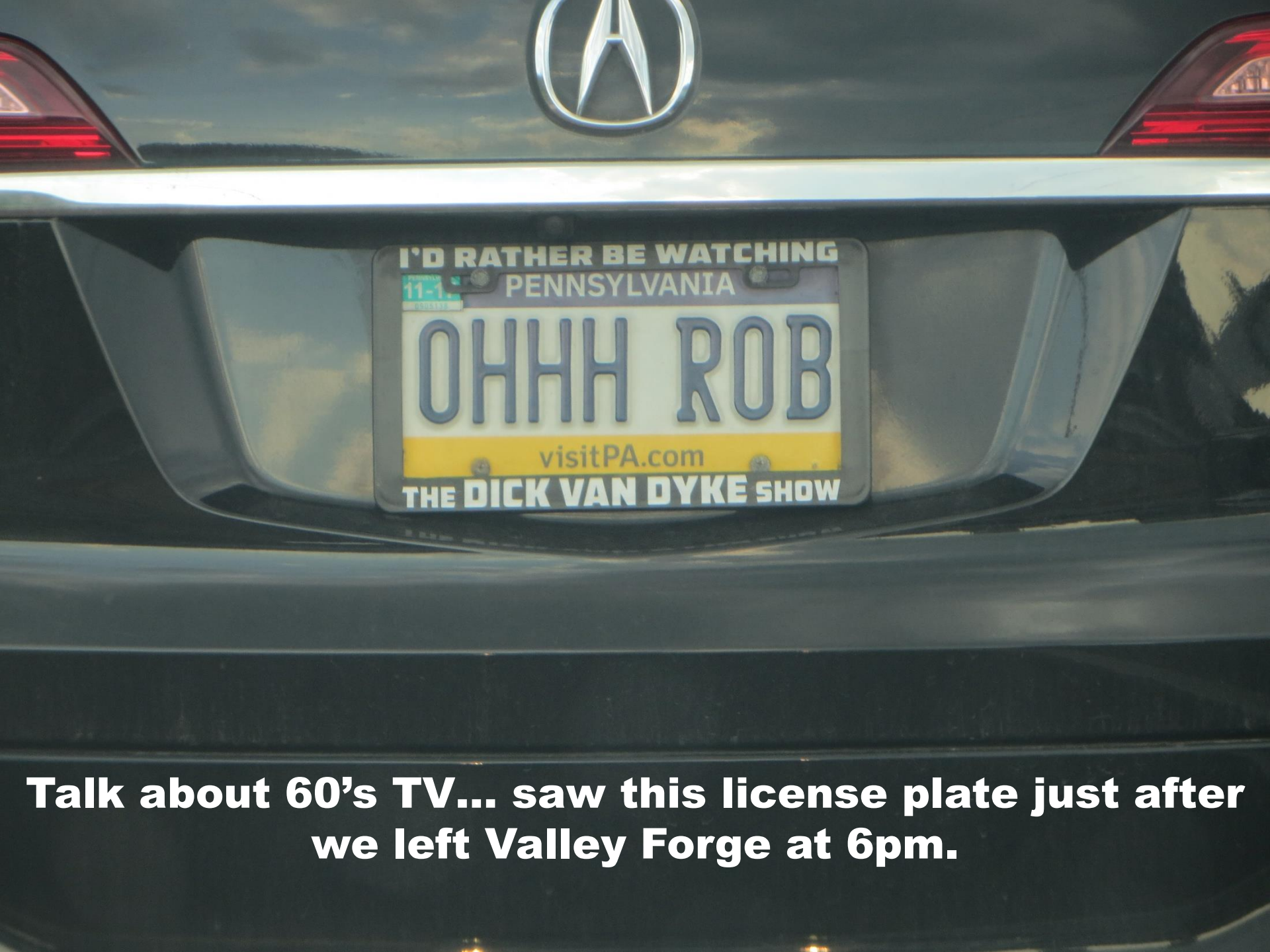


George Washington, President of the United States, 1789-1797

George Washington was the first President of the United States. He served from 1789 to 1797. He was a military leader and a statesman. He is known for his role in the American Revolution and for being the first President of the United States.

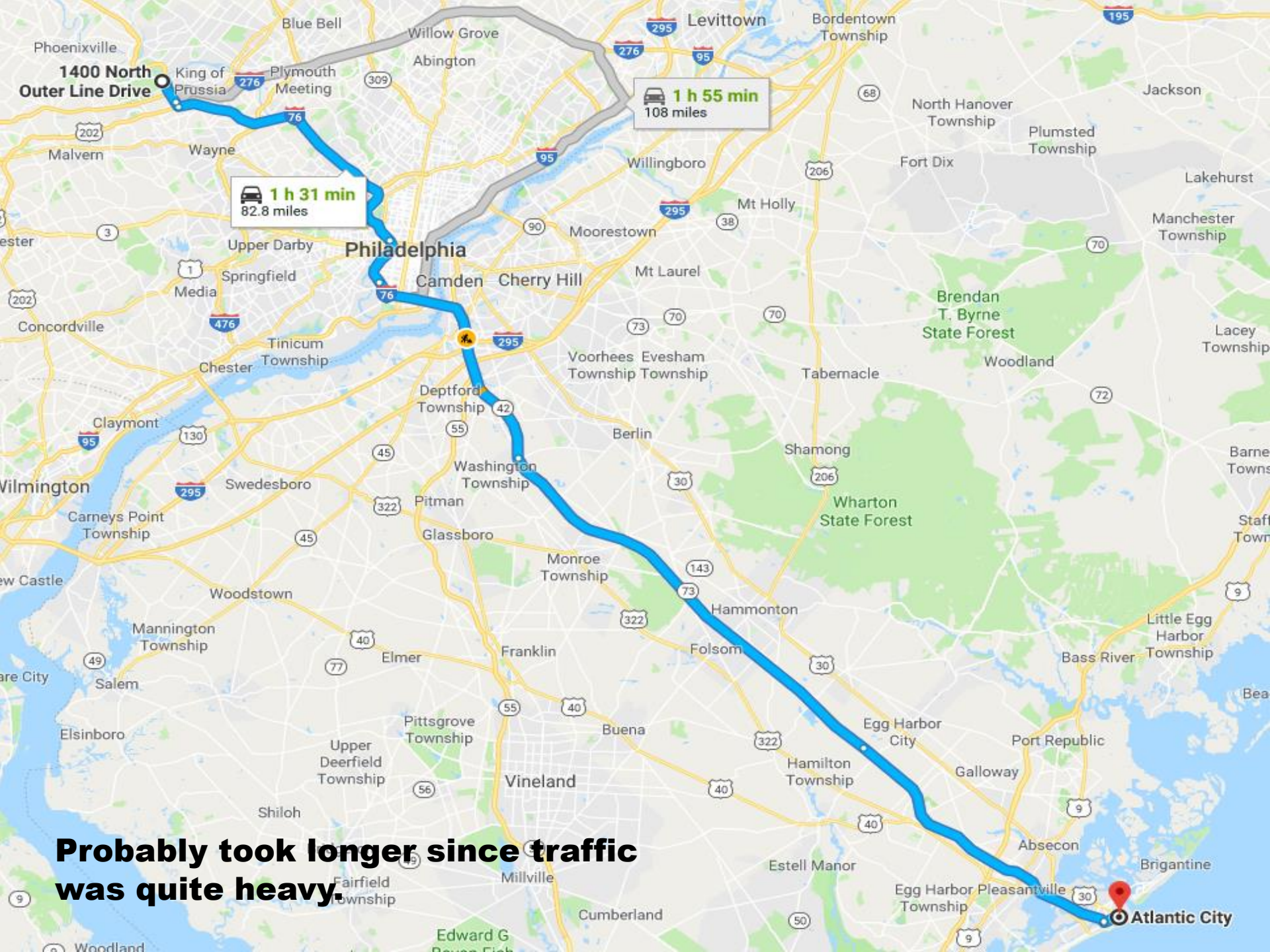
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**Talk about 60's TV... saw this license plate just after we left Valley Forge at 6pm.**





**Probably took longer since traffic was quite heavy.**



**We arrived in Atlantic City about dusk and began phoning to find reasonably priced lodging for the night. Ended up at the Showboat Atlantic City Hotel, just to the north of the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.**

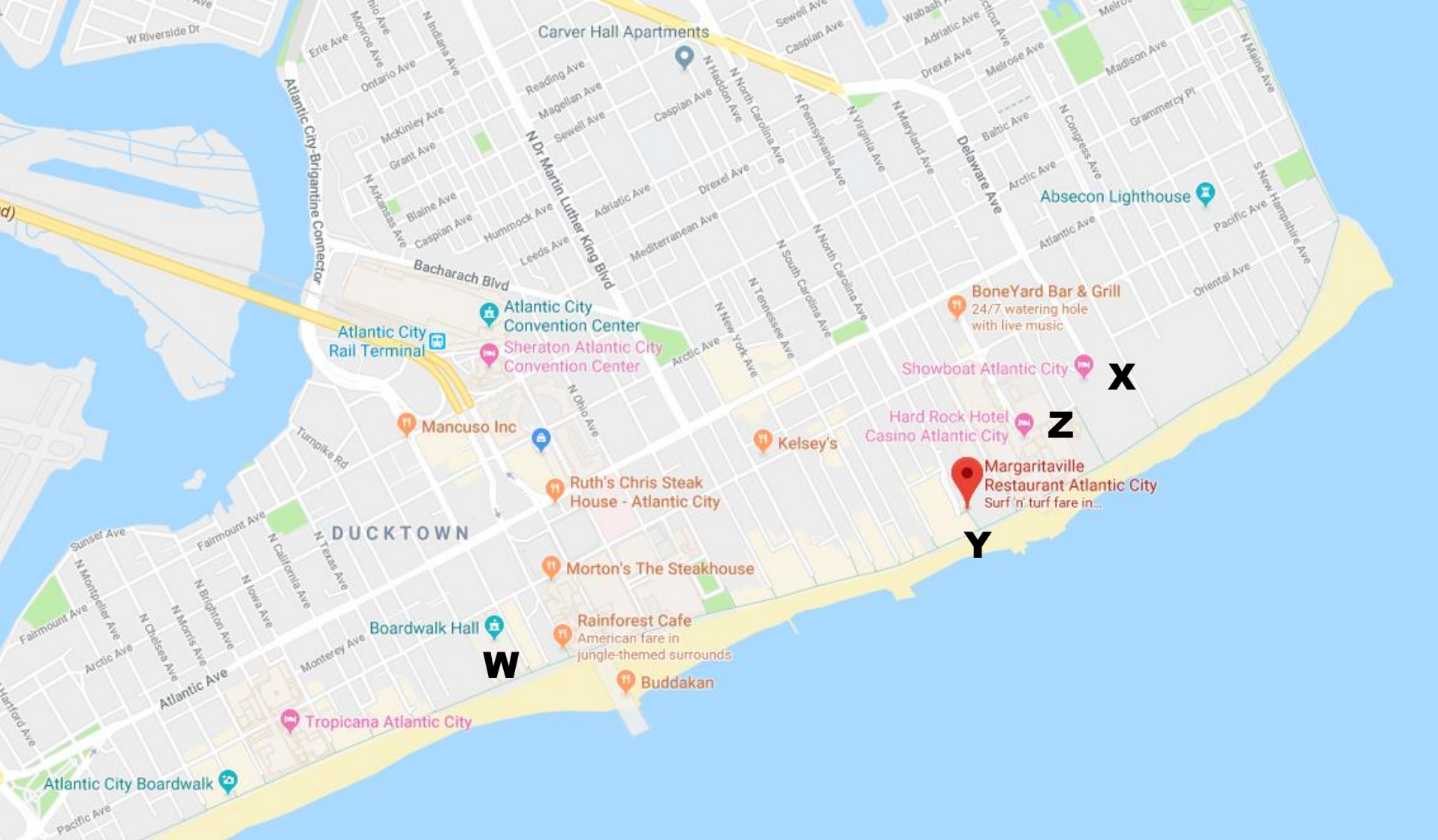






**I suppose the Atlantic City Boardwalk is the tourist thing to do here. It is on the Atlantic Ocean which is neat, but on a Thursday night here, it had the feeling of Vegas if it ever fell on hard times. The Showboat had a huge area for slot machines, but none there. The Hard Rock had slots but hardly anybody was doing that. The Steel Pier with its carnival rides might have been fun for us 50 years earlier... but it was fun to walk the boardwalk and *people watch*. Our first order of business was dinner and beer at Margaritaville, right on the beach, pictured above.**





**The places with black letters were the significant places in our short 18-hour visit. They were as follows: X = Showboat Hotel. Y = Margaritaville and Steel Pier next to it. Z = Hard Rock Casino/Hotel. W = Boardwalk Hall, home of BA pipe organ.**





**Steel Pier**





**Ed had this guy on the pier draw his caricature... of when he was about 14**



**We were quite the party animals having the first of a couple night caps at the Hard Rock bar at 11:15p**







**Had a closing beverage and listened to this band play awhile. They were good! Almost midnight.**





**Empty casino at Showboat. Custodian told us they used to have slots but they lost their license some years ago. Plan was to get them back in the months ahead. Got to bed about 12:30a or so.**



**Day #6; 13 July 2018. Slept in until... probably close to 8a. Had breakfast at Hard Rock then out & about on the boardwalk. Was a nice day to be out.**





**Saw lots of places we didn't see the previous night... mainly because we stuck pretty close to the Showboat hotel. Goofed around and had a Frap at Starbucks before going to organ demo at Boardwalk Hall.**







**Wiki says: *Boardwalk Hall, formerly known as the Historic Atlantic City Convention Hall, is an arena in Atlantic City, New Jersey. It was Atlantic City's primary convention center until the opening of the Atlantic City Convention Center in 1997. Boardwalk Hall was declared a U.S. National Historic Landmark in 1987. The venue seats 10,500 people for ice hockey, and at maximum capacity can accommodate 14,770 for concerts. Boardwalk Hall is the home of the Miss America Pageant. Boardwalk Hall contains the world's largest musical instrument, a pipe organ of over 33,000 pipes, eight chambers, its console the world's largest of seven manuals and over 1000 stop keys, and one of two 64-foot stops (the other found in the Sydney Town Hall). Also included in this organ are pipes operating on 100 inches of pressure, the Grand Ophicleide being the loudest and also most famous. The Guinness Book of World Records states the following "... a pure trumpet note of ear-splitting volume, ... six times louder than the loudest train whistle." However, these stops are actually well-refined and are not overpowering in Boardwalk Hall due to its huge interior.***



**Got in for the noon organ demo and tour. So there's this beast of an organ in the hall where the Miss America pageant takes place. Built 1929-1932, Wiki says it hasn't been fully functional since the Great Atlantic Hurricane of 1944. Also says number of pipes is 33,112, but even that is an estimate.**







**Organ console to right of stage,  
pipes in huge chambers behind  
arched panels to the left and right  
of stage**





**The hall hosts numerous events like UFC fight night (left) Janet Jackson 2017 concert (above)**





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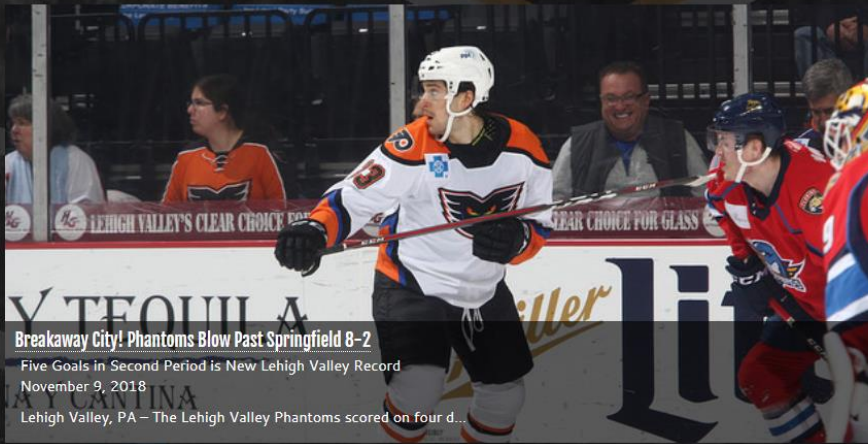


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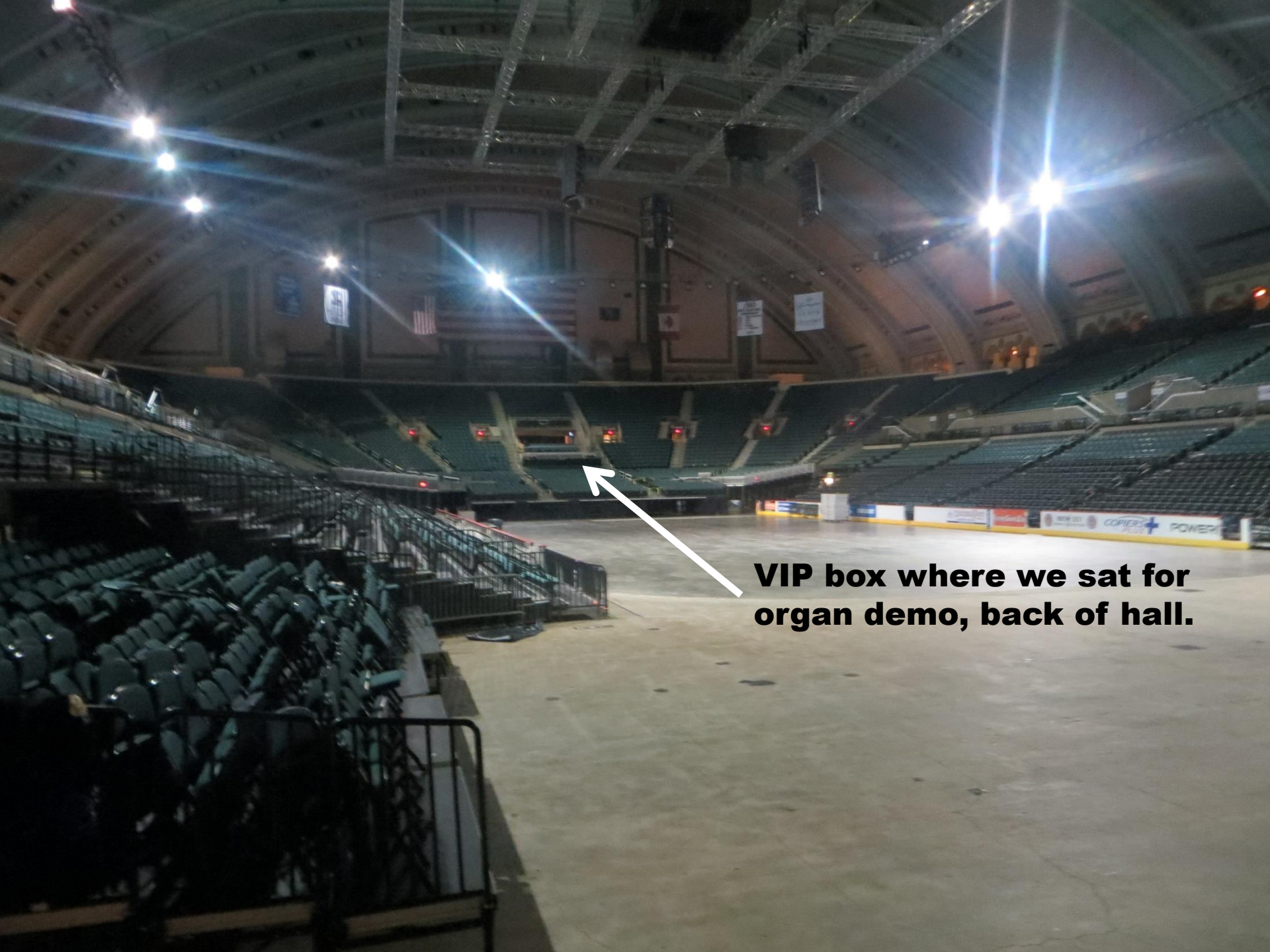
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... and home to the Lehigh Valley Phantoms hockey team





**VIP box where we sat for organ demo, back of hall.**



**Since the electronic stop action was washed away in the 1944 hurricane, organists need extra hands for quick registration changes.**





Tour took us to organ  
refurbishing room and the  
south chamber







**Tour guide Scott Banks talks about the console. Ed asked him if it was possible for Rob to play it. He said to come back at 3p and that could happen. Woo hoo!!**



**So 3p it was. Scott said to come park in their garage and he would validate the ticket. Hadn't had lunch yet. Walked just up the boardwalk from the hall at Nathan's Hot Dogs, probably more famous at Coney Island, NY. Back to Showboat for the car and to the hall by 3.**







**Now this is a beast of an organ console. The top four manuals (keyboards) have the usual 61 keys, but the lowest 2 manuals have 85 keys and the third has 73. Unreal. The stop list is absolutely daunting.**



**Scott pointed out where various *families* of stop sounds were located for each division. On this large instrument there was a vast array of principals, flutes, reeds, and strings scattered everywhere.**





**Aww man  
what a  
thrill!  
Hey!  
Where's  
the  
clutch?**







**Basking in the glow of 33K pipes available at the fingertips (and feet too).**





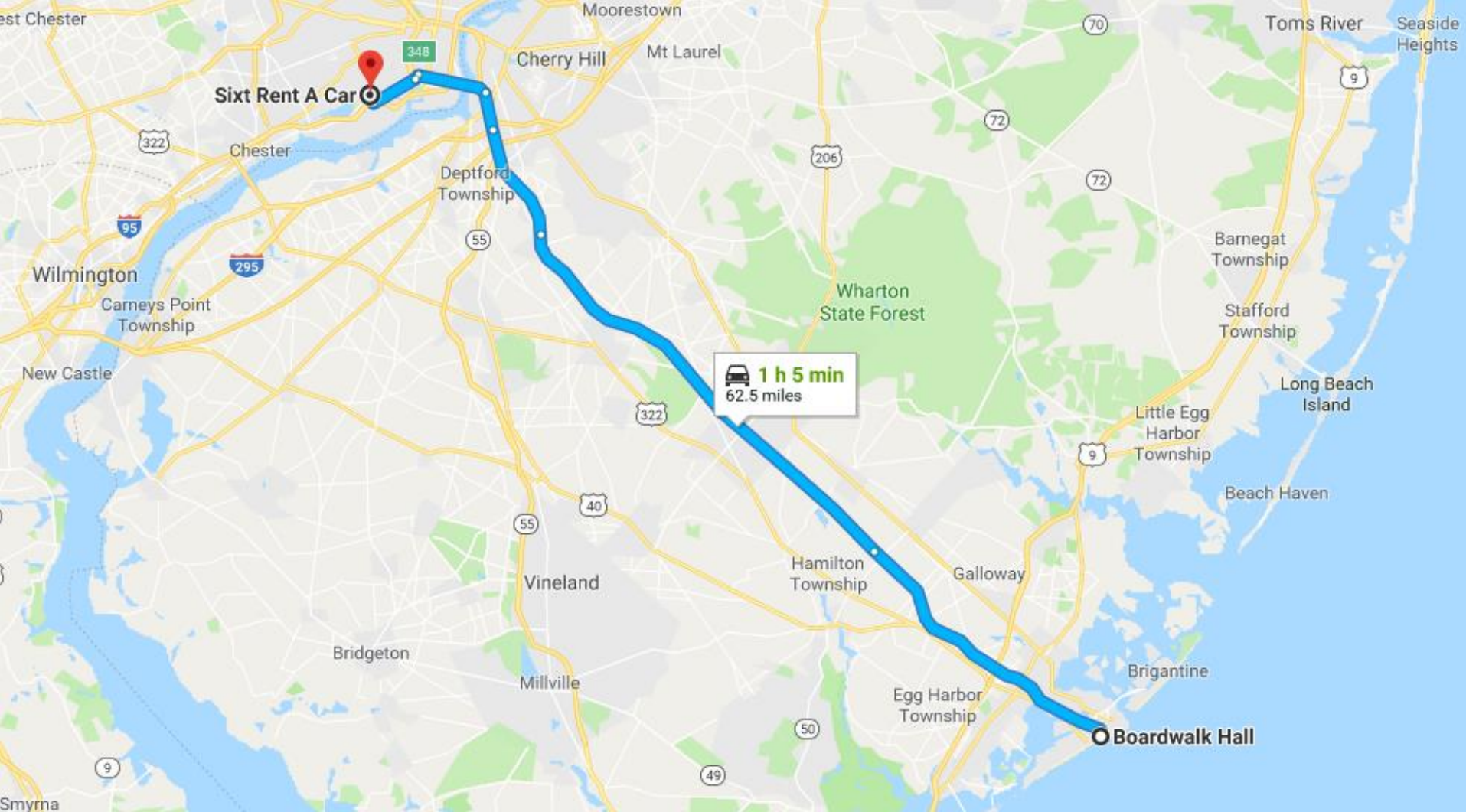
**Ed did a splendid job of capturing the momentous event on film (digits). Even got the closed-circuit tv view.**



**Another curator of the instrument who knew more about organ registration came out and helped tremendously. 1-1.5 hours on this organ flew by for Rob. He recalls sitting by the encyclopedia bookshelf in 7<sup>th</sup> grade looking up “pipe organ.” Photos of this colossal instrument were there.**

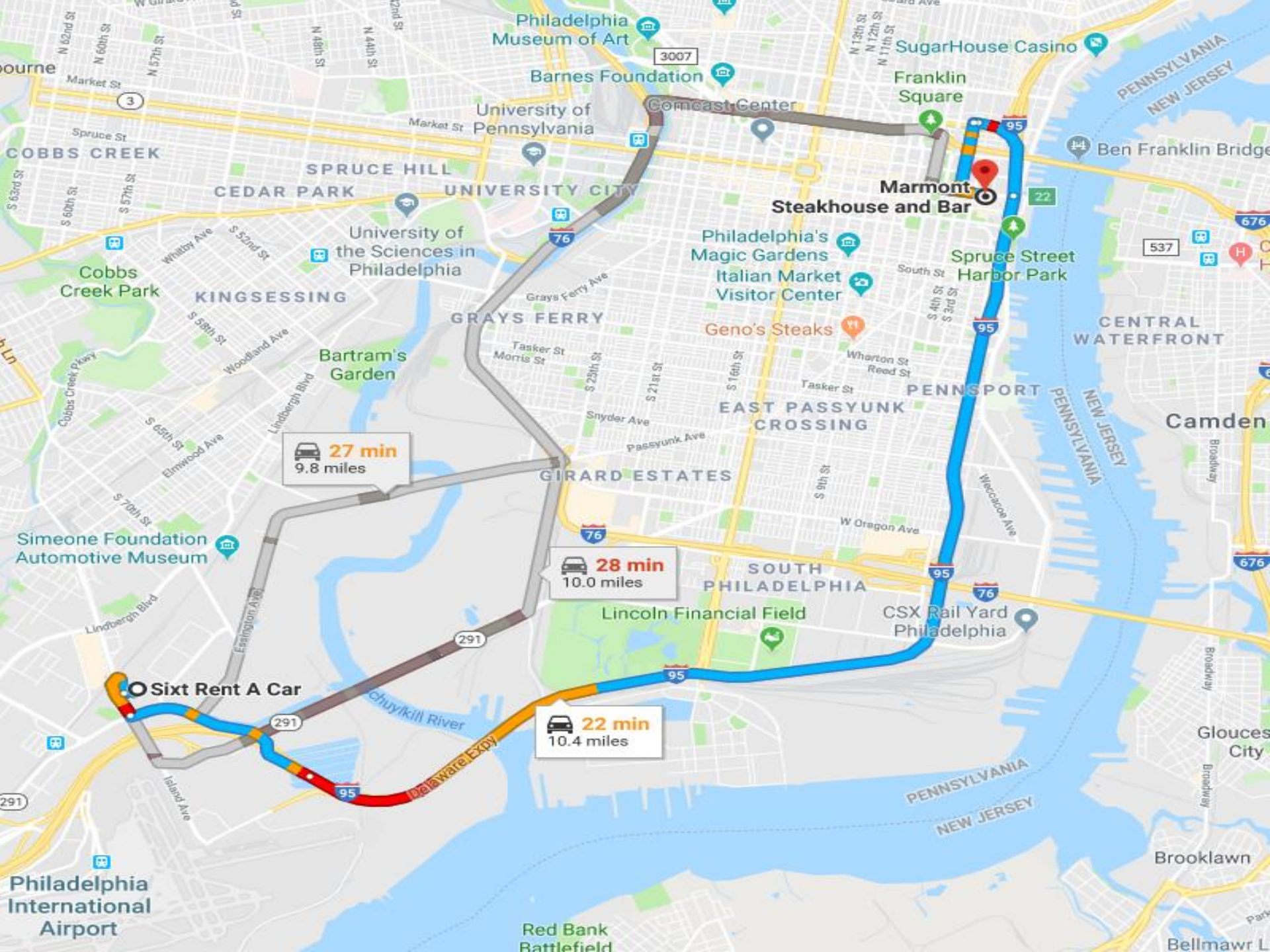






**Headed back to turn in rent car. Driver at Sixt had time, and against what his boss would have preferred... instead of taking us to the airport, he took us to a hoppin part of town with popular restaurants and bars. Ended up at Marmont Steakhouse and Bar. Was a good place for our last night of the trip.**





**27 min**  
9.8 miles

**28 min**  
10.0 miles

**22 min**  
10.4 miles

**Sixt Rent A Car**

**Marmont Steakhouse and Bar**

Philadelphia Museum of Art

University of Pennsylvania

University of the Sciences in Philadelphia

Philadelphia's Magic Gardens  
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GRAYS FERRY

KINGSESSING

CEDAR PARK

SPRUCE HILL

COBBS CREEK

Franklin Square

Spruce Street Harbor Park

Geno's Steaks

Comcast Center

Barnes Foundation

SugarHouse Casino

Ben Franklin Bridge

Camden

Glouces City

Brooklawn

Bellmawr

Red Bank Battlefield

Philadelphia Museum of Art





**Definitely an  
entertainment  
district.**





**Unlike on these website photos, the place was pretty packed, and much darker than this. We sat at the bar at nearly the same place this picture was taken from.**



**We were to take this route from Marmont which involved a switch of terminals at 30<sup>th</sup> St. The times on the chart to the right are not accurate except for the amount of time taken from beginning to end.**

7:43 PM - 8:17 PM

34 min

7:44 PM from 2nd St Station - MFL

7:43 PM 222 Market St, Philadelphia, PA 19106



Walk  
167 ft (1 min)

7:44 PM 2nd St Station - MFL



MFL towards 69th St Trans Ctr

Departs in 26 min 4 sec

Medical Emergency

Route Affected: MFL & Impact: Eastbound service is operating with delays.  
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7:51 PM 30th Street



Walk  
0.2 mi (3 mins)

7:59 PM 30th Street Station



Airport Line 463 towards Airport Terminal E F

8:17 PM Airport Terminal A

(Philadelphia International Airport (PHL), 8000 Essington Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19153)

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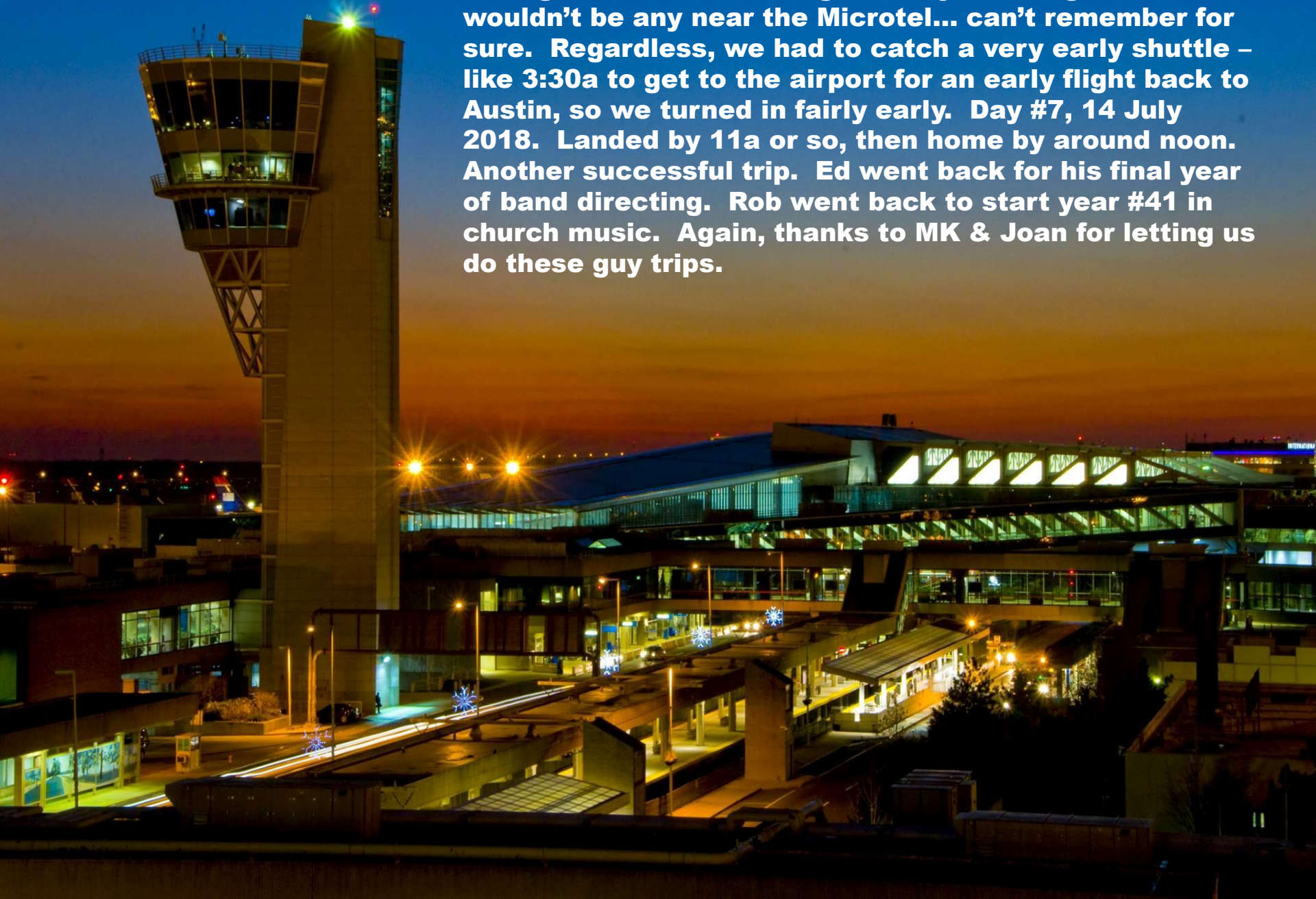


**Where we switched trains. 8:35p**





**Got to airport, shuttled to Microtel. We may or may not have grabbed a beer along the way knowing there wouldn't be any near the Microtel... can't remember for sure. Regardless, we had to catch a very early shuttle – like 3:30a to get to the airport for an early flight back to Austin, so we turned in fairly early. Day #7, 14 July 2018. Landed by 11a or so, then home by around noon. Another successful trip. Ed went back for his final year of band directing. Rob went back to start year #41 in church music. Again, thanks to MK & Joan for letting us do these guy trips.**





# *Other trips these guys have made*



Don't forget the city dump (above) and numerous guy trips to Medina, TX







**Great Lakes 2008**



**Euro 2010 (Little Circle)**



**Northeast 2009**



**Mid-Atlantic 2011**





**Scandinavia 2012 (Big Circle)**



**Out west road trip 2013**



**Oklahoma "trunk trip" Nov 2013**



**Check the box  
- a.k.a. Deep  
South 2014**





**50<sup>th</sup> state beer – Alaska 2014**



**San Diego 2015**



**Euro 2015**







**Euro 2016**



**Costa Rica 2017**



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