

Editor's Note:

At the conclusion of our trip, in 1971, I published a 50 page booklet entitled "53 Years Without Change" detailing this experience. Some of you readers may have a copy. For those who do not, and those who may have misplaced it, I will highlight that experience as follows:

I had a business trip coming up in Stockholm, Sweden starting on the 12th of August and could take a few days vacation after that.



With the help of the Northbrook Travel Agency I made reservations for us to fly from O'Hare to Amsterdam and then on to Stockholm. We left Tuesday afternoon August 10. A limousine picked us up at 1532 Chapel Court at 3:45

pm. It started to sprinkle enroute to the airport and began to really come down as we boarded KLM flite 612 for our nonstop flight to Amsterdam.

Because of the downpour we sat at the end of the runway for over half an hour. Then the pilot decided we should return to the boarding area to refuel. We finally took off at 20:00 hours (8:00 pm) heading over Toronto and Montreal in Canada, and Gander, Newfoundland.

Amsterdam

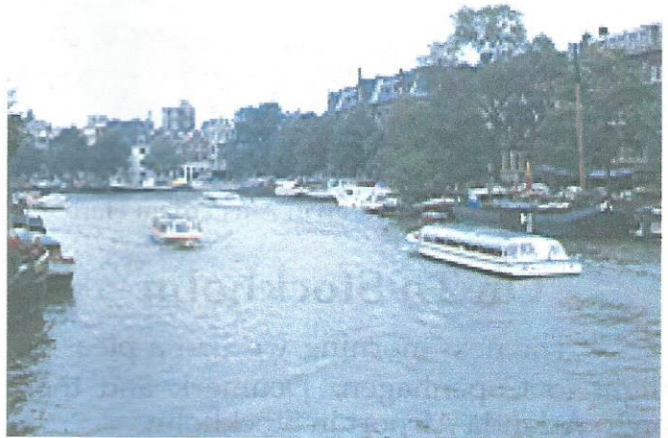
Our first landfall was over Belfast, Ireland at breakfast time. We landed in Amsterdam at 09:36 on Wednesday the 11th of August. In seven hours and thirty six minutes we had covered 3,617 miles at an altitude of 37,000 feet.

Just as it was when we left O'Hare, it was raining when we landed in Amsterdam. After clearing customs, finding our hotel and getting cleaned up a bit we donned our raincoats and spent the afternoon on an American Express tour of the city.

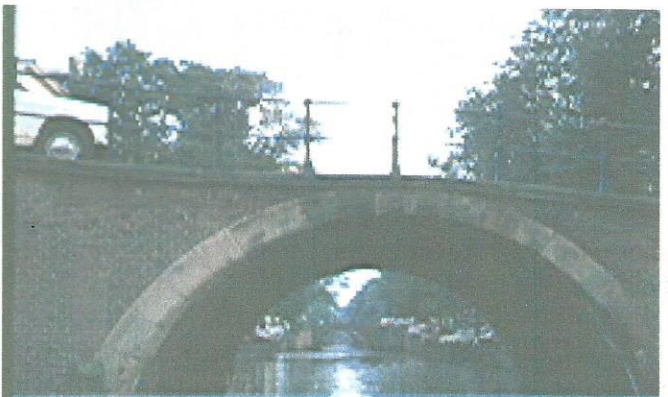


Dad, in the yellow sweater, looking at a window display from a busy Amsterdam sidewalk.

We visited a diamond cutting establishment, the National Museum of Art, where we were impressed by the talent of the Dutch Masters. We also took a boat tour of a few of the 60 miles of canals and under some of the 625 bridges that lace the city rather than Avenues and Boulevards would in an above sea level city.



The view from our boat as we toured the canals. Our boat was just like the one on the right.



One of the 600 plus bridges in Amsterdam.