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This year it made sense to celebrate Thanksgiving with our son Roger, daughter-in-law Polly and their son Steven at their home in Queens. Steven, the first grandchild in the family, will be eight months old in a few days, and his parents are bracing themselves for a train trip to Rochester over the upcoming holidays. So Patty and I drove down with Roger’s two younger siblings, Gus and Elaine, on Thanksgiving day, arriving around 4pm. Polly’s parents, Larry and Josephine, joined us for dinner. I took pictures during the event in the conventional way. Four of the pictures are reproduced on the left.

Patty and I stayed that night in a nearby hotel. The next morning we stopped again to pick up Gus and Elaine, and say goodbye to Steven and his parents. I wore a chest-mounted GoPro camera on a two-second interval, and recorded the entire event in a total of 893 frames over a period of 30 minutes. Of these, I selected 77 frames for this book.

One way to view this set of pictures is as a sequence of frames that constitute a narrative of our brief stop on the day after Thanksgiving. Another way is to view them as a set of 76 supporting images that help clarify the meaning of the one image chosen for the cover of the book. Either way, I find the resulting pictures more satisfying as a documentary record of an event than the collection of more thoughtfully composed photographs from the previous day.

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NOTICE

All claims must be reported to the attendant prior to leaving the lot

The Management
We always park in a lot on 75th Street, near the corner of 37th Avenue in Jackson Heights.

Patty says this is the best close market to buy fruit near the corner of 77th Street and 37th Ave.

Roger and Polly live on 77th Street.

One of their neighbors is Dino, who is just about to turn 80 years old.

The apartment is a co-op on the first floor of 37-14 West 77th Street.

They have to ring us in.
Steven will be eight months old next week.

He weighs about 16 pounds.

Patty took a lot of photos.

Steven likes to go up in the air.

Roger and Polly were intrigued by the GoPro camera I was wearing on my chest.

Steven was getting cranky because he needed a nap.
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