

Assorted things you might never guess about Robert:

- Born in Cleveland, Ohio
- Raced Sailboats (J24, Ranger 39) in high-school, college
- Once flew a single engine plane (Piper Comanche 180) from Farmingdale to NYC, right past the WTC and up the Hudson
- For many years in his early teens rode horses at a large ranch in Dansville, NY.
- Survived being stranded in Mumbai, India during the worst monsoon in a hundred years for 5 days. With no immunizations. Over 2,000 people died.
- With his family was held at gunpoint (AK-47's) by a bunch of nervous soldiers in Bogota, Columbia after accidentally wandering in to a recently bombed area.
- Managed to get the missing lyrics to REM's 'Begin the Begin' from Michael Stipe after running into him at a bar in Rochester and threatening him.
- Sang & danced on Broadway (well technically at least - it was 74th & Broadway!)
- Has worked bizarre range of odd jobs including dishwasher, art store sales clerk, hardware store clerk, office mover, roofer, janitor, telemarketer, waiter, paperboy.
- Cannot sing falsetto due to a near fatal accident in 2008 that fractured his windpipe.
- Had a long rambling conversation with Lenny Kravitz (while seriously intoxicated) at the re-opening of Edison Music Studio in Midtown Manhattan
- Had his dog Luke confront British actor Michael Caine on a street corner in Brooklyn.
- Once narrowly escaped a fatal plunge while scaling out of High Tor gorge in Canandagua, NY.
- Though an adamant supporter of gun control laws, has been on the firing range with a variety of vintage weapons including M-1 Garand, M-1 Carbine, Thompson .45, various Russian and Japanese WWII Rifles, AK-47's and a Mauser 98k.
- The first pistol he trained on was the .44 Magnum Ruger Blackhawk similar to the Smith & Wesson popularized by Dirty Harry. (No you cannot fire it with one hand like that).
- Has talked his way into a variety of WWII aircraft including a P51 Mustang, a P-47 Thunderbolt.
- Was flown out to Seattle once for a job with Microsoft's Flight -Sim division. (He didn't get it).
- Was once chased by a pack of black bears up in the Adirondack Mountains.
- While running to the bathroom ran into Steve Tyler & Joe Perry of Aerosmith at CBGB's during a gig 'The Jag' was playing. The conversation was quite short: "Steve!" "Yeah?" "Get the f*ck out of my way!" "Okay!"
- Was flown down to Antigua by Sir Allen Stanford to make a film about his developments there, three years before Stanford was arrested for an 8 billion-dollar Ponzi scheme, second only to Maddoff.
- Was the first member of his family to fly over Hong Kong without attempting to bomb and strafe it (His great uncle flew several combat mission there in WWII)
- Once ate sautéed crickets at a Japanese restaurant.
- Was an extra in Howard Stern's 'Private Parts' with his best friend Mark - in the Bryant Park scene. You didn't notice?
- Ran into Richard Butler of the Psychedelic Furs at a cafe in the East Village and after mentioning seeing them at a bar on their first 'US Tour' in '81 added, "Oh, and you got a lot better."
- Missed a chance to spend a New Years Eve millennium boat ride on the East River with Chuck Berry that his sister had been hired to photograph. Still smacking his head on that one.

- Once ran into Keith Richards in front of Tower Records on Broadway & W 4th.
- Was once mugged at gun point in Brooklyn
- After the second tower fell on 9/11, his first reaction was to run out and try and move his car due to alternate side parking rules (it's a NYC thing).
- Got drunk with 'the Smithereens' at Red Creek in Rochester during their break out tour in 1986.
- Has actually had a Waldorf Salad at the Waldorf Astoria in NYC.
- Almost spent a night in NYC park after a serious biking accident that broke his collar bone, several ribs and a concussion. He was saved by a fireman taking a shortcut to work.
- Finally got to meet the members of 'Blondie' at the re-opening of 'Max's Kansas City' in 1998.