



**Item:** Fast Lane #40 in 2022 Petergram (#135 since 2020)  
**Date:** **Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 2022**  
**From:** Peter writing just back from the **Carolinas PORSCHE Fest and on the way to Germany**  
**To:** Our Fast Lane Travel Customer Family and Friends at home in Australia, Canada, Europe, Iceland, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa and in the USA!  
**Subject:** **The Carolinas Fall PORSCHE Fest was wonderful, and Random Signs and Thoughts**

### **I. CAROLINAS Fall Colors PORSCHE Fest Was Fabulous.**

We had a fabulous time at the Atlanta PORSCHE **Experience Center Track** with lunch and dinner at the renowned **356 Restaurant at the PCNA HQ**. We then headed to Helen, GA for a German lunch. Of course, we had pre-arranged parking and Robert had set up the orange cones to secure our spaces. We continued to Asheville and checked into the **5-star Inn at the Biltmore Estate**. The hotel is completely decorated with magnificent fall foliage décor. Saturday afternoon we drove into woods of North Carolina to visit a moonshine still and enjoy a tour of the facility, learn how this elixir of life is made, and purchase a few cases of the local specialty: the **Apple Pie Moonshine**. Sunday everyone was challenged by the legendary **Fast Lane Travel Hillbilly Photo Rally**. In the afternoon the Carolinas Groups had a tour of the “Biltmore House” followed by our **Rally Dinner** at the Stable Café. The winners were announced, and I awarded valuable prizes, including PORSCHE Teddy Bears to the ladies and German Beer Steins to the gentlemen. The prizes were very much appreciated. On Monday we drove from Asheville to Gatlinburg, TN. There was an accident on I-40 when a tractor trailer hit a camper that shut down the Interstate for a couple hours. We made up the time easily with John Horne in his Turbo S leading the way on Rt. 321 with professional aplomb and appropriate velocity. We judiciously avoided the Gatlinburg “honkey-tonk” and had a good lunch, including the biggest salad bar we’ve ever seen, and headed south into Highlands on another twisty amazing **PORSCHE Road Rt. #107**. This part of the world is **PORSCHE Driving Paradise**. We checked into our beautiful resort and had a delightful sunset dinner. The smell of the fire pit, the rustling of the leaves and sounds of the forest make for a relaxing conclusion of a wonderful day. Tuesday was a “free day” for folks to enjoy spa treatments or do some shopping on Highland’s cheerful Main Street. It’s an amazing resort town. The big event, of course, was on Wednesday with our PORSCHE team conquering the legendary



## Tail of the Dragon with 318 turns in 11 miles!!

There is nothing else like it. When we reached the top, we headed to our favorite lunch place in Tennessee: **Smok N Bonz**. After lunch, the drive back was as spectacular on the beautiful **Cherohala Skyway**. I, personally, like that drive more than the Tail. What an exhilarating day. In the



the evening we reminisced about the amazing experience over drinks and a delightful farewell dinner. On Thursday, everyone is heading home storm permitting.

In the meanwhile, **Hurricane Ian** is approaching the Florida West Coast. Robert and I are driving back to the Tampa Bay area. I will be on a plane from TPA to FRA on Sunday to conduct both Tuscany Tours. Based on past hurricane experience it should be cleared up by then. **My next Petergram will be from Tuscany.**

**II. The last European PORSCHE Tours this year** are both wonderful **Tuscany PORSCHE Fest Trips**. The first one, starting on Mon. Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> is **sold out**. The second one, starting on Wed. Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, is 96% sold out. Both trips boast great groups of like-minded, let's-enjoy-life, fun-seeking PORSCHE aficionados. We still have a couple spaces left on the second trip. But we have a very short fuse since most hotels in Europe are selling out at this point. **I personally will be with you in Tuscany on both trips**. Tuscany is a magical place in THE most beautiful valley and the cutest little town. We'll visit Florence, Siena, Montepulciano, Pienza and Montalcino, among other venues. We are staying in a beautiful estate in the center of Tuscany from where we make excursions. The estate is also a famous winery, and you'll enjoy the results of their harvest. I have also included a cooking class and our legendary **Tuscan Photo Rally**. I very much look forward to seeing this year's Tuscany PORSCHE Team in Stuttgart when we pick up our PORSCHEs.

## III. 2023 Fast Lane PORSCHE Tours Forecast Dates and Destinations

NEW: 2023 Planned Fast Lane PORSCHE Tours V-8:						
Code	From	Date	To	Date	PORSCHE Tour	Highlights
STR-B	Sun	23-Apr	Thu	27-Apr	NEW: Spring TREFFEN to Stuttgart <b>BUDGET</b>	Beerfest, Factory & Museum...
STP-P	Sun	23-Apr	Sat	29-Apr	NEW: Spring TREFFEN to Stuttgart <b>REGULAR</b>	and... Autobahn & Black Forest ...
STR-DL	Sun	23-Apr	Wed	3-May	NEW: Spring TREFFEN to Stuttgart <b>PLUS</b>	and ... Alpine passes & Lake Como
TAP	Wed	31-May	Fri	9-Jun	<b>AWESOME</b> : Twelve Alpine Passes PORSCHE Fest	Spectacular Scenery & Fun
LEM	Sun	4-Jun	Mon	12-Jun	<b>Le Mans</b> : The Sensational <b>100th Anniversary</b> of the Race	THE most luxurious Le Mans
AUS	Mon	28-Aug	Thu	7-Sep	NEW: Munich, Grossglockner, Gmünd & <b>CROATIA</b>	THE BEST of PORSCHE Europe
FTR-B	Mon	11-Sep	Sat	16-Sep	NEW: Fall TREFFEN to Stuttgart <b>BUDGET</b>	Factory & Museum...
FTR-P	Mon	11-Sep	Mon	18-Sep	NEW: Fall TREFFEN to Stuttgart <b>REGULAR</b>	and... Autobahn & Black Forest ...
FTR-DL	Mon	11-Sep	Sat	23-Sep	NEW: Fall TREFFEN to Stuttgart <b>PLUS</b>	and ...Oktoberfest & Lake Como
FAA	Wed	13-Sep	Sun	24-Sep	<b>Our 3rd</b> : Fast Lane Alpine Luxury Adventure	Oktoberfest, Awesome Alps
TPF	Mon	25-Sep	Sat	7-Oct	<b>Our 12th</b> : Tuscany PORSCHE Fest & Interlpen	Our Annual Favorite
CIV	in planning - early December				NEW: Christmas Markets in Germany & Austria <b>Cruise</b>	Starting in Stuttgart to Vienna

Please note that in 2023 we have **reduced the number of our PORSCHE Tours portfolio to 8 trips**. Primarily I have enhanced our **PORSCHE TREFFEN offerings for next year**. Specifically, I had an excellent meeting with Vu Nguyen, Executive Director of the PCA last week, to make the **original TREFFEN to Stuttgart** more attractive to a broader base of PCA participants and **to get the PCA logistics and financial support necessary** to show the Executives at the **PORSCHE Company in Stuttgart** and Leipzig that the first and largest PORSCHE Club with 150,000 members supports their PORSCHE enthusiasm with a **substantial presence in Germany** at a **TREFFEN to Stuttgart**. I spend about \$2,000/month on TREFFEN ads in **PANO** and we get a tepid response, at best. Consequently, **we are offering three TREFFEN variations next year in both the Spring and Fall – see the table above**. **All trips will include the NEW PORSCHE Museum and a privileged tour of the amazing PORSCHE Factory in Stuttgart**. This year we saw the 911 and Taycan Production Lines among other special departments. Next year promises to be even better.

- A. The **2023 BUDGET TREFFEN** 4 days in Stuttgart including the Cannstatter Frühlingsfest in the **Spring** and the Cannstatter Volksfest in the **Fall** a truly local and authentic bash (better than the Oktoberfest in Munich which is primarily for tourists).
- B. The **2023 TRADITIONAL TREFFEN** – the same as “A” plus two awesome days of Autobahn driving and enjoying great roads in the ominous Black Forest.
- C. The **2023 DeLUXE TREFFEN PLUS** same as “A” and “B” plus some wonderful Alpine mountains driving and spending a little time at luxurious and romantic **Lake Como**. You’ll experience THE best of Germany, Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Italy. It’ll be our traditional **5-country Adventure™**, which we innovated and trademarked over a dozen years ago. This will be the TREFFEN crown jewel.

We also are giving the participants options as to the **model PORSCHE** they may select for Options B & C by having them reserve it directly with the vehicle provider(s). Some folks prefer a **Boxster** while others want to drive a **Turbo S**. Obviously, there is a considerable price difference, but the benefit is the selection of a PORSCHE that fits their budget.

Working on details, getting quotes from Europe and pricing. Please be patient but **start planning your 2023 schedule!**

#### **NOTE #1:**

- **Yes, Croatia** – I will do it, but it’ll require a considerable amount of time and effort to create it – so be patient – you have the dates, so plan on it.
- If you missed **Tuscany** this year – 2023 is the time – don’t wait – I have to limit it to 14 couples.

**NOTE #2:** Currently about 70% of the Autobahn sill has **no speed limit**, a percentage which has been creeping down each year. But the speed limit drum is beating steadily in Germany by the “commie left wingers” and the misguided “greens.” Let’s hope that the majority of the German population remains steadfast to the no speed limit tradition. If not, you’ll have missed your chance to share stories of driving freedom with your grand kids.

#### IV. 2023 Thinking Out Loud

It's the **100<sup>th</sup> Le Mans Race** – if you ever wanted to go – **this is the year**. I already have folks registered. **Limited to 16 participants**. It is **THE most luxurious Le Mans** you can imagine; **Paddock and Pit Passes**; **50-yardline seats over the pits**; **drive around the track with personal narration of a 14-times Le Mans race driver**; **helicopter over the race**; **gourmet dining, Paris transfers**; **AND luxurious private Chateau 10-minutes from the track**. About \$20,000 per person. Last year's feedback: "Exceeded all my Expectations."

- Charles de Gaulle Airport pick up and return
- VIP Transfer to Le Mans – Luxury Motor Coach, or First Class Train with Guide
- Welcome "Radio Le Mans" Goody bag on arrival
- Race Team Le Mans shirts, flight bags and caps
- Exclusive "Heart of the Action" VIP Hospitality overlooking the 65-car grid
- With 5 Star panoramic viewing of the start line, the pits and the dramatic first corner
- Hosted by former 14 x Le Mans and Porsche Driver: **Robin Donovan**
- Celebrity Guest – 5 x Le Mans winner and Porsche legend: **Derek Bell** MBE
- Multi-lingual guides and drivers to escort you throughout your stay
- Superb Private Château accommodations – **close to the circuit** – a huge key element!
- All VIP meals fully inclusive – at the track, Château and "downtown"
- Pre-race welcome party & post-race celebration BBQ
- Downtown "Grand Drivers Parade" viewing & hospitality
- Private Radio Le Mans post-parade "Star Party" with celebrity guests
- Executive crew bus shuttle service throughout your stay
- Inner circle pre-race grid-walk with the drivers, press and celebrities
- Special Race Team Paddock enclosure & Pit garage "Super-Passes"
- Privileged "team only" pit access visits during the race
- Spectacular VIP Helicopter over-flights of the circuit during the race
- Stunning night-time VIP shuttle bus track tour
- Awesome Mulsanne Straight close-up viewing – 230 mph 15 feet from you!

**V. European Delivery:** If you are planning to buy a PORSCHE and have it delivered in Stuttgart or Leipzig – **call us first**. I have personally taken Euro Delivery 8 times over the years. There is nothing like driving your own PORSCHE in Europe or even on the Nürburgring. Based on our years of experience our most valuable advice is that we'll tell you what NOT to do. We also have a team of retired PORSCHE Executives in Germany that we'll make available to make your delivery experience as perfect as possible. Thus, we not only plan a fabulous driving itinerary for you, but we also offer a "control tower" monitoring service that watches over you day-by-day, if you like. When you are ready to place your order, call us and we'll guide you for a wonderful PORSCHE experience in your own car. In addition, we publish a booklet: "Driving is Different" in Europe with lots of valuable advice. **Call us at +1 813 343 3001.**



VI. Final Thoughts: Random Signs, Some Thinking and Whatever

**When we're young,  
we sneak out of  
our house to go to  
parties. When we're  
old, we sneak out of  
parties to go home.**





Once you understand  
why the pizza is made  
round,  
Packed in a square  
box,  
And eaten as a  
triangle..  
Then you will  
understand women





We think we're so much smarter these days, but  
50 years ago the owners manual told you how  
to adjust the valves.



Today it tells you not to drink the contents of the battery.



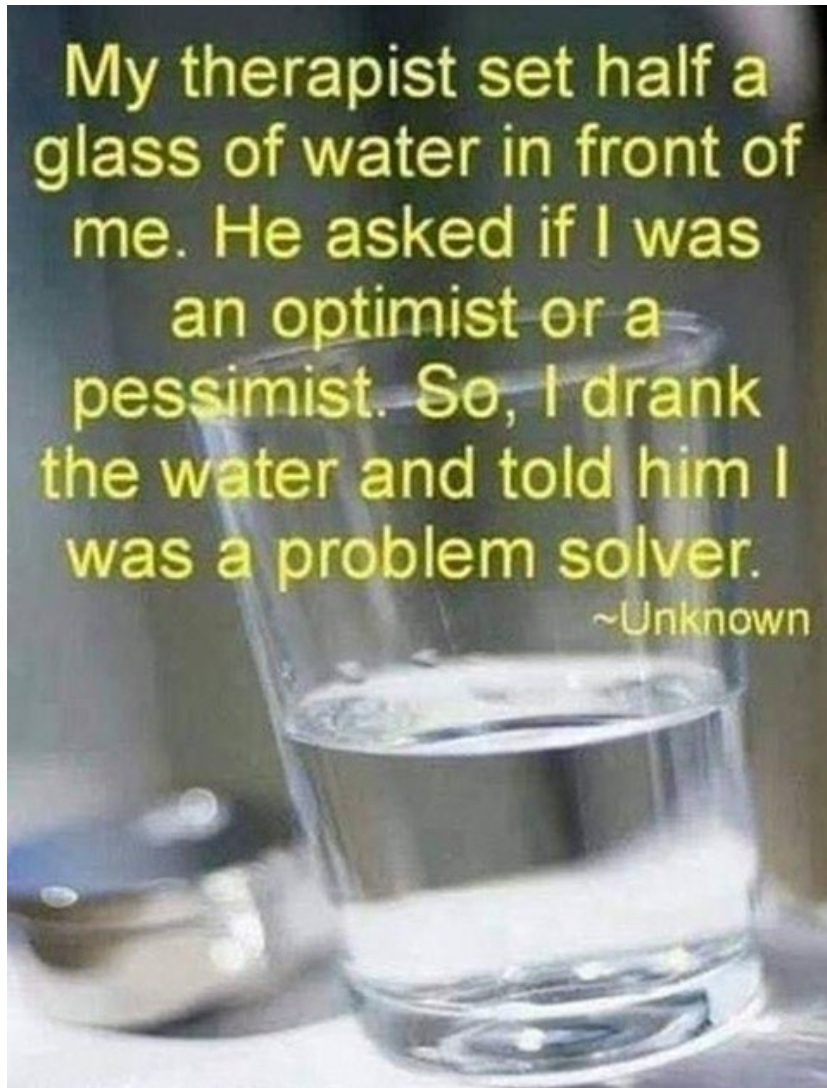


**Got up at 5am, 8km run  
completed, came back  
prepared a vegetable  
smoothie for  
breakfast....**

**Don't remember the  
rest of the dream....**

My therapist set half a  
glass of water in front of  
me. He asked if I was  
an optimist or a  
pessimist. So, I drank  
the water and told him I  
was a problem solver.

~Unknown



Did you know that  
14 muscles are  
activated when  
opening a bottle  
of wine? Fitness  
is my passion 😎

**I found \$20 in a  
parking lot and  
thought to myself,  
What Would Jesus  
Do?**

**So, I turned it into  
wine.**

And my favorite:



Enjoy the weekend!

Please stay safe, healthy, and look forward to the great times we will have together in Tuscany this October and the fabulous tours planned for 2023. Please register for the **2022 Romantic Wild West PORSCHE Tour NOW** – You really can't miss this one and have some fun! All the best to you, Peter

