



Item: Fast Lane #44 in 2022 Petergram (#138 since 2020)
Date: **Saturday, October 29th 2022**
From: Peter writing just back in Florida from the TUSCANY PORSCHE Fest #2 in Bibbiano on the Mille Miglia
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!
Subjects: Fast Lane Board Member, Robert Armes, passes away; Pseudo Scientist and his Left-wing Fanatical Followers use Glue to Protest - plus both TUSCANY PORSCHE Trips are completed to the enjoyment of all guests

I. I have sad news:

My dear friend, Bob Armes (80) died on Tuesday, October 25th, after a brief struggle with colon cancer and a ruptured intestine. Bob was like a brother to me. He and I met in September 1969 at Columbia University where we both were “foreign” students”; Bob from England and me from Austria. We were a stellar group of international students with Clarkie from Ireland; Geoffrey from Australia; Dinty from Hong Kong; Huey from Beijing and many others. We graduated two years later with our respective MBAs in Finance. Bob and I started our first entrepreneurial mini-venture NORDA Industries. It was a short lived but fun learning experience. Bob had a long and rewarding career with the renowned international compensation consulting firm TPF& C in New York.

Bob and Linda celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary this year. Bob was an enthusiastic and skillful sailor and a member of various Yacht Clubs. We had several wonderful sailing vacations together starting in the BWI in 1972, the Long Island Sound, the Chesapeake Bay, Tahiti, Bora Bora, among other exotic and challenging sailing destinations.

Bob was a kind, knowledgeable, generous, yet sometimes quite a delightful proper British Gentleman. Bob and Linda were ardent supporters of Fast Lane Travel and are holding a record of 15 Fast Lane PORSCHE Tours. Bob and Linda encouraged me to write the weekly Petergrams and were instrumental in its creation. He was a wonderfully dedicated friend when I faced tragic personal issues, like the sudden death of a loved one.

I am very happy that I invited him six months ago to come with me on this year’s Twelve Alpine Passes Porsche Fest. He was driving our very fast Panamera and I was his navigator. He had a big smile on his face when he renewed his membership in the 150 mph Club at 11:20 am on Friday, June 3rd 2022 on the A-7 Autobahn South. I still have to pay the speeding ticket we got in Switzerland. 😊

We shared many a contemplative evening relaxing with a couple of “Cubans” and superb Cognac supplied by Dave Hatch, sitting by my pool as the sun set. His favorite on-trip beverage was a “Blue Label” neat. Both Bob and I were born towards the end of WW II and occasionally compared our post war experiences – his from the Blitz



bombings and mine from the bombings of Vienna. Bob had a gusto for life and loved Linda deeply. I and the whole Fast Lane Family will miss him very much.

II. Left-Wing Pseudo Scientist Grimalda and his 15 followers glue themselves to the floor of the Autostadt PORSCHE Pavilion.

You'll love this: The so called 'Scientist' glues himself inside car plant, complains when facility won't provide 'decent manner' to poop. October 21, 2022 | Source: BPR Germany News **Sierra Marlee** |

“Together with 15 other members of [@ScientistRebel1](#) I, Gianluca Grimalda, have occupied the Porsche Pavilion at Autostadt. Nine of us glued our hands to the floor until our demands are met to decarbonize the German transport sector.” To their shock, the entire auto industry didn't immediately cave into their demands, in fact, they were left sitting there for so long that some of them had to use the restroom. But apparently something funny happens when you adhere yourself to an immobile surface: You can't get up to go. So, they demanded yet another thing – a bowl to use in lieu of a toilet. **They were refused and the heater was turned off, lights were turned off and the building was locked.**

A third tweet complained that supporters of the cause who left the building were not



allowed to re-enter, and the protesters were only allowed to eat the food provided by Volkswagen. Oh, and the guards carried bright flashlights. The group glued to the floor actually slept in the building that night and awoke the next morning to list their demands to the Volkswagen CEO.

It took 24 hours for the “scientist” Mr. Grimilda

to tap out, though. He reported swelling in the hand that was glued to the floor and

doctors were called. He claims they confirmed the possibility of “life-threatening blood clots in my hand” and he was ripped off the floor like a Band-Aid and taken to the hospital. (Okay, not really, but it would have been funnier that way 😏.) But 42 hours after the “peaceful occupation” began, it was ended by police, and arrests were made. Twitter was not impressed by the



“scientist” or his protest, with many questioning whether he is a scientist at all. This a picture of **the Porsche Pavilion in Autostadt, Wolfsburg**. Source: HG Esch.

Their demands focused mainly on carbon emissions reduction but also included this key element: **Support introduction of speed limits on German Motorways** **My**

Comment: I have been warning PCA Members and Fast Lane wannabees now for about three years. If the German left-wingers gain traction, y’all who have been saying “someday” may never be able to enjoy the wonderful freedom of unrestricted, fearless-of-police, no-speed limit driving.

VW told the protesters that they support their right to protest but refused their demands for bowls to urinate and defecate in a decent manner. Instead, VW turned off the heat, lights and locked the doors. Must have been a fun night.

III. More Accolades from the Tuscany PORSCHE Fest

October 20th, 2022

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Regarding: Tuscany Porsche Fest 10-3 to 10-15 2022

Dear Peter, Guides and Staff

Jacoy and I cannot thank you all for one of the most amazing European trips we have ever been on. I had heard that Peter's trips were good, but this one was beyond my expectation.

The cars, the planned routes, the lodging and the food were fantastic. Each day, each event and each briefing were so well organized. The gifts each night delivered to our rooms with a card, with the upcoming event for next day was very much appreciated.

The Mercedes and Porsche Museum tours were so valuable, to get the history of each company success and passion for what they do. The factory tours and the amazing lunch at the Porsche dining room was so much fun and informative.

A special thanks to Fabian and Gerald for their great leadership and coaching to get us all to exceed our personal limits and becoming members of the 150 mph Club.

The trip was spectacular, and we appreciate all of your efforts to make this adventure so wonderful.

We look forward to our next trip with Fast Lane Travel.

Thank you,
Craig and Jacoy Kellerstrass

IV. I also must compliment the PORSCHE Drive Team: Laura, Sinem and Ekaterina. First, all the customers received precisely what they had requested. There was one glitch with a 911 Cab – but they resolved it promptly to the customer's satisfaction. We, at Fast Lane have to do a better job managing the customers' expectations. The reason we ask for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd PORSCHE model choices is that there is not an unlimited number of cars available and, secondly, a specifically designated model for a customer may have had a mechanical or other issue with a previous renter. Going forward we will also streamline the booking process by having one of our Stuttgarter staff members handle all PORSCHE reservations on site. Bottom Line: the earlier you sign up for a trip the better your chances of getting what you want.

V. 2023 – After just completing the Tuscany Trips, our focus for the next couple of weeks is completing all the details, logistics, pricing and itineraries for the 2023 PORSCHE Travel Season. Getting quotes, availability, confirmations while dancing around various European holidays and dealing with a myriad of complex issues – welcome to my world.

VI. Final Thoughts this Week: Desiderata

Found in 1692 in Old St. Paul's Church in Baltimore, I have had a framed copy of this beautiful poem hanging in my house for the past fifty years. It's few hundred years old, but just as applicable in today's world. Occasionally it's OK to reflect on life... Enjoy!

Go Placidly Amid the Noise and Haste
& Remember what peace there maybe be in silence.
As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons.
Speak your truth quietly & clearly & listen to others,
Even the dull & ignorant; they too have their story.
Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit.
If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain & bitter;
For always there will be greater & lesser persons than yourself.
Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.
Keep interested in your own career, however humble;
It is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.
Exercise caution in your business affairs;
For the world is full of trickery.
But let this not blind you to what virtue there is;
Many persons strive for high ideals;
& everywhere life is full of heroism.
Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection.
Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity
& disenchantment, it is perennial as the grass.
Take kindly the council of the years,
Gracefully surrendering the things of youth.
Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune
But do not distress yourself with imaginings.
Many fears are born of fatigue & loneliness,
Beyond a wholesome discipline be gentle with yourself.
You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees
& the stars; you have a right to be here,
& whether or not it is clear to you,
No doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.
Therefore, be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be,
Keep peace with your soul.
With all its sham, drudgery & broken dreams,
It is still a beautiful world.
Be careful.
Strive to be happy.

Enjoy the weekend!

Please stay safe, healthy, and look forward to the great times we will have together in 2023. All the best to you, Peter

