

Item: Fast Lane #52<sup>nd</sup> in 2022 Petergram (#147 since 2020)

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From: Peter writing from his home in Steubenville, Ohio
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: Happy Hannukkah and a Very Merry Blessed Christmas!

## I. Christmas in Ohio:









A lifetime ago, it seems, back in 1960 I was 17-years old and a student in the Hotel Business School in Vienna, Austria, and working as an apprentice in the newly opened Hotel Europa in the center of Vienna. After I graduated, I was invited to spend a summer in Steubenville, Ohio, by this wonderful family, who met me when I was working at the hotel, the Vaughan's. They urged me to stay, and Steubenville became my real home. After the military; five years as an

ironworker at Weirton Steel in WV working my way through college; then Columbia University graduate school, I became a proud and grateful American in 1971. My American dad, Dick and his brother John passed on. My American Mom, Toodie Vaughan, needed a house. On her birthday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 1988, I handed her the keys to the house I bought her. When she passed on, I retained the house, and it is now my vacation home in the summer and the Christmas home for my family.

On this Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022, I organized our 35<sup>th</sup> Holiday Dinner Party for our Fast Lane Customers, who live within a 100 mile radius, plus friends and neighbors, who are potential customers. There was no party in 2020 and 2021 because of this @#XβΨ€ed pandemic. I was delighted to see Tom and Ellyn Mueller, from Pittsburgh. Ellyn brought a "Mohr im Hemd" made based on my mother's recipe and baked in her metal form. Fabulously delicious. Here are



Tom and Ellyn Mueller who are returning for their 8<sup>th</sup> Porsche trip in 2023, plus Virginia Schnabel enjoying Christmas Dinner. I am sampling some Grappa from Jason and Terri Norris, who participated in this year's Tuscany Porsche Fest, and will be back next year on the awesome and

much anticipated Interalpen Porsche Fest, from Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> 2023, that will be a reunion of this year's Tuscany trip. It'll be fabulous to stay at this, basically, 6-star resort in the Austrian Alps and do excursions from there. Normally at our Holiday Dinner Party in Ohio, we have about 50+ guests. This year we had 28 who braved the snow and wind for yummy dinner catered by Greg Froehlich in Steubenville.







I hope that all of you have an opportunity to spend the Holidays with your family and friends. This is also the time where we remember the ones whom we loved and who are no longer with us. We fondly remember the good times we had with Joan and John Horne. Joan was a loving beautiful person whose memoirs I've had an opportunity to read and deeply appreciate. John was my driver in the Carolinas and he'll be with me again in Europe next year. I also very much miss Bob Armes. He and I spent time on the phone a couple times a week and he was a key participant in our Tuesday Zoom calls. I still pick up the phone to call him, but stop in mid motion, rememberng that he doesn't have his cell phone with him. Bob was also very fond of my mother, and he never missed an opportunity to visit her grave when were in Vienna. Fond memories.

- II. The 2023 100<sup>th</sup> Le Mans Race is OPEN; we have had a cancellation so space for another two Le Mans enthusiasts opened up. Please let me know, via e-mail, if you would like to join us first come, first served. Fast Lane has been doing Le Mans since 1982. We've got the experience and contacts to offer a dozen highly desirable features and amenities:
  - 1. Paris CDG or hotel roundtrip transfers.
  - 2. Superb Chateau accommodations **NEAR** the track very hard to get.
  - 3. Trip is hosted by Le Mans drivers Robin **Donovan** & Derek **Bell.**
  - 4. You'll have an excellent vantage point to enjoy the Le Mans **Drivers Parade**.
  - 5. **VIP** seating at the **start-finish** line.
  - 6. Full Race Team Hospitality in the **Paddocks** meet drivers.
  - 7. "Super Passes" pit walk access.
  - 8. Race driver narrated drive around the racetrack including the Mulsanne.
  - 9. **VIP** privileged "team only" pit access visits **during** the 24-hour race!
  - 10. **All** gourmet meals, wine & libations.
  - 11. **24-hour van** to "secret" track observation spots in the woods.
  - 12. **Helicopter** flight over the track, for THE best view during the race.



The 24-hours at Le Mans legendary Race is not only one of THE most popular, well-known, and exciting annual sports events, but also a cultural experience when you compare it to Daytona, Indy or a NASCAR Race. And, this is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!



## III. 2023 Update Summary:

	2023 Fast Lane PORSCHE Planned Trips # 146 V-2 PS					
Code	From	Date	То	Date	Fast Lane PORSCHE Tour	Highlights
STR	Sun	23-Apr	Fri	28-Apr	Traditional PCA Spring PORSCHE TREFFEN Stuttgart	Autobahn, Factory & Museum
STP	Sun	23-Apr	Mon	1-May	Spring PORSCHE TREFFEN Stuttgart PLUS	Lakes Constance & Como, Italy
TAP	Wed	31-May	Fri	9-Jun	Twelve Alpine Passes PORSCHE Fest	Austrian, Swiss and Italian Alps
LEM	Sun	4-Jun	Mon	12-Jun	The 100th 24-Hours of Le Mans Luxury Tour	Helicopter, Grid Walk, Pit Passes
COL	Sat	8-Jul	Mon	17-Jul	COLORADO Rocky Mountain High	Pikes Peak & fantastic drives
ALLD	Sat	2-Sep	Fri	15-Sep	Alpine Adventure: Beautiful Switzerland & Italy	Our 6th time doing this trip!
FTR	Wed	13-Sep	Mon	18-Sep	Traditional PCA Fall PORSCHE TREFFEN Stuttgart	Autobahn, Factory & Museum
FTP	Wed	13-Sep	Fri	22-Sep	Fall PORSCHE TREFFEN Stuttgart PLUS	Lakes Constance & Como, Italy
TPF	Sun	24-Sep	Sat	7-Oct	Tuscany PORSCHE Fest, Alps & Mediterranean	Private Estate, Cooking Class
INT	Wed	4-Oct	Sun	15-Oct	NEW: Interalpen & The Best of Austria's Alps	You'll be luxuriously spoiled
VIE	Fri	1-Dec	Sat	9-Dec	Christmas in Stuttgart, Salzburg and Vienna	Wonderful Christmas Markets

We are getting the strongest response for 1. the PCA Spring TREFFEN Plus, what a fabulous experience starting at the PORSCHE Museum and Factory and crossing the Austrian and Swiss Alps to Lake Como, Italy; 2. The 12 Alpine Passes; and 3. the Fall Tuscany PORSCHE Fest. Don't miss the Interalpen PORSCHE Tour which was designed based on the request of the 2022 Tuscany participants. After a one-night stay at this magnificent resort, on the way to/from Tuscany, they unanimously wanted to spend a week there and do excursions from there. It'll be wonderful and will be sold out by February. NEW: We have substantially reduced all trip prices because you are now renting the Porsche model of your choice directly from the Porsche Factory at the Porsche Museum and have it charged to your credit card. Since multiple models from Boxsters to Turbos are now available, we no longer include the basic 911 rental in the price, to give you more choices along with the superb PORSCHE Drive Service vs. a third-party rental company.

**Note:** travel demand to Europe is the highest we've seen since 2019. THE most desirable venues and hotels are filling up. **This year you need to start planning your PORSCHE vacation earlier to make sure you don't miss out.** So, please choose your trip and **call us – 1 813 343 3001** or just go to <a href="https://www.fastlanetravel.com">www.fastlanetravel.com</a> and register for your trip.

Some of the planned trips <u>may not be on our website yet</u> – if you are interested and you want to make sure you don't miss out or have questions, then please e-mail me: <u>peter@fastlanetravel.com</u> or call our office at +1 813 343 3001.

It'll be a fantastic year to be in Europe and enjoying the benefits of our native local knowledge, our close to 50 years of PORSCHE Tours experience, and the Fast Lane luxury style you have enjoyed since 1975.

Why don't you give each other a **PORSCHE trip in 2023**: **Christmas, Hanukkah, a big birthday or anniversary** – **what are you waiting for?** Someday?

Since 1975 we have fulfilled our motto: "It's our business to do pleasure" for thousands of PCA members, friends and customers who have read about us or were told by friends: "You have to do this! – there is nothing else like it!" At Fast Lane, we will take you to places you'd never find on your own.

## IV. Final Thoughts this Week: Lessons in Life

- 1. If you're too open-minded, your brains will fall out.
- 2. Don't worry about what people think; they don't do it very often.
- 3. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
- 4. It ain't the jeans that make your butt look fat.
- 5. Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
- 6. My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.
- 7. Not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life is serious.
- 8. It is easier to get forgiveness than permission.
- 9. For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program.
- 10. **The key Fast Lane Lesson:** If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.



Please stay healthy and happy. Enjoy the holidays with loved ones. Look forward to the great times we will have together again on the MANY fabulous PORSCHE tours in 2023 and help us plan for 2024. I can't wait to get back to Europe next April. All the best to you, Peter