



Item: Fast Lane 18<sup>th</sup> in 2023 Petergram (#155 since 2020)  
Date: **Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> 2023**  
From: Peter writing from our office in Oldsmar, Florida  
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: PCA Executive Council to Review the Wonderful PCA TREFFEN History and Outlook, Featured Trip of the Week, and My Final Thoughts: Football Team Names Issues

**I. Fast Lane's Meeting with Key Members of the PCA Executive Council in Jacksonville, FL on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> 2023:**

Last weekend we were invited by Vu Nguyen, the PCA Executive Director, to conduct a presentation about the original PCA Treffen to Stuttgart in 1958, the current Treffen status, and future outlook (German word Treffen - Translation: verb: to meet or come in contact with; noun: meeting).

- The PCA TREFFEN ceased in 1962 and was re-invented by me in 1976.
- PCA Members' Benefits of attending the event in Stuttgart at the Porsche Company; visit the awesome NEW Porsche Museum and get a Factory visit.
- How to create a TREFFEN – 80% of all the work is before the trip!
- Key Selling Points and More Reasons for PCA Happiness – you don't have to think!
- Treffen is an experience; participants could not duplicate on their own.
- 2023 TREFFEN Outlook & Forecast.
- Our management and assistance to European Delivery Porsche buyers.
- We are scheduling a follow-up meeting to develop tactics **to get a substantial increase in participation. We need 80 PCA'ers per TREFFEN in Stuttgart.**

**2008 PCA TREFFEN Group at the Factory – they rolled out the red carpet!**



**2012 PCA TREFFEN Group at the Factory – red carpet again!**



**2022 PCA TREFFEN Group at RUF – they charged 50 Euros entry per person!  
No red carpet but a fascinating tour of what they do!**



**Bottom line: we still have spaces left on the 2023 Spring TREFFEN to Stuttgart starting on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023.** We start out in Stuttgart, of course. We then cross the Austrian and Swiss Alps and, through Liechtenstein, head to wonderful Lake Maggiore and Lake Como, Italy. The James Bond Photo Rally alone is worth the trip – You'll love it.



II. **Featured Trip of the Week: Twelve Alpine Passes**  
Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> to Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 2023



**The history of the 12 Alpine Passes.** About ten years ago we had a call from a gentleman in **Singapore** who told us that he had a dozen PORSCHE friends, all CPA's, who want to drive the twelve most challenging Alpine Passes possible. Thomas, in our office, went to work and created this amazing itinerary starting with the Hahntenn Pass in Austria and ending with the Weissenstein in Switzerland. When we added all the elevations of the twelve passes it turned out to be actually higher than the 29,000 ft. Mt. Everest... **Perfect!** Well, this year, we will conduct this adrenaline luxury trip now for the **10<sup>th</sup> time!** The scenery is unequalled; the hotels are all 5-star – all have spas; the cuisine is remarkable; shopping is delightful; and the driving is truly what POSCHES are designed for. If a dozen fun accountants from Singapore can conquer the Alps in Europe, so can you... So go ahead and **register NOW** – **Wed. May 31<sup>st</sup> to Fri. June 9<sup>th</sup> 2023** – **THE** best time of year!

And yes, there is a town by that name: **Carrera** in the Canton of Graubünden, in Switzerland. We had lunch there on one of our trips.







III. Phoenix Hotels' Rates Surged with the Super Bowl in Town. **The average four-star hotel was booking for \$1,889 a night as of February 5<sup>th</sup> 2023 in Phoenix.** Average daily rates for the 2015 Super Bowl weekend have jumped by 89%, according to hotel-reservation tracker TravelClick. The game was played at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Ariz., a Phoenix suburb.  
Source: WSJ, by Craig Karmin,

The reason I mention the Superbowl and the impact on the local economy and visitors' pocket books is that occasionally I get a question about **hotel prices in Europe**. For example, on the Spring TREFFEN Plus, the Grand Hotel Tremezzo on Lake Como which used to charge a whopping 1,200 Euros per night raised their rates to 1,700 Euros per night! Location, location, location. The good news is that because of our long-standing relationships, Thomas has been able to negotiate better rates for our customers.

Why do we stay in 5-star hotels? Several reasons, but THE most important one is secure, mostly underground parking, because we drive quarter million-dollar cars that I prefer we don't parallel park out on the street. This is particularly important for the tours we design, organize and manage for the **PORSCHE European Delivery Customers**. We have an excellent safety track record. That is why POSCHE recommends that folks call us to design their European driving experience when they pick up their new **Euro-Delivery PORSCHE**.

#### IV. My Final Thoughts: A football letter to the Chicago Tribune

We just watched Super Bowl LVII (#57 for y'all who didn't take Latin) last Sunday – the **Kansas City Chiefs** vs. the **Philadelphia Eagles, 38 to 35**. It was actually one of the better Super Bowl games in recent years. Each year, my buddy Ian and I watch it together and, of course, bet on the outcome. He got to choose first and selected the Eagles. I won \$20! Woo-hoo. However, this brought to mind a very concerned letter I am quoting below.

I think all sports fans and most everybody else will get a kick out of this letter written to the Chicago Tribune. No matter which side you are on in the matter of renaming the Washington Redskins, this is funny. This guy is hilarious... This is an e-mail sent to Clarence Page of the Chicago Tribune after an article he published concerning a name change for the Washington Redskins.

Dear Mr. Page:

I agree with our Native American population. I am highly jilted by the racially charged name of the Washington Redskins. One might argue that to name a professional football team after Native Americans would exalt them as fine warriors, but nay, nay. We must be careful not to offend, and in the spirit of political correctness and courtesy, we must move forward.

Let's ditch the Kansas City Chiefs, the Atlanta Braves and the Cleveland Indians. If your shorts are in a wad because of the reference the name Redskins makes to skin color, then we need to get rid of the Cleveland Browns.

The Carolina Panthers obviously were named to keep the memory of militant Blacks from the 60's alive. Gone. It's offensive to us white folk.

The New York Yankees offend the Southern population. Do you see a team named for the Confederacy? No! There is no room for any reference to that tragic war that cost this country so many young men's lives. I am also offended by the blatant references to the Catholic religion among our sports team names. Totally inappropriate to have the New Orleans Saints, the Los Angeles Angels or the San Diego Padres.

Then there are the team names that glorify criminals who raped and pillaged. We are talking about the horrible Oakland Raiders, the Minnesota Vikings, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Pittsburgh Pirates!

Now, let us address those teams that clearly send the wrong message to our children. The San Diego Chargers promote irresponsible fighting or even spending habits. Wrong message to our children. The New York Giants and the San Francisco Giants promote obesity, a growing childhood epidemic. Wrong message to our children. The Cincinnati Reds promote barbiturates. Wrong message to our children. The Milwaukee Brewers. Well, that goes without saying. Wrong message to our children.

So, there you go. We need to support any legislation that comes out to rectify this travesty, because the government will likely become involved with this issue, as they should. Just the kind of thing the do-nothing Congress loves.

As a die-hard Oregon State fan, my wife and I, with all of this in mind, suggest it might also make some sense to change the name of the Oregon State women's athletic

teams to something other than “the Beavers” (especially when they play Southern California). Do we really want the Trojans sticking it to the Beavers???

I always love your articles and I generally agree with them. As for the Redskins name, I would suggest they change the name to the "Foreskins" to better represent their community, paying tribute to the dick heads in Washington DC.



Please stay healthy, happy and take good care of yourself...Let's look forward to the great times we will have together again on one of the fabulous PORSCHE tours this year and help us plan for 2024. I hope to see you soon in Europe with me. Peter