



Item: Fast Lane 14th in 2023 Petergram (#161 since 2020)
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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, Japan, Singapore, South Africa and in the USA!
Subjects: **Trip of the week:** The awesome driving fun of the 12 Alpine Passes in unequalled Switzerland; Comments about **renting a PORSCHE** in Germany; and My Final Thoughts: Some Cartoons and Funny Sayings for a Change.

- I. **NRA Travel Advice.** The NRA was founded on November 17th 1871 in New York of all places. I joined about 100 years later if for no other reason than because we are after all “the land of the free and the home of the brave!” Occasionally I get the usual accident insurance offer or a sale of some holster. In the last issue was an insert entitled “**FREE Travel Tips for Folks over 50!**”
1. **Don't trust over the counter drugs overseas** – bring your own anti-acids, antihistamines etc. **My Comment:** In Europe the OTC labelling is like in the US and I've had only positive experience with pharmacies in Europe. You should also consult with the pharmacist there at the local **Apotheke** – they all speak English – very reassuring.
 2. **If you are going to a sunny location:** Check with your physician or pharmacist. If any of your prescription medicines cause increased sensitivity to the sun.
 3. **Carry a medical information form with your afflictions and remedies.** **My Comment:** If you take **prescription drugs**, be sure you bring the prescription information sheet that is attached to the bag when you pick up your prescription because it has the **Generic Description**. That's important because the brand names are not the same. For example, I take a daily 5 mg Amlodipine Besylate, a blood pressure medication. In Germany it trades under the name Novarsc.
 4. **Ask Friends who have recently visited the location.** **My Comment:** **Just ask us.** We've had customers on our trips with C-PAPs, re-chargeable battery-operated medical devices and needs for medical items such as post-operative supplies. We also have physicians' contacts at our destinations.
 5. **Emergency Assistance:** The NRA of course want you to buy their EA Insurance. **My Comment:** The easiest step is to simply buy **Travel Insurance**. **Please call Susan Sheridan at 813 343 3001 or at her direct line at 813 475 5989** and she'll advise you. I personally buy my **Allianz travel Insurance** from Susan for the whole year and I'm covered no matter what when I travel.
 6. **Etc. etc. sunburns, bee stings, and so forth.** In over 200 PORSCHE trips, and thousands of participants, since 1975, we've only had four medical issues where hospital stays were required.

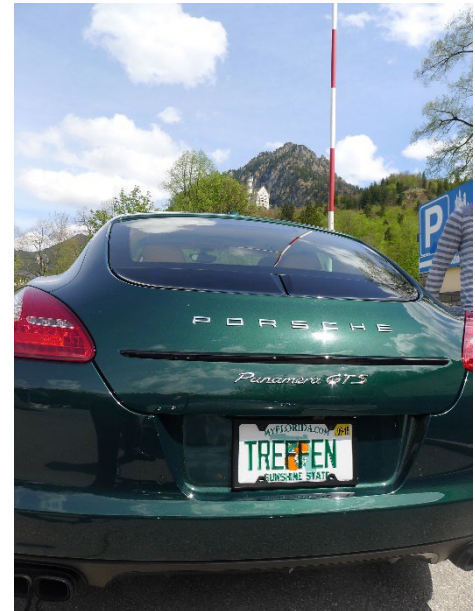
7. **Our track record is proactive:** In 2004 there was a shortage of flu vaccines in the US. I asked my GP Dr. Johannes Lauinger, in Stuttgart, for advice since Germany had plenty of flu vaccines that year. We set up a temporary medical office in a small conference room at the Graf Zeppelin Hotel in Stuttgart and everyone was able to get their flu shots – 80% of the group, including myself, gladly did – the rest already had them in the US. Customer Service!

II. **Shipping your car to Europe:** This is a popular option, particularly if you spend an extended period of time in Europe. It's less expensive than renting a PORSCHE for a couple or three weeks. The shipping cost is a function of how many cars are in a container. We work with a shipping agent in Bremerhaven who processes the temporary paperwork (it's like a passport for your car); customs formalities; and ships the car to Stuttgart, where it'll be waiting at the Factory PORSCHE Dealership polished with the engine running. My Panamera has been across the Atlantic three times. The real joy of driving a US registered car, especially from a state with no



appropriate Austrian style of the local Dirndl Dress. In Stuttgart they are only knee length at the Oktoberfest. Must be the influence of the Salzburger Monastery from the Sound of Music movie.

I'd love to get a US group together and ship a dozen cars over for an amazing European tour. With a group that size it'll be less than renting a PORSCHE. Imagine having the **Nürburgring** decal on your left rear quarter panel window? You'll be able to say: "Last fall I took my wife AND my car on vacation!!" How about one of the more creative PCA Regions get a group together, let's ship our cars over to Bremerhaven and from there, in the shipping container, trucked to Stuttgart? It'll be headlining news in the German media and the PCA PANO.



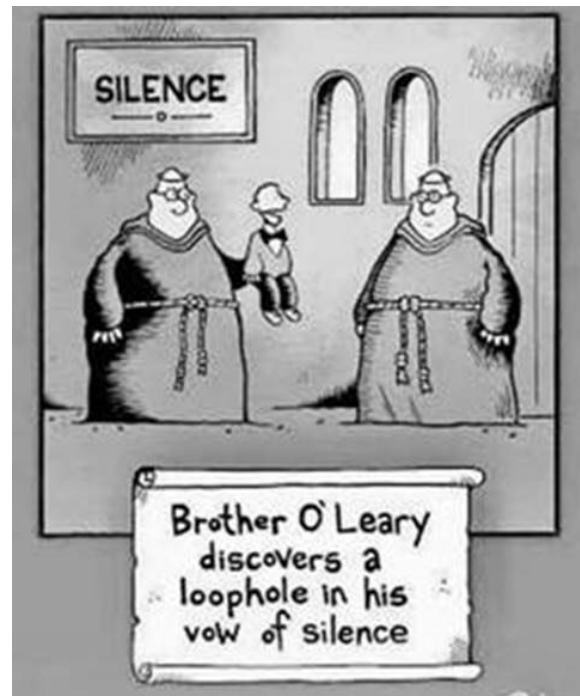
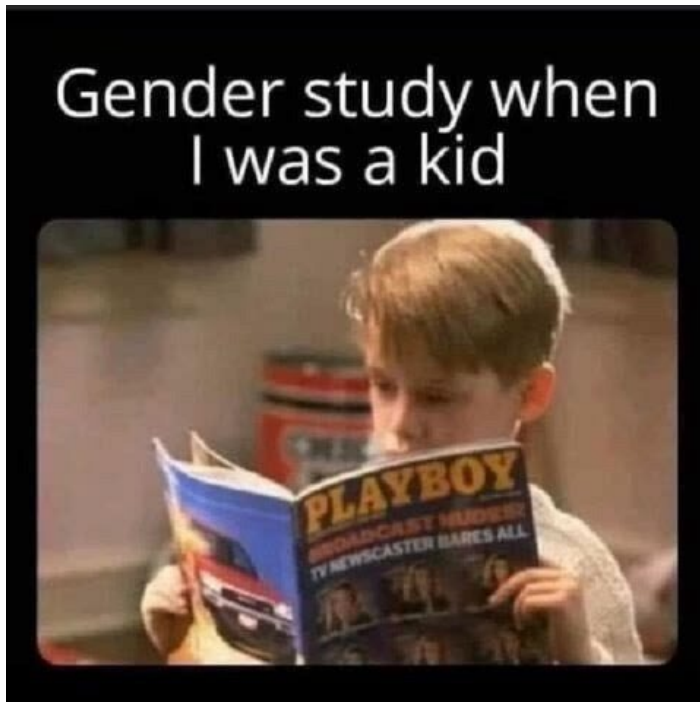
front license plates, is that the speed cameras, especially in Switzerland and Austria, get you from the front. This is a picture of my Florida plated Panamera at the base of Neuschwanstein Castle. For some inexplicable reason when you drive a PORSCHE with Florida plates it seems to attract the local, ahem, citizens. I took this picture at Castle Fuschl in Salzburg, Austria. Please note the

- III. Trip of the Week, the **12 Alpine Passes PORSCHE Fest – VERY LAST CALL!** <https://fastlanetravel.com/2023-twelve-alpine-passes-porsche-fest/> Please go to our website for details - Germany, Austria, Switzerland & Italy, plus a hint of Liechtenstein. Still have space and some awesome PORSCHEs!!



waiting for you. This is your **table setting** at the renowned **Christophorus Restaurant** at the Museum in Zuffenhausen plus preferred parking at our luxury hotels in Switzerland.

- IV. My Final Thoughts: How about some cartoons for a change?





This is why Shetland ponies never caught on in Wyoming.



"You know, Ernie, I can't help this feeling that I'm just another day older and deeper in debt."

The official sports drink when I was a kid..



YOU KNOW WHEN
YOU BUY A BAG
OF SALAD & IT
GETS ALL BROWN
& SOGGY?
COOKIES DON'T
DO THAT

THEY SAY 40 IS THE NEW 30
AND 50 IS THE NEW 40, BUT ALL I
KNOW IS THE OLDER I GET, THE
MORE 9PM IS THE NEW
MIDNIGHT.



Last year I replaced all the windows in my house with those expensive, double-pane, energy-efficient kind. Today, I got a call from Home Depot who installed them. The man complained that the work had been completed a year ago, and I still hadn't paid for them.

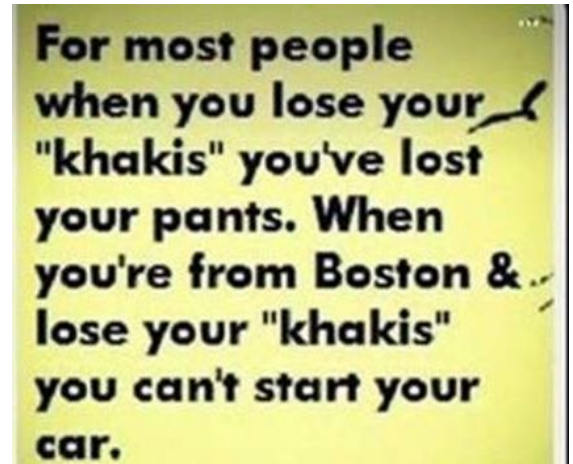
HHHelloo.....just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid. So, I told him just what his fast-talking sales guy had told me last year... that these windows would pay for themselves in a year.

Hellooooo, it's been a year, so they're paid for, I told him. There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I finally hung up. He never called back. I bet he felt like an idiot!!!

We live in a time where intelligent people are being silenced so that stupid people won't be offended.



**SOMETIMES YOU MEET
SOMEONE AND YOU
KNOW FROM THE
FIRST MOMENT THAT
YOU WANT TO SPEND
YOUR WHOLE LIFE
WITHOUT THEM.**



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 our fabulous fun PORSCHE tours this year and help us plan for 2024. I hope to see you soon in Europe with me. Peter