



**Item:** Fast Lane News #17<sup>th</sup> in 2023 (#164 since 2020)  
**From:** Peter writing from Flight DL 116 ATL to STR and the Le Meridien Hotel – the Graf Zeppelin was sold out.  
**To:** Our Fast Lane Travel Family and Friends at home in Australia, Canada, Europe, Iceland, New Zealand, Japan, Singapore, South Africa and in the USA!  
**Subjects:** I just Arrived in Stuttgart on Delta 116; The Spring PCA TREFFEN & 3 Stuttgarter Markets; My Final Thoughts: How Many Cows?

- I. Delta 116 ATL to STR (Stuttgart).** In 2020 when the COVID-19 Pandemic devastated the travel industry, airlines had to make decisions to survive. Delta, understandably, had to cancel certain routes. The non-stop to & from Stuttgart DL 116 & 117 was one of the victims. Thankfully, it has been reinstated. It used to fly every day in 2019, but now the schedule is a bit reduced. DL 116 eastbound ATL – STR flies on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. DL 117 westbound STR – ATL flies on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. If it's at all possible try to arrive in Stuttgart on Saturday, because that is MARKET DAY. Quick language lesson "Platz"(n) means square. The verb "platz" also used in Yiddish, means to explode as a balloon or a person full of joy overcome with happiness.





- A. The Farmers' Market on Marktplatz, in front of City Hall. Right now it is Spargelsaison . . . White Asparagus Season. Yummie!
- B. The Flower Market on Schillerplatz in front of the medieval castle.
- C. The Flea Market on Karlsplatz across from the Markthalle and Louis Vuitton. This is where I buy the “valuable” prizes for our photo rallies. I mean, the Flea Market, of course.



Stuttgart is a beautiful town. Magnificent parks; vineyards' right in town; spectacular shopping; a concise transportation system, excellent health care; and, of course, the HQs of **Porsche**, **Mercedes**, **BOSCH** and the legendary **Frühlingsfest** in the spring and the unequalled **Cannstatter Volksfest** (Oktoberfest) in the fall. In between they also celebrate the wine harvest with the **Weindorf** event.

**II. The rest of 2023:** It's not too late to join us on our 12<sup>th</sup> year doing the **Twelve Alpine Passes**. If you enjoy driving, unbelievable roads, enjoy spectacular post-card views, luxury accommodations **and not having to think**, then this Trip is for you. We have included the unbelievable Passo Dello Stelvio, Oberealb Pass, Timmelsjoch and, my favorite, the Hahntennjoch. I want you to be in Stuttgart on May 31<sup>st</sup> so you won't miss this trip!





**Don't forget** the InterAlpen Trip, Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> followed by The Tuscany Trip, Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 2023. We have couples who are doing both.



Yes we have police escorts in key cities in Italy. This year I am also organizing a Christmas Markets Trip that starts in Stuttgart and from there to Rothenburg, Munich, Salzburg, Melk and Vienna. You'll also learn how to make apple strudel and the true meaning of Sacher Torte mit Schlag.



We offer an exciting Nürburgring package with 2- or 4-laps with a professional Ring driver next to you in a choice of various cars. You'll also get a "hot lap" where you are in the passenger seat. **My advice:** don't eat before the hot lap. Please contact us for detailed information.

### III. NEW: The PeterBlog

My new blog is where I'm going to share our daily adventures and highlights of our trips, along with favorite photos. I hope to post daily while travelling, but there are some days I may be too busy, so please be patient with me. [Click here to check out my new PeterBlog and come along with us on our Adventures.](#)

#### **IV. My Final Thoughts: How Many Cows?**

A cowboy named Bud was overseeing his herd in a remote mountainous pasture in Montana when suddenly a brand-new 2023 BMW X5 advanced toward him out of a cloud of dust. The driver, a young man named Cliff in a Brioni® suit, Gucci® shoes, RayBan® sunglasses and YSL® tie, leaned out the window and asked the cowboy, "If I tell you exactly how many cows and calves you have in your herd, will you give me a calf?" Bud looks at the man, who obviously is a yuppie, then looks at his peacefully grazing herd and calmly answers, "Sure, why not?"

The yuppie parks his car, whips out his Dell® notebook computer, connects it to his Apple iPhone®, and surfs to a NASA page on the Internet, where he calls up a GPS satellite to get an exact fix on his location which he then feeds to another NASA satellite that scans the area in an ultra-high-resolution photo.

The young man then opens the digital photo in Adobe Photoshop® and exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany.

Within seconds, he receives an email on his Apple iPad® that the image has been processed and the data stored. He then accesses an MS-SQL® database through an ODBC connected Excel® spreadsheet with email on his Galaxy S21® and, after a few minutes, receives a response.

Finally, he prints out a full-color, 15-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized HP LaserJet® printer, turns to the cowboy and says, "You have exactly 1,586 cows and calves."

"That's right. Well, I guess you can take one of my calves," says Bud.

He watches the young man select one of the animals and looks on with amusement as the young man stuffs it into the trunk of his car.

Then Bud says to the young man, "Hey, if I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my calf?"

The young man thinks about it for a second and then says, "Okay, why not?"

"You're a Congressman for the U.S. Government", says Bud.

"Wow! That's correct," says the yuppie, "but how did you guess that?"

"No guessing required." answered the cowboy. "You showed up here even though nobody called you; you want to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked. You used millions of dollars' worth of equipment trying to show me how much smarter than me you are; and you don't know sh\*t about how working people make a living - or about cows, for that matter. This is a herd of sheep"

"Now give me back my dog."

AND THAT FOLKS IS WHAT THE PROBLEM IS.



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 y'all soon. Peter**