



**Item:** Fast Lane News #20<sup>th</sup> in 2023 (#167 since 2020) on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 2023  
**From:** Peter in our office in Oldsmar, FL  
**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:** Customers' Comments; Part #2 of the 2023 Spring PCA TREFFEN; Stuttgart, Alps; Lake Como; and an Awesome Photo Rally; My Final Thoughts: Murphy's Rules of Air Travel.

**I. Part 2 of the 2023 Spring TREFFEN Plus.**

**A. PCA TREFFEN a Customers' Comment:** *"Peter, it was a wonderful trip and far exceeded my expectations. Diane and I really appreciate your attention to detail and your personal efforts to make it a unique experience. The visit to the factory was a real treat. It is an amazing feat of German ingenuity. Your choice of hotels and dining venues was superb. The Tremezzo on Lake Como takes the prize for overall best hotel in my travel history with that incredible view! I am already planning a European delivery for my 911 and will be in touch. All the Best!"*  
**Ralph and Diane Aleman, Florida.**

**B. A PORSCHE Euro Delivery Customer's, Jeff Hicks, Appreciation. My Comment:** We had asked one of our wonderful, retired PORSCHE Executives to manage Jeff's pick up of his GT3. **Jeff's Comment:** *"Thank you Christina. Today with Tillman was amazing. His passion for the brand combined with his great company made for a perfect start to the trip. I can't thank you enough for all. A perfect start to the trip. Perfect. Off to Munich tomorrow morning."* **After the trip:** *"Many thanks for all the help. Love the car and a great trip."*  
**What's important:** One of the key elements of a successful photo rally is to purchase "valuable" prizes at the Flea Market on the Karlsplatz on a Saturday in Stuttgart.

**II. More Spring TREFFEN PORSCHE Trip Images: Continued from last week.**

**C. On Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

On our trips to Lake Como, we always spend a day in the wonderful Bellagio (not the plastic imitation in Las Vegas – but the original)! Lake Como has two branches, and we stay on the western branch on the west shore in Tremezzo. Normally we drive south to the city of Como and then back up on the east side of the western lake branch to Bellagio. However, they are building a new tunnel between Tremezzo and Como and 2-hour traffic delays were forecast. Thus, Thomas chartered a private yacht to take us from the hotel dock across the lake to Bellagio to the dock of the Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni.



Smart move making for a wonderful day. The shoreline at Lake Como is magnificent. Our guide in Bellagio, Rita, met us and conducted a wonderful brief historic tour of Bellagio. We then enjoyed a great lunch at the Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni and had a couple of hours left to do some shopping at the little stores in Bellagio. One of my favorites is Renaldo – THE best shoe store in that part of Italy.

**D. On Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023** Today we conducted the much-anticipated Fast Lane “**James Bond**” Photo Rally. Everyone received the rally booklet last night in their room and I could tell that several of our team had already started to fill out the answers based on their research. We took off north towards Mennagio and headed



across the mountain over to Lake Lugano, and from there to the legendary Valle Verzasca with the famous dam featured in “Golden Eye.” We had a great lunch at an 11<sup>th</sup> century Osteria in the valley. I collected the answer sheets. In the meanwhile, Miro started to set up the “valuable” prizes and I tabulated the results. Some answers were hilarious. All the

gentlemen received our traditional German antique beer mug with various themes on them. And the ladies, of course, each received a plush little St. Bernard puppy with the obligatory little rum barrel on his collar. There was much laughter, comparing notes and vows to come back and do it again next time.





**E. Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023:** This morning we were greeted with a gentle beautiful sunrise over Lake Como of Bellagio in the distance.



After an utterly amazing breakfast from one of THE most lavish buffets, Miro had packed everyone's large luggage in the van and was already heading towards Stuttgart. Our cars and the van were all lined up across the street:



We checked out and headed north towards Switzerland and Germany, returning to Stuttgart. There was a quite a bit of traffic at the St. Gotthardt Tunnel but we eventually crossed into Germany at the base of the Black Forest. Of course we first had to stop and gas up before returning our PORSCHEs. At this point the team has been oned to the skills of an F-1 pit crew. When we arrived at the PORSCHE Museum, Johny was waiting for us with a pizza snack, the shuttle bus was waiting for us and the car return was smooth as ever. We had a fun farewell dinner at the renowned CUBE restaurant with a wonderful view of the Schlossplatz.

**F. Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023:** Everyone checked out this morning and headed back to the US and Canada. All transfer pickups were carefully orchestrated, and everyone made it to their flights on time. What a wonderful Spring PORSCHE TREFFEN Trip.

**Conclusion:** You can't beat lunch at a **5-star Chalet in the Alps** or cocktails on the terrace at **Lake Como** with good friends who appreciated and enjoyed our **225<sup>th</sup> trip**.



Just a heads up: in 2024 Fast Lane Travel will be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of organizing PORSCHE and other luxury car tours for customers who appreciate quality, luxury where you don't have to think, for we arrange it all, and taking you to places you'd never find on your own, like I have depicted in the picture on the left.

A special thanks goes to John Horne who was the lead driver of the trip and is THE best driver I have ever had the pleasure of sharing a Panamera GTS with. John will be back for the **Interalpen** trip in October 4<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> 2023 – THE best time of the year. I want some more of y'all to come on that trip. We planned it especially for the folks who have stayed at the Interalpen for one night on the way to Tuscany or back. Every time we're there the refrain is . . . we wanna stay, we wanna stay. OK, this trip is designed with THE utmost in luxury, enjoyment, the best spa in Europe and some magnificent excursions through this wonderful part of Austria. Please go to our website:



<https://fastlanetravel.com/2023-interalpen-porsche-tour/>



**Don't miss out on the fabulous Fall Trips! No one has our experience and record!**  
We are doing the same TREFEN Plus in the Fall: Wed. September 20<sup>th</sup> – Fri. 29<sup>th</sup> 2023.

What made this 225<sup>th</sup> trip so very special for me personally was the fact that I celebrated my, yes, 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on April 25<sup>th</sup> at the **Stuttgarter Spring Frühlingsfest**. This is the traditional "Oktoberfest" in the spring, little known to Americans and usually more fun than the fall event because after a long winter they know how to celebrate.

I am grateful to **Dr. Wolfgang Porsche**, who celebrates his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday 3 weeks after mine, had presented me with a very special 1.5-liter bottle of wine from the country of my birth: Austria. I have stored it in my wine locker at home at the



prescribed 57 degrees F. I am hopeful that my friend Wolfgang and I will be able to share it at our 85<sup>th</sup> birthday, which I hope we will celebrate together. In addition, the PORSCHE Executives presented me with Porsche-Design Salt and Pepper mills. My passion, since 1975,



has been to apply my European upbringing, travel industry knowledge and passion for the PORSCHE Brand, to give my fellow Americans a fabulous, unequalled, and luxurious PORSCHE travel experience, including features and benefits they cannot get elsewhere. I look forward to the **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fast Lane in 2024!**

A picture of this fabulous present, after I brought it safely from Stuttgart to Florida, in my dining room is below. Thank you so very much – this is very SPECIAL.



### III. My Final Thoughts: A Compendium of Murphy's Rules of Air Travel

1. The distance between gates for connecting passengers and crews is inversely proportional to the connection time.
2. The earlier ahead of schedule your aircraft arrives, the longer you have to wait for your gate.
3. In the interests of fuel economy, gates nearest the terminal building should only be used when all other gates are full. If the only gates available are nearest the main terminal building then you must use a tug to tow the aircraft to the gate, rather than waste valuable fuel by taxiing under its own power.

4. Jetways only become inoperative on late arrivals with tight connections
5. If a connection can be held, it won't.
6. Flights will only be canceled when a late departure looks like endangering an on-time record.
7. The clarity of an announcement over the airport's public address system is in inverse proportion to the importance of the message.
8. The wind will always be in the wrong direction at peak hours to ensure that only one runway is used for departures and arrivals.
9. Through flight numbers must always have a change of crew, aircraft and equipment type.
10. At passenger check-in, long lines only exist when you have bags. When you travel light, there are no lines.
11. A highly sophisticated computerized study of passenger flow must be constantly updated to plan gate assignments that ensure that the maximum number of passengers have to walk the longest distance to catch their connecting flights.
12. Baggage and cargo loading must not be completed till after all passengers have boarded. In the unlikely event that the cargo doors are closed prior to the last passenger boarding, a catering shortage must be discovered to ensure that the flight is delayed.



Please stay healthy and stay young; be 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 PORSCHE tours this year and help us plan for 2024. **I hope to see y'all soon. Peter**