



Item: Fast Lane News #24 in 2023 (#171 since 2020) on Saturday, June 10th 2023

From: Peter at Hatchworld and 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!

Subject: 12 Alpine Passes 2nd Trip Report; Some European PORSCHE Deliveries; Creating a New Trip; My Final Thoughts: Hillbilly Medical Terms.



I. **The 2023 Twelve Alpine Passes PORSCHE Fest: Continued from last week:** Arriving at the Chateau Mirabelle was a delight. After a relaxing evening in Meran enjoying superb cuisine at the Chateau everyone turned in to the fresh mountain air. There is nothing like breakfast on the terrace at the Chateau with its breathtaking view of Maran.



The "12 Alpine Passes Team" checked out, Miro loaded all the large luggage into the van to make sure it's in their rooms in St. Moritz. The team then headed across the legendary 48-serpentine curves of the **Passo dello Stelvio** to posh St. Moritz, Switzerland to the

renowned 5-star **Schweizerhof Hotel** in the center of town. What a treat. Everyone had a delightful lunch at the Franzenshöhe where Karin makes THE best Kaiserschmarren in the world. You know you are in Switzerland when the décor consists of the local cows' "necklaces."



Then after crossing the **Passo di Foscagno, Passo di Livigno** and **Passo del Bernina** (the 8th one – 4 more to go), the team arrived safely in St. Moritz at the elegant 5-star Schweizerhof Hotel. On **Tuesday**, the team left St. Moritz and was heading to Lake Lucerne. Today's Passes included the **Julier** and **Oberalb Passes**. Of course, on the way lunch was served at our favorite stop, the **Berggasthaus Piz Calmot**, adjacent to a magnificent glacier Stausee a 6,000' high mountain water reservoir lake, which is the source of the Rhine River on the border of the Swiss Cantons (states) of Uri and Graubünden.



Wednesday, was an ambitious day driving the **Furka** and **Grimsel** Passes. Lunch was served at the 12,700' **Grimsel Hospitz**. Here is a picture of a Swiss "cowboy" watching the lead cow of his flock on the **Passo di Livigno**.



The team then arrived on the shores of **Lake Lucerne** at the lakeside **Seehotel Sternen**. This hotel is conveniently located only 10 minutes from Lucerne itself. Dinner tonight was served at a nearby **Ristorante La Fontana**, an exquisite Mediterranean Restaurant. Why not at the hotel's superb restaurant, you ask? Because Tuesday is Ruhetag! Apparently



after a busy weekend the kitchen staff get Monday and Tuesday off. Welcome to Swiss hotel unions.

On **Thursday**, the team headed north from Switzerland to the **Black Forest**. It's about a 430 kms drive, so rather than doing a lunch stop at a restaurant on the way back to Stuttgart Fabian had the **Seehotel Sternen** pack a Swiss lunch box for everyone. The team stopped at a picnic area in the middle of the Black Forest near one of the lakes. From there it was a straight shot up the A-81 Autobahn to Stuttgart. Of course, the team had to stop and fill up the gas tanks, like any other rental car in the US to avoid the inflated refueling charge of the rental entity. The cars were dropped off at the PORSCHE Museum as planned. Of course, the Fast Lane Motor Coach was organized to wait for the arrival of the group. Everyone arrived at the excellent location of our traditional hotel in Stuttgart, the Graf Zeppelin right across the Hauptbahnhof (main train station). Everyone's luggage was waiting in their respective rooms, thanks to Miro's excellent luggage transportation work. Johnny did an outstanding job navigating. The whole group was complimentary of our European Fast Lane Staff. More pictures next week.

Tonight, the farewell dinner was planned at the renowned CUBE Restaurant with a spectacular view of the castle square park in **Stuttgart**. Tonight, everyone received their **150 mph** decals, pins, patches, stickers etc. What an awesome experience. Yesterday, everyone departed home to the Canada and the US. **We'll do the 12 Alpine Passes again next year!!**

II. Some European PORSCHE Deliveries:

A. Ray (Arizona) wrote: Greetings from Ascona, Switzerland on the shores of beautiful Lago Maggiore. Thought I'd give you an update. We had a fabulous but wet drive through Switzerland. The weather has been great up till yesterday (Sunday). However, it started raining soon after we left Lindau, and it was wet and cold by the time we stopped for lunch in Splügen (see attached) at the restaurant you recommended. Excellent lunch. Then, as we made our way towards Ascona, the Apple CarPlay app stopped working in the car, so navigation got challenging.



We made it to the Hotel Eden Roc. The staff there was very helpful and tried to fix the problem with the app but we were unsuccessful. Given the situation, I talked with Silvia, our guide for the Bellagio tour, and we both thought it more prudent to cancel the tour since I will not have the good navigation help needed for the 2-hour trip between Ascona and Lake Como. Today, I called the Porsche folks in Leipzig for help and connected with an advisor there. They were very helpful, and the app is now functional again. Will update you once we get to Stuttgart. **My Comment:** Sorry about the navigation Ray. When I took Euro Delivery of my Panamera GTS in Leipzig, I ordered the European Navigation installed into the PORSCHE NAVI System. I recall it was about an \$800 option. I will recommend that inclusion in future Euro Delivery tours we organize. Thank you for that nudge.

B. Libby (Ontario) wrote: Peter, the whole trip has been beyond our expectations!!

The heel was the Grand hotel Serbelloni on Lake Como. I bought 3 lovely pairs of shoes in Bellagio at Rinaldo and Cristiano wants to be remembered to you and hopes to see you again soon!! I saw his Fast Lane Travel badge and struck up a conversation. Hope you are well! And we'll speak when we are home. Thank you so much. Libby



My Comment: Blue seems to be the favorite color this year.

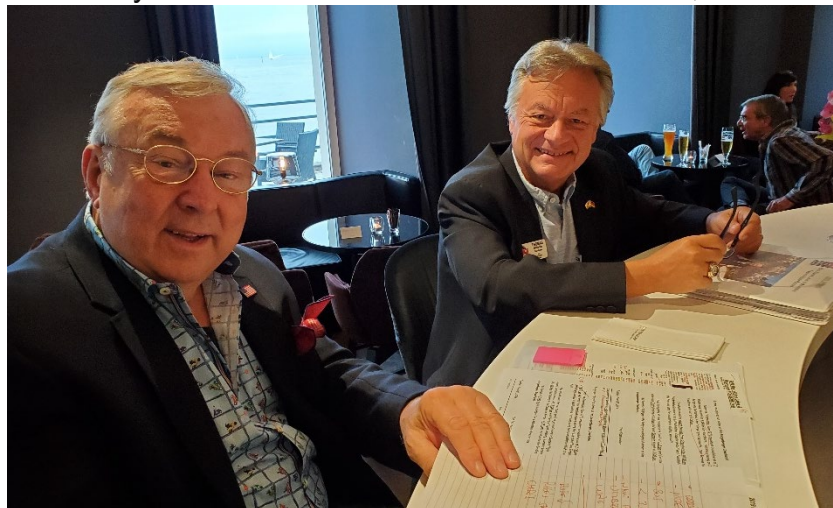
III. You can **still** join one or two of our Great 2023 Fall Trips: Be sure to call **Susan Sheridan (1 813 475 5989)**, for your flights and any other travel plans you want to explore. She does an outstanding job for you. The **Fall TREFFEN Plus** is identical to the Spring trip we just completed. Lake Como, Tremezzo and Bellagio are waiting for you.

2023 Fast Lane PORSCHE Trips - DON'T MISS OUT! V-168					
Down to the Wire: the remaining 2023 Fast Lane Trips - Register ASAP - Space is getting tight!					
Day	Date	To	Date	PCA PORSCHE Tours	Important Features & Comments:
Sun	4-Jun	Mon	12-Jun	100th 24-Hours at Le Mans Race	SOLD OUT - COMPLETED
Thu	20-Jul	Thu	27-Jul	BORDEAUX River Cruise - relaxing & cuisine	SOLD OUT - Waiting List
Wed	20-Sep	Mon	25-Sep	Original PCA Fall PORSCHE TREFFEN	Factory/Museum & Lake Constance
Wed	20-Sep	Fri	29-Sep	Original PCA Fall PORSCHE TREFFEN PLUS	PLUS Lake Como, Lugano & Valle Verzasca
Wed	4-Oct	Sun	15-Oct	INTERALPEN PORSCHE Fest - Alpine Luxury	Tyrol, Grossglockner, Gmünd & Salzburg
Mon	16-Oct	Sat	28-Oct	TUSCANY Fabulous tours from our Estate	SOLD OUT - Waiting List
Fri	1-Dec	Sat	9-Dec	Christmas Markets with Peter in Stuttgart	PLUS Nuremberg, Salzburg, & Vienna

IV. Some of Pictures Showing us at Work and Play.

People have asked me something along the lines of: "What effort is involved in creating a PORSCHE tour from inception to post-trip financial reconciliation." The answer: About 80% of all the work is before the trip; 14% is after the trip when you get the wrong invoices from hotels, restaurants, and the occasional speeding ticket. The trip itself, once planned, reserved, confirmed, re-confirmed, double checked, and tweaked or revised, is only about 6% once dozens of phone calls' a couple hundred e-mails; several location checks; and designing a photo rally have been completed. Then you still must nudge customers to send pictures and bios for the Who's Who; get shirt sizes for the nightly gifts; and hope that everyone reads the materials we send them, especially, the booklet about driving in Europe.

This picture shown is Thomas and me in a planning session: Aside from getting at least a couple dozen couples on a trip, is to juggle European holidays, closed passes, anticipated weather; dates for factory or museum visits, hotels availability, the ability to get the needed PORSCHEs etc. etc.





When you are staying at the Victoria Jungfrau in Interlaken, Switzerland, the hotel let's you have a bicycle to tool around town. Worth seeing it all without having to worry about a place to park.

V. My Final Thoughts: Last week it was the Ivy League Graduation Season. Today I am a little more down to earth with the definition of some Hillbilly Medical Terms. Why am I fond of West Virginia?

As I went to undergraduate school in West Virginia I have first hand knowledge of Hillbilly (and I use that term affectionately) Lore. In order to afford college (I did not take out a loan nor did I have Government aid), I worked for almost 5 years, full-time 40 to 60 hrs/week, at Weirton Steel as an iron worker from April 1965 to August 1969. It was arduous, tough and hazardous pre-OSHA work. I usually climbed up a 1,000 feet onto the red iron on an 8" beam. Anybody who knows what a spudwrench is will understand.

Redneck knowledge of most medical terminology:

Source: Low stress medical vocabulary

MEDICAL TERM	REDNECK DEFINITION
Artery	The study of paintings
Bacteria	Back door to a cafeteria
Barium	What doctors do when patients die
Benign	What you be, after you be eight

Caesarean Section	A neighborhood in Rome
Cat scan	Searching for Kitty
Cauterize	Made eye contact with her
Colic	A sheep dog
Coma	A punctuation mark
Dilate	To live long
Enema	Not a friend
Fester	Quicker than someone else
Fibula	A small lie
Impotent	Distinguished, well known
Labor Pain	Getting hurt at work
Medical Staff	A Doctor's cane
Morbid	A higher offer
Nitrates	Rates of pay for working at night normally more money than working days
Node	I knew it
Outpatient	A person who has fainted
Pelvis	Second cousin to Elvis
Post Operative	A letter carrier
Recovery Room	Place to do upholstery
Rectum	Nearly killed him
Secretion	Hiding something
Seizure	Roman Emperor
Tablet	A small table
Terminal Illness	Getting sick at the airport
Tumor	One plus one more
Urine	Opposite of you're out



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 let's look forward to 2024. **I hope to see y'all soon. Peter**