



Item: Fast Lane News #42 in 2023 (#189 since 2020) for Sat., Oct 14th 2023
From: Peter from the amazing Interlpen Hotel in Austria, the beautiful Grand Hotel Bayerischer Hof and, of course our home base in Stuttgart, the Graf Zeppelin Hotel.
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: the INTERALPEN PORSCHE Trip Continued; My Final Thoughts: What Kills You!

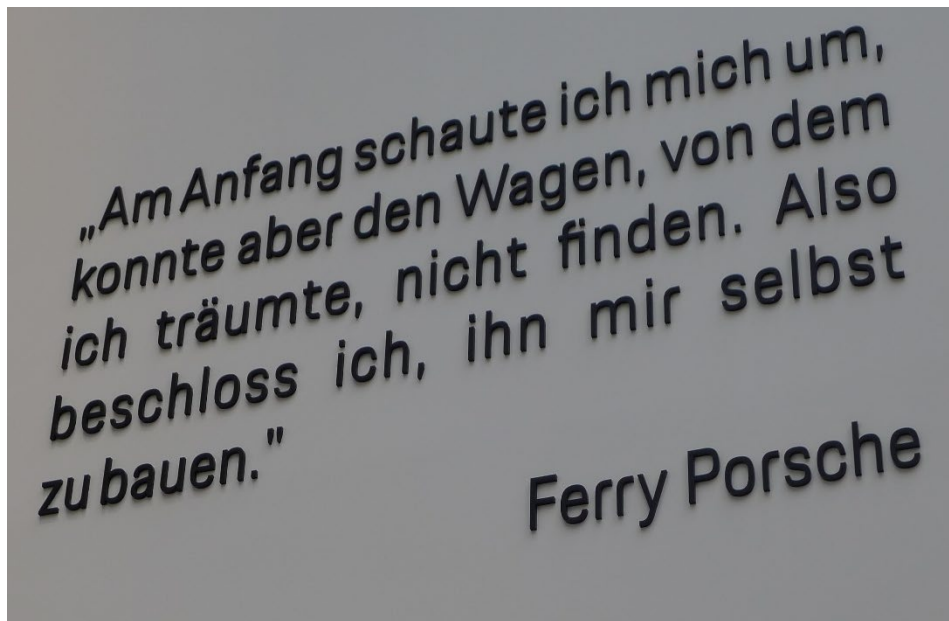
- **Friday, October 6TH, 2023: The PORSCHE Factory and Museum Visit, plus picking up our rental PORSCHEs in Zuffenhausen and getting ready for Austria.**

Contributed by PORSCHE 8-Trip Alumnae Tom and Ellyn Mueller (on their 8th PORSCHE trip with Fast Lane).

"We are off on another fabulous Fast Lane tour, this time with friends from the Pittsburgh area - the Millers and Fergusons.

After we had the mandatory drivers' briefing and the waiver signing, the fun began. We went to the local Cannstatter Volksfest (Oktoberfest in Stuttgart – much better than in Munich). It was a wonderfully crazy place with lots of beer, wine, food and German music. Peter had reserved tables (and private bathrooms) for our group. You haven't lived until you have seen and heard 10,000 slightly drunk Germans sing: "Take me Home Country Road!" It was a night to remember!

*Today was the trip to the **Porsche Museum** followed by **rare PORSCHE Factory tours** - the impressive leather shop, 911 assembly, Taycan paint shop and the Taycan assembly. We have had other tours but never saw so many areas of production. I loved watching a GT3-RS going down the line. No pictures whatsoever are allowed.*



The PORSCHE Factory is nothing whatsoever like Disney World where you buy a ticket and waltz in. It is an amazing privilege to be admitted to the

holiest of holiest for an inside look at the amazing craftsmanship to produce these magnificent machines.

*After a spectacular lunch at the renowned **Christophorus Restaurant** upstairs at the Museum, we then picked up our 911 Cab and drove back as a group to our hotel... trying to get used to driving the 992 Cab.*

Tonight we are looking forward to a true German dinner at Carls Brauhaus adjacent to the beautiful Schlossplatz.

Tomorrow, we start the real driving part of the trip. Smiles were on everyone's faces today!" Tom Mueller

- **Saturday, October 7th, 2023: Driving from Stuttgart onto the no speed limit Autobahn, lunch in a Bavarian Chalet high up in the Alps, and the renowned Interlpen Hotel:** Miro, our luggage logistics manager, was in the lobby collecting and registering all our large luggage and loading it into our luggage van, waiting outside. Gerald and Miro had all the cars lined up in the courtyard behind the hotel. Last night Gerald and Miro also spent a couple hours programming all the Porsches NAVI Systems with all destinations for this trip. At 9:00 am, I promptly announced, "saddle up" and we departed from the Hotel Graf Zeppelin in two driving groups, connected with our walkie talkies on two separate channels.

We departed downtown Stuttgart neatly in two teams, and we headed south on the B-27 until we reached the Autobahn A-8. Driving past the Stuttgart airport and under BOSCH Parking Structure we finally saw our favorite Autobahn sign – the speed limit of 120 is lifted, and we are now in the last vestige of automotive freedom: NO SPEED LIMIT. Of course, it's not at all a "free for all." It is highly disciplined, regulated, logical and safe. In fact, the fatality rate at US Interstates is 2½ times that of the German Autobahn!



We made our first "pit" stop in Gruibingen Süd on the A-8 – we didn't need gas, but everybody wanted to take a few-minutes break, ask questions about



some of their car's features or just stretch their legs. We then arrived, as scheduled, high up in the Bavarian Alps for our lunch. Flowers are everywhere this time of year. Every home in this region not only features this quaint Austrian/Bavarian architecture – but they all have balconies or window boxes with flowers cascading from them – it is simply magnificent. Even the balcony of our second hotel, the renowned **Interalpen Hotel** has beautiful flowers



underscoring the magnificent view south to the Tirolian Alps separating Austria from Italy. It is truly a 5-star hotel. Mark and Eileen Fischer vacationed in Dubai before this trip. Dubai is known for its incredible luxury. Their comment was that the Inter Alpen surpasses anything they enjoyed in



Dubai. This is the feedback we love when we get to spoil our guests. The meals at the Inter Alpen are simply amazing. There is no other breakfast buffet in the world surpassing the Inter Alpen.

Sunday, October 8th, 2023: Today we are heading across the ominous Timmelsjoch Mountain Pass separating Austria from Italy, and we returned via the Jaufen and Brenner Passes. We drove down from our mountain perch to the Austrian Autobahn and headed for Sölden in the Ötztal (Tal = Valley in German). It is known as one of the top three ski resort areas in Austria.

But it is also known for a fascinating find up in the Similaun Glacier above Sölden: Source: euronews. In September 1991, German hikers high up in the Ötztal Alps, an Italian valley near the border with Austria, stumbled upon a shocking discovery: a frozen corpse trapped in the ice.

The remains belonged to a man who had died around 5,400 years earlier, a victim of an arrow attack to the back. Alongside the body were discovered remnants of clothing and equipment, including a copper axe, a longbow, and a bearskin hat.

Nicknamed Ötzi, after the valley where he was found, the iceman's discovery captivated the global imagination, providing unprecedented insights into ancient European civilizations and granting scientists unparalleled access to the past.

The enigma surrounding his violent demise, his identity, and the circumstances of his presence on a mountain pass has sparked intrigue extending well beyond the realm of archaeology.

Source: Wikipedia

Born: c. 3275 BC; near the present village of Feldthurns (Velturno), north of Bolzano, Italy

Died: c. 3230 BC (aged about 45); Ötztal Alps, near Tisenjoch on the border between Austria and Italy

Picture Source:

Reconstruction by Kennis © South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology / Foto Ochsenreiter

Height: 1.6 m (5 ft 3 in)

Known for: Oldest natural mummy of a Chalcolithic (Copper Age) European man

At first it was thought that Ötzi had died in an accident in the mountains. It was only in 2001 that an X-ray revealed a flint arrowhead in his left shoulder, after which a 2 cm entry wound was discovered in his back. The arrow severed the subclavian artery, indicating that Ötzi bled to death within a matter of minutes. Ötzi also suffered a severe head injury – probably at the same time as the arrow wound. This could have been caused by a fall or a blow to the head. Perhaps Ötzi pulled out the arrow himself, or perhaps his murderer did. The arrowhead broke off when the arrow shaft was removed and is still in his body. The shape of the arrowhead corresponds to that of other flint arrowheads found in the area, including the ones Ötzi was carrying himself.



Murder on the glacier

There can be no doubt that Ötzi was murdered. A few days before his death, he was involved in hand-to-hand combat and had received a deep cut to his right hand. The evidence therefore suggests that Ötzi was being pursued and was confronted by one or more attackers. There are still many open questions, and some may never be solved. Why was he murdered and by whom? Was the motive revenge, jealousy, hierarchy, greed? Why didn't Ötzi's attacker take any of his equipment, even though the copper axe alone must have been of enormous value? Or was something stolen that we don't know about? Why on earth did Ötzi flee to the glacier?

- **Back to today . . . Sunday, October 8th, 2023:** Once past Sölden we started to climb the Austrian side of the Pass. Once we crested the top, we were looking at one of THE most delightful PORSCHE Roads in Europe. On top of the pass is a famous motorcycle museum. We enjoyed a pit



stop and the amazing view. We then arrived in St. Leonard for a delightful Italian lunch. Most importantly Thomas was successful in getting the parking reserved and roped off for our arrival . . . a rarity in Italy. The Brenner Pass, of course was busy since it's the main route from Italy north since Roman times.

- **Monday, October 9th: Something fun and different – the Achenseebahn.** It was about an hour's drive. We boarded the oldest European cog-wheel train, operating since 1889, of course, in our reserved private train car. We chugged up to the town of Seespitz where a steamboat was waiting for us to take us to Pertisau to THE best place in town for lunch.







Not only does John Horne superbly drive the Panamera 4S we have been assigned but he is also adept at driving a train.



On the way back it was Joe Ferguson's turn to drive and shovel coal.



Today was a fabulous interlude from driving the Autobahn and mountain passes. Our goal is to take you to places and enjoy events you would never find on your own. Once again the first and most important element of our trip arrangements was secure reserved parking. Thank you my friend Joschi.

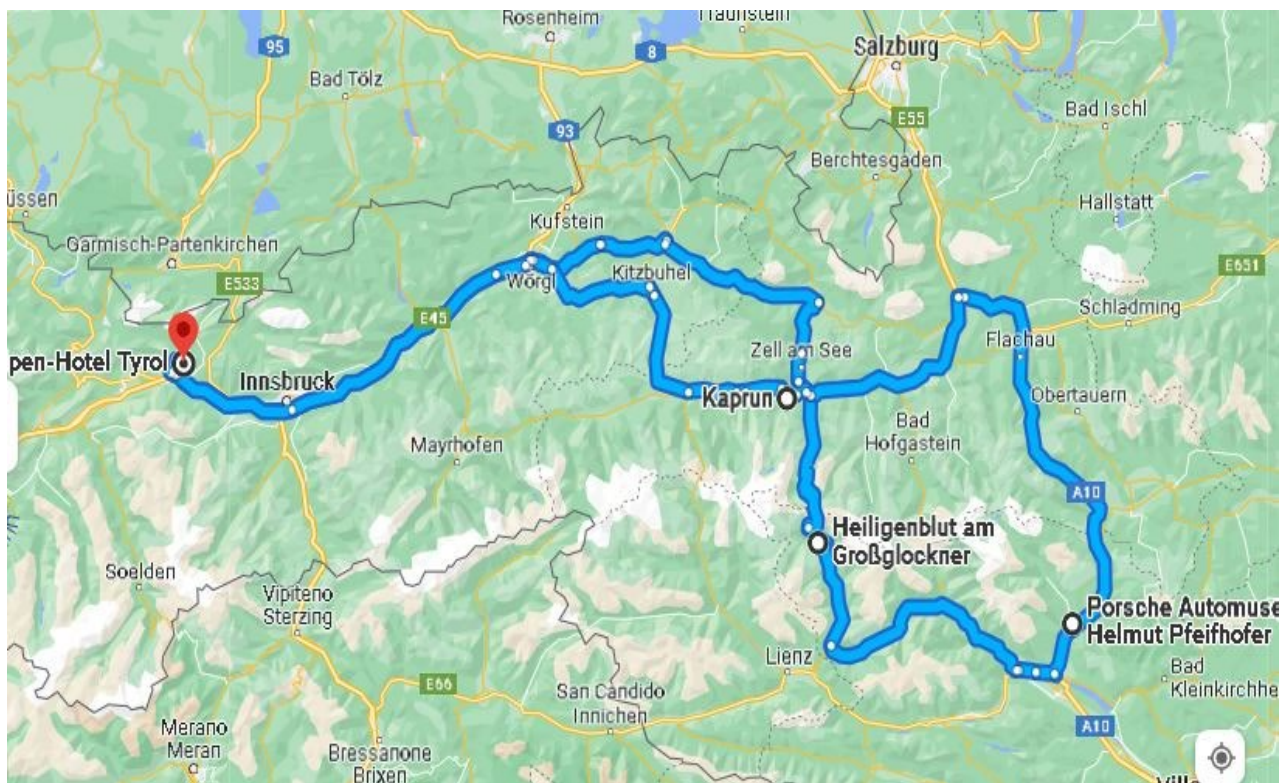
- **Tuesday, October 10TH, 2023: A little Zell am See**

Excursion. This time we headed in the direction of Salzburg. Salzburg is not only a city but also one of the 9 Austrian States. We didn't see much of downtown Zell am See because we drove the much faster bypass; however, we traversed the Schüttgut suburb, home of the Porsche Estate. From there we headed to Saalfelden to an amazing estate that also had a racetrack as part of its attraction – we just had lunch. It was an unbelievable lavish buffet.



Gerald also met a few of his police buddies and was grateful that his police department in Steiermark Mürzzuschlag doesn't have electric patrol cars in their stable. On the way back to the Inter Alpen we visited a friend of mine who has an amazing collection of 356's XKE's, antique motorcycles and other rare vehicles. Talk about a **barn find!!**

- **Wednesday, October 11TH, 2023: A drive to where it all started: Gmünd in Kärnten, Austria** Today was our FREE DAY at this wonderful resort; however, based on a customer's suggestion we offered an optional tour to where it all started. It was a long day – because a round trip to Gmünd across the Grossglockner Mountain is about **700 kms** (400 miles). The rest of the group took advantage of the famous InterAlpen Spa, rented bicycles to ride through the great bike paths in the woods or just relaxed in the pool.



2024: We are working feverishly on finalizing next year's trips: Of course, two back-to-back Fast Lane's 50th Anniversary PORSCHE Fest Tours will be awesome. Thank you for your patience. A couple of weeks ago, when I announced our 50th anniversary plans, I had a flood of "We are coming, please hold a space for us." It'll be another couple three weeks before the details are finalized. **It will be spectacular – still working on the details – save the date! Our plans for all PORSCHE trips next year look like this:**

2024 Fast Lane PORSCHE Trips in Planning V-36					
Day	Date	To	Date	PORSCHE Tour	Highlight
Tue	16-Apr	Sat	20-Apr	Mini PCA Spring TREFFEN	Factory & Museum & Stuttgart;
Tue	16-Apr	Mon	22-Apr	Original PCA Spring TREFFEN	and Frühlingsfest & 2 days driving, Autobahn
Tue	16-Apr	Thu	25-Apr	Original PCA Spring TREFFEN PLUS	and 3 more days driving & Black Forest
Sun	28-Apr	Mon	6-May	Seven-Country Adventure - V. POPULAR	NEW: D, L, B, F, CH, FL & A
Mon	3-Jun	Thu	13-Jun	Best of Fast Lane	Zeppelin, Helicopter Glacier, Black Forest
Sun	9-Jun	Mon	17-Jun	101st Le Mans Race	Chateau near track, paddock, grid walk
Mon	17-Jun	Wed	26-Jun	Twelve Awesome Alpine Passes	An annual favorite: Austria, Switzerland
Sat	29-Jun	Sun	7-Jul	USA Celebration of Freedom	NEW: Milwaukee to Mt. Rushmore - Denver
Wed	10-Jul	Fri	19-Jul	USA COLORADO Rocky Mountain High	5th: Pikes P, Nat'l Monument, Ritz Carlton
Sun	1-Sep	Thu	12-Sep	50th Anniversary PORSCHE Tour # 1	NEW: Salzburg, Zell a See, Mürzz., Vienna,
Tue	10-Sep	Sun	22-Sep	50th Anniversary PORSCHE Tour # 2	NEW: Salzburg, Zell a See, Mürzz., Vienna,
Sun	29-Sep	Sat	12-Oct	Tuscany PORSCHE Fest - Private Estate	14th Florence, Siena, Montepulciano, Cooking
Wed	16-Oct	Sun	20-Oct	Mini PCA Fall TREFFEN	Factory & Museum & Stuttgart;
Wed	16-Oct	Tue	22-Oct	Original PCA Fall TREFFEN	and Oktoberfest & 2 days driving, Autobahn
Wed	16-Oct	Fri	25-Oct	Original PCA Fall TREFFEN PLUS	and 3 more days driving & Black Forest
Tue	22-Oct	Tue	29-Oct	US Southern Moonshine Festival Rally	NEW: Dragon Tail, Cherohala, Festival

My Final Thoughts: This is my kind of Doctor!!



Q: Doctor, I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life. Is this true?

A: Heart only good for so many beats, and that's it..... Don't waste on exercise. Everything wear out eventually.. Speed up heart not make live longer; that like say you can extend life of car by driving faster. Want live longer? Take nap.

Q: Should I cut down on meat and eat more fruits and vegetables?

A: You must grasp logistical efficiencies. What does cow eat? Hay and corn. What are these? Vegetables. So, steak nothing more than efficient mechanism of delivering vegetables to system. Need grain? Eat chicken. Beef also good source of field grass (green leafy vegetable).. And pork chop can give 100% recommended daily allowance of vegetable products.

Q: Should I reduce my alcohol intake?

A: No, not at all. Wine made from fruit. Brandy is distilled wine. That means they take water out of fruity bit; get even more of goodness that way. Beer also made out of grain. Bottoms up!

Q: How can I calculate my body/fat ratio?

A: If you have body and you have fat, ratio is one to one. If you have two bodies, ratio is two to one, etc.

Q: What are some of the advantages of participating in a regular exercise program?

A: Cannot think of single one, sorry. My philosophy: No Pain...Good!

Q: Aren't fried foods bad for you?

A: YOU NOT LISTENING!!! Foods fried in vegetable oil. How getting more vegetables be bad for you?

Q: Will sit-ups help prevent me from getting a little soft around the middle?

A: Definitely not! When you exercise muscle, it get bigger. You should only do sit-ups if want bigger stomach.

Q: Is chocolate bad for me?

A: You crazy? HELLO... Cocoa beans! Vegetable!!! Cocoa beans best feel-good food around!

Q: Is swimming good for your figure?

A: If swimming good for figure, explain whales to me...

Q: Is getting in-shape important for my lifestyle?

A: Hey! 'Round' is shape!

Well, I hope this has cleared up any misconceptions you may have had about food and diets.

AND.....

For those of you who watch what you eat, here's the final word on nutrition and health. It's a relief to know the truth after all those conflicting nutritional studies:

1. The Japanese eat very little fat

And suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.

2. The Mexicans eat a lot of fat

And suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.

3. The Chinese drink very little red wine

And suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.

4. The Italians drink a lot of red wine
And suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.

5. The Germans drink a lot of beers and eat lots of sausages and fats
And suffer fewer heart attacks than Americans.

CONCLUSION

Eat and drink what you like. Speaking English is apparently what kills you.

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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 will see you soon in Stuttgart. Can't wait. Peter**

V. I am just Sharing More Fond Random Memories with You.

Note: Participants on the 2024 PORSCHE Trips will see all of these images below:





