

<u>Item:</u> Fast Lane News #50 in 2023 (#197 since 2020) on Sat. Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> writing from our office in Oldsmar, Florida.

To: Our Fast Lane Travel Family and Friends in Australia, Canada, Europe, Iceland, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa and in USA!
Subjects: In Memoriam of Terry Lynch, NEW Danube River Cruise, 2024 Open, My Final Thoughts: A Real Woman.



I. In Memoriam: Terry Lynch. A good friend and multiple trip alumni is now driving his 911 on that Autobahn in the sky. This week I received this e-mail from his lovely, wife, and sadly, now widow, Barbara.

From: Barbara

To: psontag@aol.com

Sent: 12/1/2023 12:31:23 PM EST

Subject: Sad news

Good afternoon, Peter,

This is a difficult email to write, but it is important to me that you know before the news becomes public. And I apologize for the email, but telephoning is raw and still difficult for me.

Wednesday morning Terry and I went to the YMCA for our usual 3-days-a-week workout. Our personal trainer decided it was a beautiful day and we should get out of the gym and walk the wooded paths next to the gym at Potter Park. We have done this before. There were benches along the path, so Terry could sit down and rest from time to time if needed.

We got a little bit down the path and Terry started to struggle a little with his breathing. Not unusual for him. Our trainer suggested we shorten our walk that day. We turned around and started to head back to the Y.

But he couldn't make it back. He held on to me as I guided him to a sitting position on the path. Then to laying him down. And he passed.

With all the stress and trauma in his/our life, all the jumping in and leaping to take charge of situations, all his stories, all the dramatic adventures, he just passed. Peacefully. On a wooded path with a flock of wood storks flying overhead.

Our trainer took charge of making calls for help, etc. Thank goodness that I was not alone. Thank goodness that I was with him! Life with Terry has been a wild ride, exactly what I signed on for. It has NOT been boring! And when he was done, he just ...passed. No regrets.

Again, apologies for the email. Please feel free to text me or give me a call. I would love to talk with you and hear your stories. I am just having a hard time saying "Terry died". After that, I am, and the kids are ...a little stunned at the suddenness, but totally prepared. Terry made sure we were safe and taken care of. Quite a guy! Love Parb

On Dec 2, 2023, at 12:20 PM, Peter Sontag peter@fastlanetravel.com

wrote: Thank you, Barbara, for your so very sad e-mail.

We loved Terry. In fact, we have used this picture of you and Terry in 2012 in Tuscany, in several PANO ads. We will miss Terry, his sense of humor, his dedication to Porsche fun and his presence in our midst. I'm sorry that Terry will no longer be with us – he was a good friend and a loving husband to you. Please keep enjoying your weekly Petergram. Enjoy the goofy picture of the three us having fun. Please let me know how you're doing. Love, Peter

Thank you, Barbara, for your loving response – we'll stay in touch and will get together after the first. Love, Peter



From: Barbara

**Sent:** Sunday, December 3, 2023 9:42 AM **To:** Peter Sontag peter@fastlanetravel.com **Subject:** Re: From Peter - Fast Lane Travel

Hi Peter

Of all the stories Terry told... and he loved to tell his stories, our trips with Fast Lane Travel were told THE MOST! I don't think there is a person that knows Terry that DOESN'T KNOW the story, make that STORIES! of our Porsche trips with you. In fact, he was wearing one of your Fast Lane vests, seriously! when he passed.



I LOVE the photo of the three of us. I don't think I've ever seen Terry... US ALL so happy. Look at those silly grins 😜

Please continue to send me your
Petergram
adventures. We so planned to do more. I would come out in the morning and Terry would share a joke or two with me from your

"My Final Thoughts" column. (You've heard this too many times before, I'm sure, but THAT is my favorite part (a)

Terry loved you, Peter. You are an amazing man who NEVER seems to TIRE of what you do. I've never met such a good "people person". It is your talent 💙

Thanks for your response. Terry will be cremated. We will probably just do a simple family trip with him out on his last boat ride. Next to his Porsches, he best loved being on the water. In a bit, when we all can smile again, we will plan a "party" in his honor. We will definitely let you know! Love Parbara

II. NEW: 2024 Fast Lane Blue Danube River Cruise to Peter's Home Town of Vienna and on to Budapest. Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> 2024: Please call Susan 813 475 5989.

We'll fly into **Munich** and Board the ultra-luxurious **AMAMagna** on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> in nearby Vilshofen. Upon arrival we'll be treated to a welcome July "Oktoberfest" Party. Indulge your passion for awe-inspiring architecture, timeless music, breathtaking landscapes, and culinary delights on this beautifully curated itinerary



specifically designed for your Danube Cruise. Apricot brandy and chocolate tasting in Dürnstein and an exclusive wine festival in Spitz are only a few of the epicurean experiences you'll indulge in. Vienna, home to a treasure trove of



Baroque splendors, including its grand Schönbrunn Palace, gives you a glimpse into bygone grandeur, while Budapest and Bratislava offer a vibrant mix of east and west. With plenty of daytime scenic sailing, you'll be able to enjoy the extraordinary AMAMagna to its fullest from al fresco dining with a great view.

Ask Susan about extending your arrival stay in Munich to visit Old Town and the famous Glockenspiel. Peter's favorite sites in Munch are the Deutsche Museum – Germany's Smithsonian, the Dachau Memorial site, or shopping on Marienplatz. In Vienna, of course, Peter, personally, will be your guide to this wonderful area where he was born. You'll appreciate his knowledge of history and his first-hand experience of WW II and the Russian Occupation. You will enjoy an exclusive experience in Austria. Prices start at \$5,158.40 per person. Be sure to secure your balcony cabin by December 31st to receive the \$250 per person discount, plus an additional savings of 20% off!

**III. 2024 will be our 50**<sup>th</sup> **year** – we have been working especially on our **NEW** amazing 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebratory trip for the past three months. We are still finalizing all 2024 reservations, getting final price quotes and completing all itineraries. **Thank you for your patience.** Three of the hotels, which we have



included in our itineraries, have forced us to revise our cost assumptions somewhat. We're still negotiating. **Europe is back** as THE most desirable destination in the world and Austria is in the center of this trend. **Details in next week's Petergram**. **FYI 2 spaces on the 1<sup>st</sup> 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary trip opened up.** 

From	Date	To	Date	CODE	2024 Fast Lane PORSCHE TOUR
Tue	16-Apr	Sat	20-Apr	STM	Short PCA Spring TREFFEN
Tue	16-Apr	Mon	22-Apr	STR	Original PCA Spring TREFFEN Regular
Tue	16-Apr	Thu	25-Apr	STP	BEST PCA Spring TREFFEN PLUS
Sun	28-Apr	Mon	6-May	SCA	NEW: Seven Country Driving Adventure
Sun	9-Jun	Mon	17-Jun	LEM	101st Le Mans RACE- still in planning
Mon	17-Jun	Wed	26-Jun	TAP	Twelve Alpine Passes - our 10th year!
Sat	29-Jun	Sun	7-Jul	COF	NEW: USA Celebration of Freedom - Mt. Rushmore
Wed	10-Jul	Thu	18-Jul	COL	USA Colorado Rocky Mountains, our 6th year!
Sun	28-Jul	Sun	4-Aug	DAN	NEW: Danube River Cruise to Peter's Vienna
Sun	1-Sep	Thu	12-Sep	50A #1	50th Anniversary PORSCHE Tour #1 - SOLD OUT
Tue	10-Sep	Sun	22-Sep	50A #2	50th Anniversary PORSCHE Tour #2
Sat	21-Sep	Thu	25-Sep	FTM	Short PCA Fall TREFFEN
Sat	21-Sep	Fri	27-Sep	FTR	Original PCA Fall TREFFEN REGULAR
Sat	21-Sep	Fri	30-Sep	FTP	BEST PCA Fall TREFFEN PLUS
Sun	6-Oct	Sat	19-Oct	TPF	Tuscany PORSCHE Fest, private estate, our 14th!
Tue	19-Oct	Tue	29-Oct	SMR	NEW: USA Carolinas Moonshine Festival Rally

Our 2024 PORSCHE Trips Forecast above includes our **fabulous 50**<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary Celebration** with wonderful venues, luxurious accommodations, and a couple of surprises. The **PCA Spring TREFFENS** to Stuttgart are advertised in the next PANO. **NOTE:** We are offering an early-bird \$500 bonus

for pre-holidays bookings on specific trips: PCA Spring TREFFEN Plus, the Seven-Country Driving Adventure and the Twelve Alpine Passes. **BOOK NOW.** 

- 1. April/May 2024: We are offering 3 Spring PCA TREFFEN Trip options to accommodate all budgets and the opportunity to visit the SOURCE of our passion. In addition, based on the principle: "if you want to know how to run your business, ask your customers." A couple weeks ago, we got the strongest endorsement for designing a NEW TRIP: The Seven Country Driving Adventure. We are staying at fabulous 5-Star Hotels in Germany and Switzerland, but we are also visiting: Austria, Liechtenstein, France, Belgium, and Luxembourg. It's an amazing new trip based on your requests to see more of Europe in a limited amount of time. Don't forget our \$500 early-bird reward to you. My staff tells me that we have received a strong response to the offer. It appears that 2024 will be a dynamic year and trips will be selling out.
- 2. <u>June/July 2024</u>: Of course, we are offering the annual very popular Twelve Alpine Passes PORSCHE Fest designed for those who love to drive the Alps and may boast of having "done" the Passo dello Stelvio; starting with my favorite the Hahntennjoch Pass. For the race enthusiast we are planning the 101st running of the Race in Le Mans, hosted by Robin Donovan and Derek Bell. Lastly, we are planning our first USA trip at the end of June so that we are at Mt. Rushmore on July 4th for this Celebration of Freedom Trip where you drive your own car from Milwaukee to South Dakota, ending in Denver. Immediately following the Celebration of Freedom, we are once again conducting our renowned Colorado Rocky Mountain High. Starting in Colorado Springs, the Air Force Academy, Pikes Peak, the Gateway Canyon Resort to the Ritz Carlton Bachelor's Gulch and a Photo Rally through the Colorado Monument will make it unforgettable.
- 3. <u>September 2024:</u> Will be our busiest month. In the Fall we are offering 3 Fall PCA TREFFEN Trip options to <u>accommodate all budgets</u> and the opportunity to visit the SOURCE of our passion. Don't miss Stuttgart this year! We have added the "mini" Treffen for the budget conscious or for those who happen to be in Europe around mid-April or the first part of September.

- 4. The **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary PORSCHE Fest** will be the Pinnacle of 50 years of **Fast Lane Travel Tours**. Our **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** has been carefully planned to touch all the important PORSCHE Venues, WW II History and my Austria. I am planning two back-to-back trips which will overlap in Stuttgart. **We are including:**
- 1. A special event at the PORSCHE Museum and a Factory Tour.
- 2. We'll have lunch and visit Hans-Peter PORSCHE Traumwerk.
- 3. Ferdinand PORSCHE Erlebniswelt Mattsee, Salzburg Lake District
- 4. The "Grossglockner High Alpine Road".
- 5. The site of the **original** PORSCHE Factory site in Gmünd & Malta Valley.
- 6. A Mozart dinner in a Baroque Monastery in Salzburg.
- 7. Austrian Mountain drive to Vienna's Hotel Sacher on roads the Band of Brothers hasn't even been on.
- 8. A Vienna Opera performance or a wonderful musical event (the 2024 Opera program isn't out yet I'm hoping for La Traviata).
- 9. The Vienna Zentralfriedhof, a major historic WW II site.
- 10. Steiermark Mountain Drive a special visit to Mürzzuschlag.
- 11. Exclusive lunch at the Steirereck am Pogusch. a self-sustaining farm community with an upscale inn and **restaurant** in the Austrian Alps.
- 12. Zell am See and the Gerlos Pass or Rattenberg t.b.d.
- 13. A farewell to Austria Party at the legendary Interalpen Hotel.
- 14. A sendoff celebration in Stuttgart.

Specific confirmations, invitations and deposit invoices will be sent out after Thanksgiving.



**IV. My Final Thoughts:** A real woman is a man's best friend. She will never stand him up and never let him down. She will reassure him when he feels insecure and comfort him after a bad day.

She will inspire him to do things he never thought he could do; to live without fear and forget regret. She will enable him to express his deepest emotions and give in to his most intimate desires. She will make sure he always feels as though he's the most handsome man in the room and will enable him to be the most confident, sexy, seductive and invincible...

No wait... Sorry, I'm thinking of whiskey. It's whiskey that does all that stuff. Never mind.

V. Fast Lane Luxury Travel, LLC: Just as you rely on a financial advisor or CPA to manage your financial matters and benefit from their expertise, we invite you to consult our trusted team of travel advisors. Whether it's flights, cruises, tours, custom trips, or private jet charter flights, we've got you covered.



After registering for one of our exciting tours, the next steps involve booking your flights and ensuring travel protection. We prioritize delivering the best possible

experience for our clients. Our 24/7 emergency support desk is staffed by inhouse air specialists, guaranteeing expert assistance whenever you need it. Travel with confidence, knowing that we've got you covered in every location.

We can also provide valuable insights and additional guidance on pre- or postarrangements for private or small group tours, river excursions, or Mediterranean cruises. In addition, we strongly recommend securing a comprehensive travel insurance plan. Safeguarding your trip provides peace of mind in the face of medical emergencies, cancellations, delays, or baggage issues. Your worry-free journey starts with us.

For personalized assistance, please contact our agency manager, **Susan Sheridan**, to assist you at Fast Lane Luxury Travel, LLC. **+1 813 475 5989**.



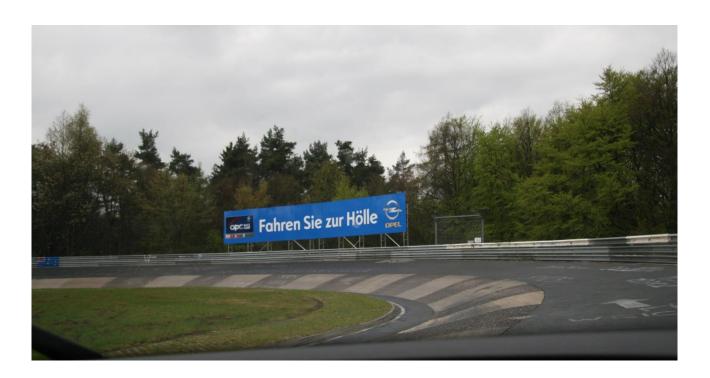
Please stay healthy and stay young; be happy and take good care of yourself...Let's look forward to the great times we will have together again on one of our fabulous PORSCHE Tours this year and let's look forward to 2024. I will see you in Stuttgart in 2024. It'll be our

fabulous 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Invitations, confirmations and details will go out soon, we are working on the arrangements. Can't wait to see you. Peter

2024 will be a very special celebration year. Porsche will be rolling out the red carpet for you and I am including some amazing routes, historic sites, events and life-time memory. Yours, Peter



## VI. I just wanted to add a few more random memories:





According to the theory of downforce  $(F=\varrho:2\cdot v^2\cdot A\cdot c_a)$ , when this Porsche 956 reaches a speed of 321.4 km/h, it could theoretically drive on ceilings.









