



Item: Fast Lane News #09
in 2024 (#209 since 2020) on
Mar. 2nd 2024, I'm writing
from our Office in historic
Oldsmar, Florida and from
the PCA Werks Reunion at
Amelia Island, Florida
To: Our Fast Lane Travel
Family in Australia, Canada,
Dubai, Europe, Iceland, Israel, Japan, New Zealand,



Singapore, South Africa and in the USA!

Subjects: Condor Yellow 356 C at Amelia; Trip of the Week . . . NO,
the Year! My Final Thoughts: Grandchildren's Love

I. PCA Werks Reunion Amelia Island – Friday, March 1st:

As always, we will participate in this exciting event. If you are in the area,
please come out and see us and say hello at our **Fast Lane Travel booth**.
Look for the beautiful **Condor Yellow 1964 356 C** with the Austrian Country
sticker on the back and all the Alpine Mountain Passes it's been across.





I hope you appreciate my sense of humor as underscored by the decal inside the windshield. **See you at Amelia Island today.** Please stop by our booth and meet our team members. We also have **a special treat** for you if you sign up for one of our wonderful **Fast Lane PORSCHE trips** at the event. **Have a PORSCHE Cookie – you can't get them elsewhere!**

II. Trip of the Week . . . NO, the Year! – **ONLY** four(4) **couples' spaces left** – on our crowning **50th Anniversary PORSCHE Fest!** September & October in Austria is **THE** most magnificent time of the year – please join us for this special celebration.

As you can imagine, **Fast Lane's 50th Anniversary PORSCHE Fest** is truly special. We pick up our PORSCHEs in Stuttgart and head to **Salzburg** – of **Sound of Music** fame. I lived in Salzburg for two years and confirm that Mozart's City Salzburg is one of **THE** most picturesque and delightful cities in Europe. Their history goes back 10,000 years including the Roman conquest 2000 years ago. It also boasts the oldest continually operated Restaurant in Europe, founded in **803**, I have planned a delightful dinner there for us plus we'll enjoy a Mozart Dinner Concert. When my daughters, Alicia and Julie, were in high school they both spent a couple summers at the AIS, the **American International School – Salzburg, to learn German**. They both are now fluent in German
[https://www.ais-](https://www.ais-salzburg.at/summer-language-program-2022-preview/)



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with an Austrian accent. When my older daughter, Alicia, was VP Marketing Worldwide for Estée Lauder, she spent a month on assignment,

in Munich at their German HQ. The staff there were in awe that an American-born Executive was fluent in their language. If you have teenage kids or grandkids – what an awesome way to spend a summer with kids from all over the world and also learn another language.

The response to our 50th Anniversary PORSCHE Fest was so overwhelming that I had to offer two trips, which overlap in Stuttgart. Thus, we will have a marvelous group visiting the PORSCHE Factory and Museum. We pick up our PORSCHEs in Stuttgart and head to Salzburg. On the way we'll stop at Hans-Peter Porsche's Traumwerk in Bavaria.

From Salzburg we will drive about four hours to Vienna, where I was born. I will take you to places where tourists don't go and immerse you in an amazing local experience. From there we head to Steiermark in southern Austria and enjoy lunch at one of Europe's most renowned restaurants. Of course, we'll visit Gmünd, the birthplace of the PORSCHE 356 and then head across the ominous Grossglockner to our favorite Interlpen Hotel in Tirol. Please go to <https://fastlanetravel.com/flt-50th-anniversary-trip-2/> or <https://fastlanetravel.com/flt-50th-anniversary-trip-1/> to see the details of both trips. We only have space for another three couples on each. It'll be the crowning achievement of the last 50 years! Forever memories.



III. Why not take your OWN car on the 50th and REALLY have an amazing experience in YOUR OWN PORSCHE?

Shipping your car to Europe: This is a popular option, particularly if you spend an extended period of time in Europe. It's less expensive than renting a PORSCHE for a couple or three weeks. The shipping cost is a function of how many cars are in a container. We work with a shipping agent in Bremerhaven who processes the temporary paperwork (it's like a passport for your car); customs formalities; and ships the car to Stuttgart, where it'll be waiting at the PORSCHE



Dealership polished with the engine running. My Panamera has been across the Atlantic three times. The real joy of driving a US registered car, especially from a state with no front license plates, is that the speed cameras, especially in Switzerland and

Austria, get you from the front. This is a picture of my Florida plated Panamera at the base of Neuschwanstein Castle. For some inexplicable reason when you drive a PORSCHE with Florida plates, it seems to attract the local, ahem, citizens. I took this picture at Castle Fuschl in Salzburg, Austria. Please note the appropriate Austrian style of the local Dirndl Dress. In Stuttgart they are only knee length at the Oktoberfest. Must be the influence of the Salzburger Monastery from the Sound of Music movie. I'd love to get a US group together and ship a dozen cars over for an amazing European tour. With a group that size it'll be less than renting a PORSCHE. Imagine having the **Nürburgring** decal on your left rear quarter panel window? You'll be able to say: "Last fall I took my wife AND



my car on vacation to Europe!” How about one of the more creative PCA Regions get a group together, ship our cars over to Bremerhaven and from there, in the shipping container, trucked to Stuttgart. It’ll be headlining news in the German media, The Wall Street Journal, Road & Track, and the PCA PANO.

IV. My Final Thoughts: Please allow me a moment of personal reflection. Like many of you perhaps, I am very fortunate to have Grandchildren. **Billie Maple Sonenberg** is a beautiful 11-year-old girl and **Lukas Morgen Sontag**, a handsome boy, who turned 10 three days ago. Did I already say how lucky I am?



Last year, in April, I had a big birthday . . . I turned 30 with 50 years of experience! My daughters, Alicia, and Julie surprised me with a wonderful birthday party at a resort on Clearwater Beach. They invited many friends and family who flew or drove in from all over the country. There were fabulously loyal Fast Lane

customers and supporters, who have become my family. There were surprises, like my brother Dave, who said he couldn't be there due to a board meeting, which I realized was a ruse, when he showed up with a big smile. There was Peter, my skiing buddy, and Gail who have been on more than a dozen trips. There were Donna and John with whom I worked in the Steel Mills to earn money for my college tuition, and who's mom, an English teacher, was instrumental in enabling me to communicate with you today in your language. There were "kids" whom I had mentored over the years, like Vince, Oscar, and Gavin, who now have become successful adults and have wonderful families of their own. There were a total of 48 family and friends, including a half dozen physicians. At my age one can't be too careful in case CPR is required – LOL. I was deeply touched by the friendship, support, respect, and love displayed by all.

You may be wondering why I'm telling you this now, about a year later? Don't laugh now, but a couple days ago, I was taking the jacket I wore that day to the dry cleaner. I reached into my left pocket and there I found a piece of paper with the poem that my grandkids recited at the party and slipped into my pocket. It has been a family tradition that poems are crafted and read during family celebrations. In Austria a grandfather is referred to as OPA. The kids read their OPA this poem alternating:

Lukas	Teslas are red,
Billie	Porsches are blue,
Lukas	Peter is my OPA,
Billie	He's my OPA too!

Lukas	I love to wash his cars,
Billie	Swimming in his pool is fun.
Lukas	We take the bikes with Maddie,
Billie	She comes along for a run.

Lukas	We love to work in the garage,
Billie	Visit the alligator on our bikes,
Lukas	We also build Legos,
Billie	Whenever the mood strikes.

Lukas	He took us to Austria,
Billie	He flew us First Class,

Lukas When it comes to our OPA,
 Billie No man can surpass.

Lukas We visited OPA's stomping grounds,
 Billie And saw castles galore,
 Lukas But really our favorite,
 Billie Was visiting the Manner Store.

Lukas He stuffs our Christmas stockings,
 Billie Gifts from around the world, it's true,
 Lukas He signs the gifts from Santa,
 Billie OPA, we know it's you!

Lukas Our OPA spoils us,
 Billie Gives us whatever we please,
 Lukas He loves to send CARE packages,
 Billie With fruits from his trees.

Lukas So, happy birthday, OPA!
 Billie Thank you for all you do!
 Lukas You are the best OPA ever!
 Together We love you!



Please take care of
 yourself and stay young;
 be happy and remember
 those who love you...Let's
 look forward to the great
 times we will have
 together again on one of
 our fabulous PORSCHE Tours this year. I



will be there with you, and I can't wait to see you. Yours truly, Peter