



Item: Fast Lane News #40 in 2024 (Issue # 240 since 2020) On October 5, 2024, I'm back in our offices in beautiful Oldsmar, Florida along the shores of Tampa Bay & the beautiful Gulf of Mexico Beaches. **To:** Our Fast Lane Travel Family in Australia, Canada, Dubai, Europe, Iceland, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa and in USA!



Subjects: Hurricane Helene; Reflections of our two great completed 50th Anniversary PORSCHE Trips, Spring 2025; Our NEW fabulous destination: a Croatian yacht cruise; My Final Thoughts: Quotes.

I. Hurricane Helene in Florida:

by April Pappas

Your Fast Lane Travel Team extends a big “Thank You Very Much” to all those of you who called, texted, and/or e-mailed us with your concerns about our safety as we braced for Hurricane Helene.

None of us expected the devastation that this storm brought to not only our area but the whole state. After making landfall as a Category 4 hurricane and tearing through the Gulf Coast of Florida, Helene plowed north through



Source: Josh Bell, Citizen Times

Georgia and walloped the Blue Ridge Mountains, washing out roads, causing landslides and knocking out power and cell service for millions of people. As of October 5th, the death toll has risen to more than 200 souls. The unwavering resilience displayed by the communities affected by Hurricane Helene is nothing short of extraordinary. In the wake of devastation, these communities have banded together, demonstrating remarkable strength and unity as they work tirelessly to rebuild. Their admirable determination and solidarity in the face of adversity serve as a powerful testament to the American spirit and exemplify community support in times of crisis.

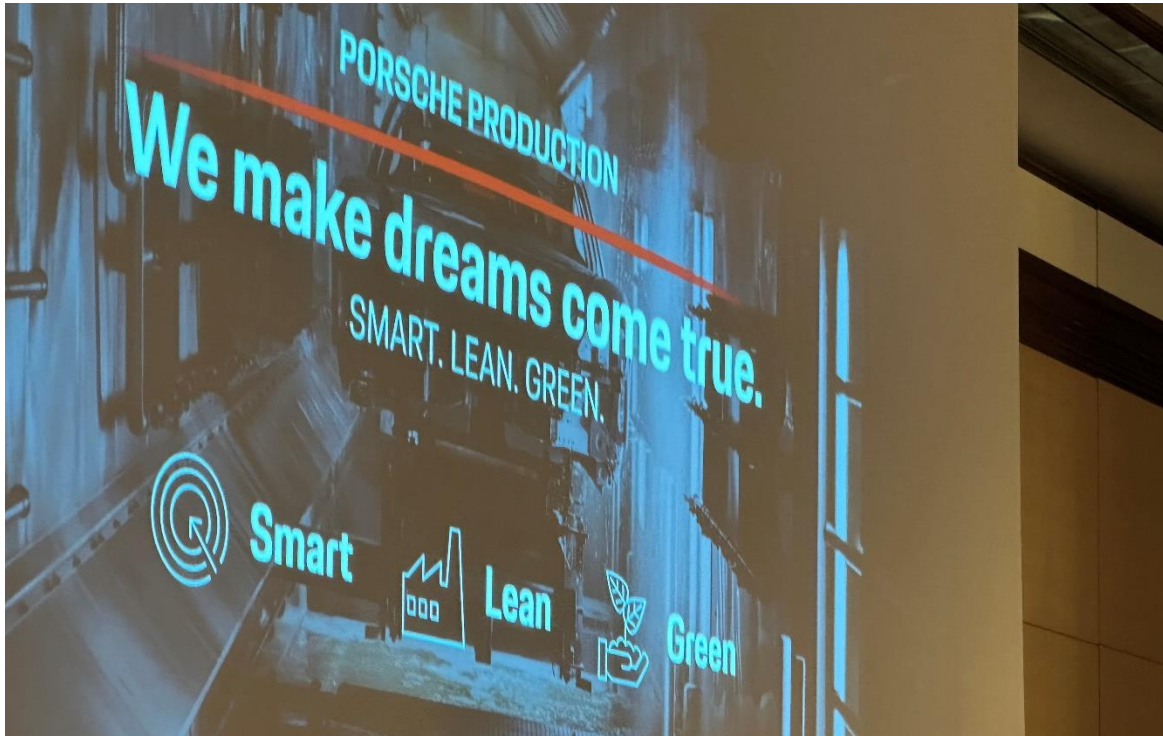
We, at Fast Lane, are thankful for being spared and are committed to supporting our neighbors and local small businesses as they rebuild. Our hope is that those of you affected by Helene are finding strength and are receiving the assistance you and your families require.

II. Reflections of our 50th Anniversary Trips Highlights:

- Stuttgart's warm welcome and wonderful 50th Anniversary Party with PORSCHE Executives in attendance was over the top.



- A dynamic PowerPoint Presentation by Bernd Würsching, the Executive in charge of Porsche's infrastructure projects, forecasting Porsche HQ's plans for the next generation Porsche Factory. WOW, was much appreciated.



- Picking up our PORSCHEs in Zuffenhausen was exciting, as always.



- Re-joining the 150 MPH Club on the German Autobahn was gratifying.

- Enjoying lunch at the PORSCHE Traumwerk with **Hans-Peter Porsche** personally welcoming us and sharing his amazing closed-to-the-public private car collection with us was awesome.



- His sharing with us his Porsche #1 of the new 718 model series, not on sale yet, was a much-appreciated surprise.



- Salzburg, the legendary “Sound of Music” city was beautiful as ever.



- Gmünd and the Malta Valley and visiting the original 1948 Porsche Factory was a moving experience. Helmut and Christoph Pfeifhofer did a spectacular job preserving the history of this so very important part of the PORSCHE Legacy.





- Thanks to Gerald's and Fabian's navigation skills we avoided the torrential rain flooding in the Danube Valley.
- Storing the PORSCHEs at my friend Paul Blaguss' Bus Depot was a welcome solution to "no parking" in Vienna.



- The Sacher Hotel in Vienna lived up to its regal reputation.
- The renowned Vienna State Opera was a once-in-a-lifetime La Traviata performance.
- Vienna's Kärtnerstrasse was the ladies' favorite shopping mile.
- The trip around the Ringstrasse to the Wehrmann and the Gestapo victims' memorial were special.
- The police escort and Mayor's reception with coffee and strudel in Mürzzuschlag were overwhelming



- Zell am See, of course, the Porsche Family's hometown, was a delight – what a treasure.



- We crossed the Gerlos Pass and visited a friend of mine's "barn find" collection.
- The Interlpen was its fabulous self. There's nothing like driving into a carpeted garage with chandeliers.



- Once in a while, in every life a little snow must fall, which then is tossed in good fun at various participants.



- Crossing our favorite mountain pass to the A-7, and on to the A-8 allowed us to reaffirm our membership in the 150 mph Club.
- I couldn't ask for a more

fitting celebration of 50 years of over, yes, 230 great PORSCHE trips and giving thousands of Porsche lovers an experience they could never duplicate on their own.



III. 2025 NEW and very SPECIAL: Cruising Croatia:
Friday, May 9th to Saturday, May 17th 2025

In 2017 we featured a wonderful cruise of the Greek Islands from Athens to Santorini. After multiple requests from you all for another exclusive mediterranean cruise – I have chosen **Croatia including the beautiful Dalmatian Coast**. It's the NEW “hot” fabulous destination. I have been there, and it is magnificent! **I am looking for 14 couples** to join me on this



beautiful exclusive Fast Lane yacht charter at the perfect time of the year.

This cruise includes the fully crewed yacht, all food & beverages onboard, private transfers to and from airport, private guided tours, hotel, tips for the crew, local tax, dockage fees, our 24/7 concierge service and fuel for the duration of the charter. **Please contact Susan, our manager of Fast Lane Luxury Travel, LLC. 1 813 475 5989 for more information.**

IV. 2025 TRIP of the Week – Please register ASAP – Spring Porsche Fest PLUS to Lake Como, Italy; Bellagio; Valle Verzasca; the legendary Fast Lane James Bond Photo Rally with “valuable” prizes; and the Inter Alpen above Innsbruck, Austria. Sunday, May 18th to Tuesday, May 27th 2025. Please

call us at +1 813 343 3001 for details – some key elements are still being finalized as some very attractive tour options are available to us. Most importantly let me know if the dates and destination match your schedule.



IV. My Final Thoughts: Relevant Quotations

Quotation, n: The act of repeating erroneously the words of another.

-- Ambrose Bierce, *The Devil's Dictionary*

An honest politician is one who, when he is bought, will stay bought.

-- Simon Cameron

I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it.

-- Groucho Marx

The future is much like the present, only longer.

-- Dan Quisenberry

The most wasted of all days is one without laughter.

-- E. Cummings

Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper.

-- Robert Frost

Diets are for people who are thick and tired of it.

-- Jacob Braude

Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.

-- John Benfield

An economist is an expert who will know tomorrow why the things he predicted yesterday didn't happen today.

-- Laurence J. Peter

This is not a novel to be tossed aside lightly. It should be thrown with great force.

-- Dorothy Parker book review

It is easier to forgive an enemy than to forgive a friend.

-- William Blake

The only reason some people get lost in thought is because it's unfamiliar territory.

-- Paul Fix

Laugh and the world laughs with you, snore and you sleep alone.

-- Anthony Burgess

I don't care what is written about me so long as it isn't true.

-- Dorothy Parker

We are here on Earth to do good to others. What the others are here for, I don't know.

-- W. H. Auden

Oh, I don't blame Congress. If I had \$600 billion at my disposal, I'd be irresponsible, too.

-- Lichty & Wagner

V. SOME OF MY HAPPY MEMORIES

We had a successful 50th Anniversary Year! Thank you very much. All of us are looking forward to being together again next year in 2025. Please take good care of yourself and stay healthy, happy and young. I will be with you with new "true stories", innovative trips, tons of good cheer, superb cuisine and places and roads you will always remember. Yours Truly, Peter



