



Item: Fast Lane News #16 in 2025 (Issue #268 since 2020). On April 19, 2025. I'm writing from our offices in beautiful Oldsmar, Florida along the shores of Tampa Bay & the sunny Gulf of America
To: Our Fast Lane Travel Family in Australia, Canada, Dubai, Europe, Iceland, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa and the USA!



Subjects: The US Dollar's sled ride, **TRIP OF THE Week:** my favorite in the US & our 6th in **fabulous COLORADO**;
My Final Thoughts: The Legendary Darwin Award Winners.

I. Europe has become a little more expensive because the value of the Dollar vs. the Euro has declined:

A couple years ago the \$ vs. €uro exchange rate was on par at \$1.00 = €uro 1.00. In January 2025, the exchange rate was \$1.00 = €uro .97, almost on par. Today it has dropped by 8% to \$1.00 will purchase only €uro .89. For the US manufacturers this is great news because international buyers of US products are getting a better deal with a cheaper US Dollar . . . that is until the new Tariffs kicked in.

Furthermore, some "super attractions" in Europe are charging an "entrance fee" to their cities. For example, Venice, Italy now charges a fee of €5.00 but

doubles to €10 if an entrance ticket is booked less than 4 days in advance.

They took a chapter out of the Disney business plan. For more information, you might want to read the article from The Guardian:



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<https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2024/mar/03/entrance-fees-visitor-zones-and-taxes-how-europes-biggest-cities-are-tackling-overtourism>

That is why I created the **Hidden Austria** “off the beaten path tour” PORSCHE Trip, Sun. June 1st to Sat. June 14th 2025. The good news was that two couples signed up, but sadly the breakeven is 12 couples, thus, making the tour financially not feasible. At the destinations I had planned, I guarantee you, there were no tourists – just us. The folks that registered moved their trip to one of our other trips, like Dolomites or Tuscany. So, this year is the year that you should come on one of our USA trips, like **Colorado** or the **Moonshine** Festival in the Fall in Georgia and the Carolinas. Pikes Peak and the Tail of the Dragon are calling you!

II. The awesome Rocky Mountain High **COLORADO PORSCHE Fest.** Thu. July 10th to Sat. July 19th, 2025.

This is my all-time favorite US Trip – Drive your own Porsche in the Rockies. Any other car is OK – we’ve had Tesla’s, Mustangs, Lexus, Mercedes 300 SL, Bentley and a ’62 Cadillac. You’ll enjoy amazing vistas, roads and destinations. Of course, we’ll have a luggage van; car washes; 5-star accommodations; and our legendary Rocky Mountains Photo Rally with “valuable” prizes. **Please register ASAP at:**
<https://fastlanetravel.com/2025-rocky-mountain-high/>

Our journey kicks off in stunning **Colorado Springs**, where you’ll enjoy



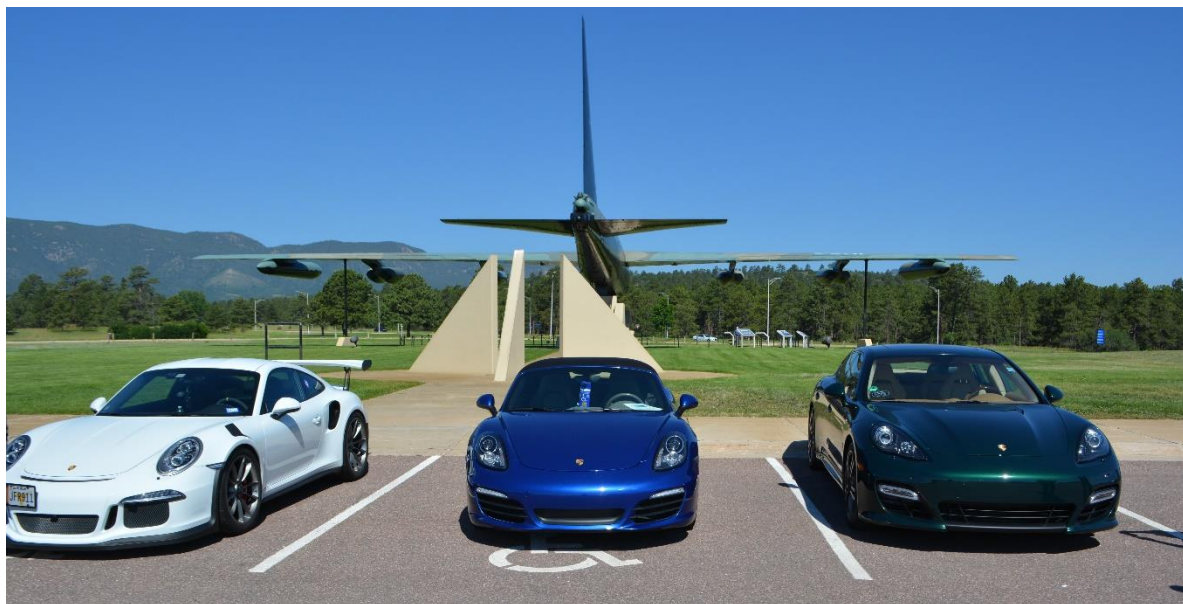
a special visit to the prestigious **U.S. Air Force Academy**. Then, you'll experience a thrilling drive above the Rocky's tree line to the **Pikes Peak's** summit. From there, we'll head west across southern Colorado, staying four luxurious nights at the

renowned **Gateway Canyons Resort & Spa**. This beautiful location will serve as our base for daily excursions, including our famous **Photo**

Rally in the breathtaking canyons of the Colorado National Monument just outside Grand Junction. Prepare yourself for jaw-dropping views along the Million Dollar Highway, part of the San Juan Skyway. You'll also have the chance to meet the "Antler Guy" in McCoy and cruise along one of Colorado's most scenic roads, Highway 134. Every detail is taken care of: Luxury accommodations, gourmet meals, cocktails, beverages, cocktail parties, luggage van service, car washes, premium gasoline, and taxes, are all included per the itinerary. Bring your own PORSCHE—or any car of your choice! We welcome a variety of vehicles, from Mercedes to Ferraris. This is your chance to join fellow enthusiasts on some of Colorado's most spectacular roads. You never know what might happen!!



Seize this amazing opportunity and join us for this spectacular US Tour! Call and sign up today! [1 813 343 3001](tel:18133433001)



Some more Highlights of our Colorado Trip Include:

- Pikes Peak w. reserved parking.
 - The Edelweiss Restaurant with German Music.
 - The Air Force Academy Cathedral.
 - The Slow Groov'n BBQ.
 - Marble Colorado.
 - The Cowboy Buffet at Gateway Canyon.
 - Kremmling's Town Square.
 - The Colorado National Monument Drive.
 - CO State Road 134.
- and our good friend and **Mountain Man: Alan Butts**.

Tucked away in a remote corner of Eagle County near McCoy, a skeletal beast looms - a tangled, twisting form that might seem alive at first glance. But this creature isn't flesh and bone; it's a mass of antlers, stacked high in a rustic workshop where Alan Butts brings his artistic vision to life. Alan is a dedicated antler collector and has amassed an impressive assortment of these natural relics, some still attached to mounted elk and deer heads. In his hands, these once-majestic crowns are transformed. With careful precision, he carves, grinds, and polishes them into intricate knife handles, delicate



jewelry, rustic candleholders, and an array of other handcrafted treasures.

“I like to say I have all the bells and whistles,” he quips, motioning toward an array of his ornate creations. For the past 13 years, Butts has sold his work—along with uncarved antlers and mounted trophies—out of a humble shed beside his home. The weathered structure bears the name *Antler Crafts*, though his business card tells another story: *The Antler House*. Much of his raw material comes from the wilderness itself. Scouring the woods, he searches for naturally shed antlers, each piece a canvas waiting to be reimagined under his skilled hands.



III. My Final Thoughts: The Annual Darwin Award.

Occasionally my good friend David Wardell, sends me some ammunition for the Petergram. One of my favorite messages from him are the **Annual Darwin Awards**. I haven't received the 2024 yet, but when looking through my files I found some classics: Enjoy!

The infamous "Darwin Awards" are again being circulated. For those sheltered few of you who are not fully aware of the Darwin Awards. These awards are given annually (and posthumously) to those individuals who did the most for the human gene pool by removing themselves from it. This version of the list comes to me by way of Dave in Tualatin, Oregon. These are from a few years ago:

DARWIN AWARD RUNNERS-UP:

#1- LOS ANGELES, CA. Ani Saduki, 33, and his brother decided to remove a bees' nest from a shed on their property with the aid of a pineapple. A pineapple is an illegal firecracker which is the explosive equivalent of one-half stick of dynamite. They ignited the fuse and retreated to watch from inside their home, behind a window some 10 feet away from the hive/shed. The concussion of the explosion shattered the window inwards, seriously lacerating Ani. Deciding Mr. Saduki needed stitches, the brothers headed out to go to a nearby hospital. While walking towards their car, Ani was stung three times by the surviving bees. Unbeknownst to either brother, Ani was allergic to bee venom, and died of suffocation en-route to the hospital.

#2 - Derrick L. Richards, 28, was charged in April in Minneapolis with third-degree murder in the death of his beloved cousin, Kenneth E. Richards. According to police, Derrick suggested a game of Russian roulette and put a semi-automatic pistol (instead of the more traditional revolver) to Ken's head and fired.

#5 - MOSCOW, Russia-A drunk security man asked a colleague at the Moscow bank they were guarding to stab his bulletproof vest to see if it would protect him against a knife attack. It didn't, and the 25-year-old guard died of a heart wound. (It's good to see the Russians getting into the spirit of the Darwin Awards.)

#6 - In FRANCE, Jacques LeFevrier left nothing to chance when he decided to commit suicide. He stood at the top of a tall cliff and tied a noose around his neck. He tied the other end of the rope to a large rock. He drank some poison and set fire to his clothes. He even tried to shoot himself at the completely and cut through the rope above him. Free of the threat of hanging, he plunged into the sea. The sudden dunking extinguished the flames and made him vomit the poison. He was dragged out of the water by a kind fisherman and was taken to a hospital, where he died of hypothermia.

#7 - RENTON, WASHINGTON, USA. A Renton, Washington man tried to commit a robbery. This was probably his first attempt, as suggested by the fact that he had no previous record of violent crime, and by his terminally stupid choices as listed below: 1. The target was H&J Leather & Firearms...a gun shop. 2. The shop was full of customers, in a state where a plurality of the adult population is licensed to carry concealed handguns in public places. 3. To enter the shop, he had to step around a marked Police patrol car parked at the front door. 4. An officer in uniform was standing next to the counter, having coffee before reporting to duty. Upon seeing the officer, the would-be robber announced a holdup and fired a few wild shots. The officer and a clerk promptly returned fire, removing him from the gene pool. Several other customers also drew their guns, but didn't fire. No one else was hurt.

AND THE DARWIN AWARD WINNER IS.....

THOMPSON, MANITOBA, CANADA. Telephone relay company night watchman Edward Baker, 31, was killed early Christmas morning by excessive microwave radiation exposure. He was apparently attempting to keep warm next to a telecommunications feed horn. Baker had been suspended on a safety violation once last year, according to Northern Manitoba Signal Relay spokesperson Tanya Cooke. She noted that Baker's earlier infraction was for defeating a safety shut-off switch and entering a restricted maintenance catwalk in order to stand in front of the microwave dish. He had told coworkers that it was the only way he could stay warm during his twelve-hour shift at the station, where winter temperatures often dip to forty below zero. Microwaves can heat water molecules within human tissue in the same way that they heat

food in microwave ovens. For his Christmas shift, Baker reportedly brought a twelve pack of beer and a plastic lawn chair, which he positioned directly in line with the strongest microwave beam. Baker had not been told about a tenfold boost in microwave power planned that night to handle the anticipated increase in holiday long distance calling traffic. Baker's body was discovered by the daytime watchman, John Burns, who was greeted by an odor he mistook for a Christmas roast he thought Baker must have prepared as a surprise. Burns also reported to NMSR company officials that Baker's unfinished beers had exploded.

IV. SOME MORE OF MY RANDOM HAPPY MEMORIES





Hans-Peter Porsche TraumWerk is a unique museum



located in Anger, in the Berchtesgadener Land region of southeastern Germany, near Salzburg. Created by Hans-Peter Porsche, grandson of the Porsche company founder, the TraumWerk is dedicated to his lifelong passion for collecting model trains, tin toys, and classic automobiles. He greeted us personally and shared his private collection with us. What an awesome privilege. See below.







See you soon on another Fast Lane Travel
PORSCHE Trip crafted with experience, passion
and affection for PORSCHE.



*On your path to success, remember to always look
forward with optimism. May you achieve your goals and
find joy. We truly appreciate your business and can't
wait to see you on tour!*

Yours truly, Peter
