



**LIFE in the FAST LANE™ #28 & issue #280 on Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> 2025**  
I am writing from our Fast Lane Office in Oldsmar, FL, along the shores of the scenic Gulf of America. Where the mangoes are very ripe now.  
To: Our Fast Lane Travel Family in Australia, Canada, Dubai, all of Europe, Iceland, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, and the USA!



**Subjects: Colorado is fabulous right now; Trip of the week: Dear Fast Lane Family – come with me on my last Tuscany Trip; My Final Thoughts: Bill Gates 11 lessons you won't learn in school; and Fond Memories' Pictures**

**I. Arrival in COLORADO: On Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>** Robert and I arrived in DEN after four hours at the gate in TPA deplaning and re-planing (is that a word?) due to a mechanical issue. We finally made it to DEN about 6 hours late – arriving at the Cliff House in Manitou Springs.

**On Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>** the remainder of the group arrived driving in from various parts of the country, Mostly Porsches, but Rob and Jackie brought their gorgeous Corvette. We arrived in Manitou Springs just in time for cocktails.

**More details to follow in the next issue – my apologies – Peter**

In the meanwhile, here is an e-mail from **Bill Gast** about our privileged red carpet visit to the **US Air Force Academy**.

**From:** "William R. Gast"

**Date:** Friday, July 11, 2025 at 6:34 PM

**To:** Peter M Sontag <[peter@fastlanetravel.com](mailto:peter@fastlanetravel.com)>

**Subject:** US Air Force Academy – Goose Bumps

Dear Peter,

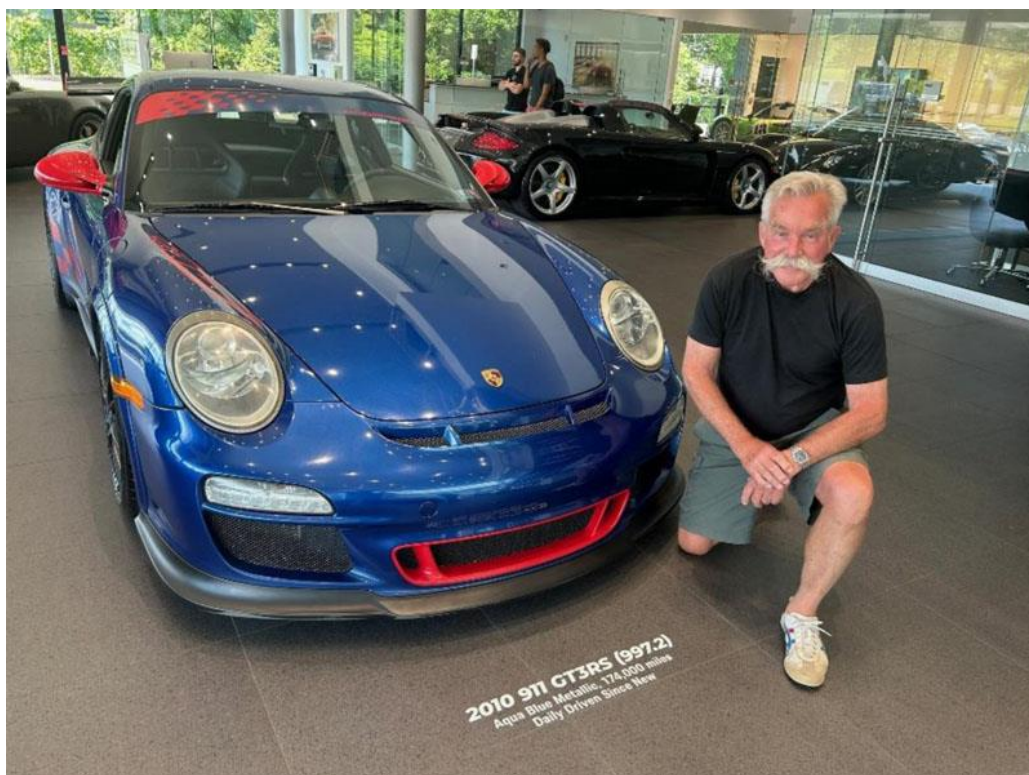
Thank you so much for today's visit to the US Air Force Academy, it was an absolutely astounding experience. I had goose bumps many times as our tour guides (three retired US AFA Graduates) relayed heroic stories, and



sacrifices made, by so many of their number. We Americans are very fortunate to live as free people and must never forget that our freedom comes at considerable cost. A cost that many young Americans are willing to meet, feeling it is their sense of duty. Let us never take this for granted.

The Academy's 18,500 acre setting against Colorado's Rocky Mountains is breathtakingly stunning. The architecture everywhere is uniquely fitting to the landscape. Open space abounds and is symbolic of the unlimited possibilities for our nation that US AFA Cadets will help create. Most importantly, integrity, truth, and honor, their values never compromised, will guide them! (I think it's time for a value-check for the rest of us.)

This was a special day to remember. Thanks again for making this part of your Rocky Mountain High Tour. With great appreciation, Bill





**II. My Fast Lane Family, come with me! I'd like to see four more couples to fill the magnificent estate in Tuscany . . .** it's the wine harvest, wine tasting, cooking class and the amazing **Tuscany Photo Rally** with "Valuable prizes" that I buy at the Flea Market in Stuttgart.

Please go to <https://fastlanetravel.com/2025-tuscany-porsche-fest/>

This is our 16<sup>th</sup> tour to this wonderful part of Italy. Don't miss it. Many of you have enjoyed it previously, then come again, because we are featuring new fun venues, features and luxurious new estate accommodations.

### **III. Final Thoughts: BILL GATES - SPEECH**

To Mt. WHITNEY HIGH SCHOOL in Visalia, California. Say what you want about him. He sure hits the nail on the head with this advice on 11 things they did not and will not learn in school. He talks about how feel-good, politically correct teachings created a generation of kids with no concept of reality and how this concept set them up for failure in the real world.

**Rule 1:** Life is not fair - get used to it.

**Rule 2:** The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

**Rule 3:** You will NOT make \$40,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn both.

**Rule 4:** If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss.

**Rule 5:** Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping -- they called it opportunity.

**Rule 6:** If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

**Rule 7:** Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you are. So, before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parents' generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

**Rule 8:** Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not. In some schools, they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

**Rule 9:** Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that on your own time.

**Rule 10:** Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

**Rule 11:** Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.



## IV. More Fond Memories:

Yes, we'll be back to all these wonderful places!











**We'll be there for you. Thank you all for your loyalty, support, and dedication. Yours truly, Peter.**

Please stay healthy and happy. I'm looking forward to the great times we will have together again on one of the fabulous PORSCHE tours we are

planning for 2026. I can't wait to get back to **Tuscany in October**. All the very best to you, **Peter**

