

LIFE in the FAST LANE™



2025 #41 & issue #293 on Saturday, October 11th, 2025. I am writing from: the Castle Prielau in the Porsche Family hometown, Zell am See, and Room 603 in the stately hotel Sacher in Vienna.

To: Our Fast Lane Travel Family in Australia, Canada, Dubai, all of Europe, Iceland, Israel, South Africa, Brazil, Central America, Japan, New Zealand, and the USA!



Subjects: **Urlaub, Friends, Santa Barbara Custom Tour
Accolade & My Final Thoughts**

- I. **Urlaub (Vacation):** A couple months ago, my best travel buddy, and adopted brother, Dave Hatch (veteran of 15 Fast Lane Porsche trips) called me. He suggested that for a change, let's not do a Porsche trip with a dozen Porsches behind us, but instead let's enjoy the sights, sounds, and ambiance of the place where I was born, Austria. While we are doing that, we can also explore new venues, like the medieval, but very modern, Castle Mittersill; visit Arnold Schwarzenegger's



home town of Graz; stop by the Tement

Winery in Steiermark – home of the Porsche 356 Cuvee Wine; and visit our much loved and appreciated Porsche Drive Guide, Gerald, at his Police Station in Mürzzuschlag, Steiermark. As you can see, inevitably we ended up in jail.



Dave and I picked up a Macan Hybrid in Stuttgart and headed to our favorite 5-star hotel in Innsbruck, Austria – the amazing Interlpen Hotel in Telfs, Tyrol, where we drove into a carpeted garage.



We also enjoyed the spa with a 90-minute massage each – heavenly!

The next day we went past the awesome Gerlos Waterfall to visit my friend Hans Richter who has an amazing “barn find” collection.





From there, we headed to Castle Mittersill for a location check – what an awesome place. We will integrate this location into future trips.

We then headed to the legendary Sacher Hotel in Salzburg, for another fabulous 3-day stay.

The next morning, we drove to Niederndorferberg in a bucolic mountain village to visit my friend Marc Hildebrand. Marc was the CEO of a division of TUI, the largest travel company in the world with about 500 hotels and 140 Boeing planes they own. I was on his Board of Directors years ago. He then joined American Express as President of Europe. Today, he started a new venture: Residencia - www.residencia-group.com



On Friday, October 3rd, we drove from Velden, Austria, to the PORSCHE Winery Tement and enjoyed some samples. We also purchased some legendary Zotter organic and vegan chocolate.



II. Accolade from our Santa Barbara Custom Tour:

Hi Wendy:

We are home. After our Fast Lane tour, we spent 3 days on our own (in a rented Hyundai) touring Rothenberg and Regensburg before flying home out of Munich. This extension was arranged by a travel agent we have been working with for many years.

Our feedback on the tour is all good. We had requested a Macan but were presented with a 911S, which we really enjoyed. It was good to compare it to our own 2012 911S. All the accommodations and tour directions were wonderful. We were impressed by the many organizational details: the luggage van, the daily parking and preparation of our cars, the nightly gift and note from Thomas.

We want to give special thanks to Fabian, who led our group of 6 cars and did a fantastic job of keeping us safe while giving us some very sporty driving. We really appreciated him!

Our California Central Coast Porsche Club (Bill is Treasurer) publishes a magazine, and we will write an article about our adventure with Fast Lane. We're gathering pictures and thoughts for this article and will share it with you when it comes together.

Thank you for reaching out,
Bill & Barbara C.
Santa Barbara Tour

III. My FINAL THOUGHTS:

Husband: My wife of 15 years is missing. She went shopping yesterday and has not come home!

Sheriff: Height?

Husband: I'm not sure. A little over five-feet tall.

Sheriff: Weight?

Husband: Don't know. Not slim, not really fat.

Sheriff: Color of eyes

Husband: Sort of brown I think. Never really noticed.

Sheriff: Color of hair?

Husband: Changes a couple times a year. Maybe dark brown now. I can't remember.

Sheriff: What was she wearing?

Husband: Could have been pants, or maybe a skirt or shorts. I don't know exactly.

Sheriff: What kind of car did she go in?

Husband: She went in my truck.

Sheriff: What kind of truck was it?

Husband: A 2016 Brilliant Diesel Grey Pearl coat Ram Limited 4X4 with 6.4 I Hemi V8 engine ordered with the Ram Box bar and fridge option, LED lighting, backup and front camera, Moose hide leather heated and cooled seats, climate-controlled air conditioning.

It has a custom matching white cover for the bed, Weather Tech floor mats. Trailing package with gold hitch, sunroof, DVD with full GPS navigation, satellite radio, Cobra 75 WX ST 40-channel CB radio, six cup holders, 3 USB port, and 4 power outlets. I added special alloy wheels and off-road Toyo tires. It has custom retracting running boards and under-glow wheel well lighting.

At this point, the husband started choking up.

Sheriff: "Take it easy sir, we'll find your truck!"

Please stay healthy and happy. I'm looking forward to the great times we will have together again with my Team on one of the fabulous PORSCHE tours we are planning for 2026.

All the very best to you, **Peter**

