

## 25th Storyworth: What Places Can You Travel To Over And Over Again?

By the question above, I'll assume it means being interested in doing so. Able might be somewhat more constrained by a variety of factors, like cost of doing so. High on the list, however, will always be Watkins Glen, and the Watkins Glen Track. For exactly the same reason I would answer The Nurburgring in Germany, even though I have actually only ever been there once. But I would return in a heartbeat if I had the means, because it was such a hoot to drive the 13.5 mile circuit without a GPS ;-)

Sadly, and for a variety of reasons, my track days look to be over. Even a good friend of mine, Thak Chaloeontiarana, recently posted on FB that he wished to no longer instruct, but only to drive as a senior participant at PCA events at The Glen. My cane, which is essential for my stability when walking, would become a lethal weapon in the cabin of a vehicle at speed, to say little of my financial abilities to support such actions. But I still love to drive, and do so with every bit of the precision of the past. Unfortunately, the 993, which still has yet to be moved this year, has seen better days as well, and is in sore need of some TLC I am no longer capable of providing either.

My one and only time driving at the Nurburgring is available as an executable slide show with explanation DOC file viewable on a Windows computer at my website <http://www.holzerent.com/pdfpages.htm> where you can look down the list to find "16 Euros" and download both files. Therein you will see and read about Lynne's one, and my three laps, during a trip which started with CNY-PCA friends in Switzerland the prior week, and continued to include visiting Lynne's relatives in Merseburg Germany and our tour of the Leipzig Porsche Factory nearby. The Nurburgring is famous, and infamous, as a dangerous legal roadway used by most of the world's car makers to establish real road cred for their performance vehicles. On many evenings it is then opened to the public as a regular road, and you pay a toll to drive it. People show up with whatever they have available. We had a rented VW Passat wagon with a 5 speed manual, and I passed a Porsche 911, which was driven obviously by a person not familiar with it or the road, or I never would have caught it. And Lynne was passed by a panel van, which was mortifying to say the least ;-). At least I had the satisfaction of staying ahead of a Miata with a "Ringers" decal until just before the exit at the end of the lap, which meant he had LOTS of experience there and was in a true performance car, which I was not. I did pretty well ;-)

I very much enjoyed my time travelling with GE, which had me in all of Mexico, Canada, Japan, Australia, Taiwan, Slovenia, Austria, Germany, Italy, France and Great Britain, as well as all over in the USA, and which enabled my side trips to Belgium, the Czech Republic, and the never-reached China and India. And I loved the brief visit my family had with our foreign exchange student Tiago and his family in Brasil, the way they spell it. But I'd advise AGAINST Cape Cod, especially in summer, since you can't pass the entire length of the place.

I would also enjoy driving the Pacific Coast Highway, US Rt 1 down the left coast shoreline. The views are stunning, whether of the natural vistas or those of the bikini-clad females at places like the motel I stayed while I worked on the moveable shelving flooring modules for Gaylord overlooking that beach, and the San Diego waterfront where they actually swam because the water wasn't freezing cold ;-). And I would love to return to "The Corkscrew" at Laguna Seca, which is nearby the Monterrey Aquarium on that same shoreline.

And I WILL travel repeatedly to our place in Inverness FL with Dawn, and her sister Diane's just eight miles north of there, then return to Dawn's in Chittenango NY because there is nothing like returning home either ;-)

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