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GREAT PLAINS Region Symbol



Our full color patch and car badge are in production, and will be available to all "members" very shortly.

The circle symbolizes the complete unity, friendship and pride of ownership found in PCAers. The Stuttgart shield represents the Marque. The arrow symbolizes the purpose, and represents the historic past of the Great Plains.

June 15th Meeting:

Bohemian Cafe (1406 South 13th) 342-9838 — 7:00 — Open Menu Business Meeting, Movie "Sebring 1962." Speaker, Corky Sell, Service Mgr., Omaha Volkswagen.

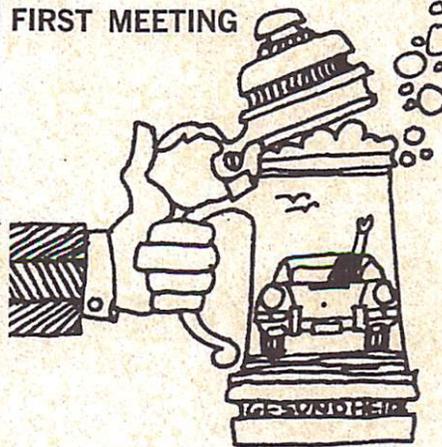
COMING UP SHORTLY (July 9)

"Porsche Only Event." Driving tour to Nebraska City (on great Porsche roads) where some beautiful Early Nebraska Homes are in restoration. Leave Southroads Shopping Center, 12:00 noon (Highway 73-75 south). Bring a navigator—a get-to-know-you "switcheroo" will take place on the drive.

August Event

26 & 27 (tentative). A driving tour to Hastings, Nebraska Saturday; AUTO-CROSS there Sunday. Group motel reservations there. Nebraska Region SCCA, sponsoring Continental Rally in July, possibility of PCA members manning some check-points . . . details later.

FIRST MEETING



May 25, 1967, the first meeting of the "GREAT PLAINS" Region, Porsche Club of America, was held at the Bohemian Cafe, Omaha, Nebraska.

The meeting commenced with a casual get-together, sparked by a barrel of beer (kindly provided by Omaha Volkswagen, local Porsche Dealer, whom we thank!!). After imbibing, for an hour or so, meeting one another, Porsche-talk and working up an appetite, the dinner-meeting got under way.

Dinner was ordered up (thanks to some very efficient organization by Linda Broker and Janice Shoemaker). Jaegerschnitzel, Roast Capon and Pork, were washed down with large mugs of the "old frothy" . . . ymmm! A somewhat over-stuffed audience was then treated to viewing "PORSCHE BUILT BY HAND," an excellent film, after which one owner was heard to remark, ". . . that should be shown to the Detroit-Iron clubs . . ." heh heh. The Officers of the Club were introduced, wherein each gave a brief run down of his or her duties, proposals of purpose, and future direction of the Great Plains Region.

New members were lightened of their monies for dues, and the Charter Members' Register was signed by all paid up . . . you'll note we picked the biggest man in the Club to act as Treasurer, Frank Halm. He should

be able to fill that demanding position adequately. Right?

Gary Stephenson and Marie, of Des Moines Central Iowa Region, were our guests from the greatest distance. They transferred membership to Great Plains, which is suggested to all S. W. Iowa members, since that region is somewhat inactive. In fact, members from other regions are welcomed to transfer to Great Plains.

The girls paid the dinner check, and came out a few bucks to the good. How 'bout that? Back to the barrel, and some good conversation about all manner of Porsche-repair-new stuff-accessories-parts-service-doodads-racing-magazines-events-badges-buttons-books etc., etc.

Shortly before leaving, Bob the bartender was heard to remark . . .

"What're all those little cars out in the east lot . . . ?" (one count showed 23 waxed, gleaming Porsches, Speedster thru 356 A, B, C, 912 and 911.

Our thanks to Mr. Bob Capoun (the owner); Jack and Bob, bartenders; the Chef, and the very friendly, patient waitresses at the Bohemian Cafe.

Our Secretary, Dottie Halm, can brief you on any Porsche Club questions.

Activities Chairman Dick Raymond solicits your suggestions and assistance in planning future events.

Membership Organizer Mike Broker has questionnaires and material for new members and potential PCAers.

And last, but not least, our President, Sam Mumma, is the man to see for anything and everything.

"Dues" are due. See Frank Halm.



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HANDS ON THE WHEEL

By Steve Gehring

I am pleased and honored to be selected as President for our Club, particularly for its 50th Anniversary year. My goal is to make it as fun as possible for as many of you as possible. I will be continually soliciting your input and ideas.

I have not been in the Club for a long period of time, so I know there are many of you who do not know me. Perhaps most important: my Porsche credential. I drive a 2015 Guards Red Cayman GTS with a grey stripe. I think it's the only one in town like it. When you see me, please honk, wave or make other gestures. I am a retiring lawyer by trade and a track enthusiast by avocation. My wife Dana and I have been married for 52 years and have two sons, Jeff, who lives in Omaha and drives a 2009 Cayman S in Meteor Grey Metallic, and a younger son, Raymond, who drives a Gibson guitar in Brooklyn.

We have a terrific and talented group of people on your board for this year, and I am really looking forward to serving with them. **Eric Elliott** agreed to stay on another year as our Webmaster. Even though we lost him to the Big Apple for a few years, he does a great job for us. **Russ Rabeler** has agreed to stay on another year as Treasurer, which we

appreciate very much; he has a great eye for numbers. **Joe Chambers** is moving from Registrar to Membership and has some innovative ideas to increase our group. **Kurt Halvorson**, Past President, has graciously agreed to be in charge of the Club Race this spring at Motorsport Park Hastings. A longtime member of the Club, **Dave Nelson**, has agreed to take on the Registrar duties. We are very glad to have his experience. We will have a new face as Social Chair, **Steve Bartlett**, who brings great energy and enthusiasm to this position. **Melinda Halvorson**, who has done a superb job moving our newsletter online and filling it with very readable and useable stories, will continue in that position. **Rick Mourey** will take over the important job of Safety Chair and work with our Chief Driving Instructor **John Krecek**. **Pete Jardine** has agreed to assume my duties as Secretary, and I am most grateful.

Please plan to attend the January breakfast on the 14th and our Annual Winter Party on the 21st at The Club at Indian Creek in Elkhorn. Next month, I will start to outline ideas for our 50th Anniversary celebrations. As my first driving instructor admonished me, please keep your "hands on the wheel".

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Membership News

By Joe Chambers
Membership Chair

**It's time once again to
renew your GPR
membership for 2017!**

As it says on the front page ...

Dues are due! Why not save time and renew for 2 or 3 years? The benefits are many: you will be able to attend GPR member-only events, such as the always popular Winter Party, Spring Fling Dinner, New Member Dinner, as well as enjoy free advertising for car-related items for sale in Der Skooner. You will also be invited to the very special GPR 50th Anniversary Celebration in October. Don't miss out on these great events! You must be a PCA member (www.pca.org) in order to join the Great Plains Region. All GPR memberships expire each year on December 31st, unless you renew for multiple years.

Please go to gprpca.com and click on the green button: **"Join or Renew Your GPR Membership Online"**. Be sure to add your significant other to the email list so she/he can also receive GPR/PCA emails. Complete the information and pay by credit card on our secure site. If you prefer to pay by check, you may print the online form and mail it in.

Please contact Joe Chambers, Membership Chair, with any questions: 402.250.7032.



Welcome to our new PCA member:

Kent Abbott

Please make Kent feel welcome when you see him at an event.

Congratulations to our members with a January PCA Anniversary:

10 Years

Steve Bronner

15 Years

Scott Lautenbach

25 Years

James Acuff

GPR Name Badges

Look official at our next GPR/PCA event. The magnetic name badges are \$12, which includes shipping to your home. They take about 3 weeks to arrive.

If you would like to order one, please contact Melinda Halvorson at gprnewsletter@gmail.com.



On the Front Cover

The front page is a copy of the very first "Prairie Schooner" in honor of the Great Plains Region's 50th anniversary this year! Watch for more articles and pictures from the "old days" in future issues of Der Skooner throughout the year. My thanks to **Denny Strauss** and **Gary Quast** for their assistance with this endeavor. If you have any old GPR pictures or stories to share, please contact Melinda at gprnewsletter@gmail.com. It's going to be fun!

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Photo by Melinda Halvorson

The Great Plains Region Presidents' gavel was passed in December from outgoing President **Kurt Halvorson** to our new President, **Steve Gehring**. Congratulations, Steve!

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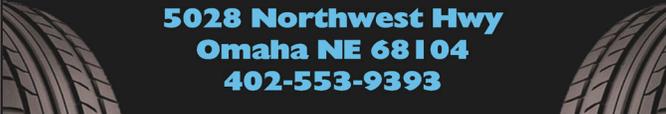
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January - 2017

- 14th Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I 3605 N. 147th St., Omaha 8:00 am
Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 11th to Steve Bartlett at steve.bartlett100@gmail.com.
- 21st Annual GPR Winter Party The Club at Indian Creek, Elkhorn
You must be a current GPR member to attend. Join or renew your membership for 2017 at gprpca.com.
See Page 16 for your invitation! **RSVP to Steve Bartlett at steve.bartlett100@gmail.com by January 14th.**

February

- 11th Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I 3605 N. 147th St., Omaha 8:00 am

March

- 11th Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I 3605 N. 147th St., Omaha 8:00 am
- 29th - 4/2 PCA Treffen Hill Country Austin, TX
See Page 14 and go to treffen.pca.org for registration information.

April

- 8th Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I 3605 N. 147th St., Omaha 8:00 am
- 29th-30th Spring Fling DE RPM - Pacific Junction, IA

May

- 13th Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I 3605 N. 147th St., Omaha 8:00 am

June

- 2nd-4th Carrera GT Club Race & Advanced Driver Education - MPH - Hastings
- 10th Porsches & Pancakes - The Egg & I 3605 N. 147th St., Omaha 8:00 am

Stay up to date on all GPR events on our website: gprpca.com.
This is YOUR Club - be a part of it!

Save the Date for this Important Event in 2017:

Great Plains Region 50th Anniversary Celebration - Saturday, October 21, 2017

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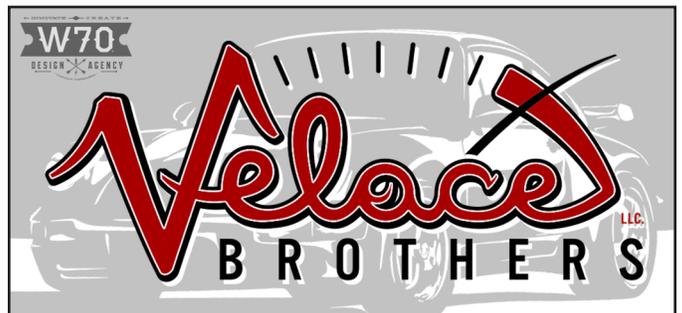
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Introducing Your 2017 GPR Board Members

Steve Gehring - President



I have been a GPR member since 2012 and currently own a 2015 Cayman S. I love the GPR events and

particularly the breakfasts as a way to meet and greet. I initially got on the Board because Kurt asked me, but I really like to be involved with organizations and board duty keeps me involved. My wife Dana is a psychotherapist and jewelry artist. Older son Jeff is a contractor and driver of an 09 Cayman S. Younger son Ray is a jazz guitarist and real estate agent in Brooklyn.

Kurt Halvorson - Past President



I celebrated my 10th anniversary in the club in December, after purchasing my first Porsche in 2006 – a 2002 996 Carrera X51 6-speed in seal gray. I still miss that car. While I sold that one, we have since added a 1968 912 in Light Ivory, a 2007 Carrera S, a 2009 Boxster S and a 2013 Carrera S. Needless to say, the first one that got away was not to be

repeated! The GPR is a great group of people from diverse backgrounds and occupations who share a common love for Porsches. I think that's what I like most. We're united by a commonality with the cars, which has allowed us to cultivate new friendships. I have served on several boards in the past, but having two recreational passions in Porsches and golf, I thought it would be great to serve on the GPR board. Tom Cooper recruited me to run for president, so I served for the past two years in that capacity and am now a "board member at large" as past president. I'm married to Melinda, our newsletter editor, which has not come under ethics committee review as a conflict of interest – yet! We have a married daughter who lives in Albuquerque, NM. We spend winters in Phoenix (as much as we can) and enjoy traveling as time allows.

Russ Rabeler - Treasurer



My participation in PCA began in 2008 after our purchase of a 2002 Boxster S. I immediately started enjoying track time at club DEs and eventually updated to now driving a 2014 Cayman S. My wife, Jetty, drives a 2013 Boxster S and also enjoys driving DEs. I joined the board in July 2015 as Treasurer and in this time have learned it takes a group of knowledgeable, dedicated people to

ensure the club runs smoothly, efficiently, and offers enjoyable activities for all its members. We enjoy the interesting people we meet, sights we see and fun we have with the cars when participating in various GPR club activities. Jetty and I were blessed with triplets in 1977. Son Brandon lives in Dallas, daughter Rochelle and her husband are attorneys in Denver and daughter Renee and her husband Mitch Schneringer live in Omaha and have 3 daughters.

Pete Jardine - Secretary



I have been a member of GPR since May 2013. I have a 2012 Cayman R and a 2016 Cayenne.

I really enjoy that the GPR offers a network of folks that I probably would not have become acquainted with in my daily life that share a passion for the P car. It's offered an opportunity to learn more about the marque, but also learn more about and do things that I would probably have not done if I didn't join, such as DEs, DIY maintenance items and social events. I'm on the Board as a firm believer in the values and objectives of the club and want to volunteer my time to further promote these items to ensure the club continues to grow and strengthen, all while having some fun as too! I've been married for 11 years to my wife Julie. We have 3 kids, ages 8 (Bennett), 6 (Lauren), and 3 (Andrew).

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One Boxer dog named Macie who's coming up on her first birthday.

Melinda Halvorson - Der Skooner Editor



I became a GPR member when Kurt (Past President) joined. I quickly learned the more I came to social events the more I would get to know everyone in the club. When George Poullos stepped aside as the Editor, Kurt volunteered me to be considered. As an old newsletter designer, I was excited to get back into it. I truly enjoy working on the newsletter each month. I love meeting and taking pictures of all of you at GPR events, and hounding er ... um ... encouraging you all to write articles for Skooner. Kurt bought an '09 Boxster S for me in 2015. It has PDK so I was thrilled that I could drive a Porsche and I love it! I have turned into a track rat and have a great time at track weekends. You'll find me in the tower or stands taking pictures. I would like to encourage you all (and that means you, too, ladies!) to get involved and attend events. The more you attend and get involved the more comfortable you will become. Watch for more ladies-only events coming soon!

Joe Chambers - Membership



I have been a GPR/PCA member since 2010. I drive a 2009 Carrera S PDK. I like the GPR because of the great people and awesome cars. I'm on the board because it's a way to contribute to the club and help keep it viable for future Porsche enthusiasts. I am retired from Union Pacific. I have been married for 27 years to my wife Cindy. I got my first Porsche, 2001 Boxster S, in 2010 and traded into the 911 2 years ago. I enjoy doing DEs with the Club and hope to drive some of the top tracks around the country as I can. The last 3 years I have served as the Registrar for the GPR and this year moved over to Membership Chair.

Dave Nelson - Registrar



In 2017 I will have been a member of the GPR and PCA for 20 years. I actually drove my first Porsche when I was 21 years old, but it took me until I was 50 to own my first Porsche. My first Porsche was a 1984 944. I got into Porsches with the Transaxle Porsches because of the affordability of them at the time. But, having owned several 944's and a 944S, I finally bought my dream Transaxle, a 1993 968 Coupe. I joined GPR looking for some fellowship with other people who enjoyed the marque and discovered that what made it fun was the people. Just like PCA used to say, it's

the people, not just the cars. I have made friends with people over these 20 years who will probably remain as friends for life. I have enjoyed DEs, rallies, car shows and social functions over the years with GPR and plan to do so for years to come. I have served on the board before in several capacities and continue to do so, as a way to give back to the club for all the enjoyment it has given me in the past. I am widowed, but enjoy the company of my two children and their families.

Rick Mourey - Safety



I became a GPR/PCA member in 2012 after a "Fast Friday" track orientation session with none other than the famous Sally Knapp

who was my instructor – ask her about the multiple 360 spin into the soy bean fields coming out of turn 1 at RPM. We (Theresa and I) currently have a 1996 Porsche 993 and earlier this year acquired a 1987 944 that will be raced in the SP1 class in 2017. Our neighbors actually come out to watch me do garage gymnastics as I am constantly re-shuffling 4 vehicles, multiple sets of race tires, parts, tools, jacks and the standard home owners equipment in the vain attempt to get everything to fit. I began the DE route during the summer of 2012 and was instantly impressed by the friendliness and out-reach of GPR members at the track. They immediately made you feel welcome, offered a continuous stream of support and advice, so we knew then we had found a home

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Photo by Melinda Halvorson

Twenty-three brave Porsche friends (including 5 ladies!) gathered for our GPR Porsches & Pancakes on December 10th. There was a narrow band of snow right in the path of The Egg & I which made it a little more of a thrill to drive to breakfast that morning. Lincoln GPR members **Tom Gutzke** and **Elisa**

Stutheit braved the drive in their 928. Let's hope for better weather for our next Porsches & Pancakes on January 14th. We meet at 8 am in the private room of The Egg & I, 3605 N. 147th Street in Omaha. **Please RSVP to: steve.bartlett100@gmail.com by Wednesday, January 11th.**



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2017 DE Schedule

April 29 & 30
Spring Fling - RPM

June 2, 3 & 4
Club Race & DE - MPH

July 15 & 16
Summer Fun - MPH

August 26 & 27
Fall Finale - RPM

(Introducing Your 2017 GPR Board Members, continued from Page 9)

with the club and have been members ever since. Becoming a board member was a bit of a progression over the last year, as Sally began grooming a new “safety person” and Kurt innocently asked me about this in Hastings at one point, and suddenly the whole thing felt like a huge set-up.... Seriously though, in seeing how many folks support the club through their contribution of ideas, running social events, coordinating and running “Fun Runs”, managing the DEs, I wanted to do my part by giving back and this was the opportunity to do that. We are actually Connecticut natives, having moved to Elkhorn, Nebraska in the summer of 2011. We have three children, all graduates of Elkhorn South High School who are now all attending the University of Nebraska – Lincoln and thank God for Nebraska in-state tuition rates. My only regret is not one of them knows how to drive a stick.....

Steve Bartlett - Social



I am delighted to be your new Social Chairman. I've been a GPR and PCA member since 2013 and have owned 4 Porsches. I've always been a “car guy”, learning to drive a manual transmission in a 1949 Chevy pickup at age 11. I bought my first car, a 1965 GTO, in 1968 as a junior in high school. My love of cars has taken me on a fun journey. I traded

my GTO for a 1970 Mustang Mach 1. A few years later, I parted with the Mustang for a 1972 Datsun 240Z. I then sold the Z and bought a 1976 BMW 2002. Much later, after finishing law school, getting married and starting a family, I bought a 1986 944 in 1987. As our babies became kids and the 944 no longer worked for a growing family with 4 kids....we took a long hiatus from Porsche ownership. Once the kids were educated and married, it was time to get back in the game. So in 2012, I bought a very nice 2007 Cayman S and got the bug again, moving up to a 2014 Cayman in '15 and then to my current car, a '16 Cayman GT4. I really enjoy being a member of our club for several reasons. One, the nice folks I've had the pleasure to meet; two, the DEs; and three, the knowledge I've gained from many conversations with GPR members who were anxious to educate me on everything Porsche. I advanced my knowledge base by going to the Porsche Experience Center in Atlanta and the two day Porsche Performance Driving School in Birmingham, Alabama in March of this year. I have benefited a great deal from being in the club over the last several years but felt I had given little back. In light of that, when asked to become a member of the Board, the I was happy to say yes. My wife of 40 years, Rita, and I have 4 grown children. All are married and we have 10 healthy, wonderful grandchildren. Three of our children and their spouses, along with seven of our grandchildren, live in Omaha. Our oldest son, his wife and three of our granddaughters live in Durham, North Carolina. Rita understands and tolerates my passion for cars, and I look forward to having her meet all of you.

Eric Elliott - Webmaster



I joined the GPR in 1997, five years after buying my first Porsche, a 1987 944S. I currently have

a 2002 Boxster, although I haven't seen it since April, as I'm residing in New York for awhile! The best thing about the GPR is the people -- always generous and willing to lend a hand. Some of my closest friendships began in the GPR. I enjoy serving on the board because I love helping other people enjoy themselves. That's why I also love helping out at events and working on the grid -- I get as much out of helping others enjoy their track days as I enjoy the track days myself! My parents and brother (and his family) live in Kearney, along with my cat, Mr. Wong, who is anxiously awaiting my return to Nebraska.

The next time you are at a GPR event, take some time to chat with a Board member. We want to make the Club the best it can be. See you in 2017!

44 GPR members cast their votes in favor of the proposed Board nominees. The Officers are listed on Page 2. Thank you to all who took the time to participate.

There was no GPR Board meeting in December. Watch for January Board minutes in our February issue of Der Skooner.

A Chat With the Michelin Man

By Jason Bien, Globally Certified Service Advisor, Porsche Omaha

I recently had the opportunity to ask some tough questions about tires to the best in the business. With Michelin being at the forefront of everything tires for well over a century now, they have managed to continually set the benchmark for the automotive industry. With that experience also comes great knowledge. I recently contacted some of the great minds at Michelin to get the facts directly from the horses' mouth. A big thanks goes out to the team at Michelin for taking the time to answer these questions below.

1. What factors and requirements go into making an N-Spec (Porsche) tire? How does it stand out from a non-specific equivalent?

N marked tires are officially homologated by Porsche and are developed specifically to meet unique Porsche performance targets. Each tire design takes into account the unique weight distribution of each platform and is specifically tuned to the suspension of the vehicle.



Porsche specifies key testing criteria, including objective track tests such as dry braking and

wet braking, objective machine tests such as rolling resistance and high speed limit, and Subjective vehicle tests such as steering and comfort.

N-spec tires can differ from their non N-spec equivalents in multiple ways, including modified tread patterns, different tread compounds, and unique internal constructions such as different belt angles and sidewall reinforcement.

2. What makes a tire like the Super Sport so popular, and do you intend on it eventually coming on the new Porsche sports cars?

The Pilot® Super Sport (PSS) is so popular because it sets the benchmark for ultra-high performance tires. According to the Tire Rack, the PSS is “Still the king of the hill” (July 8, 2016 Tire Test Results). No competitor has caught the PSS, despite being on the market for more than six years.

In March 2017, Michelin will launch the next generation Pilot® Super Sport – named the Pilot® Sport 4 S. The Pilot Sport 4 S (PS4S) is superior to the PSS in all regards, and we are working with Porsche to homologate the PS4S on new Porsche sports cars.

3. What does Michelin do to differentiate themselves from other brands, how does it work to stand out above the rest?

Michelin Total Performance™. It is relatively easy to build a tire that focuses on only one or two performances – such as wet, or dry, or

snow, or noise, or wear. But it is extremely difficult to combine numerous performances at winning levels, and this is the focus of Michelin Total Performance. The results are tires such as the Pilot® Super Sport and Pilot® Sport A/S 3+ that tested #1 in the latest 2016 Consumer Reports rating which is based on a wide range of tests from wet to dry to snow and even wear tests.

4. What new technologies coming down the pipeline can consumers look forward to in the future?

Some new technologies that are being introduced now and in the near future include:

- New compound technologies such as functionalized elastomers that continue to push the normal performance compromises, including wet handling and snow traction or dry handling and rolling resistance. To see the impact of tread compound versus temperature see: <https://youtube/zDGt1oyYILs>
- New aesthetics such as Michelin Premium Touch that gives a deep, dark contrast and velvet texture to the sidewall.

5. After track use it's often apparent how important a strong outer shoulder is on a tire, is there a different composition of rubber on this shoulder compared to the rest of the tire?

If so, is this difference a gradual

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transition or does it change at a specific point on the tire?

One of the key technologies in the Pilot® Super Sport, Pilot® Sport 4 S, and Pilot® Sport Cup 2 is multi-compound tread. The outside of the tread uses a rubber compound derived from endurance racing that offers high levels of dry grip and endurance. The inside of the tread uses rubber compounds loaded with silica that are tuned for wet grip. The transition is very defined.

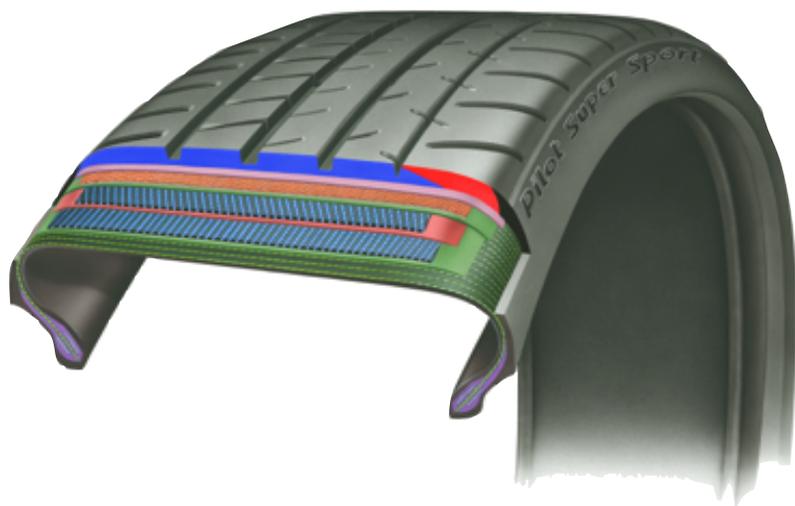
6. Many often wonder what the best tire choice is for a street/track use vehicle, is there a simple guide or rule of thumb for those track enthusiasts out there to follow when picking the UTQG of a tire for a street/track use vehicle to maximize tire usage & lap times?

UTQG tread wear rating is not an accurate guide to gauge the grip level of a tire. For example, the Pilot® Sport PS2 tire has a tread wear rating of 220, while the Pilot® Super Sport is at 300. However, the Pilot® Super Sport has more grip and is a better track tire.

One way to choose the best track/street tire is to look at the annual results of the Car and Driver annual 'Lightning Lap', where production vehicles are tested at Virginia International Raceway. Each vehicle is instrumented for lateral grip and the highest grip is reported in the test. Michelin has won or tied in 8 of the last 10 years of testing.

Another way to find the right tire is to contact the tire manufacturer or a reputable dealer.

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How to Remove Salt Stains From Your Porsche's Floor Mats

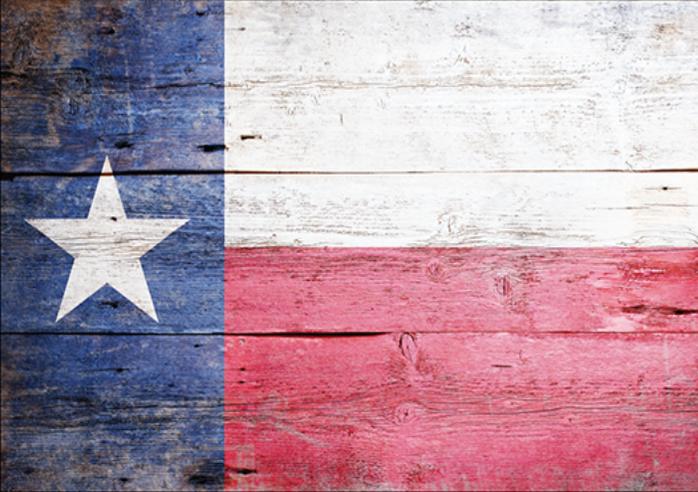
By Pepper Girl, flatsixes.com

I know what you're thinking, 'who's getting salt stains on their Porsche's carpets?' You have to remember, not all our readers drive classic Porsches, or keep their cars off the road in the winter. In fact, as the Cayenne, Macan and Panamera models continue to grow in popularity and more and more people realize just how capable the 911 is in the winter, I expect this will become a more frequent problem. So, if you haven't taken the steps we've recommended to protect your Porsche's mats in the winter, this post is for you.

Step by Step Directions:

1. Take mat out of car.
2. Vacuum the mat quickly to remove loose debris. Beat it or use a brush to loosen as much debris/salt as possible.
3. Create cleaning solution by mixing warm water with household white vinegar. Use a 50/50 ratio and add to empty/clean spray bottle.
4. Spray solution onto stains.
5. Scrub and then blot the carpet to pick up dissolved salts and vinegar.
6. Use a Wet/Dry vac (not a household vacuum) to clean out remaining salts and leftover solution.
7. Give a spray with a carpet cleaner (be sure to test an area if you haven't used the product before) and wipe dry with a clean towel.
8. Leave the mat out of the vehicle overnight and up to 48 hours to ensure all remaining vinegar smells have dissipated.

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**Registration will be through
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