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COVER PHOTO - For most PCS members, the biggest event of the year is the Society's Annual International Meet -- the 27th iteration of which was held in Daytona Beach, Florida in late July. In keeping with tradition, most of this issue of *The Professional Car* is devoted to coverage -- in words and photos -- of the 2004 PCS International Meet. Inasmuch as we were unable to attend this year, we are much indebted to two fellow PCS members for providing the words, and pictures, we needed to compile our most important issue of the year. Professional Car Society Publicist **Gregg Merksamer** kindly shared his reams of intensely detailed notes and many of the photos he took (40 rolls of film!) at the meet. Anyone who has attended a PCS International knows how hard Gregg works. He's simply *everywhere* -- in front of, behind and in the motorcades as they roll from place to place. And **Steve Lichtman** came through once again with his meticulously prepared list of all the cars at the meet as well as a nice selection of photos of most of them. We thought Gregg's fine photo of the line of professional cars led by Jon Van Dermark's 1967 Superior Pontiac, cruising along Daytona's famed Drive On Beach with oceanfront resort hotels lining the shore in the background nicely captured the flavor of Bill Wright's great Florida meet. Thanks again to Gregg and Steve for "being there" when we couldn't be.

INSIDE BACK COVER -- The New York State Museum in Albany has mounted a noteworthy exhibition that traces the history of emergency medical service in New York State and the U.S. Featuring 15 vintage ambulances, *Help Is Here* opened Nov. 20 and continues through September 11, 2005. The poster car is a 1939 Superior Pontiac. We hope to do a photo story on this noteworthy exhibit in a future issue.

BACK COVER- Always on the lookout for a good shot, Gregg Merksamer posed Pat Brewer's 1938 Henney Packard Hearse in front of the historic Ponce de Leon Lighthouse during the Wednesday road tour.