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**COVER PHOTO** – When Joe and Eleanor Colombe of Milroy, Indiana attended their first Professional Car Society International Meet in the Detroit suburb of Sterling Heights last August, the last thing they expected to do was to take home the show's top award. But that's exactly what they did with their pristine 1966 Lehmann-Peterson Lincoln limousine. Their well-deserved win marked the first time in more than a decade (2007) that a limousine -- rather than a funeral car or ambulance -- took *Best In Show* honors at a PCS International Meet. The Colombe's award-winning Lincoln limo has, not surprisingly, also graced the cover of the Lincoln Continental Owners Club (LCOC) magazine.

**CENTERSTRETCH** – When PCS President Tony Karsnia saw three 1969 Superior Cadillacs drive onto the show field at the International Meet in Sterling Heights he thought it would be a neat idea to take a group photo of all three cars since they were all the same model year. When your Editor saw what was happening from the other side of the show field, he knew then and there that we had the centerstretch for our annual Meet Issue. The spur-of-the-moment photo shoot included a hearse, a combination, and a hightop ambulance, Superior's three principal professional-car products. We're grateful to Tony for seizing this rare opportunity and for providing the great photo that spans Pages 22-23.

**BACK COVER** – For almost as long as we can remember, a sound-and-light show, an audiovisual display of sirens and emergency-vehicle lights, has marked the end of our annual International Meet. Lately, however, it's been more *light* than *sound*, as our host hotels and local noise ordinances have banned the earsplitting wail of dozens of sirens. So it was at the 2018 annual meet at the Wyndham in Sterling Heights where it was "lights only" in the parking lot following the awards banquet.

**EDITOR'S NOTE** – Most of the content in this 2018 Meet Issue was provided by PCS Publicity Chair Gregg Merksamer. In addition to most of the meet activity photos -- *and* our front and back covers -- Gregg penned the daily diary which chronicles the Sterling Heights meet from start to finish. But Gregg's big score was getting our meet onto the front page of the *Detroit Free Press* -- a PR coup if ever we saw one. Special thanks also to Sterling Heights PCS member Jeff Mandziuk who generously hosted the Wednesday evening ice-cream-social at his funeral home not far from our meet hotel, where we ogled his impressive car collection, frontline hearses and prized Henney Packards. Coming up: An amazing barn find, and a feature on Imperial professional cars.

– Walt McCall, Editor