

Afterthoughts ... Afterthoughts ...

Driver of Hearse Hurt in Collision with Train

A hearse driven by a 20-year-old Mount Carmel, TN, man was struck by a train at a railroad crossing here. The hearse was struck at the rear on the passenger side and was turned around and knocked off the tracks. Both the driver and his 17-year-old passenger were reported to have struck their heads on the windshield;



Jeff Bobo - Kingsport Times-News photo

but neither was seriously injured. The occupants were alleged not to be wearing seat belts. The hearse, a 1984 Miller-Meteor Cadillac, appears to be totaled. The moral: If you're going to drive in front of a train, at least use a very heavy car.

The Plate Tells it All ...



The vanity plate on Matthew Taylor's 1966 Miller-Meteor Cadillac combination leaves little doubt about the age and type of vehicle he's driving. Vanity plates on professional vehicles are not uncommon at PCS meets. What plates have you seen on pro cars?

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Spring Meet Set

Kent Dorsey will host the Spring meet of the Southeastern Chapter as his funeral home in Bostic, NC, on Saturday, March 31. We will gather at the funeral home at 10:00 AM for a time of oohing and aahing each others' cars and touring the funeral home (if it's not busy), have lunch together at a nearby restaurant, and hold our business meeting at the funeral home after lunch.

This meet will be held jointly with the **Volunteer Chapter**, so drive your professional car if at all possible so we can have a wide selection for show. Please let John Burchfield (jrb1@charter.net) or Jeremy Ledford (j78ledford@juno.com) know if you are planning to attend so we can be watching for you.

Directions to Washburn & Dorsey Funeral Home can be found on the home's website: www.washburndorsey.com. Kent asks that we print the directions and bring them with us as he needs to keep his business telephone line open. If you get lost, call Dave Petke (423-676-6931) or Jeremy Ledford (615-604-8725) for help.

Photo Line — Chapter President John Burchfield snapped the photo below of two hearses at J. F. Floyd Mortuary in downtown Spartanburg, SC. John comments that Floyds hasn't bought a *new* hearse since about 1979, preferring to buy one-owner cars. On the left is an '02 S&S Medalist and on the right is a '97 or '98 Federal. John comments: "The Federal's back door reminds me of a '50's refrigerator."

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We'd like you to meet ...

John Burchfield

What better way to initiate a new column than with an introduction to our chapter president!

John lives in Spartanburg, SC, where he is in practice as an anesthesiologist. John is single. He is a life member of the PCS and has been a member for over 20 years. John



keeps some of his cars at his home in Spartanburg and the rest at his very nicely equipped "barn" near Camden, SC.

In addition to the 1967 Superior Cadillac Crown Royale Combination, pictured at the left, John owns a 1965 Superior

Cadillac Sovereign combination, a 1969 Miller-Meteor Classic Duplex Combination, a 1972 Superior Cadillac 54-inch ambulance, and a 1983 Cadillac Fleetwood limousine.

In addition to professional cars, John enjoys music, bicycling, golf and fishing and boating. As far as his contributions to the PCS, John lists being a charter member of the Southeastern Chapter.

PCS Magnetic Logos

Did you know that our Chapter has a fund-raising project selling PCS logo magnets for your cars? Well, we do! Here are 8-inch diameter magnetic logos for your professional car. The magnets are

8 inches in diameter and adhere to any iron or steel surface on your car. The magnets are sold in pairs at \$15. Want to order? Just notify Rocky Pollard (rp43@bellsouth.net) or send check to Rocky Pollard (payable to SE Chapter, PCS) at PO



Professional Cars of Colombia

Dave Petke recently submitted a photo article to Walt McCall about a collection of professional cars in Medellin, Colombia. These photos arrived unannounced several months ago, and although he tried to find out more about them, he was not able to contact the sender. So here is a taste of what you can expect in the next issue of *The Professional Car*.



These fine cars are owned by a Mr. F. Navarro of the San Vicente Funeral Home in Medellin, Colombia.

New Professional Cars of our Members



Danny Ryder's newest acquisitions: a 1948 Superior (l) and 1964 Superior (r)

Thoughts from your Editor ...

Have you seen the James Bond movie *Tomorrow Never Dies*? In it, Bond is pitted against media magnate, Elliott Carver, who owns many newspapers and television stations worldwide. Carver promotes the sale of his services by making spectacular news happen, whether by inciting wars or other means. I can't and won't be an Elliott Carver. But I need your help to create a high-quality, quarterly, on-time newsletter for the Southeastern Chapter. And I want *The Three-Way* to earn a certificate of excellence at next year's International Meet.

I suppose most editors have this same dilemma: from whence does the material for newsletters come? I find that it comes from the members themselves. Obviously, I can't be everywhere and record all events of interest. But once I receive material from you, I can edit it, arrange it in a pleasing format for reading, have it published, and get it in the mail to our chapter members and national officers.

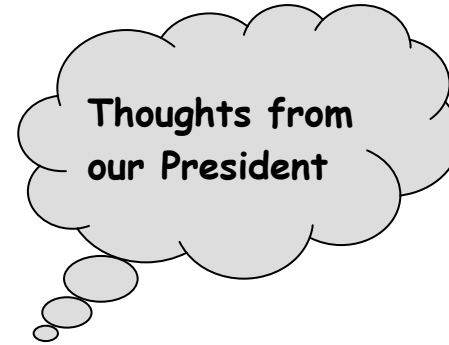
So what do I need from our members?

- Articles of interest to our members.
- Photographs of your new cars, or even your already owned cars. You can usually only bring one at a time to a meet (Jamie Boles proved that that is not always the case when he brought nine cars to Kingsport!)
- Reports of other professional car meets you have attended.
- Suggestions of articles that we ought to include in *The Three-Way*.

Please submit information and photos as soon as they become available. You can submit by e-mail with digital photos attached (fdpetke@chartertn.net) or by snail mail to Dave Petke, 5405 Heritage Lane, Kingsport, TN 37664. (I can scan your hardcopy photos and slides.)

I'll be awaiting for your input.

Dave



With the Spring meet of the Southeastern Chapter coming up rather quickly, I want to encourage all of our members to participate. We will be hosting members of the Volunteer Chapter as our guests, and we want to show them a good time as well as have a great meet ourselves.

I also want to encourage chapter members to consider what they would like our chapter to do for activities this year and where they would like to meet. If you are willing to host a meet, please let me know. Hosting a meet of a chapter isn't a big deal. It involves finding a place where we can get together with our cars, so parking is one consideration. We usually have a short chapter meeting to review past events and survey upcoming ones, and we'll review our chapter's finances. Another consideration is that we want to move the chapter meets around a bit. Recently we have met in Kingsport, TN, Pinehurst, NC, Camden, SC, and now Bostic, NC. But with adding members in Georgia to our chapter, we need to consider holding meets in that state, as well. So please, don't be bashful. Let us come to you sometime.

I want to underscore the 2007 International Meet to be held in Burbank, CA, this July. I know that I won't be able to attend because of a recertification exam I need to take at the time of the meet; and I know Dave and Sharon Petke won't be able to attend because of conflicting travel plans. So I want to encourage the rest of you to head out to southern California for the meet. Lou Farah promises a fun-filled list of events. Even if you can't drive your professional car to California, you will have a great vacation with fellow professional car buffs.

I look forward to seeing you at the Spring meet on the 31st of March.

John

Upcoming Events ...

March 31, 2007 — Southeastern Chapter Spring meet (Joint with Volunteer Chapter) , Washburn & Dorsey Funeral Home, Bostic, NC (See page 1)

May 4-6, 2007 — Volunteer Chapter meet, Owensboro, KY. Tour cemetery, funeral home and coach dealer. Stephen Mayfield, (270) 302-0328.

June 21-23, 2007 — Miller-Meteor Chapter Reunion, Piqua, OH. Tony Karsnia, tcriterion@comcast.net.

July 10-14, 2007 — 31st Annual International Meet in Burbank, CA. Contact: Lou Farah at pcsso-cal@yahoo.com. Hotel reservations can be made by calling the Burbank Holiday Inn directly at (818) 841-4770. Rooms are \$99 per night (\$159 for suites). Please mention the PCS when reserving your room.

August 1-5, 2007 — Cadillac-LaSalle Club National Meet, Savannah, GA . www.cadillaclasalleclub.org

November 2-4, 2007 — Concours d'Elegance and Motoring festival, Hilton Head Island, SC. Fire Engines and ambulances will be featured. Contact: www.hhiconcours.com.

When the Editor has space to fill ...

A neutron walks into a bar and orders a drink. "What do I owe you," he asks. The bartender replies, "For you, no charge." [Please send material for future newsletters, or you'll be subject to more of this scientific stuff. — Dave

We'd like to introduce you next ...

You see what information we told you about John Burchfield in this issue. Well, we want to do the same for you in future issues. So send Dave an e-mail and let us all get to know you better.

Our response to charging dues ...

As of February 17, here is our chapter membership
Burchfield, John R., Spartanburg, SC (President)

Bryant, Robert T., Brunswick, GA

Gibbs, Leroy E., Chattanooga, TN

Gipson, Matthew, Acworth, GA

Griffey, Jerry J., Knoxville, TN

Groce, H. Dale, Asheville, NC

Hawley, Steven K., Greenville, SC

Heard, J. Milton, Macon, GA

Hill, Milton S., Marietta, GA

Jennings, Peter and Donna, Ludowici, GA

Petke, David and Sharon, Kingsport, TN (Treasurer, Editor)

Rudisell, Hillyer and Martha, Charleston, SC

Ryder, Danny, Tate, GA

Spivey, Mickey and Teresa, Kingsport, TN

Sweetland, Ron and Loraine, Crossville, TN

Tate, Orris, Rogersville, TN

Welsh, James and Linda, Franklin, NC

There are many more potential members out there; so if you know some, please encourage them to join us.



New chapter member, Robert Bryant, sends us this picture of his 1980 H&E S&S Victoria end-loading hearse. The back window reads, "Drive carefully, drink responsibly ... I can wait."

Contributors to this issue ...

Danny Ryder

John Burchfield

Dave Petke

Robert Bryant

Plenty of room here for *your* name here next issue