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COVER PHOTOS – The gorgeous photos on the front and back covers of this issue, as well as the centerstretch, were taken by PCS Past President Tony Karsnia. The rare limousine-style 1984 Eureka Oldsmobile funeral coach is owned by John Wurm, of Forest Lake, Ill. You will find the complete history of this impressive car in the *Owner's Pride* section of this issue which features no less than four stunning Oldsmobile professional vehicles owned by PCS members.

EDITOR'S NOTE – The principal feature in this issue is a truly comprehensive history of professional cars built on GM's venerable Oldsmobile chassis from the early 1920s until the last one emerged from the Cotner/Bevington plant in Blytheville, Arkansas at the end of the 1975 model year. Contributing Editor Tom McPherson's thoroughly complete history boasts the largest number of photos (138) ever used in a single article in this publication, eclipsing the 107 in his *Cars of Camelot* story in *TPC* #151. But what makes this story amazing is the fact that its author was personally responsible for writing the final chapter with the Oldsmobile funeral cars he himself designed and produced in the Eureka Coach Co. plant in Toronto in the 1980s. That's like having Henry Ford personally write the *Ford Times*. How many other clubs can make *that* claim?

COMING UP IN OUR NEXT ISSUE – a feature on the 1955-56-59 Cadillac Skyview sightseeing limos custom built for the Broadmoor Resort Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado to take its pampered guests on sightseeing tours of the spectacular mountain scenery in the area. This secondary feature in *TPC* #188 will be a related Tom McPherson story on the passenger cars and big pallbearers sedans built by Sayers & Scovill, and Hess & Eisenhardt's little-known 1947-48 airport limousines. Worth waiting for!

– *Walt McCall*