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FRONT COVER - The Professional Car Society's 17th International Meet, held in Chatham, Ontario, Canada in early August, was one of our largest and best ever. Close to 60 vintage funeral cars, ambulances and related vehicles took part. While the meet itself was headquartered in Chatham, our Professional Car Concours was held in the Town of Wallaceburg, 18 miles north of Chatham. Our show was an added attraction to this year's Wallaceburg Antique Motor Boat Outing (WAMBO), an antique boat show held on the river which flows through the town. WAMBO has gradually been expanded to also include an antique auto show and a fire apparatus muster. One of our adventuresome members took advantage of all that fire fighting equipment just sitting there and scaled a 1948 Pirsch aerial ladder to obtain the overall view of the concours which appears on the cover of this year's International Meet Issue. A full report, with photos, awaits you inside. Photos for this issue were provided by Walt McCall, George Hamlin, John Schmidt, Gregg Merksamer and Craig Stewart, to whom we're most grateful.

INSIDE BACK COVER - Among the vintage ambulances at the Chatham Meet was a 1975 Superior Cadillac hightopper driven in by Toronto member Dave Stein. This Superior Cadillac 54" Super Rescuer originally saw service in Rumson, N.J. Dave also brought along a right front seat passenger, who Craig Stewart caught behind the wheel during the meet. Dog-gone nice car you have there, Dave....

BACK COVER - This ad appeared in Mortuary Management three years ago. We don't know if any of these classic hearses are still for sale but some of them, like the 1936 Cunningham Packard 120 and the '36 Sayers & Scovill Buick carved-panel job are so interesting we thought we'd run it anyway. Unfortunately, the rarest and most interesting one of them all -- the 1933 Meteor Town Car -- isn't pictured. The Keystone is an early example of limousine funeral coach styling, with three rectangular draped windows on each side of the car aft of the front doors. The Reo is a former passenger car chassis onto which a formerly horse-drawn eight-column glass-side hearse body has been transferred. The prices are at least as impressive as the cars...