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FRONT COVER, BACK COVER, AND CENTERSTRETCH PHOTOS – Steve Loftin took all three of these gorgeous photos on a stopover at Ken Howe’s funeral home in Lebanon, Missouri. Ken’s remarkably original 1956 Eureka Cadillac three-way landau was built for the Ott Funeral Home in Michigan City, Indiana. Following its retirement, it was acquired by Bob and Bonnie Dombrowski, who brought it to the 1988 PCS International Meet in Decatur, Illinois where it was one of four cars displayed in the Holiday Inn dining room during the closing banquet. After the Dombrowskis passed on, the Eureka was purchased by a car collector who advertised it for sale in his car museum/dealership. Ken and Valerie Howe wisely snapped it up and added it to the impressive Holman-Howe Funeral Home fleet, where it serves regularly on funerals upon request.

EDITOR’S MESSAGE – “*Time, Gentlemen, Time!*” That’s the traditional last call by the bartender in British pubs to tell his customers that it is closing time. And now it’s “closing time” for my lengthy tenure as Editor of *The Professional Car*.

After nearly 47 years, it’s time to vacate this cluttered office and turn the editor’s chair over to someone else. And so, starting with our next issue, Gregg Merksamer of Warwick, New York will take over from me as Editor of *TPC*. A well-known and respected automotive historian, writer, and author, Gregg is eminently qualified to fill this position. A PCS member for more than 30 years and the Society’s long-time Publicity Chair, Gregg has been a major contributor to this publication – most notably for his comprehensive coverage, in both words and photos, of our annual International Meet as well as the Micro-Meet – a practice that continues in this issue.

For me, this publication has truly been a labor of love. I’m actually going to miss those relentless deadlines and evenings and weekends in front of my PC. As I take my leave, I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to all of you for your support and contributions over the years. Without your input, there would be no magazine. Unlike General McArthur, however, I don’t plan to just fade away. I will continue to research and write articles for *TPC* and assist Gregg any way I can. Thanks for the great ride. See you at the International Meet in York, Pennsylvania in June!

– Walt McCall