

The End-Loader

... featuring those tidbits that really need to be shown but just don't fit elsewhere ...

Each year the Kentucky Press Association holds contests for the best of several types of journalism in various classes of newspapers throughout the state. This year, the first place award for best headline was:

CANDIDATES FACE STIFF COMPETITION IN CORONER RACE

Do you remember ...

James Bond in *Live and Let Die*? In one scene, James is riding into New York when his driver is attacked by a passing, heavily modified Cadillac. The car's mirror shoots a dart into the neck of Bond's driver, resulting a terrible crash.



Later, actor David Hedison, as Felix Leiter, tells one of his associates, "Get me a make on a white *pimpmobile* ... three four seven Nelson David George." Well, if ever there was a negative of the "white pimpmobile" in *Live and Let Die*, it is this car that, we understand, belongs to Carl Woerner of CW Coach sales, on display during the CWCoach open hours last fall. If you haven't attended at CWCoach open house, you really need to make the event a priority.

The

Dixie-Lifeline

Spring Meet Announced

On March 31, 2007, the Volunteer Chapter will meet jointly with the Southeastern Chapter in Bostic, NC, at the Washburn & Dorsey Funeral Home. Host, Kent Dorsey, will provide the space for our cars and, after lunch, for separate meetings of the Volunteer and Southeastern Chapters. This is a grand opportunity to show our professional cars and share our common enthusiasm for this fine line of vehicles.

Our two chapters cooperated in hosting one of the best international meets ever held by the PCS last year in Kingsport, TN. And it is only fitting that we call together the members of the hosting chapters in another collaborative meet. So come on out, bring your professional car, and let's share our common interest in Bostic, NC, with our friends from the east. Let's see if we can have participation from all the states that we serve with our two chapters: KY, TN, AL, MS, GA, NC, and SC.



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The Hearse That Didn't Make It ...

It was supposed to be a surprise on show day at the 30th Anniversary International Meet last year; but the surprise was on your hosts! The transport that was to bring the car didn't work out. Lucas and Hall Funeral Home of Pineville, KY, owns a one-of-a-kind 2005 Prinzing Motor Cars hearse.



Most folks think the hearse is a Rolls-Royce; but it's not. Powered by a 350 c.i. Chevy short-block engine, the "Old Car", as Mr. Lucas calls it, has everything else about it purely custom-built.

The car is *huge*, measuring 27 feet long.

Yet the paint job is so smooth you could use it as a mirror. I asked Mr. Lucas why he would spend over \$100,000 for such a car. He replied, "The people of this area deserve it."

You can find more about Prinzing Motor Cars at Max Prinzing's website: www.prinzingmc.com.

PCS Magnetic Logos

Did you know that the Southeastern Chapter has a fund-raising project selling PCS logo magnets for your cars? Well, it does! Here are 8-inch diameter magnetic logos for your professional car. The magnets 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 Box 827, Robuck, SC 29376-0827.



Photos from CWCoach Open House ...



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 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 *Dixie Lifeline* 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

The Prez Sez ...

As I write this I hope this finds everyone well after having a great Holiday Season! Things have been going great here also! On December 2, 2006 I passed my state embalming exams and on December 31, 2006 I officially received my embalmers license from the state of Tennessee. So I'm now I'm officially an undertaker! I've finally reached the goal I set out to achieve back in August 2002 when I entered college. And I'm well on my way to a successful future as a funeral professional!

As to date, we have a very busy schedule planned for the upcoming 2007 show season, so from April to October we will have or be in attendance at an event every month. A few events still need to be finalized before they're publicized! Check out the events calendars (both in the *Dixie-Lifeline* and *The Professional Car* and even on the PCS message board at www.professionalcar.org), and keep your eye on the calendars in upcoming issues to see just what I'm talking about!

I want to underscore the joint meet of the Volunteer and Southeastern Chapters at the Washburn and Dorsey Funeral Home in Bostic (eastern) NC on March 31. Our chapters cooperated well on the International Meet, so let's get together for a fun meet this spring.

Needless to say, we're going to have a very exciting year here for the Volunteer Chapter once again! Remember, support your local chapters and the Professional Car Society! See ya'll at the meets!!!

Best Wishes to all,

Jeremy D. Ledford

Dining with the Dead, 2006

By Dave Petke

All who attended the 30th Anniversary International Meet in Kingsport will remember the magnificent setting of the Allendale Mansion's front lawn for our Saturday show and judging, and our use of the Mansion as a photo backdrop for the annual photoshoot. Allendale Mansion is owned by the City of Kingsport, and the City maintains it; but the Mansion is supported, financially and mainly by the Friends of Allendale, a volunteer group of citizens.

2006 was the second time that the Friends of Allendale hosted its main fund-raiser, *Dining with the Dead*, timed for the Halloween weekend. In this venue, the public is invited to visit the Mansion for dinner, hosted by actors posing as the late Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Brooks, the builders and only owners of Allendale. The evening is scripted by the Kingsport Theater Guild, and actors from the Guild play Mr. and Mrs. Brooks. At \$125 per couple, this isn't just a night out at Applebee's; but the dinner catered by the Troutdale Dining Room is excellent, and all profits go to the continuing restoration and expansion of the exhibits at the Mansion.

At the request of Allendale curator, Rod Gemayel, I loaned my 1975 Superior Cadillac Sovereign Regal hearse to the Friends of Allendale for the event. "Long John" was parked on the front lawn, backed up to the hemispherical front steps, right near the front door, to welcome the public to *Dining with the Dead*. Needless to say, in PCS tradition, "Long John" was shown empty. Sharon and I were out of town that weekend, but Rod reported that the hearse was a big

hit with the visitors. I hope that Long John will be invited back again next year.

PS: "Long John" derives his name from his original condition, when purchased from Carl Woerner of CWCoach. When I purchased him, he was painted silver – even the vinyl roof was silver! And when I found that I needed to cut away some shelving so he would fit in the garage, he was lovingly named Long John Silver. Later, when I discovered that Long John Silver had as many as five coats of silver paint covering the original "gossamer blue," I restored him to his original color and replaced the painted vinyl roof, which leaked, with an "original" black vinyl roof. So Long John Silver, when he changed his color, became, simply, Long John.

Upcoming Events ...

March 31, 2007 — Joint meet with Southeastern Chapter), Washburn and Dorsey FH, Bostic, NC.

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 pcsocal@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 — Hilton Head Island Concourse and Motoring Festival, featuring fire trucks and ambulances. Contact: www.hhiconcours.com.