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COVER PHOTO – Worthy of *Forbes* magazine, this very businesslike photo of Eureka Coach Co. founder and President Thomas A. McPherson was taken at the grand opening of the new Eureka plant in Toronto in March, 1985. - Photo courtesy of Darren Bedford.

BACK COVER – Tom McPherson and Walt McCall pose with the first Eureka Cadillac FWD flower car at the 1996 NFDA Convention in Orlando, Florida.

CENTERSPREAD – Tom and a Cadillac hearse rise to stage level during glitzy introduction of the New Generation front-wheel-drive Eureka's at the 1995 NFDA show in Minneapolis.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE – Just as *TPC* Issue #189 was about to go to the printer, we received the devastating news of the sudden death on February 25 of Contributing Editor Tom McPherson. We were barely able to squeeze in a short notice at the very last minute. Word of Tom's untimely passing sent seismic shock waves through the entire professional-car hobby which reverberate to this day. The word "irreplaceable" is much overused, but it applies in spades here. It is only fitting therefore that we dedicate this issue of *TPC* to Tom's memory. He and I were close friends for more than 50 years, and for the past two decades, this magazine was the focal point of our existence. We hope you will enjoy the "family album" of photos documenting Tom's life and some of our shared experiences. His legacy is the massive repository of professional-car history he has left us in his books and regular contributions to *The Professional Car*. Rest in peace, good buddy. Your work – and memory – will live on.

– Walt McCall, Editor