



# The Criterion

Northeast Chapter - Professional Car Society

June, 1993

Dear Members:

IT'S SHOW TIME !!!

Summer is finally here. We can get out our Professional Cars, dust them off, and enjoy all of the up coming events for 1993.

Four of these shows that have a Professional Car Class are:

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| July 28th - 31st | - | The Cadillac - La Salle<br>National Meeting<br>Lancaster, Pa.                  |
| Aug. 4th - 8th   | - | The Professional Car Society<br>International Meet<br>Chatham, Ontario, Canada |
| Aug. 14th        | - | New Hope Auto Show<br>New Hope, Pa.  |
| Aug. 28th        | - | Laurel Lions Car Show<br>Laurel Race Course, Maryland                          |

If any member is interested in attending any of the above shows please contact Mike or Leo.

Our last meeting was an informal get together at the Allentown Spring Thaw Flea Market. Several club members and friends enjoyed a relaxing walk through the flea market where some equipment was purchased. Then there was a motorcade to a restaurant where we had lunch and discussed some club business.

The next meeting will be at the Bucks County Automobile Show in Langhorne, Pa. on Sunday July 25th. Bring your Professional Car and enjoy a day of fun and food. This is the first year for this show and they have agreed to have a Professional Car Class for us. Let's have a good showing so they will continue our class in years to come.

We have enclosed a flyer for the Bucks County Show. Any of our members who will be attending, with or without, their cars please contact Mike or Leo.

Our favorite time of summer will soon be here. Our Professional Car Society International Meet in Canada should be one of the best ever.

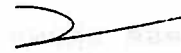
If you have not made your vacation plans yet Ontario would be a great place to take your family.

You will meet Professional Car enthusiasts from all over the United States and Canada. There have been many activities planned for our members and their families to enjoy. We already have a few of our chapter members registered and hope that more of you will be attending. If you are going to Ontario please call Mike or Leo.

Further back in this newsletter you will find some helpful hints for travel to Canada from AAA.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER !!!

*Mike*



## Cadillac makes 'headliners' with recycled pop bottles

They're no longer returnable — but the pop bottles that come with Cadillac Eldorados and Sevilles and the soon-to-come 1993 Brougham offer a value that can't be measured in "return for deposit."

"We incorporated 30 post-consumer recycled pop bottles into the headliner substrate of Eldorado and Seville for 1992 and will carry that over to the 1993 models. The new Brougham will contain 38 recycled bottles," reports Terry Cullum, of the Material Engineering Staff in Vehicle Engineering.

The two-liter plastic bottles are melted down to a substance called polyethylene terephthalate (i.e., polyester) and the liquid injected into the mold used to make a headliner, he explains.

Cullum says the pop bottle recycling is an example of several short

term strategies that are being incorporated into the material selection process. These strategies include material substitution on current parts to utilize more recycled materials, materials deproliferation to reduce the number of material types used which will enable more efficient recycling of the product, and new parts to be identified with a new standard that will improve the recyclability of the part.

Long term, Cullum says another environmental-friendly strategy involves the process used to select materials for future vehicles. Cadillac is involved in a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with the U.S. government in a program that involves the development of a knowledge-based system for material selection.

## Headliners: environmentally-friendly

"The purpose of the system is to provide the engineering community with a material selection tool that will seek harmony between materials and processes, car attributes and the environment," he adds. The system will also address the environmental impact of material selections from cradle to grave, involving such elements as energy, toxicity, pollutants, waste minimization, mass, life cycle costs and end of primary life cycle disposition.

"Cadillac is providing a leadership role in this effort and will pilot the knowledge-based system for General Motors," Cullum says.





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10AM - 5PM

FIRST ANNUAL

# **Bucks County Automobile Show of antique and collectible vehicles**

presented by CHURCHVILLE NATURE CENTER  
and

BUCKS COUNTY DEPARTMENT of PARKS and RECREATION

to be held at Core Creek Park, Langhorne PA

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- 24 Classes of Automobiles on Display
- Automotive & Crafts FleaMarkets
- Children's Activities
- Food Vendors
- Hayrides
- Music

**GENERAL ADMISSION:**

ADULT  
**\$5.00**

CHILDREN UNDER 12 - FREE  
PARKING - FREE

for more information, contact  
CHURCHVILLE NATURE CENTER  
215/357-4005



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Cars to be judged by the participants of the following classes:

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|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. AACA Seniors        | 7. Production 1960-69 | 13. Corvette 1953-62        | 19. Commercial Vehicles   |
| 2. Original/Unrestored | 8. Model 'A' 1928-29  | 14. Corvette 1963-67        | 20. Professional Vehicles |
| 3. Production to 1929  | 9. Model 'A' 1930-31  | 15. Camaro/Firebird 1967-69 | 21. Fire Trucks/Military  |
| 4. Production 1930-39  | 10. T-Bird 1955-57    | 16. Sports/Imports          | 22. Farm Equipment        |
| 5. Production 1940-49  | 11. Mustang 1965-69   | 17. Street Rods             | 23. Stationary Engines    |
| 6. Production 1950-59  | 12. Chevrolet 1955-57 | 18. Motorcycles             | 24. Special Interest      |



First, Second & Third, each class, awarded Mercer Tiles at 4:00 pm

All cars to be in place by 11:00 am

Dash plaques for first 100 cars registered

**FOOD \* MUSIC \* ENTERTAINMENT \* CHILDRENS AREA \* HAYRIDES**

*All proceeds to benefit Churchville Nature Center and Bucks County Department of Recreation*

Automobile Registration: \$10/gate, \$8/advance by deadline below

Mail registration form (one per entry) by July 17, 1993, to:

Churchville Nature Center

501 Churchville Lane, Churchville, PA 18966

(Please duplicate for additional cars)

FOR MORE INFO:  
 (215) 357-4005

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB AFFILIATION \_\_\_\_\_

CAR REGISTRATION \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ REGISTRATION FEE \_\_\_\_\_

AUTO FLEAMARKET SPACE ( 10' each, \$10 ) \_\_\_\_\_

CRAFT FLEAMARKET SPACE ( 10' each, \$10 ) \_\_\_\_\_

# S&S Crash Test

*At over 30.5 miles per hour, the coach was propelled into a solid, steel reinforced concrete wall. Both driver's and passenger's air bags deployed perfectly.*

**C**ompany officials at S&S/ Superior of Ohio, Inc., announced that they have crash tested a full size, 1993 Cadillac commercial glass funeral coach, and passed with flying colors.

Ron Benedict, Vice President of Operations at S&S/Superior, noted that "As the recognized leader of the professional vehicle industry, we believe that it is mandatory to prove that our vehicles are not only built to last, but they're safe to own and operate as well."

Superior Coaches and S&S Coach Company took one of their largest 1993 Cadillac funeral coaches to TRC, an

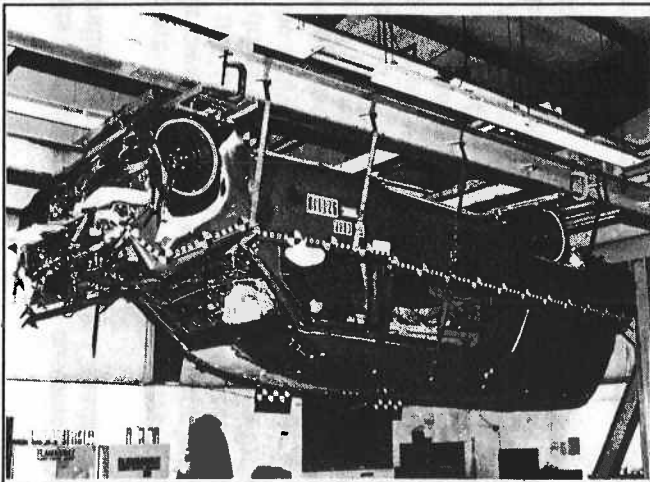
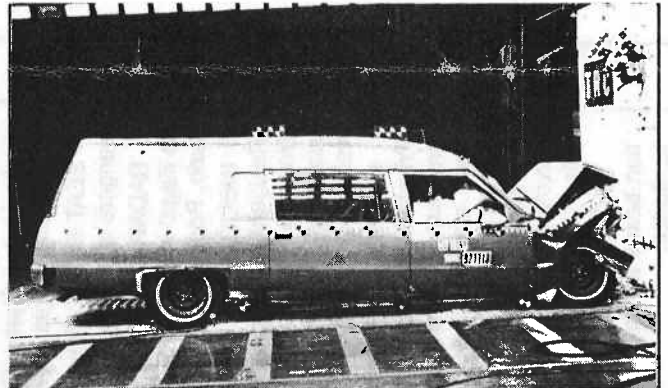
independent test facility located in Ohio, for a two-part destructive crash test. The vehicle was a true commercial glass production model which S&S and Superior constructed on a 1993 Cadillac Fleetwood chassis. The rear compartment was weighted down to simulate the weight of an oversize casket while the front compartment contained two high-tech crash dummies.

At over 30.5 miles per hour, the coach was propelled into a solid, steel reinforced concrete wall. Both driver's and passenger's air bags deployed perfectly. The actual head injury stress loads experienced by the two crash dummies were only about one-third of allowable levels. The coach was rotated 90, 180, 270, and 360 degrees to verify the fuel tank integrity. At the end of the first day of testing, Superior and S&S had demonstrated com-

plete compliance with all safety standards. But that was only one half of the test.

On the second day, TRC conducted the rear impact test. A 1.5 ton steel sled was slammed into the back of the coach at over 30.5 miles an hour. Once again, the hearse was rotated to check for fuel leakage. Even though the coach experienced devastating front and rear impacts, all U.S. and Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards were met or exceeded.

This test was 100% funded and conducted by S&S and Superior alone, said Don Cuzzocrea, President and CEO. "No competitor, to our knowledge, has crash tested one of their funeral coaches. S&S/Superior is totally dedicated to meeting or exceeding all U.S. and Canadian safety standards. Our company has the engineering expertise, manufacturing know-how and financial strength to prove our cars are built or correctly", said Cuzzocrea.



Cuzzocrea continued to say that vehicle safety should be a critical issue when a professional buys a coach or limousine. "Hopefully they won't need it, but it's there should emergency arise. In addition to safety, our crash testing program also proves that the extra time and money we put into our exceptional structure will furnish our customers with a car that lasts longer and provides better service and resale value than any of our competitor's models", concluded Cuzzocrea.

For more information, contact Mike McKiernan at (419) 222-1501 or (419) 224-3910. □

## BORDER INFORMATION

### ENTERING CANADA AND RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES

**PASSPORTS** to enter Canada or return to the United States are NOT required of U.S. citizens. However, proof of citizenship must be carried; a birth, baptismal or voter's certificate will usually suffice. Proof of residence also may be required. Naturalized citizens should carry naturalization papers, and U.S. resident aliens must have an Alien Registration Receipt Card. Minors (under age 18) traveling without their parents—i.e., alone or with friends or relatives—must, in addition to having proof of citizenship, present a notarized letter of consent signed by both parents or guardians. If Canadian Customs has been advised that a divorced or separated parent is attempting to cross the border with a minor, he or she may be stopped unless having written permission to do so by the absent parent.

**THE CANADIAN GST:** Effective January 1, 1991, Canada established a 7 percent Goods and Services Tax (GST) levied on most items sold and most services rendered.

However, non-Canadians may apply for a GST rebate on many items, including short-term accommodations. The minimum rebate claim allowed is for \$7 of GST.

Purchased items on which the GST is not refundable include restaurant charges and meals, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, camping and trailer park fees, automobile fuel and certain services such as dry cleaning.

Brochures further explaining the GST and containing a rebate form are available in Canada at land border and airport Duty Free shops, Tourist Information Centers, Customs Offices and at many hotels.

For more information write:

**Revenue Canada, Customs and Excise  
Visitors' Rebate Program  
Ottawa, Canada KIA 1J5**

You may obtain information toll-free in Canada by phoning (800) 66VIST. Outside Canada, phone (613) 991-3346.

### CANADIAN CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

**VEHICLES**, including trailers not exceeding 2.75 metres (9 ft.) in width, entering Canada for touring are generally subject to quick and routine entry procedures. You may not leave or store a car, trailer or other goods in Canada while you leave the country without either paying import duty and taxes or presenting the necessary permit to leave the items in Canada. This

and any other required permits are issued by Canadian customs officials at the point of entry. Vacation trailers may not be stored in Canada during the off-season.

Vehicle registration cards are necessary for Canadian travel. If you're driving a car other than your own, you must get written permission from the owner for use of the car in Canada. A copy of the contract is required for rented cars. A valid U.S. driver's license is valid in Canada for varying periods of time as ruled by the individual provinces and territories.

If you're planning on driving in Canada, you must obtain a Canadian Non-Resident Inter-Province Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Card from your insurance company. The card is proof of financial responsibility in accordance with the minimum amount required in every province and territory of Canada. Additional short-term coverage, such as a trip accident policy, is recommended. Evidence of financial responsibility is required at all times. The penalties for not producing such evidence vary by province and territory and can result in complicated, costly and time-consuming problems if you're unprepared.

### WHEN YOU TRAVEL IN CANADA

AAA-affiliated motor clubs form the Canadian Automobile Association, with its national office at 1775 Courtwood Crescent, Ottawa, ON, Canada K2C 3J2. CAA clubs provide the same services for AAA members as do the AAA clubs in the United States. Establishments displaying the Official Appointment sign have met the rigid inspection requirements of the two associations.

**SEAT BELTS:** The use of seat belts by vehicle drivers and front-seat passengers is required in all provinces, Northwest Territories and Yukon Territory.

**RADAR DETECTORS:** The possession and use of radar detection devices is illegal in Manitoba, Newfoundland, Northwest Territories, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Québec and Yukon Territory.

**INSURANCE:** Driving your car into Canada? Obtain a Canadian Non-Resident Interprovince Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance Identification Card from your automobile insurance agent. The card certifies that you carry statutory minimum liability requirements while driving in Canada. If renting a vehicle, check with the rental car company.

**CURRENCY:** All prices and admission fees quoted are in Canadian dollars. Private establishments are under no obligation to accept, convert or pay a premium on currency of other countries. It is to your financial advantage to use Canadian currency when traveling in Canada. The only means of obtaining the official exchange rate is to change U.S. funds at a bank or purchase travelers checks in Canadian currency. If you plan on carrying cash instead of travelers checks, be aware that some Canadian banks will not accept U.S. bills in large denominations for exchange.

**PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS:** Check the Fast Facts or For Your Information boxes for any additional regulations imposed by individual provinces or territories.

**PERSONAL BAGGAGE** is admissible into Canada on a temporary basis without payment of duties and taxes; *however*, a refundable security deposit may be required by customs at the time of entry. Deposits are not normally required when visits are made for health or pleasure purposes, provided all items are to be exported at the conclusion of your trip.

Personal baggage that may be taken into Canada on a duty- and tax-free basis includes wearing apparel and personal effects, sporting goods, automobiles, vessels, aircraft, snowmobiles, cameras, food products and other items that are considered appropriate for the purpose and duration of your visit. Tobacco products are limited per person to 50 cigars, 200 cigarettes and 400 grams (14 oz.) of tobacco. Alcoholic beverages are limited to 1.1 litres (40 oz.) of liquor or wine or 8.5 litres (300 oz.) of beer or ale (equivalent to 24 bottles/cans). Generally, a minimum stay of 24 hours is required to transport any liquor or tobacco into Canada.

All articles above allowable quantities are subject to federal duty and taxes, as well as provincial liquor fees. Provincial fees can be paid at customs at the time of entry in all provinces and the Yukon Territory (Northwest Territories excepted) for quantities up to 9 litres (2 gal.). The minimum legal age for the importation of alcoholic beverages is 18 or 19 years, depending on the province or territory; the minimum legal age for the importation of tobacco and related products is 16.

Articles purchased at Canadian duty-free shops are subject to U.S. customs exemptions and restrictions; those purchased at U.S. duty-free shops before entering Canada are subject to duty if brought back into the United States.

**GIFTS**, excluding tobacco, alcoholic beverages and advertising matter, taken into or mailed to Canada are allowed free entry if the value of the gift does not exceed \$60 (Canadian currency). Gifts valued at more than \$60 are subject to the regular duty and taxes on the excess amount.

**FIREARMS** are regulated by classification. All firearms must be declared upon entry into Canada. *Prohibited* (may not enter Canada): handguns; weapons with no legitimate tourist use, including weapons that discharge tear gas, mace or other gas; fully automatic firearms; and those adapted from rifles or shotguns so the barrel is less than 46 centimetres (18 in.) long or the overall length is less than 66 centimetres (26 in.). *Restricted* (admitted only after securing in advance a permit from a Canadian local registrar of firearms; such permits are seldom issued): semiautomatic weapons that have a barrel less than 47 centimetres (18½ in.) and that discharge center-fire ammunition, and those that can be fired when reduced to less than 66 centimetres (26 in.) in length. If you plan on bringing a restricted weapon into Alaska, you must have it shipped direct by a commercial carrier. *Long guns* (admissible without a permit, provided you're at least 16 years old and the gun is to be used for hunting or in a recognized marksmanship competition): guns described by the manufacturer as regular hunting rifles or shotguns. Hunters may bring in, duty free, 200 rounds of ammunition;

participants in a competition, 1,500 rounds. Firearms may not be carried into Canada's national parks unless they're dismantled (barrel separated from stock) or encased so that no part of the gun is exposed.

In addition to these federal stipulations, most provinces and territories have their own laws regulating the transportation of firearms through their area, usually in connection with their hunting regulations. Check the Fast Facts or For Your Information boxes for special regulations and the address of the agency to query.

**CITIZENS BAND** radios and other amateur radiocommunications systems may be temporarily operated in Canada without a registration permit provided they're properly licensed and the operator is certified according to U.S. requirements.

**DOGS AND CATS** must be accompanied by a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian that clearly describes the animal and declares that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies within the past 36 months. The certificate also is needed for a dog's re-entry into the United States; be sure the vaccination does not expire while traveling in Canada. "Seeing Eye" dogs are exempt from these rules, as are puppies and kittens under the age of 3 months provided they are healthy at the time of importation. Newfoundland requires an entry permit for dogs and cats (*see For Your Information box*).

**PLANT MATERIAL**, except house plants, must be declared and will be inspected before being admitted into Canada. If you wish to take in plants or plant material, you must obtain an import permit from Agriculture Canada as well as a state or federal phytosanitary certificate obtained from the plant health authority of origin. Fresh fruits and vegetables not grown in Canada, such as citrus fruits, avocados, pomegranates, mangoes, paw paws and other tropical and subtropical items, may be imported into Canada in unlimited quantities. While no documentation is required, these fruits and vegetables may be inspected at the time of entry by a plant health inspector. Fresh fruit and vegetables commonly grown in Canada may be refused entry, depending on the origin and destination of the commodity. Visitors should obtain details on specific import requirements from plant health authorities in their own state. For further information contact the nearest office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, or write the Permit Office, Plant Protection Division, Agriculture Canada, Ottawa, ON, Canada K1A 0C6.

**EMPLOYMENT OF VISITORS** and other non-immigrants in Canada is not permitted without employment authorization prior to entry into Canada. Permits authorizing paid employment at a specified job for a specified period of time must be obtained from the Canadian Department of Manpower and Immigration. You'll be denied entry into Canada if you intend to finance your visit by seeking a paying job.

## U.S. CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

EXEMPTIONS granted to returning residents of the United States include a \$400 exemption, if not used within the prior 30 days, for residents who have been in Canada *no less than 48 hours*. The exemptions are based on retail value and apply to articles acquired for personal or household use or as gifts but *not intended for sale*. Exemptions for a family may be combined; thus, a family of six would be entitled to a duty-free \$2,400 exemption on one declaration, even if the articles declared by one member of the family exceeded that individual's \$400 exemption. Sales slips should be kept; they are proof of retail value. All articles for which the \$400 exemption is claimed must accompany you at the time of return.

You may send bona fide gifts to friends and relatives in the United States free of duty and taxes provided the retail value of any one gift is no more than \$50 and no more than one gift per day is received by any one recipient. Tobacco products, alcoholic beverages and perfume containing alcohol valued at more than \$5 retail are excluded from this provision. The package containing the gift must be marked "Unsolicited Gift," with the contents and retail value indicated on the outside. These gifts are not included in your \$400 exemption and are not to be declared upon your return to the United States.

If you're entitled to the \$400 exemption, you may include 100 cigars and 200 cigarettes duty free. Cigarettes may be subject to state or local tax. Persons 21 years of age or over may include liquor to the amount of 1 litre per person in their \$400 residents' exemption from duty and tax. In all cases, state liquor laws are enforced by customs.

If you've been in Canada for *less than 48 hours*, you may bring back merchandise valued at \$25 or less, duty and tax free. Such an exemption must not include more than 50 cigarettes, 10 cigars, 150 millilitres of alcoholic beverage or 150 millilitres of perfume containing alcohol. If any article brought back is subject to duty or tax or if the total value of all articles exceeds \$25, no article may be exempted from duty or tax. Members of a family unit may not combine the value of their purchases under this exemption. All goods must be declared.

**CERTAIN ARTICLES** considered injurious or detrimental to the general welfare of the United States are *prohibited* entry by law. Among these are such items as narcotics and dangerous drugs, obscene articles and publications, lottery tickets, switchblade knives, and absinthe and liquor-filled candies where prohibited by state laws.

Endangered species of plants and wildlife, or products made of any part of such species, are prohibited. If you're considering the purchase or import of fur, animal skins other than leather or any product manufactured wholly or in part from wildlife, write to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240 for additional information.

**RESTRICTED ITEMS** often require special licenses or controls. While some agricultural products of Canadian origin (fruit, plants with phytosanitary certificates, meats, etc.) may be brought into the United States, many are restricted to prevent the introduction of plant and animal pests and diseases into this country. All must be declared to customs officials at the U.S. border. For specific information, write for the free booklet "Traveler's Tips," available in English, Spanish, Italian or Japanese from APHIS, Department of Agriculture, 6505 Belcrest Rd., Hyattsville, MD 20782.

If you're planning on transporting more than \$10,000 in currency or negotiable instruments such as travelers checks into or out of the United States, you must file a report at a U.S. port of entry.

If you require medicines containing narcotics or habit-forming drugs, including cough and headache remedies, you should have them *properly* identified and carry only such quantities as might normally be needed for a health problem. You should carry proof, either in prescription form or as a written statement from your physician, that the medicines are being used under a doctor's direction and are necessary for your well-being.

Other restricted items include imported automobiles; cultural treasures, art or artifacts; merchandise originating in North Korea, Vietnam, Cambodia, Libya, Iran, Iraq, Haiti or Cuba (and all goods containing Cuban components); certain trademarked foreign-made articles; and wildlife and fish. Additional helpful leaflets, "Trademark Information for Travelers" and "Pets, Wildlife and U.S. Customs," are available by writing U.S. Customs, P.O. Box 7407, Washington, DC 20044.

## NATIONAL PARK ENTRANCE FEES

Visitors to Canadian national parks that collect entrance fees can buy a daily or annual permit. The annual permit, costing \$25 for 1 fiscal year, admits the private vehicle and all occupants to all national parks. The daily permit fee varies by park but averages \$4 and is valid only on the date of purchase; a permit fee valid for 4 days varies by park but averages \$9. All permits allow unlimited re-entry during their periods of validity. Canadian citizens age 65 and over can obtain free annual permits upon presentation of proof of age and motor vehicle registration at any park entrance where fees are collected.





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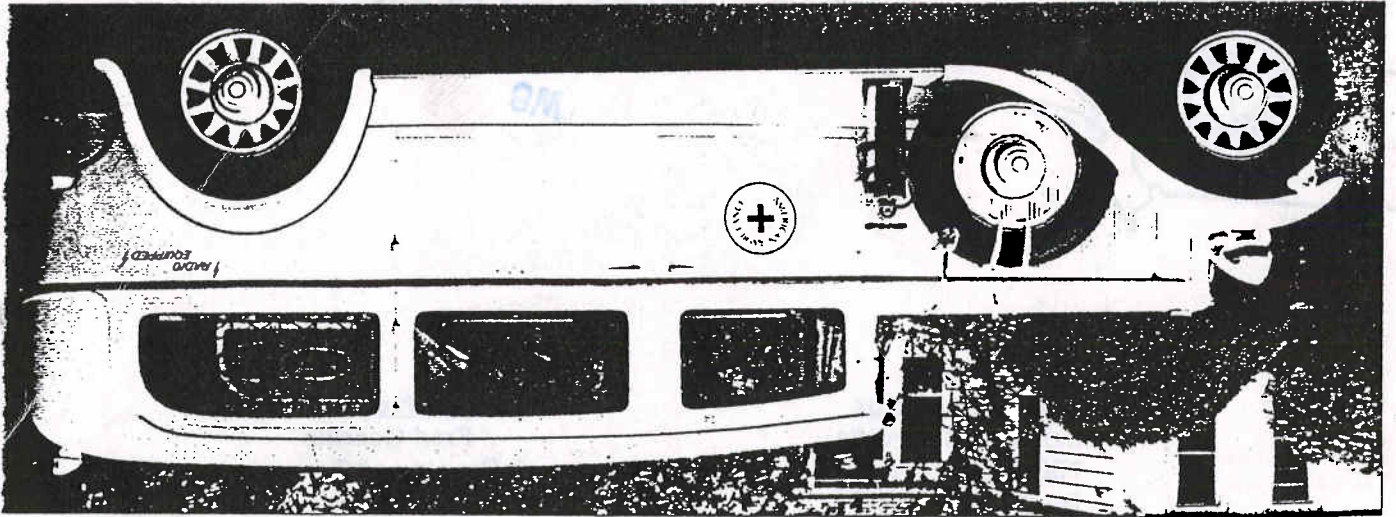
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The Northeast Chapter of the Professional Car Society operates under a charter granted by the Society's Board on August 19, 1986. The Chapter serves PCS members in New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania. Subscription to this newsletter is by membership in the Chapter through the Membership Director listed above. Membership in the Professional Car Society, Incorporated, is a prerequisite to membership in any of its chapters.

Pictured above is a 1932 Nash-Miller custom-built ambulance owned by Robert J. Cosgrove of Istip, New York a member of the Northeast Chapter.



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