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ON OUR COVER – Our 2001 International Meet, hosted by Kenneth and Valerie Howe in Lebanon, Missouri in mid-August, marked yet another milestone in the history of The Professional Car Society. The 2001 meet was our 25th. The first such gathering of PCS members and their vehicles was held in Cincinnati, Ohio in July, 1977 just over a year after the PCS was founded. This year's meet was the *second* PCS International hosted by Ken and Valerie, who brought us to Lebanon for the first time in 1992. Our "Silver Anniversary" International Meet was different for another reason: it marked the first time we held our professional car show *indoors*. For once we didn't have to worry about rain on show day, and the air-conditioned Kenneth E. Cowan Civic Center provided cars and owners with welcome respite from the wilting 100-degree heat outside.

This year's International Meet Report was written by Maryland member Steve Lichtmann who also provided most of the meet photos – including the two on our cover, which were taken from the mezzanine level of the Civic Center. We're indebted to Steve for taking on this dual responsibility for us. Steve has faithfully provided us with excellent photos of the cars at previous meets, but this year he's supplied the verbiage, too. Thanks, too, to two other PCS members – Bob Collier (OH) and Tony Karsnia (MN) -- who also sent in International Meet photos.

PCS publicity chief Gregg Merksamer couldn't make it to Lebanon, but Gregg *did* attend the Cadillac-LaSalle Club's Valley Forge Region Fall Meet in Lahaska, Pa. in late September. Andy Toton – an active member of both clubs -- rounded up no less than 17 professional cars for this big regional meet. Gregg's report nicely complements our International Meet coverage in this issue.

BACK COVER – The world forever changed in the wake of the devastating attacks of September 11. We thought Steve Lichtman's fine photo of Dennis Lloyd's 1959 Superior-Cadillac Royale Landaulet, with the Stars and Stripes waving in the background, would make an appropriate tribute to the many who were lost in the attacks. Undoubtedly, no such horrific thoughts were in Steve's mind when he composed this picture during the official photo shoot following the car show in Lebanon. *God Bless America.*