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Editor's Note – Just as we were preparing to send this issue off to the printer we received word that *The Professional Car* has garnered yet *another* Golden Quill Award for excellence in national club publications from the publishers of *Old Cars Weekly*. This brings to about a dozen the number of "Quills" this magazine has received over the years. But we were *doubly delighted* to learn *The Criterion*, the PCS Northeast Chapter's excellent newsletter, *also* won a Golden Quill, the first awarded to a regional newsletter rather than the parent club's magazine. A tip of the PCS stovepipe hat to Gregg Merksamer and Ted Collins for this great honor.

Front And Back Cover Photos – Those who attended the Society's 2002 International Meet in Grand Rapids, Michigan will remember this beauty, one of several outstanding classic professional cars member Rance Bennett rounded up for our big meet. This stunning **1930 Meteor Ambulance** is owned by the Pray Funeral Home of Hastings, Michigan which also owned the 1938 Meteor LaSalle carved hearse shown at Grand Rapids. The 1930 Meteor straight ambulance is a fine example of the "assembled" cars that were still being made in the early '30s by Meteor, Henney and Sayers & Scovill. By 1938, all had switched over to commercial chassis and front-end sheet metal purchased from Cadillac, LaSalle, Packard and Buick. Cover photos taken by Editor Walt McCall.

Inside Back Cover – PCS Membership Director Dave Petke sent in this neat photo of a 1946-48 Chrysler Sedan Ambulance. The location is unknown, but the nameplate on the cot reads "*Frederick Service*". Sedan ambulances were widely used from the 'teens through the 1950s. Conversions of eight-passenger sedans, these dual-purpose cars transported pallbearers or mourners during the day and did removals or answered ambulance calls after hours. Modifications included removal of the right side center door post and cutting the right front seat so it could be taken out to permit the vehicle to carry an ambulance cot or wicker removal basket.