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COVER PHOTO: For the first time in many years, this year's *International Meet Issue* of *The Professional Car* was published in the Third Quarter, immediately following the big event held in Burbank, California July 10-14. Because it used to take so long to gather all the material, photos etc. from various sources all over the country, the Meet Issue has traditionally been our final (Fourth Quarter) issue of the year. Thanks largely to the wonder of digital technology, we were actually able to advance this issue one whole quarter, to make the International Meet issue much more timely, and current.

PCS member Michael Hennessey of Mission Hills, California brought no fewer than *five* cars to the Burbank International – the first one ever held out on the West Coast. His one-man professional car show included *four* Flexible Buicks, three standard-wheelbase *Fixettes* and one of only two long-wheelbase Buick Electra limousines built by the Flexible Company of Loudonville, Ohio. Our first-ever "wraparound" cover depicts all four, left to right: a 1962 Electra limousine; a 1964 Fixette landau funeral coach; a 1964 Fixette limousine combination hearse/ambulance; and a glistening white 1953 Fixette landau hearse. Michael's fifth car was a 1988 Eureka Chevrolet Regence landau funeral coach. He had no trouble finding volunteers to move his fleet from the Holiday Inn to Johnny Carson Park for the show on Saturday. President Brady Smith set up our cover shot and took the panoramic photo. Again, we're indebted to all who made this issue possible. Photos were supplied by *Gregg Merksamer, Steve Lichtman, Brady Smith, Nick Bliss* and your Editor. Steve Lichtman and George Hamlin coordinated the on-site photo shoot, and Steve compiled the list of cars at the show. We simply couldn't *do* the final meet report without Gregg Merksamer's incredibly complete notes. Thanks too to Brian Stahl who did the cover graphics, and to meet host Lou Farah who planned and pulled off *Go West 2007*.

CENTERSTRETCH: Gregg Merksamer and Brady Smith climbed atop Kevin O'Connell's ex-Los Angeles County Fire Department 1965 *Crown Firecoach* Pumper to capture this view of the 2007 International Meet Show Field.