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**COVER PHOTO** – One of the “star cars” at the 2014 PCS International Meet in Milwaukee was Belvidere, Illinois PCS member Bruce Biancalana’s 1970 Miller-Meteor Cadillac Ambulance, one of three 1970 M/M Volunteer hightops at the show. But Bruce’s car in its distinctive black-over-red Chicago Fire Department livery was a stand out among standouts. Our cover photo was taken by Doug Mitchel, of Doug Mitchel Photography and Writing, Palatine, Ill.

**CENTERSTRETCH** – Bruce took this great photo of his 1970 M-M in front of a Chicago firehouse.

**BACK COVER PHOTO** – Doug Mitchel took this nice rear view of Bruce’s 1970 ambulance, which was the subject of a photo feature in the April 2015 issue of *Collectible Automobile*.

**FROM THE EDITOR** – As you’ve no doubt noticed, the content of The Professional Car varies from issue to issue. One issue may be mostly about funeral cars, while the next one has its focus on ambulances. Whenever possible we strive to strike a balance between hearses, ambulances and limousines. This isn’t always easy to do: we have to work with the material we have on hand and ready for publication. This issue is heavily weighted toward ambulances. The core feature is a pictorial history of the passenger car-type ambulances the Chicago Fire Department has used over the years -- nearly 100 in all. The C.F.D. got its last Cadillac ambulances in 1973 before switching to less glamorous but far more practical van and modular-type units. We’re indebted to fellow fire apparatus buff Jack Connors, who provided most of the photos from his huge personal collection.

**COMING UP** – Another of our “dedicated issues”, this one devoted to the 1948-1950 Henney Packards. If you enjoyed Contributing Editor Tom McPherson’s similar issues on the Henney Junior and the 1951-1954 Henney Packards, you’ll going to love this one. Watch for it.

– Walt McCall