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FRONT AND BACK COVER PHOTOS – The main feature in this issue is Tom McPherson's in-depth history of Superior's 1957 and 1958 professional cars. That was the year the Superior Coach Corporation of Lima, Ohio emerged as the industry's styling leader. The car on our cover is a 1957 Superior Cadillac landaulet funeral coach once owned by Merrillville, Indiana PCS member Tim Fantin, who provided the photos.

CENTERSTRETCH – The Oolman Funeral Home of Orange City, Iowa is the proud owner of this beautifully restored 1958 Superior Cadillac side-servicing landaulet funeral coach. We're grateful to PCS member Chad Oolman for this gorgeous photo. We plan to feature this car as an Owner's Pride subject in an upcoming issue.

EDITOR'S NOTE – With this issue we wrap up our second year of publishing six issues of *The Professional Car* annually. In terms of workload it's been no easier the second time around: the deadlines are just as relentless and the pressure to get *TPC* out on time is a constant battle with the calendar, as Publications Chair Brady Smith will attest. But we're proud of what we accomplished in 2015. We thought the Pierce-Arrow professional car and sedan ambulance issues were standouts, and we're delighted that *Old Cars Weekly* saw fit to recognize the quality of our club magazine with yet another Golden Quill Award. The editorial content that is the core of this publication is exemplified by the continuing flow of comprehensive, extremely well-illustrated historical features by Contributing Editor Tom McPherson, for which we're truly grateful. At the same time, of course, we solicit and welcome articles and photos from our members. Coming up: Tom's history of the 1961 Flixible Buicks and standard-wheelbase professional cars.

– Walt McCall, Editor