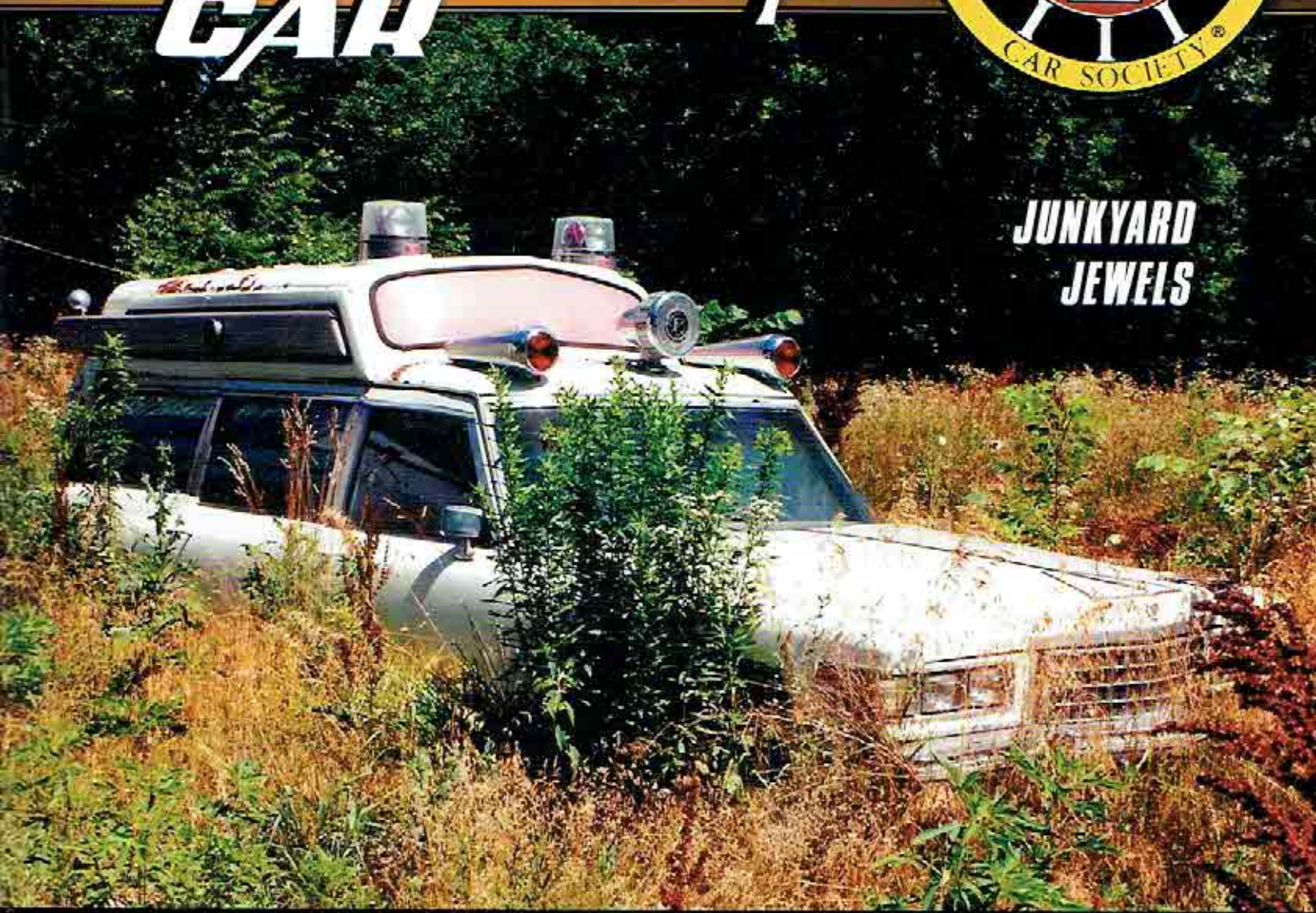


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COVER PHOTO – Steve Loftin took this fetching photo of a 1976 S&S Cadillac Professional High-body ambulance reposing in tall grass at the late Gene Knisely's property near Smithville, Missouri.

CENTERSTRETCH – Steve also photographed this row of decaying old funeral cars and ambulances, their tarnished grilles resembling grinning skulls, at an auto wrecking and salvage yard in Grain Valley, Missouri.

BACK COVER – Pennsylvania member Chuck Snyder sent us this photo of a well-weathered 1951 Superior Cadillac lowtop ambulance many years ago. Glad we were able to finally use it.

EDITOR'S MESSAGE – The cover of this issue may come as a shock to PCS members who are used to finding a pristine restored or original vintage ambulance, funeral coach, combination, or limousine on our front page. Let us explain. For many years -- before there even was a Professional Car Society -- we regularly traded hearse, ambulance, and fire apparatus photos with a pen pal named Steve Loftin who lived in distant Tulsa, Oklahoma. Among the neat color photos Steve sent us were many of old professional cars he found in junkyards. Despite their poor shape, Steve saw dignity and even beauty in these rusting relics, which sometimes included unusual or rare finds -- like the odd flower or service car. After I became Editor of The Professional Car, I told Steve his junkyard shots might make an interesting photo feature in a future issue. Years passed, and Steve's photos languished in my story-idea file. Steve kept asking, and I kept promising ...someday. The time has come to make good on that promise, so here it is -- our Junkyard Jewels issue. While most of the photos for this story were taken by Steve, we also threw in a few from other PCS members -- Tom Hoczyk, John Ehmer, and Chuck Snyder. Thanks to all of you for your contributions.

COMING UP IN OUR NEXT ISSUE – a full report on the 2020 PCS Micro-Meet held in Flint, Michigan in late February. Watch for it.

– Walt McCall