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**COVER PHOTO** – From Associate Editor Tom McPherson's vast collection comes this great photo of one of the 1956 Hess & Eisenhardt Cadillac Sky View sightseeing coaches custom-built for the upscale Broadmoor Resort Hotel near Colorado Springs, Colorado. There's some question as to how many of the '56s were actually made: we know for certain there were six 1955s and an equal number of the Superior-built '59s. Some sources say there were just two H&E '56s. Regardless of the number, these cars were real eye-catchers in their distinctive Mandan Red/Pecos Beige color scheme.

**CENTERSTRETCH** – Superior Coach designed and built six 1959 Skyviews for the Broadmoor Hotel's sightseeing fleet, all six of which survive today. Sandusky, Ohio Cadillac collector Robert Waldock has exhibited his beautifully restored '59 Superior Skyview at several classic-car concours events. It's believed this photo from Tom's collection was taken at the Gilmore Museum near Kalamazoo, Michigan.

**BACK COVER** – A three-quarter rear view of one of the 1956 H&E Sky Views, also from Tom's collection. The '56s had fender skirts, whereas the '55s did not.

**EDITOR'S NOTE** – On Page 3 of this issue, you will find a tribute to PCS Past President Tony Karsnia, who was so tragically taken from us in early November. Compounding this irreparable loss, there were two other deaths around the same time: Motor Cities Chapter Vice-President Sandy Roegner, who passed away October 27, and well-known California used-funeral-coach dealer Doug Scott. Inasmuch as we simply ran out of space in this issue, we will have appropriate photographic tributes on both of these individuals in our next issue. On a more pleasant note, most of the photographic content in this issue comes from Contributing Editor Tom McPherson's huge collection – not only for our lead story on the Broadmoor sightseeing cars but also Tom's separate stories on the Hess & Eisenhardt Company's little-known 1946-48 Airport Ground Transportation coaches, and the passenger cars and big pallbearers coaches Sayers & Scovill built in the 'teens and 1920s. Again, we can't thank Tom enough for his generosity in sharing these photographic treasures with us. Thanks, too, to Ted Kalinowski and Gregg Merksamer for their interest and support on the Skyviews story.

**COMING UP IN OUR NEXT ISSUE** – A photographic history of the postwar 1946-47-48 Cadillac funeral cars and ambulances. In the meantime, stay safe!

– Walt McCall, Editor