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**COVER PHOTO** – The big winner at our 2022 International Meet in Sturbridge, Mass. was Flint, Michigan member and PCS Past President Brady Smith’s 1959 Superior Cadillac Crown Royale Landaulet end-loading funeral coach. A participant at many previous PCS shows and events, Brady’s high-finned, sable black Superior garnered all four of the show’s top awards – Best of Show at our annual Concours d’Elegance; Best of Show honors at our show at mega-hearse dealer Parks Superior on Thursday; and the Cadillac & LaSalle Club award and Funeral Directors Choice at the Saturday meet. Gregg Merksamer took our evocative cover photo of Brady and his coach at the ca. 1740 Old Burial Ground cemetery in Sturbridge.

**CENTERSTRETCH** – Showtime at Sturbridge! Multiple panoramic views of the cars at the 2022 meet’s main event on Saturday on the grounds of the historic 1771 Georgian style Publick House in Sturbridge.

**BACK COVER** – The oldest vehicle at the Sturbridge meet was Ted and Angeline Collins’ stunning 1930 Sayers & Scovill Washington limousine-style hearse. Ultra-conservative Sayers & Scovill of Cincinnati used double rear doors on their premium-grade hearses from its beginnings in 1876 through the early 1930s. Note the S&S Washington’s distinctive elongated rear side windows.

**EDITOR’S MESSAGE** – It is with much pleasure and pride we present herewith our annual International Meet Review issue. Once again, the principal feature in this issue of *The Professional Car* is a review, in words and photos, of the Professional Car Society’s 45th International Meet held in Sturbridge, Mass. from June 27 through July 3. And once again, our lead story is the handiwork of a single individual. PCS Publicity Chair Gregg Merksamer not only provided the meticulous day-by-day chronicle of our 2022 meet, he also took virtually all of the photos to illustrate it, including both covers and the centerstretch. Gregg provided Brady Smith and me with voluminous, incredibly detailed notes on every minute of the event, from his arrival on-site on Monday through the parking lot lights-and-sirens meet closer on Saturday night. Without Gregg’s notes and photos this would be a much thinner issue. We simply can’t thank him enough for all he does.

**COMING UP:** a photo feature on the 1949 Cadillac professional cars and an overview of the regal hearses and limousines used at the recent state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II.

– Walt McCall, Editor