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**COVER PHOTOS** – Joe Puleo's awesome 1959 S&S Cadillac *Professional* ambulance took home a load of hardware from the Morgantown meet. Not only did the superbly restored, big white-over-red emergency room on wheels drive away with Best-Of-Show honors, it was also selected by the EMS folks present as winner of the Daniel McCann Medics Choice award, and also received the coveted Cadillac & LaSalle Club Award. Our front cover photo was taken by Steven B. Loftin. The rear-profile photo on our back cover was taken by Fred Goerlitz.

**CENTERSTRETCH** – Regular contributor Steven B. Loftin also captured the three images which make up our centerstretch in this issue, and which portray the unique 2023 PCS International Meet show field inside Classic Auto Mall in Morgantown, Pennsylvania.

**EDITOR'S MESSAGE** – Over the past few years I had seen a few photos in other publications of what appeared to be a 1959 S&S Cadillac *Professional* ambulance reportedly owned and restored by someone in New Jersey. I was determined to track this exceedingly rare beauty down for a full-blown color feature in *The Professional Car*. I subsequently learned the '59 S&S is owned by Joe Puleo of Wall, New Jersey -- who kindly invited me to come down to his place anytime to see and photograph it. Joe's ultra-rare S&S hightop was scheduled to attend last year's International Meet in Sturbridge, Mass. but for one reason or another didn't make it: with all those eager and willing professional-car photographers on site, a real disappointment for me. Oh well, maybe next year! Imagine my elation, then, when Joe brought his fabulous '59 to our International Meet in Morgantown, Penn. last August. Yes, the sheer number of photos of this dazzling vehicle in this issue may indeed border on overexposure, but honestly now, how often does a car-magazine editor ever get a cover subject of this caliber to work with? Thanks, Joe. Worth waiting for!

– Walt McCall - Editor