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ON OUR COVER - As has been our custom, our final issue of the year is devoted to coverage of the Professional Car Society's biggest event of the year – the International Meet. We are again dispensing with some of our regular features to make more room for International Meet coverage and photos. PCS President Gene Dybinski and his Illini Chapter committee are to be commended for organizing a thoroughly enjoyable event. Windy City Ninety-Eight more than lived up to its advance billing. Except for a sudden shower during the car show on Saturday afternoon, Windy City Ninety-Eight was held in near-perfect summer weather – lots of sunshine but not too hot. The only sad note, as reported elsewhere in this issue, was the death of Texas member Don Alley during the meet.

We want to express our thanks to fellow members who sent in photos for this issue. They include PCS publicity chairman Gregg Merksamer (NY); Steve Lichtman (MD); Tony Karsnia (MN); Dave Bennett (CO) and Ted Kalinowski (ON). We only wish we could have used *all* of the photos they sent in.

Participation in this year's International was almost evenly split between funeral cars and ambulances. Among the latter were no fewer than *four* 1974 Miller-Meteor Cadillac Criterion hightops! Photomeister Tony Karsnia arranged to have all four lined up on the hotel lawn for a group photo with the "Welcome PCS " sign in the background. Our cover photo was taken by Windsor, Ont. member Ted Kalinowski. From left to right, M-M Cadillacs owned by: Barry Caselli, Egg Harbor, N.J.; Jeff Stanton, Blaine, Minn.; Tony Karsnia, St. Paul, Minn., and Leo Maren, Stirling, N.J.

INSIDE BACK COVER - In 1960 a new name – Cotner/Bevington -- was added to the list of American professional car manufacturers. Based in Blytheville, Arkansas, C/B was actually a new name for an established firm, Comet Coach, which sold the Comet name to the Ford Motor Company to use on a new line of 1961 Mercury compact cars. Cotner/Bevington was later acquired by Wayne Corp. and became a lower-priced companion line for Miller-Meteor. Comet and C/B built principally on Oldsmobile chassis. This ad shows a 1961 Cotner/Bevington Oldsmobile Limousine Combination.

BACK COVER - The 1998 PCS International Meet ended with the traditional Sound and Light Show. The sound of more than 40 screaming mechanical and electronic sirens and the glare of myriad flashing and pulsing emergency lights must simply be experienced to be believed. Trust us. Or come to Lancaster, Pa. next August and see (and hear) for yourself!