



# The Professional Car Society, Inc.

## Northeast Chapter

### OUR NORTHEAST CHAPTER HISTORY

New Jersey residents and Professional Car Society members Craig and Roseanne Stewart began exploring the feasibility of organizing a regional chapter of the PCS. It was February, 1986. The PCS membership roster was consulted for a listing of New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania members. Before long, Phil Jast, a New Jersey member, joined and formed a nucleus from which to start.

A copy of the PCS Chapter Manual was used and by May of that year a letter had been drafted and sent to all prospective members residing in the tri-state area. The first meeting of the newly formed Northeast Chapter was held on Sunday June 22, 1986 at the Cranbury, New Jersey home of Mahlon and Bonnie Thompson. Mahlon is a Past President of the Society, having served with distinction from 1980 to 1982.

At that organizational session eleven members arrived in four professional cars and another member brought a unique model toy ambulance collection. Also at this meeting Chapter Constitution and By-Laws were drawn up, elections of officers were held and the Chapter's first newsletter was born. This would evolve into a quarterly publication, being renamed THE CRITERION by the 6th issue in the Spring of 1988. The name was adopted from Superior Coach's styling design of 1957.

The Northeast Chapter petitioned for its charter on May 12, 1986 and lists its Charter Members as Craig and Roseanne Stewart, Phil Jast, Mahlon Thompson and Paul Vickery. At the 10th annual International Meet of the PCS held in Tulsa, OK, the group officially received its Charter dated August 19, 1986. Twenty-one members were listed in the first annual Northeast Roster.

Simultaneously the Thompsons had set into motion the hosting of the 1987 PCS International Meet held in Lambertville, New Jersey in conjunction with the New Hope Auto Show. So in only one year's time the Northeast Chapter hosted its first PCS Meet drawing 49 professional cars from all over the North American Continent. The Chapter was instrumental in forming a Professional Car Class at the New Hope Show.

The Chapter's first public appearance occurred on Sunday Sept. 28th, 1986 with five members entering their vehicles in the annual Englishtown Fall Auto Show. Since then Northeast members have attended various auto shows, parades, flea markets as well as the yearly journey to the PCS International Meet. Our members do quite well in the awards category with several winning prizes each year. The Chapter's ambulance owners were invited to participate in the 37th annual International Fire Buffs Association convention held in New Jersey in July, 1989. Eleven members were present drawing much attention from their fire organization counterparts.

Presently the Northeast roster shows 60 members some of whom have been elected to positions in the national organization.