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## What's Coming Up

**Holiday Party:** Sat, Jan 14, 7:30 pm dinner at Hollyhock Hill, 8110 N College Ave, 251-2294. Net cost per person \$10 plus drinks. \$15-gift exchange to follow. Make reservations and payment ASAP to Craig Rice.

**Next Meeting:** Tues, Feb 21, 6:30 pm, location TBA. No Jan meeting.

**2006 Dues:** Feb 15th deadline. Please send renewal to Craig Rice.

**On the cover:** *Donald Healey on tour, by George!* In early 1953, the first three production 100's were shipped to America for promotion, two for display and a third for a cross country drive by DMH. Appearing in Mar, 1953 at the Sebring race is DMH alongside Mari Hulman (later Mari Hulman George), the daughter of then Indianapolis Speedway owner, Tony Hulman. The Sebring 12-Hours would be the site of a major success a year later, when a 100S prototype driven by Lance Macklin and George Huntoon would be lying second overall late in the race. Sensing a possible win with Stirling Moss' leading OSCA experiencing fading brakes, Macklin pressed hard; but a broken rocker arm forced him to continue on three cylinders, and he finished third overall and 1st in class.

*Photo: Healey, the Specials by Geoffrey Healey*

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**Ohio Valley AHC**  
<http://members.aol.com/ovaustinhealey/>

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[www.ibcu.org](http://www.ibcu.org)

**Dec Meeting Minutes**

**Date and Place:** 10:00 am, Dec 3, 2005 at Ellington's Cafe, Embassy Suites

**Attendees:** Roy Bowman, Ruth Buis, Bill Coan, Jim Frakes, Bruce & Charlene Gilham, Don Goodrich, Bob & Melanie Haskell, John Mann, Jim & Jo Switzer

After a social hour and dinner, Jim Frakes called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Jim welcomed members and guests.

**Nov meeting minutes** – were approved as published in OVERDRIVE.

**Treasurer/Membership** – no report

**Delegates Report** – Jim Switzer provided highlights of the most recent Delegates meeting he and Jo attended on Nov 4-6 and circulated a beautiful poster of the cars associated with Donald Healey, which will be offered for sale by AHCA. He related personnel changes including Reid Trummel as the new *Marque* editor and the Bluegrass' Mike Schneider, to replace Edie Anderson as Membership director. The Aussies with the Australia/USA Healey Challenge presented a report on the series. For 2006, Conclave is scheduled for Akron, OH, June 16-23. Finally, the National has once again held 2006 dues to their current level.

**Election of Officers** - Jim Frakes moved us to consideration of the election of our officers for 2006. The following were nominated and elected by acclamation: Jim Frakes, President; Jo Switzer, Vice President; Jim Switzer, National Delegate; Craig Rice, Treasurer and Membership Chair; and Roy Bowman, Secretary and Editor, *OVERDRIVE*.

**Calendar** – Our XMAS Party was tentatively scheduled for Dec 3, but is rescheduled for Jan 14 at the Hollyhock Hill restaurant. Dinner at 7:30 pm will feature an entree' combination of chicken/shrimp with our usual gift exchange later. The meal cost will be shared by the attendees and the Club. Drink costs will be borne by attendees. Reservations are required.

We adjourned about 10:55 am. No meeting in Jan. Our next meeting is Feb 21.

**Right:** This ad appeared in the Dec, 1959 issue of Sports Cars Illustrated. Source: *Austin Healey and Sprite, A History of Advertising, 1954-1969, a CDROM of the Archives of Advertising.*



The 1951 Museum of Modern Art exhibit, "Eight Automobiles," was the first to honor automobiles as works of art. Among the examples chosen by the curators as the finest designs ever built were the Cord and the Cisitalia 202 coupe, which also became a first-ever auto in the permanent part of the Museum collection. It was developed to whet the sports car racing appetite of the Italians by Piero Dusio, a former soccer player and gentleman race car driver turned industrialist, through his sports equipment enterprise, **Consorzio Industriale Sportiva Italia**, known as *Cisitalia*, after the War.

Of the approximate 170 202's made from 1947-1952, about 60 were cabriolet convertibles with the remainder coupes. They all featured hand-molded aluminum bodies mostly from the famed Italian coachworks of Pinin Farina (which collaborated with Donald Healey on the Nash-Healey) and also Vignale; a subtly lower hood line and driver position; and later, a special one-piece curved windshield.



**Above (L and R):**

This 202 cabriolet can be viewed as part of the collection at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum in Auburn, IN. It was donated to the Museum by the late Indy Car race driver, Scott Brayton.

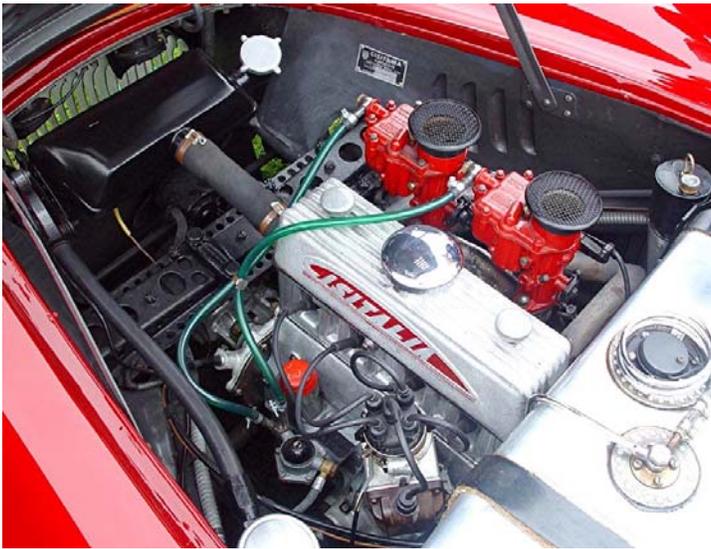


**Left:** A fine example of the Cisitalia 202 Gran Sport Coupe.



**Left:** Prototype models were introduced at the 1947 Italian Grand Prix and entered in the famous Italian 1000-mile road race, the Mille Miglia. Although competing against cars with engines three times its size, this 202 prototype under the driving of a once great, but now an old and tired Italian champion, Tazio Nuvolari, was in the overall lead at Rome by eight minutes. However, a doused ignition required a twenty-minute delay to dry out, and it finished 2nd, followed by two other 202's in 3rd and 4th.

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Powered by a small, reworked Fiat 1.1 liter (66 cu in) 4-cylinder engine, the 202 developed 55-65 hp, depending on whether it was fitted with one or two Weber carburetors. It also featured a billet crankshaft, forged connecting rods, high compression pistons and dry sump lubrication. With its overall light weight, about 1700 lbs, and its aerodynamics, a 202 was capable of a top speed of 90-100 mph, making it competitive with the Alfa Romeo and Ferrari models of its day.

Today, 34 cabriolets and 51 coupes are known to exist.

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Jan 14 XMAS Party (rescheduled)  
No Jan CIAHCA Meeting

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Feb 15 2006 Renewal Dues

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**Oct 2006**

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May 7 NE Ohio Brit Swap Meet

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Jun 2-3 Marques on the Green

Jun 18-23 Ohio Odyssey/Conclave

Dec 2 XMAS Party (tentative)

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