

# INTERNATIONAL Cisitalia GATHERING 2017

202 – 70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

1<sup>st</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup>, September 2017

*Ferrara-Cervia/Milano Marittima - Savignano sul Rubicone S.Leo  
Gambettola*



*Cisitalia*

## Description

Forty one years after the historic Raduno Cisitalia held in 1976 at Palazzo del Te in Mantova, the passionate fans of the Casa dello Stambecco Rampante will gather on the Adriatic coast from the first to the third of September in order to relive the events, the adventures and the dreams that characterized the extraordinary story of Cisitalia.

The occasion for this meeting is the seventieth anniversary of the birth of the 202, one of the most celebrated and admired cars in the history of automobiles, that was first presented to the public at the beginning of September 1947 with the coupe' version and considered from the beginning an example of beauty and purity of styling so much so that it is included in the permanent collection of the Museum of Modern Art in New York as a "sculpture in motion"! Designed by Giovanni Savonuzzi, a young engineer who had already been experimenting with aerodynamics at FIAT Aviation prior to being recommended by Dante Giacosa to take his place at Cisitalia. The design was built by Carrozzeria Pinin Farina who made minor adjustments in detailing.

In order to celebrate the designer of the CISITALIA 202, and of the Spider Nuvolari among others, the meeting will leave from Ferrara on September 1st, Giovanni Savonuzzi's birthplace, where a commemorative plaque will be affixed in remembrance of his innovative work as a mechanical engineer, styling designer and inventor. At the ceremony, organized by the Club Officina Ferrarese with the participation of his daughter, Alberta Savonuzzi, who will speak briefly recalling anecdotes and unpublished facts about her father.

After a visit to the splendid historic center of Ferrara, the arrival of the first leg of the trip is set for Cervia/Milano Marittima where, in the spectacular 16th century salt warehouses at the Darsena where the Automobiles will be a public showing of the participating cars. In the congress hall of the Globus Hotel at Milano Marittima is scheduled the first of two conferences on the theme of the past, present and future of the CISITALIA brand.

Sadly, whereas at the previous CISITALIA commemoration, most of the protagonist of this unique Torino adventure were present, today they are gone. Therefore, in this occasion we will

hear the stories of those who knew them, from Alberta Savonuzzi, to the discendents of Piero Dusio, the designer Aldo Bavarone and those who like Nino Balestra, Sergio Lugo, Alessandro Scagliarini and Mario Simoni documented the testimonials and stories that have given life to several books that tell the unforgettable story of CISITALIA.

On Saturday September 2nd, the program will proceed with a destination stop that could not be neglected: the visit to Guido Scagliarini, the protagonist of so many races and victories with CISITALIA and ABARTH in his house in Coriano. Even though his advanced age and health could force us to scratch this visit to the only living pilot who can claim "I beat Nuvolari"!

The journey will then proceed to Savignano del Rubicone where the body shop of Delio Galassi is situated. In the past fifty years he has restored many CISITALIA that are delivered to his expert hands from all over the world and often with spare parts that he has had to make himself!

The next leg brings us to San Leo, one of the most fascinating locations of the Romagna region where, beyond the medieval churches and palaces, is the famous and mysterious "Rocca" where the Count of Cagliostro was imprisoned.

Then on to Gambettoia, the "City of the Mille Miglia" in order to visit the Show & Flea Market populated by hundreds of 'exhibitors' along the city streets offering antiques and classic cars and motorcycles and spare parts.

The return trip to Cervia/Milano Marittima with the best in show exhibit, the gala dinner and the second conference will close the day!

On September 3rd the last leg will depart from Gambettoia which will proceed through the streets of Romagna to the Raduno Zir De Bosch and will conclude with prizes being assigned for the most elegant autos according to the public and the participants!

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