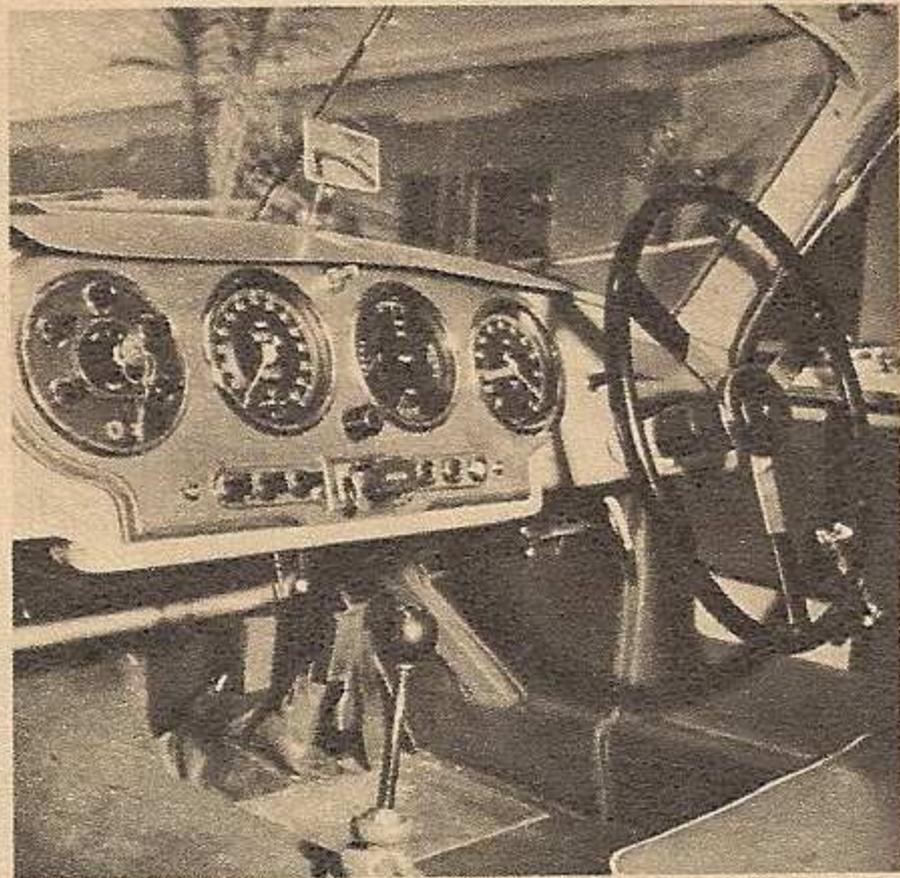


***McCahill Drives the
122-MPH
ASTON-MARTIN***



Here's how photographer Cynthia McCahill saw her husband and the English Aston flash past at 116.



MI's 1951 stock car speed champ reports a few hair-curling experiences as he tests this year's favorite among sports car fanciers.

Aston instruments, left, are very fine, McCahill found, but steering wheel is too close to the door.

SPECIFICATIONS

MODEL TESTED:

1951 British Aston-Martin sport coupe

ENGINE:

6 cylinder, OHV, 2½-litre; bore 78 mm, stroke 90 mm; brake horsepower 130 @ 5000 rpm; compression ratio 8.5 to 1

DIMENSIONS:

Wheelbase 99 inches; overall length 162½ inches; tread 54 inches front, 54 rear; width 65 inches; height 53½ inches; weight 2,460 pounds; standard tire size 6.00x16; gas tank 22.8 gals.

PERFORMANCE:

0 to 30 mph, 3.9 seconds

0 to 50 mph, 8.1 seconds

0 to 60 mph, 10.8 seconds

0 to 70 mph, 14.5 seconds

Top speed, 122 mph

SPEEDOMETER ERROR:

At 100 mph on speedometer, actual speed 100.5 mph