



*Smile, please. A Heinkel Cabin Cruiser at a rally in Ashton Court, Bristol.*

way the designer never intended, and to prove to all that they and their vehicles can do it! In the 1950s and '60s this was also a way to generate publicity for scooters and microcars, and to demonstrate the economy possible on long journeys. There were many examples of scooters and microcars travelling where you wouldn't expect them to, such as across deserts, to the top of mountains and across continents. A scooter even crossed the English Channel with the

help of floats and a propeller connected to the rear wheel!

Owners clubs were a large part of the scene then and organised events ranging from local meetings to large international rallies, which were attended by thousands of owners from all over the world. Famous personalities were often willing to present prizes at these events, and be associated with the attraction and appeal of scooters and microcars.

A Durkopp Diana Sport at a mill near Upper Slaughter in Oxfordshire.



A Lambretta SX beside a fine example of a period Bristol Eastern National coach.





those makes imported to the UK, a larger proportion of Heinkels survive. Heinkel awarded medals to owners who covered large mileages on their scooters – very good publicity that inspired owner confidence – which have become collector's items today.

The prototype scooters were fitted with side panels, and a movable front mudguard similar to that of the Lambretta LD scooter. However, when the first commercial model, the A0, reached the streets, it had a very distinctive fixed triangular front. The solid body was completely and easily removable. It had a 150cc engine with a twist grip gearchange. The electrics were 6 volt, there was a kickstarter, and the wheels had 8 inch split rims.

In July 1954, the 102 A1 introduced a larger, 175cc engine, 12 volt electrics, and an electric dynastarter system. The kickstarter was removed;



Bristol.

... and Clifton College

*A 1962 Heinkel Tourist A2 at Budleigh Salterton in south Devon...*







*A Maico Maicoletta poses with a period steam railway crane at the east Somerset railway at Cranmore.*

*Taking it easy in a garden in Bristol.*







*A smart Passion rests on the quay at Mevagissey in Cornwall.*



*Two fine examples of the BMW 600 at a microcar rally at Weston Park in Shropshire.*

