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MECHANICAL MODS



A spare wheel mounted on board this Luna means freedom from any worry about punctures. Note the waterproof trousers in wheel



A small seat allows the rider to crouch low behind the handlebars for maximum speed on this Arthur Francis-tuned Lambretta



Virtually standard apart from the tank-top padding with score/navigation board, this Vespa Super Sprint won a "master" award



Another home-made device to get the rider down behind the handlebars. It may not be comfortable, but leaves filler free



A 125 cc conversion is now possible on the Luna and to obtain better breathing this Amal concentric carb is fitted as shown



Another way of improving your breathing on a tuned motor! Cut a hole in the side panel, jet up the carb, and fit a bellmouth



For improved traction on sprint hill climbs this Continental studded tyre was fitted. It is also handy as a spare for road

SCOOTER WEEK!

Seven days of scootering on
the Isle of Man . . .
Charles Deane reports

► One week after the howl of Agostini's MV-4 had ceased echoing around the TT circuit, a different two-wheeler sound was heard on the Isle of Man . . . the crackle of two-stroke exhausts as the scooterists took over for their scooter holiday week.

This year, from June 20th to June 27th, the thirteenth annual scooter week, promoted by the Isle of Man Scooter Association, took place. Entries were received from as far afield as Sweden, Scotland, England, Ireland and Wales to join in the week's scooter sport activities, which included a full-day trial, a hill-sprint climb, a speed time trial and sand racing on the seashore.

All types and capacities of machine are catered for and the majority of riders do little more than check that their absolutely standard scooters are in first-class condition for this week of scooter sport.

Everybody's aim, if not to win, is to at least earn the Master Scooterist's Shield or gold, silver, bronze medallion or finisher's certificate as a memento of their trip to the island.

Apart from the sport, which is now being taken more seriously than ever before, there is a wonderful social scene with every evening booked for scooterists to enjoy a barbecue, scooter clubs' parties and, of

DRUIDALE



Start of the Druidale time trial which takes place over part of the TT circuit at Brandywell and through narrow winding roads



The Montpellier water splash on the Druidale circuit. Some riders take it very gently into the stream, but others take it . . .



course, the last night prize-giving.

Last year there were over 560 entries for the scooter week on the island, including the people who only attended for the social events.

This year the figures were slightly lower but the number of competitors in the sporting events was as great as ever. Competition for the premier awards is fierce with an element of the "professional" creeping into the sport.

Serious riders now wear real racing leathers and equipment and are tuning their scooters for the "unlimited" or "special" class to top 80 mph on some parts of the course.

However, as already mentioned, the majority of scooters are well prepared standard models on which, barring mechanical trouble, most entrants can win an award.

The weather for this year's scooter week was good apart from rain on the Tuesday, which cut the hill climb speeds at Peel. Accidents are few and far between, with usually nothing more than a few bruises and cuts to show for a spill.

The Premier Award for overall scooter champion was won by Neville Frost, and the Scooter Queen by Miss Beverly Flanagan. Two very worthy champions at the end of an exciting week's sport.

SAND RACING



Sand racing on the front at Douglas attracts a terrific crowd of spectators and although there are a few spills, nobody is hurt



A steady foot is necessary to maintain control over the sliding rear wheel on the sand. Riders certainly enjoy the sport

HILL CLIMBING



A picturesque view of Peel Castle, where on the hillside overlooking the harbour, scooterists take part in the sprint hill climb



For extra grip on the wet grass surface, studded tyres have been fitted to this Lambretta for the hill climb. J. B. Forster won



... much faster! Among the spray is one machine, plus competitor. He didn't fall off but certainly got very wet feet



Even sidecars take part in the event, although only four entries were received this year. The sidecar looks more like a boat!