

the 1st minicar

back in 1964

It began as a baby runabout - the three-wheeled Messerschmitt bubble car. Now popular demand has brought a successor to Britain. The £650 four-wheeled Sports model. Top Speed ninety miles an hour: fifty to the gallon...

Not load for a little - in she cannot go. After that demonstration of its manoeuvrability and road-holding safe too. With independent suspension all round. Testig out the tiny two seater was its designer Fritz Fend.

Then off ~~went~~ again - in the ^{mini} baby car with the big performance.

Modern car development owes much to the old stagers of the road, ^{which} carried their years lightly at the Historic Commercial ~~Vehicles~~ Vehicle Club Rally, at Southall.

A 1903 tractor that used to help pull horse-carts up Crystal Palace Hall.

A 1915 Ford - and a 1915 Fire Engine.

One of the oldest vans present... a 1909 Renault. while Lord Brabazon (who was racing at Brooklands fifty years ago) pays tribute to "Ole ~~Bill~~ ^{London} Bill" the bus that went to war as a troop carrier, in 1914.