

MOTOR NEWS:

Newsreels and Pressmen went to Chobham to see the new 850 c.c. Austin and Morris cars. Designer Issigonis has given them an attractive look. The engine goes across the frame, to provide front wheel drive. Not even the heaviest passenger can daunt it. These new British Motor Corporation models have two aims; to keep out foreign cars in the small field, and to carry the sales-war into foreign countries. On the rigorous test circuit they showed their hill-climbing powers. The gradient was one-in-four.

The little cars corner at amazing speed. They look like showing the Volkswagen and similar invaders just where they get off.

Over to Dunstable, where a scooter made the big news. The Mayor wished luck to Noel Lempriere and Sydney Meddings, who plan a 5,000-mile European trip with a sidecar and a folding fibre-glass caravan weighing 3-and-a-half hundred weight. It's a tall order for a 325 c.c. engine, but they are sure they'll complete the trip without a breakdown.

They pulled up here, knowing that we all wanted to see what the caravan looked like, opened up. It's surprisingly well equipped. Too well! They really couldn't have taken Miss Luton and Miss Dunstable. The lovely stowaways had to stay at home. There's single-mindedness for you!