

"SKEETER" SOLVES A CAMPUS PROBLEM

This is one student who's got it in the bag -- his transportation, that is. Illinois Tech grad student Louis Richards pulls out his "skeeter" -- a miniature scooter that can be assembled in a few seconds and saves him plenty of shoe leather in getting about the campus. Richards is doing a master's thesis on "minimal transportation" -- and he built this job to dramatize his point. It needs an assist from muscle power once in a while, but most of the time the skeeter runs along on the energy supplied by a model aircraft engine. It moves on roller skate wheels. And the skeeter is just as happy indoors as out. Over a hundred miles a gallon and never a parking ticket!