



Dezerland Cycles-Scooters

"Necessity is the mother of invention". This proverb is a common phrase, but its origin isn't known. Some ascribe it to Plato since it appears in translated passages in "Plato's Republic." In other print it was noted in 1519 in a book Vulgaria written in Latin as "Mater atrium necessitas." <phrases.org.uk>

Dezerland's bicycles, motorcycles, scooters, and minis are numerous and interesting. The museum has the world's largest collection of Vespas.



Who invented the bicycle? "The answer is a little more complicated than you may think. A German baron named Karl von Drais made the first major development when he created a steerable, two-wheeled contraption in 1817. Known by many names, including the "velocipede," "hobby-horse," "draisine" and "running machine," this early invention has made Drais widely acknowledged as the father of the bicycle." <history.com>

Who invented the motorcycle? "In 1867, Sylvester Howard Roper (American) was the creator and inventor of the steam-powered, two-cylinder velocipede. This was essentially an early form of a bicycle, but, more importantly, it was the first steam-powered one. While some may question whether Roper's design should have been considered a 'motorcycle,' I'd say yes because it had two wheels and a coal-fired steam engine, which was very advanced for its time." <brainbucket.rumbleon.com>

Who invented the motor scooter? "The first motor scooter comes with "great debate." The first production model was by Hildebrand & Wolfmüller in 1894. The Auto-Fauteuil from France was first produced in 1902, and while accepted by some as a scooter, it was still a vehicle without a true designation." <lexhaminsurance.co.uk/>

Who invented the Mini motor car? "Innovative. Unique. Iconic. The Mini caused a sensation with its design and rather small size in the late 1950s thanks to its inventor, the Englishman Alec (Sir Alexander Arnold Constantine) Issigonis." The Suez crisis in 1956 sparked his idea to design "a car with lots of space inside with minimum dimensions outside, seats for four passengers, impeccable driving characteristics, superior fuel economy, and a very affordable price." <mini.com>







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