

"We are not happy with either the Buran nor the Japanese cross-country vehicle which uses hard tires", says jury member and director of the Arktiktransgastroi Organisation, S. Kushnarenko; "that's why we set up our own club at the factory. It is called Vezdekhod (Cross-country Vehicle - Tr). In Yaroslavl' we demonstrated a six-wheeler vehicle, the Flora, capable of delivering a team of seven to ten people to their place of work in any weather and on any surface".

The latest show has also attracted the attention of several scientific institutes. They looked at the designs and variety of technology which could well become consumer products with unlimited demand. But who will undertake to produce it?

It is time for the NSID to help the movement, and not only by organising shows like this. The amateurs' work, which has overtaken that of the professionals, needs to be studied seriously, to find out how they do it.

"There is a real need for this", jury member E. Semenov, deputy head of the department of amateur design at NSID's Central Council. "This latest show has demonstrated how quickly this type of transportation is developing. Apart from the light construction vehicles, there were many heavy, almost car-like types, which looked ideal for use in the conditions of the Soviet Far North, and were multi-functional. All this needs a new approach to assessing the features of amateur automobiles. Obviously in the future there should be different classes in the competition, based on what the vehicles is used for, not only on technical specifications, economy, speed and other features.