

*Dear friends,*

Time flies. When you have fun (but also in case you don't have fun...). It looks like the last few weeks are flying by. Without driving a motorcycle! In the Netherlands this part of the year is either too cold or it is too wet. Sometimes a few beautiful days are passing by. Hopefully this happens during a weekend. Last weekend was one of them. So after quit a few days just looking at our motorbike we actually drove them again. Enjoying the last (?) day this year riding along the narrow winding roads of the Netherlands.



*More variety.*

The Netherlands are still suffering from a recession. Basically a bad thing, but it brings some good things too. For the same amount of money we are able to offer unique places to spent the night. And although you close your eyes at night, a nice place to stay adds something extra to the night. We like to offer our quest more than just a bed! We found some very cozy new places to sleep. Even better: you will breath in some Dutch culture during your stay (even when you close your eyes). Another great feature which comes together with the decision to use smaller places to stay: no trip will be the same. During every trip we will use other beds. It'll make 'the one and only real Dutch experience' even more special. And more enjoyable too.



Hotel 'Smidse' in Epen, the very south of the Netherlands (in our 'Dutch mountains'....)

## *Short stays*

Don't hesitate to travel with us for just a day or two. For example: it is possible to get arrangements riding a motorcycle from the airport of Schiphol to the far south end of the Netherlands. Or any other place anywhere in the Netherlands. We are also willing to cooperate with other travel agencies in case this might be necessary to make your trip a unique experience. Being 'small' offers some great possibilities!! We are far more flexible than other organizations. And we like it!

## *Prices, Dates, tours etc. etc.*

We are very busy arranging all that is needed for our 2013 season. At this moment we don't have prices and scheduled departure dates for the guided trip available yet. They are still 'under construction'. Between May and September short breaks, stay overs and all kinds of other individual wishes can start daily! Just send us an e-mail with your wishes! [info@proholland.com](mailto:info@proholland.com)

## *'Fun' part.....*

## *Suffering the financial crises...*

The Dutch Track T-800CDI has an 800 cc three-cylinder CDI common rail turbo diesel engine developed by Mercedes especially for the motorcycle and has a fuel consumption of only 2.4 L/100 km. It has a cardan shaft drive. The transmission is a Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT, also a Dutch invention). The Track Diesel motorcycle produces 45 HP (34 kW) and 100 Nm (74 lbf-ft) torque. It delivers a top speed of about 160 km/h (99 mph) and acceleration from 0–100 km/h (0–62 mph) in 6 seconds. The throttle is connected with an electronic throttle control.

Dutch E.V.A. Products BV started to sell the diesel motorcycle in 2009, with sales outside the Netherlands expected to start in summer 2010. In 2011 the first Track diesel motorcycles were exported to the USA and Canada. Even the US Army bought one. However due to too little customers the company closed down last summer (2012). Track was the only Dutch motorcycle builder.



Another Dutch diesel motorcycle is the Thunder Star. This one never made it into production. Star Twin Motors produced the Thunder Star 1200 TDI, which used a modified 1.2-litre Volkswagen Lupo diesel engine in a new crankcase with 5-speed transmission. The engine was rated 70 PS and 160 Nm torque.



One manufacturer died, one never came into action and the third: they started developing a new motorcycle. An electrical powered motorbike. So we are proud to pronounce: the Netherlands have a new motorcycle manufacturer once again: Orphiro. So you see a recession gives also new ideas and opportunities. We hope it pays off!

In case you want to know more about Track motorcycles, the Star Twin or Orphiro just use Google and you will find lots of information.



## *Website and social media*

This winter we will spend more time and effort on our website. The website will be more informative about the Netherlands in general. Not only targeted on things related to motorbikes, but also wider orientated. More back ground info about our country. And of course the simple nice-to-know-things and items.

Till today we didn't spend much interest in the social media. We are on Twitter and Facebook, but not at a regular basis. It is not, that we didn't know social media exists or indeed are important, but it was a lack of time. But things change and we are sure we will find a way to do it.

So keep an eye on it ! Just look for ProHolland.

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