

Dear friends,

Being back in the Netherlands, after my visit at your shop in May, means also being back to earth.

A dream has to become the truth.

Looking forward isn't that difficult. Fantasising about riding through the Netherlands: beautiful weather, good bikes and nice travel companions. The truth will be: ones and a while rain. A gentle rain is not a problem but what to do when heaven opens it's gates? What do American people want to ride: BMW? Harley? Or perhaps the newest super duc from KTM?. Suppose all participants are singles? Are the little overnight stays I have in mind able to handle this?

So you see I've to answer a lot of questions. First thing first: as long as I don't have enough spare time I can't really work things out. Being the manager of a gas station (the 10th biggest station of BP in the Netherlands) I'm responsible for more then 20 people. It takes a lot of time to run this business. So I made a business proposal to BP: Kyle Hoekstra will step back. BP selects a new manager and I'll train him (or her) on the job. I'll be his or hers assistant. This way BP gets free training and I get much more space to realise my dream: guiding tourists through my beautiful country.

Back to my dream. Parkpop the Hague. This is one of the specials I like to offer. A big open air festival in the end of June and it is for *free!*. Over 300.000 people gather in a park in the Hague to listen to and dance to good music. Bring your good moods. Buy some food and drinks. I guaranty a splendid day.

<http://www.parkpop.nl/english>

July 19th 2008: 3 of ProHolland staff members took an advance driving training at the Sachsenring Germany. It's owned by Mercedes Benz. This high speed track is where MB tests their new models. We learned much more about breaking and what to do whenever you try take a turn with to much speed. The more experienced, the better leader and tour guide. Just for fun: take a look a the link underneath. Are you this good? (I'm not, sorry)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P9ZYP4A7Mr8>

Last fact is not a dream it is simply the truth. First lesson to become a Dutch-man (or woman): know about the weather. The forecast of this week: Thursday will bring some rain, Friday will be a little bit better. Saturday and Sunday will be good. So I'm planning to do a tour next Sunday. Curious? Take a look at the link below

<http://www.spekbraander.nl/>

In October I'll send another newsletter. Just to keep you folks informed. Please send it to your friends.

Have a superb time in your great country.

Regards,
Kyle.

Ps. If you aren't interested please let me know and I'll stop the e-mails