
Subject: Re: "Lame" Dutch Bike
Posted by [Gaurav](#) on Thu, 20 Mar 2008 06:49:12 GMT
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Finally, I have a face to put behind the name that has bailed me out of many a troubles in IDL! And I believe it is a face that one can easily grow fond of.

Alas, though, I have no IDL books to carry around. I wish my bookseller would have it or I had a credit card to order with. But what I have are the standard documentation books of IDL and ENVI. Do they count? ;-) For, what I do have is a bicycle that carries me around. Will that make me eligible to vie for some space on Dr. Fanning's site?

I wish.

Cheers
Gaurav

Subject: Re: "Lame" Dutch Bike
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 20 Mar 2008 14:03:13 GMT
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> around. Will that make me eligible to vie for some space on Dr.
> Fanning's site?

Sure, anything that "says" IDL will do. We will have a special page for those people wearing their IDL T-shirts. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: "Lame" Dutch Bike
Posted by [Peter Clinch](#) on Thu, 20 Mar 2008 14:18:20 GMT
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David Fanning wrote:

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- > People around the world posing with dorky bikes and
- > IDL books. I'll post them, if you send them in. :-)

My (Dutch) wife has a distinctly un-lame Dutch bike, one of these...

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Send us a book and I'll get her to model it on the bike! ;-)

(I have a Ligfiets too, but it's a German one and not quite so cool as the Fiero, see

http://www.hpvelotechnik.com/images/produkte/sm/gt/gt_2002_b_lau_frei.jpg)

Pete.

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Subject: Re: "Lame" Dutch Bike
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 20 Mar 2008 14:43:53 GMT
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Peter Clinch writes:

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Coyote says that for a picture of a Dutch woman stretched out on that bike, *he* will send a book, if I won't. ;-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: "Lame" Dutch Bike
Posted by [Peter Clinch](#) on Thu, 20 Mar 2008 15:49:41 GMT
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David Fanning wrote:

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> out on that bike, *he* will send a book, if I won't. ;-)

<http://www.personal.dundee.ac.uk/~pjclinch/day1-2.jpg>

postal address as per sig... ;-)

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Subject: Re: "Lame" Dutch Bike
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 20 Mar 2008 17:25:32 GMT
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Peter Clinch writes:

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> postal address as per sig... ;-)

Oh, my goodness. I hope you know what you started.
I can barely hear myself think above all the howling
going on!

You might mention to your lovely wife that it is probably
not a good idea to accept any small packages, labelled
"eau de Wild Game" and accompanied by a bouquet of Spring
flowers, until this blows over.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: "Lame" Dutch Bike
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 20 Mar 2008 17:57:07 GMT
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Folks,

Coyote thinks we are going to be overwhelmed with
grainy photos arriving, so he has asked me to post some
Guidelines. Apparently, we are looking for photos
that match the qualities of this photo:

<http://tinyurl.com/2nutk7>

With an IDL book, instead of a mirror, covering the, uh,
naughty bits, of course.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: "Lame" Dutch Bike
Posted by [Kenneth P. Bowman](#) on Thu, 20 Mar 2008 18:40:52 GMT
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In article <MPG.224c535ebe12d4299896d5@news.frii.com>,
David Fanning <news@dfanning.com> wrote:

> Folks,
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> grainy photos arriving, so he has asked me to post some
> Guidelines. Apparently, we are looking for photos
> that match the qualities of this photo:
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> <http://tinyurl.com/2nutk7>
>
> With an IDL book, instead of a mirror, covering the, uh,
> naughty bits, of course.
>
> Cheers,
>
> David

Do you mean the quality of the image, the quality of the
subject, or both.

Ken

Subject: Re: "Lame" Dutch Bike
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 20 Mar 2008 23:11:46 GMT
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Kenneth P. Bowman writes:

> Do you mean the quality of the image, the quality of the
> subject, or both.

I'm concerned only with the reproductive quality of the
images, of course. God knows what Coyote means. But as
he will be handling production details, I recommend you
print the photos on the heaviest photo paper you have
available.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: "Lame" Dutch Bike
Posted by [Laurens de Groot](#) on Fri, 21 Mar 2008 10:19:58 GMT
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David Fanning wrote:

> Folks,
>
> I've had a picture of myself on a spiffy new Dutch bike
> on my web page for a couple of weeks now.
>
> <http://www.dfanning.com/>
>
> But today I got two e-mails about it, which is about,
> gosh, two million percent more e-mails than I have ever
> gotten about a picture before. Laurens de Groot took issue
> with the fact that I could be riding such a "lame" bike in
> Holland, of all places. But then he saw another one
> just like it near where he works. He jumped out with
> his IDL books (alas, not mine, or he would be on the
> front page with me) and took a picture of it and him.
>
> Two e-mails!? Could be the start of something big.
> People around the world posing with dorky bikes and
> IDL books. I'll post them, if you send them in. :-)
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> Cheers,
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> David

Well actually when I saw you linked to my story, I felt ashamed not to be on the picture with your books. So indeed, I'm going to get your books and score some model to pose with it :)

The picture I sent you was taken with a lousy phone-camera, but I would definately consider using a better camera when the subject gets more interesting ;-)

Laurens

Subject: Re: "Lame" Dutch Bike
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 21 Mar 2008 13:34:12 GMT

Laurens de Groot writes:

- > Well actually when I saw you linked to my story, I felt ashamed not to be
- > on the picture with your books. So indeed, I'm going to get your books
- > and score some model to pose with it :)
- > The picture I sent you was taken with a lousy phone-camera, but I would
- > definately consider using a better camera when the subject gets more
- > interesting ;-)

Yes, use a better camera, but don't even consider Photoshop.

This picture, sent in yesterday by someone who wishes to remain anonymous, of a young lady and one of my books (in coffee-table size!?), looks suspicious to me. Wasn't that dress popular in the 1970s? The book is old, but I don't think it's **that** old.

http://www.dfanning.com/images/idl_biker.pdf

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: "Lame" Dutch Bike

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 21 Mar 2008 13:44:32 GMT

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David Fanning writes:

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- > remain anonymous, of a young lady and one of my books
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- > that dress popular in the 1970s? The book is old, but I
- > don't think it's **that** old.
- >
- > http://www.dfanning.com/images/idl_biker.pdf

By the way, the accompanying e-mail claims that Bridget, after reading the book, is now an, uh, accomplished IDL

programmer and has improved department morale tremendously with her "programming" contributions.

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: "Lame" Dutch Bike

Posted by [Laurens de Groot](#) on Fri, 21 Mar 2008 14:09:37 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

> Laurens de Groot writes:

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> don't think it's *that* old.

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> Cheers,

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> David

>

That looks photoshopped indeed. You should demand some sort of authenticity I think... like a recent newspaper with date or something hehe; isn't that also what hostage takers do? Hehe...being kidnapped and having to pose with an IDL book for evidence of being alive haha...

Sorry, I'm heading off-topic. I, for the record, already have found some volunteers willing to pose with your book ;) Now we only have to get a

copy of it first..

Cheers,
Laurens

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 21 Mar 2008 14:13:52 GMT
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Coyote says it's in the mail!

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David

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Subject: Re: "Lame" Dutch Bike
Posted by [Laurens de Groot](#) on Fri, 21 Mar 2008 17:36:01 GMT
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David Fanning wrote:

> Laurens de Groot writes:

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>> volunteers willing to pose with your book ;) Now we only have to get a
>> copy of it first..

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> Cheers,

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> David

Well that's very nice of you... do you have any preference for the

haircolor of the lady that is going to hold your book? haha...

cheers,
Laurens

Subject: Re: "Lame" Dutch Bike
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Fri, 21 Mar 2008 17:49:51 GMT
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Laurens de Groot writes:

> Well that's very nice of you... do you have any preference for the
> haircolor of the lady that is going to hold your book? haha...

No, but don't send me anything without a model release!!
After Coyote's last lady friend took us to the cleaners,
I have no money left for any more court battles. :-(

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: "Lame" Dutch Bike
Posted by [Laurens de Groot](#) on Sat, 22 Mar 2008 13:56:29 GMT
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> Cheers,

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> David

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Haha, don't worry, those ladies fit into the category of signing anything you put under their nose :)

Cheers,
Laurens
