

The **UNIVERSITY of BMX** and **ATTRACTIEPARK SLAGHAREN** are the organizers of the “International Old Skool of BMX Reunion & Celebration of 30 years of BMX in Holland and therefore in Europe.

Waalre/Slagharen, April 9th. 2009.

Dear friends in BMX, Old Skool BMX riders and officials,

More than 30 years ago, I introduced the sport of BMX during an International Moto-Cross event at the “Euro-circuit” in Valkenswaard – Holland. About 8 months later, to be precise October 19<sup>th</sup> 1978 we formed the Stichting Fietscross Nederland (S.F.N.) and BMX became then an official sport.

We cordially invite Old Skool BMX riders from the period 1978 till 1994 to be part of the first international BMX Reunion in Europe and celebrate as well the 30 years of existence of the sport of BMX. We will come together and socialize at the location where in 1983 the first outside-USA BMX World Championships took place in Holland at ATTRACTIEPARK SLAGHAREN (at that time called PONY PARK Slagharen).

At this venue, several years after the 1983 Worlds, special designed and prepared BMX TV events were broadcasted Nationwide and among others a couple of European Championships (individual and teams) took place here as well as 10 European Challenge Cup events, probably well remembered by many of you all.

Besides O.S. riders, also former officials are more than welcome and of course those interested fans/supporters from back then are welcome as well to have a great weekend at the amusement park, socializing, talking history and meeting old friends from the early days of BMX.

This unique weekend will take place from **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> till Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> 2009**. Most of the Old Skool BMX riders do have families themselves now and together with their children these young families can have a great time. There is no better place to have this Reunion and Celebration than at Attractiepark Slagharen.

Wouldn't it be nice to meet old friends, former competitors and talk about the early days of the sport? Show your children how this sport started out and explain them what their parents mend in the developing of the sport. Besides that, the children can have a great time at the Amusement park itself.

Just like the old days, a special section of the cottage area has been reserved for this happening. Like in the early days, a BMX village will be formed and this is done not only at the park itself, but also on the camping-site. The camping-site was a favourite place for many National and International riders and their families.

### **Accommodation.**

Participants and their families (2 parents and 4 children) are able to rent a cottage, type Arizona from **October 2<sup>nd</sup> till October 4<sup>th</sup> 2009 for the price of € 175,-** (this price includes free entrance amusement park). For more details and booking, check the website [www.slagharen.com](http://www.slagharen.com) On the opening page, click on special offers on top right (**Aanbiedingen & Acties**), then click on more offers (**Overige aanbiedingen & perioden**), then click on (top left) **<terug naar overzicht**, on this page top right at special offers, write down code (**Aanbiedingen Code invoeren**), write: **BMX1**.

Specially for this occasion also non families, like a group of friends of Old Skool BMX'ers, will be allowed to rent a cottage, only limit is a maximum of **4 adults** in one cottage.

If you are planning on using a camper, caravan or tent, the Slagharen Camping-site is available for you. One location (for camper, caravan or tent; seize doesn't matter) for the weekend of **October 2<sup>nd</sup> through October 4<sup>th</sup> 2009 will cost you € 88,- total** and includes free entry of Attractiepark Slagharen for 2 adults and max. 4 children. For more details and booking, follow the procedure as mentioned above. Check the website [www.slagharen.com](http://www.slagharen.com) and write down the code: **BMX2**.

It will also be possible to visit the Attractiepark Slagharen on just one day, or during the whole weekend, when you are staying somewhere outside the park (Hotel). Information on prices for one day tickets or a passe-partout (3 day ticket), where and when to buy them, will be published later on.

We are sorry to say that there is **no** “BMX Stadion Slagharen” anymore. The track has been closed and removed since 1994.

*More detailed information like prices for day tickets, passe partout, the weekend program, names of participants Reunion and so on, will also be published at the website [www.univofbmx.com](http://www.univofbmx.com) from May 2009 on.*

## **Provisional planning of the weekend.**

This will be the first ever International Old Skool of BMX Reunion in Europe. Since last year's reunion had to be cancelled, due to my illness, up and till today old skool riders from Denmark, Germany, Latvia, Belgium, France, England, America and even Indonesia have shown interest to be present at the 2009 reunion.

At this moment we are trying to get the first ever **Olympic Champions in BMX**, Anne Caroline Chausson (F) and Maris Strombergs (LV), to be present at this reunion.

Here our provisional schedule:

Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Arrival of participant with their families or friends.

From 10.00 hours: Attractiepark Slagharen opens its gates.

From 14.00 hours: The accommodations will be available to the participants. Time to "check out" the park and find out what changed since 1993.

19.00 hours: Official opening, welcomes party and more final details on our weekend program.

Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup>

9.00 hours: Breakfast (special price) possible for all participants at the restaurant "Mountain Lodge" in the park (reserved space).

10.45 hours; Official opening of BMX Museum.

11.30 hours: Kids BMX Clinic. Former World Champs will "train" (play for kids) children from 3 till 10 years, three groups, each group about 20 minutes).

14.00 hours: BMX free-style demo's during the day (2).

16.00 hours: O.S. BMX-bike and uniform election. Three categories, besides the bicycles exposed at the BMX Museum at the park, also Old Skool BMX'ers can bring their O.S.bikes and have them judged. A Jury will select the most original and best looking pré-90 bikes and will award first prizes in three categories. Also original uniforms/complete outfits will be judged. More details on this item, check [www.univofbm.com](http://www.univofbm.com) from May on.

19.00 hours: Start of the Old Skool of BMX party in the recently new decorated City Hall. Food & drinks available. During this evening the presentation of European BMX Hall of Fame members who are present. Also a special performance of an old skool BMX'er and his band called: D.A.A.N. For the time being we will keep the name of this former European and World Champ a secret! More details on this evening later on.

23.00 hours: End of Old Skool of BMX party.

Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup>

9.00 hours: Breakfast (special price) possible for all participants at the restaurant "Mountain Lodge".

11.00 – 15.00 hours: for those interested it is possible to take part in a mutual BMX event at the Dedemsvaart BMX track, located about 7 km from the park. This brandnew, Weiterstadt - type track will run the "Trophy of Nations" event. Old skool bikes (pré – 90) and equipment must be used. Rules on this later on at [www.univofbm.com](http://www.univofbm.com)

14.00 hours: During the day, BMX free-style demo's (2).

15.30 hours: Official presentation of awards on the "Trophy of Nations" in the renewed City Hall at the park, followed by the official closing ceremony of this event.

19.00 hours: All reunion participants and their families must have left cottages, camping-site and amusement park. **This is then the end of a hopefully fantastic weekend.**

We kindly ask potential participants to fill out the enclosed form and return it by e-mail or post a.s.a.p. to:

E.mail: [does0231@planet.nl](mailto:does0231@planet.nl)

By Post: Gerrit Does - Eindhovenseweg 19 - 5582 HN Waalre - Holland.

Again, it's possible to make your reservations now. We hope to welcome you all at this first International Old Skool of BMX Reunion in Europe. Till October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009 then and have a safe trip over here?

Kindest regards,

Gerrit Does – organizer

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO GERRIT DOES, A.S.A.P.

Waalre, April 6<sup>th</sup>. 2009.

**INTERNATIONAL OLD SKOOL of BMX REUNION** and celebrating 30 years of BMX in Europe, weekend October 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> 2009 at ATTRACTIEPARK SLAGHAREN.

FULL NAME O. S. BMX RACER .....(M/V)

ADDRESS: .....

CITY: ..... POSTAL CODE: .....

COUNTRY: ..... DATE of BIRTH .....

LICENCE-HOLDER FROM .....(YEAR) TILL .....(YEAR) IN YOUR COUNTRY.

E-MAIL ADDRESS .....

WILL STAY THIS WEEKEND IN COTTAGE OR ON CAMPING SITE: \* **YES / NO**

WITH HIS FAMILY: \* **YES / NO**

OR

WITH GROUP OF MAX. 4 PERSONS IN A COTTAGE: \* **YES / NO**

OR

WILL STAY OUTSIDE PARK (HOTEL) AND NEEDS DAYTICKET OR PASSE PARTOUT:\* **YES / NO**

*(INFO ON HOTELACCOMODATION: CHECK WEBSITE MENTIONED BEFORE, FROM MAY 2009 ON).*

AT \* CIRCEL WHAT IS THE CORRECT ANSWER.

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SOME OF YOU OLD SKOOLERS RESTARTED THEIR BMX CAREERS, PLEASE STATE WHEN RESTARTED:

RESTARTED RACING AGAIN IN .....(YEAR) TILL ..... (YEAR)

If not restarted, active in any other sport at this moment? \* **YES / NO**

IF YES, WHICH SPORT ..... LEVEL: .....

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I INTEND TO TAKE PART IN THE "TROPHY of NATIONS CUP": \* **YES / NO**

DATE: ..... SIGNATURE .....

AT \* CIRCEL WHAT IS THE CORRECT ANSWER.  
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**P.S.**  
**PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND SENT IT BACK AS SOON AS YOU CAN.**  
**WE CAN USE IT TO UPDATE YOU PERSONALY ON THE EVENT, PRICES OF DAYTICKETS,**  
**PASSE PARTOUT, THE BMX EVENT "TROPHY of NATIONS CUP", NAMES OF REGISTERED**  
**PARTICIPANTS, HOTELACOMODATIONS ..... AND SO ON.**

**ONCE AGAIN, SENT TO:**  
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