

Tomos and Puch scale models

During the annual club meeting in December 2008 I highlighted the subject of scale models. How would it be to have scale models manufactured of some of the most beautiful mopeds of our times.



After we saw the handmade models from Jan Wielogroch, (left) our interest grew even more. Unfortunately Jan Wielogroch was unable to combine time and hobby to manufacture these models in a sufficient quantity. Supply could never meet Demand! As simple as that. This triggered the question if I was able to find a solution.

However, a formal approval from the Brand owners was a must. Without such an approval I would never be able to do anything at all. Even worse, without permission this could lead to legal measures, which I was certainly not looking for. In case of Tomos this was very easy. **Henk Buiter, managing Director of Tomos Nederland BV,**

Epe, The Netherlands was very helpful and allowed me immediately to set things in motion leading to the manufacturing of the models. Truly very nice!

With Puch it was very difficult. Ever since the end of the production in Graz in 1984, the attempts of Steyr Daimler Puch AG to sell the Brand name Puch and in the end the actual sale to Piaggio & C. Società per Azioni, Pontedera, Italy, the years following this takeover until today, nobody seemed to know anymore who was responsible for the name Puch. This in fact, made it very difficult and it took me many hours of corresponding, emailing, and making telephone calls to the Staff and Board of Piaggio in Italy. Until such time that I almost decided to forget all about it. Seemingly no way to get through..., Mission Impossible!

However, last week I made a final attempt and fortunately I suddenly got **Piaggio Italy's approval, via the Board of Piaggio Benelux BV**. This approval was valid only for the historical models as presented to this Board, namely: The Puch VS50 and the Puch MV50. This approval, the permission to have the models manufactured rests with me, in my capacity as chairman of "Puch66, Puch & Tomos Club voor Hollands Midden"

Last week I discussed the possibilities with **WSI Models Woudenberg** The Netherlands, whom I contacted already a long time ago (May 2008). WSI showed their interest, moreover since they did have a factory in China. Specializing in scale models of Trucks and having Clients as DAF Trucks, Scania and important trucking companies in Western Europe, WSI was the ideal partner to do something like this: the manufacturing of scale models of Mopeds.

Next week we will have our first progress meeting. On which models are wanted. As mentioned before, The Tomos 2L and 4L, the VS50, the MV50; in several color combinations. On the scale (!) 1: 10 or 1:18, both options are open. As time will pass by, we will finish the technical queries and jump to the promotion, marketing and distribution... We will keep you advised of the progress. Do visit our website: www.puch66.nl for further updates.

Kind regards,

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