

In Copenhagen there were, and still are, two well-known amusement parks: Tivoli, located in the center of the city, and Dyrehavsbakken, normally known as just Bakken, in Klampenborg north of the city. Tivoli mixed popular entertainment with classical music and beer halls with fancy restaurants thus providing something for everybody. It seemed that everyone would traditionally go to Tivoli at least once each summer and for us children it was definitely a highlight of the season. In an act of terrorism, the Germans eventually bombed Tivoli, destroying its concert hall and much of its priceless collection of sheet music. This was in reprisal for some act of sabotage. The park was immediately rebuilt and did not lose its atmosphere, even if those of us who knew it before could tell the difference. We wondered, for example, what became of the merry-go-round with the real miniature Nimbus motorbikes that we used to ride? Nimbus was a brand of four cylinder Danish motorcycles with chain drive made by Nielsen & Fisker, a manufacturer of vacuum cleaners known as Nilfisk (Fish of the Nile). Nilfisk later branched out worldwide making industrial vacuum cleaners with absolute filters used in asbestos removal.

Bakken was located near a race track in the woods north of Copenhagen and had more of a beer hall atmosphere than Tivoli—but also with a much more exciting roller coaster than Tivoli's rather tame one! In a word only a Dane understands, Bakken was *folkelig*—a concept that has something to do with the whole idea of social equality, but tending towards the lowest common denominator. There was no attempt at culture at Bakken, no concert hall, but lots of shooting galleries, fortune tellers, and beer gardens with not only good beer, but also good food—an absolute must in Denmark. It was a fun place to visit during a summer evening and, like Tivoli, such a visit would