



NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2022

THE F.I.C.C. INTERNATIONAL CAMPING FESTIVAL 2023 is happening **from 23 June to 01 July** in the wonderful holiday resort of ZATON (Zadar-Croatia)

Croatia, the ever interesting, hospitable and much-loved holiday destination, is hosting F.I.C.C.'s international camping event in 2023.

The Zaton holiday resort has been chosen for its huge campsite, bungalows and holiday apartments and its comprehensive infrastructure - aquapark, shops, restaurants, recreational programmes etc. etc. - all of which are indispensable when F.I.C.C.'s camping members meet up on holiday. Zaton is not far from Zadar, a small town steeped in history which is well worth a visit.





Some pictures of the Zaton complex



Some pictures of Zadar

Photos: Internet



**INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY
from 6 to 10 April 2023 in the NETHERLANDS**



Where: NTKC Campsite "Het Groene Hart" (The Green Heart) in Hazerswoude

Address: Voorweg 81

This campsite is principally geared towards campers in tents and can accommodate over 400 participants but there are also pitches for caravans.

Registration fee (as of 2021) is €65 per person (Easter meal, one excursion, disco included).

**94th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2024 from 31 MAY to
10 JUNE at CHEONG PYEONG Lake/SOUTH KOREA**

Organised by

KCCF (Korea Camping & Caravanning Federation)

Under the slogan: "Health and Harmony for all Campers"

This new venue is in the north-east of Gyeonggi Province approx. 40 minutes' drive from Seoul. The violent typhoon (Hinnamnor) caused such severe damage that KCCF had to find another rally site. This one is situated in the midst of beautiful countryside surrounded by mountains and rivers and is the starting point for lots of interesting excursions in the vicinity and further afield. An initial programme has been drawn up that includes concerts, sporting events, exhibitions of Korean folklore and art, discussion groups, mountain climbing and trekking.



NORDIC RALLY 2024 in Kiuruvesi/Finland under the Patronage of F.I.C.C.

Since 1964, Nordisk Camping Radet has organised the Nordic Rally in Sweden, Finland, Norway and Denmark.

In 2024, the organisation of this rally coincides with the 60th anniversary of SF Caravan ry. For this celebration SF Caravan would like to invite other F.I.C.C. members from all over the world to come and see the beautiful forest area of Kiuruvesi.

The programme includes learning about the local gastronomy, visiting farms, farms and also the opportunity to plant trees themselves and all this in close cooperation with the local institutions and inhabitants.

More information will follow.

95th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2025 in FULONG/TAIWAN from 25 April to 4 May 2025

The venue is Longmen Campsite in Fulong/New Taipeh City.

The Camping Association of the Republic of China will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2025

Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

The Ford Model T caravan, the **oldest known motor caravan in the world**, was commissioned in 1914 by a member of the Bentall family of the famous British department store Bentalls and has just been auctioned for 72,000 €.

Sweden: SCR Svensk Camping has introduced new certification for Swedish campsites. It is intended to complement the existing national classification by showing that a campsite fulfils the expectations and standards demanded by guests, the camping sector and the authorities.

The sign "Certified Swedish Campsite" may only be displayed at campsites that have undergone a thorough inspection confirming that they comply with the rigorous certification standards.

The certification process involves more than 30 different checks relating as much to the working environment and campsite hygiene as complaints procedures, security and safety.

Source: Extract from Fritidsmagasinet Carvan (CCS/S)



Netherlands: 48% of Dutch campers think it important that they should be able to watch Dutch television while holidaying abroad.

Source: NKC(NL)

In 2021 there were **over 700,000 registered recreational vehicles (caravans and campers)** in Europe

Caravans		Motorcaravans	
Germany	79,219	Germany	94,025
Great Britain	68,625	France	71,218
Netherlands	51,818	Great Britain	67,351
France	50,761	Netherlands	36,569
Norway	21,230	Sweden	20,264
Denmark	11,524	Switzerland	16,996
Italy	11,313	Spain	15,026
Sweden	9,673	Norway	13,419
Spain	6,427	Italy	10,385
Belgium	4,542	Belgium	8,008
Austria	4,202	Finland	5,268
Switzerland	3,374	Austria	5,129
Finland	2,104	Denmark	3,408

Source: ECF

Practical tips – for campers too

What can you do about removing crumbs from your **computer**?

One good idea that I read about recently has stuck in my mind. Since we often tend to eat in front of a screen, dust and crumbs get lodged in the PC keyboard and are very difficult to remove. A Post-it note is a useful tool because you can use the sticky side to get into the spaces between the keys and remove the debris.

To **clean your washing machine** put a dishwasher tab in the machine and run it empty on the 60° cycle, having first made sure from the instruction manual that it is alright to run your particular model empty.

Good to know

Traffic

Germany: The German railways are now offering an alternative service for anyone wanting to take their bike on a train. The Hermes parcel delivery service will collect and take charge of your bike so that you can pick it up at your holiday destination within two days.

Cost: 49.90€ for bikes weighing up to 31.5 kg. The service does not however include E-bikes.



Book via: gepaeckservice-bahn.de

Croatia: Travelling to Croatia will be easier

From January 2023, Croatia is expected to join the Schengen area. This means that holidaymakers from the EU can enter Croatia freely without the need for passports or border checks.

In addition, the burdensome currency exchange and conversion rates will come to an end because in May this year, the EU Commission gave the go-ahead for Croatia to become the 20th member state to join the eurozone. This decision was ratified by the EU Parliament on 5 July and the agreement finally signed by the Croatian Finance Minister on 13 July. The exchange rate was fixed at 7.53 kuna = 1.00€. Businesses in the country have been obliged to display prices in both kuna and euros this year. Payment in euros has been possible since September 2022 and next year of course this will be mandatory throughout the country.

Source: DCC(D)

Health

It is good for your general health to get out into the fresh air in winter as this will

- enable you to breathe in better quality air
- increase your vitamin D level
- improve your memory and concentration
- help ease muscular tension due to poor posture
- boost your immune system
- stimulate creativity
- reduce stress and anxiety
- connect us to nature and its many changes and variations (colours, smells, etc)
- improve your sleep quality
- increase your energy levels

Source: Mon pharmacien (B)

Did you know that the surface of **our skin**, our body's rather special protective covering, measures between one and two square kilometres and weighs on average 10 kgs.?

Curious facts/Environment/Culture

2022 was a so-called **Wasp Year**. These creatures love hot, dry weather and their numbers increased accordingly. Wasps are a protected species and may not be killed. Spraying them with water or leaving garlic on the table (burnt coffee powder also works) should drive these unwanted "guests" away.

Who made the first phone call using a mobile phone? It was in 1973 that the inventor, Martin Cooper, made the first call using his mobile phone (cell phone) on a street in New York. This was the beginning of a new age in communications.

In **Norway** the 8 kilometre long Atlantic Road between Bud and Kristiansund can claim to be THE construction of the century. Eight bridges link islands, islets and skerries. Quite a feat!



Each year in **the Southern Tirol**, thousands of motorists, bikers and cyclists are attracted up the Stelvio Pass to the Stilfser Joch (Northern Italy). It is right on the Swiss border and the road winds its way through the alps up 48 hairpin bends to a height of 2,757m. It is the second highest asphalted mountain pass in the Alps and it takes you through a national park of the same name created in 1936 – breathtaking views guaranteed.

Faster than sound: The jet “Boom Supersonic Overture“ developed by Boom Technology is reviving the chance of supersonic air travel for passengers. Apart from speed, the main focus is on safety and sustainability. Key data: cruising speed of 2,100 km/h (Mach 1.7) and a relatively limited passenger capacity of between 65 and 80. A flight from London to Miami should take just 5 hours (instead of eight hours). This airliner should come on to the market in 2025 and take its first passengers in 2029.

Source: Freie Fahrt (Arbö/A)

In Italy – more precisely in Florence – an interesting exhibition (Nel tuo tempo) of the work of the artist Olafur Eliasson opened on 22 September 2022 in the Palazzo Strozzi. This universally famous Icelandic/Danish artist is described as a visionary in the field of art. The exhibition closes on 22 January 2023. Further information: www.palazzostrozzi.org

INTERESTING NEWS FROM F.I.C.C. AND ITS MEMBERS



The second F.I.C.C. World Congress on Camping, Caravanning and Motorcaravanning in VERRIÈRES-LE-BUISSON/Paris France – took place from 26 to 28 October 2022

The 2nd F.I.C.C. World Congress with the theme "The impact of digitalisation and sustainability on camping tourism" took place very close to Paris. Due to the still existing restrictions on foreign travel, only two representatives from the Asia-Pacific region were able to attend this event. Other participants came from Austria, Germany, Great Britain, Azores, Netherlands, Belgium, Finland, France, Croatia, Poland, Portugal, Sweden. Interpretation - also for the online participants -



into German, French and English was also performed online - a new experience that proved successful.



The Congress Center





Some of the speakers and participants

A detailed report of this Congress and the different working sessions will be published in the next edition.

EXHIBITIONS

Austria: Ferien Messe Wien from 16 to 19 March 2023, in Vienna

Belgium: Salon des vacances from 24 to 27 March 2023, in Brussels

Czech Republic: Caravaning from 3 to 6 November 2022, in Brno

Caravan planned for November 2022, in Prague

Finland: Caravan from 20 to 22 January 2023, in Helsinki

France : Salon des véhicules de loisirs from 29 October to 7 November 2022, in Douai

SETT from 8 to 10 November 2022, in Montpellier

Salon Mondial du Tourisme from 17 to 20 March, in Paris

Germany: Caravan Bremen from 4 to 6 November 22, in Bremen

Touristik & Caravaning from 16 to 20 November 2022, in Leipzig

ABF Caravan & Camping from 1 to 5 February 2023, in Hannover

Reise & Camping from 22 to 26 February 2023, in Essen

ITB from 10 to 12 March 2023, in Berlin

Great Britain: Caravan & Motorhome Show from 12 to 15 January 2023, in Manchester

Caravan Camping and Motorhome Show from 21 to 26 February 2023, in Birmingham

Hungary: Caravan Salon in February 2023, in Budapest

Netherlands: Caravana from 25 to 29 January 2023, in Leeuwarden

Spain: FITUR from 18 to 22 January 2023, in Madrid

Expocamp from 18 to 20 March 2023, in Avilés



Turkey: TTI Outdoor – 2,nd Camping Caravan Boat Outdoor & Equipement Fair from 8 to 11 December 2022 in Izmir.

USA: RV Show planned for January 2023, in Pittsburgh
Boston RV & Camping Expo planned for January 2023, in Boston

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