



NEWSLETTER – MAY 2023

THE F.I.C.C. CAMPING FESTIVAL 2023
will be held from **23 June to 1 July** in the wonderful
holiday resort of **ZATON (Zadar-Croatia)**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 31 May 2023



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The island of Hvar on the Dalmatian coast is certainly worth visiting. (It is also known as the “sunny island” because it is apparently the sunniest place in Europe). Many tourists are attracted by the exquisite cuisine but the Tomic winery at Jelsa with its vaulted cellars is also worth a visit (reservation necessary). Sucuraj is on the eastern tip of the island just a few kilometres across from the mainland, the Biokovo mountains and the Peljesac peninsula. The island has a long history: it was first settled by the Illyrians in classical antiquity, then the Greeks arrived, followed by the Romans and Byzantines before it became part of the Kingdom of Croatia and Hungary. Hvar came under the Venetian flag for many years after which it was ruled by Austria from 1797 to 1918. It was assigned to the Kingdom of Yugoslavia after WWI.

In common with everywhere else in Croatia, the island of Hvar has excellent campsites.

www.visithvar.hr



Croatia has been a signatory and full member of the Schengen Agreement since 1 January 2023. There are no longer any checks on the country's land and sea borders with Italy, Slovenia or Hungary. The transition period remained in place at Croatia's airports until 26 March 2023. Borders with Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia are now external Schengen borders. Travellers should always carry a passport or identity card in case this is required for identification purposes.

In addition, Croatia has been a member of the Eurozone since 1 January 2023. So now the official currency is the Euro, not the Kuna. However prices for goods and services must be displayed in both the Kuna and the Euro until 31 December 2023. Kuna banknotes up to 100 Kuna and 100 Kuna coins can be exchanged free of charge at financial agencies, commercial banks and post offices. From 1 January 2024, the Kuna can still be exchanged for Euros at the Croatian National Bank.

Source: CCA-Journal & general information

**INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY 2024
from 28 March to 1 April 2024 at the Black Isle Showground in
Iverness/Scotland**

**94th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2024 from 31 MAY to 10 JUNE
in PYEONG-CHANG/SOUTH KOREA**

organised by
KCCF (Korea Camping & Caravanning Federation)



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

The name Pyeong-chang translates as "Peace and Development". The town is situated in the north- east of South Korea about 180 km from the capital, Seoul. The international Winter Olympic Games were held there in 2018.



Pyeong-chang in the Gangwon Province has a population of approx. 45,000 and is some 700 m above sea level. It is surrounded by wonderful mountain scenery.





NORDIC RALLY from 7 to 14 JULY 2024 in KIURUVES/FINLAND under F.I.C.C. patronage



The Nordisk Camping Radet has been organising Nordic Rallies since 1964 with Sweden, Finland, Norway and Denmark taking turns to host the event.

The 2024 Nordic Rally coincides with the 60th anniversary of SF Caravan ry. SF Caravan wants to include other F.I.C.C. members from all over the world in this event so that they can see for themselves the beautiful forested area around Kiuruvesi.

The programme will include the chance to learn about local gastronomy, enjoy farm visits and other agriculture-based activities and you will even have the opportunity to plant a tree or two, all with the involvement of local people and groups.

Further information on the rally website: nordicrally.fi

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

Rally venue is the Longmen Campsite in Fulong/New Taipei City.

The Camping Association of the Republic of China is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2025.



Our hosts in Taiwan



Camping/Caravaning/Motorcaravaning

Netherlands: 57.3% of Dutch campers use solar energy - 4.4% of them are motivated by cost-saving and sustainability considerations.

Source: NKC

Air conditioning and ventilation systems

Well-being: It is only when air temperature and humidity are properly adjusted that one really feels comfortable. It follows therefore that an air-conditioning system should not only lower the temperature but also reduce humidity. Compressor air conditioning systems do just that: they reduce the temperature and dehumidify – and these two parameters together provide people with a comfortable environment and sense of well-being.

Roof-mounted air-conditioning units: Anyone with an air-conditioning unit on the roof of their caravan will really appreciate it especially on hot summer days. Roof-mounted air-conditioning units also offer other advantages: for one thing they save a lot of space and for another they are relatively easy to retrofit – but above all there is a wide choice of models.

Source: Extract from: Camping, Cars & Caravans

Practical tips – for campers too

A **dirty oven door** is not a pretty sight! It is easily cleaned by putting a pea-sized amount of toothpaste on a rag and rubbing it over the glass a few times. Then wipe clean using a damp cloth.

Old fat must be disposed of properly: It should not be poured down the toilet or a drain as this can result in a blockage not to mention attracting vermin. Simply soak up the oil with absorbent kitchen towel and dispose of it in your household waste. You can also get rid of edible oil by pouring it into a good screw-top bottle. When the bottle is full, wrap it in paper and it can be added safely to your household rubbish.

Versatile vodka: You can lengthen the life of a safety razor by dipping the razor blade in a cupful of vodka after you have finished using it. Vodka not only disinfects the blade but it prevents any rust from forming.

MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

In **Copenhagen**/Denmark there are more cyclists than motorists. Cycle lanes (marked in colour), a permanent feature of the city's infrastructure, are safe and quite separate from motor traffic. The Danish system has served as a model that has already been adopted by a number of European capitals.



Health

If you are feeling stressed you should make an effort to breathe slowly. Taking a deep breath slows one's heart rate and reduces blood pressure. So-called cyclic sighing is effective: this is a technique whereby one consciously breathes out more slowly than one breathes in.

Being hard of hearing and brain problems can go hand in hand. In 2017, The Lancet, the British medical journal, reported that there is a connection between dementia and deafness. Both are at the root of a problem with a person's ability to communicate. This is why in 2021 the World Health Organisation made a case for early screening of older people for deafness and prescribing hearing aids. This will ensure they maintain an active lifestyle and keep their brains "in good working order".

Source: bellman & symfon

Curious facts/environment/culture

The Louvre in Paris is celebrating its 230th anniversary.

The **fastest internet connection** is in Switzerland according to a comparison carried out in 38 countries that are members of the international Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

The **condor** belongs to the family of vultures and lives in the south-west of the USA. It can soar for 170 km without ever needing to flap its wings.

Philippe Geluck is a famous Belgian newspaper cartoonist and comic artist and there is currently an exhibition of his famous "Cats" **in Brussels Park** (opposite the Palais de Bruxelles). These 22 bronze statues work their magic and have already brought a smile to the faces of countless passers-by. The "cat walk" ends on 30 June 2023.



Photos: S. Drescher



Photos S. Brohl



- 02 May: World Tuna Day
- 03 May: World Press Freedom Day
- 05 May: World Portuguese Language Day
- 08 May: International Bereaved Mothers' Day
- 09 May: Europe Day
- 14 May: World Migratory Bird Day
- 15 May: International Day of Families
- 16 May: International Day of Light
- 20 May: World Bee Day
- 21 May: International Tea Day
- 29 May: International Day of U.N. Peacekeepers
- 31 May: World No Tobacco Day



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

TCS Camping (Touring Club de Suisse) is supporting the Swisstainable Programme that is committed to sustainable tourism in Switzerland. Swiss Tourism has developed this programme as part of a new tourism strategy that aims to make Switzerland one of the world's most sustainable holiday destinations.



Vlaamse Kampeertoeristen (VKT) the biggest member of VKCF (Vlaamse Kampeertoeristen Federatie – Flemish Camping Tourism Federation) celebrated its 75th anniversary on Easter Saturday during a three-day rally with 130 participating outfits, the maximum possible number.

Celebrations that evening included a hot dinner, Belgian beer from Hamme, the beautiful little town where the rally took place, and a great band provided live entertainment rounding off the celebratory evening in great style. The VKT invited F.I.C.C. President Joao Pereira and the staff from the F.I.C.C. office in Brussels who enjoyed a great evening together with the many campers from Flanders. Fotos S. Brohl/J Pereira





Jochen Van den Bossche (President of VKT)
and Joao Alves Pereira
(F.I.C.C. President)

In April F.I.C.C. President Joao Alves Pereira participated in the 63th Spanish National Rally which took place from 31st March to 9th April 2023 in the beautiful town of Jaén in the South of Spain.





75 Years of DCC (Deutscher Camping Club e.V.)

This landmark anniversary will be celebrated with a huge rally at the Karpfham Festival Ground in South Germany near the Austrian border from 25 to 29 May.



Deutscher Camping-Club e.V. (DCC)

Founded as an association in 1948 in post-war Germany with the aim of making outdoor leisure activities available to everyone, DCC celebrates its 75th anniversary this year.

The Club now has around 30 affiliated federations and DCC members are given every opportunity to be actively involved in their local clubs and federations. The Club was started up on 22 September 1948 and the inaugural assembly held in Pschorrbräu-Gaststätten in Munich. This was only made possible thanks to the founding President Dr. Max Eckert who had excellent contacts within the European camping movement that went back to pre-war years. Germany was in the I.F.C.C. und (the forerunner of today's F.I.C.C.) founded in 1932. It was represented through its membership of the International Canoeing Federation and a member of the I.F.C.C. board. Early contacts made during a big event in 1937 survived the Second World War. When F.I.C.C. started up again at the end of the war, one of its representatives contacted Dr. Eckert in Munich and, on behalf of all the nations that were members of F.I.C.C., asked him to set up a German camping organisation.

After successful beginnings, the camping movement in Germany really took off from 1952 onwards. Thanks to a ministerial decree dated 9 May 1953, Dr. Eckert obtained full recognition of the camping movement in Bavaria, along with all of its demands and arrangements whereby official regulations were arrived at through consultation and not, as was originally planned, through legislation. Other similar decrees followed in other German states. From 1954 onwards, Dr. Eckert was again actively involved in F.I.C.C. and a member of the board. In 1954, DCC started publishing a magazine for its members entitled "Camping". Various state federations were established from 1951 onwards and even back in 1950 one person was already designated to be responsible for young people's activities. At the beginning of 1954 there were 16 state associations and a large number of newer local clubs. By 1957 DCC was sufficiently experienced in organising large scale events that it was invited to organise the **18th International F.I.C.C. Rally in Stuttgart**. The event was attended by 8,000 rally-goers from all over Europe according to a report in the club's magazine "Camping".

DCC Presidents are inextricably bound up with the Club's history.



Dr. Max Eckert (1948-64) was President of the German Canoeing Federation and as such he promoted the camping movement through these “river wanderers“. In 1949 he initiated the publication of a camping guide. People usually acquired information about camping from fairs and exhibitions but, from 1958 onwards, DCC had its own information stand at the exhibition in Essen. In 1953, Bavaria introduced the first camping decree relating to the construction and equipping of campsites based on proposals made by DCC. It was to serve as an example for the whole of the country. DCC’s first campsite was constructed in Kehl on the R. Rhine in 1958. Others soon followed and in those days they served as model campsites.

Friedrich Alexander von Horn (1964-70) was the second President of DCC and had much experience from being in active clubs. In 1954, he founded the Bremen CC and shortly afterwards set up the Weser-Ems Federation. As President of DCC, he considered his main task was to extend the range of activities DCC had to offer so he set up the Family Camping competition that still exists even today (“Golden Tent“ Award, Tent Sport Pennant). In addition he, and DCC too, became heavily involved in the work of the DIN Standards Committee. He also inaugurated the DCC Vacation Service that allowed campers to reserve their pitches on DCC campsites in advance. Last, but not least, he actively encouraged clubs to construct their own campsites.

Egon Skorczewski (1970-82) founded the “Berlin Section“ in 1953 which is now known as DCC’s Berlin Federation. Even in those days he was adamant about the need to build a number of municipal campsites for “his“ Berliners. After being elected President of DCC, he continued to pursue his main “cause célèbre“ i.e. creating even more DCC campsites. He started out within F.I.C.C. as Vice-President before being elected **F.I.C.C. President, an office he held between 1981 and 1984.**

Walter Krey (1982-94). In the 1980s, there was much debate on a multitude of political regulations that DCC and its President managed to sway in favour of campers’ interests. Thus the Germany-wide ban on outfits overtaking when going uphill was dropped as was the ban on outfits travelling on a Sunday that was introduced at very short notice. Disproportionately high standards imposed for building campsites in Schleswig-Holstein were likewise abandoned. Krey also managed to find time to represent the DCC at countless events both at home and abroad. When the Wall came down in 1989 and Germany became reunited, the new states of Brandenburg, Thüringen, Saxony, Sachsen-Anhalt and Mecklenburg-Vorpommern joined relatively quickly. Walter Krey is an Honorary President of DCC.

Dr. Hans-Josef Giesen (1994-2006) became President of DCC in 1994. He had been a member of DCC since 1985 and was also actively involved in LV Mittelrhein. From 1994 onwards he represented the club both in Germany and **internationally as an officer of F.I.C.C.** On 1 April 2005, during his term of office, outfits with a laden weight of up to 7.5 tonnes were allowed to travel at 100 km/h on motorways and dual carriageways. In October 2005, there was another pilot project that allowed towed caravans to travel at the faster speed of 100km/h.

Dr. Karl Zahlmann (Dipl.-Ing) (2006-2014) comes from the Lower Saxony Federation and had been a member of DCC for 31 years when he was elected President. From his early days he had always been very actively involved, first at club level, then in his state federation and finally as DCC President. His main aim was to continue DCC’s work to safeguard the interests of the camping movement especially at grass roots level. His interest and efforts were not confined to DCC at country level, as he was also a **member of the F.I.C.C. Council.**



Dr. Andreas Jörn (Dipl.-Ing) took over as President in May 2014. Having been DCC Treasurer, he was the first camper from eastern Germany, more precisely from the DCC Sachsen-Anhalt branch, to make it to the top. He successfully steered the Club through difficult times, consolidated the DCC and established a sound basis for the future. He served as acting President until he was finally elected President at the Annual General Assembly in April 2015. The 2018 International F.I.C.C. Rally in Paaren/Glien happened during his Presidency.

Over the years, thanks to Andreas Jörn's efforts, DCC became highly respected and very well accepted within the camping sector, both by various exhibition organising companies and DCC members. He did not stand for re-election at the following AGM that was postponed until 2021 due to the Covid pandemic. Andreas Jörn is a DCC Honorary President.

Dieter Albert took over the position of DCC-President in 2021. He came from DCC's Hessen LV, and after involvement in various areas in the regional federation, became Secretary of the DCC Council in 2014. Dieter Albert represented the DCC both in Germany and at **international level while serving on the F.I.C.C. Council**. His fervent desire has always been to ensure that DCC grows, evolves, and makes its mark in all areas, at every level. It makes no difference to him whether this involves management of DCC campsites in Dinkelsbühl or Kehl, cooperation with exhibition companies, or contacts with DCC members or achieving a new DCC social media presence on the internet, Facebook and Instagram, a new online camping guide – guide.camping-club.de – or organising the Club's huge anniversary celebration in May 2023 at the Karpfham Festival Ground in Lower Bavaria. "I am looking forward to shaping the years ahead with all of you DCC members and campers", announces a rather pleased Dieter Albert, DCC's current President.

EXHIBITIONS

Austria: Caravan Salon Austria from 18 to 22 October 2023, in Wels

Belgium: Salon des vacances from 1 to 4 February 2024, in Brussels

Czech Republic: 2 to 5 November 2023, in Brno

Denmark: Camping January 2024, in Aalborg

Outdoor in February 2025, in Aalborg

France: Salon des vehicules de loisir from 7 to 15 October 2023, in Paris

Salon du camping-car from 7 to 15 October 2023, in Villepinte (near Paris)

SETT from 8 to 10 November 2023, in Montpellier

Germany: Caravan Bremen from 4 to 5 November, in Bremen

Touristik & Camping from 22 to 26 November 2023, in Leipzig

Reisen & Caravan from 28 to 31 October 2023, in Erfurt

Reiselust from 25 to 27 November 2023, in Bremen

Urlaubsträume from 10 to 13 November 2023, in Essen

Great Britain: WTM from 7 to 9 November 2023, in London

Italy: Salone del Camper from 9 to 17 September 2023, in Parma

Japan: Camp & Glamping Show from 28 to 30 November 2023, in Tokyo

Netherlands: Kampeer & Caravan Jaarbeurs Fair from 4 to 8 October 2023, in Utrecht

Camperbeurs from 22 to 24 September 2023, in Hardenberg

Poland: Camper & Caravan from 29 September to 1 October 2023, in Warschau



Spain: Caravanning from 7 to 15 October 2023, in Barcelona
Glamping from 7 to 15 October 2023, in Barcelona
Madrid Expo Camper & Caravan from 9 to 17 September 2023, in Madrid
Switzerland: Suisse Caravan Salon from 26 to 30 October 2023, in Bern

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