



GOOD TO KNOW – SEPTEMBER 2021



A small but pleasant rally

in which campers from Belgium, Finland , France , Great Britain, Netherlands , Poland , Portugal , Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland and Spain took part.

Traditionally the parade of nations took place and, as usual, some participants were dressed in their beautiful folk or regional costumes, which embellished the colourful picture of this procession.

A big thank you goes to the Spanish organisers (FECC) and their helpers who made the participants have such an enjoyable time.

The F.I.C.C. Cup (Challenge) 2021 was won by :

KCCF (Korea Camping & Caravanning Federation)

(The highest number of participants of a club or federation in the rally multiplied by the officially recognised air-line distances from the main airport of the headquarters of each federation or club to the main airport nearest to the rally site is counted here.)

The organisers' prizes were awarded to the national associations or clubs with the largest number of registered and paying rally participants.

Category I (associations and clubs of 1 to 10,000 members):

Swiss Camping and Caravanning Association (Switzerland)

Category II (Federations and Clubs from 10,000 to 25,000 members):

FCMP (Federacao de Campismo e Montanhismo de Portugal) Portugal



Category III (federations and clubs of 25,001 and more members):
FFCC (Fédération des campeurs, caravaniers, camping-caristes) France

The F.I.C.C. General Assembly was also held at this event, and only a limited number of delegates were able to attend due to the pandemic travel restrictions.







The second F.I.C.C. World Congress on Camping, Caravanning and Motorcaravanning will be held on 28 and 29 OCTOBER 2021 in VERRIERES-LE-BUISSON/Paris – France

CANCELLED and reported to 2022

**F.I.C.C. ASIA-PACIFIC RALLY from 8 to 12 OCTOBER 2021 in Robot Land Park, Changwon City/South Korea
CANCELLED**

91st INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY from 29 July to 7 August 2022 in MOSCOW/RUSSIA





92nd INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2022 from 28 September to 7 October IN CHINA



93rd INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2023 from 24 JUNE to 3 JULY in KOZIENICE/POLAND



Official website: www.pfcc.eu

English: <http://www.pfcc.eu/ang/files/gbfic23.pdf>

Deutsch: <http://www.pfcc.eu/niem/files/gbfic23.pdf>

Français: <http://www.pfcc.eu/franc/files/gbfic23.pdf>

Polish: <http://www.pfcc.eu/pol/files/rally93.pdf>

The official rally website will be launched at the end of the year.



Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

Wild camping in France

Wild camping is not allowed everywhere in France but it is tolerated under certain limited conditions. It is advisable to check the reliable website lecampingsauvage.fr

You may not put up a tent

- ° in woodland, domains or parks that are classified as protected or conservation areas;
- ° in a classified or listed zone within an area of outstanding natural beauty or a historic conservation area;
- ° within 500m of a classified historic monument;
- ° on a beach (coast);
- ° within a radius of 200m of a drinking water capture site or on any other sites decreed by the local authority for reasons of health and safety.

The list is long and in order to be on the safe side and avoid making a mistake, look up Decree N° 2015-1783 dated 28 December 2015 that covers all of the regulations regarding “Wild Camping”.

You can only camp on privately-owned land with the permission of the owner, otherwise you will be liable for a fairly hefty fine.

1,000 farmers, 800 winegrowers along with 250 rural B&Bs and craftsmen offer campers overnight accommodation or space to camp. (Guide France Passion)

Source: Liaison FFCC

France: There are over 8,000 campsites in France making it the N° 1 country in Europe as regards camping infrastructure.

Source: Liaison FFCC

Germany: Between 2015 and 2020, the German Federal Motor Transport Authority (KBA) recorded an increase in the number of registered motorcaravans from 390,000 to approx. 590,000, i.e. a rise of over 51%. Fuel consumption was calculated to be 20-30 litres of petrol or 15-20 litres of diesel per 100kms.

Italy: Leisure vehicle registration rose by 38.36% in the first half of 2021.

AITA Tuscany has proposed that all campsites should install a defibrillator as soon as possible.

Source: Camping Business

Austria: Is one allowed to spend the night in a car or camping bus? You need to distinguish between camping and simply sleeping in your vehicle. Camping means putting out a table and chairs around your vehicle and not just sleeping in your vehicle.

Generally speaking forestry legislation in Austria forbids wild camping or camping on agricultural land without the landowner's permission on top of which federal states and local authorities may also impose a number of their own regulations.

As a rule, spending one night in your vehicle on a designated parking area is allowed unless a local law expressly states otherwise.

However it is advisable – if only to avoid potential disputes – to make use of one of Austria's many comfortable and safe campsites.

Source: CCA-Journal (A)



New course: Master's degree in Campsite Management

A new university course relating to camping has been introduced in the form of a European masters degree in “sustainable campsite management“. It is part of the European Union’s Erasmus programme. The EU’s prospectus runs to 174 pages, 7/9ths of which has been published. The course, which is in English, starts in October 2021 and is being offered by three universities: Rijeka (Croatia), Breda (Netherlands) and Girona (Spain).

Source: Le Bivouac (A.C.C.A.W./B)

Watch out for flying sparks

A barbecue on the beach or on a campsite (controlled) does not normally pose a danger. But in woodland, or in a very dry area or on dried out grassland it can start a raging inferno. The odd spark can travel up to 25 kms and this is enough to start brush fires and burn property.

Practical tips – for campers too

If your oven gives off an odd smell, place a few slices of orange inside on a tray, heat the oven (medium heat) for a few minutes and it will soon smell sweet again.

Important - for campers too

In the event of an accident – the most important moves for a recovery position

1. Bend one arm at right angles to the body. Bring their other arm across their chest and place the back of their hand against the cheek nearest to you. Hold it there.
2. With your other hand pull their far knee up so that their foot is flat on the floor and gently roll the casualty towards you on to their side.
3. Gently tilt the casualty’s head back and lift their chin to keep the airway open and adjust the hand under their cheek to do this.
4. Call the emergency services – wait for help to arrive and check breathing.

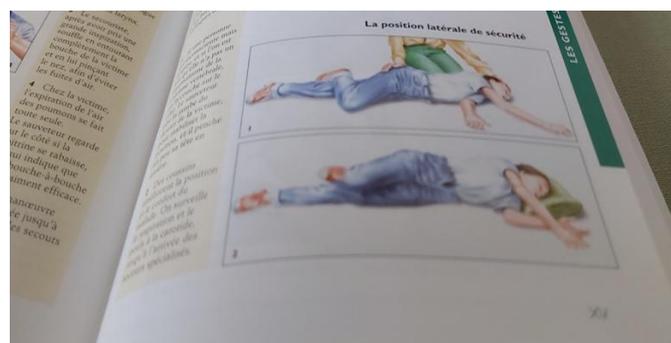


Illustration: Le petit Larousse de la médecine



MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

Why is the exhaust pipe on the right in Japanese cars? Pedestrians who walk on the right hand pavement in the direction of the traffic (they drive on the left in Japan) will breathe in fewer poisonous exhaust fumes. Vehicles in countries that drive on the right usually have their exhaust on the left hand side.

Health

July 22 is World Brain Day and was introduced a decade ago. It is all about having a healthy brain and realising that one's organism can form new brain cells even in old age.

It is important to use your brain for sport (dancing, qiqong, yoga), reading, puzzles, riddles and guessing games etc.

A 30-minute walk every day

- Lowers blood pressure and cholesterol levels
- Improves digestion
- Improves quality of sleep
- Reduces risk of heart problems and cardiovascular incidents
- Strengthens one's back and reduces the risk of osteoporosis
- Improves concentration
- Reduces by half the risk of getting diabetes
- Reduces the risk of dementia
- Reduces stress and depression
- Puts you in a good mood and lifts the spirits.

Source: A.C.C.W (B)

Humans have 206 bones the hardest of which is the temporal or petrous bone that only weighs a few grams. It encases the inner ear, protecting our hearing and balance mechanisms.

Curious facts/Environment/Culture

France: The artistic event of the year will take place between 18 September and 3 October 2021. The Arc de Triomphe will "disappear" under 25,000 sq.m. of recyclable polypropylene (silver and blue) and 7,000m of red cord. This event is being organised in conjunction with the Pompidou Centre and the Centre des Monuments Nationaux. Thus Christo and his wife Jeanne-Claude's dream to wrap the Arc de Triomphe comes true posthumously.

Which animal lives to the greatest age? It is the bowhead or Greenland shark that can live on average up to 270 years and has been known to survive for up to 400 years. The female of the species only becomes fertile when she is 150 years old.



Warning: New duty-free allowances: Online shoppers in Asia and the USA must beware. From 1 July 2021 the 22€ duty-free allowance disappears on goods from non-EU countries. Every item will be subject to import sales tax of between 7% and 19%. The cost will be included in the parcel service.

The 45€ allowance on gifts for individuals however remains.

August 8th is **International Cat Day**.

26 August is "**Toilet Paper Day**" (perhaps originating from the hoarding purchases during the first Corona wave?)

In Iceland – in Höfuðstöðin, Reykjavik – there is a new museum with sculptures and wall hangings made out of hair that the Icelandic artist known as Shoplifter produced for the 2019 Venice Biennale.

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

The Youth Section (JKC) of the Nederlandse Caravan Club (NCC) is celebrating its 60th anniversary. It was set up in 1961 by a group of young people who called themselves the Jongerenkampcommissie, later becoming the Jugendkampcommissie and obtaining their own logo in 1986. The Youth Section is very active and organises lots of activities on the club's own campsites.

Source: De Caravan (NCC)

F.I.C.C. e-Book

The **Camping Card International website** was totally updated in October last year with new functions and user-friendly instructions and descriptions of the advantages available to CCI users.

In order to gain access to the detailed information, the user/camper must register on the website www.campingcardinternational.com although all of the benefits associated with the CCI are apparent without registration.

Once users/campers have registered and shown that they have a valid CCI, they have access to the CCI e-book listing all of the discounts by country plus specific tourist information that will ensure that they enjoy their camping holiday to the full.

As a registered user, give your email/password and select the country of your choice in order to download the e-book as a pdf file (available in English only for the moment).

You will also find the CCI app in Apple Store and Google Play that is simpler to use on your mobile device.

F.I.C.C. and your CCI team wish you a wonderful, relaxing camping holiday!

CAMPING WITH F.I.C.C.

is a YouTube channel, where you can communicate not only with F.I.C.C. members but with all campers across the world and share their camping tips, experiences and memories



before setting off on a camping trip, and even while you are away. This enables everyone to get maximum pleasure from this type of outdoor tourism.

Travelling, discovering the wider world, waking up in a different place every morning...

Whether you travel alone or in a group, a trip in your caravan is always an adventure. But so that this adventure does not end in disaster, F.I.C.C. recommends checking out the video "Ten best practices before departure" that was made by the F.I.C.C. Motorcaravanning Commission.

"Camping with F.I.C.C." is accessible via the following link

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIDBeAqa72QIJ96q-CPPrp-Q>

Good advice – laughing for 15 minutes every day

- Helps you relax and eliminate stress in a natural way
- Shakes out "good humour" hormones
- Helps you sleep better
- Stimulates blood circulation that in turn oxygenates cells
- Combats fatigue, improves concentration
- Reduces high blood pressure
- Reinforces the immune system
- Works as an anti-inflammatory
- Massages the organs in your stomach and helps digestion
- Helps one cope with pain

Source: Mon pharmacien/ma référence (B)

EXHIBITIONS

Austria: Caravan Salon Austria from 20 to 24 October 2021, in Wels

Vienna Holiday Fair from 7 to 9 May 2022, in Vienna

Belgium: Salon des vacances from 3 to 6 February 2022, in Brussels

Czech Republic: Caravanning from 4 to 11

October 2021, in Brno

Finland: Caravan Fair from 21 to 23 January 2022, in Helsinki

France : Salon des véhicules de loisirs from 25 September to 3 October 2021, in Paris Le Bourget

SETT from 2 to 4 November 2021, in Montpellier

Germany: Caravan Bremen from 6 to 8 November 2021, in Bremen

Touristik & Caravanning from 18 to 22 November 2021, in Leipzig

CMT from 15 to 30 January 2022, in Stuttgart

Reise + Camping from 16 to 20 February 2022, in Essen

Reisen & Camping from 7 to 9 January 2022, in Leipzig

Messe Erfurt from 28 to 31 October 2021, in Erfurt

Freizeit, Touristik & Garten from 28 April to 2 May 2022, in Nürnberg

Great Britain: Caravan & Motorhome Show in January 2022, in Manchester

NEC Motorhome & Caravan Show from 22 to 27 February 2022, in Birmingham

Northern Ireland: Caravan & Motorhome Show from 14 to 16 January 2022, in Belfast

Italy: Turismo & Outdoor from 3 to 6 February 2022, in Parma



Netherlands: Kampeer en Caravan Jaarbeurs from 6 to 10 October 2021, in Utrecht
Caravana from 26 to 30 January 2022, in Leeuwarden

Portugal: Nauticampo from 3 to 6 February 2022, in Lisbon

Spain: Caravaning y Camper del Levante from 6 to 9 May 2022, in Torre Pacheco, Murcia

Salon Internacional del Caravaning from 2 to 10 October 2021, in Barcelona

Madrid Caravaning from 3 to 6 February 2022, in Madrid

FITUR from 19 to 23 May 2022, in Madrid

Sweden: Elmia Camping & Caravaning, 8 to 12 September 2021, in Jönköping **cancelled**

Scandinavian Caravan Show (Elmia) from 7 to 11 September 2022, in Jönköping

Switzerland: Suisse Caravan Salon from 28 October to 1 November 2021, in Bern

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