



GOOD TO KNOW – JULY 2017

NEW F.I.C.C. COUNCIL 2017 - 2020

The General Assembly re-elected

Mr. Joao ALVES PEREIRA

as President of the Fédération Internationale de Camping, Caravanning et Autocaravaning AISBL from among the newly-elected Council members

Joao	ALVES PEREIRA	Portugal	President
Norman	TAYLOR	Great Britain	Vice-President
Gérard	COUTE	France	Vice-President
Lars	HÅLL	Sweden	
Martin	GAVAN	Ireland	
Minna	JOENSUU	Finland	
Marcin	ZARDKIEWICZ	Poland	
Fabien	PRODUIT	Switzerland	
Bülent	KARABONCUK	Turkey	
Gianni	PICILLI	Italy	



General Assembly 2017



Fotos: Johnny Cheng

During the General Assembly, President Joao Alves Pereira presented retiring F.I.C.C. Vice-President Karl ZAHLMANN (DCC-Germany) with the F.I.C.C. Gold Medal in recognition of his services to the world of camping and his commitment to F.I.C.C. interests from 2006 to 2017. Mr. Zahlmann decided not to stand for re-election.

The General Assembly awarded the organisation of Rally 2020 to ACTITALIA (Italy).
The venue is ROME.

85th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY MAY 2017 IN DATÇA/TURKEY



The Turkish coast with Mugla (a very beautiful museum with archeological finds), Bodrum (the castle, historical architecture, beautiful beaches, mausoleum), Marmaris (castle, museum, handicrafts, lovely old town), Datça (charming town, fishing and diving areas), Dalyan (ancient town of Kaunos, Dalyan delta, protected area for "Caretta-Caretta" (loggerhead) turtles), Knidos (amphitheatre, temple to Aphrodite), is indeed one of the most beautiful regions in Turkey. All of these towns and areas were on the excursion list. Rest and recreation, fresh air, good food, friendly people and a rich cultural heritage all contribute to making this region an attractive holiday destination to which visitors return time and time again.

All participants were, and still are, very enthusiastic about this Rally, the excursions and evening entertainment, and want to see lots of photos in "Good to Know".



CAROC/Taiwan Reception



The Deutsche Strasse





Turkish Evening

86th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY in Jhinshan (New Taipei City)/Taiwan from 30 September to 9 October 2017



Work on the campsite is complete and the Taiwanese organisers are impatiently waiting for their guests to arrive.

As soon as you have booked your flight to Taiwan, send your flight plan to the organisers so that they can make arrangements for you to be met at the airport.

You can join a tour after the rally if you so wish at a cost of €700 per person. The cost includes accommodation, mineral water, entrance tickets, breakfast, lunch, evening meal and third party insurance.

The programme is varied and transports you to another world.

The rally programme is also diverse and includes excursions to the centre of traditional art and Lan Yang Museum (daytrip), to Jiufen and Jinguashi (daytrip), Ju Ming Museum and Yehliu Geopark



(daytrip), the National Palace Museum (really worth seeing – editorial comment), Martyrs’ Shrine and Shilin Official Residence (daytrip), a tour around Taipei on the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) (bus tour pick-up and drop-off) and many other wonderful programme items.

Information: <http://www.ficc.org.tw/viewforum.php?f=24>

Rallies 2017 under F.I.C.C. Patronage

The “National Feast of Lanterns“ under F.I.C.C. patronage, organised by The Camping and Caravanning Club (GB), will be held at The All England Horse Jumping Course, Hickstead/Sussex-Great Britain from 24 to 28 August 2017.

F.I.C.C. members are welcome at this event too.

<http://www.campingandcaravanningclub.co.uk/newsandevents/national-feast-of-lanterns/>

F.I.C.C. Patronage for the 8th Friendship Rally to be held from 6 to 10 December 2017 in Matera/Italy

Confederazione Italiana Campeggiatori is organising the 8th Friendship Rally in Matera, a culturally rich town in the Basilicata region – also known as Lucania – in southern Italy.

Matera will be a European Capital of Culture in 2019 and is famous for its cave dwellings, 13thC cathedral and Norman castle.

The rally venue is the Go-Kart circuit “Palomba” S.S. 7 km 582,5 –
Tel/Fax 00 39 835330012

The circuit has a generator that can supply a maximum of 130 caravans. There are water distribution points and emptying facilities, a bar and breakfast service. The restaurant, about 50m away, will be offering special prices to rally participants.

Confedercampeggio is holding its General Assembly during the rally which any interested rally participants are welcome to attend.

The organiser has arranged a good, interesting programme which we will print in one of our next editions.

F.I.C.C. members are most welcome to attend this rally. Additional information will be available in due course.



87th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY FROM 27 July to 4 August 2018 in Paaren–Berlin/Germany



IMPORTANT CORRECTION

A mistake crept into the booking form in the brochure for the above rally.
The wrong IBAN number appeared in column 3 Bookings.
The number should read
IBAN DE07 7019 0000 0002 1044 40

The rally brochure and booking form for the 87th F.I.C.C. Rally in Paaren/Berlin are available and can be obtained either by contacting the Deutscher Camping Club e.V. Mandlstrasse 28, D-80802 München or info@ficcrallye2018.de
They can be downloaded and bookings can already be made.

Tip from the F.I.C.C. Secretariat: (Round and about in Berlin!!)

The Bode Museum on Berlin's Museum Island houses a collection of sculptures and the Botanical Gardens are located next to the large tropical glasshouse. Also of interest is Spandau's historic old town and the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Potsdam with its castles and parks. (Babelsberg castle – English Gothic).

POST-RALLY 2018

Polska Federacja Campingu I Caravaningu will probably be organising a Post Rally in Mielenko, Campsite 107 "Ara" (West Pomerania) after the rally in Paaren/Germany. The campsite is situated right on the Baltic coast.

More information will be available in due course.



88th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY in Châteaubriant/France from 26 JULY to 4 AUGUST 2019



Access

By road: From Nantes= 45 minutes; from Rennes = 45 minutes; from Angers = 1 hour; from Paris = 4 hours

By rail: SNCF – daily service

from Nantes tram-train; from Rennes TER service. Reservations and information www.sncf.com

By bus: Saint-Nazaire-Châteaubriant ; Angers-Châteaubriant via Segré; Angers-Châteaubriant via Pouancé; Laval-Châteaubriant

Transport in the town itself: Castelbus

Châteaubriant has four city gates and drawbridges. Huddled within the remains of its city walls, its elegant manor houses, half-timbered houses and tower make Châteaubriant one of the best preserved strongholds in the region.

The mediaeval castle and Renaissance palace are at the heart of the historic old town. The castle and manor houses take you on a journey through the town's historic and emotionally-charged past. From mediaeval times through to the Renaissance succeeding centuries have left the imprint of many notable personages including Françoise de Foix.

The area has 20 belltowers.

The Templar's Chapel, the mediaeval church of Saint Jean Baptiste de Béré, the churches of Saint Jouin and Saint Julien, are all tranquil examples of the area's religious architectural heritage.

The nearby 12C Cistercian Abbey, at Meilleraye de Bretagne, offers peace, stability and seclusion out in the country. The monks, who are very keen for you to share and experience the tranquility of this wonderful place, are happy to show you round and will arrange religious retreats.



89th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY FROM 28 SEPTEMBER TO 06 OCTOBER 2019 in Ten-ei Village (Prefecture Fukushima) /Japan

90th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2018 IN ROME/ITALY

Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

The Netherlands: Never before have so many new caravans and motorcaravans been sold in The Netherlands in the month of May as this year. Total sales were 1,415.

Source: BOVAG

On an average day's travel, campers cover between 200 and 300 kms and 64% of them will stop for breaks for two to two and a half hours.

Source: L.edenonderzoek NKC - NL

Awnings : Updated standards

The DIN Standards Committee on camping tents, awnings and textiles has revised standard DIN/EN ISO 8936 on Awnings for leisure accommodation vehicles and specifies requirements, test methods and material performance characteristics for vehicle awnings in Europe. They will ultimately also be binding worldwide. Every use of a manufactured awning will be categorised and every stage of the production process subject to different requirements and tests.

These new requirements include resistance to weathering, tearing and other material performance characteristics. There is a table listing the minimum requirements of the most important features.

All of this gives the consumer more certainty when buying an awning that conforms to the DIN/EN/ISO standard. Clear rules have also been introduced relating to size to determine the exact dimensions, and for flammability and resistance to roof load.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

Cost of camping: Switzerland is way ahead

Camping works out cheapest in Germany and most expensive in Switzerland. The table below gives the average cost for 2 adults and a 10-year-old child plus possible extra charges for a one-night stay at a campsite in the 2017 peak summer season.

Average	Europe	35.70 Euro
1	Switzerland	47.97 Euro
2	Italy	45.39 Euro
3	Denmark	40.40 Euro
4	The Netherlands	40.48 Euro
5	Spain	39.89 Euro
6	Croatia	39.60 Euro
7	France	36.55 Euro



8	Austria	34.31 Euro
9	Sweden	30.75 Euro
10	Germany	28.54 Euro

Source: ADAC

TICKS and camping

Precautionary measures to take to avoid contracting tick-borne encephalitis TBE/FSME – Enjoy the natural world tick-free and stay safe outdoors especially when hiking

Wear light-coloured clothing with long sleeves

Use insect repellent

Tuck trouser legs into your socks and upper clothing into your waistband

Regularly check your body and clothing for ticks

Have tick tweezers or a tick removal card with you

Make sure you remove ticks correctly

Consider having a TBE/FSME vaccination

The risk of “getting” a tick is on the increase. The high season for ticks goes on to October.

The typical habitat for ticks that love the damp include sparsely wooded areas and the edge of woods and forests, long grass and bushes. If you discover that you have a tick, there are two ways of removing it. If you use a special tick card, place it as near as possible to the tick’s proboscis and the site of the bite and remove the tick carefully by gently pushing or prising it out. A better way is to use tweezers to grasp the proboscis and gently pull the tick out vertically by means of regular, controlled, **not jerking**, upward movements.

Once the tick has been removed, anyone who has not had the TBE/FSME vaccine should be vigilant over their state of health and if a rash or fever develops seek medical advice immediately.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

MISCELLANEOUS

GERMANY: 500 years of white gold

Indispensable when it comes to preserves and seasoning, salt is still valued as an essential condiment and an important commodity.

Germany’s oldest working salt mine in the state of Berchtesgaden has been in operation for 500 years. The brine pipe from the salt mines to the old salt works at Bad Reichenhall has been in use for 200 years.

Because of this double anniversary, the Berchtesgaden salt mine is organising special guided tours underground, exhibitions of arts and crafts and Salt Festival events.

On Mondays and Wednesdays from May through October there are special guided tours along the Anniversary Mine Trail and daily visits underground that take you on a journey through time and the history of salt mining.

In **2016** there were 693,000 **traffic jams** on German motorways. Altogether they stretched for 1,378,000 kms.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans



Ireland: The Carrick-a-Rede suspension bridge is in Northern Ireland and links the small island of Carrick-a-Rede with the mainland. The bridge is suspended some thirty metres above the sea and offers stunning views. It was built in 2000 and was mainly used by fishermen in the salmon fishing season but now, on the whole, it is just for tourists. They generally prefer to take the boat back to the mainland because the bridge can only take eight people at any one time.

Luther 500 years

On 31 October 1517, Luther nailed up his 95 theses on the door of the castle church in Wittenberg. There will be lots of celebrations to mark this day in Germany and many exhibitions throughout Thuringia relating to Luther and his work as a single-minded reformer, translator of the Bible, pilgrim, excellent communicator, bookbinder, music lover and gourmet. He went to school in Eisenach, studied theology in Erfurt and translated the New Testament from Greek into German while in Wartburg castle.

Source: Kampeerauto (NKC-NL)

Vignette and toll charges for European holiday destinations

Andorra: no tax or charge for driving on its roads or motorways

Belgium: cars, outfits and motorcaravans must pay to drive through the Liefkenshoek tunnel in Antwerp.

Cost for vehicles under height of 2.75m = €6, over 2.75m high = €19

Payment can be made in cash, with a credit card or via an On-Board-Unit

Info: www.liefkenshoektunnel.be

Bulgaria: Vignettes are required for cars, caravans, motorcaravans and trucks on motorways and a good many main (national) roads. An extra tax is payable on some bridges and ferries.

Cost of vignettes (depending on a vehicle's weight): 7 day: €8 to €45, 1 month: €15 to €89, 1 year: €50 to €891.

Vignettes can be bought at border crossings, petrol stations, post offices and other places that display a vignette symbol.

INTERESTING SNIPPETS FROM OUR MEMBERS

To mark its 40th anniversary, **NKC (NL)** has handed over a check for €2,500 to the **Handicamp Foundation** (Camping and holidays for disabled people) part of which was spent on a membership day for campers.

FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS

Germany Caravan Salon Düsseldorf 26.08. to 03.09 2017, in Düsseldorf

Hamburger Caravantage: 14 to 19.09 2017, in Hamburg

CMT: 13.01.to 21.01.2018, in Stuttgart



Bremen: Caravan 03 to 05.11.2017, in Bremen
Caravan and Camping, 31.01 to 04.02.2018, in Hannover
The Netherlands Kampeer en Caravan Jaarbeurs: 11.10. to 15.10. 2017, in Utrecht
Vakantiebeurs: 10.01. to 14.01. 2018, in Utrecht
Italy Il Salone del Camper, 09.09. to 17.09 2017, in Parma
France Salon des Véhicules de Loisirs: 30.09 to 08.10. 2017, in Paris – Le Bourget
SETT: 07.11 to 09.11 2017, in Montpellier
Switzerland Suisse Caravan Salon: 27.10. to 31.10. 2017, in Bern
Sweden ELMIA: 06 to 10.09.2017, in Jönköping
Austria Caravan Salon Wels: 18 to 22.10. 2017
Ferienmesse: 11.01. to 14.01.2018, in Vienna
Great Britain Central Caravan & Motorcaravan Show: 19.01. to 22.01.2018, in Manchester
Belgium Vakantiesalon (Holiday Show): 25.01 to 29.01 2018, in Antwerp
Spain Fritur: 17.01. to 21.01.2018, in Madrid

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