



GOOD TO KNOW – MAY 2018

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



Deadline for bookings was 30 April 2018

Don't forget: From 1 May 2018 there is a 20% surcharge on the rally booking fee

Here is an update on preparations for the F.I.C.C. Rally.

Preparations for the Rally are nearly all complete.

Last week DCC went to Paaren to meet the Chief of Police, representatives of the emergency services, transport authorities and local public transport personnel to discuss and sort out traffic arrangements.

Regarding traffic arrangements on the approach roads, rally participants will be directed to an arrival area from where they will be sent to the main gate and separated into their respective sectors .

To avoid traffic jams, participants must follow the special signposting and the directions given by the traffic stewards.

The chief delegates and national stewards may arrive at the rally site at 10 am on 26.7. and will be directed by DCC stewards to their respective sectors and more specifically to their pitches.

Here too, so that things run smoothly, people absolutely must follow the stewards' instructions.

Pitches must be filled as directed as each outfit arrives and none can be reserved or kept free for friends who are arriving later.

PLEASE NOTE!!!!!!!!!!!!

A strict ban will be imposed on caravans and motorcaravans transitting or stopping in the area around Paaren before, during and after the rally.

German rally-goers will issue the usual open invitation to the "Deutsche Strasse" as they do at every F.I.C.C. rally.

This will be in the German sector at 4 pm on 29.07, i.e. on the first Sunday of the rally.

If any other nations are planning to hold a reception, they should forward their intended time and date as early as possible so as to avoid receptions clashing.

Our camping friends from SF Finland will be organising a special event.

They are inviting everyone to take part in a Möllky tournament (throwing game) on 30.07.

Please book in advance.

On 31.07. there will be a display by the Finnish champions in caravan manoeuvring.

The prize-giving ceremony for the various awards will be held in the festival hall on 31.7.2018.



The recently finished “Brewery Experience” with the new beer garden eagerly awaits campers from all over the world.

Bread, pastries, butter, sausage and cheese, all from the Brandenburg region will be on sale.

Also alcoholic and soft drinks to consume on the spot or take away to your caravan or motorcaravan.

Wi-fi internet connection will be available everywhere (almost) on the rally site to enable visitors to keep in touch with home and to keep themselves updated on rally news.

There will of course be another of the evenings so popular with rally-goers when any nation or (up-and-coming) artist can take the stage.

Doing the rounds of Berlin’s museums

Over the past two years, the F.I.C.C. Secretariat has passed on some interesting tips on the city’s museums.

Here are some other museums that the Deutscher Camping Club, the rally organiser, considers well worth visiting.

Deutsches Technikmuseum (German Technology Museum) near the Potsdamer Platz with the distinctive “raisin bomber” (the type used in the Berlin airlift) on the roof and its collection of technological items and gadgets through the ages.

Science Center Spectrum, also in the Museum Park and a “must” for people who love trying out different experiments - 150 interactive experiment stations.

Museum für Naturkunde (Natural History Museum) with its dinosaur hall.

Deutsches historisches Museum Germany’s largest history museum with 7,000 exhibits covering 1500 years of German history.

Märkisches Museum in Kölnischen Park : Berlin’s municipal museum displaying architectural and other cultural treasures.

Deutsches Spionagemuseum: This museum gives a unique insight into the shadowy underworld of espionage.

Museum Ephraim-Palais: Exhibition until 26 August showing how artists from 19C to modern times have interpreted Berlin’s urban and social structures.

Scharf-Gerstenberg Collection – Berlin’s National Gallery: Shows how art has developed through a succession of fantastic works by Piranesi, Goya, Max Ernst through to Magritte. Opposite is the Museum Berggruen with works by Picasso, Klee, Matisse and Giacometti.

People can book through reception for the “Campers for Campers” evening.

Source: DCC (D)



Please note – CHANGE regarding the Post-Rally in Poland

The Polish Camping and Caravanning Federation informs rally-goers that the Post-Rally will be held on Campsite N° 142 “Wisniowa Polana” in Miłków (Lower Silesia) from 4 to 8 August 2018. The campsite is about 300 kms from Berlin.

PFCC hopes that this Post-Rally will be just as successful as the previous ones organised there and that participants will return home with many happy memories.

69th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY 2019 IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

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



A dedicated website has now been set up for this event under www.ficc2019.com

The programme will include: excursions, visits, horse-racing, food tasting of regional specialities, gastronomic meals, cabaret (evenings), musical events, dancing and dinners with a band.

All "Made in Châteaubriant!"

Bookings can be made already.

Further information is available: www.ffcc.fr or info@ffcc.fr or phone 00.33 142 72 84 08

89th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY from 28 SEPTEMBER to 6 OCTOBER 2019 in Ten-ei Village (Fukushima Prefecture)/Japan



Rally booking fees are as follows : Adults (over 23 years old) 18,000 Yen / young people (13-22 years old) 15,000 Yen/ children (6-12 years old) 9,000 Yen/ children under 6 years old free of charge.

An interesting programme is being prepared.

90th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2020 IN OSTIA/ROME (ITALY)

The F.I.C.C. Rally Commission inspected the rally site in April 2018.

Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

How do you prevent premature wear and tear in your awning

A caravan awning is very precious. Here are seven tips to ensure that yours lasts a long time:

- 1.) Air your awning every day to let the air circulate. This will avoid condensation building up. Awnings that are partly made of cotton can breathe and adapt more readily to changes in temperature. Awnings made of synthetic material must be opened out to avoid condensation building up and they need to be aired too. Condensation builds up mainly on the ridge and then you tend to think there is a leak. So you need to apply small pieces of foam material here and there on the inside.



- 2.) If your awning gets very wet after heavy rain, you should not rub it dry because every time you rub the material you damage the waterproofing.
- 3.) If your awning unfortunately happens to get very dirty, whatever you do, do not use stain remover. If it is made of PVC, use a damp sponge to clean it off. If you have a cotton awning, wait until the material is thoroughly dry then brush it gently with a soft brush.
- 4.) Clean off your awning regularly when it is up and don't wait until the end of the holidays to do so. If it is under trees, remember to clear off leaves, muck and dust from time to time. It makes the job easier if you do it regularly. Spray your awning with clear water and brush it off gently.
- 5.) Also remember to clean the jupe and the cover.
- 6.) At the end of your holidays or the camping season, the awning must be folded up and left in a dry place. Do not under any circumstances put it away if it is still damp because you will end up with spots of mildew. If the awning is still damp following bad weather, then fold it up temporarily, but open it up as soon as possible to clean it and dry it off. Curtaining can be washed by hand or in a clothes washer (30°) but do not spin-dry and certainly don't tumble-dry.
- 7.) Store your awning in a dry place, well away from rodents because rats and mice love to take up their winter quarters in awnings and such like!

Source: Caravane-info

Another safety feature (not only) for pet owners

Campers can now leave their four-legged friends alone in their caravan or motorcaravan in all winds and weathers and not feel bad about doing so. This is possible thanks to the heat alarm in the Truma iNet systems new app. Users receive an SMS if the vehicle is getting too hot and the inside temperature exceeds a pre-determined, pre-set level. Pet owners can react immediately and, wherever they are, use the app to turn on the air-conditioning and reduce the temperature.

This is a welcome addition to the existing alarm function that alerts users if the temperature or voltage drops. Users are already informed by SMS if the temperature drops in the vehicle or the voltage of the on-board battery falls. And it is not just pet owners who can be relaxed and confident thanks to the Truma iNet system. Anyone can use their smart phone or tablet to control the combi heating system and Truma air conditioning, find out what the temperature or power supply situation is and check the gas tank – any time, anywhere.

Source: CCA-Journal (A)

Every motorcaravanner's worst nightmare: The central locking system has been hacked...

For all car and motorcaravan owners, it is quite normal these days to click on the remote control and all of the doors are locked. However, nowadays any Tom, Dick or Harry can open a vehicle without any hassle at all using some hardware and adapted software that can easily be downloaded off the internet. What may have started out as a prank can sadly turn into a nightmare for caravanners. The main vehicles affected are the 2006 models of the Fiat Ducato, Citroën Jumper, Peugeot Boxer and Iveco Daily.

A digital break-in leaves no trace. Thieves have been concentrating on these models for about two years now. Since the break-in leaves no trace it is difficult to prove that it has happened at all which complicates life when you want to make an insurance claim. Basically anyone can capture data.

It is very easy to break into a vehicle if there is no proper code for the wireless signal of your vehicle remote control system. Many manufacturers even totally dispense with the so-called rolling code or



hopping code system that offers greater protection by changing the code at a given time according to a predetermined algorithm.

Is your vehicle affected? Only special retrofit systems can remedy the situation and remove this security hole. Specialists including Thitronik who intervene with their VIPro-III-Alarm systems in the CAN-Bus of base vehicles, have used their know-how to come up with their own solution.

With the module called "safe.lock", the security hole that results from an uncoded vehicle key is closed. Once the module is connected to the central locking system, the security hole in the vehicle that would be caused by an uncoded key, will be closed

When the module is connected to the central locking system, the unsecure original electronics of the vehicle key will be replaced by the circuit board that has been supplied and this will protect the vehicle with around 4 million constantly changing codes used when locking and unlocking it.

You can no longer use the old key which has no remote control. This key service can only be supplied through an authorised Thitronik specialist with the appropriate programming infrastructure.

Further information under www.thitronik.de

Source: Camping Revue (SCCV/CH)

MISCELLANEOUS

Travel safely

Avoid deep-vein thrombosis

If you take a flight that is over eight hours long, or go on a long journey by bus, car or train, you could run the risk of deep vein thrombosis (blood clot) or even a pulmonary embolism occurring. You should consult your doctor if you have already suffered from deep vein thrombosis or a pulmonary embolism, if you are pregnant, have recently had a baby or undergone surgery, are overweight, are having hormone treatment or have had cancer....

Wear comfortable clothes that do not constrict your legs and are not tight round your waist or your ankles.

Do not stow your hand baggage under your feet – that will restrict your ability to move.

Try to book an aisle seat.

Move around on your seat to change your sitting position and if necessary walk up and down the aisle.

It helps to wear support stockings or socks.

Don't forget to drink a lot (water).

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

Obligatory E-call System

All newly approved cars and trucks (maximum laden weight 3.5 tonnes) in the European Union must be fitted with an emergency eCall system from 31 March 2018. If there is a serious accident, the system automatically sends a distress call to 112 giving important information to the emergency services (i.e. time and place of the accident, number of people involved etc.) so that they can make an informed decision in advance as to the type of intervention required. This service will be administered either via the official 112 number or via a private firm (third party insurance). It is hoped that there will be a faster response in an emergency and that fatalities will fall by at least 4%. According to the EU Commission, the results have already been impressive: in urban areas, the emergency services have reduced their response time by 40%, and by 50% even in rural areas.



At the same time a phone number is being set up on handsfree devices so that any occupant of a vehicle can give the emergency services important information – or, conversely, if there is no contact, the assumption can be made that no-one in the vehicle is conscious.

The system can be installed on a button or knob, readily accessible near the rear view mirror and easily recognisable thanks to the SOS marking. That is important if the collision is not serious enough to trigger the alarm automatically or if the driver has become unconscious for other reasons and cannot set off the alarm himself in which case a passer-by or passenger can summon help.

E-call can be retrofitted.

Source: TV/Eena/Freie Fahrt (CCA/Arbö-A)

How to work out stopping distance

Stopping distance is a combination of braking distance and reaction distance

Reaction distance = speed: 10 x 3m/s

Example: 50 km/h: 10 x 3m/s = 15 m reaction distance

Braking distance on a wet road = Speed: 10 x Speed: 10

Example: (50km/h: 10) x (50 km/h:10) = 25 m braking distance

The braking distance on a wet road for a vehicle travelling at 50km/h is about 40m

Reaction distance depends on the driver's state of health and mind.

Braking distance depends on the technical condition of the vehicle, the condition of the road and other weather-related influences.

Braking readiness shortens the stopping distance considerably.

Source: ACS (CH)

Watch out for ticks

Ticks that carry the FSME virus are found mainly in the south and animals with Lyme disease are everywhere. There is no vaccination so antibiotics are the only treatment and cure for Lyme disease (borreliosis).

The initial symptoms are similar to those for `flu but organs can also be affected by the virus and there can be other problems too like muscle and joint pains, disturbed vision and dizziness.

So when you are out hiking, always wear long trousers and long-sleeve shirts and use protective anti-insect sprays. When you return from a walk, inspect your body for ticks, including in the creases. If you do come across a tick, you must remove it immediately. Using tweezers, grasp its head and gently pull upwards (do not twist it). Disinfect the area. One can send the tick to a laboratory and have it tested to see if it is a borreliosis carrier.

If borreliosis is present, a course of antibiotics is the only solution although naturopathic treatments such as acupuncture for example can be a useful back-up aid.

How to unblock the sink in a trice

What do you do when the waste pipe is blocked in your sink? You simply pour half of cup of bicarbonate of soda (baking powder) down the plughole followed by half a cup of apple vinegar. Stand back because the mixture makes a lot of spray! They react together on contact and clear the blockage. Finish by pouring hot water down the waste pipe – job done!



“In May the trees are in blossom and flowers in bloom, but, methinks, it is in April that we witness nature’s greatest miracle with the burgeoning of all these buds and tiny shoots“

Karel Capek

Czech writer, photographer and art critic

FAIRS & EXHIBITIONS

Belgium: Mobicar from 12 to 16 October 2018, in Brussels

Brussels Travel Expo from 10 to 11 December 2018, in Brussels

Germany: Caravan Salon Düsseldorf from 24.08. – 02.09.2018, in Düsseldorf

Caravan Salon Bremen from 9 to 11 November 2018, in Bremen

The Netherlands: Kampeer en Caravan Jaarbeurs from 10 to 14 October 2018, in Utrecht

France: Salon des Véhicules de loisir from 29.09 to 07.10.2018, in Paris le Bourget

SETT in November, in Montpellier

Spain: Madrid Xanadu Outlet & Ocasión from 10 to 14 October 2018, in Madrid

Italy: Il Salone del camper from 8 to 16 September 2018, in Parma

Switzerland: Schweizer Caravaning Salon from 25.10. to 29.10.2018, in Bern BEA Expo

Austria: Caravan Salon Austria from 17.10 to 21.10.2018, in Wels

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