



## GOOD TO KNOW – NOVEMBER 2017

68<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. YOUTH RALLY FROM 29 MARCH TO 02 APRIL 2018 IN  
Campsite Terme Tuhelj – Zagreb – Croatia



**Organisation:** Udruga Kampista Hrvatske

The Rally fee is 65 Euro per person for 4 nights at the campsite, free entrance to the Water Planet (Wellness Center), folder of brochures, Easter meal, 1 bus trip to Terme Tuhelj to visit the attractive old town.

All Youth Rally participants must pay the rally booking fee.

In case participants want to stay in the hotel, the cost will be 180 Euro per person in a double room (65 + 180 = 245 Euro) or + 192 Euro for a single room (65 + 192 = 257 Euro) for the 4 nights. All participants can have breakfast in the Hotel Well restaurant for 7 Euro per person per day. Lunch costs 15 Euro per person.

**Deadline for bookings 01.02.2018.**

**Campsite Avtokamp Terme Tuhelj** is situated on a nice grassy area, shaded by trees not far from Zagreb (57 km). Campsite guests have free access to Vodni Planet, the largest swimming pool resort in Croatia.

In this small, quiet campsite you can entrust the preparation of meals to others i.e. Hotel Well or any of the restaurants in Vodni planet. However, if you wish to prepare your own meals on a barbecue, then in the campsite there are two grill spots for this very purpose. The campsite has proper sanitary installations with showers and a dishwashing space. Further information:

[http://www.terme-tuhelj.hr/gb/accommodations/campsite-terme-tuhelj-14557?\\_ga=2.69078745.950108200.1503929119-1063443765.1503929119](http://www.terme-tuhelj.hr/gb/accommodations/campsite-terme-tuhelj-14557?_ga=2.69078745.950108200.1503929119-1063443765.1503929119)



## 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](mailto:info@ficcrallye2018.de). They can be downloaded and bookings can already be made.

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



### Sports opportunities in Châteaubriant

#### Bowling Bar Skittles

This complex has 6 bowling alleys, 4 billiard tables and electronic games. Wheelchair access

#### Swimming baths - Espace Dauphins

One 50m x 15m pool and one 12m x 6m pool in this complex.



#### New watersports centre (Espace aquatique)

There is a new intercommunal watersports complex within the Choisel Recreation Centre (8 hectares) that offers various sports, swimming lessons and other recreational activities for all ages.

#### Swin Golf Loisirs

An 18-hole golf course, paintball, bike rental, archery, disc golf and footgolf.

#### Skate Park - Tennis

There are tennis courts behind the swimming pool.

Facilities for basketball, football and handball.

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

#### **More attractions in Fukushima Prefecture**

##### Fukuman Kokuzoson Enzoji Temple (Yanaizu town)

This temple is 1200 years old. The main hall is on a plateau affording wonderful views over the Tadami river. It is also the “birthplace” of Akabeko, the “Red Cow “.

##### Ouchijuku (Shimogo town)

Ouchijuku dates back to the Edo period and it was here that travellers could find sustenance. There are still some 30 reed-covered houses even today which remind one of “the good old days”. The local speciality dish is Negi-soba that is eaten with green onions rather than chopsticks.

##### Shiramizu Amida Hall (Iwaki town)

This national heritage site dates from the Heian period and is unique in the Fukushima Prefecture. There are beautiful gardens with lots of different plants and flowers including lotus flowers and Japanese bush clover.

##### Spa Resort Hawaii (Iwaki town)

A spa and wellness centre built around a Hawaiian theme. It has five hot springs including the world’s largest open-air pool (Guinness Book of Records).

Suitable for all ages.



## Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

### Vignette and toll charges for European holiday destinations

**Portugal:** Most of the country's motorways and highways/expressways, along with some tunnels and bridges, are subject to toll charges that are worked out on the basis of distance and vehicle category. According to some sources, including ÖAMTC, it appears that if you stop for more than 12 hours between two toll stations (to spend the night for example), you could find yourself being charged double for the longest stretch of motorway.

**Serbia:** Motorways and highways/expressways are subject to toll charges in Serbia. You can either pay in cash or via transponder. Charges depend on the distance travelled and a rather complex system of vehicle categories that take into account the number of axles, the height above the first axle and the weight of the vehicle. Apart from toll charges on motorways and highways/expressways, there are also tolls for some bridges and tunnels.  
Info and toll calculator on [www.putevi-srbije.rs](http://www.putevi-srbije.rs)

**Slovakia:** An e-vignette is necessary for vehicles and outfits up to 3.5 tonnes wanting to use Slovak motorways and highways/expressways. Motorcaravans also need a vignette if their total weight exceeds 3.5 tonnes. Outfits with a maximum laden weight that exceeds 3.5 tonnes need a separate vignette for the trailer.  
Vignettes can be purchased on [www.eznamka.sk](http://www.eznamka.sk) or by smart phone using the app "ez-namka" as well as from self service vending machines and nearly all filling stations.

**Slovenia:** Two-axle vehicles up to 3.5 tonnes require a vignette in Slovenia. They fall into one of two categories.  
Trailers and caravans that are towed by a vehicle with a maximum laden weight up to and including 3.5 tonnes do not need a separate vignette. Vehicles over 3.5 tonnes pay a toll based on distance and exhaust emission levels.  
Info: [www.dars.si](http://www.dars.si)

**Czech Republic:** Vignettes are required in the Czech Republic for vehicles up to 3.5 tonnes travelling on motorways and highways/expressways. Vehicles over 3.5 tonnes must pay a toll charge based on distance and vehicle category as calculated by the "Premid Box". You can acquire and pay a deposit for one of these boxes either on the motorway or at large filling stations. The toll can either be paid in advance or later on the basis of an invoice.  
Info: [www.myto.cz.eu](http://www.myto.cz.eu)  
Source: Camping –DCC (D)



### **Motorcaravans in the Netherlands**

The number of motorcaravans (camper vans) in the Netherlands has risen steadily over the past year and that is unlikely to change in the coming years.

On 1 January 2017 there were 102,370 motorcaravans in the Netherlands i.e. the number of motorcaravan registrations had increased by 56%.

Great Britain has 210,000 motorcaravans, France has 440,000, Germany 460,000 and Italy has 210,000. There are about 2 million motorcaravans in Europe and the Netherlands is in fifth place.

There are over 100 makes of motorcaravans in the Netherlands. Hymer tops the list (19%), then come Dethleffs (8%), Bürstner (7%), Adria (7%) and Volkswagen/Knaus (5%)

98% of NKC members have a motorcaravan; on average a motorcaravan lasts about 11.2 years in the Netherlands.

Motorcaravan owners tend to keep their vehicles for about 4.7 years before changing them; 9% contemplate having a new or different motorcaravan within a year.

In 2016, Dutch campers spent 415 million Euros on their travels i.e. on average 55€ per camper per day, paying out mainly for fuel, overnight stays, food shopping, general shopping and restaurant meals. They spent most in France and Germany. Local communities in the Netherlands can hardly imagine life without the camping fraternity. Altogether camping tourists spend 182 million Euros in the Netherlands, 70 million of which comes from Dutch campers. 4% of campers undertake a three month-long trip although on average campers stay just three days on the same campsite before they take off again in their motorcaravan to explore further.

Source: Kampeerauto (NKC-NL)

### **Take care with lighting in tents**

Always make sure when using any sort of gas lamp inside your tent that there is adequate ventilation high up - combustion gases are lighter than air.

Naked flames and synthetic materials (even synthetic fly mesh/mosquito nets) are a dangerous combination in a cotton canvas tent. A well-secured hanging lamp is less of a risk than a standard lamp.

To ignite the lamp always use 'clean' fuel with nothing added (supplements) because these can carbonize and clog up the head.

If you do not want to use any animal products you can opt for vegetable oil.

Source : Buiten spoor NKTC(NL)

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## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Saying of the month**

Take rest – a field that has rested gives a bountiful crop.

Ovid, Roman poet

### **Quiet walks in cemeteries**

November is the month when we give special thought to those who have died: All Souls and All Saints are the two most popular days for going to the cemetery to tidy up graves, take flowers and light candles.



The living can also find peace and quiet in a cemetery and even discover cultural treasures although most people probably think that cemeteries are not the happiest of places to choose to spend their free time.

When on a camping trip abroad one should not miss the chance of visiting the local cemetery, read the inscriptions and thereby learn something about the burial practices of that particular country. You learn a lot about the living from the dead.

An article in the club magazine of **Nederlandse Kampeerauto Club (NL)** draws particular attention to the **Père-Lachaise Cemetery in Paris/France** which has to be the most famous cemetery in Europe if not the world. It is in the east of Paris and easily clocks up a hundred thousand visitors every year. There you will find the graves of Jim Morrison, Oscar Wilde, Edith Piaf, Frédéric Chopin, Honoré de Balzac and many other famous people and personalities.

**Highgate Cemetery in London/Great Britain** is more like a park with gravestones, wild flowers, trees and small gardens. Take a stroll around (accompanied only) and you will come across the grave of the philosopher Karl Marx for example.

The **Old Jewish Cemetery in Prague/Czech Republic** dates back to the 15th century. One's first impression is that it is a somewhat disorderly jumble of graves. The 12,000 grave stones that are visible are rarely neatly laid out and pathways are marked out by ropes. Because of lack of space and overcrowding, the dead are buried on top of one another, several layers deep. But it is an interesting cemetery that radiates peace, much appreciated and visited by tourists.

The **Zentralfriedhof in Vienna/Austria** is a huge burial ground covering 2.5 square kilometers. After Hamburg in Germany, it is the second largest cemetery in Europe. Here 3.3 million souls have been laid to rest however most visitors come to pay their respects to Vienna's musical past. Memorial tombs of famous composers such as Ludwig van Beethoven, Johannes Brahms, Johann and Richard Strauss and Franz Schubert may be found here.

### **New bank notes in Norway**

Norway introduced new 100 and 200 Krone bank notes in May this year and other denominations of notes will follow in 2018. If you still have some of the old notes from your last holiday in Norway, bear the following in mind: old notes will be legal tender for 12 months and remain in circulation alongside the new notes. After 30 May 2018 only the new notes will be valid. The old invalid notes can be exchanged at Norges Bank for 10 years beyond that date. Info in English at [www.norges-bank.no/en](http://www.norges-bank.no/en)

McRent (the biggest caravan rental outlet) has opened a McRent Station in Bjervik in the north of Norway. It is the fourth in the country.

### **Good idea from France**

In the context of a programme to limit waste, 24 campsites on the coast in the Vendée department have decided to set up a system of "Give away boxes" (boîte à dons). Items that are still serviceable - camping gear and accessories, toys, magazines, books, parasols and much more besides - no longer need to end up in the rubbish bins but can be stacked on shelves erected for that purpose and await a new owner.



The idea of give-away boxes (Tauschboxen) is becoming more popular and spreading in Germany. You find them mainly in public places.

Source: Camping (DCC-D)

### **The Crit'Air Vignette is now obligatory in Lille.**

#### **Denmark : New museum in Holstebro**

For centuries the Danish North Sea coast has been rated by sailors as one of the most dangerous stretches of water in the world. Lots of ships have got into distress off the west coast of Jutland and foundered or become stranded. Since May 19 this year, visitors can re-live first-hand one of the most momentous maritime catastrophes in the region in the newly opened "Strandingsmuseum St. George" in the harbour town of Thorsminde. Two British Royal Navy ships, HMS St. George and HMS Defence, sank on Christmas Eve 1811 and almost 1,400 crew members were lost. Thousands of pieces of wreckage that were washed up on the Thorsminde coast or salvaged from the wrecks form the centrepiece of the exhibition.

#### **Germany : Caves dating back to the Ice Age now a World Heritage Site**

The caves in the Swabian Alb Geopark have examples of ancient art from the ice-age era and became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in July 2017. Humans lived in the six caves around 35-40,000 years ago where traces of ice age art can still be found. Archeologists have found around 50 small sculptures of man and beast along with utensils made out of mammoth tusks and animal bone, eight pipes together with a 30 cm sculpture of a lion man – a sensational archeological find.

Ancient artefacts have already been found at another site and we now know that early stone age man made music.

Source: Extract Camping (DCC-D)

#### **UN WTO barometer check on world tourism**

Some 598 million international tourists were on the move worldwide in the first half of 2017 some 36 million more than in the same period in 2016. At 6% growth was well above the trend of recent years making the current January-June period the strongest half-year since 2010.

Source: ISTO

#### **High level conference on tourism in Brussels**

A high level conference was organised in the European Parliament on World Tourism Day that was attended by 800 people. The EU Commissioner for Tourism, M. Thyssen, underlined the importance of tourism in the Department of Employment and Social Affairs and announced a new Erasmus Pro Project whereby young employees and apprentices can take part in an exchange programme between EU SME's in different countries.

Source: OITS

#### **Lake District (UK) accolade**

England's Lake District National Park has been awarded one of the highest accolades on the planet after being named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. UNESCO praised the area's natural beauty, farming and the inspiration it has had on writers and artists throughout history. This award should help to preserve its natural beauty - also for campers and outdoor lovers for the future.



## INTERESTING SNIPPETS FROM OUR MEMBERS

### **The DCC info bus goes on the road – a Deutscher Camping Club initiative**

The DCC Info bus does not only appear at fairs and events organised by regional federations and local clubs to explain the advantages of being a member of DCC, but also visits popular campsites. When staying at campsites, campers are always hugely interested in learning more about vehicle technology, gas-fired appliances and any safety equipment and procedures that apply to their recreational vehicles.

The Info bus's tour will become a definite fixture in DCC's programme, along with attendance at fairs, exhibitions and other events organised by manufacturers and dealers.

Source: Camping (DCC-D)

**The Camping & Caravanning Club** (founded in 1901) now has 300,000 households as club members. There has been a 5% increase in membership in each of the last two years, 9% in pitch nights at Club Sites this year compared with 2016, and has 106 own club sites + 16 Camping in the Forest Sites. In all the Club represents more than 750,000 campers, caravanners and motorhomers in the UK.

## RECOVERY AND CAMPING IN WINTER

### Camping Cres & Lošinj

Camping on the islands of Cres and Losinj has the advantage of providing a much needed break from an increasingly stressful day-to-day life. Both Losinj and Cres offer peace, quiet, beautiful flora and fauna, and clear blue seas. A combination that makes the Cres-Losinj archipelago and our camps the best destination for your vacation!

Our campsites are located on the beautiful islands of Cres and Losinj close to the sea and equipped with all the necessary amenities for a perfect camping holiday. Regardless of whether you want to enjoy peace, solitude, nature or the perfect camping plot, Jadranka camps offer something for every taste.

If you want to have a camping holiday on islands Cres and Lošinj, see these campsites:

- **Camping Čikat \*\*\*\*** – a family camp dedicated to providing fun holidays for families with children

Camp Čikat is located in picturesque Čikat Bay surrounded by a thick pine forest. It is situated near Mali Lošinj, the largest town of all the Croatian islands. While staying at the camp, discover all the secrets of Lošinj by bike or taking a walk on any of the numerous seaside promenades encircling the entire island.

This child friendly camp provides your children with an ideal opportunity to have fun at the Pepe family fun park with careful supervision of our trained staff, while older children can enjoy sport and fun facilities within and around the camp, which will make your family holiday complete.



- **Camping Slatina \*\*\*\*** – the best equipped campsite  
Welcome to the campers' favourite campsite! For several years in a row Camp Slatina has been named one of the best campsites for a Croatian camping holiday by the Croatian Camping Union. Start your holiday in the Mediterranean harmony of the Island of Cres, which shares the title of the largest Croatian island in the Adriatic with Krk.
- **Camping Baldarin \*\*\*** – partially dedicated to naturists and partially for non-naturists  
Camping is popular amongst naturists because they can get as far away from the city noise as is possible during the tourist season. Surrounded by the crystal clear Adriatic Sea, in an oasis of Mediterranean oak forests and olive groves, grab some peace and relax like never before.
- **Camping Bijar \*\*** – our smallest camp providing an intimate atmosphere away from the crowds  
Camp Bijar is a small camp by size, but with a great opportunity for a relaxing holiday in an oasis of centuries-old pine forest. The camp is located just 500 meters from the historic town of Osor, also known as the "museum town". Along the coast of the camp stretches a rocky beach with several sandy beaches, an ideal combination for those who love swimming, wind surfing and canoeing.

## Aquapark Čikat – Water Fun For All!

### FREE ENTRY FOR CAMPSITE GUESTS

Covering an area of 6300 m<sup>2</sup> with more than 2400 m<sup>2</sup> of pools and waterways filled with seawater, newly constructed Aquapark Čikat has opened its door in July 2015.

The aqua park is located within the camping Cikat and it is surrounded by a pine forest. This is the first aqua park on Croatian islands and an ideal place for relaxation and entertainment for the whole family.

Aquapark Čikat consists of the following pools and waterways:

- A large 25mx33m swimming pool
- Recreational pool with hydro massage
- Recreational pool with water attractions (water ramp, castle, jets, fountains, etc.)
- Recreational swimming pool with an open water slide and 110m tube slide 8 meters high
- Two shallow splash pools for children and babies, connected with water slide.

Link for [YouTube Video >>](#)

### OPENING HOURS

Period	Hours
14.05. - 23.06.	11 - 19 h
24.06. - 26.08.	10 - 20 h
27.08. - 30.09.	11 - 19 h



### **Respiratory rehabilitation program in campsite Čikat**

If you have problems breathing then Čikat's idyllic location, far away from crowded cities and towns, can be beneficial for your health and allow you to breathe more easily. In fact, a 2 to 3 week visit on Lošinj at least once a year can result in long-term control of chronic lung and respiratory diseases with long periods without recurrence and with less complication in winter.

### **Do you have problems breathing? Do you suffer from asthma or COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)?**

If you do suffer from one of these diseases, then you are not alone. These days many people suffer from chronic diseases of the respiratory tract caused by stress and increased air pollution.

#### **Come to the island of Lošinj and breathe again properly!!**

Thanks to the mild temperatures off season you can enjoy the proven health benefits of the island's climate throughout the whole year. Lošinj's climate can not only revive the soul but also the body. This can be substantiated by a few facts:

- In 1892 the island was officially declared a natural climatic health resort by the Austro – Hungarian Emperor Franz Joseph
- Spirometry tests carried out in camp Cikat have proven that a stay of 11 days on the island can expand lung capacity (FVC) and exhaust in 1 second (PEF)
- The island has a mild Mediterranean climate, with an average of 2631 hours of sunshine a year
- Air quality on the island is rated first-class
- The island's marine aerosol contains many particles of salt and is scientifically proven to be beneficial for bronchial and respiratory problems
- Lošinj's natural pine forests and plants not only contribute to the island's appearance but they also positively affect the microclimate and quality of the aerosol.
- The 256 types of algae found in the waters around Lošinj further contribute to creating a climate beneficial to respiratory health problems.

According with these health beneficial facts we have made a special winter camping offer in campsite Čikat in Mali Lošinj.

### **SPECIAL OFFER Winter tourism: 2017/2018 in campsite Čikat!**

#### **Camping during winter**

#### **Visit Lošinj for your winter camping holidays!**

The campsite is now open throughout the year right through from summer to winter, so why not bring your caravan or camper van to Lošinj and enjoy a winter holiday break in Camp Čikat?

Now that camp Čikat is open throughout the year there are even more options available than ever before for trying out camping in winter on the island of Lošinj.

#### **Winter camping for 12,- EUR daily**

for 2 adult persons + Superior pitch + connections for water and electricity (electricity and water connections are included in the price)



### Enjoy the winter season's events

There's plenty to keep you occupied during the winter months, particularly as Christmas approaches and the new year gets underway. Some events to look out for include:

- **St. Martin's Day, 11 November**
- **Christmas Festivities, 16 December to 1 January**
- **Cup of Nations Spear Fishing Competition, End of December**
- **Carnival Time, End of January to Mid-February**

More info: <http://www.camp-cikat.com/more-about-winter-camping.aspx>



## We have pleasure in presenting: NORWAY

### Norsk Bobilforening (NB) (2017)



Norsk Bobilforening was founded in 1984 and is the largest motorcaravanning club in Scandinavia. It is a not-for-profit association that puts great emphasis on social contacts between members. Many people call NB the largest social family in Norway.

Membership: Club membership grew slowly but surely in the early years and there was a marked increase from 2000 onwards. It now stands at about 12,500 - the majority of members live in the south and the remainder are spread out all over the country.

Magazine: The club publishes a magazine "Bobilen" bringing out 8 issues a year. The magazine is very popular and is the main organ through which members exchange information and tips on travel, art



exhibitions and itineraries. It also carries news and information from government institutions. NB has a website and is on Facebook.

Activities: The club organises over 100 rallies every year in both the south and the north of the country and makes travel arrangements for its members within Europe. NB enjoys good relations with Norwegian motorcaravan dealers.

The club works hard on behalf of its members and for motorcaravanning in general in Norway, collaborating with Norwegian campsites and the national authorities.

Office: In 2010, Norsk Bobilforening took on its first permanent employee, Heidi Nilsen, who is now the acting Chief Executive Officer. There is also a team of three employees at the "Servicekontoret" based in Fredrikstad in south-east Norway. Norsk Bobilforening has six regional offices across the country run by volunteer members. They report to the head office in Fredrikstad.

### **Norsk Bobil og Caravan Club (NCC) (2013)**



Norsk Caravan Club (NCC) was founded on 3 October 1960 as a club for caravan and motorcaravan owners. One of the first tasks for the board at the time was to forge a link on the international scene and NCC was admitted as a member of F.I.C.C in 1962.

NCC's involvement with F.I.C.C. has varied through the years. The only NCC member with a specific task was Mr. Per Hellne who was auditor for some years in the eighties, until Mr. Torgeir Strømme was elected on to the Council in 1999. Unfortunately the application for his re-election in 2005 did not reach the F.I.C.C. in time, and he was not eligible. Mr. Strømme was however appointed financial controller.

NCC's engagement with F.I.C.C. reached another peak when, for the first time, we hosted the International F.I.C.C. Rally 2001 in Selbu.

Norsk Caravan Club has – with the exception of a couple of turbulent years in the early seventies – increased its membership every year. Milestones were 1986 and 1998 when there were over 10,000 and 20,000 member families respectively. At present the club has 20,431 family members.

As early as 1964, Norsk Caravan Club was reorganised from a local caravan club in the Oslo area to an organisation whose goal was to cover the whole country. It took approximately 20 years to achieve this aim although there were established local NCC clubs in most of the major Norwegian towns in the seventies.

Norsk Caravan Club has concentrated its work in four main areas:



Social activities: rallies, campsites, activities for children, meetings;

Economic benefits: discounts, the Caravan magazine, image clothing;

Information: educational work that encourages good citizenship, traffic security, seminars, conferences;

Caravanning activities (political): local and central authorities, sister organisations, automobile clubs.

Since 1990, NCC has been organised along the following lines. The National Congress comprising 120 representatives from our 67 local clubs and the National Committee meets every 4th year and decides the overruling policy for the club; the National Committee comprising 27 representatives elected from all over the country meets annually and approves plans and budgets; the Board comprising 3 members elected by the National Congress (President, Vice-President and one member) and 2 members elected from and by the National Committee, handles day-to-day management.

2008: Nordic cooperation and caravanning policy in Norway

Norsk Caravan Club was a member of the Nordic Caravan Council and made proposals to Norwegian politicians about caravanning in Norway. A new marketing plan was developed and implemented.

2009: Membership increased from 25,811 to 26,794. NCC's various sections were more active than ever. Two conference meetings took place, one in northern Norway and the other in the south of the country. Thirty members of NCC attended the Nordic Rally in Kupio/Finland. NCC introduced a new insurance policy that brought benefits to the club and for its members.

2010: Membership slumped from 26,794 to 24,174. The chairmen of the local sections held one conference meeting only.

NCC was still on the Nordic Council. A few NCC members went to the Nordic Rally in Tomelilla/Sweden. Benefits for club members were reconsidered and improved and discounts on ferry crossings to Denmark and Germany were added: Hälsingborg-Helsingor, Gedsen-Rostock, Rodby-Puttgarden and Trelleborg-Rostock/Sassnitz.

2011: Membership figures went down again from 24,174 to 22,600. The chairmen of the various sections held another conference meeting. A few NCC members went to the Nordic Rally in Nyborg/Denmark.

NCC addressed a number of political issues such as road tolls for caravans and motorcaravans, standard prices for ferries and compulsory gas alarms. NCC demanded definite rules regarding safe distances between pitches on campsites and better safeguards for people purchasing a second hand caravan.

2012: Membership figures fell again and reached the 20,000 mark. The NCC Council encouraged NCC members to stay in the organisation and do their best to recruit new members.



Section chairmen held a countrywide conference meeting, the main theme of which was the future of the NCC and there was a presentation of a new vision for the organisation.

Unfortunately there were no NCC representatives at the F.I.C.C. Rally in Canada. However the Nordic Rally in Bardu/Norway attracted 700 caravanners and motorcaravanners, a good number of whom were NCC members.

NCC lobbied politicians again about the improvements and changes it had requested in 2011 to regulations relating to camping, caravanning and motorcaravanning.

Record rainfall was recorded in 2012 causing a number of rivers to burst their banks. The weather generally made camping activities that much more difficult.

But why should the weather make any difference to enthusiastic campers? It shouldn't really – because the purpose of camping is to meet up with friends and acquaintances and enjoy spending time in the natural world.

### **Norges Automobil-Forbund (NAF) (2013)**



The Norwegian Automobile Federation (NAF) was founded in 1924 and is Scandinavia's largest consumer organisation in the field of transport and travel with more than 480,000 individual members.

The organisation is nationwide with 75 local sections, situated in 5 regions. It has 450 employees and about 2,000 volunteer workers.

Norwegian Automobile Federation and its affiliated organisations cover a variety of operations. Technical services include 57 NAF vehicle testing centres, road safety training, driving instruction, road assistance, travel, merchandising, consumer support etc.

In agreement with the public highway authorities, NAF operates 27 driving centres in Norway.

The organization has a strong social commitment and is an active participant in community life with a special focus on mobility, transport and road safety.



## FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS

**Germany:** Caravan und Camping from 31.01 – 04.02.2018, in Hannover

Reise + Camping from 21.2. – 25.2.2018, in Essen

CFT-Camping, Freizeit und Touristik from 16.03 - 1.03.2018, in Freiburg

**The Netherlands:** Vakantiebeurs (Holiday Salon) from 10.01. – 14.01. 2018, in Utrecht

**France:** Salon Mondial du tourisme (Holiday Salon) from 15.03. - 18.03.2018, in Paris

**Austria:** Ferienmesse (Holiday Salon) from 11.01. – 14.01.2018, in Vienna

**Great Britain:** Central Caravan & Motorcaravan Show from 19.01. – 22.01.2018, in Manchester

Caravan, Camping & Motorhome Show from 28.2. – 4.3.2018, in Birmingham

**Belgium:** Vakantiesalon (Holiday Salon) from 25.01 – 29.01 2018, in Antwerp

Salon des Vacances (Holiday Salon) from 1.02. - 4.2 2018, in Brussels

**Spain:** Fitur from 17.01. – 21.01.2018, in Madrid

Caravaning Alicante from 1.2. – 4.2. 2018, in Alicante

Girocamping from 07.03. - 10.03.2018, in Girona

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