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GOOD TO KNOW – April 2013

80th Anniversary of the Fédération Internationale de Camping, Caravanning et Autocaravaning



79th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY IN SLAWA/POLAND FROM 6 to 14 AUGUST 2013

Booking forms in English, French and German can be viewed and downloaded at www.79ficcrally.pl

Booking deadline: 20 May 2013

Bookings to be made through: Polska Federacja Campingu i Caravaningu

E-Mail: biuro@pfcc.eu

<http://www.pfcc.eu>

International Friendship Rally in Hermagor-Vellach/Austria from 1 to 5 May 2013 under F.I.C.C. patronage.

This event organised annually by Confedercampeggio will take place at the Schluga campsite in Hermagor.

A very varied and interesting programme awaits participants once they have settled themselves in, and some events are even included in the registration fee.

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The campsite has mobile homes and apartments.

www.schluga.com

camping@schluga.com

Tel: 00.434282/2051

Booking deadline: 7 April 2013

Booking forms available on request from Confedercampeggio email: segreteria@federcampeggio.it or by fax (00.390558825918) and should be returned duly completed to the Italian federation.

Registration fee is € 200 for two adults (one outfit), € 140 for one adult (one outfit), adolescents over 14 years old € 85, children up to 10 years old € 30 and children between 10 and 14 year pay € 45.

Dogs are allowed at a cost of € 10 for 4 nights.

14th ADRIA CAMPING RALLY organised by Udruga Kampista Hrvatske in Nijvice on the island of Krk/Croatia from 22 to 29 June 2013 under F.I.C.C. patronage

The Nijvice campsite is in a small fishing village on the west coast of the island of Krk. The campsite has recently been modernised and has wi-fi internet connection.

The cost for the seven days is € 85 per person, teenagers pay half and there is no charge for children up to 12 years of age.

Booking deadline is 1 April 2013.

5/6-berth caravans may be rented at the campsite for the duration of the rally at a cost of €469.

Bookings at reservation@kampnijvice.hr

Participants can benefit from a 20% discount if they wish to extend their stay before or after the rally (from 13 April – 22 June and 29 June – 5 July) .

80th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY NEAR BEIJING/CHINA IN MAY 2014

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81st International F.I.C.C. Rally in PORI/FINLAND from 24 July to 1 August 2014

The dates for the rally in Finland have finally been fixed.

The town of Pori lies in the west of the country and is the festival capital of Finland. In summer Pori hosts an International Jazz Festival (13 to 20 July), horse-racing (25 to 27 July) and the Porispere Rock Festival on 2 and 3 August.

The Kirjurinluoto rally site is near the town centre and has water supply points, showers, toilets, electricity and waste disposal containers.

The rally restaurant is about 500m from the campsite.

The opening ceremony will be at 2 pm on Friday 25 July and the closing ceremony at 10 am on Friday 1 August.

F.I.C.C.'s General Assembly will be held at 9 am on Wednesday 30 July in the Promenade Centre, 1.5 kms from the rally site.

Preliminary information at www.ficcrally2014.fi

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DCC Europa Prize 2013 awarded by the President of DCC and F.I.C.C. Vice-President Mr. Karl Zahlmann in the presence of the Mayor of Essen, Mr. Jelinek, and F.I.C.C. President Mr. Joao Alves Pereira.

This year five more campsites were delighted to be awarded the DCC Europa Prize for 2013. They are now part of a small but select group of well-managed European campsites that provide a varied and pleasant camping experience for all and DCC has no hesitation recommending each of them to campers young and old.

When choosing prize winners, no importance is attached to how a campsite scores solely in terms of luxury or whether it has the best and most elaborate entertainment programme. What is important is that the campsite is well-managed and cared for, that managers are open to new ideas, understand and are in tune with the mood of their guests. Any campsite that achieves these objectives provides a perfect setting for a restful and refreshing holiday. The Prize has been awarded since 1996 and every year of course some campsites are honoured that are already well known to a wide circle of campers. However many a jewel is brought into the spotlight when the prize winners are announced.

Five campsites scored equally well in 2013 and claimed a place on the "podium". They provide an attractive holiday destination for campers of all ages, attending to the needs of every visitor – a real "home from home" in fact.

The five campsites are: Alpen-Caravanpark Achensee in Achenkirch/Austria, LernCamping Moosbauer near Bozen/Italy, the German campsite LuxOase near Saxon Switzerland, Strasko campsite near Novalja on the island of Pag/Croatia and Treunal campsite in the heart of Catalonia.

Source: DCC

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Miscellaneous

112 SOS

Two years ago F.I.C.C. advised members of this life-saving emergency phone number but many people are still unaware of its existence.

The NG112 Committee of the European Emergency Number Association (EENA) aims to establish a set of requirements so that emergency services can be accessed via a whole range of IP-communications. While citizens use IP-based communications every day, emergency services are hardly reachable with other means than standard voice communications.

The new standard (NG112LTD) should make emergency services modern, efficient and more interoperable using Next Generation Networks.

EENA, the European Emergency Number Association, is a Brussels-based NGO set up in 1999 dedicated to promoting high quality emergency services reached by the number 112 throughout the EU. EENA serves as a discussion platform for emergency services, public authorities, decision makers, associations and solution providers in view of improving emergency response in accordance with citizens' requirements. EENA is also promoting the establishment of an efficient system for alerting citizens about imminent or developing emergencies.

EENA members include about 750 emergency services representatives from 43 European countries, 57 solution providers, 9 international associations/organisations and 26 members of the European Parliament.

More information at: www.eena.org

France: Since 1 July 2012, it has been mandatory for drivers in France to have a breathalyser kit in their vehicle.

Since 1 March 2013 anyone found without a breathalyser kit could be fined €11. The French automobile club however has confirmed that the introduction/application of fines has been postponed indefinitely.

This requirement nevertheless still appears in French motorway traffic regulations. A final decision by the French National Road Safety Council is expected sometime in February/March 2013.

Even if there are doubts about the reliability of these kits and discussions are still ongoing as to the pros and cons of the measure, it is a good idea to have one of these "kits" with you when travelling in France.

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France put up its motorway tolls again on 1 February 2013 by between 1.18% and 2.24%. The Mont Blanc tunnel and the Frejus Tunnel tolls have gone up by about 5%.

Italy: Since 1 January 2013 motorway tolls have increased by about 4% in Italy. Thus the 180km stretch between Padua and Trieste now costs 11.6% more than last year for a private car (€ 12.50), and 10.30% more for a caravan outfit (€ 17.10). The Brenner motorway from the Austrian border to Verona (230 kms of motorway) will be about € 0.20 more expensive for both a private car and an outfit, costing € 15.80 and € 21.80 respectively.

Source: Kampeertoerist (B)

An accident report must always be completed

In the case of minor accidents insurance companies will accept a report made out jointly by the drivers concerned. However it should contain the same details as a police report. It is best to use the European Accident Report that is available from motor vehicle insurers free of charge.

Five tips, about what should always appear in the report:

- 1) Vehicle registration number of the other driver involved.
- 2) Name and address of the other driver concerned. Ask to see his/her identity papers and note down the name of his/her insurance company and the policy number.
- 3) Time and place of the accident.
- 4) Names and addresses of any witnesses.
- 5) You can never be too sure: Where possible, take photos of the scene of the accident from different angles. Draw a sketch of the accident.
- 6) Very important: Inform your own insurance company as soon as possible. Never ever admit responsibility.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

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DRIVING RULES WITH A CARAVAN IN EUROPE

| Country | Speed limits en km/h | | | Dipped Headlights | Blood alcohol level | Vests | Warning triangle |
|--|----------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------|------------------|
| | Agglomeration | Trunk roads | Motorways | | | | |
| Germany (11) | 50 | 80 | 80/100 (9,12) | | 0,5 | | |
| Austria | 50 | 60/80 (5) | 70/100 (5) | yes | 0,5 | yes | yes |
| Belgium | 50 | 90/120 | 120 (10) | | 0,5 | yes | yes |
| Bulgaria | 50 | 90 | 120 | | 0,5 | | |
| Cyprus (3) | 50 | 80 | 100 | | 0,9 | | |
| Croatia | 50 | 80 | 80 | | 0,5 | | |
| Denmark (16) | 50 | 70 | 80 | yes | 0,5 | | yes |
| Spain (16) | 50 | 70/80 (1) | 80 | | 0,5 | yes | yes2x |
| Estonia | 50 | 70 | 90 | yes | 0 | | |
| Finland | 50 | 80 | 80 | yes | 0,5 | | |
| France | 50 | 80/90 | 90/130 (8,10,14) | | 0,5 | | |
| Great Britain (3) | 48 | 80/96 (1) | 96 (9) | | 0,8 | | yes |
| Greece | 50 | 80 | 80 | | 0,5 | | |
| Hungary | 50 | 80 | 80 | | 0 | | |
| Ireland (3) | 48 | 80 | 80 | | 0,8 | | |
| Italy (16) | 50 | 70 | 80 | yes (2) | 0,5 | yes | yes |
| Latvia | 50 | 80 | 80 | yes | 0,5 | | |
| Lithuania | 50 | 70 | 110 (10) | yes | 0,4 | | |
| Luxemburg | 50 | 75 | 90 | | 0,5 | | |
| Macedonia | 50/60 | 80 | 80 | | 0,5 | | |
| Norway | 50 | 80 | 80 | yes | 0,5 | | |
| The Netherlands | 50 | 80 | 80 | | 0,5 | | |
| Poland | 50 | 70/80 (11) | 80 | yes | 0,2 | | yes |
| Portugal (7) | 60 | 80 | 100 | yes | 0,5 | yes | yes |
| Czech Republic | 50 | 90 | 80 | yes | 0 | | |
| Romania | 50 | 90 | 100 | yes | 0 | | |
| Russia | 50 | 80 | 90 | yes | 0,5 | | |
| Slovakia | 60 | 80 | 80 | yes | 0 | | |
| Slovenia | 50 | 80 | 80 | yes | 0,5 | | |
| Sweden | 50 | 80 | 80 | yes | 0,2 | | |
| Switzerland (15) | 50 | 80 | 80 (10) | | 0,5 | | |
| The seatbelt is obligatory all around Europe. It is forbidden to drive and use a cell phone. | | | | | | | |
| (1) On motorways and on roads with more than a lane per direction and on roads similar to motorways. | | | | | | | |
| (2) Only on highways. | | | | | | | |
| (3) in these countries, people drive on the left. | | | | | | | |

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| (5) with a trailer that weights > 750 kg and <3500 kg nat.80 et autor.100, with trailer > 3500kg nat.60 and autor.70 |
| (7) Bicycle hangers in the back of the vehicle is forbidden |
| (8) In raining conditions 110 km/h |
| (9) On 3 ways roads, the combination car+caravan are not allowed to drive along on the left lane (in GB the most of the right) |
| (10) In case of accident with a speed over 100 km/h, limitation or no intervention from the vehicle's insurance. |
| (11) To be conformed with the signaling |
| (12) Only with authorization of competent authorities (TÜV) |
| (14) Speed limited traction of 80 on nationals and 90 on motorways if the permissible gross train weight of the tractive is superior to 3500 kg. |
| (15) In Europe, you must leave a gap of 5 m before a pedestrian crossing; in Switzerland, it is 10m. |
| (16) A spare light bulb's kit is obligatory on board |

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

The Camping and Caravanning Club (GB) has a new on-line website that gives information about events and festivals that are happening near the club's campsites, including "Camping in the Forest". This new service replaces the old "Eventseeker" page.

More details at myccc.co.uk/whatson

Source: Camping & Caravanning

TRADE FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS

Italy: Caravanning and Camping Window VINCENZA from 21 to 24 March 2013

Great Britain: Outdoor Motorhome Show in Peterborough from 19 to 21 April 2013
South & West Wales Caravan & Motorhome Show in Camarthen from 10 to 12 May

Germany:

Düsseldorf Caravan Salon from 31.08 – 08.09 2013

France: Salon du Tourisme et du Camping-Car de la Meuse at Lac de Madine from 13 to 16 June 2013

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