



GOOD TO KNOW – AUGUST 2015

84th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY IN PONTE DE LIMA /PORTUGAL from 29 July to 7 August 2016



Historical Ponte de Lima – The Oldest Town in Portugal

In Ponte de Lima, a town of history and histories, a walk through the town centre is a journey to the roots of our ancestry.

Largo Camoes welcomes visitors with its Noble Fountain, completed in 1603. The Bridge, near at hand, tempts us all to cross its three hundred yards to the right bank. Cross the bridge and admire the beauty of the Church of Santo Antonuo da Torre Vellha, built in the 19th century and notable for the height of its tower and the gargoyles flanking the tower. Close by, the Chapel of Anjo da Guarda, a construction with Romanesque and Gothic roots, dated by many to the 13th century, will arouse your curiosity with it simply and harmoniously fits into the landscape. Stay on the right bank where the importance of farming is recorded by the Rural Museum, in the Themed Arnado Gardens – visit the linen room, the regional kitchen, the bread oven and the wine cellar. Don't return to the other bank without visiting The International Garden Festival, if your visit coincides with the months in which it is open to the public, and the picturesque Arrabalde de Além da Ponte, of undeniable architectural interest. On the left bank, back in the historic town centre, admire the 14th century Torre de Sao Paulo, the Pelourinho, the Torre da Cadeia Velha, which was still being used as a prison in the 1960s and the Arco da Porta Nova, the town gate leading to the old Rua da Judiaria. Before heading for another symbol of Ponte de Lima, the Avenida dos Platanos (Plane Tree Avenue), stop for a moment at the Baroque Chapel of Nossa Senhora da Penha de França. At the end of the avenue, the Chapel of Nossa Senhora da Guia (17th century) is unmissable, as is the notable complex formed by the Churches of Santo Antonio dos Frades (15th century) and Ordem Terceira de S. Francisco (18th century), recently restored, which houses the Museu dos Terceiros with its fine collection of sacred art.

Just off the Avenue is the Diogo Bernardes Theatre, a fine example of an Italian-style theatre, inaugurated in 1893. Recently restored, it is still the town's main cultural centre. Close by, the Villa Moraes, with its admirable neoclassical-style facades, is typical of the houses built by those who returned from Brazil and a welcoming and romantic park.

Back in the centre of the town, take a look at the building of the Municipal Library, with its large covered balcony, overlooking Largo da Picota. The Parish Church, rebuilt by Joao I, is another important site. From



there, walk up to the Paço do Marqués (15th century), visit the Archaeology Centre, the surrounding gardens and the building's beautiful Manueline balconies. We also suggest a visit to the Church of Lapa, where there is an image of the black saint, St. Benedict the Black. On Praça da Republica, particularly notable are the monuments to Teresa, Countess of Portugal, and to the poet Antonio Feijo, the Town Hall building and the Pelourinho. Your tour continues now along the narrow streets of the old town, Rua Beato Francisco Pacheco and the sixteenth century Bairro das Pereiras quarter with its fine architecture and notable façades. There is much left so see, but we suggest that you end this tour at the Chapel of Nossa Senhora da Misericordia das Pereiras, where you will enjoy a sublime view of the valley and over the whole town.





Photos: Monique Eiffing

Some practical information

Booking fee: Adults (18+) €120 – Young people (12-17 years) €60 – Children up to 11 years old, free of charge

Electricity (6 Amps): €35 per unit (tent, caravan, motorcaravan)

Camping Pass: €75 (This amount is payable by participants staying in hotels, B&B, Youth hostels etc. and who wish to go to the rally site for the entertainment program.)

A supplementary charge of 20% will be added for bookings received by the organiser after May 10, 2016.

Information under www.ficc2016.com

Rally bookings can be made from 29 July 2015 onwards.

86th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY from 30 September to 9 October 2017 in Jhinshan /Taiwan



Taiwan is a beautiful island and a very interesting holiday destination. Its mild climate means it has spring-like weather all year round. A thriving industrial economy has emerged from what was essentially an agricultural country.



Twin Candlesticks (Islets)

The scenery is splendid with subtropical and even tropical vegetation, varied cultures, excellent traditional cuisine and colourful folklore festivals (in spring: Penghu Firework Festival and the Hakka Tung Blossom Festival; in summer: the Dragon Boat Festival and Fulong International Sand Sculpture Festival; in the autumn: Sun Moon Lake International Swimming Carnival and Keelung Ghost Festival; in winter: New Taipei City Pingxi International Sky Lantern Festival and Taipei 101 Firework Display). All of this plus, of course, the unique hospitality of the Taiwanese themselves, attracts visitors to return time and time again to find out more about this island and wonder at its geological features, a mix of mountains, coastlines and plains.



Tiaoshi Coast/Jup-stone Coast

Taipei is certainly worth visiting with its National Palace Museum, Ming Kwa Yuan Opera Company and the Eslite Bookstore. Then there are the Cingshui Cliffs in Hualian, the theatre, university and National Museum of Natural Sciences in Taichung, the Keelung Night Market and the Juming Museum in JingShan.



Juming Museum – Quelle/Fotos: Asia Concentrate Corporation

Taiwan is a safe and very civilised country whose well-educated people are very proud of their local identity. The country is modern and known for its leading place in the field of technology and its solid infrastructure, all of which makes it an attractive centre for holding a wide variety of professional fairs and exhibitions.

It has two major international airlines: Eva Air and China Airlines (1.5 hrs from Hong Kong, 1.5 hrs to Shanghai, 3 hrs to Tokyo, 2.5 hrs to Seoul, 5 hrs to Djakarta, 4.5 hrs to Singapore and 3.5 hrs to Bangkok).

The country also has an excellent network of motorways, comfortable trains and internal flights.

85th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY will be held in Datça, western Turkey, from 17 to 26 May 2017

Ak-Tur Campsite lies in south west Turkey on the Marmaris-Datca road.

The site currently has 220 pitches available with electricity (24 ampere, 220 volts) and water to each pitch, which are between 80-100m² on mainly flat, sandy/stoney ground, sheltered beneath trees. It is advisable to drink bottled water, due to the high calcium content of the mains water.

Sanitary blocks are provided at each end of the site, with separate facilities for ladies and gentlemen. All have toilets, washbasins and showers. There is a chemical toilet disposal point, which we are told will be upgraded to accommodate a motorhome service point. Separate open-sided buildings house washing up sinks and gas cookers, which are available to use free of charge.

The site has a single entrance off a metalled road, which also serves a holiday complex, covered by CCTV cameras 24/7, free wi-fi and 4 fire points with 50mm water outlets. A medical room on site has 24 hour cover. Another building houses 42 washing machines and there are also 60 fridges (rather old).

Waste is collected from wheelie bins 6 times a day

On site there is a building offering accommodation in 30 variable sized rooms with a total of 80 beds available for rent. Each room has bed/s, dressing table, bedside cabinets and a fridge. A separate shower



room with toilet and washbasin leads off this room. We have been advised that there is a possibility of renting apartments/houses on the holiday complex.

A small restaurant is on site, with 3 larger ones on the adjacent complex where there is a convenience store, pharmacy, ATM, hairdressers and bicycle rental. A market takes place three times a week (on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays) on the complex.

The campsite is situated between two bays with sand and shingle beaches separated by a high headland which means that whichever way the wind is blowing, one of them will be sheltered. Evidence of a lifeguard tower was seen on the visit. For participants flying in for the Rally, the campsite is the terminus for coaches operated by Kamil Koc, Pamukkale, Metro, Ulusoy and Varan from Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir and Antalya, whilst a regular bus service goes to both Marmaris and Datca.

Datça, where the Aegean meets the Mediterranean, is one of the most beautiful locations in Turkey. With its pristine air, seafood restaurants, ancient ruins and natural beauty, Datça is ready to offer you a holiday that you will never forget. The peninsula juts 70 km westward into the sea. On its Northern shores lies the Gökova Gulf lies on its northern shores and the Hisarönü Gulf on its southern shores. The unique region was declared an environmental protected zone, running from Bencik Cove to Knidos at the tip of the peninsula. With its calm seas, quality hotels and resorts, rustic seafood restaurants, ancient ruins and virgin nature, Datça is the preferred spot for those who want to get away from the crowds and metropolises. Air in Datça region has the highest oxygen content in Turkey, and one of the richest around the globe.

History: The remains found on Datça Peninsula reach back to 2000 BC. The earliest people known in Datça are Carians, however, the Dorian period was the most illustrious era. Carians came from Thrace and Greece in about 1000 BC, and settled in today's Burgaz, which is about 1,5 km northeast of Datça, founding Knidos which then became the centre of Dorian civilisation. Knidos came under Persian domination in 546 BC, and in the 4th century BC commercial considerations led to its removal to the present site at the tip of the peninsula, where the glorious ruins can be seen today.

The Dorians and Romans built numerous temples and the city became renowned for its Statue of Aphrodite. During the late Roman and early Byzantine periods the temples gave way to churches and the population of the city reached 70,000. During the last Byzantine period, the city was completely abandoned after losing its power in earthquakes and pirate attacks. During the 13th century, the settlements that remained on the peninsula came under the domination of Menteseogullari Principality and were incorporated into the Ottoman Empire. It was named Resadiye after the Sultan Resad, and became a district in 1928 with the name Datça.

Climate: Datça has a typical Mediterranean climate with hot and dry summers and temperate and rainy winters. During the summer a continuous cool north wind eases the effect of scorching heat. The air with low humidity and high oxygen content is believed to be beneficial for those who have health problems such as cardiovascular disorders, nervousness, high blood pressure, asthma and rheumatism. While the sun shines 300 days every year, and the average temperature is 35°C, the heat never becomes unbearable. The rich oxygen content is due to the dual influence of the Aegean and Mediterranean climates over the region.



The 66th International F.I.C.C. Youth Rally will be held in Zeewolde, the Netherlands over Easter 2016

F.I.C.C.'s young people will be holding their annual rally from 24 to 28 March 2016 at the Erkemedstrand campsite in Zeewolde. The booking fee is €60 per person (four nights' stay, one communal meal, an excursion to Utrecht, evening entertainment with campfire). All young people between 14 and 30 years of age will be most welcome at this event.

Zeewolde is on the A28 between Zwolle and Utrecht and is very easy to get to, especially from Germany and Belgium.

The campsite has a supermarket, a snackbar, WCs and showers and its reception is open 24 hours a day. Tokens will be used for payment. There is of course a disco every evening and information on the various themes will be available later.

Provisional programme:

Thursday, 24 March

- ° Participants arrive
- ° 8 pm to 1 am Disco and campfire

Friday 25 March

- ° 11 am to midday Opening Ceremony
- ° 1 pm to 2 pm Delegates' Meeting
- ° Activities
- ° 8 pm to 1 am Disco and campfire

Saturday 27 March

- ° 10 am to 6 pm Treasure hunt in Utrecht
- ° 8 pm to 1 am Theme Disco and campfire

Sunday 28 March

- ° 11 am to midday General Assembly
- ° Midday to 5 pm Sports activities (volleyball, football and much more besides)
- ° 5.30 pm to 7 pm Special Easter meal
- ° 7 pm to 8 pm Distribution of prizes and Closing Ceremony
- ° 8 pm to 1 am Disco and campfire

Monday 29 March (Easter Monday)

- ° Participants depart

The booking fee is €60 (includes Easter meal, 4 nights' stay, taxes and excursion)

Bookings are now being taken. Information www.youthrally2016.nl and www.youthrally2016.nl



87th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2018 in Germany

The 2015 General Assembly in Novalja/Croatia awarded the 87th International F.I.C.C. Rally to the Deutscher Camping Club.

Address by Andreas Jörn, the DCC President,
on the occasion of the Deutscher Camping Club
being chosen to host the 87th F.I.C.C. Rally 2018



Dear friends,

In the year 2000, DCC brought campers from all over the world to the south of Bavaria for the 62nd F.I.C.C. Rally. Famous King Ludwig II of Bavaria was chosen as patron of that event.

We are persuaded that now is a good time to propose organising an F.I.C.C. rally in the German capital and we are therefore submitting our bid to host the 87th F.I.C.C. Rally in 2018 in Paaren-Glien, just 16 kms from the Berlin.

Not only do we have an eminently suitable rally site here but, through our daily programme of excursions, we will be able to offer all of our camping friends from around the world a great opportunity to visit the German capital and its environs. Do give us the chance to introduce you to the green heart of Germany, our Federal capital, Berlin, and the surrounding region.

Let us enjoy together the varied programme through which we want to introduce Germany and, by this, we do not simply mean the highlights of the capital. The outskirts of Berlin are steeped in history and beckon the visitor, as does the Sanssouci Palace in Potsdam and the city of Dresden on the Elbe and its famous Zwinger Palace.

We will not only suggest organised excursions from the rally site, but will arrange a shuttle service to buses and trains so that everyone has the chance to make their own plans to see what interests them in the German capital.

The rally venue, the Paaren Erlebnispark (theme park) offers everything that a rally-goer would hope to find. The 22 hectare MAFZ Theme Park is situated in the Havelland district to the west of the city. It is easy to find because it is just off the ring road round Berlin and it is well-signposted. One of the many positive points for our rally is that there is a lot of space for all of our visitors and much of the park is wheelchair accessible. There are several different sized multipurpose halls and conference rooms should the weather be inclement and a large restaurant where the staff are especially trained to cater for big events.

It will be a lot of fun for young campers too. The rally site in Paaren-Glien has its own zoo, a show garden and a nature trail through the woods, along with other special features for people to discover in between the other various organised activities.



We will of course have a full and varied programme of daytime excursions for our guests and in the evenings we are already planning a wide variety of entertainment possibilities but I am only in a position to describe two today. DCC is proud that it will be 70 years young in 2018 and we will be marking this milestone with a special festive gala evening for everyone.

But of course the merrymaking won't end there: DCC's headquarters are in Munich, the capital of Bavaria. So what could be more appropriate than to bring that great Bavarian tradition to the capital and spend a happy evening enjoying a proper DCC "Oktoberfest"!

Dear F.I.C.C. members and friends - for the Deutscher Camping Club rallies have always been an indispensable part of our club's existence. Between 27 July and 4 August 2018 we will all be in Berlin at the rally site in Paaren-Glien to greet and meet up with people who will become new friends. We will make contacts that are longlasting that will enrich our lives. DCC would be so happy if you would not only approve our candidacy but already note down the dates and honour us with your presence. It would be wonderful if you could make that decision today.

Thank you for your attention.

MISCELLANEOUS

Germany: Decision on car tolls finally...

At its meeting on 8 May 2015, the Federal Council of Ministers approved the regulations on introducing tolls as decided by the Federal Parliament on 27 March 2015, together with a corresponding lowering of the motor vehicle tax for domestic car owners.

This means that both laws have been passed. The Federal Parliament will determine when tolls are to be introduced, most likely in 2016.

Both domestic and foreign cars will be subject to tolls although foreign motorists will only have to pay on motorways. Domestic motorists will basically have to pay an annual toll (the amount will be based on the cubic capacity of the engine and the vehicle's environmental impact, maximum €130).

Foreign motorists have the choice between two different short-term vignettes the cost of which will be graded according to the environmental impact of the vehicle. A 10-day vignette costs €5, €10 or €15. A 2-month vignette will set you back €16, €22 or €30.

Source: www.bundesrat.de

How can one stop bleeding after a cut?

You sprinkle pepper on the cut. It doesn't hurt and a small cut will stop bleeding immediately. Pepper acts like a barrier and helps the blood to clot. It forms a small crust that you can wipe off after an hour or so.

Concentrate on being a tree

Absolutely ideal for children who are restless, lack concentration or are hyperactive. The wise old tree says in a gentle voice: Dig your roots deep into the ground like I do and spread your arms out as if they are branches. Swing them gently from side to side, backwards and forwards in the wind for a few minutes until you have calmed down again.



Belgium: The Royal Palace in Brussels is open to the public until 6 September. This is a splendid opportunity to see the many palatial state rooms and admire an interesting collection of Belgian contemporary art including works by Jan Fabre, Marthe Wéry (painter) and Dirk Braekman (photographer).

CAMPING, CARAVANNING, MOTORCARAVANNING

Driving outfits in Great Britain

A caravan with no axle cannot exceed 7m in length or 2.55m in width. The total length of an outfit may not exceed 18.35m.

Ferries to Scandinavia – cheaper at night

With immediate effect, the shipping company Sandlines are offering a smart camping ticket at a very favourable price on overnight ferries on the Puttgarden-Rodby and Rostock-Gedser crossings. The ticket can be booked on all departures between 10.15 pm and 4.30 am. Sandlines does not charge extra for long caravans which in itself saves up to €80 per crossing. So campers can book on the Puttgarden-Rodby crossing for €91 or on the Rostock-Gedser crossing for €125.

The ticket is valid for a private car plus caravan or a motorcaravan over 6m long, including 9 people.

However the number of tickets is limited so you are advised to book early.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

Germany: Young researcher

Twelve year old Philip Brettschneider has just won the “Young Researcher“ award in Germany. His project concerned caravans and more particularly natural materials for insulating caravans. Ph. Brettschneider meticulously researched which materials are best suited to insulate the roofs of caravans. In his accurate, elaborately crafted presentation with its clearly structured text and neat diagrams, this up-and-coming researcher came to the conclusion that the best combination when it comes to insulating caravan roofs with natural materials, is a prefabricated panel made out of wood fibre and straw (89.3 dB/700 grs). Next in line come straw and cork granules (89.1 dB/753 grs), followed by wood wool (90.5 dB/708 grs). He found that grass was the least suited (88.7dB/1.046 grs). Grass was indeed very good for sound insulation but it weighed heaviest and was therefore unsuitable as insulation for a caravan, reasoned the young researcher as he concluded his case.

The first caravan hotel outdoors

“Visitors often ask us if there is somewhere where their friends or relatives can stay apart from the usual hotel, guest house or holiday apartment“ commented Mr. Becker, the manager of WoMo Parks Xanten “and up to now we haven’t been able to suggest anything“.

So he decided to bring in around 300 tonnes of a mineral mixture to the Fürstenberg, laid 800 sq.m. of ready-made turf and 140 sq.m. of paved terracing. Now the first five of eight 4-star properly kitted-out caravans stand majestically atop this pre-prepared ground, with their patio, lots of glass, pavilion etc. and all-inclusive hotel service.



Welcome to Wowatel, Germany's first caravan hotel!

E-Mail: post@womopark-xanten.de

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans

INTERESTING SNIPPETS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Children who go camping do better at school and are healthier and happier, according to new research

Children who camp in the great outdoors at least once a year go on to do better at school, as well as being healthier and happier, according to their parents.

That's the finding of a UK study carried out by the Institute of Education at Plymouth University and **The Camping and Caravanning Club**, who collaborated to discover perceptions of the relationship between education and camping.

Parents and children around the UK were asked a series of questions which looked at the educational, psychological and social benefits of the camping experience to children of all ages.

The research led by Sue Waite, Associate Professor at the Plymouth Institute of Education, found that more than 4 out of 5 parents thought camping was good news.

It showed that 98% of parents said camping made their kids appreciate and connect with nature; 95% said their kids were happier when camping, and 93% felt that it provided useful skills for later life.

Some parents (15%) reported that escaping technology (laptops, tablets, mobiles, etc.) is a good thing for their children and one of the benefits of camping. A fifth of parents (20%) said camping gives their kids freedom, independence and confidence; and more than two thirds (68%) felt camping helped their children to enjoy learning in the classroom, because they can share their camping adventures and experiences such as visiting exciting educational or historical sites.

Sue Waite said; Interestingly, the parents surveyed believed camping supported the key curriculum subjects of Geography, History and Science and actually, that stacks up because the most common camping activities were natural such as rock pooling and nature walks where children were getting to understand ecosystems and identify lifeforms, respecting nature and the environment.

The children who took part in the research were asked what they love about camping and the most common themes were making and meeting new friends, having fun, playing outside and learning various camping skills. Children also recognised camping's value for curriculum subjects and for problem solving and working together.

The compelling link between education and camping is the focus of a new campaign CEGet Kids Camping, which was launched by **Julia Bradbury, The Camping and Caravanning Club President**.



IN MEMORIAM

After the rally in Novalja/Croatia, we heard the sad news that Dr. Miroslav FIRT, Director for International Affairs of our member club in the Czech Republic, UAMK (Ustredni Automotoklub Ceske Republiky), had suddenly and unexpectedly died.

Miroslav Firt studied Law at Charles University in Prague and worked at international level throughout his life. During his career with the Czech Ministry for Foreign Affairs, he spent a lot of time in Mexico, a country that he loved.

For the past 15 years he had been UAMK's Director for International Affairs and acted as a liaison officer with F.I.C.C. and FIA. He represented UAMK on many fronts and was a Council member of a number of international associations such as EuroRAP and ARC Europe. He also had excellent contacts within the government of the Czech Republic and acted as a go-between on the matter of targets for road safety policy.

Miroslav Firt was always welcome in the F.I.C.C. Secretariat in Brussels. Whenever he came to Brussels for a meeting and had a bit of time to spare, he was happy to have a cup of coffee with us and engage in discussion on all sorts of topics.

He attended a good many F.I.C.C. rallies and was a Delegate and Chief Delegate at the General Assembly.

He was well known internationally in camping circles especially thanks to the excellent International F.I.C.C. Rally and General Assembly organised in Prague in 2011.

We will all miss this delightful, interesting and highly intelligent man.

We offer our deepest sympathy to his family and friends.



WE HAVE PLEASURE INTRODUCING:

The Camping Association of the Republic of China



The Camping Association of the Republic of China was established on 18 October 1975 by its first President, Mr. Yen, and General Secretary Mr. Kan. In the early days, the Camping Association was well regarded and successful within the country, although it was difficult given the economic conditions prevailing at the time. However, The President, Mr. Yen, was resolute and, with careful planning and the help of a lot of enthusiastic volunteers, the association grew and flourished, creating many interesting and diversified activities nationwide that benefited teenagers especially.

It was in this context that the first international children's camp was organised in 1975, followed by an international youth camp, a cycling tour of the east coast campsites, and a great many weekend camps. In addition educational and training courses were arranged on a variety of topics including campsite construction, interpersonal relationships, cooking, safety and health care, environment protection, singing, games, sports, map interpretation, cooking in the wild, poisonous plant identification. Other courses dealt with camping equipment, technical matters and personality training. Experimenting, training and social commitment – that is the motto of our federation.

On the recommendation of the Japan Auto Camping Club, our association became a member of F.I.C.C. in 1976. Initially our members just attended Japan's national family rally but it was not long before our association participated at F.I.C.C.'s annual international rallies. Then in 1991, we had the chance to host an F.I.C.C. International Rally to mark the 80th anniversary of the Republic of China. This event was held at the Longmen Camping Recreation Centre that was built with government assistance for the inhabitants of Taipei and could take a thousand campers. In the early days, camping was confined to the scouting movement until people "saw the light" and it turned into a hobby for the whole family and had a positive influence on social life.

Camping is in a transitional phase and our association is too. It is changing from its original purpose of encouraging people to stay on a campsite. It is much more than that now because we encourage everyone to engage in a variety of healthy leisure activities and outdoor sports. People are welcome to join in all of our activities and benefit from the enjoyment that comes with friendship and companionship.



Formosa Camping & Caravanning Club (FCCC)



Three enthusiastic campers – Mr. Morio Chen, Mr. Xiang Keng You and Mr. Fu Sheng Ko - and their friends got together a group of camping pioneers with a view to finally introducing camping and caravanning to Taiwan, a lifestyle that is so much appreciated in other countries. Their aim was also to ensure that families could enjoy a safe and happy camping experience. Because of changes in legislation that came about at the end of the 1980s, they called their association the “Federation Camping & Caravanning of R.O.C.”, which led to the founding of FCCC on 9 June 1991.

Mission statement

- I. Publicising and promoting leisure vehicles for outdoor activities
- II. Helping to maintain a healthy balance between physical and psychological well-being through outdoor leisure activities
- III. Education and clarity of vision through camping and travel
- IV. Protection of the environment
- V. Lobbying for and applying government legislation, regulations and services vis-à-vis the general public and promoting social responsibility

Organisation

The Club has a Council, a Board of Inspectors, a Commissioner, two Vice-Commissioners, a Secretariat and a number of commissions/committees:

- a) Accounts committee
- b) Financial development and fund-raising committee
- c) Public relations committee
- d) International relations committee
- e) Publications and public affairs committee
- f) Committee for education and seminars
- g) Membership recruitment committee
- h) Campsite development committee
- i) Activities committee
- j) Mass media Committee
- k) Legal Committee
- l) Scout troop

Membership of international organisations and change of title

With globalisation in mind and realising the impact and expansion of diplomatic relations through NGOs, the club expressed interest in joining the Fédération Internationale de Camping et de Caravanning (F.I.C.C.) in 1996. To avoid pressure from China about the name of the club and possible confusion within international organisations, Mr. Morio Chen advised the club to change its name and call itself “Formosa Camping and Caravanning Club (FCCC)”. So it was that in 1998, F.I.C.C. received a formal



membership application from the club which was approved by the General Assembly at the 60th International F.I.C.C.Rally held in Leba/Poland.

Local Activities

In order to cement links between members, in the first year after it was founded, FCCC organised a national Family Rally which has been held every year ever since (19 times).

FCCC is well aware of the importance of communication with its members and has set up its own official website. In addition the club publishes a two monthly publication which has now reached its 129th issue. A camping activity is organised every weekend when members can get away and spend a refreshing couple of days together with friends in the countryside.

Attendance at global events

Since 1999, FCCC has sent a large delegation to a number of international F.I.C.C. rallies – 61st F.I.C.C. Rally in Lincoln (England 1999), 63rd F.I.C.C. Rally in Selbu (Norway 2001) and 77th F.I.C.C. Rally in Prague (Czech Republic 2011).

As a mark of its gratitude for the support and assistance F.I.C.C. has bestowed on the club over the years, FCCC organised the 70th F.I.C.C. Rally and the 9th Asia-Pacific Rally in 2005.

FCCC also organised the 59th International Youth Rally in 2009 and the 13th Asia-Pacific Rally in 2010.

EXHIBITIONS

Germany: Caravan Salon Düsseldorf from 29.8. to 6.9.2015
Caravan Salon Bremen from 6 - 8 November 2015

Italy: Salone del Camper, 12 - 20 September, Fiera di Parma (further information from segreteria@federcampeggio.it)

France: September - Salon des Véhicules de Loisirs, in Paris-Le Bourget.
From 3 - 5 November 2015 SETT in Montpellier

Sweden : Campingmesse from 10 - 13 September 2015, in Jönköping

The Netherlands: Kampeer en Caravan Jaarbeurs from 14 - 18 October 2015, in Utrecht

Switzerland: Schweizer Caravan Salon from 22 - 26 October 2015, in Bern

Great Britain: WTM – World Travel Market from 2 - 5 November 2015, in London

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