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GOOD TO KNOW – September 2011

NEW F.I.C.C. COUNCIL 2011-2014

The new F.I.C.C. Council was elected by the General Assembly that took place during the 77th International F.I.C.C. Rally in Prague/Czech Republic from 5 – 14 August 2011. The Council is composed of representatives of the following countries:

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| Portugal | Mr. João Alves Pereira , President |
| Germany | Mr. Karl Zahlmann, Vice-President |
| France | Mr. Michel Dupuy, Vice-President |
| Spain | Mr. José Gonzalez |
| Canada | Mrs. Louise Saindon |
| Great Britain | Mr. Norman Taylor |
| Poland | Mr. Marcin Zaradkiewicz |
| Sweden | Mr. Lars Häll |
| Turkey | Mr. Bülent Karaboncuk |
| Ireland | Mr. Martin Gavan |

The Arbitration Commission comprises: Mr. Camille Olinger (LU), Mr. Lars Dahlberg (FIN), Mr. Liam O'Higgins (IRL), Mr. Charles Ameglio (FR) and Mr. Jan Torenvlied (NL)

The **Statutes Commission** has three members: Mr. Martin Gavan (Chairman), Mr. José Gonzalez and Mr. Lars Häll.

Mr. José Gonzalez remains Chairman of the **Motorcaravan Commission**.

Mr. Norman Taylor is **Rally Liaison Officer**.

Mr. Suk Jae Chang is the **Asia-Pacific Region F.I.C.C. Liaison Officer with the F.I.C.C. Council**.

General Secretary: Mr. Kazuhiro Akase.



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The F.I.C.C. **Youth Commission** elects its Chairman/Chairwoman and the members of its Working Group at its General Assembly held during the Youth Rally.

The same is true for the **F.I.C.C. Asia-Pacific Commission**.

14th F.I.C.C. Asia-Pacific Rally from 21 to 24 October 2011 at the beautiful Mangsang Autocamping Resort in Donghae City (South Korea)

There are furnished bungalows for rent, all with kitchen, showers/toilet. Excursions in the vicinity, including visits to museums, are planned for 22 and 23 October.

Deadline for bookings: 30 September 2011

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78th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY IN MONTMAGNY (QUEBEC/CANADA)

It will be held near Quebec City from 27 July to 5 August 2012.

Quebec City is a World Heritage Site in addition to which there are innumerable interesting sights to visit along the 1,000 km shoreline of the St. Lawrence river. There will be a wide range of cultural, sporting and tourist-oriented activities to choose from.

A daily bus service will operate between Montmagny and Quebec City. Tours of the area can be arranged either before or after the actual rally. Caravans may be rented on the rally site and overseas participants can opt to stay in a nearby hotel.

There will be a special programme for young people arranged by FQCC's Youth Commission.

The website – www.ficc2012.ca - will be updated regularly and booking forms can be downloaded from November 2011 onwards.

Depending on the exchange rate, the rally booking fee will be around €90.- per adult, €50.- per child and €55.- for "hotelcampers".

79th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY IN SLAWA/POLAND

Polska Campingu e Caraningu is organising its fourth international F.I.C.C. Rally from 6 to 17 August 2013.



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The rally site is a three-star campsite with 900 pitches, all of which are 100 sq.m. and have electricity.

There is a hotel on the campsite and around 30 bungalows for two or four people. A supermarket, bank etc. are easily accessible about 500m from the rally site.

The rally website www.79ficcrally.pl will be up and running from September.

80th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2014

Fortune Sports Club/China will be organising the first international F.I.C.C. Rally near Beijing in early May 2014.

81st INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2014

This event will be held in Pori on the west coast of Finland from 25 July to 2 August 2014. Pori was originally a port and is now famous for its jazz festival.

The 22 hectare rally venue is in the centre of the town and has all of the necessary sanitary installations.

Warning for campers

We wish to remind campers about the dangers of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Campers in tents should also pay special attention to the following:

- ° All naked flames and fires including your oven, gas lights and barbecues must be properly extinguished before going to bed.
- ° Work out your escape route and check where the nearest source of water is.
- ° Never refill gas canisters, oil or spirit stoves inside your tent or under your awning and always store them out in the open.

Generally speaking you should never use stoves or any other appliance operating on combustible matter in your tent or awning area unless they are in a specially designated place. Always ensure that there is good ventilation so that carbon monoxide cannot build up.

If you absolutely have to cook in your tent, just take care that the appliance is as far away as possible from any type of inflammable material (synthetic fabrics, surfaces etc.) and again make sure that there is adequate ventilation.

Source: The Camping and Caravanning Club

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Registrations in Europe are on the increase again

Motorcaravans are setting the trend in the European leisure vehicle market.

In the first half of 2011 the caravanning market in Europe recorded over 100,000 new registrations, an increase of 4.7%.

Europeans registered 49,624 motorcaravans (44,944 in 2010) and 51,027 caravans (51,143 in 2010).

The market for caravans has remained more or less stable while the market for motorcaravans has shot up by 10.4%.

The top three countries in the leisure vehicle market in the first six months of the year are Sweden (+21%), Norway (+17%) and Germany (+15%).

Results from Austria (+7.2%), Belgium (+7.1%) and France (+6.1%) are also above average.

On the other hand new registrations have fallen dramatically in Spain (-19%) and Denmark (-16.2%).

Germany is by far the Number One leisure vehicle champion in Europe: 26,166 new leisure vehicles were registered in the country in the first half of the year.

France ranks Number Two with 19,434 new registrations and the UK is Number Three with 17,655, although this figure is down 2.4% compared with the previous year.

The British caravan market remains the biggest in Europe and between January and June, 13,551 caravans were sold (-5.2%). Germany claims second place with 11,486 new registrations of caravans (+12.5%). The Netherlands comes third in Europe with 6,229 new caravan registrations (-4.5%). But France is hot on the heels of The Netherlands with 6,078 new caravan registrations (+2.4%).

New trends in caravans

Lightweight, economical and environmentally-friendly are the watchwords for next year's caravan season.

Partially integrated motorcaravans are now much sought after. These compact vehicles weighing less than 3.5 tonnes accounted for nearly 38% of all motorcaravan sales in 2010.

Next year's models will target the less expensive end of the market because the sector wants to encourage new and younger customers especially those with families. You can already find a small caravan with a budget of just over €5,000.

And since young licence-holders are not allowed to drive vehicles exceeding 3.5 tonnes (in Germany anyway), the leisure vehicle industry is finding ways to shed even more weight. New lightweight construction methods mean that a basic four-berth layout can easily be accommodated without exceeding 3.5 tonnes permissible weight and without sacrificing comfort either.

The interior is gaining in comfort too: mattresses and chairs with massage functions, even a SPA infrared cabin, loud speakers and satellite installations together with increased head room can be found in the latest models. Greater comfort is also



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achieved by a more intelligent use of space: cleverly designed showers and bathroom space, fold-down bunks, pop up sleeper roof and swing-out kitchens.

Caravanning is also taking up the “green” challenge: modern components reduce energy consumption and emissions, and a hybrid motorcaravan has already been developed. Energy-saving has its place in caravans too in the form of LED technology.

Source: CIVD

Trade fairs and exhibitions

Great Britain: The Motorhome & Caravan Show from 11 to 16 October 2011 in Birmingham

Caravans.... for fun, fellowship and adventures!

(Blue Beret)

F.I.C.C Secretariat

