



NEWSLETTER – JULY 2024

95th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2025 in TAIWAN from 25 APRIL to 4 MAY 2025



The venue is Longmen Campsite in Fulong/New Taipei City.
In 2025, The Camping Association of the Republic of China is
celebrating its 50th anniversary

Full information on
<http://www.95thficcrally.com/>

CAROC has prepared a very interesting and varied programme of excursions as well as a post-rally tour in Taiwan.





96th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY

Date: 26 June to 5 July 2026

Venue: Karpfham/South Germany

Organised by the Deutscher Camping Club e.V.



KARPFHAM MUNICIPALITY

Karpfham is first mentioned as an ancient Bavarian settlement in 903 CE. In 1162, Duke Heinrich der Löwe (the Lion) held a court here that was generally considered to be the origin of the Karpfham festival. Thanks to municipal reforms in 1972, the formerly separate municipality of Karpfham became part of Griesbach.

Karpfham was famous for its Marian pilgrimage but is now best known for the Karpfham festival and the Rottalschau agricultural trade fair.

The rally site for the 96th International F.I.C.C. Rally 2026 is idyllically located on a well-constructed site just outside the town. There is lots of space and access is very good.



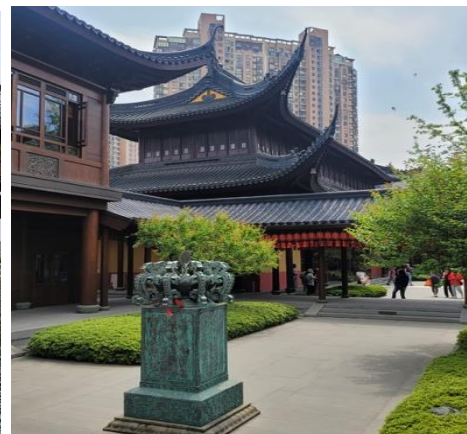


97th INTERNATIONAL F.I.C.C. RALLY 2026 in CHINA

Date: 25 September to 4 October 2026

Venue: Vicinity of Beijing

Organised by 21RV



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Camping/Caravanning/Motorcaravanning

In April 2024, 553 new motorcaravans, 134 caravans and 339 camping vehicles were registered in **Spain**.

42 million people stayed on **campsites in Germany in 2023**, i.e. 5.2% more than ever before. The most popular destinations were Schleswig-Holstein's Baltic coast, the Black Forest and Lower Saxony's North Sea coast.

(Source: Federal Statistics Office)

The first camping department store in Europe opened its doors in Immenstadt, Allgäu/Germany at the end of March 2024. Tents, cleaning utensils, camping furniture, replacement parts and outdoor cooking equipment are all on sale in an area of over 400 sq.m. and 17,000 products are also available from its online shop.

What is GFRP?

It is glass fibre reinforced plastic, a composite material consisting of a plastics matrix and glass fibres that offers a host of advantages: it is lightweight with high mechanical strength and is resistant to chemicals, corrosion and adverse effects of the weather such as UV rays and hail.



Glass fibre reinforced plastic manufactured in a continuous automated production process makes for a very robust but extremely lightweight construction material that has promising prospects for product development, including caravans.

So a decorative PVC finish is now being used on interior walls which is not only a visual highlight but also prevents the formation of mould and corrosion. When used in flooring, caravans gain in general efficiency by avoiding the unnecessary weight of traditional materials.

Glass fibre reinforced laminate with a non-slip coating is both effective and abrasion resistant, so it works well for interior flooring, while reinforced composite material used underneath avoids damage from loose stones and gravel.

Source: Camping, Cars & Caravans Laminate floors are abrasion resistant

In May 2024, Spain registered 602 new motorcaravans, 139 caravans and 456 camping vehicles.

Source: FECC-Encaravana

Mobile church – camping church

Camping church is the name of a newish venture that the Evangelical and Catholic church has made available to campers at campsites. Also known as a **mobile church** by evangelical Christians, it consists of an open, loosely organised, non-specific programme that enjoys a variety of interpretations by individual camping churches. The spectrum of events varies from occasional church services in a tent on a campsite that is open to local church communities, to a wide-ranging daily programme during the holiday period manned by volunteer “teamers” who live and work on the campsite. In some instances, the logo is a red mosaic cross, while in others it is a stylised boat by a caravan.

The Bahnauer Fraternity, for example, operates ecumenically on campsites and offers a variety of programmes. People are on holiday, have time and are open to new and different ideas.

Group activities also tend to strengthen family bonds, stimulate topics of discussion and encourage an exchange of experiences and shared feelings.

There are of course church services, morning and evening prayer, as well as meditation and non-religious programmes for children and young people. And adults are not forgotten either.

Activities are non-denominational and all are welcome, believers and non-believers alike. In fact, if there are a lot of campers from one country at a particular venue, the programme is offered in their own language e.g. in Dutch in Sauerland (Hessen) or Biggesee (Waldeck).

Camping church exists at campsites in other countries apart from Germany.

Practical tips – for campers too

Wooden chopping boards can be freshened up first by rubbing with a half lemon, then sprinkling salt and finally about 15 minutes later, rubbing over with the half lemon once more. This will get rid of strong smells from chopping onions and garlic.

Spitting fat from flash frying can be avoided by adding a little salt to the fat beforehand.

Get rid of wasps without using chemicals

This summer we have been told to expect a plague of wasps thanks to the mild and damp climate. We should not kill wasps because some types of wasp are a protected species. Just encourage them to go away: gently spray them with water using a spray bottle – the damp mist will confuse them, they will think it’s raining and disappear!



They also dislike certain smells that will drive them off i.e. burnt coffee powder ignited on a fireproof plate and the aroma of lemons and cloves. All you have to do is stick a few cloves into several lemons cut in half and place on the table at mealtimes.

Note: both of these have been personally tried and are known to work!

Other tricks include using a fan (in common with mosquitoes, wasps dislike wind and draughts), suspending an imitation wasps' nest (represents competition!), or planting geraniums, especially lemon geraniums, since wasps, and mosquitoes too, absolutely hate the smell.

Truma's 75th anniversary

Truma is celebrating 75 years in business this year – to be precise it was on 27 October 1949 that Philip Kreis announced he was starting up a new venture that he decided to call Truma. This name was inspired by the then US President, Harry S. Truman, who made possible Germany's post-war reconstruction that turned the country into an industrial nation.

Source: DCC "Camping"

30 years of "Camping, Cars & Caravans". This is a German periodical that publishes interesting articles on camping, caravanning and motorcaravanning and has granted F.I.C.C. copyright for a good many years. We offer our congratulations and best wishes to this highly successful team.

Sweden: Proposal to reduce tax on motorcaravans

On 14 March, the Swedish Finance Ministry submitted a memorandum proposing that in future motorcaravans should not be subject to a supplementary premium i.e. higher motor vehicle tax, which currently applies to some new models in the first three years.

The memorandum will be circulated so that these recommendations can be considered for inclusion in the 2025 draft budget. Any changes would come into effect on 1 February 2025. According to preliminary calculations made by the Svensk Camping and Husvagensbranschens Riksförbund - HRF (Swedish Camping & Caravanning Industry Federation), this would mean reduced tax of between 5,000 and 8,000 SEK annually for the average owner of a motorcaravan with the reservation that not all of the details of the proposals are known yet.

The **Caravan Club of Sweden**, together with the Svensk Camping and Husvagensbranschens Riksförbund - HRF have been lobbying hard for these changes.

Source: Fritidsmagasinet Caravan (Caravan Club of Sweden)

MISCELLANEOUS

Traffic

One's sitting position and safety are one and the same thing in a vehicle, since adjusting the driver's seat and the distance from the steering wheel are both crucial factors when driving.

Control of the vehicle is the first consideration followed by a comfortable driving position on long journeys, not forgetting the best position for safety features such as airbags to work properly.



A safe seated position starts with what you are wearing. You should not get behind the steering wheel wearing a thick jacket, gloves, hat and scarf. These will limit your freedom of movement and this can in turn reduce your ability to react in an emergency braking situation.

A thick jacket also impedes the efficiency of your safety belt. Passengers and children on the back seat should also remove winter jackets before belting up.

The driver should position his seat so that his bottom is as far back as possible against the backrest. The seat is properly positioned longitudinally if your knees do not straighten out fully when your foot is on the pedals and the front edge of the seat does not press on your upper leg.

As for the height of the seat, the aim is that your eyes should be roughly at the level of the middle of the windscreen as you look ahead. The backrest should be in an upright position as far as possible and there should be a gap of over 25 cms between the airbag in the steering wheel and your upper body.

The steering wheel can be adjusted in many vehicles. Selecting the ideal height and longitudinal position means you can hold the rim of the steering wheel in the “3 o’clock” position with your right hand and “9 o’clock” position with your left hand without impeding your view of the instrument panel.

Your shoulders should rest against the backrest and remain there even if you have to engage in a sudden steering manoeuvre.

A well-adjusted car seat can spare you backache. One should be aware that optimal ergonomics can help on long journeys and having some form of lumbar support available is a good idea in a lot of vehicles. It is useful for supporting your spinal column to compensate for the sagging posture that can result from sitting in the same position for a long time.

Source: Auto (ACS/CH) Extract

If you want to visit the **historic centre of Venice** an experiment is being tried out between April and July this year requiring visitors to pay an entrance fee. The plan is to make this a permanent feature from 2025 onwards. The daily rate is 5€ per person. You register, pay and choose your date on-line cda.veneziaunica.it/

Children under 14 years old, holders of a European disabled pass, hotel guests staying overnight in Venice, residents of the city and province as well as people who were born in Venice, are all exempt.

Source: CCA-Journal (A)

In Germany, 12.000 cars stolen every year but only around 100 caravans

Health

150 minutes’ exercise per week is the recommendation of the World Health Organisation in order to stay fit and healthy. It is the best way to avoid a heart attack, high blood pressure, a stroke, diabetes etc. Choose whatever activity you like: cycling, walking, yoga, keep fit, dancing or swimming of course.



Curious facts/environment/culture

The first oyster farming centre opened in **Brittany** on 17 February 2024. **Ostréapolis** is in the small resort of Le Tour-du-Parc on Brittany's Atlantic coast, more precisely on the Gulf of Morbihan, 25 km south of Vannes. One can learn about the fragile and sensitive eco-system of oyster farming through various exhibitions, tastings and talking with the oyster fishermen.

Interaction, intervention and irritation provide an opportunity to participate in interactive play in selected artworks and workshops

An interactive art event is taking place around the Bundeskunsthalle in Bonn from 1 May to 27 October 2024. "Interactions" makes art accessible and to be experienced i.e. "Circular Appearing Rooms" water pavilion by Jeppe Hein, the "Bonn Slide" by Carsten Höller that winds around its own axis as well as an activity circuit by Esra Gülmen.

The first short film featuring **Donald Duck** was released on 9 June 1934 and so Walt Disney's famous duck celebrated his 90th birthday last month. innere Ruhe,

INTERESTING UPDATES FROM F.I.C.C. AND ITS MEMBERS

22nd F.I.C.C. ASIA-PACIFIC RALLY 2024 from 31 MAY to 10 JUNE in GOSEONG & SOKCHO CITY GANGWON PROVINCE/SOUTH KOREA

Organised by
KCCF (Korea Camping & Caravanning Federation)



Campers from Finland, the Netherlands, Japan, China, Portugal Taiwan and from the host country South Korea took part in this event.

A meeting of the F.I.C.C. Asia-Pacific Commission was also held during the Rally at which preparations for the 95th International F.I.C.C. Rally in Fulong/Taiwan and the 97th International F.I.C.C. Rally 2026 in the vicinity of Beijing/China were discussed.

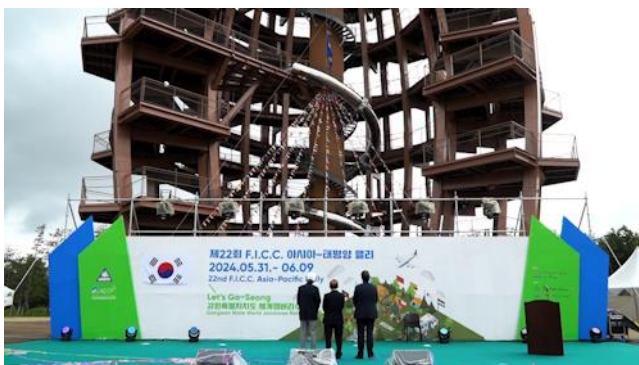


F.I.C.C. Asia- Pacific Commission



Johnny Cheng, Chairman of the F.I.C.C. Asia-Pacific Commission
President Chang (KCCF) and F.I.C.C. President J. Alves Pereira

Here are some snapshots of the event held in Goseong







INTERNATIONAL RALLY - PFCC CELEBRATES 60 YEARS

ROZALIN (PL)  **27.07 - 1.08. 2024**

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INTERNATIONAL RALLY - 60 YEARS OF PFCC

ROZALIN (PL)  27.07 - 1.08. 2024

PROGRAMME / PROGRAMM / PROGRAMME

27.07.2024

12.00	Opening of the rally area	Eröffnung des Rallyegeländes	Ouverture des terrains du Rallye
	Arrival of the participants, accommodation	Ankunft der Teilnehmer und Unterkunft	Arrivé des participants et hébergement

28.07.2024

8.00	Arrival of participants and accommodation rally	Ankunft der Teilnehmer und Unterkunft	Arrivée des participants et hébergement
14.00	Rally opening ceremony	Eröffnung der Rallye	Ouverture du Rallye
19.30	Music programme, disco	Musikprogramm, Disco	Musical programme, discotheque

29. 07. 2024

10.00	Excursion - Bus trip to Warsaw, guided city tour (facultative)	Ausflug - Busfahrt nach Warschau, Stadtführung (fakultativ)	Voyage en bus à Varsovie, visite guidée de la ville (facultatif)
12.00	Recreational programme	Freizeitprogramm	Programme recreatif
19.30	Music programme, disco	Musikprogramm, Disco	Musical programme, discotheque

30. 07. 2024

10.00	Excursion - Bus trip to Żelazowa Wola and Nieborów with a guide (facultative)	Ausflug - Busfahrt nach Żelazowa Wola und Nieborów mit Führung (fakultativ)	Voyage en bus à Żelazowa Wola et Nieborów avec guide (facultatif)
12.00	Recreational programme	Freizeitprogramm	Programme recreatif
19.00	Gala - 60 years of PFCC	Feier- 60 Jahre von PFCC	Gala - 60 ans de PFCC
20.30	Disco	Disco	Discotheque

31. 07. 2024

12.00	Recreational programme	Freizeitprogramm	Programme recreatif
16.00	Closing of the Rally	Abschluss der Rallye	Clôture du Rallye.
19.30	Disco	Disco	Discotheque

1. 08. 2024

<12.00	Departure of all participants	Abfahrt aller Teilnehmer	Départ des participants
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EXCURSIONS • AUSFLÜGE • EXCURSIONS

29.07.2024 - WARSAW / WARSCHAU / VARSOVIE*

duration/ Dauer/durée	Excursion	Ausflug	Excursion
10.00- 15.30	Guided bus excursion to Warsaw, sightseeing	Busausflug mit Führung nach Warschau, Stadtbesichtigung.	Excursion guidée en bus à Varsovie. Visite de Varsovie

30.07.2024 – ŻELAZOWA WOLA, NIEBORÓW*

duration/ Dauer/durée	Excursion	Ausflug	Excursion
10.00- 16.30	Guided bus excursion to Żelazowa Wola and Nieborów. Visiting Żelazowa Wola - the birthplace of Fryderyk Chopin and visiting the palace in Nieborów.	Busausflug mit Führung nach Żelazowa Wola und Nieborów. Besuch von Żelazowa Wola - Geburtsort von Fryderyk Chopin und Besichtigung des Palastes in Nieborów.	Excursion guidée en bus à Żelazowa Wola et Nieborów. Visite de Żelazowa Wola, la maison natale de Frédéric Chopin, et visite du palais de Nieborów.

* Excursion will be organised if at least 30 people participate.

Der Ausflug wird organisiert wenn mindestens 30 Personen teilnehmen.

Le voyage sera organisé si au moins 30 personnes s'inscrivent.

EXHIBITIONS

Argentina: Expo Rodante in October 2024, in Buenos Aires

Austria: Caravan Salon Austria from 16 to 20 October 2024, in Wels

Ferien-Messe Wien (Vienna Holiday Show) from 16 to 19 March 2025, in Vienna

Belgium: Mobicar from 26 to 29 September 2024, in Brussels

Salon des vacances from 30 January to 2 February 2025, in Brussels

Brazil: Expo Motorhome in November 2024, in Novo Hamburgo

Czech Republic: Caravaning Brno in November 2024, in Brno

Finland: Caravan Finland from 26 to 29 September 2024, in Lahti

France : Salon des Véhicules de Loisirs from 21 to 29 September 2024, in Paris-Le Bourget

Destinations Nature from 13 to 16 March 2025, in Paris

Salon Mondial du Tourisme from 13 to 16 March 2025, in Paris

Germany: Caravan Salon from 31 August to 9 September 2024, in Düsseldorf

Caravan Bremen from 8 to 10 November 2024, in Bremen

Touristik & Caravaning from 20 to 24 November 2024, in Leipzig

CMT from 18 to 26 January 2025, in Stuttgart

Reise & Camping from 19 to 23 February 2025, in Essen

Freizeit, Touristik & Garten from 12 to 16 March 2025, in Nürnberg

ABF Caravaning & Camping from 1 to 23 February 2025, in Hanover

Great Britain: North Motorhome & Campervan Show from 19 to 21 July 2024, in Norwich

Motorhome & Caravan Show from 15 to 20 October 2024, in Birmingham

Caravan & Motorhome Show from 16 to 19 January 2025, in Manchester

Caravan, Camping & Motorhome Show from 18 to 23 February 2025, in Birmingham



Italy: Il Salone del Camper from 14 to 22 September 2024, in Parma

Netherlands: Kampeer & Caravan Jaarbeurs from 2 to 6 October 2024, in Utrecht

Vakantiebeurs from 9 to 12 January 2025, in Utrecht

Caravana from 29 January to 2 February 2025, in Leeuwarden

Portugal: Nauticampo in Lisbon

Spain: Expo Camper & Caravan from 18 to 22 September 2024, in Madrid

Fitur from 22 to 26 January 2025, in Madrid

Expocamp in March 2025, in Avilés

B-Travel from 28 to 30 March 2025, in Barcelona

Sweden: Elmia Husvagn Husbil from 11 to 15 September 2024, in Jönköping

Switzerland: Suisse Caravan Salon from 24 to 28 October 2024, in Bern

Turkey: Kamptalya Outdoor ve Motordrom 12 to 16 February 2025, in Antalya

USA: Portland Fall RV & Van Show from 12 to 15 September 2024, in Portland

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