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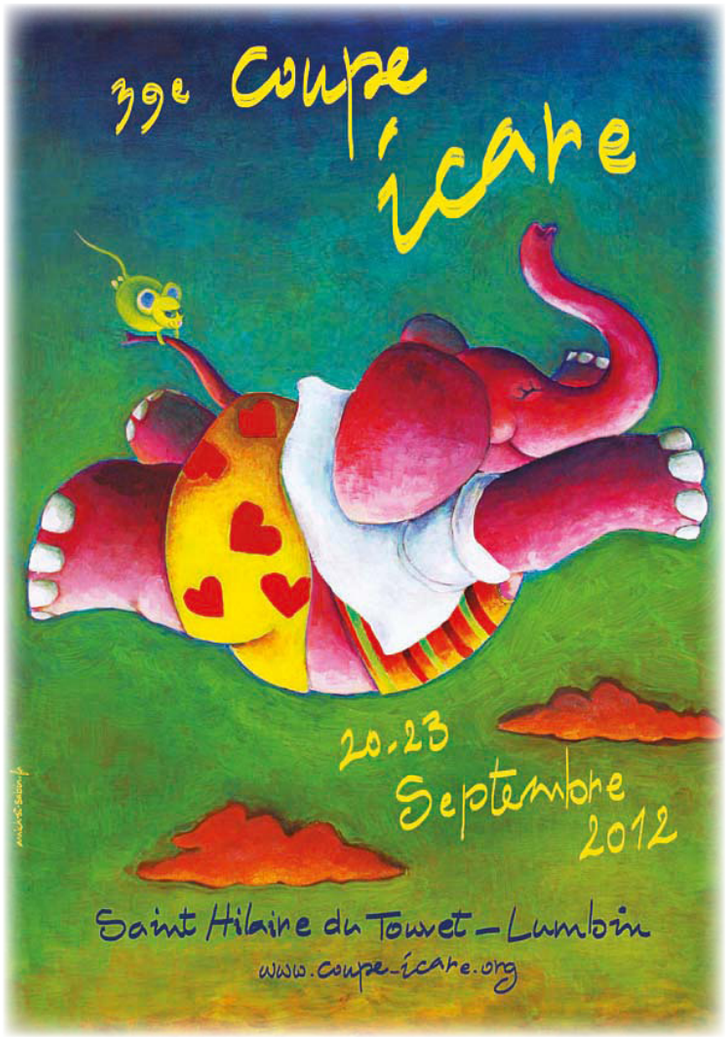

Back again for another round, the 39th COUPE ICARE will take place 20 - 23 September, 2012, over the skies of Saint-Hilaire-du-Touvet - Lumbin (France) only a half hour drive from Grenoble, between the Chartreuse range and the Grésivaudan valley.
This year the world's biggest paragider and ultra light air sports gathering, attracting over 80,000 spectators annually, will meet the challenge of injecting additional inspiration and gaiety in a period of socio-economic doldrums....
Since 1974, the COUPE ICARE has not only been an extraordinary event for the general public but a major meeting place for all actors in the realm of paragliding, free flight and ultra light air sports.

The COUPE ICARE that put the spotlight on little Gallic site of Saint-Hilaire-du-Touvet - Lumbin is cranking up for its 39th edition. One of the biggest events of the entire Isère department and Rhone-Alpes region, it is orchestrated by an exception group of volunteers who give their all each year to make this rendezvous something totally exciting, original and unforgettable.

Since 1974, the COUPE ICARE has been the one "must do" event at the end of the summer season, showing in many different ways that man can fly (almost) like a bird. Hold that weekend - 20 - 23 September – for a most enjoyable stay in the Alps that will reside within for years to come.

The programme of this great ultra light, paragliding and air sports happening is conceived for the general public, that is: pilots of all feathers and people of all ages.

- **ICARNAVAL: the famous Masquerade Flights** is a contest among the most crazy, creative hang glider and paraglider pilots from all continents, highly prized by the public for its fantasy, daring and humour!
- **ICARE SHOW: aerial demos by the world's top specialists** in paragliding, hang gliding, paramotor, parachuting, wingsuit, ultralight aircraft, and the Air Force acrobatic team... will dazzle the spectators.
- **The ICARES of CINEMA: the International Free Flight Film Festival** celebrating its 30th year promises lots of surprises.
- **Tura's Paper balloon pirates from Brazil** will celebrate their 10th anniversary at the Coupe Icare with scintillating spectacles both day and night.

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- **ICARE EXPO: the Air Sports Trade Fair** is definitely the place to be for all participants and professionals in the business of free flight or ultra light air sports.
- **ICARE BALLOONS: this majestic aerial ballet of hot air balloons and other dirigibles** elegantly opens and closes the Coupe Icare every day.
- **ICARE ATTERRO: is the rendezvous for all model aircraft and kite amateurs** who gravitate toward kite demos of all sorts and the Outdoor Sports and Leisure Expo.
- **ICARE FOLIES: this ongoing festival of street shows and animation including concerts under the marquee,** invites artists from far and near to express their poetry and lift our spirits.
- **ICARE MOMES: a special area for youngsters** offers a wide array of games, experiments and discoveries of the aerial world around us.

This festive free flight air-sports oriented weekend is an opportune occasion to remind everyone that the natural environment that provides the playground for pilots of all types must be respected if it is to be preserved for future generations. To insure that it is, the organizers launched **ICARE ECO**, an operation mounted to limit the impact of this huge event on our planet.

This 39th edition comes under the sign of the elephant.... Did you know that elephants fly? Well they do at the Coupe Icare. Come see for yourself from September 20th -23rd at Saint-Hilaire-du-Touvet - Lumbin in the French Alps.

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