

Make the Great Escape to the 44th Coupe Icare (Region Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes / France)

Finish the summer season with the world's greatest air show – are you strapped in? The 44th Coupe Icare is the place to be from Thursday 21 to Sunday 24 September, 2017 in the heart of the Alps of the Isère, between the Chartreuse Range and Grésivaudan Valley! Every year since 1974, the little villages of Saint-Hilaire-du-Touvet and Lumbin have been welcoming the free flying world (paragliding, hang gliding, paramotor) to the biggest international festival of ultra light air sports in the world. The most significant mid-September rendezvous for air sports and the general public occurs Saint-Hilaire-du-Touvet and Lumbin with 20 hours of aerial demonstrations plus a fabulous flying carnival that have become the most successful outdoor sporting event in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region with nearly 90,000 spectators each year. **Hang on for a 4-day fantastic adventure with unbelievable feats and technological innovations in a place that invites the world to go beyond!**

A festive programme for the whole family

Here the weekend begins on Thursday...

The Icare Expo opens at 2.00 pm. This is the international air sports trade fair (n°1 in the world for paragliding and paramotor with over 200 stands in a 5000 m² covered space, not including the 10.000 m² of outdoor stands). All day each day, pilots from all 5 continents will be able to test their equipment or simply fly among friends at the mythical site of Saint-Hilaire/Lumbin. The Icare Expo trade fair will remain open until Sunday evening. [You will find the list of exhibitors on our website: www.coupe-icare.org](http://www.coupe-icare.org)

The 35th edition of the Icares du Cinema, international air sports film festival, proposes projections at 19.30 and 22.00 for the IN Festival, to plunge you right in the adventures and passions of pilots worldwide, and their perspective of Nature. Until Saturday, there will be 4 "IN Festival" sessions in the evening, one in the afternoon, and two "OFF Festival" projections in the morning. Projections will be viewed by the general public as well as the jury who members are media and free flight professionals. Among the 80 different film entries this year, 50 have been selected for the Festival. The prestigious Mountain Film Festival of Trento (Italy) will be the « Carte Blanche » (white card) guest of honor of the Icares of Cinema 2017 edition, at 17.00 on Saturday evening.

[View the synopses on the selected films at: www.coupe-icare.org](http://www.coupe-icare.org)

On Friday, children skip school with the complicity of their teachers. Over 500 children of the Isère will be welcomed by those of Saint-Hilaire to delight and discover the fun, pedagogical activities of the Icare Mômes (Kids Corner) area, subsidized by the Isère department. Icare Mômes is comprised of two special areas designed for children to explore the realms of air, wind and flight in Saint-Hilaire and Lumbin, from Friday to Sunday included.

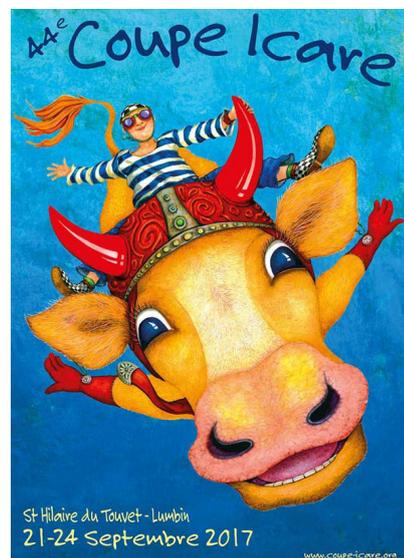
[View the Icare Mômes programme at: www.coupe-icare.org](http://www.coupe-icare.org)

On Saturday and Sunday, children and curious ones of all ages 7 to 77 are king!

Starting at 7.00 am, look skyward to get a view of the circus in the air: hot air balloons and dirigibles, followed by paramotors, a flying carnival of paragliders and hang gliders, falconry, boomerang, aerobatics by paragliders, a parade of hang gliders and ultra-light sail planes, ULMs and autogiros, parachutists, wingsuiters, Air Force stunt planes and antique planes, model aircraft.... Did we forget a discipline? From dawn to dusk, arranged according to a tightly orchestrated programme, everything that flies will colour the skies of the Grésivaudan throughout the weekend. Hundreds of pilots, some among the world's best in each aerial discipline, will share their talents and passions with the general public, much thanks to the help of over 1000 tireless and energetic volunteers.

[See the detailed aerial programme at: www.coupe-icare.org](http://www.coupe-icare.org)

On the ground in both Saint-Hilaire and Lumbin, the programme is packed with exciting events: an artistic programme, particularly the Icare Folies that will make your hair stand on end, model aircraft demonstrations, kites, paper hot air balloon workshops with our Brazilian friend Tura and his disciples, the outdoor leisure and sports trade fair in Lumbin, practical information on flying federations at their respective stands, activities around and sensitivity toward Nature and birds and even road safety, plus boutiques for Coupe Icare souvenirs not to mention the multitude of other things to discover on site! [More information at: www.coupe-icare.org](http://www.coupe-icare.org)



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Last minute!

Finally, it was decided this summer...

- Icare Ballons: 2 new dirigibles barely out of the AirStar manufacture will be presented in Lumbin.
- Icarobatix: new tasks have been conceived to heighten the challenge among paramotor pilots. Don't miss it!
- Icare Model Show: model aircraft demonstrations will return to Lumbin this year after the blank page of 2016.
- Before the flying model of the Alouette 3, the super mountain rescue helicopter dating from around the year 2000, former members of the Versoud public security base of the Grésivaudan will meet.
- Icarnaval: Francis Heilmann will unveil his latest flying creation as he does annually. Expect a fantastic mix of technical savoir-faire and poetry. The unveiling is scheduled for Saturday September 23rd. The Normand team Handiciel will return this year with pilots and co-pilots of limited mobility for a breath of fresh air, full of emotion around a magnificent Venetian gondola. Note this date.
- Icare Show: 6 wingsuiters will jump from Pilatus in formation with Stéphane Zunino, the pope of the discipline who boasts 16,000 jumps. Following the success of the 20th world championships of ultra-light sail planes in the Hautes-Alpes this summer, 3 Swifts will do a show for Icare in formation after a synchronized launch by ULM, with means of an electric motor and by catapult from a launch in Saint-Hilaire.
- Icare Folies: the theatre troupe la Toupine, well known by the spectators of the Grand-Bornand Festival "Au Bonheur des Mômes" (Let the Kids have Fun), will install its Alpine bestiary propelled by parents. Join in the fun with your own tots, for a ride like none other.
- Lumbin: the promotion of outdoor sports goes virtual on the departmental Sport Is(Here) stand.
- The CNES Saptibus awaits all children to feed their dreams of space missions and to recount the space voyage of French astronaut Thomas Pesquet. The association Pirate Balloons will assist you in making a 350 litre paper hot air balloon destined for a magical flight when night falls.
- Icares du Cinema: a special projection devoted to long feature films will take place Friday afternoon at 13.30 under the festival marquee in Saint-Hilaire. Saturday, same time, same place, free flight cult film retrospective of the 80s is intended most of all for the fans of Super Max...

Not forgetting...

- The filmmakers café, Saturday at 9.30 at the Terrasse d'Henri Fabre an extension of the festival marquee in Saint-Hilaire;
- The official inauguration, Saturday at 11.00 in Lumbin in the presence of local and regional officials;
- A real flight experience on the back of a fish hawk, at the festival marquee in Saint-Hilaire;
- Initiation to slackline for children and adults under the guidance of Théo Sanson, world recordman, all weekend long in Lumbin;
- The photocall of the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region is meant to immortalise your family outing at the Coupe Icare, from Friday to Sunday in Saint-Hilaire;
- The Icares du Cinéma awards evening, Saturday at 19.30 at the festival marquee in Saint-Hilaire;
- Show of recognition for World Paragliding champions (French pilots Pierre Rémi and Seiko Fukuoka) and awarding of the Federal Distance Cup at the FFVL (Fédération Française de Vol Libre) stand, Saturday at 18.00;
- Icares du Cinema: outdoor screen projection in Lumbin, Friday night at 20.00;
- Slackline and Trickline demonstrations in Saint-Hilaire and Lumbin all weekend long;
- A film projection dedicated to Aerostar TV channel, Saturday at 15.00 in Saint-Hilaire;
- Retransmission of the Icarnaval launches live all weekend on the giant screens in Saint-Hilaire and Lumbin, Sunday starting at 11.00 on the website of the Coupe Icare's partner France 3 Alpes;
- Special live programmes of partners France Bleu Isère and Pays de Savoie, Saturday from 9.00 to noon and Sunday from 11.00 to noon.



Transportation, security Icare Eco...

- **Transportation**, once again this year, various means of transportation have been put in place for the weekend with the support of the community of communes of the Grésivaudan, the departement of Isère, the region Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes and the SNCF, along with shuttles between Saint-Hilaire et Lumbin coming from Grenoble and between parking relay stations, the train station of Brignoud and the event sites, the carpool parking lots and PMR closest to the sites, bicycle parks in Lumbin and marked itineraries from Grenoble, the stop at Brignoud station for all TER trains coming from Chambéry and Annecy. *More information at:* www.coupe-icare.org
- **Security**, the safety measures of 2016 have been maintained: be prepared for bag checks upon entering the different sites, a strong presence of policemen and prohibition of cars circulating in the centre of the village of Saint-Hilaire throughout the weekend. Like everywhere, visitors are asked not to leaving their bags unattended.
- **Icare Eco**, with thousands of spectators flocking to our small rural and semi-Alpine villages for several days on end, the Coupe Icare has a big responsibility to preserve the environment and keep the impact of the event to a minimum. Please join in this effort proposed by Association Aremacs by using consigned gobelets and reusable dishes, and by selecting trash.



The Coupe Icare in images

>> Videos

3 Ours news available at www.digivision.fr: Friday, Saturday and Sunday

3 ready to diffuse (2 to 3') at www.digivision.fr and www.coupe-icare.org:

*Friday : Icarobatix, paramotor rendezvous

* Saturday : Icarnaval, the wackiest costumed flight of the 44th edition

* Sunday : Icare Balloons, Hot air balloons of Icare

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