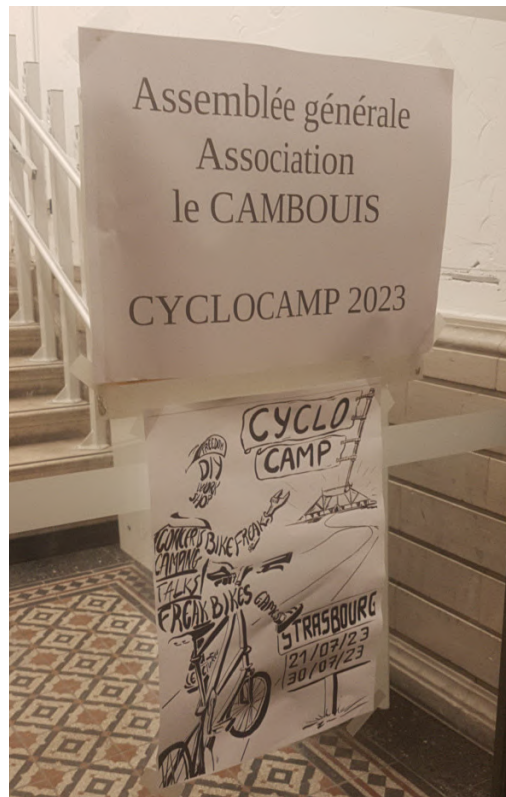


Public introduction : Cyclocamp 2023



CycloCamp 2023 was introduced on Feb. 22nd, 2023 at la Maison des Projets, 91 route des romains, 67200 Strasbourg after Association Le Cambouis' general assembly.



What is Cyclocamp ?

Cyclocamp is an **international gathering of independent bike workshops**, with the purpose of celebrating and supporting bike workshops, exchanging knowledge, building bikes, and having fun together while burning fat not oil. You can find DIY workshops, talks, film screenings, debates, concerts, and whatever festival goers feel up to the task to organize!

Cyclocamp was created in 2011 and moves cities/countries every year. This year, Association le Cambouis proposes to hold it in Strasbourg, France ([pré Saint-Gall](#)) from **July 19th to August 1st** (including 2 days prior and after for set up and cleaning: 10 days of festival, from 21-30 July.)

You may find there: special bikes building and testing, DIY workshops, collective cooking and eating, self-repair workshops, knowledge exchanges of all sorts, silkscreen printing, concerts, movie nights, chill spaces, alternative info kiosk, fun and games, tire-throwing, bar, foodbike, second-hand scenography... Sky is the limit!

Hosting capacity: we plan on welcoming approximately 200 bikers from all over Europe.

Why Strasbourg for this edition?

In 2021, Fabien, a Cambouis member, went biking to Austria and found himself in Linz, for the 10th edition of the CycloCamp. The incredible people and energies there stuck with him and that's all he could ever talk about to all his bike friends back in Strasbourg!

A year later, he convinced 3 other bike fans, all belonging to different bike organizations in the town, to join him to bike from Strasbourg to Budapest for Cyclocamp 2022. There, our 4 ambassadors proudly demonstrated Strasbourg's general craze for the biking world (Fête du Cambouis, Binouze Bikers and Bike Art Wars being organized regularly in the city). So, why not Strasbourg for 2023?

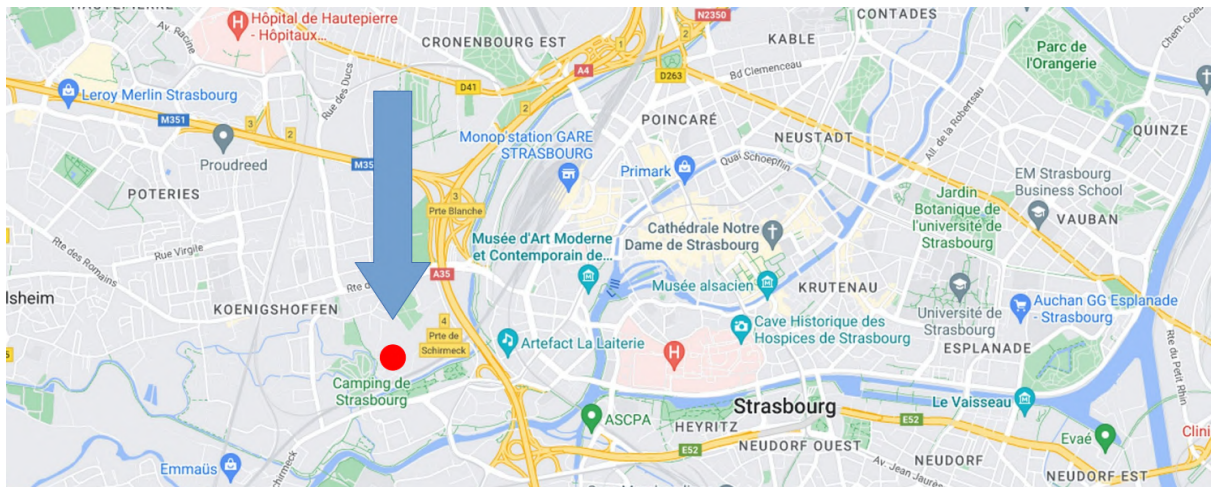
Film screening

This film was made by Cyclocamp 2011 festival-goers in Ottensheim, near Linz (Austria). It gives a good idea of the philosophy behind this kind of event. It's under creative commons license: see it, rewatch it and share it on cyclocamp's website:

<https://cyclocamp.org/what-is-cyclocamp/>

Presentation

The festival site : le [pré Saint Gall](#)



and the satellite view :



What makes a Cyclocamp:

- Bike workshops and self-repair → exchanges of practices
- Learn
- Have fun
- Making connections
- Auto-organized event: the festival doesn't have an "organizational team" with a dominant discourse: everybody makes the festival !
- Cheap: no profit is made
- Free entrance: no gates or entering fee
- All the building and works needed to set up camp are assumed by the festival and its participants.
- Pay What You Want: it is possible to participate financially too.

- Cyclocamp does not tolerate violence in any form and condemns violent behaviors such as sexism, racism, anti-LGBTQI+ or other discriminatory behavior. WITHOUT EXCEPTION!

More info on the origins behind Cyclocamp here:

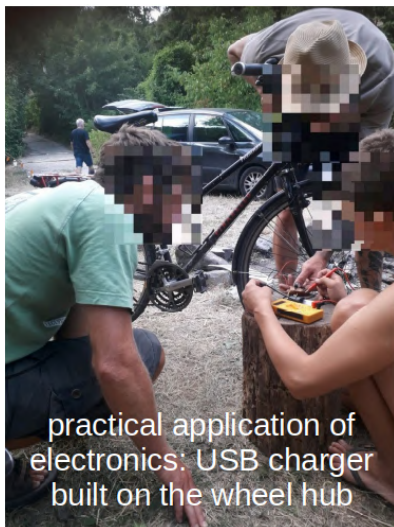
<http://www.bikekitchen.net/index.php/Cyclocamp2011>

An example of an activity board in a CycloCamp:

TIME	MI/WE 4.8	DO/THU 5.8	FR 6.8	SA 7.8	SO/SU 8.8
10:00					
11:00		@Workshop: until 22h FLINTA only (see 12h) @Street Med: until 12h WS: Evaluation in Chinese Workshop: BIKES AND TIME		10:30 "ALLEY CAT" for @/11/12/13 11:30: Workshop: Workshop discussion!	
12:00				11:30: Workshop: Workshop discussion!	
13:00					
14:00		PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY	PLENARY
15:00					

The activity board is almost empty: the festival-goers themselves come and propose activities on a slot with things they want to do, see or share. The main idea is self-organization.

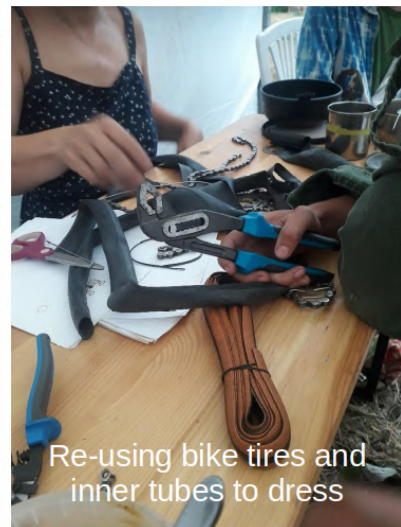
Workshops proposed on previous editions



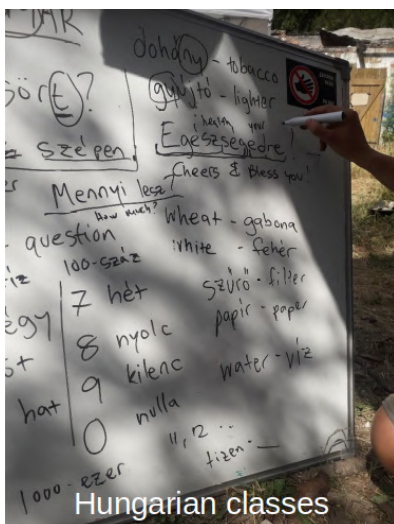
practical application of electronics: USB charger built on the wheel hub



DIY: Making a rocket stove from alcohol and a used can



Re-using bike tires and inner tubes to dress



Hungarian classes



Making a trailer



screen printing



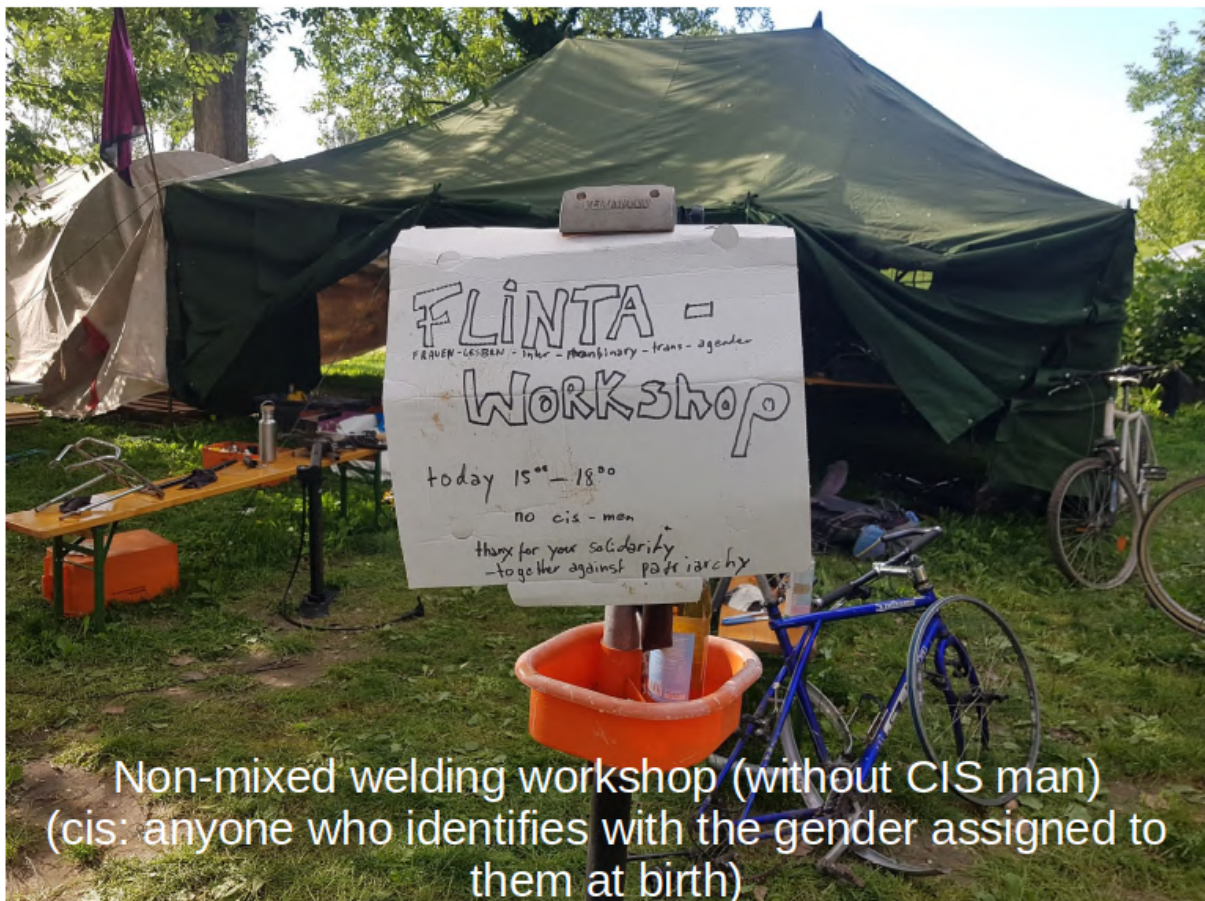
Pizza making



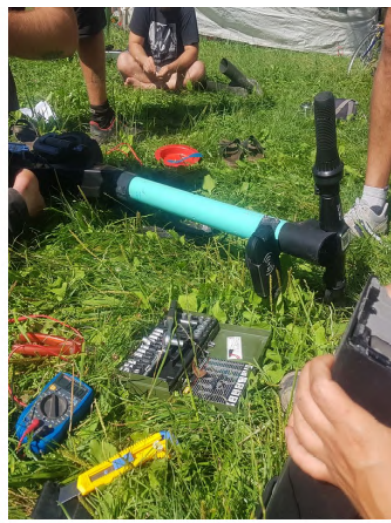
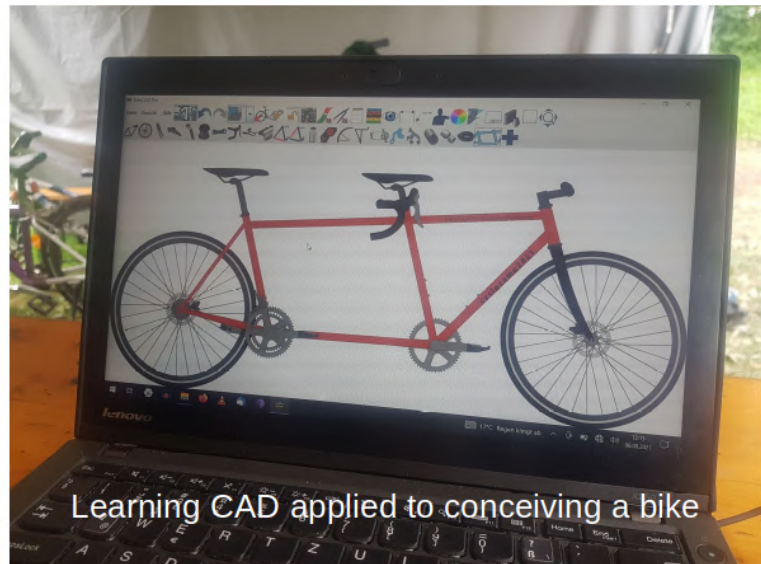
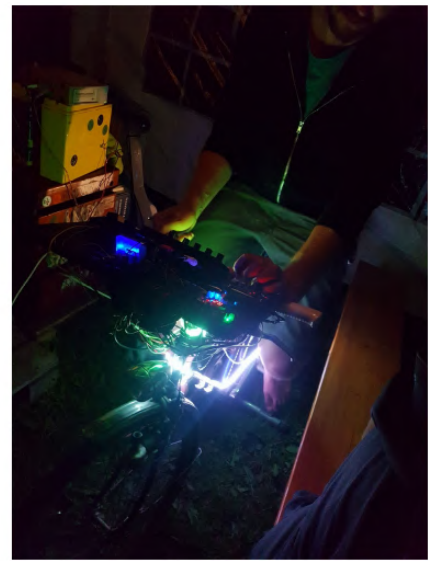
Coffee corner: earn your morning cup the cyclo-way!



self-editing workshop:
"Draw me a bike"



Non-mixed welding workshop (without CIS man)
(cis: anyone who identifies with the gender assigned to them at birth)





Ideas pinned down to help foresee our Cyclocamp 2023 adventures



The post-its were reproduced unedited here (*translated*):

In no particular order :

- Talks and discussions (Gesticulation / Discussions)
- After Party & Bike Art War
- After Party Cyclocamp in Kogenheim (*chez Mou*) or elsewhere
- Talks on nomadism
- Connecting/ disconnecting/ drinking coffee
- hyper taz
- geodesign
- Binouze Biker
- Sikle (local biowaste collector company) to take care of our compost
- Nigloo (local dry toilet company)
- Talking tech?
- Why verticality?
- Free water

Network :

- collectif “la Louvetière”
- Dynamo (self-organized festival), la Semencerie, la Fab, le Stick, la Maison Rose
- Maison Rose / La pomme Rouge
- Strasbourg à Vélo (SAV)
- interaction with local associations (stick, semencerie, molo, la Fab)
- Réseau Heureux Cyclage ???
- Les Zécolos / Vélorution / Alternatiba etc...

Ideas, workshops :

- Battery recharg workshop
- stencils
- Pickle-making workshop
- Handlebar decorating
- condom with inner pipe
- mini green-house
- micro pousses (*baby plants*)
- a workshop dedicated to build a giant mosquito-net (gather material before), workshop before or during the event
- small boat races on the river
- non-electro connected communication, out of control
- Memory cupholder
- Cyclocamp choir
- Races at HautePierre’s velodrome
- solar oven
- Travelling library (chill zone Louvetière)
- “la Sériclette” for the silkscreen printing on clothes (Fabiola/Ariane), 2 days long (1 day drawing, 1 day printing)
- Talks around cyclo- activist themes, questioning
- Beer brewing workshop
- Make a venti-vélo (cooling fan bike)
- Workshop: braiding old inner tubes to make beer holders for your bike
- Self-tattoo yourself bikes
- Do a musical biking path (i.e. Needing Getting videoclip from OKGo)
- Shadow theater
- making mini-wagons from small wooden crates
- Welding
- Cuisine à Crocs (Louvetière)
- Cyclocamp Fanzine (tied to)

- Conference on the benefits of electric scooters
- Fan-making workshop

Proposals on things to do :

- Signage
- Reception
- Communication
- Directional totem (Lidl, tobacco shop, WC, ...)
- totem displaying distance to former cyclocamps (Budapest, Linz, ...)
- VéloCiné, films on wheels, (Cambouis + Louvetière)

Risks and problematics :

- Enough room?
- Fire hazards
- Water
- Electricity
- Weather
- Heatwaves
- hydration
- mosquitoes
- People safety
- Goods safety

To sum it up

We are very happy with attendance on this first meeting, gathering 40+ people, some members of various organizations revolving around bikes : le Cambouis, Strasbourg à Vélo, le Stick and Bretz'selle (*self-repair workshops*), Eurométropole de Strasbourg, la Biliguette, la Fabrique, la Maison Rose, la Louvetière, Pelpass, ... The implication of each of these organizations still to be determined.

The short film screened followed by explanations on what Cyclocamp is and the philosophy behind it provoked a lot of conversation. Using a boat as a metaphor for the people wishing to participate in this project , and an island as the CycloCamp to land safely to, permitted everyone to think of the road to take and the winds to fight, as reported before.

What's next?

Next is you and us, and how we are all going to organize to fulfill this fabulous project ahead of us! We could create working groups, depending on people's preferences, divide and share the workload, discuss of the many decisions to take... So we invite you to come to the next meetings to talk it all over!

If you want to know all about organizing, you can subscribe to our mailing list by sending an empty mail to the address :

orga-cyclocamp2023-subscribe@lists.riseup.net

And our contact if needed:

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