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Come to the autograph signing to Shopping Centre Zlín and win a tablet!

A huge autograph signing of the stars of Barum Czech Rally Zlín is happening on Tuesday, 25th August from 6 pm in the Shopping Centre Zlín on Kvítková Street. The organizers of Barum rally and Shopping Centre Zlín prepared for the fifth time an autograph signing of the top drivers for all the fans. This year you can win wonderful prizes in a quiz like tablet, books or tickets to this year's rally. In addition, there will be a photo exhibition called The Best of Dakar and Le Mans and an introduction of a book Between Oceans inspired by this year's Dakar by Martin Straka. You can take a look at the racing cars like Antonín Tlustáček's racing special Škoda Fabia S2000 of the team TAJMAC-ZPS. **The autograph signing takes place on Tuesday 25th August at 6 pm, the accompanying program begins at noon.**

You truly have one and only chance to meet your favorite crews and to come by some treasured autographs. Jan Kopecký, three times winner of Barum rally, Asia-Pacific Rally Champion and the hot favorite for this year's 45th rally, will be presented along with the leading driver of European Championship Polish Kajetan Kajetanowicz and the factory driver Craig Breen from Ireland of Peugeot Rally Academy or Alexey Luyanuk from Russia. Fans will also see a very likeable French driver Robert Consani, Austrian Hermann Neubauer, Sepp Wiegand from Germany, Charles Martin from France, Dutch Herman Kobus, Estonian Raul Jeets, Petter Kristiansen from Norway or already a winner of Junior European Rally Championship Emil Bergkvist from Sweden and also Ralfs Sirmacis from Latvia.

From the line-up of the Czech drivers beside Kopecký there will be Jaromír Tarabus, Tomáš Kostka, Pavel Valoušek, Roman Odložilík, Antonín Tlustáček, Jan Černý, Miroslav Jakeš, Jan Jelínek, Vojtěch Štajf, Martin Hudec and others. Men will certainly not mind the presence of the top female driver Ekaterina Stratieva from Bulgaria. **"We prepared fifteen wonderful prizes in the fun-oriented quiz. Fans can win tablet, mobile phone accessories, Martin Straka's books, book about Barum rally's history, tickets and an official printed program of Barum rally. Children can spend the late morning and afternoon doing fun stuff at free bouncy castle located before the entrance. During the autograph signing we will prepare the interviews with the drivers, bring you key information about transportation and traffic or interview the head of City Police Zlín,"** said Vlastilav Šafařík, business manager of the Shopping Centre Zlín.

Beside the autograph signing there will be an introduction of a book called Between Oceans by a photo reporter and moto racing commentator Martin Straka. Straka with the team Bonver Dakar Project participated in this year's Rally Dakar whose route went on South American continent from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific. He shot black and white photos that captured not only the dramatic moments on the route but also the kindness of local people. All 60 photos contain a short story so in total the book has 60 chapters.

The car park before the Shopping Centre will be the center stage for racing cars Škoda Fabia Super 2000 driven by Antonín Tlustáček, Peugeot 208 R2 driven by Daniel Zpěvák

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and Aleš Máčala competing in Star Rally Historic will present his Mercedes Benz SLC 500. Do not forget to find your way to Shopping Centre Zlín on Tuesday 25th August on Kvítková Street which will get you to right mood for the number one rally show in the Czech Republic and the Zlín region.

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