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### Autograph session with Leo Pavlík in Golden Apple Centre!

You can enjoy the 47th Barum Czech Rally Zlín from the beginning of August in the Golden Apple Shopping and Entertainment Centre. **All visitors can enjoy a rich programme that culminates by autograph session of the top crews on Tuesday 22nd August at 6:30 p.m.** Fans will surely recognize the familiar faces of the Czech rally and the names of foreign drivers from European championship will also ring a bell. Fans can also get an autograph from the legendary Leo Pavlík, who is indelibly inscribed in the history of Czechoslovakian rally sport. He was born in Kdyně and later became five-time Czechoslovakian champion, he won over thirty races in his home country and abroad. In 1986 he won Barum rally and that year it was called Barum Trábeč Rally which had sections in Slovakia around city Topolčany.

This driver from Domažlice began his successful career in cars embedded with winged arrow. In 1970 he tasted for the first time car Škoda 1000 MB, afterwards went for Škoda 110 L Rallye and since 1973 he was racing with Škoda 120S. During the 1976 season he swap Škoda 120S for 130 RS. Year 1978 was a breaking point for this 'flying Chod' (Chod – resident of West Bohemia) as he was known in his home region. Leo Pavlík entered the newly emerging team Agroteam JZD Slušovice. In 1979 he sat behind the wheel of Renault 5 Alpine, which he drove until 1984. During this period he became twice Czechoslovakian champion and twice came second. By the end of 1986 he terminated his cooperation with Renault and began racing with Opel Manta 200.

In 1985 a testing polygon for Audi was built in Dešná u Slušovic. Leo Pavlík was one of the first testing drivers of the Ingolstadt car manufacturer. This job enabled him to race in Audi Quattro A2 and since 1987 even Audi Coupe Quattro in domestic championships. From 1986 to 1989 he was just unbeatable, scoring three more titles in Czechoslovakian Championship. Moreover, he was part of the testing team during the development of Audi Quattro S1. After 1989 Leo Pavlík said goodbye to his rich career marked by wonderful victories.

This year is coming to stands the second bigger edition of Leo Pavlík's book OD ŠKODOVKY PO QUATTRO (From Škoda to Quattro). His publication on its more than two hundred pages shows many yet unpublished photos from Czechoslovakian era of car races and readers can enjoy rich stories from Jakub Hofbauer. Rally sport fans can purchase this unique book in Barum rally stand in Golden Apple Centre. **RALLY EXPERIENCE IN GOLDEN APPLE** awaits you, so come and enjoy!

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