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Barum rally organisers released RALLY GUIDE 1

Barum Czech Rally Zlín is about to write its 47th chapter. The organisers from AK Barum Zlín have released RALLY GUIDE two months before the start of the rally containing basic information. Racing car will roar in Zlín and its neighbourhood on the last weekend of summer holidays on 25 to 27 August 2017. Barum rally is again part of FIA European Championship 2017 (ERC) and a part of TrueCam Czech Rally Championship 2017 (MCR).

The organisers from Zlín divided the first Rally Guide into 17 chapters, which are History, Contacts, Accommodation, Programme and Critical Deadlines, Entry Details, Advertising, Itinerary, Service Park, Reconnaissance, Shakedown/Free Practice/Qualifying Stage, Media, Insurance, Vehicles, Hospitality, Sponsors Arrangement, General Information and Dictionary – useful words and phrases. After the introduction from the Clerk of the Course Miloslav Regner, there is a thorough look into the rally's history noting the 46th edition of this popular rally competition including the most decorated driver of Barum rally Czech Jan Kopecký with four victories who is now a permanent holder of the cup. There is also a gallery of winners which lists the four-time winner of Barum rally Jan Kopecký and four three-time winners which are Vladimír Hubáček from Czech Republic, John Haugland from Norway, Enrico Bertone from Italy and Roman Kresta from Czech Republic. Moreover, you can look into the calendar of FIA European Rally Championship (ERC) 2017. There is also a list of contacts of Rally HQ, Key officials and National sporting authorities. Furthermore, you can find out more about the programme, critical deadlines and important announcements about routes.

For media representatives the RALLY GUIDE 1 contains conditions and rules concerning accreditation for this years' and accreditation form. Chapter General Information gives the basic facts about Czech Republic, driving, vehicle service, medical information and safety during rally. And the last part contains some useful words and phrases. RALLY GUIDE 1 can be downloaded from the official web page www.CzechRally.com. RALLY GUIDE 2 will be released approximately two weeks before the start of Barum rally with additional information. Among partners of this wonderful rally is City of Zlín, the Zlín region and Tomas Bata University in Zlín. Rally representatives and Tomas Bata University in Zlín agreed to continue in their close cooperation which resulted in providing premises for Press Centre and Media workers in University centre. The importance of this rally event is supported by the great interest of over three hundred media workers from 18 countries that arrived last year.

Rally Headquarters will be again in one of Zlín's most dominant buildings, Building No. 21. Ceremonial start of finish of the rally takes place in front of town hall Zlín on Náměstí Míru square. Scrutineering before the rally is on Thursday 24 August afternoon and evening in Service Park Continental Barum spol. s.r.o. in Otrokovice. On Friday 25 August morning, there will be a Qualifying stage in Žlutava for FIA and ERC priority drivers, followed by shakedown for non-priority drivers. Rally itself begins on Friday night in the streets of Zlín as a Spectators' Super SS after that are two regular legs. The official finish of the rally takes place on Sunday 27 August at 4.16 p.m. in front of the town hall Zlín on Náměstí Míru square. The whole rally's length is 684km comprising of 15 special stages on eight routes whose length is 215 hard kilometres on tarmac of various quality.

RALLY SHORT PROGRAMME

Wednesday 23 August 2017

8 a.m. – 6 p.m.: Reconnaissance

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1 p.m. – 8 p.m.: Administrative checks (Rally HQ – Building No. 21, Zlín)

2 p.m. – 9 p.m.: Scrutineering (Service Park Continental Barum, spol. s.r.o. Otrokovice)

11.20 p.m. – 0.45 a.m.: Reconnaissance Spectators' Super SS Zlín

Friday 25 August 2017

7.30 a.m. – 9.10 a.m.: Free practice on qualifying stage (Žlutava)

9.15 a.m. – 10.10 a.m.: Qualifying stage (Žlutava)

10.15 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Shakedown (Žlutava)

4 p.m.: Ceremonial start of the rally (Náměstí Míru square – town hall Zlín)

9.30 p.m.: Spectators' Super SS Zlín

Saturday 26 August 2017

8 a.m.: Re-start of Leg 1 (Zlín, below cinema)

10.25 p.m.: Finish of Leg 1 (Zlín, below cinema)

Sunday 27 August 2017

7.30 a.m.: Start of Leg 2 (Zlín, below cinema)

4.16 p.m.: Ceremonial finish of the rally (Náměstí Míru square – town hall Zlín)

4.25 p.m.: Announcement of results, awarding prizes (Náměstí Míru square – town hall Zlín)

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