

A brochure charting the history of the Rally Bohemia ready for sale

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The beginning of July is a part of year when all students are looking forward to oncoming summer holiday. The same excitement is felt by motorsport fans for the Rally Bohemia. Preparations of its 39th anniversary are culminating. The standards of this cult event increase for last couple of years. There are no doubts about the fact that its driving force is Pavel Dušánek, Head of the Organization Committee. It is a painstaking work requiring patience and diplomatic skills. His right hand is Jaroslav Mansfeld, M.Sc., son of one of the originators of the glory of the Mladá Boleslav's events from recent past, and also a filmmaker of starting lists full of stars. Joining the skills of these two top managers means for the Rally Bohemia the water of life. In less than a month you can make yourselves certain of it by visiting the competition around Mladá Boleslav and Jizera Mountains, where its track traditionally leads. Besides a high quality starting field, demanding special stages, the Historic Show, and whole day family programme in Sosnová Arena the attraction of this year's anniversary will certainly be the publication about the history of Boleslav's competition. Dan Porazil and Jiří Fryje are its authors.

What is the brochure based on?

It's based on the book "Rallye Written by Heart", which charts the history of the competition in 1974 – 2007. We have looked into our archives and used not yet published photographs, because when the book mentioned above was created we hadn't known each other yet.

Isn't this quite a big matter for even briefly charting 38 years in one brochure?

We have started this compilation and didn't really think about the final size of it. We were already half way through when we realized it isn't a brochure anymore regarding the number of pages. By its translation into English language it doubled, but its initial name remained.

In front of us there is now the manuscript counting around 300 pages. Is this the final version?

Yes, this is the version ready to be printed out. The rough guess was quite accurate. Our brochure, today it should be in quotes, counts up to 320 pages. We have finished the complete chart of history of the Rallye Škoda, later Rally Bohemia including complete result lists in a very unique way. According to first reactions we've already received and up to these days all published materials there is nothing we can compare with. We would like take this opportunity to thank to the boss of the Rally Bohemia, Mr Dušánek, without whose support the way towards final product would be very difficult.

Besides the prompt from Mr Dušánek what else motivates you to work on this?

If you expect me saying it is money, you are wrong. In my case it's definitely the fact that I stood near the Sparta Stadium in Letná in Prague in 1974 and watched the technical scrutineering of the first anniversary of the Rallye Škoda. In case of Dan it is the fact that his mum used to take him in pram to all Boleslav's start ceremonies, so that he could literally soak up the atmosphere of the competitions through his dummy.

And now the last question and for readers the most important one. Where will this piece of work be available for sale?

Its limited number of issues will be sold at the start of this year's Rally Bohemia in Mladá Boleslav costing very nice 299 CZK.

I can't help myself not to ask, but what will be next, when the 40th round anniversary takes place the following year?

That is a subject of another interview. We certainly can reveal that we have started working on some kind of surprise already. This forty-year old lady certainly deserves it as well as her regular visitors. Thanks to current management we have been given a green light to processing the history, so next year the world might behold on something remarkable.

The traditional general partner of the Rally Bohemia is the Škoda Auto car factory, which provides a representative background and makes it possible for the Motorsport Team to start in their Škoda Fabia S2000 cars.

More information about the 39th Rally Bohemia can be found at www.rallybohemia.cz.

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