



## To Sosnová for legendary Škodas 200 RS at Rally Bohemia!

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**On the occasion of the anniversary of the first start of Škoda 200 RS cars at Rallye Škoda 1974, and of the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Rallye Škoda/Bohemia at the same time, both the surviving original pieces of this unique prototype will be presented on the racing arena Autodrom at Sosnová near Česká Lípa.**

Rally Bohemia (until 1985 held under the name Rallye Škoda) and Škoda 200 RS, the founder of the tradition of sports models Škoda marked RS, have a common anniversary. It is not a coincidence because it was the preparation of the first Rallye Škoda that initiated the building of the prototypes of Škoda 180/200 RS.

From among three pieces produced (2x 200 RS, 1x 180 RS), two have been preserved until today. **Motor fans will have a unique occasion to see both the two originals of Škoda 200 RS in action at Rally Bohemia within the exhibition ride of Rally Legend at SS 8 Gladiator SS Sosnová in the racing arena Autodrom Sosnová near Česká Lípa.** In addition, both the cars are going to appear at the ceremonial start of Rally Legend in front of ŠKODA Museum in Mladá Boleslav on Saturday morning. The first car, in which the factory crew of AZNP Mladá Boleslav, Oldřich Horsák - Ing. Jiří Motal, competed, will be presented by the crew Kafka/Kafka. The other original Škoda 200 RS, once competed by Kvasiny crew Ing. Jiří Šedivý - Jiří Janeček, will be presented by the ŠKODA Museum crew, Krupka/Müller.

The experimental racing prototypes Škoda 200 RS, built directly for the rally, followed on from the favourite elegant series coupé Škoda 110 R. Its chassis was enlarged, lowered and maximally lightened. Thanks to the use of the engine of 1997 ccm volume from the prototypes of ŠKODA brand, the car had output 163 horsepower at weight of mere 805 kg. It gave the car a very interesting, for that time a top, relation of weight and output, and enabled to reach speed up to 210 km/h. Another interesting thing is the use of Porsche gear. Let's cite from period press of 1974 (magazine Automobil) what basic requirements were set for car Škoda 180/200 RS:

1. With its output and travelling qualities Škoda RS should ensure a successful representation of the brand in demanding competitions, and enable fighting for leading places in overall classification.



2. The basic lines of the models produced should be kept.
3. Individual parts as well as the whole units should be mostly of domestic production, and in the other cases, solution for gradual substitution of imported parts for some from domestic sources needs to be found.

Škoda 200 RS car was meant for the category of prototypes B5 without the necessity of homologation. Its short career during 1974-1975, finished with the change of FIA rules, was directly followed by its successor Škoda 130 RS which during 1976-1983 won a lot of domestic titles and success in the international arenas and rallye as well as in circuit disciplines. It became the most successful sports car in the countries of then socialist bloc.

The organizers of Rally Bohemia invite all spectators and lovers of the sports car history to Global Assistance Racing Arena in Sosnová near Česká Lípa on Saturday late afternoon, where you can enjoy the ride of these unique cars with your own eyes.

All necessary information on Rally Bohemia 2018, including individual schedules, can be found at [www.rallybohemia.cz](http://www.rallybohemia.cz) in section Documents and Special Stages. The traditional general partner of the competition is the car company ŠKODA AUTO. The event is held under the financial support of Central Bohemia region.

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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/rallybohemia](http://www.facebook.com/rallybohemia)

Youtube: [www.youtube.com/user/RallyBohemia](http://www.youtube.com/user/RallyBohemia)

Instagram: [instagram.com/rallybohemia](http://instagram.com/rallybohemia)

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