

RALLYE PRAHA REVIVAL

„let us be young again“



At the beginning of the new millennium an idea arose to organize a meeting of former rally participants from Czechoslovakia. Over the next two years the original social event called „Legend Meeting“ quickly developed into a sport and social event, today's Rally Prague Revival (RPR). For the first time it took place in 2010 and former drivers from Slovakia also took part in this year. The following year drivers from the entire former "Eastern Bloc" participated and the turning point came in 2012 when drivers from Austria, Italy and Germany also joined. Today the participant list includes many great names: Stig Blomquist, John Haugland, "BICHE", Christine Beckers, Andrzej Jarozewicz, Jean Luis Clarr, Stasys Brundza, Beppe Volta and others. What appeals to all these participants is not only reunions and conversations how they once competed and "what it was like" but also the sports part which is held in the spirit of the rally of the eighties. Every year 160 crews take part in the event and entry list for the next year is usually "sold out" within one week after its publication.

The sports part follows rally format of the 70's and 80's. Participants will receive a road book at the start according to which they must complete the crossing sections between individual time controls in normal street traffic. Given the current state of society and the law these sections are more time tolerant than they used to be in the past but on the other hand it is necessary to have a good sense of orientation and to be able to apply it in practice. Exactly as it was in the past. The total length of these sections in three days is around 600 km and they go through the most beautiful areas of the Czech Republic. Among these TC several Show Sections on closed roads are inserted. They are also built in the spirit of the special stages from the eighties. Their length is of course shortened typically around 4 km. These sections are designed to be fun and diverse for the crews (asphalt, gravel, etc.) but also to bring the participants' memories of former rallies into life. As we see every year and because all race against the time it ignites a competitive spark in almost all participants. And here is for sure no shortage of fun. After a busy day all meets at a table. In the evening they discuss the experiences of the day and remembers the days when they were young.





Rules and classification:

The way the crews are classified copies the format of the seventies again. During the whole event the crews collect penalty points. On the crossing sections it is for late or early arrival in the time control, for failure to pass a certain section, for exceeding the speed limit (we use GPS) etc. This GPS unit is a guarantee that speed limit on public roads will not be exceeded and that other traffic participants will not be endangered. To maintain this safety, the maximum number of penalty points that can be "obtained" at crossings sections is limited to 100 Pts. But it is different on closed Show Sections. Here the participants must show what they can do because they go against the time while each second is equal to one penalty point. To be fair enough the principles of complaints and protests are also introduced and both technical and sports commissioners are appointed.

Classes:

Participants are classified in individual classes reflecting their cars. The prerequisite for the participation is a car whose model was started to be produced before 1985. Under the conditions of additional penalty points it is possible to participate with a car that was manufactured later but the year 1990 must not be exceeded. In addition, besides special rally cars also unmodified cars are allowed (but there are very few of them). On Show Sections it is mandatory to wear helmets and to fasten seat belts. The winners are then announced in following classes:

1. A1 - 1150 ccm	5. A1 - 1150 ccm	International Legends: All European drivers who have achieved extraordinary performances in their career (except Czechoslovak)
2. A1 - 1600 ccm	6. A2 - 1600 ccm	
3. A1 - 2000 ccm	7. A2 - 2000 ccm	Czechoslovak Legends: All Czech and Slovak rally drivers who started in rally events before 1990
4. A1 over 2000 ccm	8. A2 over 2000ccm	
9. to the year 1990 - 1600 ccm	10. to the year 1990 over 1600ccm	

Public and legislation

The whole event takes place under wings of ÚAMK (Czech Auto Moto Club) and is of course authorized by all relevant authorities. The ceremonial start is usually in the centre of Prague almost always on Wenceslas Square and in the presence of a large crowd of spectators. They thus have a unique opportunity to see not only historical rally specials, but also the "Legend crews" which they once watched on their television screens and which they read about in magazines. The spectators have the same opportunity at the finish of the individual stages and continuously at the individual Show Sections. No entrance fees for public are demanded and the event is conceived as non-profit under the auspices of the promoter Eduard Patera still an active driver and organizer of a long-running successful series of hill climb races called "Edda Cup". More detailed information and photos from previous years can be obtained for example at the Facebook group "Rallye Prague Revival" which has today over 3 000 active members and followers.



LIST OF FAMOUS PARTICIPANTS

Stig Blomqvist John Haugland „BICHE“ Christine Beckers Milan Zapadlo Jozef Studenič Stasys Brundza Bolšik brothers	Monika Petzold, Jean Luis Clarr Beppe Volta Henry Trautmann Monika Eckardt Jiří Moskal Eduardo Ávila Eddy Schlager	Břetislav Enge Václav Blahna Jürgen Hellmans Miroslav Adámek Andrzej Jarozsewicz Tomasz Ciecierzynski Blazej Krupa Sven Lund
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