

Rally Guide I



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Speed Festival Rally «Kurzeme 2012»

Traditions fulfilled motorsports event in Latvia

August 23 - 26

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1. Organizer's opening statement

It is not necessary to remind that rally "Kurzeme" is oldest rally in Baltic's, abundant with the traditions. It takes place in Liepaja since 1965. Liepaja welcomed championship stages of LSSR and USSR, as well as Lithuanian, Estonian and Russian championship stages after re-establishment of independence. For several years "Kurzeme" was evaluated as well organized stage of European championship.

This year Liepaja has confirmed it's support to organizers of IRC stage in Kurzeme in February 2013 and, if this event will take place, it will involve part of this and other year's rally "Kurzeme" stages. Thus this year's rally "Kurzeme" can be a great chance to be introduced with the character of Kurzeme roads.

Start of the second rally day in Lithuanian resort Sventoja and new special stage in the territory of Lithuania will be novelty for rally drivers as well as for the spectators. We have succeeded in our seeking of new rally roads and more than 70% of stages are never used for the competition before.

For several years rally is not only rally, but it is a small Olympic Games of motorsports, named Speed Festival. In 2012 competition of rally and rally sprint will be supplemented with go-kart racing, dragrace championship in long 402m distance, rally super sprint competition for street cars, SuperMoto competition, Latvian Car of the Year and other events. At the same time in Liepaja beach World Championship of Formula windsurfing will take place.

These days we expect to see Liepaja full of sportsman, spectators, media representatives and with speed.

Motorsports, sea, wind, sparkling entertainment and speed four days in Liepaja, Liepaja region and Lithuania.

See you on August 23 – 26 in Speed Festival Rally "Kurzeme 2012"!

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2. Organizer and contact details

2.1. Organizer's office

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3. Rally and Rally sprint

Rally “Kurzeme 2012” will be event 6 of Latvian rally championship, event 6 of Latvian rally sprint championship and event 6 of NEZ cup contest.

Overall length of this year’s rally special stages will exceed 100 km, moreover, one special stage will take place in the territory of Lithuania – in Lithuanian summer tourism and relaxation Mecca – in Palanga and Svetoja regions. Rally sprint stage will be shorter and without night special stages.

Rally will start on Friday afternoon with city special stage in Liepaja Milk Factory stage and will continue with four special stages in Liepaja region – two special stages during daylight and other two special stages will allow to enjoy the magic of the night rally.

Second day of the competition on Saturday will start in Rucava (Latvia) and Svetoja (Lithuania), which will be followed with six gravel special stages. Competition will be completed with Power Stage in Liepaja Milk Factory track.

Rally service area all rally days will be placed in Liepaja – right beside to Milk Factory track and Rally center.

Rally center will be placed in Liepaja Olympic Center, which also gives a chance to enjoy the benefits of SPA center bathhouses and pools.



Provisional program

Thursday, August 23

- Issuing of itinerary documents, reconnaissance
- Test special stage

Friday, August 24

- Reconnaissance
- Issuing of itinerary documents and reconnaissance for rally sprint crews
- Rally opening, City special stage, day and night special stages (in Latvia)

Saturday, August 25

- Rally special stages (in Lithuania and Latvia)
- Parallel Power Stage special stage in Liepaja Milk Factory track
- Award ceremony
- Stars go-karts competition

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4. Rally sprint– ROAD class

Interesting, as well as difficult track as usually is planned for rally sprint Road class entrants, with rally special stages and orienteering competition on not very well known roads. Competition is planned as one day event on Saturday, August 25, to reduce the costs of Road class entrants.

Rally sprint Road class is the final stage of Baltic's Amateurs Rally Cup as well. First two stages take place in Estonia in March and June.



Provisional program

Saturday, August 25

- Issuing of itinerary documents
- Rally special stages (in Lithuania and Latvia)
- Award ceremony

5. Retro-karting street race

Rally special stage will be transformed into 800 meters long karting track for competition of go-karts of different generations.

In contradistinction to Latvian karting championship, on Retro-kart track don't expect to see newest karting models – there are those that took their starting positions a long time ago, even in soviet times. For competitors it is a chance to take part in the competition with lower costs.



Provisional program

Saturday, August 25

- Registration and free trainings (starting at 08:00)
- Competition
- Award ceremony

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6. Latvian dragrace championship

The best Latvian dragrace drivers will compete for Latvian dragrace champion title on Saturday and Sunday afternoon at the new stage of Puvera Street.

Competition will take place on 402 meters long track, which is classical dragrace track length and the only track in such length in Latvia, which means tense competition for dragracers and unforgettable emotions for spectators.



Provisional program

Saturday, August 25

–Registration and free trainings

Sunday, August 26

–Registration and free trainings

–Competition

–Award ceremony

7. Rally super-sprint competition

For the first time Freko Rally super-sprint cup contest participants will compete in the street track. Unlike rally and rally sprint, this competition is run in standard street cars. That means that anyone can test his car driving skills in Liepaja street track.

Liepaja Milk Factory track will be transformed in approximately 1 km long asphalt lap, where the competition will take place. It will be special trial for participants, because in other cup contests there are gravel tracks as well, moreover, those tracks are not bounded with sidewalk



Provisional program

Sunday, August 26

– Registration and reconnaissance(8:00 – 11:00)

–Competition(11:00 – 18:00)

–Award ceremony

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8. Openkart go-kart rent and competition

Openkart is rent go-karts amateur movement, involving people who like motorsports and wish to participate in simple and cheap amateur competition, that doesn't take big money, time and knowledge investments. Driving are simple as well, because they are specially produced rent go-karts. That means that Openkart expects anyone who wish to try how it is – to drive in the auto-racing.

Probably Openkart is the only auto-racing discipline in Latvia that is available for anyone. Openkart for sure is the cheapest auto-racing competition, because special rent equipment is very safe and suitable for people without previous experience in auto-racing. At the same time, professionals do not derogate this equipment as well. At Openkart competition you don't have to spend the time and money to buy equipment, in other words – if you wish to compete – apply, come and drive.

Openkart is great training for driving skills improvement, reflexes development, which makes every participant a safer driver in everyday traffic.



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Thursday, August 23

– Go-kart rent in Liepaja Milk Factory track

Friday, August 24

– Go-kart rent in Liepaja Milk Factory track

Saturday, August 25

– Go-kart rent in Liepaja Milk Factory track

– Stars go-kart competition

–OpenKart Night street race

Sunday, August 26

– Go-kart rent in Liepaja Milk Factory track

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9. SuperMoto competition

When these bikes, with breathe-taking guided sideslip filigree drives in the track's turn, totally inclined, and then drives out of it with ferociously spooling back-wheel, we know that this is very special, viewable motorsports discipline.

Sometimes "Supermoto" is compared with rally-cross. Track is very similar: usually 70% of asphalt and 30% gravel surfacing, many turns and jumps. Visually enjoyable driving style with guided sideslips is very similar as well, and it attracts spectators attention.

Supermoto gives a chance to enjoy heart thrilling victory triumph and bitterness of lost, power of movement and eternity of the second together with sportsman. Fans also like that they can see road competition, speedway as well as motocross elements, including abovementioned slips and jumps in one ride. Speeds in tortuous track are impressive enough, though not so fast to keep spectators far away from the track due their safety, where they can't see anything as it is in road racing. And, in addition, before and after the competition sportsmen usually entertain spectators, showing different stunts on bikes – riding on one wheel or standing on saddle on one leg.

Supermoto first appeared on Liepaja streets in 2010 – motocross rider Davis Livs von Ivars Vasaradzis on WRC car with only milliseconds predominance in rally city special stage. In 2011 there was more serious competition – spectators of Speed Festival Rally "Kurzeme" could enjoy tense competition in specially built Liepaja street track.

City streets will become a motoring track this year as well and spectators will have a chance to enjoy starts of motorists and to feel for the best Latvian motosports sportsmen.



Provisional program

Saturday, August 25

- Registration and reconnaissance
(18:00 – 20:00)
- Competition (20:00 – 23:00)
- Award ceremony



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10. Latvian Car of the Year

Already for fourth year jury of Latvian Car of the Year will evaluate competition applicants in rally “Kurzeme” tracks. Drive of applicants of the Car of the Year in Liepaja special stage, as well as possibility to examine them in the center of Liepaja is already a tradition.

“Latvian Car of the Year” competition takes place already 14th time and its goal is to pay attention of Latvian society to novelties of the car producers, that are available in Latvian market and useful for wide range of car admirers. Competition is good chance for car sellers to show car novelties to wider range of society.



11. World Championship in Formula Windsurfing 2012

World championship stage in Formula windsurfing 2012 will take place on Liepaja beach from 20 till 26 August.

Formula class is one of the fastest, dynamic and most elegant windsurfing disciplines. Surfers ride in gliding regime that reminds flying with only light touching of water. Wind speed must be at least 5 meters per second. At the moment, the best Latvian surfer in this discipline is Janis Preiss from Liepaja.



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12. Useful information

12.1 General information about Liepaja

Coordinates: 56° 30' 42" N, 21° 0' 50" E

Population: 82413

Area: 60,37 km²

How to come to Liepaja

By car

To get to Liepaja fro Riga drive the road A9 – approximate distance 220km

To get to Liepaja fro Klaipeda, drive the road A11 – approximate distance 100km

By train

From Take the train Riga-Liepaja from Riga train station

Look for the train departure times on www.1188.lv

By bus

Riga-Liepaja – approximate time on the way 3-3,5h

Klaipeda-Liepaja – approximate time on the way 1,5-2h

Palanga-Liepaja – approximate time on the way 1h

Look for the bus departure times on www.liepajasture.lv www.aslap.lv www.autoosta.lv www.1188.lv

By ferry

Ferry line Liepaja-Travemünde (Germany). Ferry runs 2 times a week.

Detailed information about ferry departure and prices: www.scandlines.lv

By plane

Liepaja International airport, Lidostas street 8, Cimdenieki, Grobiņas distr.

+371 634 07592, info@liepaja-airport.lv www.liepaja-airport.lv

Palanga International airport (Airport is placed approximately 70km on the south from Liepaja)

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By yacht

Liepaja Yacht center

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N.B. This year rally is taking place in Lithuania as well, so don't forget to take your PASSPORT with you!

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12.2 Entertainment in Liepaja

Liepaja city offers a wide range of active entertainment possibilities in nightclubs, as well as relaxing and peaceful entertainment in SPA center and Liepaja city beach.

Swimming pool and SPA of Liepaja Olympic center

Brīvības Street 39, Liepaja

www.loc.lv/lv/baseins-spa

Telephone: + 371 634 80000

E-mail: info@loc.lv

Nightclubs/Bars

Coyote Fly

Lielā Street 7, Liepaja; www.coyotefly.lv

Fontaine Palace

Dzirnavu Street 4, Liepaja; www.fontainepalace.lv

Latvijas 1.Rokkafejnīca

Stendera Street 18, Liepaja; www.pablo.lv

BIG7

Baznīcas Street 14/16, Liepaja; www.big7.lv

Red Sun Buffet

Pasta Street , Liepaja; www.redsunbuffet.lv



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12.3 Taxi

Taxi dispatcher numbers: +371 63422222, 63444444, 63488888, 63421111, 63481111

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