

KURZEME 2010



RALLY GUIDE #1



THE BEST RALLY IN LATVIA 2009



Speed Festival in Liepaja, August 27-29

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1. Welcome & Introduction

Rally "Kurzeme" is known in Latvia as auto sport event abundant with traditions and this year it is celebrating its 45th anniversary. In its time of existence rally "Kurzeme" welcomed stages of USSR and European championships as well as championship stages of neighboring countries – Lithuania, Estonia and Russia.

Last season rally "Kurzeme" gained LAF observer's prize as the best rally in 2009.

Rally "Kurzeme" is identified with high-level organization and interesting and difficult rally special stages, combined with good tourism infrastructure (hotels, restaurants and white-sand beach) and wide range of relaxation facilities in Liepaja and its vicinity.

Starting with 2010 rally will be presented in new vision – as Speed Festival Rally Kurzeme. Main event of the festival - rally and rally sprint "Kurzeme", will be supplemented with wide range of motor sport competitions and program of activities, such as final stage of powerboats championship, SuperMoto competition on the streets of Liepaja and bike show, children's rally, voting for the Latvian car of the year 2010, various competitions for street drivers, "From rally to school" – fair and different activities for schoolchildren, and exhibitions and vehicle expositions as well as wide range of cultural events.

To give participants of rally a chance to enjoy the charm of Liepaja and program of festival activities, "Kurzeme" is returning to the principle tested and approved over the years – finish and award ceremony is taking place at Saturday evening.

Rally will start at Thursday late afternoon with *shakedown* special stage and reconnaissance of city special stage. Friday's daytime is intended for reconnaissance of gravel special stages, but when sun will go down – Liepaja night city special stage will start. Since competition will take place on illuminated streets of the city, it will be possible to drive without extra headlights.

Saturday will follow up in vicinity of Liepaja with one or even more flying jumps in each of the gravel special stages. In the afternoon roaring of engines of power boats will make some noise in Liepaja Trade Canal – rally drivers, arriving to the finish line, will be able to watch powerboat competitions.

Saturday evening, after the award ceremony, you are all invited to continue the festival at levee promenade with music on several stages, dancing, talking and wild adventures until the daybreak. We will be offering our competitors and rally fans to book a table at the night festival.

You are most welcome to join the biggest motor sports event in Latvia!

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This Rally guide has no regulatory power – for information only.

2. Contact Details

2.1 Permanent Contact Details

Permanent contact details of the organizer of rally "Kurzeme" are:

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 Ezermalas iela 7
 Liepāja, LV 3401
 Latvia

Telephone: +371 29440526
 Fax: +371 63425865
 E-mail: info@rallykurzeme.lv
 Internet: www.rallykurzeme.lv

2.2 Rally „Kurzeme 2010” organization

Position	Name, surname	Mobile phone
Rally director	Uldis Hmieļevskis	+371 29440526
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Coordinator of cultural events	Kaspars Vecvagars	+371 26308418
Finance manager	Arnis Dabars	+371 26169685
Project manager	Ieva Jorena – Auzniece	+371 26445678

2.3 Rally Centre Contact Details

Pre-start rally centre

Administrative check, issuing of itinerary documents, collection of reconnaissance cards.
 "Auto stils" auto service.

Location – between Liepāja and Grobiņa, on the side of motorway Riga – Liepāja

Address: "Svari 3", Grobiņas district

Rally centre

Location will be specified in Rally guide No. 2.

2.4 Media Centre Contact Details

Press officer: Roberts Jansons
 Telephone: +371 29671441
 E-mail: prese@rallykurzeme.lv

3. Programme & Critical Deadlines

3.1 Schedule before the Rally Week

Monday, 31 May 2010

Rally guide No. 1 published

www.rallykurzeme.lv

Monday, 19 July 2010

Rally guide No. 2 published

Supplementary Regulations and Entry Form published

Forbidden Territory announced

Entries Open

Publication of entry list in seeded order

www.rallykurzeme.lv

3.2 Schedule during the Rally Week

Monday, 23 August 2010

18:00 Closing date for Entries

18:00 Closing date for Reconnaissance application

18:00 Closing date for applications for layout in service zone

Tuesday, 24 August 2010

18:00 Closing date for Entry fee payment

Wednesday, 25 August 2010

12:00 Publication of organizers accepted Entry List and Start List

www.rallykurzeme.lv

18:00 Closing date for Media accreditation

Thursday, 26 August 2010

16:00-19:00 Shakedown special stage

17:00 Rally Centre opens

Rally centre

17:00 Media Centre opens

Rally centre

17:00-22:00 Administrative Checks, issuing of Itinerary Documents

Pre-start rally centre

21:00-23:00 Reconnaissance - SS 1;2 (night city special stage)

Friday, 27 August 2010

07:00 Closing Date for Forbidden Territory

07:00-16:00 Reconnaissance - SS 3 – SS 9 (gravel special stages)

08:00-10:00 Annual Technical Inspection and Marking

10:00-18:00 Technical inspection and Marking

Rožu square, Liepaja

10:00-19:00 Parc Ferme

Rožu square, Liepaja

16:45 Collection of Reconnaissance cards

Pre-start rally centre

17:30 Publication of penalties for pre-start infringements

18:15 First Meeting of Stewards

18:15 Payment of penalties for pre-start infringements

18:45 Publication of start list, Leg 1

19:00 Start of Rally "Kurzeme 2010", competitor's parade

Rožu square, Liepaja

21:00 Start of rally first special stage

Saturday, 28 August 2010

01:00	Publication of start list, Leg 2
09:00	Start of Rally, Leg 2
16:30	Finish of Rally sprint
18:45	Finish of Rally
18:45	Final scrutineering
20:30	Prize giving ceremony
22:30	Publication of Provisional Final Classification
23:00	Publication of Final Classification
	Service parks
	SP „Liepaja”
	SP „Priekule airfield”

4. Entry Details

4.1 Titles for which Rally counts

Results of Rally “Kurzeme 2010” are counted as:

- Latvian Rally Championship 2010, event 6;
- Latvian Rally sprint Championship 2010, event 7;
- FIA Northern European Zone Rally Championship and Cup Contest.

Rally is included in LAF rally championship 2010, rally sprint championship and FIA Northern European Zone rally championship and cup contest calendar.

4.2 Criteria for Acceptance of Entries

Anyone wishing to take part in the rally and rally sprint “Kurzeme 2010” must send the official entry form duly completed and signed to the Rally secretariat (e-mail rallijs@laf.lv or fax +371 67551465) before **26.08. at 22:00**.

If competitor has sent the entry form to the organizer, but will not take part in this rally, he must inform the organizer in written form. Otherwise penalties could follow from LAF and SA commissions.

If the entry form is sent by fax or e-mail, original entry form with a relevant payment document or a letter of guarantee must reach the organizer before the deadline for receiving of reconnaissance documents. The entry application will be accepted only if it is accompanied by a total amount of the entry fee.

Details concerning co-driver could be specified at administrative check of crew.

Signing of the entry means that the entrant allows the organizer to publish the declared information in their media channels and press information.

4.3 Participants

Rally is opened for every physical or legal entity holding valid competitor’s license issued by LAF or other ASN.

4.4 Maximum number of entries

Rally and rally sprint – 100.

Rally sprint - ROAD – 30

In case the organizer receives more entries, crews will be selected by opinion of organizer.

Cars of groups A, N and R by FIA Code Appendix J and LAF national technical regulations of cars of respective national groups are allowed to participate in the rally, which are divided in

classification groups and classes in accordance with technical regulations and the Regulations of Latvian Rally Championship and Cup Contest.

Any brand of the car that meets the Road traffic rules and LAF SAC Technical rules for corresponding car classification class is allowed to participate in the rally sprint classification. If rules of each championship and cup contest are followed, competitor can participate both in rally and rally sprint classification.

If competitor wishes to participate both in rally and rally sprint classification, he must have already participated in one or more competitions of Latvian Rally sprint Championship in season 2010 in classification groups „1.6”, „1.6+”, „4WD”, „4WD+”.

4.5 Entry Fees

Participation in Rally „Kurzeme 2010” will be authorized for teams who have made donation for organization of rally or paid entry fee, which has to be paid by 24.08.2010 at 18:00.

Donation can be made to given bank account of organizer (Biedrība "Liepājas Rallija Komanda", reg. no. 50008110141, AS Swedbank, HABALV22, account no. LV50HABA0551016419859) or in cash at the organizer's cash-desk. Organizers do not issue service bill if donation is received.

Entry fee can be paid to given bank account of organizer (Biedrība "Liepājas Rallija Komanda", reg. no. 50008110141, AS Swedbank, HABALV22, account no. LV50HABA0551016419859). Service bill can be ordered by sending requisites to e-mail: info@rallykurzeme.lv until Monday 23.08.2010 at 18:00.

Entry fee and donation amount

	Donation amount, LVL	Entry fee amount, LVL, incl. 21% VAT
Rally	300 (427 EUR)	363,00
Rally + rally sprint (start in both classifications)	300 (427 EUR)	363,00
Rally sprint	170 (242 EUR)	205,70
Rally sprint - ROAD	60 (85 EUR)	114,95
Rally sprint - ROAD – Debut cup	50 (71 EUR)	60,50
Shakedown special stage	60 (85 EUR)	72,60

Entry fees or donation will be refunded:

- in case of rally not taking place due to the fault of the Organizer – 100%;
- in case of rally not taking place due to force majeure - 75%;
- to applicants whose entry has not been accepted – 100%;
- if entrant cannot participate due to force majeure, duly accepted by his parent ASN - 25%.

4.5.1 Organizers advertising

Donation or entry fee indicated in clause 4.5 is compulsory to crews that accept organizers compulsory advertising (appendix). Crews that decline organizers compulsory advertising must pay double entry fee and must make a proper notice in the entry form. There will be organizers' compulsory advertising on the rally plates and numbers. It is not possible to disclaim the advertising.



4.6 Content of the Entry Package

Entry Package includes:

	Amount
Rally Guide No. 2	1
Supplementary Regulations	1
Route maps	1
Driver passes	2
Service passes	4
Rally start number (door sticker)	2
Rally start number (windows sticker)	2
Rally logo (sticker)	1
Organizer's additional advertising	2
Service car plates („Service“)	2
Reconnaissance car plates („Recce“)	1
Service park area in service zone „Priekule“	8 x 6 m
Package not include	
Additional plate „Service car“	30 LVL
Additional pass to rally additional competition	4 LVL
VIP pass	30 LVL

4.7 Car Numbers order

To distinguish participants of different classification, car numbers are assigned in the following order:

Group	Car numbers
Rally	1-99
Rally sprint	101-199
Rally sprint – ROAD	201-299

4.8 Generation of Start List

Order of participants in start list is generated and confirmed by authorized persons of LAF Rally and Rally sprint commissions. Main criteria are: results in special stages at previous competitions, rating in championship total assessment, recommendations of other auto sport committees (for foreign sportsmen), but it is not relevant in which classification each particular competitor is participating.

4.9 Reconnaissance only

Organizers of rally „Kurzeme 2010“ offer a chance to anyone to drive a reconnaissance only drive on a rally special stage, considering conditions of Rally Guide paragraph 9.2.

A fee of 40 LVL + 21%PVN=48,40 LVL for taking part in the reconnaissance must be paid in full during the registration.

To apply for reconnaissance only, entry form must be sent to organizers e-mail info@rallykurzeme.lv until 18:00 on Monday, August 23, 2010.

5. Service Park

5.1 Service park „Liepaja”

5.1.1 Location

GPS Coordinates (for entrance): North 56° 5138' East 20° 9965'

Service zone is located in Liepaja on Roņu street, Zvejnieku avenue, Kūrmājas prospect,
Service area surface – asphalt.

Working hours – from Friday, August 27 at 10:00 until Saturday, August 28 at 01:00.

5.1.2 “Rally drivers lodge”

Service area is located 500 meters from city special stage, therefore sportsmen and mechanics are welcomed to watch the special stage from “Rally drivers lodge” in the square by Loču tower (directly at the finish of special stage). In “Rally drivers lodge” you can eat, drink beer and non alcoholic drinks, watch city special stage on big screen and even watch dance on the tables. Entrance to “Rally drivers lodge” allowed only with Competitors, Press and VIP entrance cards.

5.1.3 Access to the Service Park

In service zone it is only allowed to change tires and fill up fuel before start of SS1.

Entrance to service zone for service cars from Roņu street in direction to the Zvejnieku avenue until 18:30. After given time entrance to service zone is forbidden.

Entrance in service area “Liepaja” is allowed with 1 service car for each crew, with organizers issued sticker “Service” fastened at windscreen of respective car.

Parking of the service cars at the service area – according to the scheme and instructions of rally organizers.

Change of tires and refueling allowed in provided places according to scheme of the service park.

Layout of the Service Park will be published in Rally guide No. 2.

5.1.4 Facilities in the Service Park

Organizer will be offering following facilities in the Service Park:

- waste collection;
- toilet facilities;
- general security in the service park area;

5.2 Service park „Priekule”

5.2.1 Location

GPS Coordinates: North 56°429' East 21°578'

Service zone is located at Priekule airfield.

Service area surface – asphalt.

Working hours – from Friday, August 27 at 21:00 until Saturday, August 28 at 19:00.

5.2.2 “Mechanics lodge”

Service area is located 3,5 km from special stage. Mechanics are welcomed to watch special stage (straight line with following jump and turning) from “Mechanics lodge”. It will be allowed to park in special parking place closely to the course for the cars with stickers “Service” and “Recce”. Location and directions to the “Mechanics lodge” will be provided in Rally guide no.2.

5.2.3 Access to the Service Park

All parties are kindly asked to respect these opening times. If teams wish to bring equipment to the Service Park area before the given opening time, they must inform the organizer beforehand. If organizer has not received such notification, we cannot guarantee any access to the area. Entry in the service park is allowed only for competition cars and service cars with label "Service" issued by organizer and stuck on the windscreen of respective car.

Entrance to the service zone from motorway Priekule – Purmsāti.

Exit from service zone in direction to motorway Gramzda – Priekule.

Layout of the Service Park will be published in Rally guide No. 2.

5.2.4 Facilities in the Service Park

Organizer will be offering following facilities in the Service Park:

- waste collection;
- toilet facilities;
- general security in the service park area;
- water;
- car wash before entering service zone.

6. Tires and Fuel

6.1 Tires

According to regulations of Latvian Rally Championship 2010 and Cup contest, it is allowed to use 8 tires on gravel special stages (SS 3 – 10) in rally "Kurzeme 2010". Tire limit does not refer to Liepaja city special stages (SS 1; 2). Tire limit does not refer to rally sprint contenders. Changing of tires is allowed only within service zones noted in Road book. It is no allowed to use "slick" type asphalt tires.

6.2 BF Goodrich Cup

BF Goodrich cup is organized in following groups of classification:

- BFG-4WD (WRC; A8; N4; L13; LL12)
- BFG-2WD (N1; N2; N3; A5; A6; A7; R1; R2; R3)
- BFG-National (L8; L9; L10; L11)

Rules and entry information at website www.autorally.lv, section "Partners".

6.3 Fuel

There is no limitation for fuel selection.

Refueling is allowed only within service areas specified in the road book. Additional refueling is prescribed only in the refueling areas noted in the Road Book. At the time of refueling crews must use a service carpet under the car.

6.4 Carless Motorsport Fuels in Latvian Rally Championship

It will be possible to get fuel at the rally area. Orders by phone to +358 400 692 102 or e-mail polar.motorsport@pp.inet.fi have to be made two weeks before rally. There are two kinds of fuel in 25 liter cans available:

- Hiperflo Turbo Ultimate – cars with turbo compressor
- Hiperflo 250 – cars without turbo compressor

7. Air Transport

7.1 Rules and registration

Using of air transport related to a crew anywhere in the area of rally has to be confirmed with the organizer of rally in written form until closing date of entries. Organizer might apply additional fee for this permission. Pilot of the air transport must follow Latvian Rally Championship rules for air transport.

Application form for air transport will be published in Rally guide No. 2.

8. VIP Programme & Accommodation

8.1 VIP programme

Every year you can meet heads of State as well as chiefs of biggest Latvian companies, politicians, musicians and sportsmen in the VIP zone of rally "Kurzeme".

By extending the event of rally "Kurzeme" to a level of Speed Festival, this year we will be offering a broader and more diverse VIP programme.

VIP programme includes:

VIP zone in night city special stage – to book a place for night city special stage at Liepaja port Promenade and to watch shows of rally driver's, biker's and other non-rally machinery on the streets of Liepaja at the side of Trade canal. A welcome drink, snacks and drinks, as well as professional commentators and entertainment for children will be provided. It will be possible to access the "Rally drivers lodge" at the finish of special stage, where sportsmen and mechanics will be watching the competition.

Time: Friday, August 27 from 18:00 until midnight

Breakfast at the gravel special stage

On Saturday competition moves on to areas close to Liepaja. We offer to see one of the first morning special stages in very interesting spot of the stage, enjoying breakfast arranged by rally organizers.

Time: Saturday, August 28 from 8:30 until 12:00

Jump at the mechanic's lodge

Interesting spot with jump nearby rally service zone, where team leaders and mechanics will watch the rally as well. A chance to drive in the service zone and to see how quick mechanics can fix damaged cars.

Time: Saturday, August 28 from 13:00 until 19:00

Powerboats terrace

One of the world's most entertaining powerboats course is located in Liepaja Trade Canal. Boats will compete for the title of Latvian champion exceeding the speed of 150 km/h, very close to spectators. VIP zone will be located at the side of the canal, close to power boats PIT zone.

Time: Saturday, August 28 from 13:00 until 19:00

Finish, award ceremony and night party.

Late in the evening you can welcome rally competitors arriving at the finish line, sitting at the powerboats terrace. Award ceremony and night party until the morning at Liepaja port Promenade together with sportsmen, organizers and other rally spectators. It will be possible to book the table and order delicious food in restaurants and cafés located at the Promenade.

Time: Saturday, August 28 from 18:00 until the sunrise.

8.2 Corporate Entertainment Programme

We offer You to invite your business partners, customers or employees to Speed Festival Rally "Kurzeme". We offer special arrangements included in VIP programme activities developed specially for Your company, for example – supper on Friday evening in restaurant with a view to rally special stage.

It will be possible to buy VIP cards at tickets purchase spots in advance, at rally stages, in internet shop www.rallyshop.lv, or contact with project manager of rally "Kurzeme" Ieva Jorena-Auzniece (mob. +371 26445678, e-mail info@rallykurzeme.lv).

8.3 Hotels and guest houses

Hotels in the center of Liepaja:

Name	Address	Telephone	Internet
Europa City Amrita, Liepaja hotel	Rīgas iela 7/9	+371 63403434	www.groupeuropa.com
Hotel Fontaine Royal	Stūrmaņu iela 1	+371 63489777	www.fontaineroyal.lv
Promenade Hotel	Vecā Ostmaļa 40	+371 63488288	www.promenadehotel.lv
Hotel Līva	Lielā iela 11	+371 63420102	www.liva.lv
Hotel „Poriņš”	Palmu iela 5	+371 29150596	www.porins.lv

Detailed information about accommodation in Liepaja and its vicinity:

Liepaja region Tourism information office

Rožu square 5/6, Liepaja, LV-3401

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e-mail: info@liepajaturisms.lv

Internet: <http://www.liepaja.lv/page/3046>

9. Reconnaissance

9.1 Registration

Issue of itinerary documents:

Date and time: Thursday, August 26 2010 from 17:00 until 22:00.

Place: Pre-start rally centre, “Auto stils” auto service (Between Liepaja and Grobiņa, on the side of motorway Riga – Liepaja, address: “Svari 3”, Grobiņa district).

9.2 Reconnaissance only Registration

Any driver wishing to take part in reconnaissance drive of rally “Kurzeme 2010” must respect the regulations of reconnaissance in its entirety (see Supplementary rules of rally “Kurzeme 2010”).

A fee of 40 LVL + 21%PVN=48,40 LVL for taking part in the reconnaissance must be paid in full during the registration.

To apply for reconnaissance only, entry form must be sent to organizers e-mail info@rallykurzeme.lv until 18:00 on Monday, August 23, 2010.

9.3 Regulations and Restrictions

When receiving the reconnaissance documents, entrants must provide the organizer with information about details of the reconnaissance car, crew’s mobile phones and accommodation information.

Provision is made for a maximum of three passages through each SS. Fact Judges will register runs. Reconnaissance order for rally sprint-Road classification participants will be stipulated in a separate bulletin.

Organizer has the rights to change number of reconnaissance; in this case he must inform entrants about the changes when they receive the reconnaissance documents.

It is allowed to use reconnaissance car only complying with FIA Rally Code and Latvian Rally Championship Regulations Art.7.2.

It is allowed for participants of rally sprint to do a reconnaissance drive with competition racing car.

Reconnaissance cards must be presented to persons authorized by the organizers or traffic police after first request.

Crews are not allowed to drive in the opposite direction of the rally on the SS.

Maximum speed limits of 50 km/h in inhabited locations, 80 km/h outside inhabited locations set by traffic laws are imposed on all special stages during reconnaissance unless a lower limit is indicated by traffic signs or organizers instructions. Use of anti radars and radar detectors during reconnaissance is forbidden.

Crews must drive in a manner that does not endanger other traffic or cause inconvenience for people living near the stage roads.

If entrants and crews who have sent or are going to send the entry for participation in rally "Kurzeme 2010" would have needed to be present on roads located in particular strictly forbidden territory of the route before 27.08.2010, they must inform the organizer and must obtain a permission in written form from organizer.

In reconnaissance it is allowed to use tires with summer tread only, according to the road traffic rules. Tires like: "for rally use only"; "competition use only"; "for close circuits"; winter tread tires or M+S, tires are not allowed to use.

10. Shakedown

Organizer offers a chance to participate in organized special stages training. Application form must be sent by e-mail info@rallykurzeme.lv until 23 August at 18:00. Place of special stages and entry fees will be specified in Rally guide no.2. Entry fee for special stages training – 50Ls + VAT (21%) has to be paid when receiving itinerary documents. Application form will be published in Rally guide No. 2.

Competitors must use all safety equipment, just as on special stages during competition. Any person found onboard the car during shakedown, which is not part of the entry of the rally, must sign a disclaimer which indemnifies the organizer. This disclaimer can be collected at the special stage and Rally center.

11. Speed Festival Activities

107 participants, more than 700 publications in mass media, 10 000 spectators in Liepaja city special stage and 25 000 spectators in total - this makes rally, rally sprint and rally raid "Kurzeme 2009" the largest auto sport event in Latvia. In appreciation for that rally "Kurzeme" was awarded the Latvian Automobile Federation observer's cup as to the best rally in Latvia in 2009.

In 2010 rally will be presented as speed festival. Rally and rally sprint "Kurzeme" will remain the main event of the festival supplemented with:

- Final stage of powerboats championship
- SuperMoto competition on streets of Liepaja and bike show
- Children's rally Kurzeme
- Voting for Car of the Year 2010 of Latvia
- Various competitions for street drivers
- "From Rally to School" - fair and different activities for schoolchildren
- Expositions and vehicle exhibitions
- Wide range of cultural events

11.1. Night city special stage for other motorsports classes

We invite competitors of other motorsports classes, such as autocross, auto racing, drift and drag race drivers, bikers and bicycle riders to participate in the special stage in the streets of the city. That will be a great opportunity to show yourself and your machinery to 10 000 spectators shortly before the start of the rally.

For application to participate in city special stage please contact Uldis Hmieļevskis, mobile phone +371 29440526 or e-mail uldis@liepajasrallijs.lv.

11.2 Powerboats competition

Liepaja is well known for its long standing water motorsports' traditions. Many Latvian, European and World champions in water motorsports come from Liepaja.

Final stage of Latvian powerboats championship will take place within activities of Speed Festival and the champions of Latvia will be announced. Competition will take place in Liepaja Trade Canal, right in the center of the city. Spectators will be able to watch this competition as close as possible to competitors boats and feel their speed, standing on both coasts of the canal and on the bridges.

Powerboats competition will take place on Sunday, 28 August from 12:00 till 19:00.

11.3 Supermoto competition

Not just those who like relaxation at the beach, love the white sand of Liepaja. Many motocross riders well known all around the world took their first steps of motocross in the sandy "Lauma" racing track. The summer season of motocross competitions starts in Liepaja, because "Lauma" track is the first that gets dry after spring thaws.

During the Speed Festival motocross riders from Liepaja will go out in the streets in the exact meaning of this word by participating in SuperMoto discipline. Shortly describing - it is a combination of asphalt drift and cross with bikes.

11.4 Children's rally

The main idea of this competition is to direct the attention of children and youth of Kurzeme to safe traffic on the streets.

Objective of the competition is to improve children's knowledge of traffic safety issues, to pay attention to road traffic rules, to teach how to provide first aid on the level suitable for children as well as to teach about auto sport and rally.

Age limit for children's rally is 6 - 14 years of age.

Each competitor must carry out the following tasks:

- Task of bicycling skills - getting through the course of different figures. Each figure in the course teaches children right behavior on the road - how to stop correctly and how to cross the street according to the traffic rules. Course has to be carried out precisely.
- Nimbleness task with radio-controlled cars - each participant must pass through radio-controlled cars track. Track is created from different figures. Organizer provides competitors with radio-controlled cars.
- Erudition task - competitors fill in questionnaires with theoretical questions, issued by umpire. Questions are about road traffic rules and auto sport.

Organizers provide competitors with necessary equipment - bicycles, helmets and radio-controlled cars.

First rounds of competition "Children's rally KURZEME 2010" will take place in regional centers of Kurzeme – Liepaja, Ventspils, Kuldiga, Talsi and Saldus. Final competition and award ceremony will take place in Liepaja, within activities of rally "Kurzeme 2010".

11.5 Latvian Car of the Year 2010

Jury of Latvian Car of the Year 2010 will try to establish the winner of this title during the Speed Festival.

Spectators of speed festival are welcomed to join the voting for Kurzeme Car of the Year and to win an opportunity to drive one of the cars competing to be the Latvian Car of the Year 2010 for one weekend.

Latvian Car of the Year is selected every year for more then ten years and this title has been presented to expensive and exclusive cars as well as to practical vehicles approved by buyers.

It will be possible to see contenders to the title of 2010 on Saturday morning at gravel special stages and Saturday afternoon in Liepaja.

11.6 "From Rally to School" – fair and entertainment for schoolchildren

Speed Festival Rally Kurzeme takes place few days before the start of the school year. Therefore it will be possible to buy all the necessary things for school in Liepaja, so the families would not have to spend their last weekend of summer holidays running to the shops.

"From Rally to School" includes following activities:

- Fair with different items for school children (notebooks and books, printers, cameras, computers, school bags and sports boots);
- Drawing of longest auto rally poster (in 2009 a 30 meter-long poster was drawn – is it possible to beat the record this year?);
- Final competition of Children's rally and a chance for every child to show their riding skills in bicycle track;
- Possibility to find out about opportunity for children 4 to 10 years of age to participate in competitions in "Beta Buggy" class, to look at buggies of this class and to talk with the drivers and their parents;
- And many other activities.

11.7 Award ceremony and concert on Saturday evening

On Saturday evening rally drivers, rally sprint drivers and powerboat contenders will cross the finish line. Award ceremony will start shortly before sunset at city Promenade on the big stage and after that – entertainment with music, dancing, talking, drinking and eating until the daybreak.

For sportsmen, teams and fans it will be possible to book a table at the spot of night activities (detailed information in Rally guide no. 2).

12. Media

12.1 Media Contacts

Rally Press officer Roberts Jansons
Mobile phone: +371 29671441
e-mail: prese@rallykurzeme.lv

12.2 How to Apply for Accreditation

Accreditation is provided for:

- journalists;
- media photographers;
- media video operators.

Only persons that are 18 years of age at the time of submission of the application form can be accredited.

Accreditation forms must be sent to the organizer before Wednesday, August 25 at 18:00. Payment for submission of the accreditation form after appointed term – 25 LVL (35 EUR). It will not be possible to get accreditation at the day of the competition. All photo and video operators willing to have accreditation for competition and to receive access to prohibited areas must have a life insurance policy (including sports events) for at least 1000 LVL (1424 EUR) of value, special photo vest (available for guaranty cost 25 LVL (35 EUR) in press center).

Approved photographers and cameramen working in dangerous areas must also follow instructions of security guards. Photo and video accreditation does not allow being in all dangerous areas. Journalists have no rights to be in dangerous areas of the rally course.

Organizer will consider submitted accreditation forms within two working days from the day of receipt. Confirmation or refusal of the accreditation will be sent by the organizer via e-mail. Incorrectly or incompletely filled application forms will not be considered. Organizer retains the right to cancel accreditation at any moment without prior warning. Accreditation form will be published in Rally guide No. 2.

13. General Facts and Information

13.1 General Facts about Latvia

Latvia is a country in the Baltic region of Northern Europe. It is bordered by Estonia, Lithuania, Russian Federation and Belarus. Across the Baltic Sea to the west lies Sweden. The modern name of Latvia is thought to originate from the ancient Latvian name *Latvji*, which may have originate from the river named Latuva.

The capital and the largest city of Latvia is Riga. Latvia has been a member of the United Nations since September 17, 1991; of the European Union since May 1, 2004 and of the NATO since March 29, 2004.

Population

2.2 million, average density – 36/km². Life expectancy is 72.7 years.

There are 76 cities in Latvia and more than 100'000 people live in two of these cities – Riga and Daugavpils. Other major cities include Jēkabpils, Jelgava, Jūrmala, Liepāja, Rēzekne, Valmiera and Ventspils.

Area

64'589 km², adjoined to Baltic Sea from West and the Gulf of Riga from North. There are many rivers in Latvia, all flowing into the Baltic Sea. Biggest rivers are Daugava, Lielupe, Venta, Aiviekste and Gauja. Forests (mainly pine) are a characteristic part of Latvian landscape - they cover 45% of the country.

Climate

Climate in Latvia is humid, continental and temperate owing to the maritime influence of the Baltic Sea. Summers are warm and the weather in spring and autumn fairly mild. During the rally, it is the end of summer, days become shorter and the weather is more autumn-like. Rainy weather and fog in morning and evening hours comes more often. Average temperature can go under 15 degrees Celsius, but August is more usually warm (20°C and up) than cold.

Time zone

Latvian time is two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (UTC +2 hours) and three hours ahead at summer time (UTC +3 hours). Daylight saving time is used from the last Sunday of March to the last Sunday of October.

Sunrise – Sunset:

Friday August 27 sunrise at 6:15 sunset at 20:34

Saturday August 28 sunrise at 6:17 sunset at 20:31

Sunday August 29 sunrise at 6:19 sunset at 20:29

Civil twilight starts at about 5:35 and ends at about 21:10 at this time of the year.

Language

Most of the population in Latvia speaks Latvian, but there are also many Russian speaking people, because Russian population in Latvia reaches 27.3%. Many native Latvians can speak Russian as well as English or German.

Currency and Banking

Latvian currency unit is lat (LVL or Ls), divided into 100 santims.

The denominations in circulation are:

Notes - 500, 200, 100, 50, 20, 10 and 5 lats

Coins - 2 and 1 lats; 50, 20, 10, 5, 2 and 1 santim

Foreign currency may be exchanged in banks Monday to Friday at 9:00-17:00. Most banks display exchange rates on their windows.

Current rates on 5 March 2010

1 lat=0.702 euro

1 lat=0.202 Lithuanian lit

1 lat=0.04 Estonian crone

1 lat=0.02 Russian ruble

Banks in Liepaja

SEB bank

Baznīcas iela 4/6 (center of the city)

Swedbank

Jūras iela12 (hotel Promenade building)

Tirgoņu iela 18 (Pedestrian zone)

DnB Nord bank

Radio iela 16

Nordea bank Finland

Lielā iela 7(center of the city)

Parex bank

Kūrmājas prospekts 11

Bigbank

Graudu iela 45

Automatic Teller Machines

All these banks have several cash dispensers all over the city. They usually operate on Visa/Eurocard. From the ATMs you can withdraw notes in denominations from 5 till 500 lats.

Credit Cards

All major credit cards are very widely accepted in hotels, car rental offices, department stores, restaurants and shops. Foreign credit cards can be used to withdraw cash from almost all ATMs.

Medical Services

Medicines are sold at pharmacies (APTIEKA). Usually pharmacies are open until 17.00 or 18.00. Pharmacies located in shopping centers are opened until 20:00.

Liepaja central hospital has doctors on duty around the clock. In emergencies, patients should be directed to hospital emergency unit. Dental care is mainly provided by private practitioners.

Vaccinations

There are no regulations requiring visitors to Latvia to have vaccinations.

Water

The tap water is safe to drink.

Electricity

The electric current in Latvia is 220 Volts. Plugs and sockets are the same as in the continental countries of the European Union.

Telephones

There are pre-paid SIM cards in various values available for your GSM mobile phones at shopping centers, fuel stations and newspaper kiosks.

13.2 Liepaja and its neighbor cities

General information

Liepaja was inaugurated as a town in 1625 and is a major seaport located between the Baltic Sea and Liepaja Lake which is connected to the sea by the Trade Canal. Liepaja with a population of about 85 thousand is the third biggest city in Latvia and the tenth biggest in the Baltic States.

Liepaja is known for its abundance of cultural and creativity traditions. Liepaja is popular for spacious art and music festivals, Karosta prison show, symphony orchestra and world's largest historically unreconstructed organ. Creativity and freethinking is a brand of Liepaja as it is the place where Latvian rock music was born. Liepaja was one of three Latvian cities that participated in European Capital of Culture 2014 competition and though Riga won this competition, Liepaja was a noteworthy rival.

People say that there is indescribable aura in Liepaja; they call it a proud and mysterious city of friendly people and golden beach.

Quality of Life

Liepaja is located on the coast of the Baltic Sea and a beautiful beach is within a walking distance of the city centre. On the other side of the city lays Liepaja Lake which is popular place for fisherman.

Liepaja provides great opportunities for sports activities – you can play ice hockey or skate in the Ice hall which is located almost in the center of the city. Liepaja Olympic Center offers a wide range of activities with big sports arena for basketball, football or concerts, boxing, volleyball, table tennis and wrestling halls as well as fitness, relaxation and medical centers. Center is equipped with modern sports inventory and highest quality technical equipment.

Liepaja is well known all around Latvia for its cultural traditions. Liepaja Theater, founded in 1907 is the oldest professional theater in Latvia with long standing musical performance traditions. In the end of July thousands of people from Latvia and other countries come to have a lots of fun and entertainment at the Baltic Beach Party – one of the biggest musical events in Latvia located right at the beautiful beach of Liepaja city. But in the beginning of August Fontaine Festival welcomes those who prefer alternative music.

Additionally many other concerts, arts, sports and traditional culture events happen in Liepaja all year long.

Neighboring towns:

-**Kuldīga** (approx. 100km from Liepaja) - town on the banks of river Venta with beautiful old town, ancient brick bridge and widest natural waterfall in Europe (240m).

-**Ventspils** (approx. 100km from Liepaja) – seaport and one of oldest cities in Latvia, famous for its snug city surroundings and original environmental objects.

-**Pāvilosta** (approx. 50km from Liepaja) – small and quiet seaport with wild and romantic beach and original, modern beach houses along with old fisherman houses. One of most popular windsurfing and kite boarding spots in Latvia.

13.3 Rally “Kurzeme”

It all began in 1965 as a local competition organized by “Liepaja Milk Factory” auto racing section with 65 crews and only slight anticipation about rally.

In 1981 and 1985 it already became a stage of USSR Championship, but after 1987 came a break for a couple of years because of the lack of money, sportsmen and organizers. Rally came back to Liepaja in 1994 and in 1995 first rally “Kurzeme” takes place as a final stage of Latvian Championship. In 1997 rally “Kurzeme” goes into international arena – one of stages of Lithuanian Championship takes place in Liepaja.

In the year 2000, test stage of European championship takes place in Liepaja. FIA international jury is favorable to rally organizers, therefore in 2001 for the first time in Latvia European rally Championship rally “Kurzeme 2001” is organized, and it continues in the same status until 2003. In 2003 rally “Kurzeme” is a stage of Russian rally Championship with many Russian crews participating.

In 2007, for the first time in Latvian auto racing history, rally “Kurzeme” is a stage of Northern Europe area rally Championship with 4 crews from Denmark joining the competition.

In 2009 rally “Kurzeme 2009” got award as the best Latvian rally of the year. With 107 participants, 10000 spectators in Liepaja city special stage and more than 25000 spectators in total – it makes rally “Kurzeme” to be largest auto sport event in Latvia last year!



13.4 Useful information

Liepaja can be easily reached by car, bus or train. The distance from Riga of 220 kilometers takes only approx. 2,5 hours, the distance from Palanga in Lithuania is 70 kilometers and it takes only 1 hour to get to Liepaja. For more information about Liepaja, please check www.liepaja.lv.

To come to Liepaja from abroad you can use one of the following:

- Ferry from Germany (more information at www.scandlines.com)
- Plain to Riga international airport (www.riga-airport.com)
- Plain to Palanga (Lithuania) international airport (www.palanga-airport.lt)
- Charter flights are available at Liepaja airport (www.liepaja-airport.lv).

Liepaja and Cirava airports also provide small plane rent. For more details contact:
Liepaja airport – phone +371 29229771, e-mail: kurzemesavio@anet.lv ;
Ciravas airfield – phone +371 20219091

13.4.1 Useful Telephone numbers

Latvia area code is +371. Directory inquiries (telephone numbers, addresses) – 1188, 1189.
Emergency number – 112.

Liepaja city Municipal Police - +371 63420269 (person on duty)

Liepaja Central Hospital, emergency number - +371 63403235

13.4.2 Helicopter rent companies

Busu noma

www.busu-noma.lv

Telephone: +371 27018027

Baltijas helikopteris

Address: Brīvības gatve 439, Riga

Telephone: +371 67185771

13.4.3 Car rentals in Liepaja

Farmaceits

Address: Kungu 6, Liepaja,

Telephone: +371 26447726

Gnomus

Address: Loku 4, Liepaja

Telephone: +371 28656656

MG Links

Address: Ganību 197/205, Liepaja

Telephone: +371 29188166

MK 7

Address: Flotes 16, Liepaja

Telephone: +371 28343461

Rent & Office

Address: Daugavas 1 - 8, Liepaja

Telephone: +371 22839236