



## THE FMVA – VINTAGE MOTORS FESTIVAL 2026

The FMVA will organise the 16th edition of its two-tier event for vintage, classic, and military vehicles, featuring both regularity runs and static shows. The main goal has always been to unite, at least once a year, all the federation's constituent clubs for an activity that appeals to enthusiasts and their beautiful vehicles, whether during the regularity run or at the static shows in Gozo. As a result, all FMVA member clubs and their members are warmly invited to participate. ENEMED supports this event, along with artist Joe Casapinta, Trelleborg Hal Far, and various Local Councils in Malta and Gozo.

The event is due to be held on **Saturday, the 18th, and Sunday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2026.**

Participants intending to take part in the regularity run must complete the entry form, which can also be downloaded from the FMVA's website at [www.fmvamalta.org](http://www.fmvamalta.org). They are to deposit the completed forms, along with any remaining fees, in the letter box at No. 122, Balzan Valley, Balzan BZN 1405, by no later than Saturday, 11th April. Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, with only the first 50 being considered.

All members interested in participating in the GOZO shows are to notify their respective club representatives: Marico Sammut OMC, Oriana Farrugia MVCC, Jason Camilleri AACM, Joe Casapinta MGCC and Joe Grima MVCG.

**A driver's briefing will be held on Wednesday, 15th April, at the OMC clubrooms in Triq L-Isperanza, Mosta, at 7:00 pm. During this briefing, competition numbers will be assigned, and other important information relevant to the event will be provided.**

The entry fee per vehicle for the regularity run will be €25 for all FMVA club members and €35 for non-members. Each car entering the static show will be charged €5, and in return will receive a €10 ENEMED fuel voucher to cover the crossing to and from Gozo. This voucher will also be given to the **Regularity participants** crossing to Gozo for the **Consistency Run** there.

**On Saturday, 18th April, all regularity participants should assemble at the Trelleborg carpark Hal Far by 13:00 for the start of the event. The first vehicle will depart at 14:01. There will be a halfway break at Gnejna Bay carpark, and the finish will be at Selmun around 16:00.**

**On Sunday, 19th April, all participants in the Gozo Consistency Run must be at the Munxar car park by 09:00 at the latest. The first vehicle on the Consistency Run will depart from the start at 10:01, and all others will follow at the usual one-minute intervals.**

Show participants arriving in Gozo on the specially requested extra ferry crossing, approximately at 07:45, will go directly to their pre-assigned show venue, whether Ghajnsielem, Nadur, or Victoria, as directed by their respective coordinators. Static show participants must rotate between venues after a one-and-a-half-hour display period. Each exhibitor will receive a participation certificate. The shows run from 09:00 to 14:00. The static show is open to vehicles 25 years and older, while for the Regularity Rally, club statute cut-off dates for members or a 30-year limit for non-members will apply.

Regularity run participants are to take note of the following notices and rule changes:

- The Regularity Run is not a speed event; therefore, any participant reported or caught speeding during the event will be disqualified immediately.
- Participants must adhere to all local traffic regulations, and roving marshals will monitor for any traffic infringements by participants. Penalties will be imposed for such infringements.
- Participants will be allowed to return to their scheduled time without penalties for arriving early or late. Therefore, the rules regarding carry-on lateness or earliness will not apply.
- Regularity stages will be timed to the second and can be of any length, but may also include parts measured in tenths and hundredths of a mile within the total (e.g., 3.85 miles).
- The average speeds and distances for the regularity will be provided at the briefing, but participants should note that these can change on the same leg of the route.
- Participants will not need to write route or passage checks in their road books; these can be verified either by a stamp from designated marshals along the route or by participants taking a photo and sending it to the organisers via WhatsApp.
- **Participants must show the utmost respect at all times to all marshals, at all controls, and follow their instructions explicitly, even if they seem incorrect at the time.**
- The controls for this event will include: Time Controls (TCs), Secret Time Controls (STCs), Secret Secret Time Controls (SSTC), Route Check Controls (RCs), and Roving Marshal Traffic Infringement Controls (ROVs).
- Results and awards will be presented at a special event organised by the FMVA for this purpose, to be held at the OMC clubrooms, along with a meal at the end of May. Further details will be announced at a later date.
- The distance shown at junctions will be recorded in the road book as the units, tenths, and hundredths of a mile at that point, e.g., 5.49 miles.
- Not all route junctions are necessarily shown on the road book, especially in Gozo. Stick to the main road and avoid turning anywhere if in doubt. Always check the mileage to the tulip you are aiming for first before declaring yourself lost. Tulips are only an indication of the direction to follow and do not provide precise images of a junction.

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