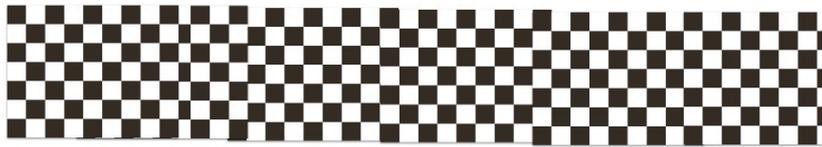




# MG Car Club Malta Bulletin



MG CAR CLUB MALTA ISSUE No 2 - MARCH 2026

**Dear Members and MG Enthusiasts,**

Welcome to the March edition of our club's Rev'd Up.

As the Maltese landscape begins to trade its winter coat for the vibrant greens of spring, there is no better time to be behind the wheel of an MG.

This month has been a remarkable testament to the "Stable of MGs" we hold so dear.

We began with a fantastic show at the Mercury Tower in St. Julian's. It was a proud moment to see our Octagon badge standing tall alongside our friends from the Mini and MX5 clubs. Seeing the public, especially the younger generation, marvel at our vintage engines reminds us why we do what we do: we aren't just driving cars; we are preserving history.

**In Memoriam: Mario Scicluna**

It is with a very heavy heart that I shared the news, of the passing of our dear friend and long-time member, Mario Scicluna.

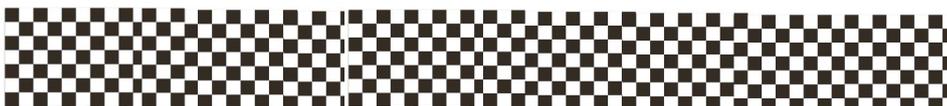
Mario was more than just a fellow enthusiast; he was a pillar of the MG Car Club Malta. Whether he was sharing his technical wisdom, driving skills, offering a helping hand at a static shows, or simply brightening a club run with his quick wit and passion for the Octagon badge, Mario embodied the very best of our community. His absence leaves a void in our lineup that can never truly be filled.

On behalf of the entire Committee and the members, I extend our deepest condolences to his family and loved ones. I kindly as you to observe a a minute of silence in his honor. May he rest in peace. Mario, you will be greatly missed, but you will be with us in spirit on every mile we travel.

To all our members, I thank you all for your continued passion and for keeping the MG spirit alive. I look forward to catching up with many of you at the start line for our upcoming event in Gozo in April.

Joseph Casapinta

Club President



- **The 2026 Calendar:** Following our successful AGM, the full 2026 Events Programme is now live. We have a packed summer ahead, so please ensure your calendars are marked!

- **Technology on our fingertips.** More tools and presence through our website, social media and club app followed by our monthly Rev'd UP.

- **A Technical Note:** Our Technical Officer, Frank Mallia, continues to be a resource for those of you preparing your cars for the warmer weather. Don't hesitate to reach out for a "pre-spring" check-List.



- **Global Buzz:** As the MG Car Club Malta shifts into a higher gear and expands its horizons, our bond with our Mediterranean neighbours has never been stronger. We are proud to cultivate a flourishing international relationship with the vibrant MG communities in Sicily and mainland Italy, bridging the channel through a shared passion for classic motoring and Italian dolce vita. From collaborative cross-border rallies to the warm exchange of technical expertise and heritage, these "Revd Up" connections transform our local bulletin into a truly European dialogue. Together, we aren't just driving iconic cars; we are building a lasting cultural bridge fueled by friendship and the timeless spirit of the octagon badge.

- **Sponsorship:** We are thrilled to announce a prestigious new partnership with VisitMalta, a collaboration that underscores our club's growing influence within the international motoring community. VisitMalta's support is rooted in a firm belief in our mission to showcase the beauty of the Maltese Islands through the lens of automotive heritage and passion. By aligning with us, they recognize the MG Car Club Malta as a key ambassador for high-quality niche tourism, trusting in our ability to attract enthusiasts from across the globe to our shores. Their investment is more than just a sponsorship; it is a shared commitment to celebrating Malta's unique culture, scenic routes, and the vibrant spirit of our community on a world stage.



# VisitMalta





We are thrilled to officially announce the launch of the **MG Car Club Malta Mobile App**, the ultimate companion for every MG owner on the islands. Designed to keep our community connected and safe, the app brings the "Marque for Friendship" directly to your smartphone.

Whether you are navigating the scenic routes of a Sunday run or tinkering in your garage, the MGCCM App ensures you are never more than a tap away from the club.

### Stay Ahead of the Curve with Live Events

No more searching through emails or scrolling for meeting points. The app features a **Real-Time Events Hub**:

- **On-the-Go Updates:** Get instant notifications for upcoming club runs, static shows, and social gatherings.
- **Detailed Itineraries:** Access meeting times, GPS locations, and route details for events like our Freedom Day Drive.
- **Direct Registration:** RSVP for events directly through the app to help our committee with planning and logistics.

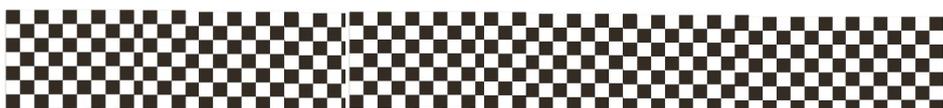
### Essential Driver Utilities & Safety

We know that driving a classic (or a modern) MG comes with its own set of needs. The app includes a dedicated **Driver's Suite** designed for peace of mind:

- **Emergency Contact Directory:** A one-tap list of essential Maltese emergency numbers, roadside assistance, and club technical contacts.
- **Driver Utilities:** Integrated tools to help you manage your MG journey, from local weather conditions to quick-access links for classic car insurance and VRT queries.
- **Technical Support:** Access a library of member-shared knowledge and "European Touring" information if you're planning on taking your MG overseas.



Download the app from our website [www.mgcarclubmalta.net](http://www.mgcarclubmalta.net)





## The MGB: The Global Benchmark (1962–1980)

When the MGB launched in 1962, it changed everything. Before it, sports cars were often temperamental, "leaky" machines for the few. The MGB introduced **monocoque construction** (a single, rigid body) which made it tougher and more practical.

For nearly 20 years, the MGB was the world's best-selling sports car. It taught the world that a two-seater could be a daily driver, a weekend racer, and a cross-continental tourer all in one. But by 1980, as the Abingdon gates closed, the "traditional British roadster" seemed to be a dying breed, killed off by tightening regulations and the rise of the "Hot Hatch."

The story of the Mazda MX-5 (Miata) actually began in 1979 at Mazda's headquarters in Japan. An American automotive journalist named **Bob Hall**, who grew up in a house full of British classics like MGs and Triumphs, met with Mazda's head of R&D, Kenichi Yamamoto.



When asked what kind of car Mazda should build next, Hall's answer was simple: "**A classic, bugs-in-teeth, wind-in-hair British-style roadster.**"

He argued that while the MGB was fading, the love for that driving experience was stronger than ever. ***It started an Japanese evolution***

When the Mazda MX-5 finally debuted in 1989, its inspiration was undeniable:

- **The Layout:** Front-engine, rear-wheel drive, and a crisp short-throw shifter..... exactly like the B.
- **The Mission:** It wasn't about raw horsepower; it was about Jinba Ittai ***Oneness of horse and rider***, a Japanese philosophy that perfectly mirrored the ***Safety Fast*** spirit of MG.
- **The Result:** The MX-5 picked up exactly where the MGB left off, eventually surpassing it as the best-selling roadster of all time.



## Why They Belong Together

Today, the MX-5 is often called *the spiritual successor to the MGB*. While the Mazda brought Japanese reliability and modern suspension, it owes its very existence to the formula perfected in Abingdon decades earlier.

### *Rev your Sunday at Mercury*

When we park beside an MX-5 today, we aren't just looking at a rival; we are looking at a car that was built because the world refused to let the MGB's legacy die.

At our recent gathering at the Mercury Towers, many noticed our MGs parked alongside a fleet of Mazda MX-5s. To the casual observer, they are simply two different roadsters. To the enthusiast, however, they represent a father and son, one the pioneer of the mass-market sports car, the other the guardian of its flame.



### ***THE WIN OVER THE WEATHERMAN***

From the day before, message exchange had the magic question as to whether the event was still on. So here we are, Sunday morning, a bruised charcoal sky, a heavy and damp scented air of an impending storm. March 22nd, the rescheduled date, and once again, the heavens seemed determined to play and spoil.

Text messages flew back and forth with Rotta's Matthew Camilleri, a digital flurry of weather radar screenshots and nervous anticipation as water was flooding in Hal Far.

For the purists who treat their mg's undercarriage like a fine timepiece, the forecast was a nightmare. Yet, for the die hards of the MGCCM, the allure for a drive outweighed the fear of a few water spots.

As the engines rumbled to life at the Technopark Car Park, the first defiant drops began to fall. One by one, they turned into a steady and rhythmic drizzle. But there was no turning back now!

The drive to Mercury Tower became a baptism of sorts. In a display of true mechanical grit, the pragmatists flicked on brand-new wipers, watching them slice through the mist with clinical precision. Slowly but surely drying up screens, the



adventurers felt the bite of fresh rubber as their new tyres gripped the glistening, slick asphalt and obviously the occasional pot hole, the purists simply hunkered down under their soft-tops, treating the rain as nothing more than a minor atmospheric detail some describing their cockpit as becoming smaller. Ah the joys of carrying more weight at the waist.



Against all odds, the Rotta Mercury Static Car Show transformed into a triumph of steel and spirit. Beneath the overcast sky, the vibrant reds, deep greens, old whites polished chromes and rubber of the mgs stood

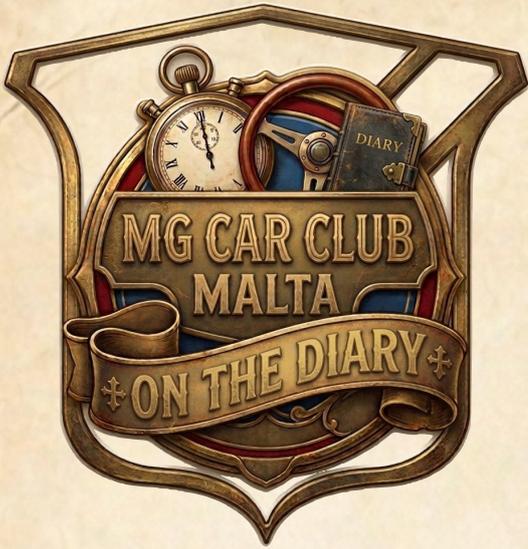
shoulder-to-shoulder with a curated brotherhood of Minis, Mx5s, and Hondas.

The damp pavement only served to reflect the silhouettes of these machines, doubling the visual impact for the crowds that gathered. The atmosphere was electric, not from the clouds above, but from the shared passion of owners swapping stories under an occasional sunshine, their laughter echoing against the roar of arriving engines.

As the show drew to a mid-day and the adrenaline began to simmer, many enthusiasts retreated from the elements to celebrate their victory over the weatherman. A most enjoyable lunch where the chill of the outdoors was replaced by the warmth of good company and aromatic alates. Over the clinking of cutlery and the hum of conversation, the decision was clear: a little water couldn't dampen the soul of the Mg Car Club Malta.

Thank you, Rotta, for a day that proved MGs don't just run on petrol, they run deep down from the heart with a passion.





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## Another GOZO Adventure

Mark your calendars for April 18th and 19th, 2026. Another adventure is upcoming carrying an extra weight as we join the FMVA in both the regularity run and the rotating car shows

*Day 1: The Malta Regularity Run (Saturday, April 18th)*

We kick off the weekend with a test of precision and passion.

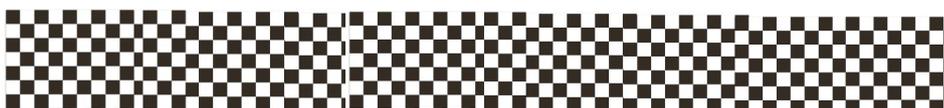
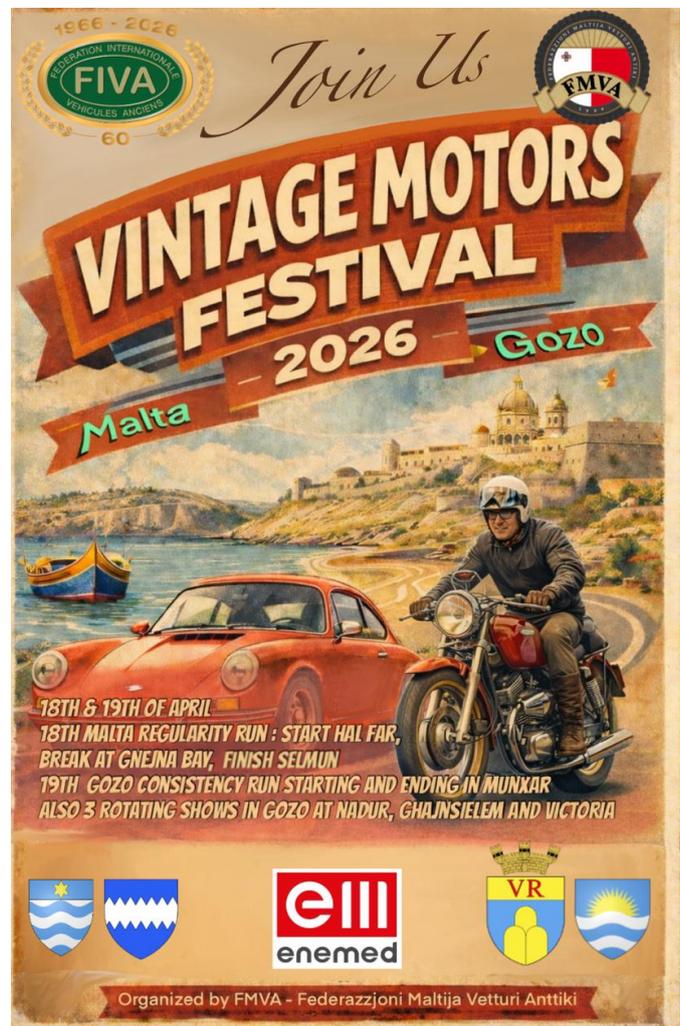
- **The Start:** We gather at **Hal Far**, the spiritual home of Maltese motorsport.
- **The Mid-Way:** A scenic drive takes us to Join the Journey: Vintage Motors Festival 2026
- **The Grand Finale:** We'll finish the day at the majestic **Selmun**, where the historic palace provides a fitting end to a day of heritage motoring.

*Day 2: Gozo Takeover (Sunday, April 19th)*

On Sunday, the spectacle crosses the channel for a day of "Consistency" and community.

- **The Run:** The **Gozo Consistency Run** will start and end in the charming village of **Munxar**.
- **The Static Shows:** For those who want to get up close and personal with the machines, we are hosting **three rotating shows** in the heart of Gozo's most iconic squares: **Nadur, Ghajnsielem, and Victoria**.

Visit our Website and click on the event poster for all documents



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