



## Dear Automotive Friends...

It's been a while since you last heard from us but we were, well, just a little preoccupied with something called COVID and with moving 25 years and 28,000sf of accumulated detritus to our new facility in Blue Ash. We are happy to report we've survived both and are excited about the upcoming summer and driving fun!

## Driving Season Is Upon Us Once Again!

Before venturing out in public driving your trusty steed after its winter slumbers, it's always a really good idea to give it a thorough look over. Don't get caught enjoying the beautiful spring weather standing on the side of the road waiting for the tow truck. A few things to consider for the beginning of driving season...

### ***Will It Roll?***

*Tires* – Make sure you check the air pressure of your tires. More importantly, check the production dates! Tires age whether they're used or not. Regularly inspect your tires for wear, age and condition. Even if your tires have a substantial amount of tread left, the internal structural integrity of the tire may have been compromised due to storage temperature, oxidation and other environmental factors.



### ***Does It Start/Run?***

*Engine Fluids* – Check your oil level and quality. For cars with coolant, make sure it's topped off and in good condition. Checking for fluid leaks prior to taking your car out could save you a costly tow bill – or even an expensive repair bill.

*Belts and Hoses* – Check those belts and hoses for cracking, fraying, swelling and any leakage.

*Fuel* – Sometimes bad gas affects cars too, not just their owners. Old gasoline can form a gum residue that affects the car's drivability. It can manifest itself in your car failing to start, idling poorly or losing power while driving.

### ***Will It Stop?***



**Brakes** – Brake fluid is very hygroscopic - meaning it absorbs water and moisture from its environment. This can make your brake pedal mushy and accelerate brake wear. So be sure to check your brake fluid level and condition. Also inspect your brake mechanical components for wear and corrosion – including parking brakes. Stopping is even more important than going!

### ***Keep It Cool!***

**Air Conditioning** – For those of us lucky enough to have A/C in our classic or enthusiast cars, check hose condition, refrigerant levels and pressures.

### ***Does it Look Good?***

**Exterior / Interior** – Clean the exterior of accumulated winter dust and dirt. Wipe down the interiors and treat the leather. Keep those heads turning all season long!

We'd love to help with any and all of the above. Give us a shout at 513-272-2229 or pop by the shop.



## **Come See Us at Our Spring Open House!**

***2023 Spring Open House, Saturday May 13th - 11 AM to 3 PM***



We're excited to announce the first open house at our new location at **4480 Lake Forest Drive, #314, in Blue Ash!** Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**. The open house is from **11 AM to 3 PM**.

Catch up with old friends and make new ones. We'll have the shop open and spruced up for everyone to check out our new digs. And if you're hungry, we'll have a food truck ready for those who want to buy a bite or two.

### ***Saturday Cars and Coffee at Zakira's***

We're also delighted to announce that we'll be hosting a *Cars and Coffee at Zakira's* event every third Saturday 9-11AM starting in June and running through October. We provide the coffee – you provide the cars! Hope to see you there!

### ***Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance on June 10th to 11th***

Some of you may remember Zakira's booths at previous Ault Park Concours events. Well, we'll be there once again this June, this time in the Presenting Exhibitor Hospitality Area. In honor of this year's featured marque,

Porsche, we'll be showcasing a beautiful black 1986 Porsche 930 belonging to one of our favorite customers. Drop by and say hello!

## The Final Pylon...

The winter road salt's been washed away and all highways and byways are clear. Get your vehicles looked over, freshened up and out on the road! Time to drive, drive, drive!



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As always, if you need anything automotive, please call us at 513-272-2229, email us at [info@zakiras.com](mailto:info@zakiras.com), check out [www.zakiras.com](http://www.zakiras.com) or just stop by the shop 8am-5pm Monday through Friday in Blue Ash at 4480 Lake Forest Dr, #314, Cincinnati, OH 45242.

***We thank you for your continued business and we're excited to see you out and about in 2023!***

Regards,  
Your Team at Zakira's

