



Dear Automotive Friends...

Another open house is now in the books! Thank you to all that turned out - without the support of the local automotive community, we wouldn't be here. It was truly great to catch up with everyone and see all the cars! Stay tuned – we may have a second open house this fall as a last hurrah of the 2023 driving season.

Road Tripping in your Classic Car or Enthusiast Vehicle - A Guide for the Brave (and Foolhardy?)

Summertime adventures in classic or enthusiast vehicle can be memorable experiences. We've assembled some helpful tips to help ensure they're for all the right reasons!

Location, Location, Location!

While it may seem a bit obvious, your destination plays a key role in planning the trip - whether it's taking in extraordinary roads and views, attending a cool car show or finally checking off a bucket list item.

Consider the mileage to and from your destination. Plan out any stops and consider breaks. Driving an older vehicle can be tiring. Planning the route in advance can help you break the trip into more manageable sections, especially multi-day trips.



Consider the time of day that you'll be driving; avoid rush hour traffic jams in populated areas (yes, we're talking about you, Covington). Circumvent the stop and go traffic that takes a toll on your patience and your vehicle.

Insurance

Did you remember to take your vehicle off storage insurance? Having the correct type and enough insurance can save you a potential (costly) headache if something unfortunate were to occur. Making sure that you and your copilot are properly covered is essential.

Check In with your Friendly Repair Shop



Pre-trip inspections can help determine if your vehicle is ready for the trip. Booking these out a few months in advance can avoid potential delays in your travel plans. Inspecting those bits not easily accessible to you in your garage is very important. And don't forget the lowly spare tire! Often forgotten and therefore out of mind, unfortunately it can be a classic, too. Make sure it's in good shape and within the recommended safe tire lifespan

Prepare for the Unexpected

Breakdowns can be inevitable sometimes. Making sure you bring a basic toolkit can help prevent delays in your trip. Spare drive belts, hoses, fluids and other bits that commonly go wrong with your specific make should be part of your trip arsenal.

Practice Runs

In the weeks leading up to your road trip, it's a great idea to take your vehicle out on some extended drives. See how it copes with the longer drives. See how you cope with driving it for extended periods. Older vehicles can be tiring to drive. This'll give you a better understanding of how your vehicle performs and even flag some concerns to monitor.

Getting Ready for the Road Ahead

Snacks, suitcases and water packed! Spares and tools in tow, you're ready for the road ahead. However, be sure to spend about 10 minutes to do last minute checks of tires, fluids and toolkits. Look ahead online for potential delays on your route. Knowing in advance can help you plan for possible detours on your route.



In Other News...

Saturday Cars and Coffee at Zakira's

Clear your calendars - the first Cars and Coffee at Zakira's is revving up on June 17th (third Saturday) and **will continue every third Saturday through October**. Come hang out, have yourself some free coffee and see cool rides and friends!

Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance



Some of you may remember Zakira's booths at previous Ault Park Concours events. Well, we'll be there once again on **June 11**, 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 930 belonging to one of our favorite customers. If you're presenting in the show this year, please drop by and say hello! We're looking forward to continuing to be a part of such a great Cincinnati event!

British Car Club of Greater Cincinnati



We had the pleasure of hosting the BCCGC monthly meet at Zakira's Garage. A truly great crowd with a lot of cool cars - thanks for visiting us!

If your car club is interested in hosting a meet or event at Zakira's Garage, please send requests to info@zakiras.com.

The Final Pylon...

Driving season once more is upon us and the distant hills beckon with adventure. Buckle in, saddle up, use whatever idiom you want - just get out and drive your pride and joy! We'll see you somewhere out there soon!



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As always, if you need anything automotive, please call us at 513-272-2229, email us at info@zakiras.com, check out 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

