



Spring Has Sprung

As winter wanes and temperatures rise, our shop is bustling with activity. The onset of spring brings with it a renewed sense of excitement and anticipation of warmer days. It's a time when we eagerly prepare ourselves and our vehicles for the adventures that lie ahead on the open road.

With this in mind, we encourage you not to wait until the rush hits. Secure your appointment now to ensure your vehicle receives the attention it deserves before demand peaks. Our team is here to provide the highest quality service to keep you safely on the road, no matter where your journeys may take you.

Awaken Your Steed(s)

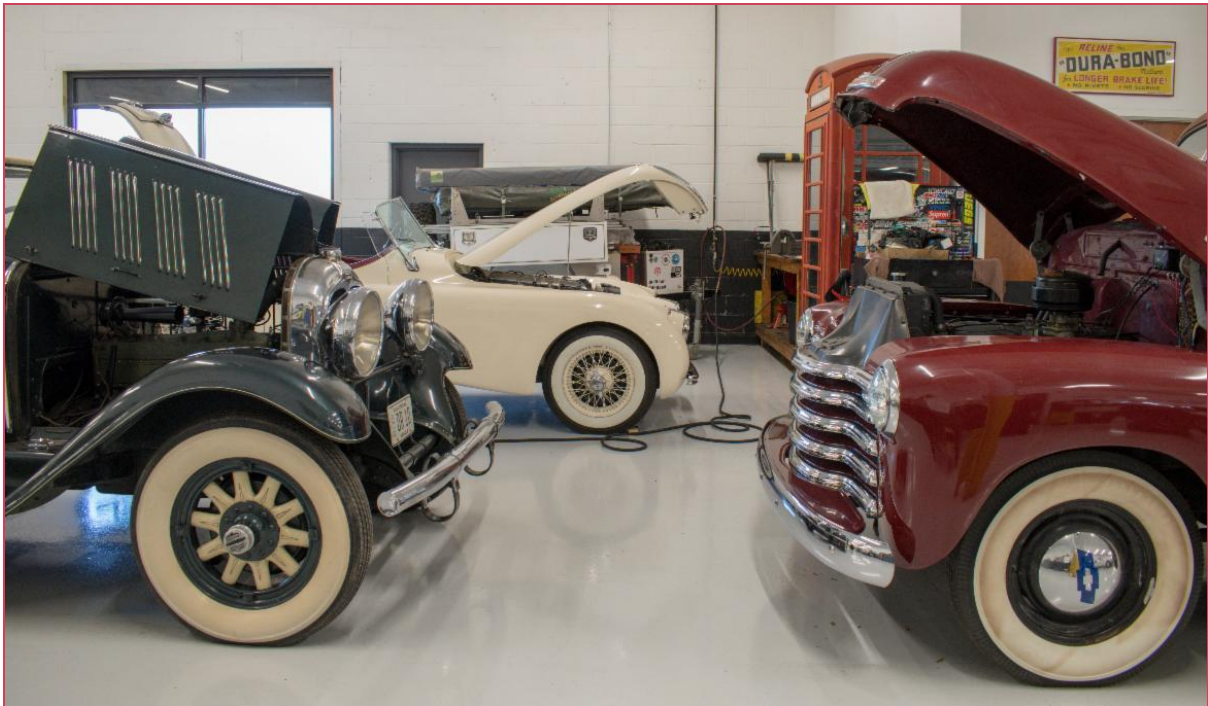
As the final grip of winter doldrums slowly loosens its hold and nature bursts into life with blooming flowers and bird songs everywhere, our focus naturally shifts to embracing the warmer days ahead. If your car's been sitting through the winter, now's the perfect time to ensure it's ready for the adventures that lie ahead.

Here's a 7-step classic car pre-season checklist to help you revive your vehicle from its slumbers and make the most of the upcoming driving season.

1. Fluids / Hoses / Belt(s). Check the level and conditions of the fluids, the condition of belt(s) and ensure no hoses have dry-rotted or split. Make sure the fluids that are inside of the engine are not also outside the engine!

2. Tire Air Pressure. Make sure there are no flats. Inspect the sidewalls for cracking or other signs of aging.
3. Battery. Hopefully, the battery has been on a trickle charger or tender over the winter. Disconnecting the negative terminal works, too! You can use a multimeter to check this. If no one's home, you can try jumpstarting to see if that'll wake it up. (Zakira's is always here for you if it doesn't!)
4. Critter Check. If your garage turns into an all-inclusive resort for critters in the colder months, do a quick nest check. Critters can deposit nesting materials in the air cleaner and cowl. Also look for possible chewed-up wires in the engine/passenger compartments.
5. Starting the Engine. After you've cleared the following pre-drive checks, it's time to fire it up! Keep an eye on the idle and nose to the air to make sure there are no concerning smells and recheck the underside for drips after about 1-2 minutes of idling. Twice around the block to check the brakes and engine response.
6. Test Drive. Once this has passed muster, a real test drive is in order where you can build speed and really get the engine up to operating temperature. A few good hard stops (verify no one is behind you) to knock the rust off the rotors. Note if there are any steering shimmies (if one were not there in the fall, it's very possible the tires are flat-spotted and may go away after coming up to temp), brake pedal pulsation, shuddering, or pulling.
7. Recheck. If you've made it this far, you're on the home stretch. Once at home, recheck the fluids and check the next morning to see if any fluid loss has occurred overnight. If the car passes these tests, it's probably ready to enjoy the next beautiful weekend. Cars aren't biological systems and don't feel better after a long rest!

Come Check Us Out in 2024!



Zakira's is pleased to announce our event schedule for 2024. We appreciate the support of our local car community to make the last year's events a success. A huge thanks to everyone that made it out to see us - and we're excited to see all of you again in 2024!

Driving Season Opener

Zakira's Open House / Cars 'n Coffee #1: **May 18: 10 AM – 3 PM**

Cars 'n Coffee

Held in the back lot of Zakira's Garage, just like last year. You provide the cars and we provide the coffee! Cars 'n Coffee events are open to all makes and models. This is a family friendly event - heck, you can even bring the dog, too! The shop is not open, but restrooms are available to attendees.

Cars 'n Coffee #2: **June 15 – 9 AM to 11 AM** (w/ Audi Club of KY)

Cars 'n Coffee #3: **July 20 – 9 AM to 11 AM**

Cars 'n Coffee #4: **August 17 – 9 AM to 11 AM**

Cars 'n Coffee #5: **September 21 – 9 AM to 11 AM**

Driving Season Send Off

Zakira's Open House / Cars 'n Coffee #6 **October 19: 10 AM – 3 PM**

Check Us Out at Other Events

Stay tuned - we may attend more events as schedules get published in the coming months.

- Cincinnati Concours d'Elegance: June 9
- The Glendale Gathering: June 24
- Bellefontaine Hill Climb: August 24

We'd Like to Welcome the Following Clubs at Zakira's Garage:

Thanks for hosting your event at Zakira's Garage, we look forward to having you!

- Classic Motoring Society - April
- British Car Club - June
- Early Ford V8 Club (RG141) - November

Give us a call ([513-272-2229](tel:513-272-2229)) or email Jennifer at jenn@zakiras.com if you'd like to host your car club's event at Zakira's Garage.

...New Projects...



The Final Pylon...

We hope your holidays were spectacular and that you got lots and lots of projects completed - especially vehicle-related projects! We've survived all the ills of winter and are rounding the final turn before the onset of - yep, you guessed it - the 2024 driving season!!

We'll be looking for you soon out on the open road...



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As always, if you need anything automotive, please call us at [\(513\) 272-2229](tel:5132722229), email us at info@zakiras.com, check out www.zakiras.com or just stop by the shop 9 AM - 5 PM Monday through Friday in Blue Ash at 4480 Lake Forest Dr., #314, Cincinnati, OH 45242.

***We thank you for your continued business
and we wish you all an awesome spring!!***

Regards,
your Team at Zakira's