

“The quality is remembered long after the price is forgotten.”

-Sir Henry Royce

**Spring's Here - and the Shop Is Humming**



We know—it's been a minute since our last newsletter. But around here that usually means one thing: we've been buried in the kind of projects that make this place tick.

Over the past few months, we've had our hands full with some heavy hitters: engine-out repairs on a Porsche 930, an R2.8 turbo diesel swap into a 1996 Land Rover Defender, and steady progress on the restoration of our 1974 Lamborghini Countach. We've also been wrapping up a handful of long-term projects that are finally getting their moment back on the road.

As we roll into spring, we're also looking ahead—making plans for concours season, and maybe even cooking up some new Zakira's swag for later this year, and most importantly, getting ready to throw open the shop doors once again...

### You're Invited: Zakira's Annual Open House

Mark your calendar—our **Annual Open House** returns on Saturday, May 17th, and you're invited to come hang out, drink coffee, talk cars and see what we've been up to. From 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM, we'll have the entire shop open for you to explore—from rare restorations in progress to who knows what will be in store.

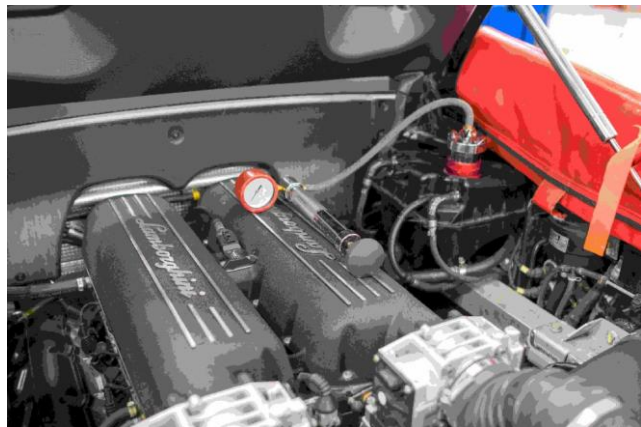
This is our favorite way to connect with fellow enthusiasts and customers. If you've got a friend, family member, neighbor or co-worker who enjoys cars, bring them along—we'd love to meet them, too. Expect coffee and donuts (while we have them), open shop bays, good conversation and maybe even a few surprises. We'll also have a raffle and a sneak peek at some of the builds we've been wrenching on over the winter.

Bring your ride, bring a guest and kick off the driving season with us at Zakira's.



### Time to Get Road-Ready

With spring teasing its return, now is the perfect time to shake off the dust and get your car ready for the road ahead. If you've been putting off routine maintenance, consider this your sign—whether it's an oil change, brake inspection, or finally pulling the trigger on that new set of tires. As a Tire Rack Authorized Installer, you can order tires, wheels, and even



suspension components directly from Tire Rack and have them shipped straight to Zakira's for professional installation.

It's also the ideal season to make sure your air conditioning is up to the task before summer arrives. We offer full A/C servicing, including recharges and R12 to R134a conversions, so you can stay cool when the pavement gets hot.

Looking to enhance more than just comfort? Zakira's also offers performance upgrades tailored to your driving style—suspension upgrades, brake system enhancements, and engine performance. Whether you're prepping for spirited weekend drives, carving up back roads, or getting track-ready, our team is ready to help dial in your vehicle for the season.

And don't forget the finishing touch! Our detailing services will restore your car's shine, protect the finish, and make it a head-turner—whether it's headed to a show or just out for an early morning drive.

Schedule your spring appointment today by calling 513-272-2229 or emailing [service@zakiras.com](mailto:service@zakiras.com). Let's get your car dialed in and ready for whatever the season brings.

### 1974 Countach LP400 Project Update



For those who are not familiar with this project, let us introduce you to something truly extraordinary: Countach LP400 chassis #004. From what we understand, chassis #001 was a development car that was either crash-tested or lost to time, while #002 now resides at the Lamborghini factory museum. Interestingly, #003 appears to have been skipped entirely—making this example the third Countach ever built. This particular car isn't a U.S.-spec model, and there's even some speculation around how it originally made its way to American soil decades ago. What's certain is that it's a rare and historically significant machine.

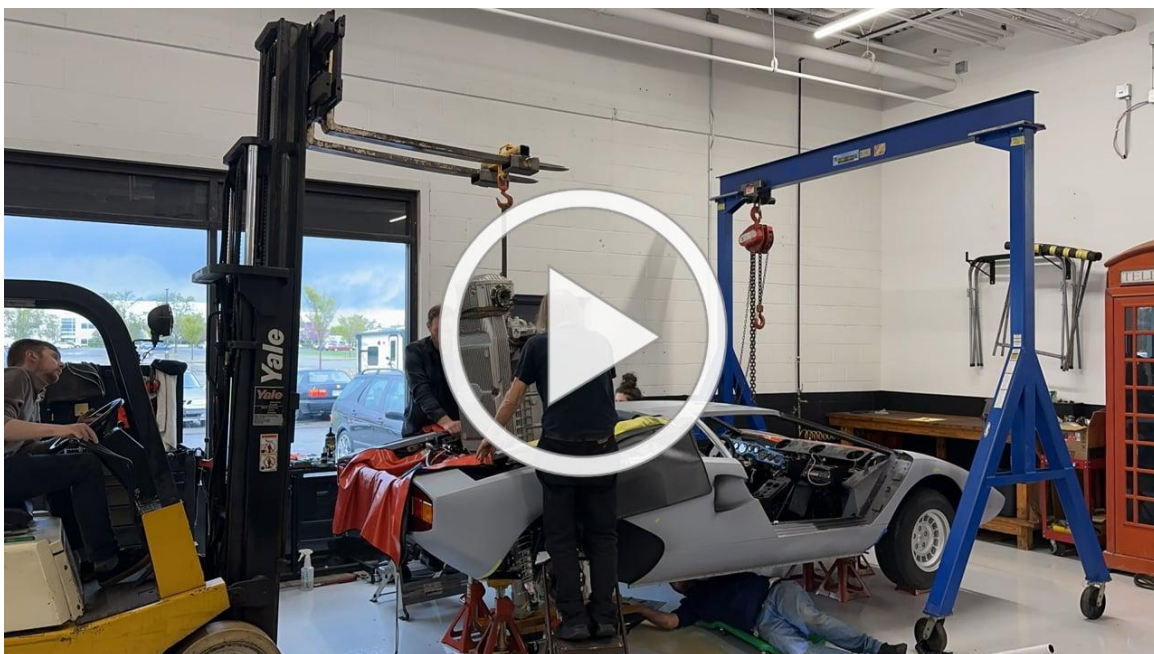
When the car arrived at Zakira's, it looked complete from the outside—engine and transmission in place—but came accompanied by a collection of boxes filled with every loose part imaginable. The goal? Reassemble this legendary machine with the

precision and care worthy of its status, and ultimately prepare it for entry into the prestigious **Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance**.

The restoration work is finally shifting from teardown, recondition and prep to mechanical reassembly. The transmission rebuild is officially complete, marking a major milestone on this meticulous journey. Over the winter, every engine component was either sourced, reconditioned, or custom-fabricated with obsessive attention to detail. The camshafts made a cross-country trip to California for expert reconditioning, while the crankshaft received a full polish and cleaning in preparation for its return to high-RPM duty.

One particularly exciting piece of the puzzle was the creation of custom ARP head studs—designed and drafted in-house specifically for this engine. Now, with the hard parts ready and waiting, we've started the methodical process of engine assembly. Bearing clearances are being checked with a dial bore gauge, and ring gaps are set by hand to ensure everything fits just right.

This stage of the project is where the magic really begins—when decades of engineering, months of preparation and thousands of miles traveled by components all come together to reawaken a mechanical icon. Every step brings us closer to the moment when this iconic V12 will breathe again—louder, prouder and ready for its second debut.



### **The Final Pylon...**

Spring may have arrived with a bit more water than we bargained for, but brighter days and better drives are ahead. As the roads dry out and the weather warms up, we hope you're feeling inspired to get behind the wheel and enjoy the season.

From all of us at Zakira's Garage, we wish you smooth roads, clear skies, and a spring full of memorable miles. And as always—if your car needs a little help along the way, we'll be here.



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***We thank you for your continued business  
and we wish you all a spectacular spring!!***

Regards,  
your Team at Zakira's