



"When's the last time you just got in your car and went on a drive? Not to anywhere, not for anything, just a drive. Motorcyclists do it all the time so why don't human beings? I love it. Just me in my little metal shell. Time to think, time to work stuff out."

Jeremy Clarkson

What We Have Been Up To

Our Spring Open House brought out an incredible crowd—cars wrapped around the building, and just as many stories shared between enthusiasts. Thank you to everyone who came out and brought their friends. The mix of cars, personalities and conversations is exactly what makes these gatherings special. It's not just about the machines—it's about the people who love them.



If you were in town for Concours weekend, you may have spotted a white Land Rover Defender 90 proudly wearing Zakira's stickers. That truck is nearing the finish line of a long-term project: a Cummins R2.8 turbodiesel swap. While it won't win any drag races, the new powerplant is a massive step up from the original 2.5 TDi. The R380 transmission remains, keeping the driving experience true to the truck's roots, but nearly everything else has been elevated.

The cabin received a complete transformation—new leather-trimmed seats front and rear, and a tough-yet-tasteful Rhino Lined floor and rear tub that blend utility with refinement. It's a classic Defender through and through, now with just the right amount of modern attitude.



What's Next – Events on the Horizon

Cars & Coffee at Zakira's Garage – Saturday, June 21 | 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

There's something about early summer mornings, the smell of coffee and exhaust and the kind of conversation that only happens when car people gather. Our next Cars & Coffee kicks off **Saturday, June 21st from 9AM to 11AM in the back lot of Zakira's Garage**. Whether you roll in behind the wheel of something rare or just want to hang out and talk engines, you're welcome. Come for the caffeine, stay for the cars.

Glendale Gathering – Sunday, June 22 | 9:00 AM–1:00 PM

The very next day, we'll be at the Glendale Gathering Car Show, held in the heart of Glendale's historic village square. We're putting together a Zakira's Corral, and we're looking for a few great cars to park with us. Interested? Reach out—we've got a spot for you. While you're there, swing by our display for some freebies and a good shop talk session.

Event info: hwbcommunitycenter.org/car-show

British Car Day – Sunday, September 14 | 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Looking a little further ahead, British Car Day returns to the Cincinnati area on Saturday, September 14th. Hosted by the British Car Club of Greater Cincinnati and the Aubrey Rose Foundation, it's a celebration of all things British on four wheels—from vintage MGs to modern Astons. We'll share more as the event approaches, but it's worth adding to your calendar now.

Event Info: bccgc.org/british-car-day

Looking for Talent



Zakira's Garage is growing, and we're looking for a skilled technician to join our team. As demand continues to increase, we're expanding our capacity to keep delivering the high-quality work our customers count on. If you're a passionate automotive technician with deep experience and a sharp eye for detail, this might be the right fit for you. We work on a wide

range of vehicles—from general repair and maintenance to performance upgrades and light fabrication.

Who We're Looking For:

- **Experience:** 8+ years in automotive repair, including tires, alignments, and performance tuning. Familiarity with older vehicles and an understanding of their unique needs is a big plus.
- **Communication:** Clear and consistent communication with the team, along with thorough documentation of diagnostics and repair paths.
- **Craftsmanship:** Skilled in light fabrication with strong attention to detail and pride in your work.
- **Passion:** A genuine love for cars and the work that keeps them running at their best.

If this sounds like you, we'd love to hear from you. Email your resume with references and a short intro to hr@zakiras.com. Let's build something exceptional together.

The Final Pylon...

As we head into the heart of summer, we hope to see you at some of the great events coming up. Whether you're behind the wheel of a classic or your daily driver, there's always a place for you—and your car—at Zakira's Garage. We'll see you out there.



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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 a superb summer!!

Regards,

your Team at Zakira's