



“Patience is something you admire in the driver behind you and scorn in the one ahead.”

Mac McCleary

### **Zakira's Fall Open House - Cars 'n' Coffee**

Mark your calendars!! Our **Fall Open House — Cars n’ Coffee** is set for **Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM** in the back lot at Zakira’s Garage. Expect fresh coffee, donuts (while they last!), open shop bays and plenty of time to talk cars with our team about maintenance, repairs and projects as driving season winds down.

We'll also run a raffle with great prizes from Eclipse Window Tint, Würth and HG Coffee. Look for the raffle table—prizes will be on display with entry slips. Fill one out and drop it in the box; we'll draw winners around 11:30 AM (must be present to win).

All makes and models are welcome, and the event is family- and dog-friendly (please keep pups leashed and outside the shop). We're a rain-or-shine bunch, and we'll post any weather tweaks on our social channels.

*photos courtesy of John McGrath @latenightlap*



## Best Leaf Peeping Drives in the Tri-State



Before we tuck the cars away for winter, here are a few close-to-home, color-soaked drives that make a perfect fall Saturday.

### **Slade, Kentucky — Daniel Boone National Forest**

If you're headed toward Slade and Red River Gorge, plan a relaxed loop through Daniel Boone National Forest. A favorite nearby stretch is the Zilpo Road National Forest Scenic Byway, roughly 11 miles of rolling

forest and lake views that pop in late October. Pull off at overlooks, keep speeds polite, and let the colors do the talking.

### **Metamora, Indiana — Whitewater Canal Country**

Just under an hour west of Cincinnati, Metamora is a postcard town where brick storefronts meet canal history. Wander the Whitewater Canal State Historic Site and the grist mill, then amble sections of the Whitewater Canal Scenic Byway to hunt peak reds and golds in late October or very early November. Note: the horse-drawn canal boat sometimes pauses operations—check status before you go.

### **Hocking Hills Scenic Byway (SR 374), Ohio**

An Ohio staple for leaf peepers, State Route 374 threads through Hocking Hills State Park and State Forest with the kind of sweepers and overlooks that reward an unhurried pace. Peak color typically lands mid-to-late October; watch the state's foliage reports and plan a weekday if you can.

### **The Fall Classic Driving Tour — Milford, Ohio, Saturday, October 11**

Want a guided, social way to enjoy the leaves? The Fall Classic Driving Tour, hosted by Sports Car Preservation, kicks off with coffee and donuts at **5400 DuPont Circle, Suite B, Milford, OH**. Arrive by 8:30 AM, safety meeting at 9:00 AM, departure at 9:15 AM. Choose from Spirited, Leisurely, or Super-Leisurely groups. The route includes a stop at the Wheat Ridge Olde Thyme Herb Fair and wraps up at Taste of New Richmond along the river—perfect for food, art and more car spotting.

**Welcome Paul, Our New Service Director**



Please help us welcome Paul to the front-of-house team as our new Service Director. He brings a rare blend of sales and service experience.

When he's off the clock, he's autocrossing his 2015 Audi S4, dabbling in 3D printing and getting outside to snowboard and kayak.

Say "Hi" when you see him in the front office—we're really glad to have him on board.

### The Final Pylon...

Colorful leaves, crisp air, perfect roads—tell us a better combo. We'll cap it off together at the Oct 18 Open House, swapping stories over coffee and donuts. Keep the shiny side up, wave at fellow enthusiasts and swing by if you hear a new rattle. We've got your back!



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***We thank you for your continued business  
and we wish you all a phenomenal fall!!***

Regards,

your Team at Zakira's