



# The NWDELetter

Northwest Datsun Enthusiasts

Summer Roadsters!



August 2010

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**Who are we?** Northwest Datsun Enthusiasts (NWDE) is an organization dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of all Datsun/Nissan vehicles. We try to schedule automotive/social activities on a monthly basis (see Calendar of Upcoming events) and well as monthly meetings. We are members of the Western Washington Sports Car Council (WWSCC). NWDE is not affiliated with the Nissan Motor Corporation.

On the cover: July was the NWDE month for Roadster. 13 roadsters showed, a record, plus some really cool trucks and Ron's Datsun 411 time capsule.



## Upcoming Events

*To contribute event notices to upcoming NWDE Letters or our Web site, send it to the Editor.*

For more details, see the online Events Calendar at [NWDE.org](http://NWDE.org)

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| August 20-22 | 16th Annual Meeting of the MindZ Port Townsend WA  |
| August 28    | Annual LeMay Museum car show and Auction Tacoma WA 9an-5pm   |
| August 29    | BEAC Enduro (WWSCC #6) Shelton WA  |
| August 29    | Top Food Muscle Car Show, Kent East Hill   |
| September 11 | (tentative) Robin/Jay party  |
| September 12 | Kirkland Concours d'Elegance   |
| September 12 | Japanese Classic Car Show (JCCS) Queen Mary, Long Beach, California. <b>The nation's premier Japanese car show</b> |
| September 17 | NWDE General Meeting   |
| September 25 | ZCCW Atomic Drive around the Olympic Peninsula   |
| October 2    | <b>NWDE "Clothing Optional" (WWSCC #7) autocross, Shelton WA</b>   |
| October 3    | ACE Dogfight (WWSCC #8) Shelton WA   |
| October 15   | NWDE General Meeting   |
| October 24   | UWFSAE Dawg Dash (WWSCC #9) Shelton WA   |

*Many car events for 2010 are not scheduled yet, but if you find out about one, please do let your editor know about it. The events can also be listed on our updated web site calendar.*



# Minutes

NWDE Meeting Recap  
July 16, 2010

Meeting started 7:30 pm

## Treasurer's Report

- \$3072.78, \$65 in cash. Four more hats for sale at \$10 eachj.

## Attendees

- Members: John Valiton and son, Mary, Randy, Robin, Jay, Judy, Jim, Janene, Mark, Joanne, Gordon, Dick, Marty, Doug, Jack, David G, Dave F, Pete D, Pete P and Debbie, Tana, Marilyn and Larry, Ron & Sue Hughes
- Guests included oey, Nigel, Yuriko, Yuki, Karl — 12 guests total

## Old Business

- Pete has t-shirt information from Bob at *Be Seen Apparel*. Pete has pictures of the 4-color design on his photobucket account: <http://tinyurl.com/2esegvp>. The front pocket image will be just the Datsun meatball, and the back also says <http://www.nwde.org>. T-shirts could be used for awards or offer them for sale on the website. \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members?

## New Business

- Membership: \$24/year. \$10 initiation fee for which you get a license plate frame and a jacket patch. Discount on Younkens Nissan, mailing list, newsletter.
- NWDE hat was donated to the Datsun Heritage Museum for their hat collection. We now have a letter thanking the club for the donation.



## Meeting Minutes, cont'd

- Dave Firestone has a book of Datsun service bulletins with an amazing amount of documentation. For example, the book lists what engines changed from steel to aluminum.
- Information from Marilyn: Campbell Nelson, the Nissan dealership in Edmonds, has a 1967 Datsun 520 truck which was bought sight unseen, although the owner hasn't picked it up yet. Original red paint with new upholstery. Bee Sadri - Datsun friendly. Still has Patrol books in the back room with microfiche.

### Club Racing

- UWFSAE won 3rd place at this year's California. Randy makes a motion to donate \$100 to WWSCC Sports Car Spectacular. Robin/Jay seconds. No votes against.

David G makes a motion to adjourn at 8:38pm.

## Minutes

## Introductions

During the July Meeting, we went 'round the room with introductions.

- **Ron & Sue** with a fabulous mechanic, Dave F, and Tana, the wonderful parts lady.
- **Pete Dill** drove his 1970 1600 Roadster. Also owns a 2000, 240Z, pickup, 350Z, 300ZX, 1971 510 wagon for \$350 with rebuilt motor and 5-speed, but the owner gave up on it. Needs a chrome taillight ring.



## Introductions (continued)

- **Dave Firestone** has the Datsun disease as evidenced by his small fleet. The Peters drove two roadsters here, and Dave drove the NL320. Two 1969 2000s and a pickup with a 5-speed. Won the rusty alternator bracket award.
- **Doug Brown** has a not-so-small fleet, mostly trucks. Ten 1964-1983 trucks with 510s and a Datsun B210.
- **Jack Kemp** has a 1963 Datsun 320 which looks like it's five years old, 1977 driver 620 truck with 200,000 miles, 1989 Nissan.
- **David Gonzales**—1972 Datsun 1200 sedan commuter, 1974 Datsun 1200 truck. Likes all Datsuns, but owns 1200s.
- **Paul Gooch** has a 1964 Datsun wagon PL411 — the battery powered car from the Greenwood car show. Still working on electricals.
- **Gordon Glasgow** - 1967 2000 Roadster, which got run into. He has won trophies with it in the past. Driving his 2002 Maxima 6-speed with sticky tires. Gordon is one of the original founding members of the club and was wearing his Mt Shasta hat from the 1990 meet. In 1978 when the club started, he was driving his 1967 2000. Auto-crossed it and won improved B in 1980?
- **Joanne Glasgow** has been a member since 1981, which is longer than she's been married





## Introductions (continued)

- **Marty Molloy** - 1988 300ZX Turbo, 1991 300ZX Twin Turbo.
- **Dick Bringloe** collects Hot Wheels. His 1967 Datsun 1600 Roadster is getting an engine transplant to a 2 liter.
- **Janene Mullen** has a 1993 300ZX convertible.
- **Mark Mullen** has a 1971 240Z. There's a 300Z that isn't "his" anymore.
- **Judy Anabel** has a Mercedes station wagon and a 1986 300ZX with a blown head gasket. Previous secretary for many years. Hard luck award recipient.
- **Jim Anabel** has a 1971 300Z and 1973 240Z.
- **Ted Heaton** has a 1966 modified 2000, he is our permanent guest.
- **Marilyn and Larry Childs**, 300ZX 2+2 with a '95 engine, 65 ½ roadster 1600, and the original '68 roadster, though still trying to get the guy to finish working on it. Lived on Orcas Island and drove up the logging road in Deer Harbor with all those ruts by pretending it was 4WD. At the Gates Planetarium in Denver, 3 other people on the staff had white roadsters. Once when she was late, she went down the sidewalk with the car, and the cop car was stuck in traffic. When he arrived to write a ticket for sidewalk driving, he couldn't figure out which car needed the ticket. The car was bought from Kirlin Motors in Denver, and it was displayed on a turntable. The dealer needed to remove the windows to deliver it. Called the bank at age 19 and arranged the money, delivered to the planetarium.
- **Tim Ford** - 1966 Roadster, 1972 240Z. His son has a 1969 Datsun 510 wagon. This is this third 1966 roadster: 1970 2000, 1968 2000 in college.



### Introductions (continued)

- **Don Anderson** has 1966 1600 Roadster, first time at a NWDE meeting. He won first place at Shasta this year. Congrats!
- **Yuki (visitor) and Sandy Anderson.** Yuki has a Toyota in Japan and didn't know about Datsuns until he came to the USA. Came from Japan yesterday, and the first thing that Don showed him was a Datsun. Yuki should get an award for coming the furthest. So proud of Japan!
- **Mary Lee** has a Honda S2000 and BMW 325ix. Current NWDE Secretary and WWSCC autocross rep.
- **Robin Krause and Jay Bordelon** have a 1968 1600, 1964 1200, half of a 1968 to be trailer, 1979 510, and 1997 Sentra. Jay is going for hard luck award for managing to back into himself while not being in either car. He thought it had a fuel pump problem in the Sentra, started the car which reversed into a roadster. Jay did get car of the year last year before the bumper incident.
- **Randy** suggests a bonehead award for self-inflicted pain. NWDE VP, currently owns a 1991 300ZX and Infiniti M45. Past cars: other Da-





tsun Z cars, 510s, 720. Working on 1989 325ix for the 2012 Alcan 5000. Heated seats!

- **Nigel Slater** just bought his first ever Datsun, a 1969 1600, which he bought it from John Valiton (whose Datsun had to be towed home tonight). Paint shaker engine and he loves it. Needs a front cross rod. Nigel is a beer guy and works at Black Raven Brewing, which is winning all kinds of international awards. He's wondering if the valve covers are damaged? Dave F says yes if they can be if it is overtightened. Aluminum welding or valve cover needed.
- **Yuriko** used to have a circa 1992 Nissan Skyline in Japan. Now has a 1986 Accord.
- **Pete Peters** has a 1966 1600 that will be running next year and a 1966 411 wagon with L20B with Infiniti G20 front brakes and 280ZX master cylinder. 7/8s are all pointing to the driver side, and the 411 doesn't have enough space. The 15/16s will be stiff, but it will work. The L20 is too big, so the wiper motor doesn't fit. Ted donated an engine.
- **Debbie Peters** drives a Miata, but learned how to drive in a 510. First car was a 1600 roadster. Brother had a roadster, and mom has a roadster. Plus a Porsche 914. Plus a Datsun/Chrysler, which went to Canby four years in a year! They all looked at the car in Canby, and said : "no!!!" Debbie is begging for help for Pete's cars.
- **Tana Bryan** has a parts business for mostly 60s datsuns. The Skyway towing company wants to tow a Datsun to the next meeting. 1968 1600 roadster. 1965 PL410 that used to autocross and won her class one year. Brought her friend Joey.
- **Joey Cornelio** has a 1973 240Z with a 5-speed transplant. It needs a new rear end. Bought new headers and SUs from Z Therapy. Pete D's 510 rear end (Randy says it's a 160 and won't fit. Same thing for Subaru).



## NWDE Meeting Gather & Gawk

July was Roadsters Month -- we had a record 13 roadsters show, plus many Datsun trucks, a Datsun 411 sedan, and Nissan Z-cars.



NWDE Meeting (continued)

August is Z car month! Bring your fair ladies and your sports coupes to the general meeting. 2+2s are also welcome.





### NWDE Meeting (continued)

We at NWDE like to help in any way we can to get non-running Datsuns back on the road. As a collective, we do not expect or advocate perfection, just the enjoyment of Driving a Datsun. So, maybe some key technical advice or essential part is available from one or more of our members to help get you and your car going; sooner, rather than later. Ask us!





## President's Note

*From NWDE President Tana Bryan*

August 3, 2010

Hi all, well I will sure miss the August meeting and would much rather be there than recovering from another knee replacement surgery. I am going into Overlake Hospital on August 9th, Monday and should be there most of that week. Then, hopefully (Doc has not got approval from the insurance company yet), I will go to Manor House in Federal Way, off 1st ave and about 330th. It is a very nice rehab center and I would prefer to be there about two weeks, rather than stumble around at home alone, trying to make meals and just be safe. So, I most likely will not be able to communicate much. I will call Joanne and let her know how I am doing, so she can forward that on to the club. This surgery will be to repair the poorly done replacement over 2 years ago, and yes, different Doctor!

**My mule just went to my trainer's boarding place yesterday and will become a riding mule this month!** This is really exciting to me and should help me along in a swift recovery knowing that I will finally be able to ride her. She is a much calmer and gentle mule now a days.

So, I took my Fairlady Roadster, top off of course for a nice country drive on Sunday and will drive it again today. I will sure miss not being able to drive it for quite a while.

The nice folks who brought Peanut, the 1960 Datsun tow truck to our July meeting really want to join the club. This tow truck was actually made from a Datsun station wagon over 25 years ago, quite amazing. We were both at a local car show last Sunday and both of our Datsuns got lots of attention. I get to drive the tow truck in a show or parade next year, which I think will be loads of fun. Well, when I can walk around safely, I plan to



### President's Note (continued)

do some detailing work on my roadster, which sure needs it. All the inside trim pieces are either in need of replacement or repair.

So, if anyone has a wheel chair that I could use, I would love to go with all of you to the LeMay Museum open house on August 28th, Saturday. This is followed on Sunday, August 29 with the Top Foods Muscle Car show **for Children's Hospital. This is the store on Kent East Hill. I won a trophy last year with my Roadster, so plan to attend that one.**

Well, send me hugs and good thoughts. If you visit, sneak in a candy bar or something!

- Tana



## Amusing Translations

*Taken from a Nissan Service Bulletin for Datsun Model Series 311*

### 2 FOLDING TOP FITTING PARTS

To fold and install the frame easily and exactly, cares will be taken as follows, (1) To fold the frame, insert support and lock with screw. (2) To install the top finely without rumples, adjust height with screw after inserting the from foot to the support hole, the front side of the frame is covered with rubber.



## Club Meetings

Meetings are held on the third Friday of each month (except December). Currently we are meeting at Round Table Pizza in the Redmond Overlake area. Meeting time is 7:30 and is usually around 45 minutes in length. Arrive early if you want to order pizza or greet Datsuns as they arrive. Afterwards we talk inside or look at Datsuns outside.

### Round Table Pizza

15025 NE 24th St  
Redmond, WA 98052  
Phone: 425-644-7117

### Directions:

1. From I-405 head east on I-520
2. Take the southbound 148th Ave NE exit
3. Once on 148th Ave NE, get in the far left lane
4. Turn left (east) on NE 24th St
5. Turn right (south) on 151st Pl NE. Round Table is straight ahead



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