



The NWDELetter

Northwest Datsun Enthusiasts

February 2013



*It was dark and
stormy...*



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Who are we? Northwest Datsun Enthusiasts (NWDE—pronounced **'nude'**) is an organization dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of all Datsun/Nissan vehicles. We meet monthly (except December), and try to schedule automotive/social activities on a monthly basis (see Calendar of Upcoming events). We are members of the Western Washington Sports Car Council (WWSCC). NWDE is not affiliated with Nissan Motor Company, Ltd.

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Cover: Winter doesn't stop us from driving our Nissans to the January NWDE meeting. See inside back cover for meeting times and location.



Up-Coming Events

February 2013

15 NWDE monthly meeting

March 2013

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April 2013

26-27 The biggest Roadster show! Solvang. CA.

26-28 SOVREN spring sprints, Pacific Raceways in Kent, WA

May 2013

17-19 2nd Annual Datsun Matsuri show in Kelowna, BC

Late Vancouver All Japanese Show. Vancouver, BC

Late Ratsun Show. Seattle, WA

June 2013

1-2 Spokane Historic Races, Spokane County Raceway

8-9 (tentative date) Canby Datsun show in Canby, OR

Late Greenwood Car Show, Seattle, WA

July 2013

5-7 Pacific NW Historics, Pacific Raceways in Kent, WA

12-13 Roadster Show, Shasta. CA

August 2013

11 (tentative date) Blue Lake Datsun show in Portland, OR

17 Shedd Roadster BBQ. Shedd OR

18 Vancouver All Nissan Meet. Vancouver, BC

September 2013

Early Olympia Nissan Dealership Show. Olympia, WA

Mid Japanese Classic Car Show. Long Beach, CA



Minutes

NWDE Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

ATTENDEES: Dave F, Joanne & Gordon, Tana B, Rowland M, Jack K, Don & Sandi, Dick B, Ted H, Pete P, David G, Doug B.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Current balance: \$5212.40. Yearly Dues are due now.

WWSCC REPORT:

- * Potential dates for 2013 NWDE Clothing Optional event discussed. Preference is August 24-25 with September 21-22 as backup dates.
- * **Discussed proposed change to Rule 2.5.14.1, "Out of Class Runs":** Approved unanimously.

NWDE HOLIDAY PARTY:

- * Saturday, January 26, 2013 @ Pete & Debbie's house in Lake Forest Park.
- * BBQ from Carolina Smoke in Bothell with members bringing side dishes and deserts.

KRIS EBERLE:

- * Those who were able to attend Kris' Memorial shared their experiences.
- * In memoriam, motion made & passed to waive Joe's 2013 NWDE Dues.
- * Various discussions about doing a photo album and/or a dedicated NWDE Letter. Members asked to provide photos and comments to David G.



NWDE January Meeting Minutes (continued)

DATSUN JACKETS:

- * Ted said the Datsun jacket that he and other DROPS folks bought in Canada are now available at a much lower cost on eBay. Unfortunately, this item is no longer available through eBay seller. If you want a jacket, you'll have to pay the higher price from Carl: <http://www.new-datsun-parts.com/datsun-racing-jacket.html>.
- * Here's something similar for less: eBay listing 130824466832 **"DATSUN MOTOR SPORT TEAM RACING JACKET"**.

OTHER STUFF:

- * Dave Firestone presented Jack with a Michelle Obama 2013 Calendar.
- * Joe Eberle has camping/cabin area in Port Orchard. Maybe lodging for AutoX, or plan a club run there.
- * Gary Waldherr of DROPS has arranged a group buy for powder coating wheels at \$35 per wheel insted of \$50. Contact Ted if you're interested. If they've already delivered the first batch, I'm sure there's enough folks interested to do a second batch later.
- * Major kudos to the January 2013 NWDELetter authors, and David G for putting it all together. Very nice!

Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm

Minutes

NWDE Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

ATTENDEES: Tana Bryan, Jack Kampa, Marty Molloy, Ted Heaton, Roger Sawyer, Dave Firestone, Doug Brown, and Joanne & Gordon Glasgow.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Phoned in): \$5400.00



November Meeting Minutes (continued)

NWDE HOLIDAY PARTY

- * Saturday, January 26, 2013
- * Randy had suggested in October that we hold it at a restaurant instead of someone's home. Many felt it was hard to find a place this late, and requires a 48-hour commitment. Consensus was to have party at someone's home. DaveF and PeteP volunteered to host. If we want the party at a restaurant, VFW Hall, etc., we need to discuss that earlier in the year.
- * NOTE: Dave will be out of town on business, so party will be at Pete's house. Details coming in separate email.
- * BBQ from Carolina Smoke in Bothell suggested, with members bringing side dishes and desserts.
- * Joanne made motion to budget up to \$400 for the party. Motion passed.

2013 VOTING: Motion to approve nominees for 2013 NWDE Officers passed:

- * President: Tana Bryan
- * Vice President: Jack Kampa
- * Secretary/Treasurer: Pete Peters
- * 2013 Volunteer Positions:
 - * WWSCC Rep: Pete Peters
 - * NWDELetter Editor: David Gonzales
 - * Webmaster: David Gonzales

OTHER STUFF:

- * NWDE invited ZCCW to NWDE General Meeting on Friday, January 18, 2013.
- * ZCCW invited NWDE to their Christmas Party at Griot's Garage on Sunday, December 9, 2012 from 12pm-4pm.



* Tana will check into NWDE touring the LeMay Car Museum in February.

* Ted found 510 motor mounts for \$26/ea at Olympic Nissan.

* Thank you, Jack, for taking Napkin Notes in my absence. - Pete

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

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NWDE Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2012

HIGHLIGHTS:

- * Joe & Kris Eberle did drive their award winning L320 over from Port Orchard. There was a person doing balloon animals and such for kids at Round Table. He(she?) made a truck out of green balloons, and gave it to Kris. Very cool.

2013 OFFICERS

- * Tana Bryan and Jack Kampa were nominated to continue as President and Vice President, respectively, because a) they make a good team, and b) they were not in attendance to defend themselves.
- * Pete Peters volunteered to continue as Secretary/Treasurer/WW Rep.
- * Voting will occur at November General Meeting.

NWDE WEBSITE & MAILING LIST

- * For several years, Randy has been hosting the NWDE website and mailing list on his server at no cost to NWDE, and serving as webmaster. He and Mary are pursuing other interests, and would like to turn over the site, mailing list, and duties. This will require finding a new hosting service, etc. David Gonzales said he would be interested. DavidG, Dave Firestone, and Randy will discuss transition offline.



NWDE Holiday Party

A GREAT Annual NWDE year end party was held at Pete and Debbie's. 13 attendees with enough food for 40 so we all got large "Doggy Bags" to take home. Thanks to Pete, Debbie and their 2 large senior citizen Dogs for the fine hospitality. (The mythical Peters Datsuns were not to be seen. Last reported to be hiding under tarps at Doug's "Datsun Rest Home"!)

Annual awards were voted as follows:

Best Datsun of the year: Joe and Kris Eberle

Best member of the year: Pete Peters

Hard luck award: Marty Molloy

Best new member: Ted (in his own mind)

And who knew that Pete was a NAVY Hard Hat (Head?) Dive?





NWDE Holiday Party (continued)





Specialty Plating

Dave and Ted's Fine Adventure

to

Specialty Plating in Mt Vernon

5 February 2013

By Ted Heaton

Since Dave Firestone got his NL320 truck painted SO NICE he can not put back his old bent rusty trim. No Way! Dave took a load of parts to chrome, straighten and polish to Specialty Plating in Mt Vernon on the recommendation of John Ryder and after receiving "wallet shock" with a quote for the work from one of the Seattle area chrome shops.

Due to Dave's absence for extended periods in his second life as Dave "flat speaker guy" the chrome has set idle with no price estimate for many months.

Dave will soon make huge piles of \$ with his large stock share in the new "Flat Speaker Co". and he will build a 10 car garage for all his roadsters, trucks, 300Z, maxima, Q45 etc vehicles and not have to worry no more! But for now he is pinching pennies to get his trim polished and chromed. Dave managed to find an open day to get back to his real calling, Dave "Roadster guy".

After a quick trip in the Q45 we arrived hardly late at all for a 2 o'clock appointment with Forrest, the chrome guy. An interesting older old school craftsman type who gave us a 2 hour education on the techniques of



trim straightening, polishing, and chroming. We hope he will not add his \$100 hr labor charge on top of Dave's bill!

Forrest went over all of Dave's trim with a critical eye, indicating in wonderful detail how much work was going to be

Specialty Plating (continued)

involved with the \$'s mounting rapidly.

We learned a lot from an artist in a dying business with all the environmental and cost concerns. It is like painting, in that the secret is the exacting prep BEFORE you chrome. Any rust must be removed, surface filled and smoothed etc. Lots of time and \$ (did I mentioned the \$100 an hour?).



The big items like bumpers are easy as there is some metal to work with. The thin hood chrome strip on the truck hood edge is so thin it is mostly chrome and most are rusted from the back due to the form of the trim. He showed us how each rust spot was a hole and proceeded (with Dave some-

what apprehensive) to poke holes with a paper clip through the trim at every rust spot! It will cost nearly as much to fix and chrome the tiny hood trim as a large front bumper!

The rare 320 hubcaps were a lost cause. Even the best ones will require enough work to be in the \$200 a cap range! I brought my 320 hubcaps but never took the out of the bag after hearing the price estimate. Forrest had a good suggestion that a metal forming shop could reproduce the hub caps for a reasonable price and as the number of trucks that need them would be in the 100s, there might be a market for a run of a few hundred.

Well, Dave bit his lip and left about half the chrome there at the mercy of Forrest with instructions to bring it to "nice driver" quality, not "show" quality. The other half he will try to replace with better quality pieces from Ted's 320 truck emporium and other better sources. A very educational day that did not cost me a penny but will leave a substantial dent in Dave's wallet!



JACK SAYS "RUN FORREST RUN!"



Updates

Pete Dill's new pair of Datsun 510s. Congratulations, Pete!



One of the ubiquitous Bamboo Tan Datsuns

Green 2-door sedan



Updates (continued)

Tana is thinking of selling her beautiful 1968 Datsun Roadster. It is an SPL311 (1600) and a nice blue color.

Sandi Anderson got a new muffler for her Datsun Roadster and a sporty euro-style exhaust tip.





More NWDE Holiday Party



Club Meetings

When: Third Friday of each month (except December)

Time: 7:30 pm. Folks usually arrive earlier to gather & gawk at vehicles, then order pizza.

Where: Redmond-Overlake Round Table Pizza

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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Doug B's 510 wagon at the January meeting

