



The NWDELetter

Northwest Datsun Enthusiasts

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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: Roadsters driving the SIR at the Northwest Historics



Up-Coming Events

July 2013

- 5-7 Pacific NW Historics, Pacific Raceways in Kent, WA
- 12-13 Roadster Show, Shasta. CA
- 19 NWDE general meeting - Redmond, WA

August 2013

- 11 Blue Lake Datsun show in Portland, OR
- 11 Vancouver All Nissan Meet in Vancouver, BC
- 17 Shedd Roadster BBQ. Shedd OR
- 18 South Sound Summer Jam, South Sound Speedway, Rochester (formerly Olympia Nissan car show)
- 24 (tentative) NWDE Drive-In Movie Night
- 31 Tacomaboy's Vintage Datsun/ Roadster end of summer bash.

September 2013

- 28 Japanese Classic Car Show in Long Beach, CA

Minutes

NWDE Meeting Minutes June 21, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:40pm

ATTENDEES:

Al-Michael, Antonio, Art, Dave Firestone, David Gonzales, Dick, Don & Sandi, Gordon & Joanne, Jack, John & Santoush, Pete, Rowland, Tana, and Ted.

GUESTS:

- ◇ Ken Toyota: '72 240Z daily driver. Gotta watch your shoes on that white interior! <g>
- ◇ Walter: friend of Al-Michael, and a graduate of the Art Center College of Design located in Pasadena, California, which is considered as one of the best design schools in the world. Two alumni you may have heard of: Pete Brock and Chip Foose. Walter had some design sketches of a Toyota Celica....very nice.



Meeting minutes (continued)

- ◇ Atsushi Kato & his father: run Auto Express Company on Michigan Street in the Georgetown area. From their website:

"Auto Express Company is a small independent company, working with vintage vehicles and parts, and also exports these items to Japan. We have been around since the fall of 1989. We serve the older car owners, collectors, restoration shops, and other automobile dealers, most who are in Japan, with searching and restoring the vintage classics and unusual vehicles."

- ◇ Mr. Kato, wearing Nissan mechanics coveralls (I want some!), drove a 720 truck to the meeting. This vehicle has over 300k miles with the original engine. He has owned quite a number of cars (Japanese & European), and still has most of them.
- ◇ After the meeting, Atsushi and Ken joined NWDE.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- ◇ Current balance \$4771.45
- ◇ Brief follow-up discussion regarding Event Reimbursements, particularly geographical and monetary limits. Some rough numbers:

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$532.00 Dues 2012
-505.00 Event Reimbursement 2012
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$ 27.00 Balance
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As you can see, that doesn't leave much for the NWDE Letter, Annual Holiday Banquet, etc., which is why it's critical to host the annual NWDE Clothing Optional autocross to fund club operations. Gordon offered to summarize discussion into formal proposal to present to members at July General Meeting.

WWSCC REPORT:

- ◇ Discussed holding NWDE Clothing Optional autocross at Emerald Downs in Auburn instead of Sanderson Field in Shelton. Key advantage is that Auburn is closer than Shelton. Disadvantages are:
 - The risk: Emerald Downs can shutdown the event at a moment's notice
 - The cost: Site rental significantly higher, and needs to be paid in advance of event

Meeting minutes (continued)

- Needs to be 2-day event to be profitable
- October weather

Decision was made to stick to existing date (Sunday, September 22, 2013) and location (Sanderson Field, Shelton). Will reconsider other locations later.

- ◇ Pete volunteered to be Event Chair again. Other volunteers were Dave Firestone (Chief of Tech), and Joanne (Chief of Registration). We lost income last year due to providing free entry to non-club members volunteering for other Chief positions, so please consider volunteering. Again, this is the club's fund raiser. More information at July General Meeting and the mail list.

OTHER STUFF:

- ◇ Tana reported that Roger Sawyer has been sick. She will send a Get Well card from the club. Get better, Roger!
- ◇ Greenwood Show: The show has sold out! Parking for NWDE will be in a prime spot: in front of John Walker's Porsche Workshop in the shade. The only reason NWDE got this spot is that NWDE paid in advance. Thank you, Jack. More details will be sent out on the NWDE mail list.
- ◇ PNW Historics: Details will be sent out on the NWDE email list.
- ◇ Dave Firestone will assist other members with preparing event materials that describe the owner, their vehicle, and promote NWDE. Details will be sent out on the NWDE mail list.
- ◇ Looks like Saturday, August 24th, is the best date for Dives, Datsuns & Drive-Ins. Question is.....where?
- ◇ David Gonzales held a garage sale. One buyer asked about the Datsun 1200 car. Although not originally for sale, David said "let me think about it." A week later, and the car has a new owner. Bu-bye!

meeting adjourned 8:50pm





NWDE at the Historics

By Ted Heaton

Good FUN today at the Historics races. We had 8 roadsters, a Z and 320 truck meet at Antonio's at 8 am. Thanks to Antonio for the doughnuts, coffee and fruit!



We took all the food to the races and used Joe's 320 truck as our "picnic table". We had 2 more roadsters show at the track and also a new guy with a 2000. Also another Z. SO great turnout of 11 Roadsters! 2 Zs and the "food truck".

We got the full 3 parade laps on the track and all had a great time. We were able to hit the back section corners with some speed! Dave F's "red hardtop racer" and



NWDE at the Historics (continued)

Sandi's roadster did lay down some smoke! Gordon can critique our lines through the corners from the pictures.



Marcello came with his Dad and the red one FJ20 Roadster. Antonio and the other "new guys" learned how to make the hood and trunk emergency openers from us "seasoned" Veterans. No roadster faltered on this trip but we did have to secure a **lose emblem and drain some gas from a leaky tank at Antonio's.**

Joe's truck was a real Chick Magnet and attracted some cute girls for photos. Our Gimpy President hobbled over and was passenger with Don for the parade





NWDE at the Historics (continued)



The Car Corral



Greenwood Car Show Report

By Jack Kampa

What a spectacular day at Greenwood. Sunny and in the 80s. As usual, NWDE had it "made in the shade" with our primo spot at 82nd and Greenwood under the sap free shade trees. There were over 31 blocks of cars and trucks on both sides of the street. A sell out with approximately 800 total vehicles in attendance. The festivities started with a group breakfast at the Greenwood senior center followed by a walk looking at all the amazing vehicles in attendance before the crowds hit.

NWDE was well represented with a record 9 NWDEies in attendance. First to arrive and the longest driving commute was Joe with a 4am wake up call. Mike of Spokane and myself arrived at 5:45. Believe it or not Dave F was EARLY before 6am, followed by Don and Sandi, Art, Ted and Antonio. We had excellent support from the following NWDE members who stopped by to say hi: Pete and Jennifer, Rowland, and John and Santosh. Later in the day Antonios' "posse" showed up including his lovely wife, Carrie, and members Atchi and Al-Michael among others. Every member was busy talking to the visitors about their cars/trucks, working on their sun tans and promoting NWDE. Well done.

As usual, Ted was the "babe magnet" surrounded by the Fredricks Girls. This was one of the rare times that Ted was speechless! Just down the street from us was Kendall who won for best mini pu with an Isuzu Pup pu. He is considering joining us. Also, at the show was a '67 1600 roadster owner, Brian, whom we are recruiting.

A special thanks goes to Joe who crafted hand cranks for our pickups from a sample supplied by Ted. Thanks guys.

All in all, it was a super fun day and for those members who wanted to go but couldn't due to the sell out, all I have to say is: "Get your applications in early or else you will be shut out"!





Greenwood Car Show



Photos by Ted Heaton



Greenwood Car Show Report 2

By Ted Heaton

Excellent time at the Greenwood Car show today. Weather was perfect. This was the biggest Greenwood show ever for cars and spectators. NWDE had an excellent participation of 6 roadsters and 2 trucks. Driving Roadsters were Dave F, Art



B, Dan A. Sandy, Ted, and Antonio. Joe E and Jack K brought their 320 trucks.





Greenwood Car Show Report (continued)





NWDE June Meeting photos





NWDE June Meeting photos (continued)



Updates

- ◇ There is a new Datsun 320 Owners page on Facebook
- ◇ Ted H. is on vacation in the mountains until August.
- ◇ **Tana's Datsun was in the Auburn newspaper**
- ◇ **Gordon's roadster restoration is now getting new pistons**



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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