



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: Ted with rib at Tacomaboy's End of Summer meet



Up-Coming Events

September 2013

- 20 NWDE General Meeting (see inside back cover)
- 21 SOVREN Fall Finale Race including Car Corral at Pacific Raceways, Kent
- 21 BBQ at Sports Imports in Vancouver BC
- 21 Ratsun Northend meet in Marysville WA
- 28 Japanese Classic Car Show in Long Beach CA

October 2013

- 4 Leavenworth Oktoberfest Cruise

Minutes

NWDE Meeting Minutes August 16, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:42pm

ATTENDEES: Al-Michael, Antonio, Dave Firestone, David Gonzales, Doug, Gordon, Jack, Ken, Pete, Roger, Rowland, and Tana. ON THE ROAD: Don, Sandi, and Ted are all on their way to Oregon for the annual Shedd Roadster BBQ.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Current balance: \$4138.90
- Pete handed out several event reimbursement checks. Reimbursement by PayPal also available if the reimbursee (hmmm, that a word?) has a PayPal account.
- Gordon presented policy proposal for car show attendance and reimbursement. Pete will email document to members for review.
- * Pete to get costs and minimum quantities for ordering more NWDE t-shirts (since he forgot last month).

WWSCC REPORT:

- Confirmed: ACE Dogfight event on Saturday, September 21 has been can-



Meeting minutes (continued)

celled. This allows NWDE to set up earlier (if no one else picks up the date), however, no sharing of insurance & san-i-can fees.

- Current Clothing Optional Event volunteers:

- ◇ Event Chair: Pete
- ◇ Chief of Registration: Joanne
- ◇ Chief of Tech: Dave Firestone
- ◇ Trophies: Tana
- ◇ Prizes: Jack

Still need:

- ◇ Course Design. I may reuse 2010 design....if I can find a copy. <g>
- ◇ Folks for Saturday setup. How early we can start depends on whether there's a Saturday event.
- ◇ Chief of Waivers
- ◇ Chief of Timing
- ◇ Chief of Workers
- ◇ Grid
- ◇ Rules Stewards

Granted, we probably still don't have the expertise for most of those positions, but something to think about before I query the greater autocross community.

- Recommend making reservations immediately in Shelton for Saturday, September 21, unless you want to make a very early Sunday morning drive.

OTHER STUFF:

- Website and mail list hosting moved from to Dreamhost. Pete has email list working again. Still need to get website going for handoff.
- A BBQ is happening at Auto Express in Georgetown on Sunday, August 25th (new date). Auto Express is the Kato's business. Antonio spearheading event. \$100 for reimbursements proposed and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm

NWDE BBQ @ Auto Express

By Ted Heaton

NWDE had a fine BBQ Sunday August 25, with 19 members attending. Thanks to Scott for hosting the club event at his Auto repair shop, "Auto Express", in Georgetown. We had Roadsters, 320 trucks, a Z car and a Maxima in attendance. Attending were, Tana, Gordon, Joanne, Dave F. Pete P, Pete D, Jen D, Jack K, Ted, Rowland, Sally, Antonio, Scott, Atchi, Ken Mark, Cristina, Don and Sandi.

Weather was good with a few sprinkles later in the afternoon. Heavy enough for Dave F (YES, the flat speaker guy was there!) to put up the soft top on his red roadster for the first time. It actually fit after some serious stretching with heat gun assistance.



Food was excellent with a good variety and some fine Filipino sweet coconut rice desert from Antonio.





NWDE BBQ @ Auto Express (continued)

Scott's shop truck is a well worn 1982 720 with 333,000 miles on the original motor!



We are planning another NWDE BBQ in the Fall so if you want to attend, just join NWDE.

Gordon's Maxima



NWDE BBQ @ Auto Express (continued)



Jack drove Ted's Datsun NL320 Sport Truck to test the 3.9 rear end and he was IMPRESSED.





NWDE BBQ @ Auto Express (continued)



Antonio

Scott feeding the guard chickens



NWDE BBQ @ Auto Express (continued)

Scott has most of his exotic car collection stored at his shop and we got to see his Lotus Alfa, Jags, 510 wagon and more. His Son Atchi provided rides in the Lotus, if you could get in. Dave F managed to enter as did



Pete after some serious contortions!





Roadster Drive To the Mountains

A Beautiful day for a Roadster drive September 1, 2013 to Chinook Pass. 4 Roadsters driven by Ted from NWDE and others from DROPS. Also half of Seattle was on the road for a Holiday drive! Thanks to Steve, the ultimate spares carrier, who had a small jar of gas! in his trunk that was just the ticket to fill the carburetor float bowl on my 1500 when it was acting contrary (but we did have to improvise a funnel. Both Art and Mike made good ones!) We found a roadside spot a bit South of the pass for Roadster and Mt Rainier pictures.





Roadster Drive To the Mountains (continued)



Ted's grandson took some good pictures of the roadsters from the passenger seat.





Tacomaboy's End of Summer Drive In

Tacomaboy's Vintage Datsun/ Roadster end of summer bash was held August 31, near Tacoma and our own Ted and Dave F attended. Many thanks to Mike Mitsules (Tacomaboy) and his "boss" for hosting this great (going to be annual!) event. Weather was perfect. Food was excellent. Kids had fun in the pool. Mike had live music from a good kid band.

The Ratsun folks had a better turnout with 17 early Datsun cars and trucks. Roadster turnout was good with 7 roadsters and my 63 NL320 truck. A total of 25 old Datsuns!!.

The Roadsters got to park up front, which was only proper. In the non Datsun category, a Firebird and an Impala SS were present. As is traditional, roadster repairs were made and Jay and his roadster were very happy when Dave F. replaced a bad spark plug and discovered the crank pulley had nearly sheared through the key and was about to be spinning freely. Mike had a box of keys and repairs were made!





Tacomaboy's End of Summer Drive In (continued)



Updates

- **Tana's tools and car parts sale was Saturday September 7 and she sold many parts.** But many more remain This is to make more room and pay off some medical bills. She also has some Datsun collectibles and books and a few new 311 parts too.
- Roadster drive was held Sunday September, over Snoqualmie Pass to CleElum, Cle Elum Lake and end at Cooper lake for picnic lunch. Meet at the North Bend Outlet Mall.
- An R16 engine and 4 speed just pulled from a 67.5 Roadster are available. Price undetermined but reasonable. Contact Ted.
- Atsushi is working on a 1969 510 wagon and is looking to get it back on the road again.
- Lynnwood Auto Electric is a great old school repair shop, Ted had a 1500 positive ground Alternator repaired there. Good service. quality work. Very reasonable charges. He highly recommends it.
- More photos have been posted on the Northwest Datsun Enthusiasts Facebook page
- Several NWDE members made it to the Shedd BBQ. Pictures were circulated via NWDE email
- Don, Sandi and Ted participated in the South Sound Summer Jam Car Show near Centralia — and were the only 2 roadsters. There were about ten 510s and older trucks but it was mostly the young tuner crowd.
- Tana has for sale a set of three clips for the front of a hi windshield 311 to hold the soft or hard tops on. They are in much better condition than often found.

Datsun S311 top clips



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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