



The NWDE Letter

Northwest Datsun Enthusiasts

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NWDE Autocross 9-22-2013



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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.

Got News? Please email it to news@nwde.org

Cover: Action in the rain at the annual NWDE Autocross



Up-Coming Events

October 2013

18 NWDE general meeting

30 Japanese Classic Car monthly meet in Torrance, California

November 2013

15 NWDE general meeting

See inside back cover for meeting details and map

Minutes

NWDE Meeting Minutes September 20, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:46pm

ATTENDEES: Antonio, Dave Firestone, David Gonzales, Don & Sandi, Gordon & Joanne, Jack, Pete, Roger, Ted and Tana.

GUESTS: Dave Crocker (friend/flat panel speaker co-worker of DaveF. Dave's daughter has a nice Datsun L521).

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Current balance: \$3944.97
- T-shirts Price: \$15 members, \$20 non-members. Pete will send out email for pre-orders.
- Rowland sold 320 visors and donated \$50 to the club. WOW! THANK YOU, ROWLAND!



Meeting minutes (continued)

WWSCC REPORT:

- Tana has folding table to donate to BEAC van. Pete will find out if BEAC wants it.
- A tired & surly Pete (aka Event Chair) barked out the action plan for NWDE autocross event:
 - Setup will start at 3:00pm, Saturday (9/21). Gate combo emailed to volunteers: Pete, DaveF, Jack, Gordon & Joanne. Karen to meet us there and move the BEAC van
 - Joanne will have registration cards printed
 - Pete will bring lumber crayons, timing laptops, trophies and cash box with cash
 - All event volunteers need to be at gate at 7:00am, Sunday (9/22)

OTHER STUFF:

- List email size limit increased to 2MB. This should allow more emails with attachments without needing List Admin approval. Let's see how that works.
- Website was hacked before it was ever setup. Pete removed hack and site. Will discuss offline with DaveF and DavidG to move this forward.
- After rebuilding his dad's roadster, Marcello sold the "leftover" parts on eBay for a tidy sum.
- Scott Kato picked up a '62 Triumph TR3 (running, I think) for half the going rate. NICE!
- Roger Sawyer donated a new-in-box (NIB) Aoshima Datsun 720 truck 1:24 scale plastic model kit. Dave Crocker was the lucky raffle winner.
- SAD NEWS: David Gonzales is leaving the Pacific NW on Oct 17th for the sunny island of Maui. Aloha, David.
- GOOD NEWS: David G will continue doing the NWDELetter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm



Message From the President

Hi folks,

I hope you all understand just how much Pete P. has been doing for our club in the last couple of years. He has chaired and run the annual autocross race, been our local race (dub dub) representative and had to go to their meetings. Plus he has been our club Treasurer AND THE SECRETARY! I personally want to thank you Pete for all of your hard work.

He said he will continue as the treasurer, (thank you Pete) but doesn't want to be the secretary any more. This is an easy job, but you do need basic computer skills. You need to be able to come to the meetings and just take the notes, by hand or on your computer, however you want. Then you need to write up the notes, (usually in Word) and email them to our newsletter editor, David Gonzales. Sounds easy? Because it is! You would be doing a really big job for our club too. So, please do think about it.

I don't mind being President again, unless someone is just dying to be it. I have an electric scooter now, so maybe we can plan to do the La May Museum for our November event? There are group discounts. (My little electric scooter will now enable me to be able to get around and see the displays in the museum, or one of you can push me up and down the ramps in a manual wheelchair!).

I am just now getting over the effects of another chemo infusion last week. So watch out...energy level is back to almost normal! I can start playing with car parts and going thru more boxes. This type of chemo infusion has been proven thru studies to be the most effective treatment for auto immune illnesses, instead of the nasty, daily immune suppressing pills.

I have pretty much changed my mind on the idea of moving to Utah. I would miss the Puget Sound region and all of its natural beauty way too much, plus all of my wonderful friends and the family that I have here. The situation in Utah turned out to be more stressful than I want to deal with.

I also want to again thank each one of you who helped out at the autocross race this year, enduring terrible weather. I know next year that the weather will be lovely for our race.

I still have many items for sale, including new and used tool sets, tow ropes, new tube flaring tool kit, some household items, and some old Datsun car parts. Just call (360) 469 4187 if you wish to stop by. House is not hard to find.

See you all at the next meeting. Tana Bryan



NWDE Autocross Event

No wonder we got wet — **the weather station in Shelton reported they got 1.33”** of rain!

Photos by Ted Heaton

NWDE had its annual autocross fund raising event September 22, 2013 in Shelton, Washington. Torrents of rain did not cancel the event, though many drivers did not show due to the horrendous weather. Thanks to the following NWDE members for helping put on the damp but successful event. Extra thanks to our hard working and extremely wet event organizer, Pete Peters.

Don A gets extra credit for providing doughnuts!

Pete P

Dave F

Jack K

Gordon G

JoAnne G

Ted H

Don A

Doug B

Dave Crocker

Erin Crocker

Autocross participants enjoyed the rally despite the weather





NWDE Autocross Event (continued)

Pete Peters officiating



Joanne & Gordon





NWDE Autocross Event (continued)

Dave Firestone assisting a driver



Jack Kampa





NWDE Autocross Event (continued)

Don Anderson



Sun appears for the drive home





NWDE Autocross Event (continued)





NWDE Autocross Event (continued)

Come one ...



... come all





David G Sells Out

David G has sold both his Datsuns and all his parts, pending relocation. Here is his 1200 sedan at the new owner's place in Bellevue:



David: In 2003, I bought this 1200 sedan from a lady in Concord, California. I flew down and drove it back to Seattle! It was a nice mild-mannered daily driver. I enjoyed driving it and took it to many shows where it was the only sedan presented. The new owner, a car enthusiast, is excited to get a vintage Japanese car and is already working to restore it.



This little truck can haul!



David G Sells Out (continued)

Our Local Datsun GURU and NWDE newsletter-meister is moving to Hawaii and we can not talk him into shipping his Datsun, For those of you with real lives who can not spend all day watching Datsun items on eBay, David G's 74 Sunny on Ebay sold for **\$5100 on October 2. Ted said: "a bargain for the buyer, I think".**

David: I bought this truck in 2008. Flew down to LA and drove it back (996 miles). I drove it to shows and occasionally for fun about twice a month. I enjoyed it much, **but now that I'm moving it's time to let it go.**

Tana: "I just love this truck. He has won some nice awards at car shows for it too. Quite the eye catcher and it does drive well too. Doesn't take up much room in the garage either! ... **Wish I had room for it."**

The buyer is from the Los Angeles area, which is still the center of Datsun activity **now as it was in the 1970s. Here is his 1200 truck loading on the truck. It's heading to California!**



... let the Datsun withdrawal begin.



Updates

- Antonio C sends mahalo from vacation in Hawaii
- Art B was troubleshooting a problem with his Roadster. It was a misfire/ backfire on transition when changing from cruising to uphill.
- Check out the new Meet photos on the Northwest Datsun Enthusiasts facebook page

David Gonzales added photos to NWDE meet 2013 08 August.



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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