



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.

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

Cover: Ted's 1500 Datsun Roadster, picture taken November 24, 2013



Up-Coming Events

January 2014

Jan 17 NWDE general meeting

Spring/Summer

Mid-March annual swap meet
April 25-26 Solvang Roadster Meet, Solvang CA
May 16-17 Datsun Matsuri, Kelowna BC
June 7-8? Canby Datsun Meet, Canby OR
July 11-13 38th Annual Portland Historic Races Featuring Datsun
July 17-19 Mt Shasta Roadster Meet, Mt Shasta CA.
Aug 10? Blue Lake Datsun Meet, Blue Lake Park OR
Aug 16 Shedd Roadster BBQ, Shedd OR

Minutes

NWDE Meeting Minutes November 15 , 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM

ATTENDEES: Atchi, Don & Sandi, Pete, Dave Firestone, Gordon & Joanne, Doug, Roger, Rowland, Ted

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Current Balance:
\$4053.52 - US Bank
343.85 - PayPal

\$4397.37 - Total
- Pete has quote for T-shirts. Will get quotes for long sleeves, hoodies, and polo shirts.

WWSCC REPORT:

- Nothing to report



Meeting minutes (continued)

OTHER STUFF

- NWDE Annual Holiday party scheduled for Saturday, January 18, 2014 at Dave Firestone's house. Further discussion, details and directions will go out in list email.
- NWDE website is back up, but needs development. Pete will contact David Gonzales to confirm he still wants to be webmaster. DaveF to research Calendar application.
- List email size limit increased to 4MB. This should allow more emails with attachments without needing List Admin approval. Let's see how that works.
- NWDELetter: The editor's job is to collect, edit, publish, and occasionally ping members on their project status. The editor cannot be expected to write every article. If you cannot write an article, perhaps you have an idea for one.
- CLUB MISSION: Rowland thought perhaps we should refocus on the club mission. The club may have started out as a group of autocrossers, but our aging membership isn't autocrossing. Are we even dreaming of racing? Gordon stated the current mission is preservation and enjoyment of Datsuns, which includes Nissan and Infiniti. This triggered some discussion about whether we have a year/model/make cut-off or not.
- Tana needs vector graphic for vendor to make event sign, and Dave Firestone needs graphic for business cards. Pete to request graphic from T-shirt printer (he has the artwork).
- Pete Peters' garage 99-percent done. All 3 cars have returned from holiday at Doug's Car Spa Ranch near Monroe.
- Anthony and others suggested finding an alternate location in the South Sound area for meetings to attract more members. Maybe alternate months, or once a quarter. Excellent idea. Anthony volunteered to scout out location options. Thank you!
- Atsushi's 510 wagon project on hold due to he and his dad having to move their shop by February 2014. YIKES!
- Atsushi did get his 240SX drift car back on the road after a year, and drove it to the meeting. Very cool! A number of us had fun checking it out. That driver's seat is bit tight for us older & wider folks. Quite the speaker system, too.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM



2014 Officer Nominations

Nominate club officers for 2014. You can throw your hat in the ring, or nominate someone else. Voting will happen at the January meeting

- **President:** Tana has offered to continue as club President if no one else is interested. She has done a fantastic job for several years, however, please consider giving her a break.
- **Vice President:** Don't know Jack's intentions, but if someone is interested, jump in.
- **Treasurer:** Y'all are safe—Pete is willing to continue as Treasurer.
- **Secretary:** As Pete stated at the last few meetings, and Tana nicely posted to the list (which made it into the Oct 2013 NWDELetter), Pete needs a break. It's not difficult, but he has too much going on.

New Meeting Place in January

By popular demand, we will be meeting at the **Yankee Grill in Renton** (One South Grady Way, Renton WA 98057). See inside back cover for map.

Meeting is at **the usual 7:30 time** but come early for the Gawk and Gab session before.

This is a test of the new meeting site located by Antonio. If we like it, we can have more meetings there and weekend morning "Cars & Coffee" type social gatherings with a drive after. They have a big parking lot we can use.

SO, for those of you have found it difficult to attend at the Bellevue Round Table Pizza, show up at this more central site and join the new and improved NWDE.!



NWDE Annual Awards

Oh, so many to choose from:

- Sandi was the only woman that brought a car to Greenwood show, Shedd, Shasta, and Renton pizza, and BBQ at garage
- An obvious contender for vehicle of the year would be Ted's 1964 Datsun 1500 Sports roadster SPL31003054
- New member Antonio has done a terrific job helping out in many ways and especially this year with the NW Historics
- Scott and Atsushi for having a successful and well-enjoyed party at their shop

There will be quite the prize this year for our annual Member of the Year award. So, if you think you should get it, then be prepared to give us your short story or a story for Hardluck or car of the year **at the January club meeting** at the Yankee Grill in Renton.

Hardluck Award

Car of the Year Award

Member of the Year Award

New Wheel, Axle & Transmission Bearings

Bearings purchased from the auto dealership are expensive. And for our older Datsun are hard to find at any auto parts store. That's why buying them from a bearing supply company is such a great idea—if you know the specifications of the bearing, they are inexpensive for name-brand bearings. Just don't ask for them by the make & model of vehicle. For example, many owners think the 1971 Datsun 1200 has unique an no-longer-available bearings. But actually it uses common bearings.

Outer front wheel bearing

Nissan part number 40215-H1000 MSRP \$35.28

Generic version

BCA/Timken/National 30302 as low as \$14

Interchange among other applications includes:

- 1957-1967 Fiat 500/600
- 1976-1978 Datsun F10
- 1981-1995 Suzuki, various models

Datsun Roadster Meets for 2014

It is not too early to begin your planning, and roadster repairs, to attend the 2014 meets. Here is the schedule. I will be going to all of these meets. Get your Roadster ready and come along.

The 2 meets you should attend are **Mt Shasta** (30th anniversary this year) and the **Shedd BBQ**. These are close, within a one day drive, and the best of all the meets. We already have a 4 roadster caravan forming up for Mt Shasta and we always have a caravan for the 1 day Canby and Blue Lake OR. shows.

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November Meet & Greet

Friday night November 15, 2013 was dark but the weather held out.



Atushi's Nissan 240SX "Zip-tie Special".





November Meet & Greet (Continued)



Let's go out and see the cars!





1964 NL320 #288 SOLD

December 28, 2013

Ted's 1964 NL320 #288 is off to its new home in California. A full-price \$6500 sale to a fellow roadster owner who will restore it and not slam it to the pavement :-)
Glad it is going to a good home who will keep it original, so important for such a rare truck.



A very sound example of a rare Datsun Truck. Approximately 1000 sold in USA 1963-1965.





1964 NL320 #288 SOLD (Cont/d)

#288 is a very good candidate for restoration as it is complete with nearly all the hard to find NL unique parts. Taillights, bed rails, cab corners, side trim, rear cab wall shelf, shelf under the glove box, gas cap door and basket. Only the impossible to find hubcaps are replaced with roadster hubcaps

Rust issues are limited to the right rear wheel arch (the design of the inner fender allowed dirt to get caught there). The rust has been cut out by a prior owner (PO) in anticipation of a never completed repair. The bed, cab floor boards, door sills, rocker arms, door bottoms and rear bottom front fenders are solid with only a bit of surface rust on the bed and cab floor. It is rare to find a 320 with so little rust.

Now there is a bit more room at Ted's Truck and Car Farm.





Annual BBQ Party @ Dave F's

Saturday January 18, 2014. It's that time of year again to "pig" out so to speak. Jack is using the same BBQ joint as last year (Carolyn Smoke), brisket, pulled pork and BBQ chicken. Can someone bring some moose meat--brats and burgers? Antonio will bring his famous Filipino dish. Someone else will be wearing a Honda t-shirt. Joanne and Marty plan on bringing salads.

20 attendees have RSVP'd.

Jack said that he can pick up the same BBQ menu items as he brought last year and we all seemed to like that a lot. Tana can make some cornbread and something else. We will need a couple of green salads, maybe another side dish, some snack items, pop or juice, deserts.

Please sign up to let us know if you will attend and what you can bring.

Antonio, if you don't make that wonderful rice desert that you brought to the summer BBQ, then we will have to cancel this event. That was some yummy stuff...can you share the recipe too please?

Tana has paper plates, etc. if we want to do that so Dave F is not up all washing dishes. Ted's Fruit Salad, like I brought last year. Made with his own hands! Don't forget the diet soda for some of our members who prefer that.

Entertainment:

Dave will be making my nearly infamous chili. You apparently get to bring something to compliment this and BYOB. (That is being handled by other emails.)

He plans to uncover the Datsun collection, in all its unglory, for viewing & entertainment (sorry, not much progress this last year).

For those more geek/mechanic oriented, there will be some torn down engines and transmissions for viewing.

There will be a bulbous transmission and clutch carbon release bearing session (320s, 1500s and some other old Datsuns) held in the cold garage, prior to civilized food & drink in the house.

Annual BBQ Party (Continued)

Time:

My understanding is that the festivities typically begin at 5:10.

Tana has been lobbying for 4:10, which should be also extended to 4:11 for those that need another minute. Anyone showing up at 3:10, 3:11, 3:20, 3:50, or 3:70 should expect to be put to work on preparations. Arriving at 1:10, 2:10, 2:11, 2:12, 2:40, 2:60, 2:80 & 3:00 is not allowed and I hope all are cleared out before the stroke of 12:00. Additional significant times including 5:20, 5:21, 6:10, 6:20, 7:10, 7:20, 8:10 etc. can be celebrated along the way.

Update: Tana's Datsun 410

Super hero Joe E. from Pt. Orchard came all the way over to work on Tana's Datsun 410 sedan. He figured out the hesitation problem with the fuel is the fuel accelerator pump in my Weber carb. He is going to see about ordering the Weber part needed. It is a common carb so the parts should be available. The always willing car fired up quickly too. There has rarely been a time when that car didn't fire up. I will be able to get in and out of that car much easier so I do plan to be able to drive it after we get the little issues worked out. Thank you Joe!

As long as it still drives and stops, will be good for me for a while. I have rust free rocker panels cut out from a good parts car, so hopefully I will find someone able to do that eventually but get it running and driving around first. Probably right about the distance too. I drive to Seattle once or sometimes more often weekly, so I am used to the drive. This car has been to many NW Historics and hopefully will be able to do that again. It will every bit as fast as any 320 truck on the parade laps.

Tana's future thoughts include converting the 410 from standard transmission to automatic.





Market Update

1963 Datsun 320 Pickup

Current bid: \$4525 on eBay

A nice solid "semi survivor" with a few changes that could be fixed. Should sell for around \$6000



The seller started at \$9500 on Ratsun and then said he had interest at \$6K and would sell it for \$7K. He finally is putting it on eBay. Even has the right hubcaps (rough) and the fuse box cover. Has goofy tailgate handles Maybe they are for a pair of ramps to hook up to.

There are several trucks on Craigslist right now. Contact Ted for more market information about Datsun Roadsters and old Datsun pickups..

RockAuto 520 Truck Closeout Parts

Some of these closeout parts should also fit the 320 and 521 trucks. Past experience is that "closeout" parts are occasionally not identified correctly but

RockAuto is always good about refunds. <http://www.rockauto.com/RSS/vehiclefeeds.php?carcode=1346037&m=wc&l=en&html=true>

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: The January NWDE 2014 meeting will be at a NEW and more central location

Yankee Grill

One South Grady Way

Renton WA 98057

Phone: 425-255-8543

Directions:

1. Take I-405 to Renton
2. Take the northbound Rainier Ave S exit (167 + Rainier exit)
3. Once on Rainier, immediately get in the far right lane
4. Turn right (east) on S Grady Way
5. Yankee Grille is in the first shopping complex on the right (turn in just before the Chevron station)



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