



The NWDE Letter

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: Jack's 1964 Datsun Pickup keeps on truckin'



Up-Coming Events

June

- Jun 19 NWDE general meeting (see inside back cover)
Jun 21 NWDE Autocross, Shelton WA
Jun 28 Greenwood Car Show

Summer Season

- Jul 4,5,6 SOVREN NW Historics, Pacific Raceways, Kent WA
Jul 6 Return to Renton Car Show & Cruise-In, Renton WA
Jul 11-13 38th Annual Portland Historic Races Featuring Datsun
Jul 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
Aug 31 End of Summer Datsun BBQ. Tacoma, WA
Sep 27 0th annual Japanese Classic Car Show, Long Beach CA

Need Parts?

- Wendy at Renton Younker Nissan has always been very helpful. She's been working in Datsun/Nissan parts departments for decades. 888-606-2305
- Riley Curtis at Lynchburg Nissan 888-691-9608
- Chad Smith @ Chico Nissan Hyundai 530-891-1777 ext 142



Minutes

NWDE Meeting Minutes May 16, 2014

Called to order at 7:38 by Tana at Yankee Grill, Renton

Attendees: Gordon, Tana, Don, Sandi, Nick Blenkush, Roger, Mark Moynihan, Jack, Steve C., Doug, Dave F., Antonio, Dan Robinson, Denny Sullivan

Treasurer's Report (Pete)

- We have approximately \$2700
- If T-shirt orders are in by June 1, we can have them in time for our autocross.

Autocross Planning

- Coming up on June 21 (Saturday) in Shelton
- Setup will be on Friday evening
- Still need more volunteers
- Since Friday the 21st would be our normal meeting date, there will be no June meeting [Update: It has been decided to hold the June meeting on Thursday June 19 at Yankee Grille]

Greenwood Car Show (Jack)

- We have 14 spaces paid for
- Location of our spaces has changed – please note the new location – we will be on 82nd

SOVREN Pacific NW Historics and Car Corral (Tana)

- Money is going in tomorrow

Return to Renton Car Show (Antonio)

- Sunday, July 6 at 6th and Burnett in Renton
- Meet at Yankee Grille
- \$20 entry fee, must be in by June 14

Yunker Nissan wants to host a car show with all our Datsuns

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25





Canby Datsun Show 2014

By Ted, 15 June 2014

We had a good time today at a wet Canby Datsun Show. NWDE club members Ted and Jack showed with 320 trucks and Stalwart Don Anderson showed his roadster in the rain!



Many of the Portland area DROPS (Datsun Roadsters of Puget Sound) folks were all there. Wayne had his RARE 1962 Datsun U320 double-cab pickup at the show. It was a real show stopper!





Canby 2014 (continued)

Good visiting all day long. 6 Roadsters were entered and DROPS Cleaned up with all 3 awards. I think the order, 1-3, was Tim C, John W and Mark? Anderson.

Jack K got 3rd in "Early Truck" with his 1964 Datsun Pickup.



Wayne got "best car in the Corral" with his Datsun U320.





Canby 2014 (continued)

Ex-DROPS member Alan got first in the “other” category with his Datsun Chinook camper.



Jack K was all smiles for the 400 mile drive. We just changed his differential. yesterday and he was cruising at 65-70. He has not gone that fast in the 40+ years he has owned the 320!



We all made the long trip without incident.



Another Car Show For Tana

Hi folks,

My brother and I both drove our classic cars to the Covington WalMart car show. There was a huge turnout again because of such nice weather. I think my brother was surprised at the large number of people who came to gawk at my car, ask questions and take photos. Many folks had old family Datsun stories to share. I wear my NWDE hat and let folks know about the club.

Then I went home, fed the critters and took my car on ANOTHER drive to a gal friend's house. Sure is fun to drive.

The carbs need a bit of tweaking as it runs rough for quite a while after I start it up, so if anyone has any time after Canby, I would sure appreciate any help. Also it seems to be going thru gas too quickly. I think the idle is set too low too, so I have to keep the choke out a bit to keep it from stalling when I slow down or stop. Otherwise, it is running great and I am doing better getting used to driving a clutch again, but my bad knee sure does not appreciate it!

Happy driving.

Tana



May Club Meeting

May 16, 2014 NWDE general meeting

Gordon decided to give Jack K a poster that had been hanging in his garage and Jack really liked it.



Also photos of our club patches and magnets that Tana is going to try to get reproduced





Datsun Matsuri 2014

by Ted Heaton

The 3rd Annual Datsun Matsuri at Kelowna, British Columbia – held on May 17, 2014 – was a great success. Matsuri (祭) is the Japanese word for a [festival](#), and a nice celebration it was! 12 Roadsters, about 12 Zs and two 510s. The weather was “iffy” but we had a dry day.



I drove my 1500 from the Vancouver area Friday AM with 5 other BC roadsters and a Z. Thanks to Mitch and Sylvie (I must not be spelling this right!) for the overnight stay on Thursday.





Datsun Matsuri 2014 (continued)



I camped out Friday night in the Provincial Forest West of Kelowna. The picture of my 1500 with the top up was for overnight rain protection, NOT driving!

Poor showing of Americans, as 2 of the 3 registered did not make it. I showed the USA Flag and my 1500 got "Best of Show". Came back Saturday night as weather outlook was not good for Sunday.



750 miles for the trip and did not get rained on!



BBQ at Sports Imports

By Ted H

Attended the BBQ at Sports Imports in British Columbia on Monday, June 9, 2014. 20 Datsuns! in the yard. Mostly Roadsters, a couple of Zs and my 320 truck.



Nissanman from Australia was there and he entertained us by speaking Australian. A Datsun guy from Down Under with a good sense of humor (in the pic with me).



Dave McPherson made the trip with me. BAD border crossing going North. 1 hour!! All the Canucks going home after making their cheap USA purchases.

Good food prepared by our favorite Vendor, Mr Ross.

Brought back straightened trim for Wayne and no fuss from the US border folks.

NO Border wait on the return.

A BIG turnout and thanks to Ross for hosting the BBQ.

Ted



NWDE Clothing Optional AutoCross

Saturday 21 June 2014, NWDE will be hosting its annual Clothing Optional AutoX.

As in past years this promises to be a fun, successful weekend of hosting the WWSCC Championship Event #4.

Where: Sanderson Field in Shelton, Washington

We named it Clothing Optional as a play on the pronunciation of our club's acronym: NWDE = "nude". Drivers are, however, expected to wear clothing in public.

Details can be found at <http://nwde.org>



Keep On Trucking – It’s Fun Again

By Jack K

It’s a big shout out to Joe E, Ted and Dave F. who all were instrumental in bringing up my “baby” to speed, literally. Over the weekend, Joe and Ted did a massive rear end swap to my 1964 Datsun Pickup rear end. The gears from a Datsun Roadster were fitted. WHAT A CHANGE. I don’t have to be in the slow lane doing 50 -53 mph. Now I can easily cruise at 60 mph all the way up to 70 mph.

On Sunday I even drove it over 400 miles to Canby, Oregon — the most miles I have put on it in 30 years. I even kept up with Ted and Don A. I won 3rd place in my division even after a late arrival and after the voting started.

I received a number of “looks” and thumbs-ups on the freeway during the trip which I haven’t received on the freeway since the speed limit was 55mph.

I can honestly say “trucking is fun again”. A big shout out to all NWDE members throughout the years who gave me support, advice and parts to make this happen.

All I can say is: KEEP ON TRUCKING!



Club Meetings

When: Third Friday each month (except June 19, Thursday)

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

Where: As of January 2014, the meeting will be at a NEW and more central location:

Yankee Grill

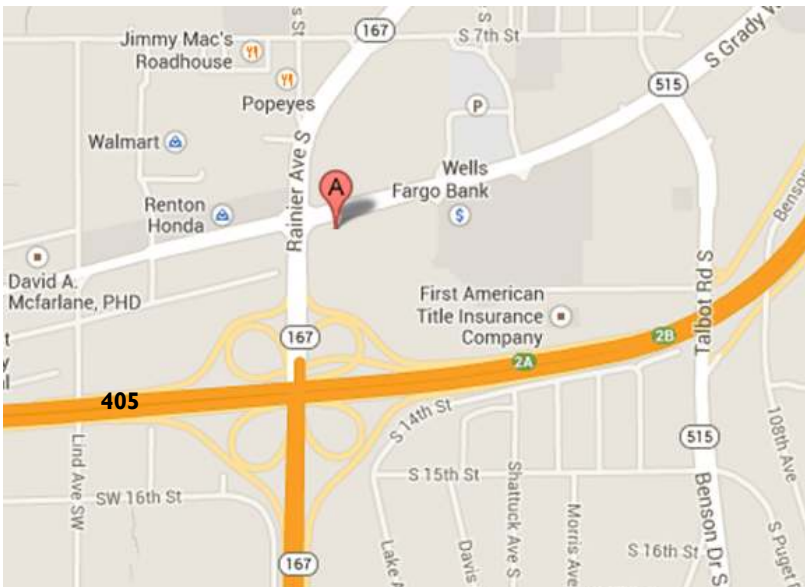
One South Grady Way

Renton WA 98057

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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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