



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.



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Cover: Jack’s Datsun 320 with Wild Horse Monument in the background



Up-Coming Events

Autumn Season

24 Nov NWDE General Meeting, Renton WA (see inside back cover)

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

Call for NWDE Officer Nominations

Hi folk,

As you know Jack K is moving to Spokane full time so he will no longer be our VP.

I have been President for several years and would appreciate it if someone else took a turn. I will continue to help out and make the annual award trophies and the autocross trophies.

If you have not taken a turn, then please consider it. Gordon and Pete have kindly offered to continue on with their duties if no one else is dying to take over.

Tana Bryan, president



Minutes

NWDE Meeting Minutes Friday, September 19, 2014

Tana presiding, called to order 8:00

Attendees: Gordon, Joanne, Roger, Steve, Cheryl, Rowland, Antonio, Art, Atchi, Michelle, Ted, Doug, Don, Sandi, Al-Michael, Tana, Dave, Jack, Pete, Mike

Treasurer's Report - Pete

- Current balance: \$2898.99 (Bank) plus \$341.37 (PayPal)
- Autocross report:

\$1150.00	Income
639.00	WWSCC (site rental, sanicans, entry fees)
200.00	BEAC (van & timing gear rental)
26.50	Staples (printing)

\$284.50	Net income

WWSCC report Pete

- Issue with allowing people to preregister, raises expectations of number of entrants and printing costs. People preregister for all events, then just show up at the ones they feel like attending.
- This led to a discussion about whether we should be putting on an autocross, considering the amount members are spending for room rentals, food, gas, etc. to make less than \$300 for the club. Committee was appointed (Don, Art, Gordon) to look at the situation.
- There have been issues with the WWSCC email list. This is in the process of being addressed

Stickers (Atchi)

- Stickers are available for \$2 each.

Banner/License plate frames

- Should we make a new banner and order new license plate frames using the new sticker design? See discussion at previous meeting. We still have lots of license plate frames of the old design.



Meeting Minutes (continued)

SOVREN Car Show (*Tana*)

- Reminder that there will be a Car Corral on Saturday Sept 27 at the last SOVREN event of the year.
- Registration is \$20 in advance or \$25 day of the event

Car show reimbursements (*Pete*)

- The question was raised whether we should go through with the idea of reimbursing members for attendance at car shows, considering the relative lack of income from this year's autocross. A number of members felt reimbursement was not necessary, that they would have gone anyway. It was decided that we should honor the commitment that we made but that any members who wanted to forego reimbursement could do so individually.

Chelan Car Show report (*Don & Sandi*)

- It was a great drive and a good show. Their car got lots of attention.

Saturday Tours (*Gordon*)

- At the last meeting it was proposed that we have some short one-day or half-day tours on the Saturdays following the club meetings
- Gordon prepared a tour for the day after this meeting but no one was prepared to attend.

Changing meeting date & time

- Several members commented on the fact that traffic down I-405 at the end of the day sucks, like 90 minutes to get to the meeting. That led to a discussion of changing the day of the meeting to a weekend, which seemed agreeable to everyone.
- And since we would then have more flexibility on the time, it would be nice to have it earlier in the day so we could spend more daylight time checking out each others' cars.
- Joanne suggested using SurveyMonkey to do an online survey to determine best day and time. Pete volunteered to put it together

Officer nominations next month

- Jack is moving back to Spokane, so he will not be able to be VP next year. He will still visit from time to time.
- Be thinking about who would like to fill that spot or any other. I'm willing to continue as Secretary unless someone has a burning desire to take that on.

We neglected to do introductions, but a new guy, Mike, showed up with a pickup that had been painted with truck bed liner?

Adjourned 9:05



Ain't No Trailer Queen

by Jack K

Drove my Datsun 320 pickup 300 miles in one day to Eastern Washington delivering furniture.



Got a lot of looks and honks especially "fully loaded". Pickup ran stellar and got 29mpg with no oil consumption. The following pictures are from Ryegrass Rest Stop, Vantage and Wild Horse Monument. The thrill is back in road tripping!



Moving Day

Moving day for Daves' Datsun at Tana's former Datsun and Mule farm. Tana is now muleless and Datsunless. What will she do with her free time?



Dave's new pet gets 2MPC (miles per carrot). Happily, the 2 mules are now in Oregon with a family with children who have other mules to hang out with. The children love their new pets.

Dave, on the other hand, is engineless. When will his NL Sport Truck be a road warrior again?





Multi-State Datsun Meet - Williams AZ

By Ted H

4 October 2014: Great Datsun show at Williams, Arizona today. 21 roadsters and 71 Datsuns in total.



Lots of nice trucks at the Williams meet.







NWDE Club Meet

by Ted H

Good turnout at the NWDE meeting in September.



New truck guy Mike (blue Nissan 720) found us through the NWDE.org website.





DEF and Jack arrived late (of course) with DEF's NL320 that was evicted from the Tana Mule and Datsun Farm.





JCCS 2014

By Ted H

Good day at the Japanese Classic Car Show today. 420 cars! Nine Datsun roadsters and a few nice old trucks and sedans. Weather was great.

John Baker in his recently finished red 1969 Datsun 2000 got first in Roadsters.

Mark with his just finished NL320 got second in Old Datsun.



The NICE survivor tan 1962 Datsun 312 got First





The wonderful 1960 Datsun 222 truck was there.





Tana's Datsun 411 Sold

Well the car was shipped to San Diego to a Navy family. The hubby loves classic cars and working on them. He said it changed all of the fluids and then took it on two long rides and really loves the car. So, sure makes me happy that it is going to get driven lots and used. Better than just sitting in my garage. By the way I got a really good price for it as I usually do for all cars that I sell. So if you want help selling a car, just let me know.

Tana Bryan

New Meeting Time?

Friday night traffic on I-405 cramping your style? Why do we have our meetings on Friday night? Good question. At this point, the idea of moving the meeting to Saturday or Sunday sounds like a pretty compelling idea. That also brings up the possibility of having the meetings earlier in the day so we have more daylight hours to check out each other's cars. Okay, also a possibly good idea—recognizing, however, that some people's weekends are already pretty busy.

- Saturday breakfast meeting could avoid traffic and darkness
- Sundays at 1:00 or 2:00? Less traffic . Or Lunch time and a Sunday drive after.

Let us know.



Club Meetings

When: Third Friday each month

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

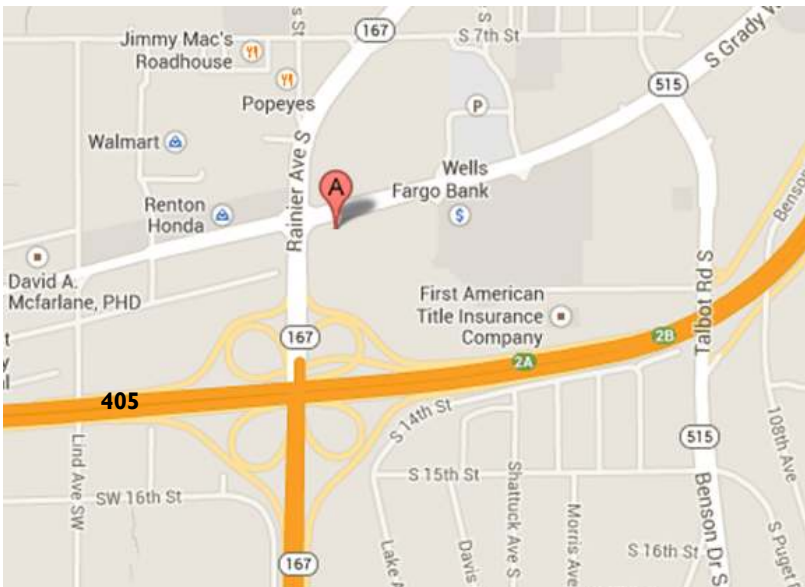
One South Grady Way

Renton WA 98057

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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