



# 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: Marty's Nissan 300ZX twin turbo with a Datsun 510*

## Up-Coming Events

### March 2015

8 NWDE general meeting (see inside back cover) followed by 2-hour drive up the Green River valley to Enumclaw and Mud Mountain.

### April 2015

12 NWDE general meeting



# Minutes

## NWDE Meeting Minutes Sunday January 11, 2015

*Meeting called to order at 1:25, Antonio presiding*

**ATTENDEES:** Gordon, Joanne, Antonio, Atchi, Art, Don, Pete P., Debbie, Tana, Curtis, Ted, Steve, Pete D., Bryce Wingard (new member), Doug, Shawn (B210) & friend, Craig & Rucey Erwin (new member), Jim Wallen (new member)

### **TREASURER REPORT:**

- Current balance \$2,147.70
- Down \$930 for the year 2014
- Yearly dues are due

### **ANNUAL PARTY:**

- 5:10 pm at Dave Firestone's place
- Address and directions sent to email list
- \$300 approved for BBQ food order

### **New Business**

- Car shows – Keeping Renton, Greenwood and SOVREN Historics
- Tours – we plan on having some this year
- Summer BBQ – Pete Dills offered to host at his house, prefers August time-frame
- Tech sessions – possibly do a tech session instead of a meeting
- Do we want to order more shirts? We only have t-shirts right now. Minimum order is a dozed, but size and style can be mixed

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Ted reported that Jack has been sick but will be at the Party
- Also mentioned that Curtis has been producing some great wiring diagrams
- Gordon, Don and Art met after the meeting to discuss ways of financing the club. Report will come later.

*Meeting Adjourned at 1:57*

### Drive Sunday 8 March 2015

Our March meeting is this Sunday at 1 at the Yankee Grill in Renton. Come and see your NWDE Brothers and support our local DATSUN Club. Come early for the usual parking lot "Gawk and Talk".

The weather forecast looks good so there will be a 2 hr drive after the meeting. Open to all Datsuns.. No tops up allowed for roadsters! If you just want to come for the drive, show up at the Grill for a 2:00 pm departure. Short drive up the Green River valley to Enumclaw and Mud Mountain.

- Ted

### New Datsun Windshields

ProSource Glass International has just received another shipment of Datsun Roadster windshields. This shipment is the Tall windshields, but they can get short ones, too. They also has 510, 620 and 520/521 windshields. They have distribution warehouses all over the US which can save you a ton on shipping.

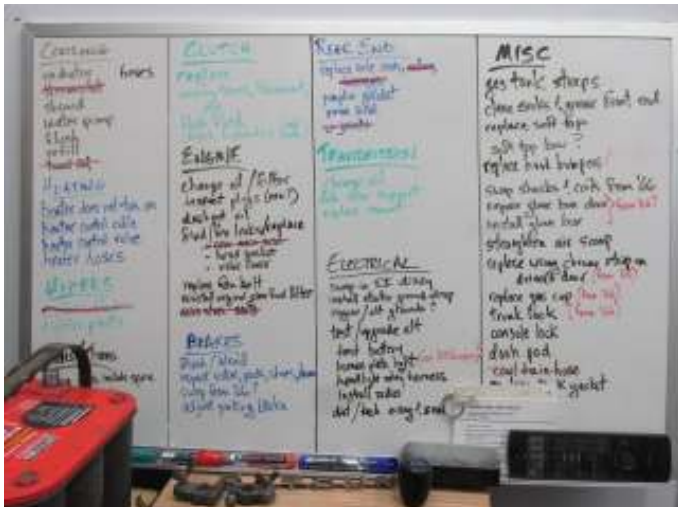
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To Do Before Summer ....





## NWDE End of Year Party

*By Ted Heaton*

FINE annual NWDE party on Saturday February 7, 2015 hosted by Dave Firestone. Around 25+ people were there. Thank Jack for picking up the tasty BBQ BBQ by Carolina Smoke.

Check out the Seattle area Datsun Glitterati in attendance. Great Food and Fun.



## NWDE End of Year Party (continued)

Before the party the officers were at Pete Peters place to plan the future path for NWDE. Check out Pete's "new" roadster and his old roadster with the only "diving bell" porthole hardtop!





## NWDE End of Year Party (continued)

The annual awards were voted.

Member of the year

Tana B.

Car(s) of the Year

Ted H.

Hard luck

Art B. for his year long carburetor  
and motor problems.







## NWDE End of Year Party (continued)

See what you missed if you were not there.

JOIN NWDE and be with us at the next party and our 2015 events.





## Datsun Sports Truck Sells for \$14,200

A guy bought Ted's 1964 orange NL320 and did a beautiful restoration, changing the color to blue & white two-tone. Then he put it on eBay and it sold for a record price. The sale price was fair, but nevertheless a very good investment for the buyer. It would very expensive to pay for this type of restoration. A fair bit of interest was shown with a total of nine bidders.



On the downside, the engine number did not match the Chassis ID tag and the wiper motor doesn't work. However, all rubber seals were replaced. Engine was not rebuilt but doesn't smoke, doesn't overheat, goes 55 mph. Furthest driven is 60 miles, original mileage unknown.

The rare Datsun 320NL will hopefully increase more in price over the next decade compared to a lot of other vintage foreign 'working class' vehicles.



## Club Meetings

**When:** Second Sunday of each month (**except December**)

**Time:** 1:00 pm. Folks usually arrive half-hour earlier to gather & gawk at vehicles, then order pizza.

**Where:**

**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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