



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: Roadster Owners



Up-Coming Events

April 2015

- 11 SCCA racing at Bremerton (see below)
- 12 NWDE general meeting
- April 19? DROPS Spring Pizza Meet
- 24-25 SOLVANG Datsun Roadster Classic. California

Summer

- May 16 Datsun Matsuri. Kelowna BC
- May 17 or 24? All Japanese Show. Vancouver BC
- June 13-14 Canby Datsun Show. Oregon
- June 27 Greenwood Car Show. Seattle
- July 5? Pacific NW Historics at Pacific Raceways. Kent
- July 12? Return to Renton Car Show
- July 17-18 Mt Shasta Roadster Meet. California
- August 9? Blue Lake Datsun Meet. Oregon
- August 16 Shedd Roadster BBQ. Oregon
- August 16? All Nissan Meet. Vancouver BC
- September 27? Japanese Classic Car Show. Long Beach, CA
- Oct 4? Multi State Datsun Meet. Williams AZ

Last Road Course at Bremerton

Northwest Region will be holding the last road course event at Bremerton Motorsports Park On Saturday April 11th . The Port will be reclaiming part of the site. This is your final chance to turn a wheel on a course that has loads of motorsport history dating back to the 50's. Saturday will be a Time Trials event offering levels from Performance Driving, Club Trials, and Track Trials. Entry fees are cheap, just \$135 for SCCA members and \$150 for non members. Sessions are 20 minutes and 80 minutes of track time. Pre-Register at <http://www.nwr-scca.motorsportreg.com> At track registration is available for \$25.00 additional. Registration at track is only open on Saturday from 7AM - 8AM!!! This event is for all levels of drivers. Hope to see you all there!! REGISTER TODAY!!

PS. There are no vendors at this event. Bring what you need.

Minutes

NWDE Meeting Minutes Sunday March 8, 2015

Meeting called to order at 1:25, Antonio presiding

ATTENDEES: Gordon, Tana, Roger, Ted, Ted Jr., Curtis, Steve, Cheryl, Antonio, Atchi, John V., Santosh, Don, Craig, Rucey

TREASURER REPORT: No treasurer's report, Pete not present

NEW MEMBERS

- Jim Bynes from Wenatchee is the previous owner of Antonio's car (so no more PO stories, Antonio!). He will probably attend more than Pete (ouch!).
- A GT-R owner named Harold stopped by the gaggle of roadsters before the meeting, but we couldn't get him to sign up.

OLD BUSINESS

- Annual awards from the banquet were presented:

Member of the Year	Tana
Hard Luck Award	Art
Car(s) of the Year	Ted
- Greenwood Car Show (June 27) Entry fee (\$25) needs to be to Don by May 1 AT THE LATEST. Attendees need to arrive by 6:00 am. Enter on NW 82nd St from the west side
- Antonio will organize the Return to Renton Show (July 12)
- Tana will organize the SOVREN Car Corral (July 4-5)
- Finance restructuring proposal was put together by the Board. Summary:
 - Membership increase to \$30/yr from \$24
 - No autocross
 - NWDEletter will be digital only with a few print ones for people who aren't online
 - Car show reimbursement program cancelled
 - Donations ("pass the hat") may be considered when necessary in order to fund a club event
- Steve C. questioned the need for the dues increase if expenses are being cut that much. Pete has numbers but wasn't available to answer the question.
- Gordon will forward email detailing the proposal

A driving tour will commence immediately following the meeting (Thanks, Ted!)

Meeting Adjourned at 1:55—Gordon Glasgow



Register for Greenwood by April 30

NWDE participates each year in the annual HUGE Greenwood car show. It will be Saturday June 27 this year. This is the most fun NWDE Event of the year.

Due to our past attendance we have a prime spot reserved for our Datsuns. BUT we need to register early to secure our spot. We must send in our registrations and payment together on April 30. NO late entries. We will not have extra places this year. Our street space is determined by how many register. You will not be able to park with NWDE unless you register with us.

Don Anderson is the event coordinator. Come to the NWDE meeting this Sunday to register and pay. OR complete the entry form and mail it and the \$25 entry fee to Don.

This is a NWDE event and you must be a NWDE member to join us. Come on and join and support our local Datsun Club. Dues are prorated so join now for cheap(er) and be with us at Greenwood.

This years special attraction will be the first car show entry of Steve C. WITH his Roadster!!

<http://www.greenwoodcarshow.com>

<http://www.nwde.org>, choose Membership

From Our Run-on Sentence Department

... comes this explanation of how to "fall down" the rear seat on a 411 wagon. Copied word for word from the owners manual.

TO MAKE CRAGO FLOOR

1. Raise the rear seat cushion with the leather pull fastener until it reaches to vertical position shown in figure.
2. Fall down the rear seat on the seat, and insert two stays at the both side of the floor on the top of the seat back into the small hole of the steel brackets on the back of the seat cushion.

Simple enough!

Courtesy of Tana Bryan



Green River Valley Drive

By Ted Heaton

March 8, after the NWDE General Meeting was a GREAT day for a drive. SUNNY and nearly 70! 8 roadsters showed up for the NWDE meeting and all 8 went on the drive.



Excellent turnout with a Z and a Maxima to make a total of ten cars for a good 100 mile route through Enumclaw to Mud Mt Dam.

We had a GT-R stop to pay tribute to his vehicle's predecessors. He even knew that his GT-R was a DATSUN!!





Green River Valley Drive (continued)

How about them BIG GT-R tires. 315/25Z22! Only about \$450 each!





Green River Valley Drive (continued)

NO problem — except that "MR HARNESS's" (Curtis) roadster engine was running poorly. Probably a wiring problem. LOL..



While we diagnosed the problem Ted acted as part cameraman, part peanut gallery.





Green River Valley Drive (continued)





Best Resale Values of 2014

Taken from the Seattle Times, Jan 11th, 2015.

Cars that will keep the best value from NADA guides from 2014 models.

Chevrolet Corvette Stingray	84.7 percent
Subaru Forester	81.8 percent
Toyota Highlander	78.8 percent
Toyota 4Runner	77.1 percent
Nissan Rogue	73.1 percent

News Submitted by Tana Bryan

Blast-Off From the Past



This was one of NWDE's big autocross races that we put on. Often had over 150 cars as our events were well run and done on time. This was about 1989 and I think at the Kent Boeing space center parking lots. It was a lot of fun back then and the location was so easy to get to that helped with the high numbers of turnouts.

Tana Bryan



Club Meetings

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

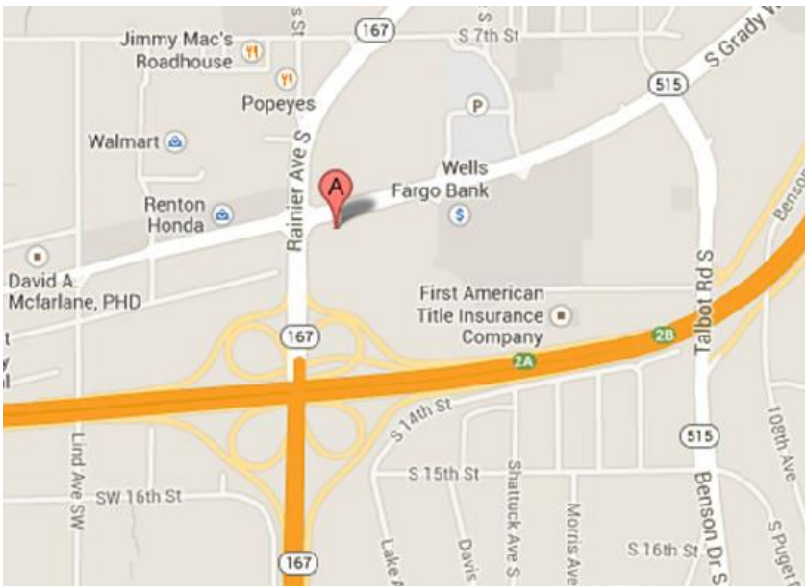
Time: 1:00 pm. Folks usually arrive half-hour earlier to gather & gawk at vehicles, then order pizza.

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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