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### 1934 Datsun

Because Japanese car manufacturers have grown so large and competitive in recent years, it's hard to believe that until the 1950s, Japan's motor industry remained stuck in its infancy. In the very late 1950s, Datsun and Toyopet (Toyota) began importing cars to the United States.

Japanese car history goes back a long way to the 1907 Takuri (and even a few earlier attempts at car building), but for half a century most Japanese cars were flimsy and underpowered. The illustrated 1934 Datsun had only 12 h.p. and would only do 45 m.p.h. at full throttle with its excessively low-g geared 6.5 to 1 rear axle!

Nissan had big plans for the Datsun, even in 1934. That year, allied with Mitsubishi, Nissan claimed sales outlets in Australia, France, India,

Iran, Germany, China, the Philippines, South Africa, England, Argentina, and elsewhere. A 1934 advertisement even stated that there were American sales distributors in Seattle, San Francisco, and New York City, though I've seen no record of any prewar Datsuns that were actually sold in the United States. However, Bob Snyder, of Yonkers, N.Y., owns a rare 1937 Datsun roadster. How it got to America, some years ago, is a mystery.

In the 1930s, in addition to their small sedans and roadsters, Nissan built a large Type 70 sedan (the "Special"), which was a copy of the American Graham of 1935-36. And, there was a 1935 Toyota that looked like a scaled down '34 Chrysler Airflow, though the Toyota had a one-piece windshield and pedestal headlights.

## GAS GAUGE OCTOBER 2010

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### Car show at City Church

I debated as to whether or not I was going to go to this show this year. The last time we went it was a very small show, I bet there wasn't 15 cars and most of them were hot rods and there was only 2 awards and they were given to Mustangs. Well I went anyway and was very

pleased. I was to start at noon so I went a about 11:15 only to find that there was about 75 cars already there. It not only surprised me it surprised the sponsors, they



were totally un prepared for the crowd. They ran out of hot wings very early in the day. They were going to have a wing eating contest and had no more wings so

they had to send out for more and almost ran out of those. The news paper said that approximately 175 cars showed up. We figured there was even more.



This turned out to be a great show. It could use a little more organization but all in all it makes me want to come to the next show.

They did raise about \$6000 for cancer research.

## TOMBSTONE TALES

On the twenty third of Sept we went to Resthaven Cemetery for their annual Tombstone Tales Presented by Crehst Museum.



Basically what they do is to have actors portray the pioneers that are buried there and tell their story. Turned out to be a pretty good show and we had a good showing of cars. Martha in her Packard Jack, with Peggy's Chrysler, Jim in his Vette, Jim Vetrano brought his Studebaker, Phil and his 42 Ford, John Nelson

and his screenside (with skeleton in the back to show the ravages of smoking Marijuana that he usually carries around in the back) and last but not least Bob Gough in his Pickup. I forgot Fred Fraser and his now running "T".



OH, and me of course in my Cruiser, I was there to arrest the moon shiner.

OH Crap!! I forgot to mention Ed Edwards came in his Model "A" and Dick Johanson Brought his Model "A" also.



## The Cork Mobile

Jim Ayers and others have done a frame up restoration of the "Cork Mobile" This , in case you don't know, is a replica of Cork Simmelink's screen side truck that is the trade mark of his Pharmacy. It was designed and constructed by Jim Vetrano, Dave Underwood, Bob McClary, Dennis Jackson, possibly others that I can't recall. It was built to be a playground toy for the kids at Cork's Place in Kennewick. Here are some pictures during construction, before restoration and after restoration.



In Dave Underwood's garage.

In Line X parking lot  
We had it sprayed with bed liner to weather proof it.



All done. Looks great huh?

Thanks guys I'm sure the kids appreciate your efforts.



## Nov Birthdays

1st	Beverly Rabe	22nd	Tom Beaver
2nd	Roy Holmes	24th	Joe Kuhns
8th	Greg Linden	26th	Cindy Underwood
9th	Chuck Sundgren	27th	Kathie Petty
10th	Frank Smith	28th	Jolene Kuhns
19th	Bob Ilten	30th	Oden Sanders

## Anniversaries

13th	Gill and Judy McGarity
22nd	Don and Marti Meyers

## Thoughts to ponder

*Good health is merely the slowest possible way a person can die*

*Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing*

*Don't worry about old age, it doesn't last very long*

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## Guess Who wrote this in the 4th grade

*The Wrong Kind Of a Man*  
Once upon a time there was a doctor who was young. He was training to be a doctor. He studied until it was time to answer his questions and the first one was: Why is mother's milk better than cow's milk. He thought and thought until he said, it is a simple question so I'll answer it simple, too! I said give three reasons. So he said first, it comes in a more beautiful container, and second: The cats can't get at it, and third: It is easy to take on picnics. So he never got to be a doctor.

## What's Happening

**11/06** W Richland Veterans Parade 8 AM

**12/17** Kennewick Christmas Party 6 PM  
Tony Roma's Gift Opt. < \$10.00

## Nov Prez Sez

### News and Tid Bits

Can you believe it is already November. Where has the year gone? A lot has happened this year. We have had a lot of good shows, and lots of great times.

October has been a fun month. It began with a good show of cars at the Pasco Senior Center on the 4th Sorry I had to work.

On the 16th. of October there was a real whopping turn out at the City Church on 10th Ave. There was a great showing from our club and many more clubs with a total of approximately one hundred and eighty cars, motorcycles, and trucks. The show took in over six thousand dollars to help fight kids cancer. Thank you all.

The 23rd of October was the "Tombstone Tales" in Richland. The show was very interesting and there were approximately eleven cars made it to the show, but the star of the show was Deputy Jackson, in his 41 "Chevy" cop car catching the moonshine whiskey distributors. (Good job) "DEPUTY DAWG"

On November 6th there is a Vets Parade in West Richland around 8:00 A.M Everyone try to make it.

That's about all until December 17th. At Tony Roma's at 6:00 P.M. for our yearly Christmas party We will have a \$10.00 gift exchange for all who want to participate.

There will be an election of new officers. Please think about who you want to be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. We are looking for candidates in each of these positions.....

See you all on Wednesday bring a friend and help the club grow.

Don't forget to winterize your cars