



Wizards Chatter Online: Official Newsletter of the Border Street Rod & V8 Club



Episode 13: Featured Ride - Datsun P510 Featured Member - Barry Gradwell

For as long as I can remember, I have always had a passion for motor cars and engines, however, there is one brand that just does it for me, its the Datsun P510. Sometimes I think I was born in the wrong era, as I would have loved to buy a new one off the showroom floor in the late 60's, early 70's, instead, the cars were born before I was even thought of!!!! For some reason, I am very attached to these cars, I think the sales logo back in the day got me interested, "Take off the hubcaps and you have a rally car!!!", or even, "The BOSS has arrived", not to mention that unique independent rear suspension, that Subaru still uses today.....

Since you cannot buy these new off Nissan's showroom floor anymore I decided to restore my old Datsun and make it like new again. Below are a few photographs of the motor and gearbox sliding out. With Johan's hoist and Kevin's helping hand, the Datsun's motor and gearbox slid out of its normal position like a wounded wharthog would slip through mud. Unfortunately, I am not going to do the body-work myself, however, Arc and Auto, same guys who re sprayed my Exa have been given the privilege of taking care of the spray job and body. Colour will stay the same, at this stage, and maybe a few less decals, although I have not made up my mind completely yet.

I think the power plant might change too, not 100% sure to what exactly, but it will be either Datsun or Nissan.....

All in all, I am very excited about my project and I'm sure it will be something exciting and maybe a little different when it makes it's next appearance at our club. As I go along, I will send Bruce a few pics to slot into our newsletter, just to keep you informed of my progress.

Many thanks and regards
Barry

