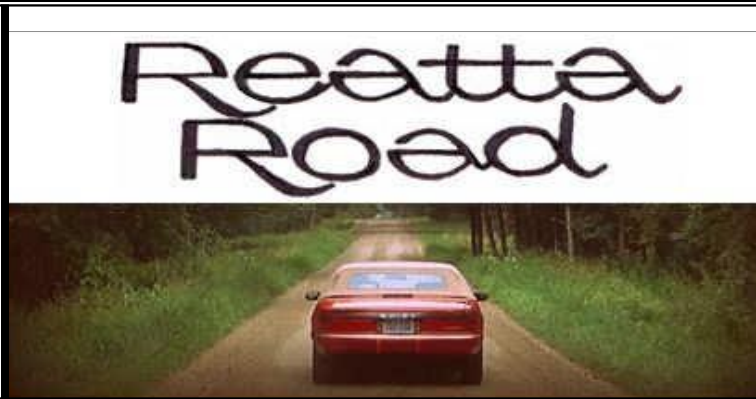




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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Marck Barker



Wow what a summer! In July my wife Kaitlyn and I drove over 8,600 miles in our blue '88 Reatta to the Buick National Meet in Spokane, Washington. We camped along the way in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks, so the Reatta was packed tight!

We had an excellent Reatta Rendezvous with 8 total Reattas in attendance. Thanks to Assistant Director Alan for planning a great day of cruising!

After the Buick meet, Kaitlyn and I drove to Olympic National Park for a few more days of camping, then down through Oregon, Northern California and then home! 30 days and 8,650 miles. And not a moment of trouble from the Reatta!

We were home for just under three weeks (just in time for some oil changes and installation of a set of our new rear shocks) and we packed up 5 Reattas (three driven, two trailers) to head up to the Reatta Homecoming at Back to the Bricks! We had 73 total Reattas in attendance making it the largest gathering of Reattas to date!

Sunday we led a drive to the site of the former Reatta Craft Centre with 22 Reattas. Our group photo (page 4) includes the flag that flew over the factory back in the day.

You can view over 250 photos from the event here: tinyurl.com/ReattaFlint. We will also be posting videos from both presentations and other content from that event on this site over the next few weeks.

Thank you to everyone who attended these events and made them great. These car events are made special not just by the cars, but by the wonderful people we meet along the way!



*Designer David McIntosh signing Scott Flack's glove box! He won the Designer's Choice Award with a 1991 Buick Reatta convertible .
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In Mammoth Lake, California ski resort on the way to the BCA National Meet -Paul Gomborg photo.

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2023 Reatta Club Rendezvous Cruise

Alan Thiese

The Reatta Club cruisers for 2023 began their day with breakfast at The Old European Breakfast Restaurant in Spokane, Washington. We enjoyed getting to know each other while we studied all of the wonderful options on the menu. Everyone enjoyed their breakfast based on many positive comments voiced by club members as we exited Old European. After breakfast, we headed out for Steptoe Butte State Park.

The cruise was led by Alan and Sandy Thiese driving their 2018 GMC Acadia, due to their 1990 Reatta resting at home with a brake fluid leak at the right rear tire location. Following us were Mark Barker in his Blue 88 Coupe, Stanley Held and Karen Fletcher in their Blue 90 Coupe, Larry May & Susan Clausen in their 90 red coupe, Ruben Estrada in his 91 red coupe, Tom Skinner & Kay Comin in a red 90 coupe, Paul and Loni Gomberg in their blue 90 convertible, and George & Susan Yerion in their 90 red convertible.

Photo: Marck Barker



The Steptoe Butte visit was a blast. Seven Reattas climbed to the top of the Butte with ease. As we wound our way up to the top, there were no guard rails, and the narrow road was full of chuck holes which made for lots of maneuvering. Once we arrived at the top we took pictures and enjoyed the views of the wheat fields of the Palouse area below. Following our mountaintop water break, we headed back down and made our way to Pullman, WA for lunch.

John Best and his friend Tony Wood met us at the restaurant in Pullman. They had to wait for us for a while as we were almost an hour late for our reservation. John's Reatta is a gold 90 coupe which blended well with all the red and blue ones.

We enjoyed our lunch at the Birch and Barley Restaurant, and they treated us very well in spite of our delayed arrival. Everyone seemed to enjoy their lunches which were chosen from a very lengthy menu. Following lunch, we headed East to Moscow, ID, another college town, and then north to Worley, ID where the Coeur D' Alene Casino Resort is located. Due to our late lunch, we decided to scratch the planned group dinner and go Dutch treat for those who wanted to stay, play in the Casino for a while and then have dinner. Some of the group played for a while, and others opted to head back to the host hotel in Spokane. Sandy and I played for a while, and when we had made our usual casino contributions we departed with our stomachs still full from lunch.

It was a pleasure meeting all of these Reatta Club members and spending a very hot and delightful day with them. See you Reatta Owners next year in Strongsville for the 2024 Cruise.

Photo: Marck Barker



BCA's National Meet in Spokane, WA

The BCA held their annual National Meet July 12th -15th in Spokane, WA. There were eight Reattas at the show. There was a Reatta Rendezvous that was enjoyed by all that attended it. The winner of the Reatta Division sponsored long distance awards were: Pre-war long distance award went to Bill McLaughlin in his 1929 McLaughlin Buick Roadster from Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Post-war long distance award went to John Di Fiore in his 1956 Buick Super from Schenectady, New York.

We held our annual Reatta Division meeting Saturday afternoon. Though no meeting minutes were taken as there was nothing to report and no changes to be made.



Photo: Marck Barker

Reatta Homecoming at Back to the Bricks - By Bob Spagnola

We were quite the sight Thursday morning as 7 Reattas caravan from Durham, North Carolina to Flint, Michigan.

Thank you to Marck and Kaitlyn Barker of East Coast Reatta Parts who worked tirelessly to create one of the most memorable car events I've been to: The Reatta Homecoming at Back to the Bricks in Flint, Michigan. Our friend Paul shipped his car from Texas to be part of the caravan. How special!

The event far exceeded my expectations by a lot!

It was wonderful meeting new friends and seeing long time friends.

Back to the Bricks is an annual event that is really two giant car shows combined into one. Buicks were always built in Flint, Michigan. So one part of the show is dedicated to Buick. The other part of the show is 4,000 plus show cars parked all throughout the streets of Flint.

This year the featured Buick marque was Reatta. 73 of these beautiful two seat handcrafted personal luxury vehicles showed up for this event from all over the country.

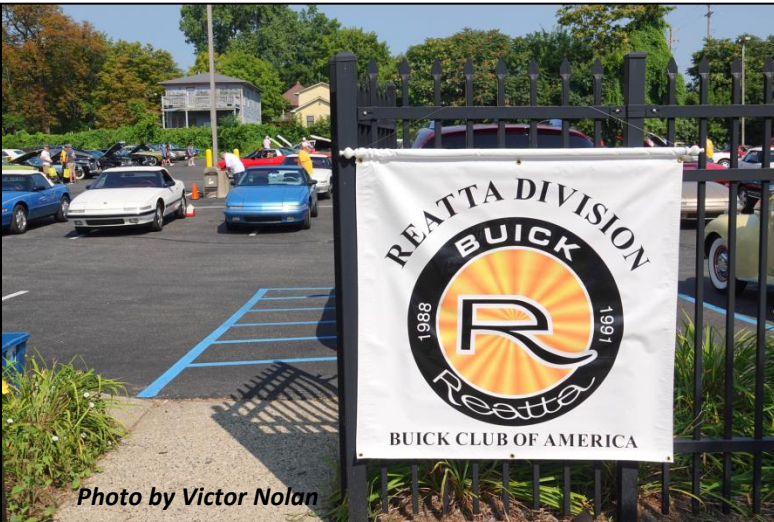
In addition to all the beautiful show cars everywhere, we were treated to an educational presentation by David McIntosh. David was the designer of the Buick Reatta! We learned so much about our little cars' 8-year development process. After his fascinating presentation, Dave answered questions, stood for photographs, and gave autographs.

But wait there's more!

Sunday, we caravanned to the manufacturing site where our cars were built. When we arrived, Marck had arranged for professional photography including drone shots of us in our cars at the birthplace. It was the perfect end to a perfect weekend.

I am so thrilled and honored to have been a part of this historical event!

Reatta Homecoming at Buicks on The Bricks



More Reattas on the Bricks



Photo by Victor Nolan



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Photo by McGraw Multimedia.

CARS FOR SALE

1988 Coupe, Red/Beige. I was going to restore. I no longer can and do not want it junked. I am in **Newark, De.** \$500. 302-650-7208 (5/23)

1989 looking for new home. Classic car with touch screen before Tesla! **141k miles, Red w/ Grey interior;** sun roof; records avail. \$10K obo. Seattle WA area. **Katrina 206-931-1545 cell; katsell@fastmail.com**

1990 Convertible, White/White Top/Blue Interior, Estate Car, \$9000 OBO. 57000 miles. Runs good. Good interior and body. Six Way Seats (not working). Needs tires, TLC. **Mike Jones, Anderson, IN Call 765-644-00244 or Email miketiltent@comcast.net (5/23)**

1990 Convertible, white with a tan leather interior, White Vinyl Top (Excellent condition - no leaks) There's 65k and change mileage on it. Garage kept. OEM am/FM cassette w/ equalizer, Power seats - 14 way power driver seat. Comes with OEM Service and Parts Manual, trickle charger, car cover. **201-529-2556 (leave message).** (5/23)

1990 Convertible Red/Tan Top/ Tan Interior. 115,000 miles, excellent condition, always garaged. Located in **Punta Gorda, Florida.** \$4,500 Firm. Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars. Call **631-831-4307.** Ask for Jim. (12/22)

1990 Coupe, Black/Dove Gray Interior, 140,000 miles. Good Condition, Needs Instrument Cluster Repair, \$2,000. **Also available, Parts:** Front Bumper – Grill, Windshield, Rear Light Panel, \$500. **Call Nick after 6 PM Eastern Time, Queens, NY, 1-718-347-1619 (10/22)**

1990 Coupe, Maui Blue, gray interior. 144,000 miles, new tires. Runs great. New Battery. \$5,000. Located in Salem, CT. Photos available. **Call Tom at 860-859-1125. (5/23)**

1990 Red Coupe, beige interior, 137,000 miles, body, interior and engine in good condition. Located north Chicago suburb. **Requesting \$4,200. Call 847-778-8193cp (9/23)**

Wanted: 1991 Reatta coupe, no sunroof. Looking for nice condition car with reasonable miles. Call or email: **Mike Book - 614-753-7071 - aulmike@aol.com**

3 Reattas package \$11,000 - 1990 convertible - black with tan top and interior, 56,000 miles . **1990 coupe - white** with tan interior, 96,000 miles, one owner sunroof project car, these two are in **Madison, WI.** **1990 coupe - parts car,** red with a tan interior, located in **Omaha.** For info **Call 402-690-5197 or email treyjay1@gmail.com. Pictures available. (9/23)**

Classified ads will run for one year (4 issues) and then be dropped, unless editor is notified to continue the ad. Please notify editor, if car is sold.

REATTA PARTS/LITERATURE FOR SALE

Original “Barney cranks” are still available. Steel replacement headlight bellcranks are \$40 ea. (\$35 ea. to BCA members). Kits that include bellcrank, rollers & up-stop instructions are \$45 (BCA members \$40). Rebuilt Reatta headlight motors, \$55 per side. Plastic wing nuts and receptacles (to hold the cover in the rear of the engine compartment) \$2 each plus \$2 shipping. Rebuilt power antenna W/steel cord \$75 (+\$15 return shipping). Trunk lock cover repair kits \$15. Custom Reatta car covers and all other cars in 14 fabrics and several colors, also 7 sizes of motorcycle covers (call for prices on covers). **Call Barney @ (512) 869-5114 for info or Reatta tech assistance or email: barneyeaton1@gmail.com. Barney Eaton, 20111 Deerfield Dr., Georgetown, TX 78633.**

Largest selection of **Reatta parts** in the country. You name it we have it. Parts and technical support available. We ship world wide. Call or email with your needs. **Orders@EastCoastReattaParts.com, (919) 233-1973.**

Nice Black used convertible top, good condition, has 1 tear the size of a nickel which has been covered with similar material, **\$100 plus shipping. Frank: (248) 593-6391**

Reatta Literature: over 125 pieces. **John Kilbane, North Royalton, Ohio. Call (440) 552-6932.**

VERY LARGE REATTA MEMORIBILIA COLLECTION FOR SALE. This collection which was previously referenced in the Bugle December 2008 edition consists of over 750 individual items totaling over \$20,000.

The collection includes literature, posters, videos, illuminated signs, promo items, various magazines featuring Reatta and many very rare items some of which were acquired directly from the library at the Reatta Craft Centre in Lansing, Michigan. Many Reatta parts are also for sale.

There is a separate smaller collection of general Buick items available. The owner will be moving soon and will no longer have the four car Reatta Garage which currently houses this vast collection of interesting items. Offers for the entire collection will be considered.

A list and photos of the items and pricing may be requested by contacting **Charles Parry at (315) 383-0707 (call or text), or email: gm33@twcnny.rr.com.**

Lots of Reatta parts from 175 parts cars. Located in a salvage yard in Tucson, AZ. **Call Roger McCrone at (520) 977-5463.**

Reatta parts.....21st year.....Large inventory at very reasonable prices. I also have exact reproductions of the convertible visor clips in all factory colors. Contact Jim Finn at **reattas60@gmail.com**

I am still in shock to have my car picked by David McIntosh for the designer's choice award. Thanks so much! Scott Flack

So Saturday I took my 1991 Buick Reatta convertible up to the Buicks on the Bricks car show in Flint Michigan where the Buick factory is. These cars are extremely rare (less than 200 sold) and are virtually impossible to find. Mine is black with tan (saddle) leather interior. There were only five built in this color combo, which is perfect for me since I'm a Purdue Alum. There were about 70 Reattas that came to the show.

The designer of the Reatta, David McIntosh, gave an hour long talk about the development of the car beginning in the early 80's.

At the end of his talk, they gave out the designer award for David's favorite Reatta at the show. Shockingly my 1991 won the award! 😊. I was totally surprised.

I even got David McIntosh to sign my glove box!



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CLUB HATS AND VISORS



The Reatta Division has purchased hats for sale from Lands End: 3 colors are available: red, black and white (adjustable size) – all with the Sunburst Logo.

Also available white visor with "Reatta" in script.

All are \$15 each plus shipping for Reatta Division members (\$20 each non-members). Please contact Anne Gibson (agibson36@gmail.com or (336) 599-9589 to order.



Photo by McGraw Multimedia.



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This morning was full of fun filming a group of pristine Buick Reattas as they came home to their factory site in Lansing. GM built these rare two-seaters from 1988-91. *Marck Barker*



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*Reatta
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MEMBERSHIP & DIVISION INFORMATION

Reatta Division dues are still only \$10/year and can be paid for up to 3 years at a time. You can either mail a check payable to the Reatta Division to me via "snail mail", or you can pay online through PayPal. The PayPal account is: ReattaClub@gmail.com

Please note that a **pink** highlighter mark on the RDIV number on your mailing label means that your Reatta Division dues are either due or past due. In order to continue receiving the Reatta newsletter, your RDIV membership status needs to be current.

Please make checks payable to: **REATA DIVISION, BCA**

Send all dues payments and address changes (include your RDIV # on your check) to:
SECRETARY/TREASURER, JERRY RICHSTEIN, 4798 Grants Way NE, Marietta, GA 30066

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