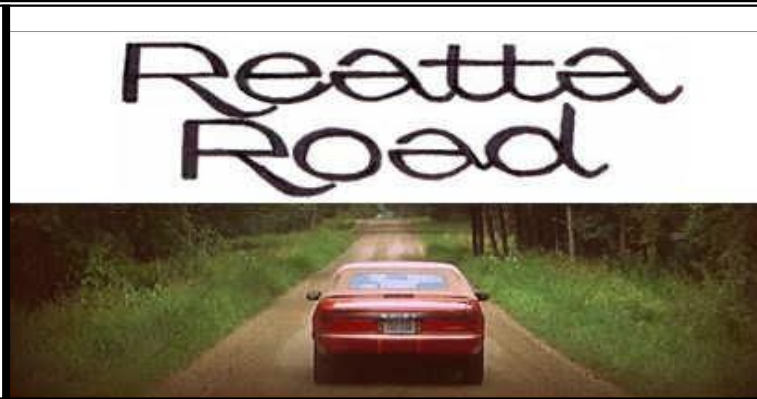




DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Marck Barker



Spring is here! At least in North Carolina it is. We have warm weather, trees and bushes blooming, and tops going down on convertibles!

I just got back from The Amelia in Florida where we had three Reattas as part of the Radwood display. A 1991 convertible, 1991 coupe and 1990 convertible. I also took my 1989 and 1987 Rivieras.

I'm getting excited for the great Reatta Rendezvous that Chip is planning for us this year in Ohio (see page 2) and am looking forward to meeting member Keith and his beautiful 1991 Reatta and many other members! I hope you'll be making the trip to join us on the Rendezvous and for the rest of the Buick National meet this year!

This year is an election year for the Reatta Division as well. So if you are interested in stepping up to become our new director, assistant director, or secretary/treasurer, please let me or any of the other officers know! Our contact info is all on page 7. We

particularly need the Assistant Director position filled as our current Assistant Director Alan Thiese has resigned due to personal reasons. Duties of the assistant director largely include planning the annual Rendezvous which will be in Concord, NC next year.

I have been talking with some Cascada owners about potentially expanding the Reatta division to include these newer Buick convertibles. I know probably a dozen current and former Reatta owners who own Cascadas, and I think it would be a very logical addition to the Division. If you have input on this subject, or even thoughts on a new name that would include both Reatta and Cascada owners, please let me know!

Lastly, just a reminder that YOU are what makes this newsletter great! I love reading stories like Keith submitted (page 3) of how you ended up with your Reatta(s). So please submit your articles/photos to Elizabeth soon!

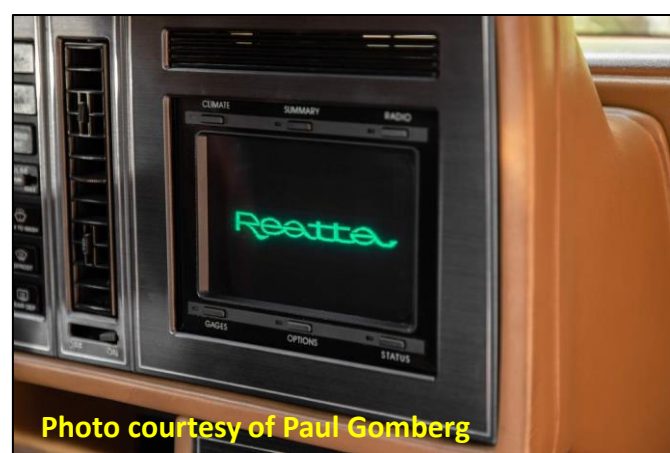


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Deadline for Spring Issue is June 1, 2024.

Reatta Rendezvous Information

Plans are under way for our Reatta Club Rendezvous during the July Buick National Meet in Strongsville, Ohio. The Host Hotel is just a couple minutes from the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, (entrance is free), which our drive will take us through. It is very scenic and away from traffic and red lights. We will convene at a spot for a great group photo, and commence through a little Ohio town to have our meal, picnic style (outside) with a catered barbecue dinner.

We'll take a different route to go back to the hotel, with an Ice Cream stop along the way. Our usual schedule is to do this on Thursday of show week, July 11th. We are being mindful of the BCA tours going on each day, and I encourage you to pick the attractions that interest you. Our rendezvous will commence at the host hotel, gathering people and cars at about 5:15, and leave at 5:30.

I look forward to seeing you, in OHIO!!

Chip Aeppli
Reatta Advisory Board



Cuyahoga Valley National Park preserves and reclaims the rural landscape along the Cuyahoga River between Akron and Cleveland in Northeast Ohio.

The 32,572 acre (50.9 sq mi; 131.8 sq.km) park is administered by the National Park Service, but within its boundaries are areas independently managed as county parks or as public or private businesses. Cuyahoga Valley was originally designated as a National Recreation Area in 1974, then redesignated as a National Park 26 years later in 2000, and remains the only National Park that originated as a national recreation area.

Cuyahoga Valley is the only National Park in the state of Ohio and one of three in the Great Lakes Basin, with Isle Royale National Park in Lake Superior and Indiana Dunes National Park bordering Lake Michigan. Cuyahoga Valley also differs from the other National Parks in America in that it is adjacent to two large urban areas and it includes a dense road network, small towns, four reservations of the Cleveland Metroparks, eleven parks of the Summit Metro Parks, and public and private attractions. It was the ninth-most visited American National Park in 2022, attracting more than 2.9 million visitors and placing it ahead of Glacier National Park.

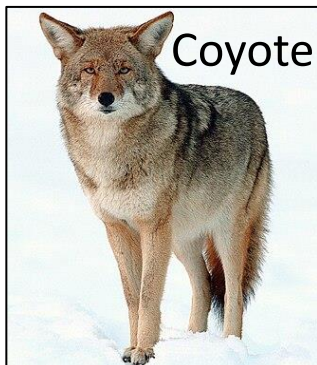
Animals found in the park include: raccoons, muskrats, coyotes, skunks, red foxes, beavers, peregrine falcons, river otters, bald eagles, opossums, three species of moles, white-tailed deer, Canadian geese, gray foxes, minks, great blue herons, and seven species of bats.

Bald Eagle

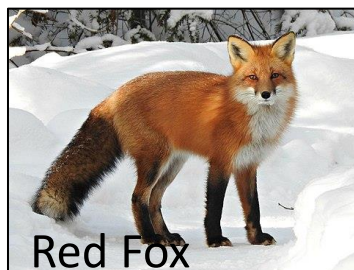


Park Info from Wikipedia

Coyote



Red Fox



Peregrine Falcon



My Car Story

The story of how I acquired my 1991 Reatta is not terribly interesting. I did not find it in an old barn or complete a total restoration. My father-in-law passed away at the young age of 66 from cancer. My mother-in-law reconnected with an old high school boyfriend, Jack, several years later. My mother-in-law lived in Ohio and Jack lived in California. After several months of phone conversations and long-distance visits Jack moved to Ohio. Jack's frequently used password was "carnut" so it wasn't strange that he brought two very nice cars with him from California, an old Mercedes and a 1991 Buick Reatta. Jack had purchased the Reatta from a dealer in Santa Monica in 1998 for \$12,600 with 43,800 miles on the odometer. Jack did not drive the car often while in California or Ohio and it sat in his garage through every cruel Ohio winter. While in Ohio, Jack purchased a 1989 Reatta which he used for more daily driving, but he only kept the '89 Reatta for a few years before he sold it. He chose to keep the more rare 1991 since it was the last year of production and only approximately 1,200 of the coupes had been produced compared to approximately 7,000 in 1989. Sadly Jack passed away in 2013 and shortly thereafter I purchased the '91 Reatta from my mother-in-law.

The beauty of my Reatta is that it is nearly original. It currently has 52,000 miles and is still on its second set of tires. The only repair or replacements that have been done are the once sagging headliner, the headlamp cranks and a few batteries. The car sits in my garage most of the time. My wife and I take it out occasionally in the summer to the local wineries. I'll also take it to some local car shows. At a classic car show this past summer in Willoughby, OH a fellow Reatta owner who brought his car from Warren, OH, commented that Reattas don't get any respect at car shows. Even though we may not win too many car show awards or sometimes not get the respect we deserve it is fun when people admire the car and tell me "I always wanted one of those" or "I used to own one of those" or even the occasional "what is it?".

I volunteer every year at the Concours d'Elegance on Hilton Head Island. So far, no Reattas have been on display. Maybe someday soon a Reatta will be invited to a Concours d'Elegance and they will then start getting the respect they deserve. The 2024 Reatta Club Rendezvous Cruise is in Strongsville, Ohio this summer. I look forward to meeting many Reatta owners this summer in Strongsville. See you this summer!

Keith Nagy

Painesville, OH



1990 BUICK

REATA

Exterior Colors (Clearcoat Paint)



Arctic White • Code 40



Black • Code 41



Sterling Silver Metallic • Code 13



Gunmetal Gray Metallic • Code 85



Light Driftwood Metallic • Code 33



Maui Blue Metallic • Code 23



Bright Red • Code 81



Claret Red Metallic • Code 76

Convertible Tops

Diamond I Vinyl



White • Code 11T



Saddle • Code 58T

Sta-fast Cloth



Red • Code 76T



Blue • Code 28T



Black • Code 19T

***Buick Fleet Manual for model year 1990 from Chip Aeppli
(ED) Some of the colors are a little off but the numbers should be correct.***

1990 BUICK

REATA

Reatta Coupe/Convertible • Bucket Seats

Ultra-soft Leather Interior



• Full-length operating console — standard • Manual recliners (driver and passenger) — standard • 6-way power driver and passenger seats — standard • 16-way adjustable driver's seat (includes passenger power seat recliner) — extra cost

Reatta Coupe and Convertible • Bucket Seats — Standard (16-way Adjustable Driver's Bucket Seat — Extra Cost)

Ultra-soft Leather and Sierra-grain Vinyl



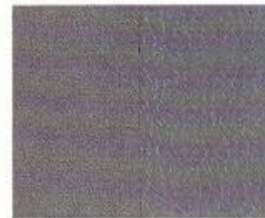
Blue — Trim Code 991
(16-way — Trim Code 981)
Exteriors: 13, 23, 40, 85



Red — Trim Code 999
(16-way — Trim Code 989)
Exteriors: 13, 40, 41, 76



Saddle — Trim Code 996
(16-way — Trim Code 986)
Exteriors: 33, 40, 41, 76, 81



Slate — Trim Code 993
(16-way — Trim Code 983)
Exteriors: 13, 23, 40, 41, 76, 85

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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 Coupe Red/ Beige 80K Miles, just replaced CRT. Going from 3 Reattas to 2. Runs good. **Call Brad 678-543-3727 Atlanta, GA (3/24)**

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 cell 206-931-1545 katsell@fastmail.com (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 Coupe, Maui Blue, gray interior. 144,000 miles. Daily Driver, Runs great. New battery on 8/31/23. Fairly new Windshield. Repaired the radio and cassette player on 4/22/22. Four new tires at 141,733 miles on 6/10/21. New Alternator on 7/20/23. **\$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)**

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)**

1990 Convertible, white/tan/tan, 137,500 miles. The body and interior are in good condition. The Convertible top has a 6 inch slit in it & was "made waterproof" by an upholstery shop with a silicon patch. It has a clean title, current registration, and a current smog certificate required by the state of California. Located in San Francisco bay area, **\$5,000, Phillip Sanders, 925.330.6320 (3/24)**

1990 Convertible White/White/Red interior. New white convertible top 2023. Miles 38,126. Winter stored till late April 2024. Body interior and engine in very good condition. **\$11K obo. Walden New York. Please leave message at my Hair Salon for Jeanette 845-564-2590. (3/24)**

1990 Convertible: Claret, Saddle top, Saddle interior with 49K miles. Original CA car, NJ "summer" driver since 2016. Lost winter storage, retired and downsizing with 2 other Buicks. **Hagerty Ins Avg. is \$7,400 - Asking \$8,000. Ed 848-466-0796, ejh213@hotmail.com (3/24).**

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

REATA 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 REATA 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**

New Members - Welcome

First Name & Spouse	Last Name	City	State
Bob & Anne	McConnell	London	OH
Kenneth	Gladding	Poestenkill	NY
Daniel	Heikkinen	Ann Arbor	MI
John	Best & Lisa Bullock	Seattle	WA
George & Susan	Yerion	Gooding	ID
Rob	MacMillan & Sandy Rosenberger	Souderton	PA
Robert	Cox	Simpsonville	SC
Alexander	Johnston	Seville	OH
Donald	Massaro	Half Moon Bay	CA
James	Shawley	Derry	PA
Richard & Karen	Durbin	Chattanooga	TN

Keith Nagy's 1991



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 or (336) 599-9589 to order.

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LAND'S END STORE FOR MEMORABILIA

<https://business.landsend.com/store/reatta>

MEMBERS ONLY PASSWORD FOR THE REATA DIVISION WEB SITE IS:

Buick3800 (CASE SENSITIVE).

PLEASE NOTE THIS WILL APPEAR HERE IN EACH NEWSLETTER. CHECK EACH NEWSLETTER FOR A NEW PASSWORD. IT WILL CHANGE FROM TIME TO TIME.



Photo courtesy of Paul Gomberg

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

NOTE: All Reatta Division members are required to be members of the national organization, Buick Club of America, of which we are an authorized division. Please note that a **blue** highlighter mark on your BCA number on your mailing label means that you are not a current member of the BCA. In order to continue receiving the Reatta Division newsletter, your BCA membership status needs to be current. The national organization can be contacted at: **BUICK CLUB OF AMERICA, % Cornerstone Registration, Ltd., PO Box 1715, Maple Grove, MN 55311-6715; PHONE: (763) 420-7829; FAX: (763) 420-7849; EMAIL: bca@cornerstonereg.com**

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