



Reatta Road



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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Marck Barker



Hi all, I just returned from a 2 week trip out west to pick up a gorgeous red 1990 Reatta convertible with only 8,600 original miles on it. This car is truly impeccable. And as someone who has bought a ton of Reattas, I can firmly say this is probably the nicest, most original one I have ever owned. I don't think the car has even ever been in the rain!

Along the way I met several Division members and helped them with their Reattas. While in Phoenix, I hosted a Reatta owners get-together and pizza party at my hotel. I believe we had 9 Reattas total throughout the evening. Fun was had by all!

I'm really looking forward to the Auburn, Indiana AACA/Buick show July 2-3. I know several of you are coming and I hope to see quite the turn out of Reattas there! I will probably be driving my 1991 Grey/Flame Red coupe (featured in the March 2020 Buick Bugle). Unless I get industrious and decide to trailer my new red convertible to the show.

As you'll find on page 4 we've gotten quite a few new members in the past year, and our division is growing! If you know Reatta owners in your area, please invite them to join the BCA and the Reatta Division. And don't forget you can now join and renew easily on our website Reatta.org!

I hope to meet some of y'all at shows this summer!



Phoenix



1990 Convertible with 8,600 Miles

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HOW I GOT MY REATTA

Will C Smith

I had never heard of a Reatta till June 2020. I had a 1997 Ford Explorer with a lot of miles and some Shade tree modifications I was looking to trade. Found a Facebook ad of someone wanting to sell their Reatta or Trade for Something bigger. My Explorer was bigger so we made the trade. Now my Daughter will be driving it for her first car.

Fran Frisk Lenyo

We were in one of our local Advance Auto Parts stores getting parts for one of our cars. I was looking through a cars for sale book when I mentioned to the clerk that I really liked Reatta's but they are hard to find because so few were built. He said there was one sitting on a used car lot about a mile away. I drove over and there was the cutest little red car sitting there looking lonely. The salesman asked if I'd like to take it for a test drive. I did and noticed the brakes were not very good. They wanted \$2600 for it. Just for the heck of it I offered \$1800. I was surprised when he agreed to that price. Luckily, my husband is a car mechanic so fixing the brakes was no problem. I've had "Lil' Red" for several years. She needs work done on the inside but she is my daily driver. Whenever I go shopping and walk back to where I parked her, I say to myself,

"She's the cutest car on the lot!"



Jason Umbreit

My two boys and I have a small eclectic collection of cars and my oldest sent me a Facebook Marketplace link to an '88 in a barn for \$2500 as a lark (we were already at 'capacity'). I immediately made contact and looked at it in the bitter February cold and bought it. I had a bucket list of cars I wanted to cycle through and this literally crossed half of them off my list. My youngest picks this for his driver over the rest.

Kevin J Martin

I found out about them when the Cascada was released. A lot of the promo stuff for that said it was Buick's first convertible in 25 years. Checked out what the previous one was and it was the Reatta. But I found mine on auto trader. Was originally looking for a 90 vert, but a low mile one owner 91 popped up at a dealership an hour away I went to look at it the next day. And picked it up two days after that. Later found out it's a 1 of 1. Maroon/grey CD and pinstripe. I also got in contact with the original owner and got all the paperwork. Including key punches and the salesman's card.

Jared Boleyn

My grandmother bought mine new in 1990, and then it became my first car as a teenager. It had been sitting for a while so my dad and I had to do a bit of work on it, and because of that and the connection to my grandmother I've always been attached to the car.

For anyone that would like their story on how they got their Reatta in the Reatta Road, please send it to me: Buffylane39@sbcglobal.net

REATTA OWNERS GATHERING AT THE SHERATON PHOENIX CRESCENT HOTEL.

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MARCK BARKER

Thanks to everyone who came out to the Reatta Owners gathering in Phoenix over the weekend!

A total of 9 Reattas showed up throughout the evening. Several being red! Here's some of the red Reatta representation



Anthony Scaglione

Awesome evening last night in Phoenix meeting other Buick Reatta owners from around the country.

Red was clearly the color of the night! The one I brought, a 1991 convertible (VIN 900418) is on the far left, joined by another 1991 convertible to the right (VIN 900575), an 8k mile 1990 convertible and 1990 coupe.

Reatta owners are a small, but very loyal and devoted group to this amazing automobile.



NEW MEMBERS

RDiv#	BCA#	First	Last	City	State
2255	51023	Christopher	Sullivan	San Francisco	CA
2256	40748	Jim	Haff	Newark	OH
2257	34405	John	Kilbane	N Royalton	OH
2258	47437	James	Cowen	Buffalo Grove	IL
2259	51051	James	Chester	Englewood	OH
2260	7542	Jack & Joan	Ulrich	York	PA
2261	43290	Owen & Cathy	Duffy	Phoenix	MD
2262	6310	Lawrence & Rose Mary	Gustin	Lake Orion	MI
2263	29576	James & Misty	Grubbs	Elkhart	IN
2264	51115	Steven & Susan	Buckley	Buffalo	MN
2265	49452	Rod & Beverly	Barkley	Wadsworth	OH
2266	51157	Jim	Stoddart	Bloomington	MN
2267	50953	Roland & Judy	Mays	Concord	NC
2268	51225	Scott	Brasher	Spicewood	TX
2269	51211	Lee & Marsha	Hardman	Elyria	OH
2270	51203	Nicholas & Martha	Branoff	Fenton	MI
2271	51277	Terence & Velara	Sherman	Abilene	TX
2272	48401	Jim	Jordan	Oklahoma City	OK
2273	51326	George	Morrissey	Romeoville	IL
2274	36491	Daniel	Parcells	Lexington	SC
2275	51343	Rick	Stifel	Darnestown	MD
2276	41236	Bill & Jeanie	Rosen	Seattle	WA
2277	51398	Don & Jackie	Jones	Gold River	CA
2278	51442	Chad & Lisa	Hoover	Pleasant Hope	MO
2279	51444	Alan & Linda	Brodd	Ellenton	FL
2280	51452	David & Brenda	Lambert	Salado	TX
2281	51448	Al	Allington	Morley	MI
2282	51472	John & Carolyn	Morrissey	Palm City	FL
2283	51443	James & Cecelia	Conley	Ballwin	MO
2284	51546	Terrell	Jones	North Charleston	SC
2285	17157	Arlen	Roth	Ridgefield	CT
2286	51594	Jim & Jackie	Pase	Punta Gorda	FL
2287	48432	Arnold & Judy	Yochelson	Bryans Road	MD
2288	51635	Frank & Marianne	Stump	Lillington	NC
2289	51673	James	Richardson	Battle Creek	MI
2290	51675	Richard & Janet	Henry	Howell	MI

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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:**

Barney@texas.net. Barney Eaton, 20111 Deerfield Dr., Georgetown, TX 78633.

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**

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.**

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@twcny.rr.com.**

Have 2 Reatta leather bound manual containers, both in excellent condition. One is complete including the flashlight, pen and tire gauge; the other is missing the flashlight and pen but has the tire gauge. One has the red colored manual, the other is blue. **Frank: (248) 593-6391**

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

ESTATE SALE

***Reattas sitting in barn for 5 years.
All of them run.***

- **1991 Green coupe,** solid sun roof, **182,060** miles, decent tan interior, **\$1,500** or Best Offer

Three Reds for \$1,800 or Best Offer

- **1990 Red coupe,** **150,000** miles, tan interior, still in barn haven't moved it.
- **1990 Red coupe,** **195,831** miles, light hit in front, sun roof, needs interior work.
- **1990 Red coupe,** **94,940** miles, runs great, good interior, badly rusted frame, good body.

Contact Kathy Eschbach, Northampton, PA,
for further info or Photos.

610-392-2069 kathmarie67@gmail.com

More Photos from Phoenix



CARS FOR SALE

1989 sunroof coupe, blue/blue, not running. Solid and complete, **\$750**. Last call, or it goes to the crusher.

Email: **dustyink@tabletoptelephone.com**
Dave Howard, (Southern Arizona) (9/20)

1990 Convertible. Red/Tan top/Tan interior. Less than **50,000** miles. New Top, AC blows cold, 16 way seat. Car is clean inside & out, & always garage stored. Contact **Larry Peterson (316) 655-9725**. Asking **\$11,000 O.B.O.** Email: **gpstubby@gmail.com** for pictures. (9/20)

1990 Convertible, white/blue/white top. 99,000 miles. New suspension, brakes, tires, top, A/C converted, exterior/Interior 99%garaged. Pictures available, service records since owned. second owner. Drive anywhere. **Bob Oneil, (931) 854-6286** Email: **boneil88@twlakes.net** (5/20)

1990 Select 60 convertible, VIN 1G4EC33COLB904715, new vinyl top, good tires, battery, A.C., premium radio, all documentation, window sticker, **98,214** miles, located near Dayton, Ohio. Call **Jim at (937) 672-8568** or Email: **jimmyche43@gmail.com**. Pictures on request. Asking **\$20,000**. (9/20)

1990 Convertible: White/blue top/blue interior, 44,000 miles, no damage, older repaint. Runs great. Has recent brakes and top. Interior like new. Have original, refinished wheels and tires. A nice car for your collection. Upgraded wheels and tires **\$12,500. \$11,000** with original wheels. Call Ed at **(610) 366-0234** or cell **(484) 707-6146**. (9/20)

1990 Coupe, Maui Blue, gray interior. 141,377 miles, Brand new tires. **\$4,500**. Located in Salem CT. Photos available. **860-859-1125**, **tomlane39@sbcglobal.net** (6/21)

1990 convertible, red ,tan interior, 101,000 miles. Nice condition. The car is located in Fremont Michigan. Asking **\$5,500**. Contact **Preston at 213-924-4413** or email **cpkrom2@gmail.com**. (9/20)

1991 Convertible, white exterior, white top, red interior. 8,800 original miles. I purchased the car in October 2015 when it had 6480 miles on it and have used it for two tours. I have replaced the AC compressor, new tires and radio. The original window sticker is in the car. This car is in like new condition and drives like a new car. Asking **\$22,500.00. GEORGE BRADY, 1810 Whispering Pines Circle, Englewood, FL. (941) 223-1237**. Email: **georgecyndy@yahoo.com** (03/20)

1991 Convertible. 13,500 original miles. Black with Grey interior, 2nd owner, always garaged - hasn't seen rain or dark of night. **All original parts \$18,500**. Email: **mahooves@hotmail.com** for pictures and additional information or contact **Mark Hoover (765) 215-3978**. (12/20)

1991 Coupe, Polo Green, (only 21 built), tan interior with all options: Sunroof, CD Player, 16 way seats. Always garaged, covered. Driven in VT summers only. **75,340 miles**. Mechanically and cosmetically perfect. Age dictates sale, **\$10,000**. I have the service manual and compete records. Tel: **(802) 867-0307**. Off to Florida mid October **Tel: (772) 231-9384**. (9/20)

1991 Convertible. 25,500 miles. White/ white top/ blue leather interior. Always garaged, never driven in winter. In great shape and all electronics work including convertible top! No rust, no accidents. **\$15,000**. Located in E. Lansing, MI. Call Andrea at **517-881-4309**. (12/20)

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

All ads with 2019 on them have been dropped.

Treasurer's Report



REATA DIVISION BUICK CLUB of AMERICA TREASURER'S REPORT June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021



BALANCE As of 5/31/20 \$15,794.21

INCOME

Dues ----- \$2,620.00
Regalia (Hat and visor sales) ----- 151.45

TOTAL INCOME \$2,771.45

EXPENSES

Newsletter Expenses:
Paper & Printing ----- \$801.85
Postage ----- 574.00
Envelopes ----- 30.00
Webmaster Expenses:
Annual website maintenance ----- 200.00
Software & programming for online membership applications ----- 450.00
General use Postage ----- 29.00
PayPal and Bank Fees ----- 18.10
Regalia Expenses (Shipping) ----- 29.20

TOTAL EXPENSES (\$2,132.15)

BALANCE As of 5/31/21 \$16,433.51

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry L. Richstein
Secretary/Treasurer



**HAPPY 30TH
BIRTHDAY!
1991
REATTAS**

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>

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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.**

HOW I GOT MY REATTA

Mike Hafferty

I was looking for a convertible as it was a "bucket list" item for me...wasn't looking for a Reatta at first...then after a couple of bad test drives with other cars I saw some pics of a couple of Reattas for sale, including mine, and thought they were cute, and remembered them from their production days.

My Reatta was for sale at a used car dealer in NJ so my wife and I drove down from MA to look at it...we test drove it and lost the brakes on the test drive (bad accumulator) but didn't care - it was love at first sight for both of us!!! We got a discount for the brake work, bought it, and had it shipped home.

We've honestly had to put a lot more work into it than we thought we would have, but we've since found out that only 37 convertibles in my color combo were made in 1990, so we feel like we're responsible for the legacy of this car so it's been worth the money...and now my wife wants one for herself!! It's definitely a beautiful sickness!!!



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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