



Reatta Road



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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Marck Barker



It's been a busy couple months for me with Reattas! I recently invested in a two-car trailer and it's already been put to work hauling Reatta parts cars home. I'm hitting the road to California in early October to pick up several more out there. If you're between NC and CA near I-40 or I-10, let me know, I'd love to meet up with some Reatta division members along the way!

I've been working on the 2022 Reatta Rendezvous in Chicago. We may do something a little different this year that I think will be very interesting for those interested in Reatta history. I am working with David McIntosh, the designer of the Reatta, about having him do a presentation on the design and development of the Reatta as well as his career at GM.

I'm working to have this presentation Friday evening June 24th 2022 at the BCA national meet in Chicago IL. So mark your calendars, and plan to attend this unique event!

If you live in Chicago or the surrounding area and would like to help coordinate this or another event, please send me an email. My email address is on page 7.

Also if we have any members in the Pacific Northwest, we will need help planning the 2023 Rendezvous in Spokane, WA.

We will also be holding elections in 2022 for officers. If you are interested in running for director, assistant director, or any other position in the Division, please send me or any member of the nominating committee an email! We now have 2-year terms for all board positions. This club is made better by its members, so if you think you have some fresh ideas to bring to our organization, please let us know!

I hope you all are able to get your Reattas out and enjoy the beautiful weather this autumn. It's already cooled down some here in North Carolina, and I am loving it! Great Reatta driving weather.

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back page.
Photo by Dr.
Charles
Thompson**



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HOW I GOT MY REATTA

Chris Coreson

Here is my Reatta story

When I was 14 years old my dad informed us (me and my 3 older brothers) that him and my mom would be flying out of Alaska to go get a car he had purchased on eBay. When they got home a week later (because they drove the car up) I was ecstatic about what I laid my eyes upon. A 1991 Buick Reatta. Red with brown leather seats.

My dad bought and sold cars all the time so I figured this one wouldn't last long. When I got my driving permit I had asked my mom and dad to take me on drives in the Reatta. I felt like I was on cloud 9 sitting in the driver seat of the beautiful car.

When I was almost 16 my dad had mentioned that he was going to sell it. I had begged him not to because I wanted it. He told me I would have to buy it from him if I wanted it so bad. So I worked hard that summer and saved up enough money for half of it. Feeling down I told my dad to go ahead and sell it cause I didn't make enough for the full price.

About a week later my dad informed me that he had sold the car and I had better keep working because I will need gas money driving to and from work school and home. He then told me I have about \$100 left in my account to be able to buy gas. I had that car for 6 years.

After about 3 years of owning it I found another Reatta in anchorage on Craigslist. It was white on red and it was gorgeous!! I ran into the living room and told and showed my dad. He told me to call the guy and for me to go look at it that weekend (it's a 3.5 hour drive away). So I did. I took my red Reatta with me.

When I got there the guy informed me that he was a care taker for an elderly lady and him and her bought the car brand new in 1990 because she wanted a car to go to the store in a nice car. When she passed she willed the car to him.

I was the 5th person to look at it and the only one who knew what it was. He said if we didn't buy it he was taking it with him out of state. So when I reported that to my dad he said just go buy it. He gave me the money and I went and got it for him the next weekend. We enjoyed the rest of that summer driving both cars together.

The following summer we had taken a trip to Homer Alaska. We thought it would be neat to have snowcapped mountains and the harbor all in the same picture with 2 not so common cars.

The weekend after that his wife had 3 dogs jump in the car. My dad and I were standing in the garage and I had asked him how can we prevent that from happening again? He said for me to buy it. So I told him I would.

He told his wife when she got back that he had sold the car while she was gone (for 5 minutes). I ended up finally actually buying the car about a year and a half later after selling my first one for way too little.

I took that white Reatta out of Alaska and had it sit in Easter Oregon for about 3 years before getting it from my grandpa. When my dad bought the car it only had 33k miles on it. It currently had 36k miles and is sitting in my driveway in northern Idaho.



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

The Reatta Craft Centre.

Reatta is built slowly, carefully and one-at-a-time. Although assembly processes are computer-aided and as high-tech as any in the industry, speed is not the goal. Quality is. Consequently, many of Reatta's assembly techniques are done by hand by small teams of skilled craftsmen rather than by traditional assembly line methods. The sense of teamwork and pride of "authorship" produces a level of quality and detail that is beautifully evident to the eye.

Reatta's magnificent clearcoat paint finish begins with meticulous preparation. After a primer coat is applied, each Reatta is hand-sanded to smooth out the most minute inconsistencies.

Within the Craft Centre, a Reatta craftsman skillfully brings to life the comfortable,

functional seat and trim configurations envisioned by Reatta designers.

The AGV (automatic guided

vehicle) automatically takes Reatta's underbody componentry to the next craft station where it is totally integrated with Reatta's outer skin.



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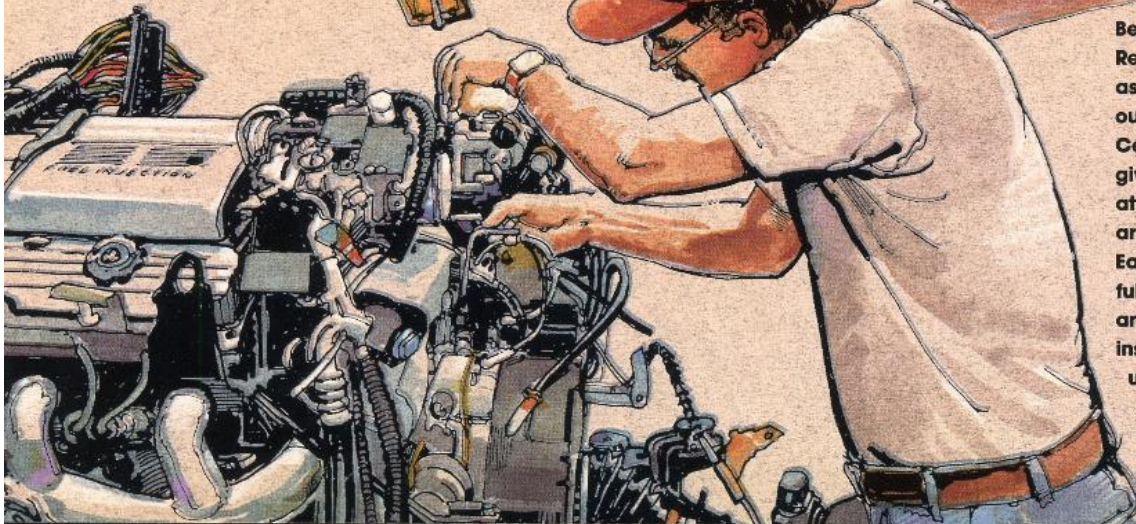


During the Reatta painting process, close inspection under high magnification helps guarantee a premium paint finish.

Reatta's unique Craft Centre approach is evidenced here as Reatta craftsmen carefully install its intricate electrical system.



This is just one of the 24 separate craft stations designed to keep Reatta quality at the highest possible level.



Because each Reatta engine is assembled outside the Craft Centre, it is given special attention when it arrives there. Each one is carefully inspected and fine-tuned to insure that it lives up to Reatta's established high standards.

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.**

Letter to The Reatta Club

Dear Mr. Barker and Board Members,

My name is Lisa Conner Duron and I am requesting your assistance regarding my father's collection of Buick Reattas. My father has completed finding new owners for his Porsche and Continental collections, but his Reattas are in need of a new owner. We have tried listing the cars but with no success.

I recently visited my parents and we determined that due to my father's age he would like to find a Reatta collector who will appreciate and love the cars as he has over the last 30 years.

He currently has a 1988 (white), 1989 (red), 1990 (red), and a parts car which is blue. The '88 has a fuse issue, the '89 is running, and the '90 needs a fuel injector.

If at all possible, he would like to have one buyer take all of the Reattas. These vehicles are in Greenville, SC and awaiting a new home.

For detailed information please contact my father, Dee Conner at:

Dee Conner
4 Wren Drive
Greenville, SC 29609

864-834-2245 Home

Email : seemedmki@gmail.com

Your assistance in passing the information along to your members/collectors would be greatly appreciated and I know he is looking forward to speaking to anyone who is interested.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,
Lisa H. Conner Duron

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 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)

1990 Convertible, White /white top/red interior, 7535 miles, \$22,000, purchased from a climate controlled collection, must sell our baby Reatta as our baby's car seat won't fit. **Bob Wessel, Valley Glen, CA 212-706-7683** (9/21)

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)

1991 Coupe, Polo Green/ Tan Interior ,144,000 miles. Power antenna works, new brakes, new AC condenser, new exhaust, car runs at 100%. **\$4,995** email: **nelsond64@aol.com, Nelson Van Atta, Binghamton, N.Y. cell: 607-765-4300** (9/21)

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

Next issue all ads with 2020 on them will be dropped.

Dear Jerry: I am writing to inform you of my mother's passing, after a two year battle with cancer. I've enclosed a copy of her obituary.

I believe that you are one of the gentlemen my father would talk about as a founding member of the club. I intend to keep my father's 1990 Reatta. I've always shared a love of convertibles with him.

We'll be selling the family home, but I can always be reached via email at: mslpeterson@yahoo.com.

Thank You, Linda J. Peterson

Barbara J. Peterson 12/26/40 – 12/01/2020

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BCA#28208

Barbara grew up in Little Falls and graduated from Passaic Valley High School in 1958. She went on to attend Katherine Gibbs School. She met her husband, Bob, at the Paramus Roller Skating Rink, when he asked her to skate and she was impressed by his ability to skate backwards. They married in 1960 and settled in his hometown of Mahwah, where she became an active member of the Mahwah community. First as a Girl Scout Troop leader, then as a member of the Mahwah Women's Club Evening Division for over forty years. She frequently served in officer roles as President and Treasurer. And, in her later years, she volunteered as a docent at the Mahwah Museum.



She is loved and missed by her family and friends, as well as the many Mahwah neighbors that she touched. She is survived by her loving daughter, Linda J. Peterson, an Elder Law attorney in Glen Rock; and her beloved son, Scott F. Peterson, and his wife, Patricia, who live in Bergenfield. She now joins, her husband of almost forty-four years, Robert E. Peterson. There will be a socially distant graveside service at 12 Noon, on Monday, December 7, 2020 at the Mahwah Cemetery, 100 Island Road. Masks required. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Barbara's memory may be made to the Labrador Retriever Rescue of Florida, 1950 N.E. 6th Street #10365, Pompano Beach, Florida 33030 www.lrrf.org or to the Humane Society of New York, 306 East 59th Street, New York, NY 10022 www.humanesocietyny.org



**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.com 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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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.

Letter to the Editor from Dr. Charles Thompson

The city of Prescott Arizona is known for its Christmas celebration and for its half dozen parades each year. The largest parade is in conjunction with the annual rodeo that takes place the week prior to July 4th.

I think because of the emotional suffering of this past year the rodeo and parade were both very positively impacted. The rodeo was sold out weeks prior and we had 128 entries and floats in the parade which took 2 1/2 hours to pass the judges stand.

I am a member of the El Zariba Shriners from Phoenix and a subgroup of funny cars called the Misfits. As we progress down the parade route they drive their tiny cars around the Reatta.

In other parades I am an entry with the Prescott Antique Auto Club.

Several photos are to illustrate the crowd involved photos of people in front of the courthouse shows 5 or 6 people deep. That was the same on both side of the street for 12 blocks long. I try to get as much exposure for my Reatta as possible.

Sincerely, Charles Thompson

Now as a side note for members consideration. Early on I used a photo of myself and my Reatta as a "business card" even though I no longer practice. It comes in handy at a car show or meet or any function that you wish to interact with a new friend or acquaintance and want them to have a way of contacting yourself. Easy to do and really handy.



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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