



Reatta Road



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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Marck Barker



We're coming up quickly on the 2022 BCA National meet! I'm quite excited for our first meet in nearly three years! I hope you are making plans to attend the presentation by Reatta designer David McIntosh on the concept and design of the Reatta. It looks like David really has a great presentation put together. Definitely plan to also join us for ice cream afterwards at Andy's. **[More info Page 3]**

I do believe summer is officially here in North Carolina! This weekend we'll have temps in the mid-90s. I just returned from a trip to Colorado

I hope that you'll take the time to vote in this year's election. We have a new assistant director on the ballot, Alan Thiese (Letter on Page 2). Alan will be a great asset to our group and will be of much help pulling off next year's Rendezvous in Spokane, WA. So even though we are all running unopposed, I would appreciate your ballot as member participation is key to a successful club! Ballot on Page 7.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all in Lisle in about a month. I'll be driving my '91 Reatta coupe up, and I hope to see you in your Reatta as well!



to acquire some Reatta parts cars. I encountered nearly every kind of weather on the trip. High winds in Oklahoma, buckets of rain in Indiana and Ohio, even snow in Nebraska! But in the end I made it home with some great parts cars, and fixed many Reattas along the way. So in spite of the adverse weather conditions, I'd say it was a successful trip!

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Mark Barker
Jerry Richstein
Elizabeth Lane

April 14, 2022

To Current Leaders, Reatta Club, BCA

I'm writing to you to express my interest in being considered for the Assistant Director position on the Reatta Club Board. I have been a member of the BCA since 2006, and a member of the Reatta club for a few years now. My BCA member number is 37442.

I retired from the Buick Motor Division in 1999 after 36 years with Buick. I started out as an apprentice mechanic in Buick Engineering making Journeyman in the trade in 1966. In 1971 I transferred into the Sales and Service Department as a District Service Manager serving dealers in Colorado and Wyoming. Later I served as a District Service Manager in Albuquerque, NM and then a district out of Newark, NJ. Later I had various Management positions in Customer Service, Technical Assistance, and Sales.

Since my retirement, Sandy and I have resided in NM, WA, and Florida. Currently we spend the winter months in Zephyrhills, FL and the summer months in Rio Communities, NM.

We moved to Spokane, WA in 2014 and lived there until August of 2021. While in Spokane I organized the current Inland Chapter of the BCA and was it's first director for about one and one half years. We started out with 13 members when sanctioned as the newest BCA Chapter. Now I think we have 37 members. We have been selected to host the national BCA meet in 2023 for which we are very excited.

I believe that my knowledge of the Spokane area combined with my history with Buick and the BCA make me a logical candidate to serve as your Assistant Director. I will take responsibility to Plan the 2023 & 2024 Reatta Rendezvous in Spokane And Strongville respectively. Please let me know what else you might need to know to consider me for this opportunity.

Thank you,



Alan Thiese

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575 779-1966

2022 Reatta Rendezvous

Friday, June 24th 2022

7:00 PM

Sheraton Lisle Naperville Hotel

2022 BCA National Meet

Reatta Designer David McIntosh will be giving a presentation on designing the Reatta and his career as a GM designer at the 2022 BCA National Meet in Lisle, IL, Friday evening, June 24th at 7:00 PM.

David will present on the design process and how the Reatta came to be. He will also host a Q&A session after the presentation, and be available to sign glove boxes and concept drawing prints that will be available.

This event is free, though seating is limited. Please arrive early to ensure your seats!

Don't miss this exciting and informational event!

David S. McIntosh

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Dave McIntosh is a retired GM Designer with a career that spans over 40 years. A graduate of ArtCenter in Pasadena, David is one of the few designers that can say they worked on a project concept to production with the Buick Reatta.

- 1964 ArtCenter Graduate, BPA, Transportation Design
- 1964-2003 Asst. Chief Designer (1980), GM Design
- Advanced Design Studios (1988–91 Buick Reatta concept and production design; 1978 Pontiac Grand Prix Concept; 1970 Corvair Facelift Proposal; 1990 Saturn Coupe Preliminary Concept)
- 1991 Monte Carlo Show Car; 1995 Monte Carlo and Lumina
- 2000 Cadillac Catera (Opel, Germany)
- Speed Vision Corporate Strategy and Cadillac 15-Year Vision; Cadillac Cross-Over Concept

Ice Cream

After David's presentation, we will be driving to Andy's Frozen Custard at 450 E Ogden Ave, Naperville, IL 60563 [less than 10 minutes from the hotel] for ice cream and drooling on Reattas.



Reatta Meeting

The Reatta Division Annual Membership Meeting will take place Saturday, June 25, 2022 at 3:00 PM at the Sheraton Lisle Naperville Hotel. Room TBD, Please consult your program book and event schedule for the room.

Saturday, June 25th 2022

3:00 PM

Sheraton Lisle Naperville Hotel

2022 BCA National Meet

THE BUICK FLEET MANUAL FOR 1989

Hello Elizabeth,

I know that sometimes you are looking for content for the newsletter. I came across this information (didn't know it was here in this house). It's from the Buick Fleet manual for 1989 that went out to fleet buyers. Maybe you can spread it over a few issues; neat info about the touch-screen features. It was interesting (to me) that in the 1988 Fleet Manual, there is no information about pricing on the Reatta.- It only says : pricing to be determined.. I do not have the fleet manuals for '90 or '91.- Maybe someone out there will. Chip Aeppli

1989 BUICK REATTA



BUICK FLEET ADVANTAGE

Reatta. Not recommended for just anyone.



Reatta Coupe



Reatta Coupe

Perhaps you are looking for a special automobile for yourself and your top-level executives.

Consider the Buick Reatta, the premium American 2-seater that combines the exciting aspects of a sports car with the comfort and convenience features of a luxury car. When Reatta takes to the road, your clients will take notice—as will the competition. For Reatta is a true, hand-crafted beauty that makes a lasting impression.

The 3800 V-6 engine with counter-rotating balance shaft, roller lifters and sequential-port fuel injection puts smooth, quiet horsepower at your disposal.

Unlike many sporty automobiles, Reatta will not leave you rumbled and shaken at your destination. The leather 6-way power seating and independent 4-wheel Gran Touring suspension will pamper you.



Reatta Coupe

As we said, we don't recommend a fleet of Reattas for just anyone. But then, maybe you aren't just anyone.

1989 REATTA

STANDARD EQUIPMENT
SPECIFICATIONS

Model Availability

Reatta—Coupe C97

Standard Equipment

- Accessory Power—Retained
- Air Conditioner—Electronic Touch Climate Control
- Antenna—automatic power
- Axle Ratio—2.97
- Battery—heavy-duty
- Brakes—anti-lock four-wheel power disc
- Bumper Guards—rear
- Bumper Protection Strips
- Carpeting—front and rear storage area
- Carpet Savers—front reversible anti-slip
- Console—full-length operating
- Cruise Control—Electronic
- Defogger—front, side-window outlets
- Defogger—electric rear-window
- Door Locks—electric
- Drive—front-wheel
- Electric Warning Tone (chimes)—seat belt, ignition key, "headlamps on" and turn signal
- Electronic Control Center—includes: gages, low washer fluid and low oil level sensors, trip monitor, tachometer, speed alert, diagnostic vehicle displays, radio, retained accessory power and personal reminder calendar
- Engine—3800 V-6
- Exhaust—stainless steel, dual outlet
- Fuel Filler Door Release—electric remote
- Glass—Soft-Ray tinted
- Headlamps—retractable dual
- Hood Ornament—lay-down 'Cloisone'
- Horns—dual
- Illuminated Driver Door Lock and Interior Light Control
- Instrumentation—electronic digital (includes trip odometer and low fuel indicator)
- Keyless Entry System—Remote
- Lamp—high-mounted stop
- Lamps—cornering
- Lamps—front fog
- License Plate Mounting—front
- Lights—door-operated courtesy and warning
- Lights—front-seat reading
- Lights—front ashtray, instrument panel courtesy, glove box, engine compartment and trunk
- Mirrors—deluxe black electric, outside, rearview (left and right remote)—left heated
- Mirrors—lighted visor vanity (driver and passenger)

- Molding—wide body-side (black unless color-coordinated is ordered)
- Moldings—belt reveal, black rocker panel
- Paint—clearcoat with anti-chip primer
- Radio—Graphic Equalizer, cassette and ETR® AM Stereo*—FM Stereo with seek and scan, auto reverse with search/repeat and clock
- Safety Belts—color-coordinated seat and shoulder
- Seats—manual reclining leather buckets
- Seats—6-way power—driver and passenger
- Speakers—(8) premium concert sound
- Stabilizer Bars—front and rear
- Steering—fast-ratio power
- Steering Column—tilt
- Steering Wheel—leather-wrapped sport
- Storage Compartments—lockable rear (2)
- Stripe—body-side accent
- Sunshades—extendable slide-out
- Suspension—Gran Touring
- Suspension—Independent 4-wheel
- Theft Deterrent System—with starter interrupt
- Tires—P215/65R15 steel-belted, radial-ply Eagle GT + 4 blackwall
- Transmission—automatic with overdrive
- Trunk Access Door—interior lockable
- Trunk Lock Release—electric remote
- Trunk Trim—deluxe
- Wheels—15" aluminum (4)
- Windows—power with backlit controls
- Wipers—2-speed with low-speed delay feature

*Receives C-Quam® AM stereo broadcasts. Most AM stereo stations across the country broadcast in C-Quam® but some do not. Check with your local stations for compatibility in your area.

Additional Options

- YF5—Emission Equipment and Testing**—California assembly line (required in California)
- CA1—Sunroof**—electric steel sliding
- Wide Body-side Molding**—matching body-color—(Black standard unless B84 ordered) (41Q-black recommended)—**B84**
- Stripes**—Body-side (standard—color selection must be made) (stripes should match interior trim color whenever possible)
 - White—**11A**
 - Light Gray—**14A**
 - Dark Gray—**18A**
 - Black—**19A**
 - Dark Blue—**21A**
 - Gold—**55A**
 - Dark Red—**73A**
 - Red—**75A**
- Seats**—16-way adjustable driver's side in leather—**981, 983, 986, 989**

Specifications

Dimensions Inches unless otherwise noted	Reatta (Coupe)
Overall:	
Length	183.7
Width	73.0
Height	51.2
Wheelbase	98.5
Front Tread	60.3
Rear Tread	60.3
Interior :	
Legroom	43.1
Headroom	36.9
Shoulder Room	57.0
Hip Room	53.9
Trunk Capacity	
Cu. ft.	10.5
Fuel Tank Capacity	
Gallons	18.8

Exterior Colors

Arctic White (40)	Sterling Silver* (13)	Pewter Gray* (87)
Black (41)	Sapphire Blue Firemist* (83)	Bright Red (81)
Claret Red* (76)		
*Metallic		

Engine—Transmission—Axle

Federal—NA5		California—YF5	
Engine	Axle	Engine	Axle
Std. LN3 3.8 SF1 3800 V6 (231 C.I.D.) Engine	MX0 Auto. Trans. Std. 2.97	Std. LN3 3.8 SF1 3800 V6 (231 C.I.D.) Engine	MX0 Auto. Trans. Std. 2.97

SF1—Sequential-port Fuel Injection

A word about engines...Buicks are equipped with engines produced at facilities operated by GM car groups, subsidiaries or affiliated companies worldwide. See your dealer for details.

Reatta Tire

Standard

Steel-belted, radial-ply,
Eagle GT + 4 blackwall QNS P215/65R15

CARS FOR SALE

1990 Convertible, White /white top/red interior, 7535 miles, \$17,000, 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)**

1990 Convertible, Black/tan top/tan interior, 78,000 miles, \$7,600. Down-sizing, must sell, 2nd owner for 25 years, Always Garaged. Converted to 134A. NY Inspection. **Ray Windas, Cell: 914-490-8762, Tarrytown, NY (5/22)**

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)**

1991 Limited Convertible, Arctic White with White top, and Red body side stripes. Red leather interior. 38,058 original miles. 3.8 liter V-6 engine. Excellent condition and well maintained. Always garaged and always in the south (purchased from Memphis dealer and relocated to Hilton Head, SC). Radio/cassette/CD, retractable headlamp covers and antenna, A/C, electric seats and windows. 1991 Reatta Service Manual and convertible dust cover included. Only 305 made, but only 235 sold to the public. Pictures available upon request. **\$18,500 asking price. Contact owners, Sheila or Bob Buck. Phone: 843-686-5202 or Email: sbuck0823@aol.com (9/21)**

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@twcny.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

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.

CLUB HATS AND VISORS



Reatta Division
Buick Club of America
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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.

NEW MEMBERS SINCE DECEMBER 2021

FirstName&Spouse	Last Name	City	State
Carl	Stoddard	Blackwood	NJ
Mike	Adler	Bayville	NJ
John	Nelson	Spring Grove	IL
Tom & Jeanne Sauter	Sandblom	Escanaba	MI
Tim & Kristin	Frodin	Mokena	IL
Howard & Lynn	Bayer	Playa Del Rey	CA
Ron & Betty	Papesh	Southern Pines	NC
Larry & Patricia	Kearby	Lindale	TX
Joan & Terry	Hulsey	Calhoun	GA
Dan & Kim Archer	Litzinger	Rochester	MN

Ballots

DIRECTOR: Marck Barker ☐

Write In: _____

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Alan Thiese ☐

Write In: _____

SECRETARY/TREASURER: Jerry Richstein ☐

Write In: _____

Please mark your ballot with an X or write in a name , cut it out & send it by June 7, 2022 to: Jerry Richstein, 4798 Grants Way NE, Marietta, GA 30066

Name: _____

Reatta Club Member Number _____

2022 Spring Charlotte Auto Fair.

15 Reattas in attendance.



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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