



Reatta Road



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Winter 2020



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Marck Barker



It's gotten quite cold here in North Carolina in the past couple weeks. We had a very brief fall and now are into full blown winter it seems.

I've picked up several Reatta parts cars recently. All forced into parts car status from collisions. It seems people on the road these days are driving like they're on their own personal race track. Be careful out there in your Reatta! While they make great parts cars, I'd much rather nice Reattas remain on the road and be driven.

I'm excited to announce that you can now join and renew your Reatta Division membership online! The board voted 4-2 in favor of spending the \$450 required for the secure software and web page building to get the form up and running. There are a few kinks we are still trying to work out, but it's in use and I believe will make it more of a draw for new members and renewals alike! See the note from our Secretary/Treasurer Jerry on page 5.

I received some sad news from Bill Landers that RDiv members Herb and Sharon Morris of Missouri both died of Covid-19 in September. Both had serious underlying medical conditions, and they succumbed rapidly, passing away within minutes of each other. Please keep the whole Morris family in your thoughts in prayers.

Dr. Thompson has an excellent article in this issue about a trip he took in his Reatta. We love seeing stories and photos like this, please be sure to send similar stuff that you've done to our newsletter editor Elizabeth! Her contact info is on the right side of page 7.

I'm really looking forward to the National meets next year in Concord, NC and Strongsville, OH. I am hoping we are in a better place as a country and it is safe to gather and gawk at cars again!

Reatta on!

Marck



Winter Reattas by Marck Barker

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Letter to the Editor

**From: Charles O. Thompson, MD.
Chino Valley, Arizona**

Fortunately during the early summer of Covid 19 Northern and Central Arizona were not impacted as the area around Phoenix and Tucson.

We were able to get out of the house and enjoy some of the attractions this area has to offer.

Forty five minutes away from Chino Valley is the almost ghost towns of Jerome and Clarkdale , famous for their Copper, Silver and Gold Mines.

We put a mask on our Reatta and did a day trip and visited these places.

The Arizona Copper Art Museum is located in the center of Clarkdale in what was once the high school. The collections of copper artifacts can not be described but must be seen. It takes a half day to explore the three floors of copper and semi precious stone items.

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The Gold King Mine is special because there is a museum set up as a ghost town with antique items and photos.



Editor: Arizona Copper Art Museum
849 Main St., PO Box 474, Clarkdale, Arizona
86324 (928) 649-1858

The Arizona Copper Art Museum tells a genuine story, one that marries Arizona's greatest treasure with world legends and fantastic art by returning copper home to where it all began.

Editor: Gold King Mine and Ghost Town
1000 Perkinsville Rd., Jerome, AZ 86331
Phone: 928-634-0053
Old west ghost town in business over 30 years in Jerome, Az.

On the road from Jerome to Clarkdale is an abandoned gas station that should have collapsed years ago. **A photo op.**



We are close to the Grand Canyon and several wild life attractions. Bearizona is worth the trip here and the deer farm and African Safari will keep you entertained.

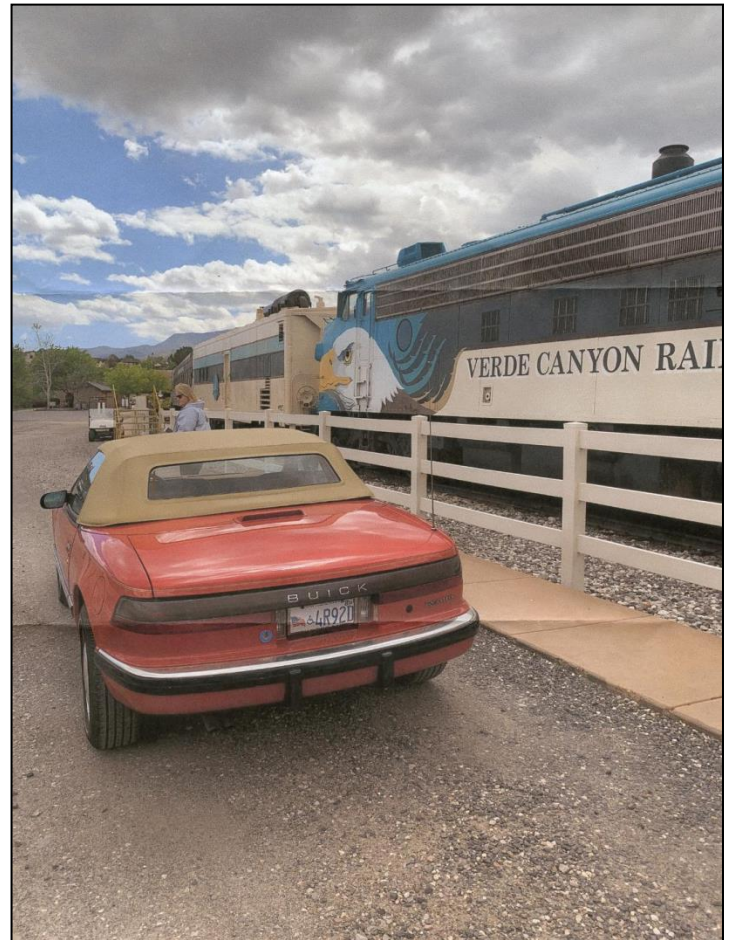
One must wear a mask in Jerome if you get out of your car. The train was shutdown until Labor Day.

Editor: Bearizona Wildlife Park, 1500 E Rte 66, Williams, AZ 86046

Bearizona invites guests to drive into the Arizona Wilderness and witness herd and pack life from the comfort and safety of their own private vehicle



My favorite is the Verde Canyon Railroad. My wife Donna and I were married on the train two years ago. We visit it every season because the scenery changes. There is a special wine train, a Christmas train and specials all year long. The trip is 22 miles up into the Verde Canyon to an abandoned depot. The locomotives are uncoupled and go around on a spur track and bring the train back to the station. The scene is different going up and coming down. The mascot is a rescued bald eagle that visits the station on weekends and poses for pictures.



Editor: Verde Canyon Railroad, 800-582-7245
info@verdecanyonrr.com 300 N. Broadway, Clarkdale AZ 8632

From the moment you step foot on one of our meticulously refurbished train cars, you and your family will be transported to a simpler, more leisurely time away from the distractions and annoyances of our modern world. Breathe deep, order a drink and relax as you glide along on a 3.5-hour, 20-mile journey.

REATA OIL FILTER ADAPTOR

Barney Eaton

The oil filter screws on an adaptor and the adaptor mounts to the engine block. 1988-1990 Reatta all used the same adaptor. The only issue is you can only use the short AC PF 47 filter. If you use the longer (more volume) PF 52 filter it extends below the oil pan and could be damaged by debris in the road. The early 1991 engines used a new/different filter adaptor. It is easiest to change from above but you must reach between the engine and firewall to get access to the filter and it is a blind operation. In addition, it is laying more horizontal and oil always spills out. Finally, there was a running change in 1991. It positions the filter further toward the front of the engine and is accessed from under the car and you can use the PF 52 filter. The advantage to using the longer PF 52 filter is the additional length of the filter material and it holds a few more oz's of oil.

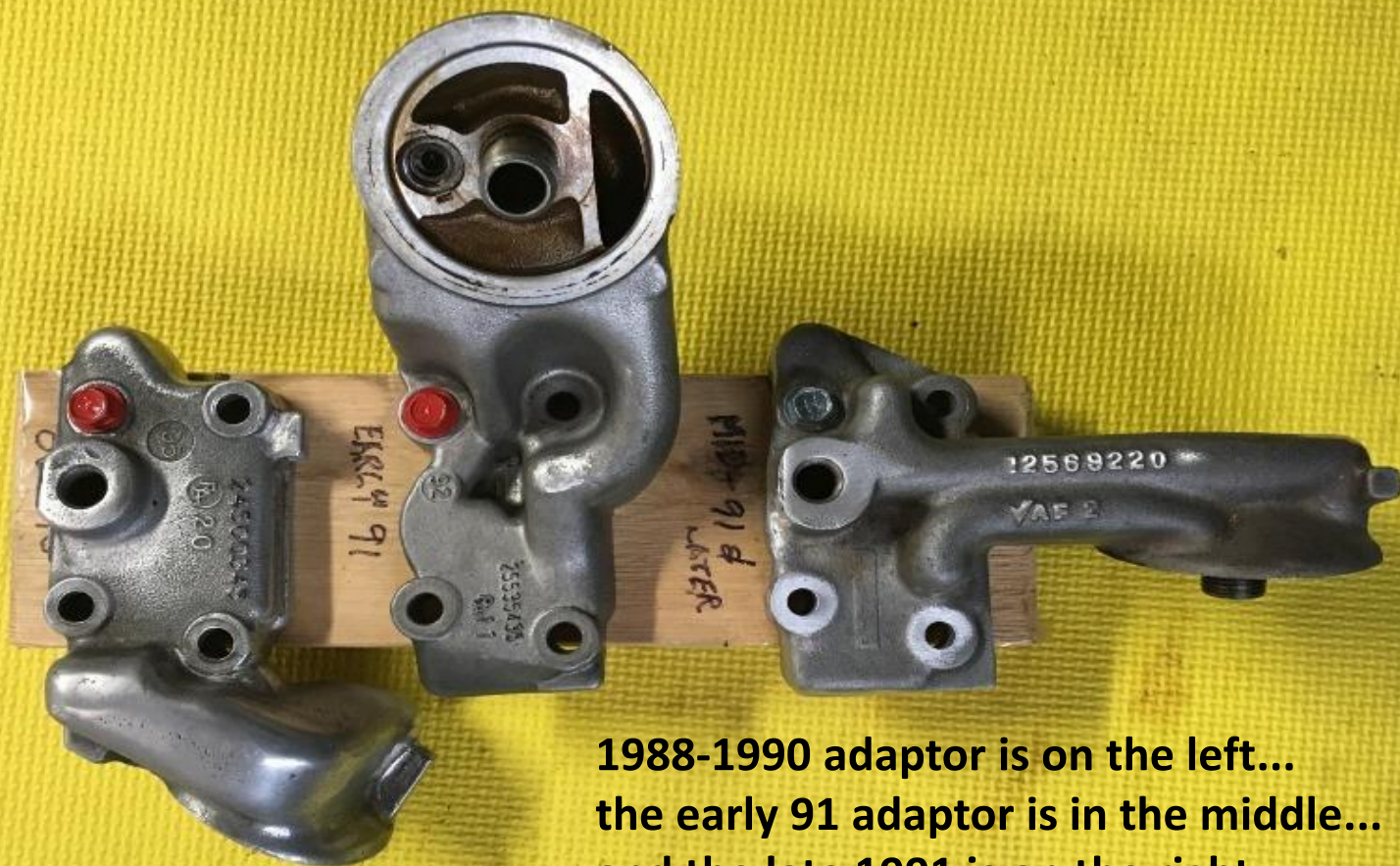
If you are ok with the stock filter or want your car to remain completely stock, you can stop reading now. The late 1991 filter adaptor is

easy to find at salvage yards as most GM cars with the 3800 got the new filter adaptor. The only thing you need when changing adaptors is a new gasket between the adaptor and engine block. I am providing some photos and to help verify you have the new adaptor the GM number cast into the part is 12569220

The only other things to notice, there are 4 mounting bolts. The larger hole you can see on the first and last adaptor is the location of the oil pressure monitor... that is mounted on the top of the early '91 design.



Blue filter shows the angle of the early 91 adaptor.



**1988-1990 adaptor is on the left...
the early 91 adaptor is in the middle...
and the late 1991 is on the right.**

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.**

A Word from the Secretary/Treasurer

Jerry Richstein

As we all know, this has been an "unusual" year, but things could have been worse and will get better.

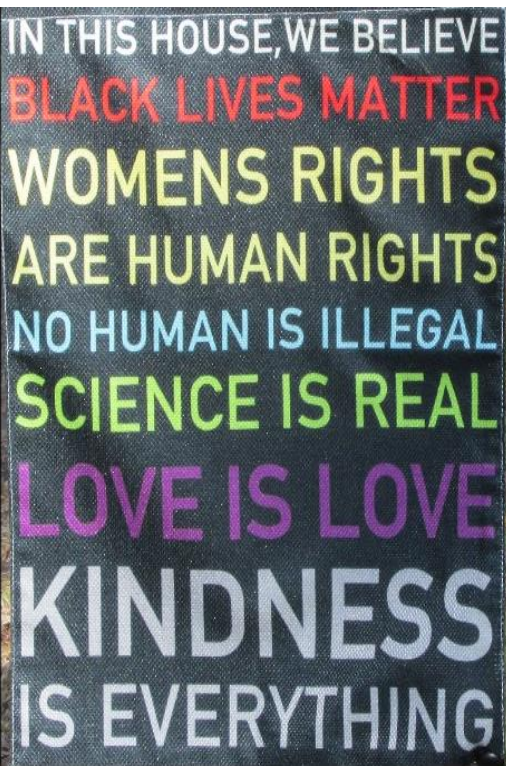
Jean & I will get on line for a vaccine as soon as it's available to us, and then we'll be ready to start going to car shows again.

Speaking of car shows, Marck is working to have some special Reatta oriented events at the BCA National in Charlotte in July. Plan on attending and encourage any Reatta owners that you may know to join the Reatta Division, and also the BCA, if they're not already a member.

It's now easier than ever to join the Reatta Division. It's now possible to join online, and pay dues with PayPal! For anyone that doesn't want to use the online membership form, the application can still be downloaded and mailed to me. They also have the option of filling out the application on their computer and emailing it to me.

I'm looking forward to life getting back to normal by next summer so that I can see everyone in at one, or both, of the 2021 BCA Nationals.

Until we are all able to get together again "virtual hugs" to everyone, and please remember that "kindness is everything"!



IN THIS HOUSE, WE BELIEVE
BLACK LIVES MATTER
WOMENS RIGHTS
ARE HUMAN RIGHTS
NO HUMAN IS ILLEGAL
SCIENCE IS REAL
LOVE IS LOVE
KINDNESS
IS EVERYTHING

CARS FOR SALE

1988 Coupe. Red/ Tan. 106,000 Miles. Maintenance since I took over ownership: Transmission mount, Timing belt, Water pump, Power steering pump , Struts/Shocks all around. **\$2,100 obo. Michelle (619) 990-4763** please leave message if no answer or text. Email: servingsd@yahoo.com (9/19)

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)

1989 Coupe, burgundy/burgundy, 98,000 miles, stored six months each year. Fully loaded, including 16 way power seat and factory sunroof. A/C converted, recharged this year. One small ding in passenger door and small rust bubble on sunroof. Runs and drives great. **\$5,500.** Located near Akron, Ohio. **Andy Eisenman (330) 571-4217** leave message, or email: afeisenman@gmail.com. (9/19)

1990 Convertible: White/white top/ blue interior. 67,000 miles, kenclausen38@gmail.com, (616) 466-1758 asking \$5,000. Spring Hill, Fla (12/19)

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: White/white top/ burgundy interior with 116,211. Asking **\$5,500.** **James McCall** from El Paso, Texas, at MDS9001@GMAIL.COM (9/19)

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 Coupe with only 67,000 miles. White exterior with white belt trim and very nice red interior. Completely serviced including engine and transmission oil and filters, brake system flush, and A/C service. New fuel tank, pump, and filter. Paint has a few issues but this is a very dependable driver. **\$6,900.** Car is in Louisiana. Contact **Ralph Artall at (337) 592-0044** or email: ralph@artallfarms.com. (9/20)

1991 Coupe White with Tan interior. CD player. **37,500 miles,** looks and drives fantastic. 399 point Gold Senior in 2015. driven only 1200 miles since the award. For more information contact **Herb Morris (314) 852-0272** or email: reatta90@sbcglobal.net. (9/19)

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 will be dropped in the Spring issue if I am not contacted.

WINTER PICTURES FROM JIM FINN



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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BIRTHDAY
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REATTAS**

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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.

LANE'S 1990 REATTAS IN THE CT SNOW



WINTER DRIVER

Hello, found this picture from a few years back. I hope you'll use it. I commuted in my Reatta 12 months a year, for many years. This was upon arriving at work one morning. It should be with the winter pictures.

Chip Aepli



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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