



Reatta Road



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BCA National Meet

Summer Extra 2018



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Anne Gibson



Hi Reatta people! If you didn't make it to the national meet in Lone Tree, you missed a great and well-organized event. We didn't get to attend many tours, but the Rambler Ranch, which we did get to see was outstanding. If you are ever in that area of Colorado, it is a must visit. Not only were the cars fascinating, but also the vintage appliances and 1960's decorated house.

The annual Reatta Rendezvous (highlighted in this newsletter) was another great event. We enjoyed the tour, lunch and Peak to Peak Highway, and especially all the beautiful Reattas. If you didn't make it this year, hopefully you will next year in Midwest City, OK.

The annual Reatta meeting was held Saturday afternoon with about 30 members in attendance. It was great to see everyone and enjoy celebrating the 1988 Reatta's 30th with cake. I hope those in attendance didn't think I was rushing, but the meet committee told me I only had an hour and I wanted to leave time for the cake and questions.

At the banquet I had the pleasure of presenting the Domenick Clemente Long Distance Pre and Post War Driven Awards given by the Division in Memory of Domenick, past director of the Division. At my table was the winner of the Pre War award, Bill McLaughlin of Toronto, Canada, who drove his 1929 McLaughlin Buick from Toronto to Lone Tree. I enjoyed talking to him and his wife about the trip without letting on that they would be receiving an award later in the evening. It was really an adventure for them, especially his wife who deserved an award of her own for the trip. I was especially happy to present the post war award to one of our own, Tom and Elizabeth Lane, who drove their 1990 Reatta Convertible from Salem, CT to Lone Tree.

Our advisory committee has a 3-year staggered term and it is time for Elizabeth Lane to leave the committee. She has been a help on this committee, but most of

all as the newsletter editor, which she will continue doing, for a long time, I hope. Chip Aeppli of Tallmadge, Ohio has graciously agreed to fill Elizabeth's place on the committee.

The Peterson Award was presented to Chuck Kerls for his leadership as past director and the division's voice on the BCA Board in the past as a board member. Due to some health related problems, Chuck was unable to attend this year's nationals, but luckily Martel and I were able to swing by Wichita on our way back home and present the award in person. It was great to see Chuck and Cathy!

If you need somewhere to tour this Fall, please consider the SE Region Tour in New Bern, NC, my local chapter (Tarheel Chapter) has organized. We have tours of Tryon Palace (North Carolina's first permanent state capital) and will be driving to the coast for seafood and more. Just email me for more info and a registration form. Hope to see you and your Reatta there!

Pictures in this issue courtesy of: Anne Gibson, Paul Gomberg, Marck Barker and Tom Lane, Thank You!

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The Peterson Award Recipient: Chuck Kerls

It was Sunday, June 24th, 2018 when I received a call from Martel Gibson. He wanted to know if I would be home on Monday, the 25th. Martel and Anne would be heading home from the National BCA meet in Denver and they wanted to stop by our house in Wichita. No problem. It is not unusual to hear from BCA members as they pass through Wichita as we are in the middle of the country.

Kathy and I were not able to make the Denver meet due to some medical issues, so it was good to hear from Anne and Martel. After we chatted for a short while Anne said she had something for me. WOW!!!! It was the Peterson Award. Needless to say, it was the last thing I expected from the Reatta Division.

When I first joined the BCA and Reatta Division, Stan Leslie was the director, John Forrette was the assistant director, and Nancy Eaton was the secretary. Over the years I have been lucky to have met most of the award winners with the exception of only 2 and I have been lucky to have attended 11 National Meets. Back to the award-- I know I must have stared at it for a long time. Finally Martel said "That's the first time I've ever seen Chuck without anything to say!" What an honor!

Anne wanted to get some photos so I got the Select 60 out of the garage so there was something beside me in the photo.

I wish we could have made the meet in Denver, but we will plan to see everyone in Oklahoma City next summer.

I really can't say Thank You enough, as the Reatta Division has a lot of people that have and will continue to give a lot of time to make the club a success. So thank you a thousand times over.

Keep getting the old Reatta out and drive friendly. We will see you in Oklahoma.

P.S.: When I first joined the Reatta Division, Barney Eaton, in the January 2003 Newsletter, stated there were 17,871 Reattas registered in the USA, 378 in Canada and 7 in Puerto Rico for an 84% survival rate. To bring us up to date, as of June 20, 2018, as documented by the AACA Forums, there was a total of 6,556 registered Reattas in the USA. That's quite a difference in 15 years! That's a total of 30% of cars ever built are still registered.

I am quite sure that Marck Barker and Jim Finn have a bunch that are not in these numbers. That is a remarkable source of parts.

Thanks again, Chuck Kerls

Congratulations Chuck!!!



The Peterson Award

The Peterson Award was established in 2005 to honor Bob Peterson, one of the three amigos, Bob Neumann, John Forette and Bob Peterson. These three Reatta lovers worked together in the mid 1990's to form the Reatta Division under the Buick Club of America. Bob Peterson was the guy who did the heavy lifting for years as Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor.

The Peterson Award was created to perpetuate the memory of Robert E. Peterson, who dedicated his talents and knowledge to make our Reatta Division a reality. It is presented to members who have gone beyond having a membership number and have performed outstanding service that benefits our organization and the preservation of Reattas.



Rambler Ranch



One of the places some of the Reattas went to was the Rambler Ranch.



Domenick Clemente Long Distance Awards

Pre War Long Distance Award



Pre War long distance award car driven by Bill McLaughlin - a 1929 McLaughlin Buick Roadster driven from Toronto, Canada to Lone Tree, CO.

Post War Long Distance Award



Post War long distance award to Tom and Elizabeth Lane, who drove their 1990 Reatta Convertible from Salem, CT to Lone Tree, CO



Reatta Rendezvous

Marck Barker

Thanks to everyone who attended the 2018 Reatta Rendezvous in Denver! We started out the day with a drive up to Celestial Seasonings Tea Factory in Boulder that included free tea tastings, a great tour of their factory, and even a free sinus cleaning in the Mint Room!

Next we had a delicious lunch at Chautauqua Dining hall, and a short drive to Lyons, CO for ice cream.

After that we embarked on the scenic drive on a section of the Peak to Peak Highway with a stop for a photo-op!

Everyone seemed to have a blast and I'm already looking forward to next year! I'd love to hear any feedback from attendees on what we can do to make future Rendezvous fun and different. Please email me at Marck@EastCoastReattaParts.com with feedback!

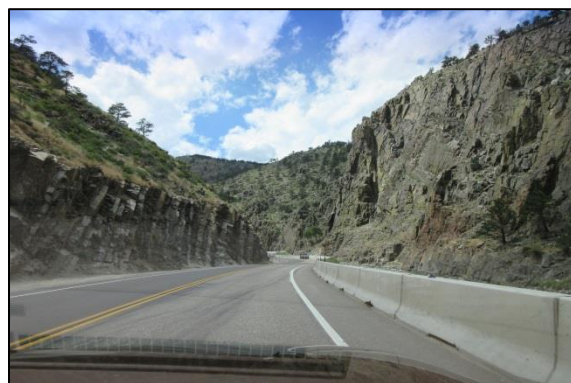


Reatta Rendezvous

CHAUTAUQUA DINING HALL



THE RIDE THROUGH THE ROCKIES



Thank You Marck Barker for
setting this up.

ICE CREAM STOP



BCA National Show And Reatta Meeting



MEMBERSHIP & DIVISION INFORMATION

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