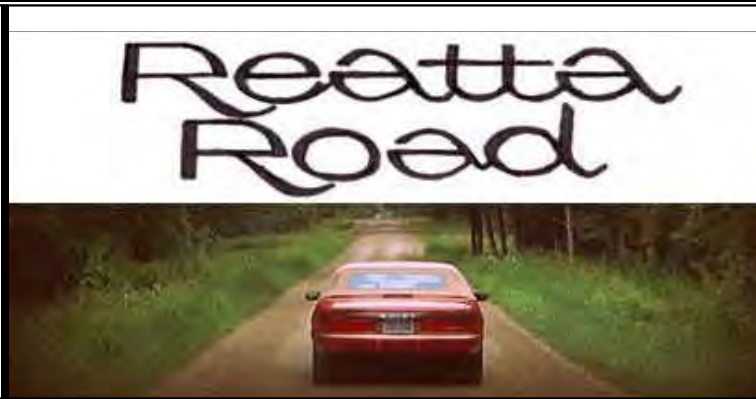




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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Marck Barker



Greetings Reatta Division Members!

I am sad to relay the news that our beloved Secretary/Treasurer, Jerry Richstein, had a run of terrible health issues over the last few months and unfortunately passed away a couple weeks ago. Our entire group extends love and peace (as Jerry would say) to his wife Jean and their son Russ in this extremely difficult time.

Among other things, this has led to a scramble of trying to figure out a delivery system for the newsletter as Jerry was been unable to print and mail the newsletter as usual. So we are trying an email delivery system in the interim until we figure out a permanent solution.

Now more than ever, we do need volunteers to step up and help keep this club going. We are a volunteer organization. If you are interested in stepping up to be Director, Assistant Director, Secretary or Treasurer, please contact me so we can get you on this year's ballot. I will remain in the organization in some capacity to fill gaps, but we need some more willing volunteers to step up and keep this club going!

I'm really looking forward to this year's Buick Club of America National meet in Albany NY August 19-22. Due to popular demand, we will be holding our annual Reatta Rendezvous on

Wednesday the 19th. We will be taking a ride out to Bennington, Vermont to do a private tour of the Hemmings Motor News facility with dinner and traditional ice cream to follow. Special thanks to Division Member Pat Gaglione for stepping up to help us plan this year's Rendezvous! More info on page 2, and registration information will be in the next issue.

Even if you aren't able to step up to a leadership position in the club, we'd love to hear your Reatta story! Please send our Newsletter Editor, Elizabeth, a note with some photos and a story about how you got your Reatta, a trip you took, or the first time you saw a Reatta! We'd love to hear it. Her email is buffylane39@sbcglobal.net

One final note on the way out. The 2027 BCA National Meet is scheduled for June 9-12 2027 in Spearfish, South Dakota. Mark your calendars now, as this will be an exciting event to attend. This is the BCA's first ever event in South Dakota, and Spearfish is a gorgeous area with tons of things to see and do. Plan a road trip and visit beautiful South Dakota with me next year in your Reatta! Go Buick!

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Deadline for Next Issue July.

July issue we will vote on officers and whether the Cascadas can join our group. Also, Registration for the Reatta Rendezvous.

Plus, more in the next Newsletter on an Electronic Version of the Reatta Road.

Bennington Battle Monument



Marvel at the impressive 306-foot granite obelisk, Vermont's tallest man-made structure, a symbol of American independence.

Reatta Rendezvous (In Planning Stages)

Madison Brewing Company Pub & Restaurant

Relaxed, family-run brew pub providing hearty comfort fare and house made beers and sodas.



HEMMINGS Motors New MUSEUM Bennington

Founded in 1954, Hemmings Museum is a charming museum showcasing meticulously preserved antique cars, vintage filling stations, and a classic car wash, offering a nostalgic journey through automotive history.



John David Scheib, Sr.



John David Scheib, Sr., 88, passed away peacefully with family by his side on March 5, 2026, in Hartford, Connecticut. John was born June 17, 1937, in Reading, PA. John met Beatrice Mannion in the late 1960's. They were married August 11, 1968, in Queens, and enjoyed their two children and grandchildren. They lived in many places and in 1977 they moved to West Hartford, CT.

A unique treasure in John's life was a 1932 Buick 57-S that he inherited from his father. After many years in storage in the family garage, he began the restoration process and joined the Buick Club of America, Yankee Chapter, becoming an avid member of the club where he led planning efforts for both local and national events. His "fleet" of classic Buick cars grew to include a 1968 Riviera and a pair of 1990 Reattas. John was very involved in the Buick Club of America (BCA), the BCA Reatta Division, and the local BCA Yankee Chapter.

John was a force behind continuing the Pre-War division of the BCA after Mark Shaw stepped away. He was the leader of the 2023 BCA Tri-Regional. John was very active in the Yankee Chapter, the Northeast Region and everything he touched.



Jerry Lee Richstein

April 6, 1952 – May 14, 2026

Jerry “Gray Fox” Richstein, aged 74, passed away on May 14th, 2026. He was born on April 6th, 1952, to Jack and Helen Richstein in New Port, Rhode Island. He then had a happy childhood in Brooklyn, New York, and on Long Island, New York.

Jerry was a beloved spouse and father. He was known for his upbeat and positive personality and his dedication to many organizations.

He was also very active in multiple car clubs. Including, The AACA (Antique Automobile Club of America) Atlanta chapter, and Allatoona chapter, The HCCA (Horseless Carriage Club of America) Atlanta chapter, the BCA (Buick Club of America) Dixie chapter, The Reatta club, the BDE (Buick Driving Enthusiasts), Creeper’s car club, and ROMEO’s (Retired Old Men Eating Out). Many of these car clubs Jerry served as either President, Vice President, or Treasurer over many years.

Jerry spent 30 plus years as a Civil Engineer in the bridge department at Norfolk Southern Railway. While at Norfolk Southern Jerry was a dedicated teacher for Operation Lifesaver, the national train safety organization. He went all over Atlanta to schools teaching about safety around trains.

He will be deeply missed by his wife Jean, and son Russ. His brothers Marty and Alan, and many friends. He was preceded in death by his loving parents Jack and Helen, and his cousin Anita.



Jerry was awarded both the Award of Merit, and the Foothills District Lifetime Achievement Award. Jerry’s dedication to scouting and the car clubs touched the lives of countless individuals through his selfless giving and happy demeanor.



Jerry was Membership Chairman of the BCA Dixie Chapter and was very active in the chapter. One of the friendliest souls you’d ever meet, always a smile on his face. He loved and was so proud of his 35. He will be missed. Gods speed Jerry. Mr. Earl online.

Barney's Column

I found some old letters and thought Reatta Owners might like to read. This the first of 4. (Barney)

Subject: Select 60 Reatta

Date: Mon, 15 Nov 1999 11:12:13 -0500

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HI Nancy, your message about your Reatta was forwarded to me, and I sent it to Ed Mertz who was in charge of Buick Motor Division and this is his reply:

Yes, there was a 1988 "Select 60" Reatta and here's what I remember: We wanted to award our top 60 dealers with a unique and special car similar to what had been done on and off during the previous years. The most unique and desirable car we had coming was the new Reatta, however, the Select 60 meeting was always in April and we weren't in production for the April, 1997 meeting. [It's possible that this car was for the April 1988 meeting... I'll check.] We didn't want to build a car with different and unique content at that time since the Craft Centre was busy just getting the basic car launched. As a result we "awarded" the Select 60 dealers the ability to buy an "extra" Reatta over and above their initial allotment and mailed them the unique hood emblem to replace the original medallion that had been installed at the Craft Centre. There's no way of telling how many dealers actually installed the emblem on a car and I don't believe the serial numbers were unique for these 60 or so cars. [Sometimes there were ties in the process of "winning" a spot on the Select 60 for a given year and the actual number of dealers could be one or two more than 60.]

The only other and most unique Select 60 Reatta was the 1990 Convertible. These units were built with white exteriors and flame red and white interior door panels and white leather seats. The wheels were also unique being white. These wheels and the flame red interior trim were made available for 1991 -- actually 1991 model material pulled ahead for the special Select 60 build. I believe there were 65 1990 Select 60 Reattas built; five more than needed in case of damage or other problems. I purchased one of the "extra five" and sold it after retirement in 1997.

I'll breeze this past a couple of others that were around at that time to see if my memory is accurate. If not I'll pass on the corrections...

Best wishes, Ed Mertz

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MEMBERSHIP 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, BCA via "snail mail", or you can pay online through PayPal.

Please note that a pink highlighter mark on the RDIV number on your envelope means that your Reatta Division dues are either due soon or past due. In order to continue receiving the Reatta newsletter, your RDIV membership status needs to be current.

Please write checks payable to: Reatta Division, BCA or pay online through PayPal to: ReattaClub@gmail.com. NOTE: Please send to "Friends and Family" if using PayPal.

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