



Reatta Road



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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Marck Barker



I can't believe it's June already! It feels like this year has just flown by.

In April I flew to Detroit to pick up this rare 1991 Reatta. Just two convertibles were produced in this color combination (silver/flame red), and I had the chance to buy this one from the original owner.

I first met Tom and Julie in 2015 at the Buick national meet in Springfield, Missouri. They drove their Reatta down from Michigan for the meet and I was in love with it from first sight. I told them if they ever wanted to sell it to please give me a call.

In 2017 I saw them again at the Buick Nationals in Wisconsin. I reiterated my offer, but they truly loved their car, so I was doubtful that they would ever sell it.

But about a month ago, they sent me an email and said the time had come for them to sell it and that they remembered how much I loved the car and wanted it to go to someone who would preserve and appreciate it.

Tom worked at the Craft Centre where the Reattas were built, and was the director of the exhibition they did at the 1989 Detroit Auto Show, where they actually hand-built a Reatta in the middle of the show. So there were a lot of articles and photos that he gave me with the car as well as his coveralls he wore at the exhibition with UAW and Reatta Craft Centre graphic on the back. I hope to get the photos scanned and feature them in an upcoming Reatta Road!

I'm thrilled to be the new owner of this Reatta, and am looking forward to getting it in shape and ready for the Reatta Reunion at Buicks on the Bricks in Flint MI this August! I can certainly attest, it never hurts to tell someone to call you when they are ready to sell. It may take years, but it does happen!

My wife and I are heading out at the end of the month for Spokane Washington for this year's BCA national meet. I hope many of you will be joining us and bringing your Reattas on the Reatta Rendezvous adventure that Alan Thiese has planned for us this year! See you all there!



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2023 Reatta Club Rendezvous Cruise

Greetings from Alan Thiese, assistant director, Reatta Club, BCA.

I would like to invite all Reatta Club members attending the 50th National BCA Meet in Spokane Valley, WA to plan a day of cruising and adventure with fellow club members. On Thursday morning, July 13, 2023 we will meet at Old European Breakfast/Lunch for breakfast at 9:00AM. This restaurant is located at 7640 N. Division Street in Spokane, WA.



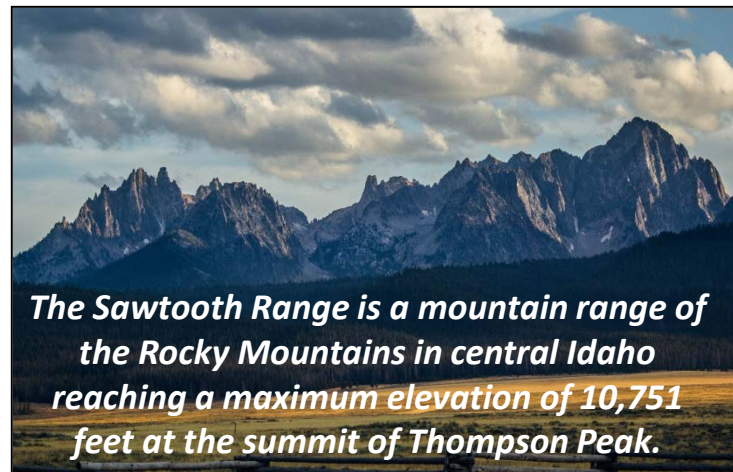
Following our breakfast and socializing with each other, we will head out to tour the Palouse area of WA. This is an area of rolling hills and mostly wheat farming. We will travel to Pullman, WA with a stop at Steptoe Butte State Park.



In Pullman, we will drive by the Washington State University campus as we make our way to the Birch & Barley restaurant for lunch at 1360 Bishop Blvd., Pullman.



Following our lunch, we will travel to Moscow, ID and then head north through the Sawtooth Mountains to Worley, ID and the Coeur D' Alene hotel and casino. Casino play is available and you could join Sandy and me for dinner at the Red Tail Grill at about 6:00PM, if you like. If you wish to just return to the Mirabeau Park Hotel rather than spending time in the casino, your return drive to the host hotel will take about 30 minutes from Worley.



Coeur D' Alene Casino Hotel - 37914 South Nukwalqw, Worley, ID



Total miles of our cruise will be just under 200 miles and I think you will find it to be a very scenic and peaceful day of adventure. **Please contact me at 575 779-1966 or by email at alanthiese@gmail.com to let me know if you will be able to join us on this adventure.** Your Reatta will enjoy the exercise also. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you in Spokane.

2023 Buicks on the Bricks

We will have a presentation on the design and development of the Reatta from David McIntosh, the designer of the Reatta! This will be on Saturday, August 19th, in the afternoon at the show, in Flint, MI. (More information on the show on Page 7 of this newsletter.)



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

REACTA DIVISION BUICK CLUB of AMERICA TREASURER'S REPORT June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023

BALANCE As of 5/31/22: \$15,814.63

TOTAL INCOME: \$2,308.28

TOTAL EXPENSES: (\$2,498.46)

BALANCE As Of 5/31/23: \$15,624.45

The full report, which includes all income & expense details, has been sent to all Officers and Committee Members. It will be emailed to any member upon request.

WELCOME

**To our newest member Jim
Bennett from Wayland, NY**

NOTES REACTA DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING 6/25/22 Lisle, IL by Anne Gibson for Jerry Richstein

Director Marck Barker called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. There were 12 members in attendance.

The financial report prepared by Secretary/ Treasurer Jerry Richstein was presented and approved.

Director Barker stated that the division was in good financial shape.

Director Barker said that the division had a net increase of 2 members for the last year (new members minus members passing or not renewing).

Chuck Kerls and Herb Morris were recognized as 2 members that passed away since the last annual meeting.

Discussion of advisory board was held – time limits of the current members was discussed. After the discussion Chip Aeppli (former Asst. Director) and George Madsen (former board member) were asked to join the advisory committee and they accepted. Anne Gibson was left on the committee for another year.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm.

Reattas Attend AutoFair 2023

Pat Gaglione

On Friday April 14, 2023 an extremely rare sight of 6 Buick Reattas caravanning from Durham, NC to Charlotte, NC was seen. Six Reatta owners from as far as Florida, and Virginia met up in the early morning at East Coast Reatta Parts headquarters in Durham. The gathering was part of a 3 day event planned around the AutoFair 2023. The Charlotte AutoFair is an annual event that takes place at the Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, North Carolina. Charlotte AutoFair is quite large and includes a car show, indoor and outdoor swap meets, many aftermarket vendors, food trucks and a car corral. Organized by the Hornets Nest Chapter of the AACA; and the AACA area is particularly well attended by members from all over the US.



Reattas making their way West on I-85



Rest Stop along the way- still raining

This caravan left Durham around 7:30am and after managing through several bands of intense thunderstorms and one rest stop, arrived at the Speedway before 10am. The cars entered the track and were lined up just in time for the rain to end. The remainder of the day on Friday was perfect for enjoying one of the main Spring car events in the Eastern US.

Marck Barker from East Coast Reatta Parts had arranged for a Reatta specific area for the display and judging of the Reattas. Located on turn 4 of the speedway track, as many as 10 Reattas were displayed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. In addition, a handful more were attending the event but displayed in other locations such as the BCA and AACA areas.

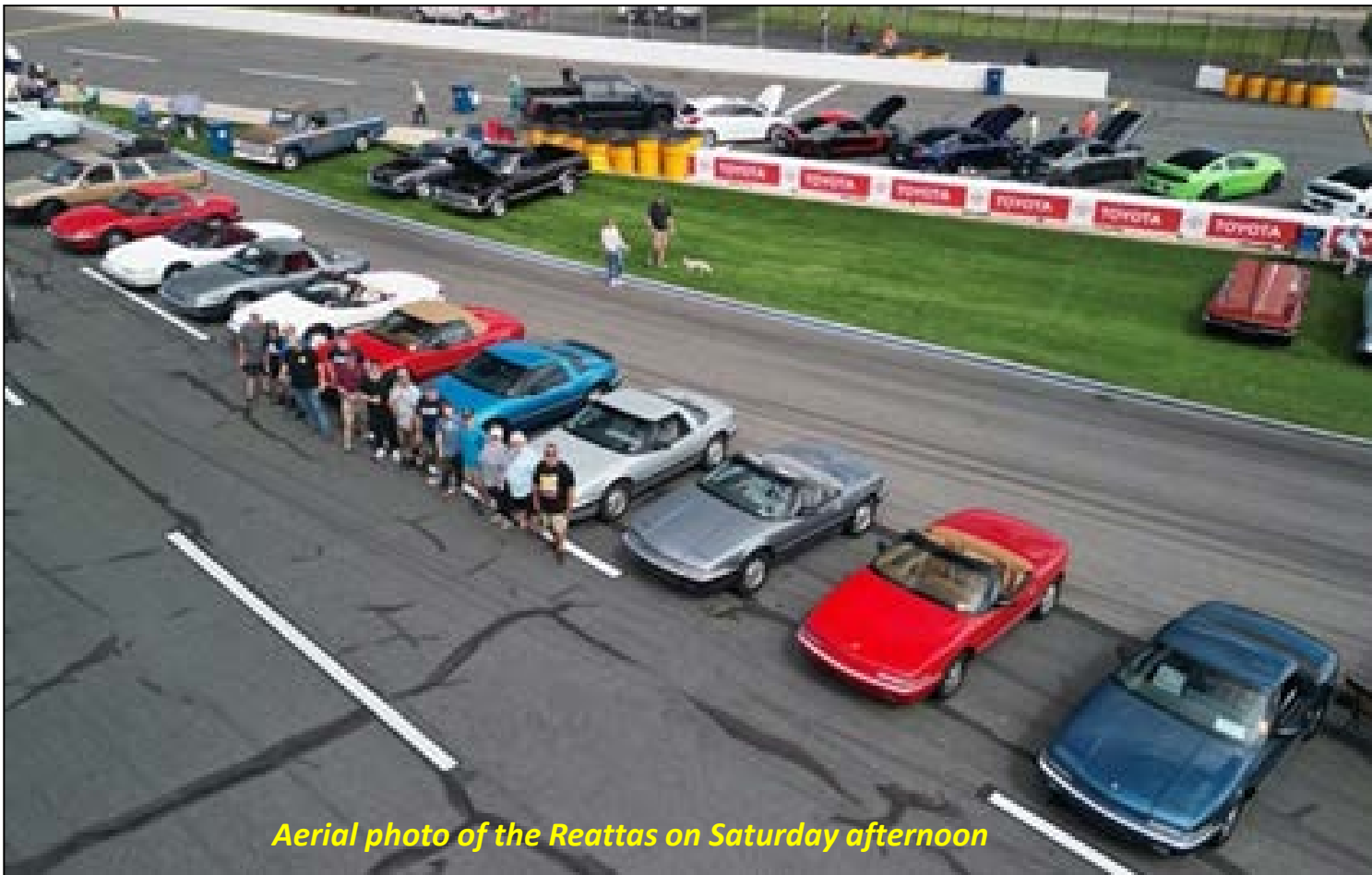
In addition to the on-track activities on Friday, 10 owners and their guests gathered for dinner that evening at Jim 'n Nick's BBQ in Concord, NC. In addition to the caravan participants, other Reatta owners were present that had met the group there in Charlotte. All told we had participants in our group that had traveled from all over the East Coast.

Saturday was the big day and the weatherman cooperated with generous amounts of sunshine which were enjoyed by the largest crowds of the weekend. The day began with an early morning meet-up at Bojangles for breakfast. By 7am we were on the way to the Speedway to get the cars parked in the display area before the crowds showed up.

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Reattas at the breakfast meet up on Saturday morning



Aerial photo of the Reattas on Saturday afternoon

On Sunday cars were judged and awards were presented. Second place went to Brian Pitoniak with his 1990 Select 60 Reatta. First place went to John Gambino with his Maui Blue 1990 Reatta. An award was also given to Dave Chauncy for attending almost every such gathering of Reattas at Auto Fair for the past 10 years. This year he brought two Reattas.

Dave Chauncy and Bob Spagnola also both received AACA Senior badges on the AACA show field on Saturday with their Reattas .

CARS FOR SALE

1988 Coupe, Red/Beige. I was going to restore. I no longer can and do not wanted it junked. I am in **Newark, De. \$500. 302-650 -7208 (5/23)**

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)**

1990 COUPE, faded gray exterior, gray interior. 161k miles \$1,250. DENNIS PARADOSKI, ST CLAIR SHORES, MI 48080 CELL 586-303-6459 (5/23)

1990 Convertible, White/WhiteTop/Blue Interior, Estate Car, \$9000 OBO. 57000 miles. Runs good. Good interior and body. Six Way Seats (not working). Needs tires, TLC. **Mike Jones, Anderson, IN Call 765-644-00244 or Email miketilent@comcast.net (5/23)**

1990 Coupe, Black/Dove Gray Interior, 140,000 miles. Good Condition, Needs Instrument Cluster Repair, **\$2,000. Also available, Parts:** Front Bumper – Grill, Windshield, Rear Light Panel, **\$500. Call Nick after 6 PM Eastern Time, Queens, NY, 1-718-347-1619 (10/22)**

1990 Convertible Red/Tan Top/ Tan Interior. 115,000 miles, excellent condition, always garaged. Located in **Punta Gorda, Florida. \$4,500 Firm.** Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars. Call **631-831-4307.** Ask for Jim. (12/22)

1990 Convertible, white with a tan leather interior, White Vinyl Top (Excellent condition - no leaks) There's 65k and change mileage on it. Garage kept. OEM am/FM cassette w/ equalizer, Power seats - 14 way power driver seat. Comes with OEM Service and Parts Manual, trickle charger, car cover. **201-529-2556 (leave message). (5/23)**

1990 Coupe, Maui Blue, gray interior. 144,000 miles, new tires. Runs great. **\$5,000.** Located in Salem, CT. Photos available. Call **Tom at 860-859-1125. (5/23)**

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.

REATA 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 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@twcnny.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**

Buicks on the Bricks

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AUGUST 19, 2023- Flint, Michigan

All vintage Buick Show On The Bricks hosted by Buicktown Chapter/BCA will feature **Reattas** this year.

Come to the birthplace of GM,- the historic Durant Dort office building and Factory One on 316 Water Street in Flint, Michigan. We will display several special feature **Reattas** and provide a program during the day including a Styling Design and Development presentation of the Reatta by retired GM stylist David McIntosh.

Bring your vintage Buick **Reatta**, the show is free, pre-registration is not required, no Judging. Come and enjoy the historic site, the vintage Buicks, the program and a short walk across the river during the day to the Back To The Bricks displays and all vehicle car show.

Directions to Water Street for "Buicks On The Bricks".

From I 75 in Flint go east on I 69 to Exit 136. At the top of the exit ramp turn left {North} on Grand Traverse street. Go .9 mile (cross the Flint River) 2nd street on your right to Water Street for vintage Buicks only. Other parking including trailers to the left on city streets. Do not use GPS which may take you downtown on Saginaw Street.



Durant Dort office building and Factory One

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



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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.

CHARLOTTE AUTO FAIR 2023



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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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Please send all classified ads and newsletter submissions to: **NEWSLETTER EDITOR, Elizabeth Lane, 39 Cockle Hill Road, Salem, CT 06420 or EMAIL: buffylane39@sbcglobal.net**