

Re: RETRACTION – DAVE BARRETT & HIGH POINT SCIENTIFIC

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Someone said:

"He can also request Google not archive the original post"

Did it, but as you can see, it's not immediate or complete.

Everyone else said:

"You will note that the original poster "corrected" his mistake by naming a second person with a supposed occupation; who as far as we know is also completely innocent. This poster gets no grace from me – he clearly didn't learn from his stupidity, instead repeating it."

"If he has a problem with someone, let him take it up with the individual; if he then gets no relief, the local police and court system are set up to handle just such cases, including small claims court."

"The proper remedy to right this alleged wrong is the court system, not an Internet newsgroup. You have now accused a second Dave Barrett [Actually Dave BarNETT], and you may be equally wrong about him. If perchance, you are not wrong, then I am fairly confident the judicial/law enforcement system will also be able to find him without our help."

It's nice to see that you're all "confident the judicial system can help." Sadly, that hasn't been the case. The FBI spoke with this gentlemen and then suggested a lawsuit. That's just great. You can win a judgement against someone who has wronged you fairly easily, but collecting any money is another matter entirely. My friend is not seeking a moral victory here. That isn't going to help him. You should understand that NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS represents a significant chunk of a person's ANNUAL INCOME. This kind of hardship is simply not acceptable. Put yourself in HIS situation for a moment.

My actions have been admittedly extreme but I believe that we are closer to a resolution of this situation than we were yesterday. Meanwhile, friends and customers LEAPT to the defense of Dave Barrett and I'm grateful to have been straightened out about him.

This doesn't change the facts about one "Dave Barnett" from the Philly area. We have the emails that detail the transaction and later settlement. The courts are simply unwilling to do what it takes to ensure those who have been wronged ever collect. All we are left with is the pressure that communities can apply to their own to see that people do the right thing. Somebody in THIS community would certainly know a person who was into the hobby to the extent that he had a rig such as that. All I ask is that someone who knows him forward this message to him. How else can we get through to him? Where is his shame? Someone asked Dave Barrett what happened and he explained himself in an instant. Let someone ask Dave Barnett and let's hear it from him. Is he at some star party playing with the latest Mewlon or riding around on a Harley?

I will be able to sleep tonight despite the havoc I have unleashed. I have explained myself and apologized in person and in public to Dave Barrett and Bob Dugan of High Point Scientific. I'd be happy to learn from this other person, Dave BarNETT, that there had been some misunderstanding, that a check had been in the mail somehow. I'd get right back up here, bigger fool than ever, and eat my crazy words. Just let the process play out and we'll see.

Rob Hunt

(Sorry I got it wrong the first time, but still convinced that peer pressure may be our only hope to correct what I REPEAT is a very serious hardship.)