



Reatta Road



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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Marck Barker



As summer comes to a close, I hope you all have enjoyed having your Reattas out and on the road. I am certainly looking forward to some cooler weather and some beautiful fall foliage soon.

It seems almost every car event has been canceled in my neck of the woods. I am hoping 2021 turns out better.

By now you hopefully have received your Buick Bugle that includes the registration form for the 2021 Dual Super Meet. With cancelling this year's meet in Ohio, the National Meet Committee reconfigured things so we will have both the Concord, North Carolina and the Strongsville, Ohio meet sequentially.

We will be highlighting the Reatta at the Concord meet to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the 1991 Reattas. So be planning to bring your Reatta to that meet. I am working to have some special Reatta-oriented events to celebrate.

I recently picked up an interesting Reatta that I will be bringing to the 2021 meet

In November I received a call from a woman in Kansas who got my name from one of our members, Charles Thompson. She had a 1991 Reatta convertible she wanted to sell. After some conversation, it turned out to be the '91 convertible that was originally owned by Frank Sinatra Jr.

Long story short, I ended up buying the car, and it arrived a couple weeks later. It's in beautiful condition with only 11,000 miles. It came with all the documentation proving ownership as well as some other goodies.

It's a silver convertible with grey interior and black side moldings. It has the CD player option, black side moldings, and a black convertible top.

I had heard rumors from Craft Centre employees that some, if not all, the Reattas that went to the Sinatra family had chrome tipped exhaust (something not offered on normal Reattas). When this car rolled off the transport truck, that was one of the first things I checked, and lo and behold they were chrome!

I've had to do a decent bit of work to it to really get it to show condition, but it's now finished and ready for next year's national meet!

Hope to see you all there!



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Deadline for the next issue is Dec 1, 2020

By: Barney Eaton

Tech article

Electrical Gremlins

Some Reatta owners are experiencing electrical gremlins with the keyless remote used on the 1989 to 1991 Reatta. (1988 did not have keyless remote)

The problem owners have is (1) the trunk solenoid cycles without pushing the button in the glove box or on the remote. (2) one or both of the door locks cycle on their own. In both cases the only way to stop it is disconnecting the battery. The problem is usually the remote module. You have two choices, unplug the module and you loose the keyless remote feature or replace the module.

I have attached a photo of the module so you will know it when you go looking. It is about 4 1/4 inches square and 1 1/2 in thick, black plastic with part number 22093185 molded in the plastic. The circuit board inside has assembly # 22072531. At this time I only know it was used on the Reatta and Riviera ('88-'93) I have checked the Cadillac Seville and Eldorado parts book and they used a different part number. The good news is the module is easy to remove from a Riviera...from the trunk, it is mounted in the center below the back window and by moving a wire clip, then unplugging the connector and coax cable you have it in your hand...see picture.

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Now where is it located in a Reatta?

Access to the module in a convertible is by raising the back of the top, then open the tonneau, there is a strip of metal on top of the divider between the trunk and passenger compartment. Remove that strip by taking out the screws. This allows the trunk side divider to be folded back and the module is between the seat backs.

The coupe requires the curved plastic panel behind the driver's seat to be removed. See section 10-6 of your Service Manual. Start by lowering the trunk pass thru. Remove the high mount stop light cover, remove the coat hook, remove the upper seat belt retractor cover, remove upper trim panel. On the side of the pass thru door there are screws that hold the end of the lower curved panel, remove those, that will allow the entire panel to come out. The attached pictures show the location of the unit on Reatta coupes and convertibles plus the location on Riviera. 8-20 BNE

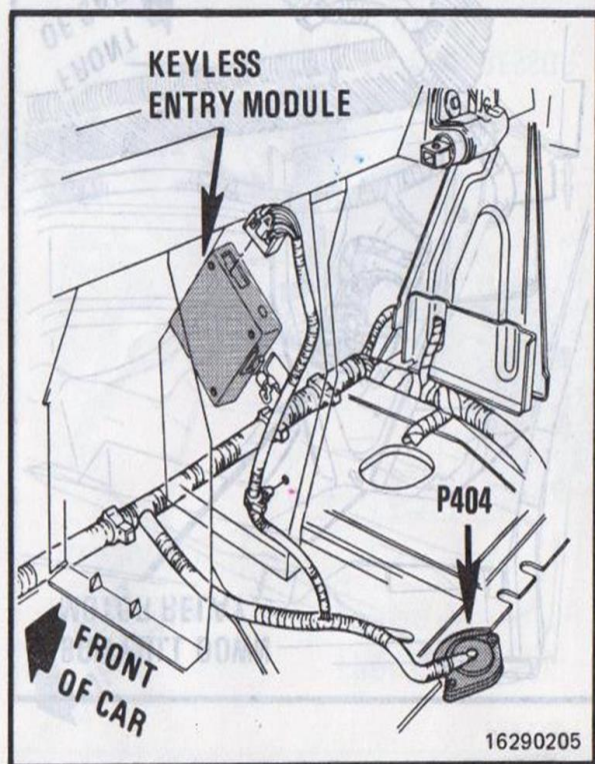


Figure C - Below Tonneau Cover, Along Front Of Cover (Reatta Convertible)

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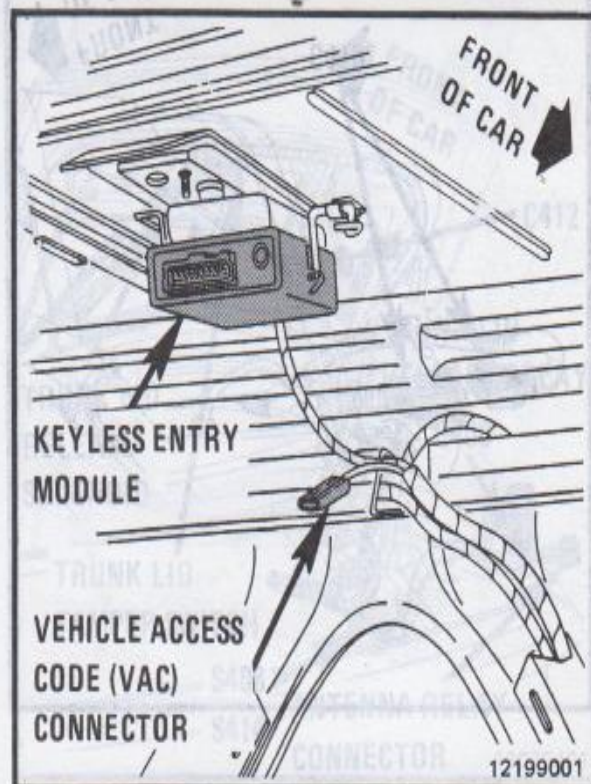


Figure C - Front Of Trunk Compartment, Below Rear Shelf (Riviera)

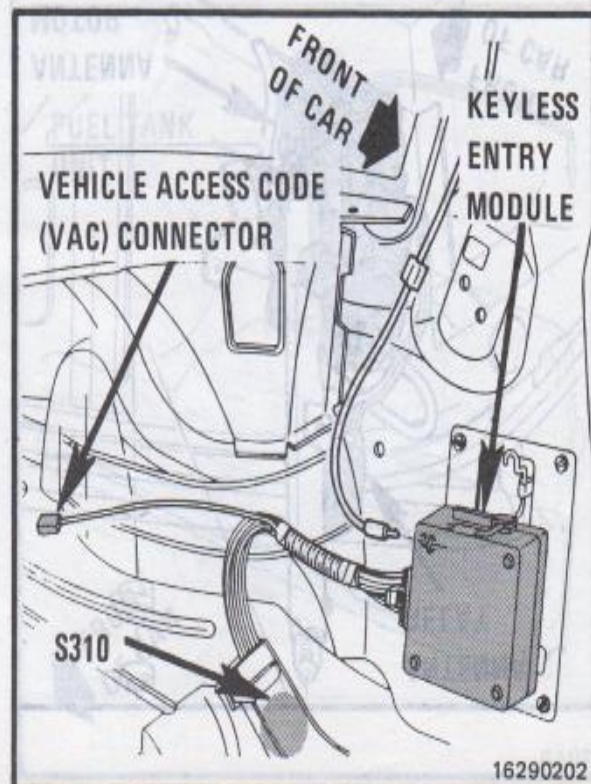


Figure D - LH Rear Of Passenger Compartment (Reatta)

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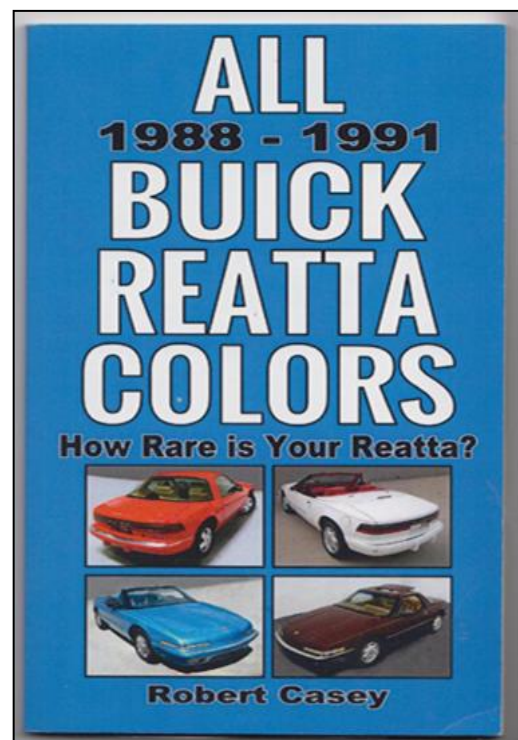
Letter to the Editor

by Barney Eaton

Guess we will not be seeing old friends this year in Cleveland. Sure miss being able to go to shows. Good job on the newsletter.

I do not recall this being in the newsletter.....Robert Casey has a "pocket" book on the Reatta (see picture of the cover). It is available on Amazon for \$18.99. It is not as complete as I would like to see but to have all that information in one "pocket" book is pretty convenient. It is 70+ pages and has lots of good information. It tells how to read the vin number, addresses the "Service Parts Label" but does not break down the codes. Best of all it breaks down each year by exterior color and interior color and list the number of each built.

On the '88-'89 it further breaks down the build numbers for standard and 16 way seats. For some reason that does not continue for 90-91 for those years. He lists the number of coupes made with sunroofs, and convertible top color for convertibles (see example page below). He also addresses the 1991 Polo Green convertible mystery. I do not know if the book is available any place but Amazon.



1990 Reatta Convertible

13U, paint code WA9021

Sterling Silver Metallic (top totals based on 65 units)

Units: 66	Black	White	Red	Total
Interior color	Top	Top	Top	Units
Slate	42	15	0	58
Blue	2	2	0	4
Red	3	0	1 ^A	4

23U, paint code WA9184

Maui Blue Metallic (top totals based on 146 units)

Units: 154	Blue	Black	White	Saddle	Total
Interior color	Top	Top	Top	Top	Units
Slate	0	5	12	0	18
Blue	1 ^B	5	121	0	134
Saddle	0	0	0	2	2 ^C

33U, paint code WA9022

Light Driftwood Metallic

Units: 64	Black	White	Saddle	Total
Interior color	Top	Top	Top	Units
Saddle	6	7	51	64

40U, paint code WA8554

Arctic White (top totals based on 741 units)

Units: 769	Blue	Black	White	Saddle	Total
Interior color	Top	Top	Top	Top	Units
Slate	0	7	57	1	66
Blue	1 ^A	0	93	0	96
Saddle	0	1	37	37	77
Red	0	10	432	0	465 ^D
White w/ Flame Red	0	0	65	0	65 ^D

^A RPO WD1 pilot cars: Red top is VIN 0024; Blue top is VIN 0013.

^B Not a pilot car: VIN 0313.

^C VIN 5651 with AR9, U1H, 23Q, 55A; and VIN 6998 with AF9, UX1, 23Q, 21A.

^D RPO R1V Select Sixty Buick Dealers cars only.

1990 Reatta Convertible

continued

41U, paint code WA8555

Black (top totals based on 306 units)

Units: 307	Black	White	Saddle	Total
Interior color	Top	Top	Top	Units
Slate	80	0	0	80
Saddle	94	0	77	172
Red	54	1	0	55

76U, paint code WA8984

Claret Red Metallic (top totals based on 119 units)

Units: 121	Black	White	Saddle	Total
Interior color	Top	Top	Top	Units
Slate	2	2	0	4
Saddle	2	1	63	68
Red	5	42	2	49

81U, paint code WA8774

Bright Red (top totals based on 685 units)

Units: 686	Black	White	Saddle	Total
Interior color	Top	Top	Top	Units
Slate	16	8	1	25 ^A
Saddle	16	30	596	643
Red	3	15	0	18

85U, paint code WA9235

Gunmetal Gray Metallic

Units: 40	Black	White	Saddle	Total
Interior color	Top	Top	Top	Units
Slate	34 ^B	4	0	38
Blue	1	0	0	1
Red	1	0	0	1

^A Production VINs unequivocally indicate 25 units of Slate interiors with Bright Red convertibles.

^B Of these, VIN 3270 was originally owned by Frank Sinatra, Jr. He also owned the last Sterling Silver Metallic 1991 Reatta convertible, VIN 0610. See top of page 52.

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.

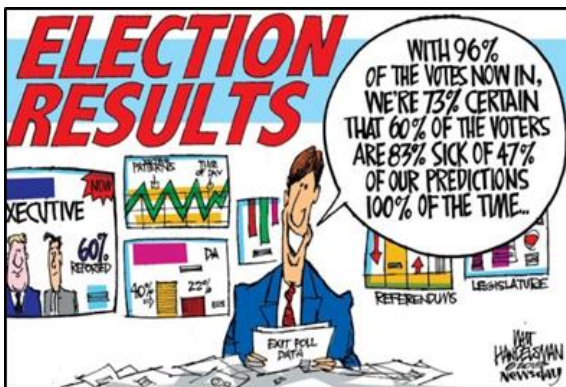
A list and photos of the items and pricing may be requested by contacting **Charles Parry at (315) 383-0707 (call or text), or email: gm33@twcny.rr.com.**

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.**

Election Results and Bylaw Change

Jerry Richstein



The ballots were included in the last issue of the Reatta Road.

They were due back to me by August 1st, and the results are in.

Out of the 231 current members, 31 ballots were received.

The vote for the election of officers was unanimous so Marck is the Director, Chip is the Assistant Director, and I am the Secretary/Treasurer.

On the question of the Bylaw change to have the Officers serve 2 year Terms instead of the current 1 year Term; the vote was 30 for and 1 against, so the Bylaw change passes, effective immediately.

Along with one ballot I received a note stating that the ballots should include a space for the member's name to validate the ballot. I validated the ballots this year by checking the return address on the envelopes, but a quick check of the bylaws indicated that this member is correct. I've made a note to myself to include a line for the member's name & RDiv# when we have our next election in 2022.

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: georgecindy@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: maooves@hotmail.com for pictures and additional information or contact **Mark Hoover (765) 215-3978.** (9/20)

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)



Black- 1989
By Paul Gomberg

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 IT WILL CHANGE FROM TIME TO TIME.



Red - 1989 by Paul Gomberg



Saffire Blue Firemist - 1988 by Paul Gomberg

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.com or (336) 599-9589 to order.



**HAPPY 30TH
 BIRTHDAY
 1990
 REATTAS**



Owner:
Christopher Sullivan

Stolen Reatta

VIN 1G4EC33C4LB905074

White/white convertible, Grey like new interior, 44,990 miles

My Reatta was stolen from my home in SF, CA. This car was originally purchased by my mom. I hope to recover soon. Please don't let anyone sell my moms car through your organization. I am a Reatta club member of the Buick car club.

Heck they took the car, disabled placard and the whole bit. I hope it can be recovered and not damaged terribly, please.

Hey, thanks for the help.



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.

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Send all dues payments and address changes (include your RDIV # on your check) to:
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