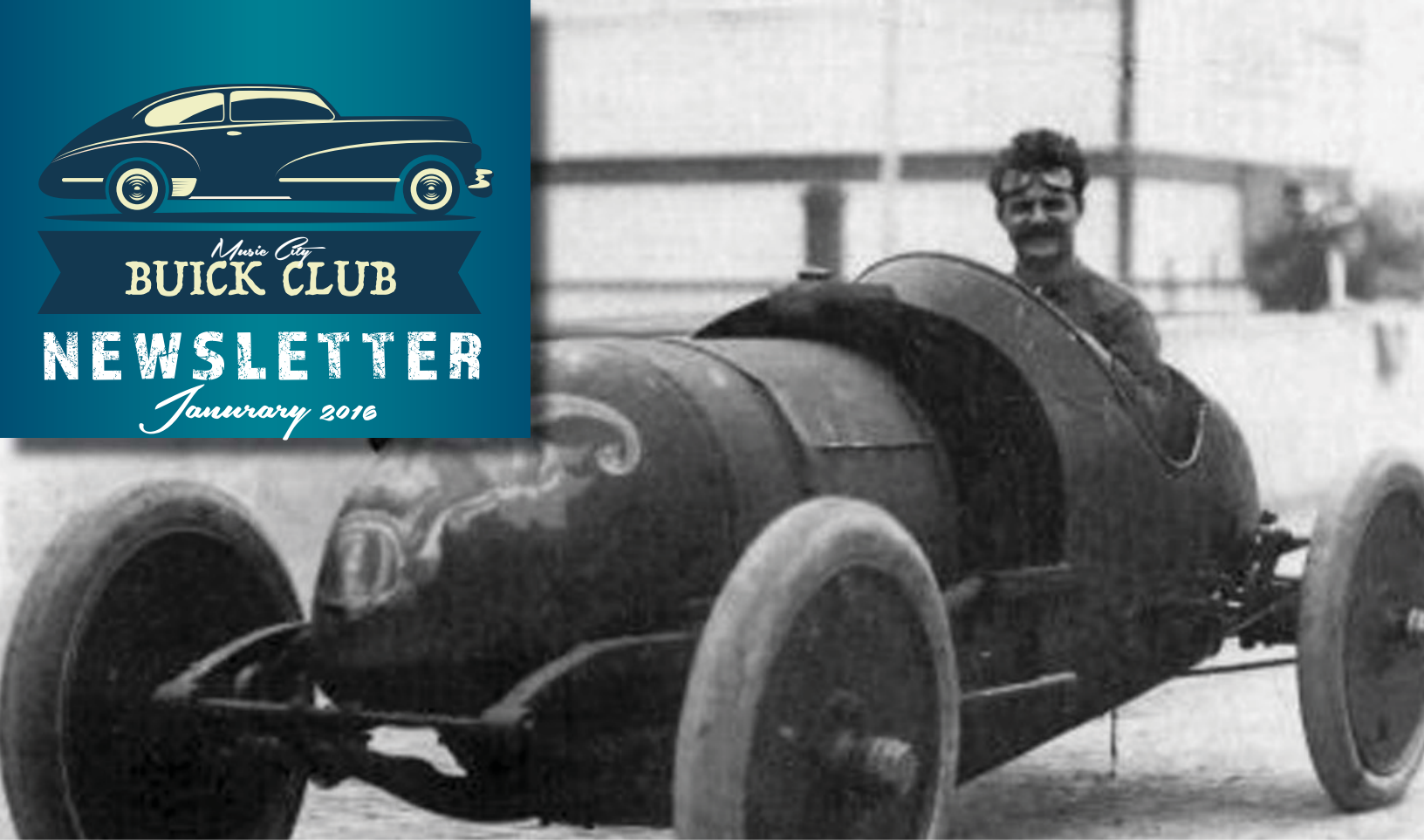




Music City
BUICK CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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THE 60 SPECIAL : RADICALLY DANGEROUS

Built by the Buick racing team in 1910, The 60 Special, also known as the Buick Bug, was a fleeting design in the company's racing history.

Featuring a radical (for the time) nose cone, the car had a very serious design flaw : it was much too narrow to handle corners during a race and therefore tended to flip. However, it featured a four-cylinder 622 cubic-inch engine which could reach speeds of 110 m.p.h. on straight tracks.

Buick only built two Bugs, one for Louis Chevrolet (pictured above) and one for Bob Burman (right). Legend has it that the revolutionary Buick Bug was created in just three weeks by Buick engineer Walter Marr. Despite it's flaws, the Bug was the first race car to locate the driver in the center of the body. Weighing 2,600lbs the Bug featured an aerodynamically shaped aluminium body.

Despite the legacy surrounding them, the Bugs did not do well in races, in fact they were only raced a handful of times. In 1912, Ray Howard drove Burman's Bug at Brighton Beach in New York, but

fell out of the race due to the car overheating. The Bug was never raced again.

Sometime during 1911, Louis Chevrolet's Bug was lost. The whereabouts are still unknown. Burman's Bug was donated to the Sloan Museum in Flint,



(above) The Buick Bug believed to have been driven by Bob Burman. The fate of Louis Chevrolet's Bug (top) is not known.

Michigan where today it is on display at the Sloan's Buick Research Gallery.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR from our Director, Ron Franks



Barbara Eubank
December 17

John Eubank
November 27

Nancy Meyer
November 13

Lillard Walker
November 4

Barry Wilson
January 30

Hello Music City Buick Club members!

I'd like to start off by saying that hosting the buick club at our home for our annual holiday party was really a highlight of the season for Maria and I.

We have a few very exciting things happening for the Music City chapter of BCA! The top of that list is the Music City Regional Meet taking place October 13-16. We've already begun making plans that we hope to confirm and share with you soon. Thank you to those of you who volunteered to look into hotels in Franklin that can accommodate the group. Please let us know if you'd like to help out!

I'm also happy to share that we now have our own website, which features back issues of the Buick Club newsletter, and other information. You can visit our website at: www.musiccity.buickclub.org

I look forward to another great year with you all!

Ron



Music City Buick Club's 2015 Christmas Party

Reminder

2016 dues are DUE!

If you haven't already paid, send a check for \$10 payable to **Music City Chapter BCA** to:

John Morgan
910 S.E. Broad Street
Murfreesboro, TN 37130

Remember:

In order to be a member of the local club, you must also be a member of the national club, Buick Club of America.

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JAN 17
Bob & Elaine Fritz

FEB 21
Paul & Barbara White

MAR 20
Paul Picelli

APR 17
Bob & Ellen Bell

MAY 15
Larry & Elaine Arrowood

JUN 26
William Dodson

JUL
NO MEETING

AUG 21
Jill Lester

SEP 17
Woodside Picnic

OCT 13-16
Music City Regional Meet

NOV
NO MEETING

DEC 4
Ron & Maria Franks

THIS MONTH'S MEETING:

DALT'S RESTAURANT
38 White Bridge Road
(backroom)
January 17th at 1:30pm