

## SABR PICTORIAL HISTORY COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

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### NEW BALLPARK PHOTO PROJECT LAUNCHED

The Ballparks Committee and the Pictorial History Committee have started a joint project to develop a Ballpark Photo Index. Its ultimate scope will include more than major league ballparks, but we will restrict it to current and former major league stadiums for the time being.

Like the Player Image Index, this Excel data base will consist of pointers towards available photos, rather than inclusion of digitized forms of the photos themselves. When a photo of a ballpark is found, we seek to record the following information about it in the Ballpark Photo Index:

1. City Where Ballpark is/was Located
2. State Where Ballpark is/was Located
3. Name of Park
4. Home Team
5. Location of Picture (used only in the case of a library, museum, or private collection)
6. Identity of Publication, Photo, or Postcard (In the case of a book, please give name of book and author; In the case of a postcard, please give the postcard identification number and type, e.g. standard chrome, continental chrome, jumbo, pre-linen, linen, mechanical, metallic)
7. Issue Date for Publication
8. Page Number within Publication
9. Caption Associated with Photo
10. Shot Kind (e.g. the front entrance to the park, a broad sweep of the outside of the park, aerial view of the outside, aerial view of the inside, view towards the outfield, view towards the stands behind the plate, view of the grandstands along the sides, and special characteristic of the park, e.g. The Green Monster in Fenway).
11. Color vs. B&W
12. Data Input By
13. Found for this Project By
14. Update Date

Credit will be given in each data record to the person who found and reported the photo to this

project.

Paul Healey has agreed to head this project. He may be reached at paulhealey@yahoo.com. Please participate in this project by contacting Paul and offering to catalogue the ballpark photos which you may have in your collections or in baseball books in your libraries.

## BALLPARK PHOTO WEBSITES

For those who do not participate in the SABR-L List Serv, you may want to be aware of a recent thread which introduced us to some websites which feature ballpark photos. The websites are listed below, along with the names of the SABR members who posted the website addresses on SABR-L.

<http://www.ballparkdigest.com> (posted by Kevin Reichard)  
<http://www.mwlguide.com/cities/parks.html> (posted by Joel Dinda)  
<http://www.digitalballparks.com/> (posted by Joel Dinda)  
<http://members.aol.com/charliezeb/stadiums.htm> (posted by Joel Dinda)  
<http://www.minorleagueballparks.com/> (posted by Joel Dinda)

Plus a link to other webpages containing ballpark photos:  
<http://www.minorleagueballparks.com/links.html> (posted by Joel Dinda)

An email message from SABR member Bruce Adams conveyed an additional ballpark website. It is:

<http://www.baseballparks.com>

## PLAYER PHOTO WEBSITES

Christopher Green posted on SABR-L an unfamiliar web address within the Library of Congress website. It contains miscellaneous photos from the Farm Security Administration, which operated during World War II. You will find only a few major leaguers in the FSA collection, but a variety of non-professional baseball player photos is on display. The base website address is:  
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/fsowhome.html>

When you get to that page, click on Black & White photos, then click on Search, then enter "baseball" into the Search field and click on the Search button.

## IDENTIFYING MYSTERY PHOTOS

In the past few months, many of you have received emails from me with baseball photos attached. These emails have been generated because people outside our committee have requested our help in identifying the photos. Photo attachments to emails can tie up your computers for a considerable amount of time when you attempt to download them. Therefore, in the future, instead of sending these kinds of requests to all members of the committee who have email addresses, I'm going to construct a list of those members who wish to see such photos.

Future distributions will be limited to those who have indicated that they are willing to have such photos electronically transmitted to them for their input on solving the mysteries. Therefore, if you wish to receive emails with such photos attached, please send me an email indicating such a desire so I can add your name to the list.

In the meantime, we have one pending request which entails looking at a photo on a website. Larry Epke has requested an identification of a 1902 White Sox player on the American Memory (Library of Congress website). Go to the following website address:  
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/cdnquery.html>

In the Search box, type in SDN-000477. That will bring you to the photo in question. It appears to me that the mystery player would have to be either a left-handed batter or a switch hitter. The only 1902 White Sox with those characteristics were Frank Isbell, Danny Green, Fielder Jones, Herm McFarland, Tom Daly, George Davis, and Sammy Strang. In the comparison photos I've been able to find, only Tom Daly and George Davis had mustaches. If you have a comment on who the mystery player is, please let me know.

#### PLAYER IMAGE INDEX CONTENT APPROACHING 15,000 PLAYERS

The number of players on our Missing Players List is now down to 1,013. The quantity of contributions to reducing this list has dwindled a bit in recent months. That's understandable as we reach a core of players whose images are increasingly more difficult to find. Let's set a goal of trimming the Missing Player List to 1,000 by the time we have our Committee meeting in July. If we reach that goal, we will have passed the 15,000 mark in terms of major league players whose images have been catalogued.

If you wish to have an updated version of the Missing Players List sent to you, just drop me an email.

#### PARTICIPATION IN THE PLAYER IMAGE INDEX PROJECT STILL GROWING

In addition to those individuals mentioned in previous Committee Newsletters, the following individuals have contributed the finding of at least one photo image which has been catalogued into the Player Image Index: Martin Abramowitz, Rich Adler, Ray Billbrough, Christopher Green, David Kern, Eric Sallee, Jay Sanford, Jim Shaull, Phil Sienko, and Tim Wiles. Nearly 60 people have now been involved in developing the Player Image Index.

A special round of thanks goes to Marc Okkonen, Richard Ulrich, Lefty Blasco, and Duane Behm, who have submitted photos multiple times since the last newsletter was issued. Continuing thanks go to Cary Smith for his work in preparing the Player Image Index for the next step by assigning Player ID's to all the entries.

#### SABR 34 COMMITTEE MEETING

The national convention, SABR 34, will be held in Cincinnati in July. Our annual committee meeting will take place there. The tentative convention schedule calls for us to meet from 9 am

to 10 am on Friday, July 16. The committee meeting is always a good occasion to review progress and discuss where we are headed for the next year. We hope to see many of you there at the meeting.