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Fantography San Diego Book Signing

Most of the recent Chapter activity revolves around Andy Strasberg's second 'Fantography' book. His current title focuses on San Diego Baseball (which is also the subtitle of the book).

On May 27th, Randy Jones hosted a book signing on at his restaurant. Proceeds from the books sold went to the San Diego Ted Williams SABR Baseball Research Center. Jones signed books, visited with fans and posed for photos during the evening's 2 hour special event. In addition to the fans who attended many former Padres front office employees turned out to re connect with the 1976 National League Cy Young Award winner.



Chapter Vice President and Fantography author Andy Strasberg with Randy Jones

(photo courtesy Andy Strasberg)



Afternoon of Baseball Chat

On June 14th, the Baseball Research Center hosted an afternoon of Baseball Chat. The Famous San Diego Chicken was the featured speaker at this special San Diego Ted Williams SABR Baseball Fantography Event. Seven of the fans whose photos appeared in the San Diego Baseball Fantography edition were on hand to tell about the background and their experience in taking the photo that appeared in the book.

The only rules that governed inclusion of photos in the book were (a) they had to be taken by fans vice professional photographers, and (b) they could not be photographs of game action. Examples of the pictures featured at this event included a shot of Tony Gwynn in the dugout before his first Major League at-bat; Padres celebrating a 21 June 1995 win on the field; behind the scenes of the taping of a Tony Gwynn instructional video; photos from the 1968 American Airlines Astrojet Golf Classic; and many others.



Larry Carpa describes his photo, taken after a Padres win vs Cubs, 21 June 1995 (Scott Dunsmore)

Many of the photos in the book are of the Famous Chicken, who has been entertaining fans since 1974. The Chicken told the inside story of his grand hatching and had everyone laughing with little known anecdotes about that event prior to a Padres baseball game. Afterwards, the Chicken posed for photos with fans and admirers.



(Photo courtesy Andy Strasberg)

REMINDER our next chapter meeting is Saturday August 9th at the SD Central Library.