

KELTNER'S HOT CORNER



Ken Keltner Badger State Chapter

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Ken Keltner Chapter Meeting

May 9,2020

Canceled



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TBD



[SABR 50](#)

July 15-19

Hyatt Regency Inner Harbor Hotel
Baltimore, MD



Ken Keltner - Emil Rothe
Joint SABR Day Meeting
February 13, 2021
Brat Stop - Kenosha

Congratulation's Mike Hauptert 2020 Henry Chadwick Award Recipient

SABR announced the 2020 recipients of the [Henry Chadwick Award](#), established to honor the game's great researchers — historians, statisticians, analysts, and archivists — for their invaluable contributions to making baseball the game that links America's present with its past.

One of the three recipients was Ken Keltner member Michael Hauptert. Following is from SABR's announcement

Michael Hauptert is responsible for much of our growing knowledge of the history of the business of baseball, particularly as it relates to player salaries. In 2012, Baseball-Reference.com added salary information from Hauptert's database for nearly 7,000 player-seasons, primarily from 1915 to 1969, researched from player contract records at the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Hauptert has since added to his database, including salary data from the Negro Leagues, the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, and earlier years. Using his salary information and other data finds, Hauptert has published more than 60 articles on the business of baseball. His salary data along with his other primary research and published insights have become indispensable for business of baseball historians. He is a Professor of Economics at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and co-chair of the SABR Business of Baseball Committee.



Related links on Mike's research can be found at:

[Michael Hauptert: "MLB Annual Salary Leaders Since 1874"](#)

[Michael Hauptert: "Baseball's Major Salary Milestones" \(Baseball Research Journal, Fall 2011\)](#)

[Read more SABR articles written by Michael Hauptert](#)

Congratulations Mike, on winning the Chadwick Award for some great and important research.

In addition to Mike, [Tom Shea](#) and [Tom Tango](#) also won the 2020 Chadwick Award.

Save the Date
Ken Keltner Badger State Chapter Meeting
Saturday, May 9, 2020
J&B's Blue Ribbon Bar & Grill

CANCELLED

We are living during very interesting times, even more interesting than the last few years have been. I don't know about you, but I'm ready for boring. Based on the projections for when the virus will peak in Wisconsin and then a slowing but not an ending to Covid-19, the May 9, 2020 Face-to-Face Chapter Meeting is canceled. Many of our members, including me, are concerned with wondering out of the bunker too soon, so as we say so often, better safe than sorry. Hopefully we will be able to meet sooner than much later.

Ken Keltner Badger State *Virtual* Chapter Meetings



Speaking of meeting again, we have done research on holding virtual meetings and it looks like Zoom may be the answer. Up to 100 individuals can attend a Zoom meeting and it is easy to work with including signing in. We can share screens allowing PowerPoint presentations, spreadsheets, videos and other media. In a poll of our members, the responses indicated about an hour for a virtual meeting seems right. Some suggested evenings, some Saturdays. We can try a mix to see what works best.

When? Since Zoom Pro allows meetings longer than 40-minutes, that is the direction we want to go. With a \$14.99 monthly fee, our treasury of \$105 will be depleted quickly. But we may not need to do so. SABR national is working on a Zoom Pro subscription for chapters to use. We are waiting to hear more before moving forward. We are working on contacting and putting together a list of possible speakers and open to suggestions for presenters you would like to hear. The Chicago chapter has been using Facebook Live, although free, I'm not sure that is a solution for our chapter since many of our members do not use Facebook. They will also be exploring Zoom.

These meetings open the world and I'm excited with the possibilities this gives us for the short and long run. Stay tuned for more information.

Keltner Book Korner
Bored Yet?



Although the Stay at Home Order has been difficult for many, there are also silver linings. Have you found more time to do other things, like reading some of those books that have been sitting there gathering dust over the past few years (okay, that's my issue)? Your *Keltner Hot Corner* can be a fun way to share your reading experiences with other members. Is there a good book you read recently, or a real stinker, let us know? Yes, many of us are looking for baseball books, other books are acceptable, too. I am reading Jeremy Beer's *Oscar Charleston* and thoroughly enjoy it. Prior to that, I read our November quest speaker, Chris Zantow's *Building the Brewers: Bud Selig and the Return of Major League Baseball to Milwaukee*. It was excellent with good research.

Several years ago, we started a book club, a group of us read an excellent book but we all got busy and never had another opportunity. Rick kept saying let's do another and we were all busy. Is now the time to revisit the idea? It sure feels like it. Fellow SABR member Ron Kaplan has a website, [Ron' Kaplan's Baseball Bookshelf](#) where Ron tracks baseball best sellers. Here is a list of possible candidates for the book club. Are any of these of interest? What other books would you suggest?

How would we meet? Great question, for now a Zoom meeting will work. After we are sprung, meeting at Broken Bat Brewery could be a good locale.

Who wants to join the Keltner Book Korner Book Club?

#StayHomeWithSABR

Memo from Jacob Pomrenke on SABR's Stay Home with SABR initiative

March 31, 2020

SABR Chapter Leaders,

Today we launched our new [Stay Home With SABR](#) initiative, an eight-week effort from April 1 to May 31, 2020, to assist in limiting the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

During this time, all new membership dues SABR receives will be split with [Heart to Heart International](#), a nonprofit organization that distributes urgently needed equipment and medication to partners around the world during this global crisis.

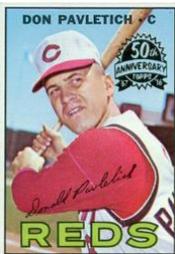
We all need to lean on our communities more than ever before, and we'd like to encourage all of you to help out by continuing to engage with your local chapter members online at admin.sabr.org through emails, newsletters, and discussion forums; holding virtual meetings with services like Zoom, Skype, or Facebook Live; and sharing SABR's [vast research collection](#) online with neighbors, friends, and family. They're all a great way to help fill the void during these challenging times.

If you are planning to hold a virtual meeting, be sure to share the details with the SABR office so we can help spread the word. We are working to set up a new Zoom Pro account that all SABR chapter leaders will be able to use to schedule virtual meetings; we'll send you more details on how to access the Zoom account as soon as they're confirmed.

Here are some tips on starting up a social media account for your chapter, along with a Best Practices guide for all SABR-affiliated accounts or websites. We've found that the easiest way to keep up with a chapter account or website is to find someone in your chapter who is already familiar with those platforms. (If you don't know anyone who can help, send out an email to ask around!) Please use the hashtag **#StayHomeWithSABR** regularly on your social media posts and encourage any baseball fan you know to sign up for a membership, which will help SABR and also assist in relief efforts.

Thanks,

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Rest-in-Peace: Don Pavletich

Milwaukee born, West Allis raised, catcher Don Pavletich passed away on March 5. Jim Nitz, who got to know him through the family hardware store, considered him "very personable and a humble guy who was easy to talk with," shared his [Cincinnati Enquirer Obituary](#). He was well respected with Johnny Bench tweeting his RIP and recalling how the Milwaukeean won the starting catching job in 1968. Bill Nowlin's [SABR Biography](#) is about a humble ball player who thought, "I was fortunate. I was very, very fortunate."

WHAT HAPPENED TO BASEBALL HISTORY TODAY

Some members have noticed a slowdown in Baseball History Today posts. I'm glad it's been missed and I apologize. The month of March was difficult for Linda's and I as her mom entered hospice in our home in late February, passing away March 23. Concentrating on writing was a chore plus adding the Wisconsin Born Major League Monthly Birthdays. It will continue, not as frequently. If other members would like to help with this project, let me know, I have the process documented to make it easier. DDD



Free *Baseball Digest* Archives

Baseball Digest, which started publishing in 1942, shortly after Pearl Harbor, understands the importance of baseball's role in a crisis. With COVID-19 they have made their archives available free, with registration from 1942 to 2019. To take advantage of this opportunity register at: <https://baseballdigest.com>

Message from *Baseball Digest's* Publisher

Update March 31, 2020: As fans await the return of Baseball on the field, *Baseball Digest* has unlocked its archive and made its complete inventory of more than 800 issues from 1942 through 2019 available to baseball fans at no cost online. We hope during these unprecedented times this may, in some small way, help fill the void until we can all return to the ballpark."

March-April 2020 Chapter Newsletter

SABR Day 2020: Video Rewind

The Delahanty Dynasty: Frank Delahanty

Where in the Draft Are the Hall of Famers Found?

What's on Deck? Yasmani Grandal: A Deep Dive

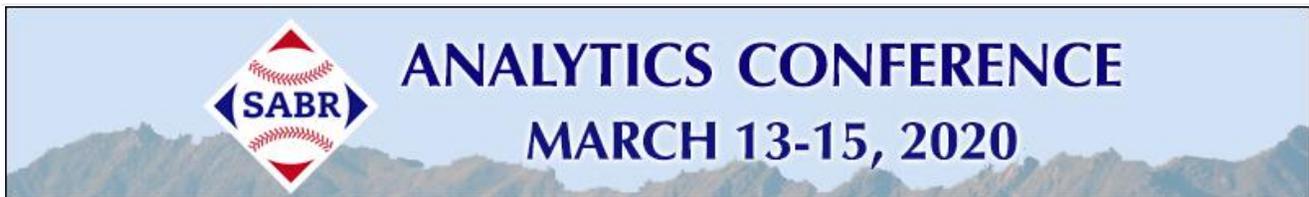
History Hunters

Opening Day Memories 1990



AND VIDEOS OF THE SABR DAY PRESENTATIONS AT THE BRAT STOP!

Watch the 2020 SABR Analytics Conference Through Online Livestream



Although SABR requested that attendees not attend this year's Analytics Conference because of Covid-19, the show went on streaming live over the conferences three days in March. All of the panels and presentations were streamed and available on YouTube for our enjoyment. This is a great opportunity for all of us to attend the conference this year.

Note, the first day video has about a five-minute challenge at the beginning with testing mics and video. If you can slide forward to the four-minute mark or so, the conference will start up.

To watch all three days visit: <https://sabr.org/2020-analytics-livestream>

SABRcast with Rob Neyer Live Streaming



As part of #StayHomeWithSABR, beginning next week, [SABRcast with Rob Neyer](#) will be recorded via online livestream, featuring nationally known guests plus an interactive Q&A in which all baseball fans can participate. The first live show, which will feature ESPN announcer Jon “Boog” Sciambi, will air at 3:00 p.m. CDT on Monday, April 6 at [SABR.org/sabrcast](#) and the archives will be available online afterward.

Milwaukee Author Seeks Your Memories of County Stadium

McFarland Publishing, a North Carolina company specializing in academic books, has added Milwaukee County Stadium to its list of historic ballparks highlighted in a series.

Of all the ballparks in the world, Milwaukee was lucky to have a park associated with such storied teams as the Milwaukee Braves and Milwaukee Brewers.



Jim Cryns, a Whitefish Bay native and editor of the new volume, said it’s a ballyard close to all of our hearts.

“I think this is a special opportunity for Milwaukee and all its fans,” Cryns said. “This book is different from the other five as I worked in this park, I know a lot of people that worked in the park. Most of the players, managers and key people involved with County Stadium are still alive. Bud Selig is writing the Foreword. I’m waiting to hear back from Hank Aaron for his contribution. I have the assistance of some very

respected individuals with the Brewers as well as former employees of the ball club.”

Cryns needs your help. More specifically, he needs your memories.

“I’m looking for personal stories that took place at County Stadium for *any* event,” Cryns said. “It could have been a Packer game, Braves or Brewers game, a WWE, a rock concert.”

Cryns said he’s not looking for a one-sentence summary. Rather, he’s looking for a snapshot of your life that happened to take place at the park. He wants to know why it was special? He wants readers to know why you still recall the event.

“The book will cover everything from inception, blue prints, funding to demolition. There will be a section for memories from former players, managers, employees of the teams. There will also be a fan memory section and that’s where you come in.”

Cryns said there is no compensation other than your name being cited next to your memory and credit given to you for your photo.

“I urge you to be part of this celebration of the old tin stadium. For some of us, myself included, it holds an era of baseball that Miller Park can’t duplicate.”

Join the Facebook page: [The History of Milwaukee County Stadium](#). Contact Jim with a memory or photo or any questions at jjimcryns@gmail.com