

July-August 1994  
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### I NEW MEMBERS

We welcome these new members to our committee:

Bob Golon  
234 Oakland Avenue  
So. Plainfield, NJ 07080

All levels; 1900-50 parks; researching Federal League park in Harrison, NJ and welcomes assistance; interest in Washington, NJ mystery ballpark.

Clarence Watkins  
110 Valley Way  
Statesboro, GA 30458

All levels esp. Southern Lg; parks in Atlanta, Memphis, Birmingham & Chattanooga (So. Lg.); visits libraries and seeks park/team info from programs and local sources.

Chris Epting  
1425 Stanford Street #9  
Santa Monica, CA 90404

All levels and eras, esp. 1900-50; working on book on status of sites of former parks and welcomes assistance; wishes to explore marker for IA Wrigley Field and others.

Phil Locker  
600 West 115th St. #51  
New York, NY 10025-7715

All levels; parks after 1950; researching park effects on game; wants to document all major league park changes of recent years after Green Cathedrals stopped.

Daniel Weinstein  
2415 Mahan Drive  
Louisville, KY 40299

Minors and NL; pre-1900 and post-1920 parks; Miami & Louisville, KY parks; suggests photo history of current NL parks; has access to Louisville Historical Society.

Please contact these gentlemen if you see areas of common interest.

### II CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Tom Harris now at 511 Hardenbergh Avenue, Point Pleasant, NJ 08742  
Greg Carter now at PO Box 45666, Seattle, WA 98145-0666  
Phil Gruen now at 2322 No. Commonwealth Avenue, #103, Chicago, IL 60614  
Jim Gumm now at 3705 Addison Drive, Cleveland, TN 37312  
Alan Truax now at 39 Central Avenue, So. Burlington, VT 05403  
Jay Ziemann now at 14145 No. 92nd Street #1083, Scottsdale, AZ 85260

If you live nearby, welcome them to the neighborhood! Keep us posted if you move.  
Up-to-date roster lists available for a 52¢ SASE.

### III BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Thanks to Joe Naiman and Joe Favano we have the minutes from the committee business meeting and the discussion that followed. Members not attending are welcome to make additional comments for our next newsletter (for that matter--everyone is welcome to make comments!).

### IV CORRESPONDENCE/FINANCIAL REPORT

At the end of August the committee had received 356 pieces of mail for 1994 while sending out 434 pieces. The finances are good as the SABR budget allocation just arrived and many members have been generous with extra donations with their copy requests. We expect to end the year with a slight surplus.

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V RESEARCH REQUESTS

In addition to the questions/comments in the new members section, we have these requests:

1. Bill Cahill, 9101 Shore Road #511, Brooklyn, NY 11209, seeks diagrams/visual info on Washington Park, Brooklyn, for the 1883-1890 era; also seeks similar info for Eastern, Capitoline, and Union Grounds.
2. Paul Janecko seeks photos for his book, A Very Sweet Yard, Building a Ballpark. Contact him at RR1 Box 260, Hebron, ME 04238.
3. John Sadowey of 54263 Silver Street, Elkhart, IN 46514, is looking for info the Elkhart team/park for the IN/MI League entry in 1910. (219) 264-5398
4. ANSWER FOUND to #7 of Item IV in the last newsletter on the home dugout at Yankee Stadium. On 4-19-46 they changed it from 3rd to 1st. Ed Crosby who posed the question found his answer in This Date in Yankee History.
5. Chad Miltenberger of 500 8th Avenue, Lewiston, ID 83501 is working with a group building a small ballpark. They want to copy the styles of the classic era. Contact him at (208) 799-2279 if you have blueprints or other resources.
6. Phil Locker (see new members) seeks opinion as to what counts as a major/important change to a ballpark when evaluating the game over time. He wants to codify all changes of recent years. For a copy of his letter outlining his questions, please send a SASE of 29¢. Also, call him at (212) 666-3503 if you can help.
7. Stewart Wolpin of New York (160 East 39th, 10016) wrote the SABR office decriing the state of League Park in Cleveland at 66th and Lexington and wondered what could be done. I received a copy of the letter and SABR President David Pietrusza's response. For a copy of the correspondence, send me a SASE of 29¢. All of us agree that something should be done, but it rests with civic officials in Cleveland. If you have a brilliant suggestion, let me know.
8. Hiroyuki Matsumoto wrote recently asking for information on foul poles, their origins, etc. I referred this query to Umpire/Rules Committee chief Larry Gerlach who sent me a copy of his prompt and detailed reply. For a copy, send a 29¢ SASE.

If you assist any of these people, please send me a copy of your letter for future reference in our files.

VI BALLPARKS-RELATED ITEMS

1. Jacobs Field stained glass work by committee member Terry McGee on display at 118 Main Street, Cooperstown, NY, from July 22 to September 10.
2. "Fenway, Diamond of the Just" folkart painting, send 29¢ SASE for info.
3. 1995 Stadium Calendars by Mike Gustafson for SABR members at \$6.25 plus \$4.50 shipping/handling. Call/write him at 7350 Croname Road, Niles, IL 60648 (718) 647-2238. He also has first-day lithographs of Denver, Cleveland, & Arlington parks. Contact him for info.
4. A company will soon make stadium blueprints of Osborn Engineering available at various prices. SASE for Sports Collectors Digest article of 9-9-94
5. Picture Postcard History of Baseball by committee member Ron Menchine still available from Almar Press, 4105 Marietta Drive, Vestal, NY 13850. Many ballparks covered in this book. \$14.95 plus \$2.75 p/h.

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VII MINOR LEAGUES NOTES AND ARTICLES

With the major leaguers on strike, the minors have been beneficiaries of even more generous coverage. The Sporting News reported a major increase in minor league attendance ranging from 53% in the AA Eastern and 44% in the A Midwest. The Texas (AA), Northwest (A) and Pioneer (A) Leagues had declines. Here is this issue's selection of old news items and current affairs.

1. Minor League ball in Hickory, NC, TSN, 8-15-94 (5 pgs)
2. Last games and championship at Erie, PA Ainsworth Field (10 pgs)
3. Memories of Greenville, NC Meadowbrook Park, Greenville News, 8-8-76 (3 pgs)
4. History of Chattanooga's Engel Stadium, game program, no date, (2 pgs)
5. March-1955 article on Engel Stadium, (1 pg)
6. "Final Inning at McCormick Field," no source
7. Memphis Chicks and Russwood Park History, 1980 program, (3 pgs)
8. Dedication of Macon, GA new ballpark, Macon Telegraph, 6-13-29 (1 pg)
9. Barons & Rickwood Field History, game program, no date (2 pgs)
10. Photo of Hartwell Field, Mobile, AL, game program, ca. 1950 (1 pg)
11. One-page info sheet on Spartanburg Park (SC)
12. Improvements to Omaha's Rosenblatt Stadium, World-Herald, 6-3-94 (1 pg)
13. Clean-up man at Grand Rapid's (MI) Comstock Park, Detroit News, 8-10-94 (2 pgs)
14. More articles on the great 7-4-44 fire at Baltimore's minor lg. park (4 pgs)
15. Info/History on Hagerstown, MD Municipal Stadium, game program, 1994 (2 pgs)
16. New ballpark for Hudson Valley team (NY) (2 pgs)
17. Class A Boise, ID team uses cement mixers to make 13,000<sup>lbs.</sup> of spuds at ballpark.
18. Three-page History of Buffalo's Offermann Stadium.
19. Pittsfield, MA Wahconah Park and the shadows, USA Today BB Weekly, 8-22 (1 pg)
20. Behind the scenes at Pilot Field game, Buffalo Magazine 8-7-94 (6 pgs)
21. New Orleans old Pellican Stadium, current Privateer Park, and future field game program (4 pgs)
22. New parks and games at CA State League, LA Times, 7-17-94 (2 pgs)
23. What to do with ballpark deteriorating in Mt. Vernon, NY, NY Times, 7-5-94 (1 pg)
24. New park planned for Salem, VA, Salem Times, 7-7-94 (2 pgs)
25. New ballpark for Indianapolis, IN? AP 4-20-94 (1 pg)
26. New park plans announced in Rochester, NY, Democrat & Chronicle, 8-94 (3 pgs)
27. Attendance boom at Bowie BaySox, Wash. Post, 8-30-94 (2 pgs)
28. More on the CA State League, SD Union-Tribune, 9-3-94 (6 pgs)
29. Three NY Times articles on resurgence of minor lg. ball
  - 8-13 on Oneonta, NY team/park
  - 8-12 on teams in NY, CT, NJ, & MA
  - 6-19 on the same teams
30. Problems with field at Thurmon Munson Stadium, Canton/Akron, OH (1 pg)
31. Baseball history of Williamsport, PA, notes by com. member Bill Cahill (15 pgs)
32. Lynn, MA baseball highlights including 1st prof. night game in 1920, (1 pg)
33. Problems with Skylands (NJ) ballpark, Baseball America, no date.
34. "New Barns on the Farm," NJ Cardinals program, '94 new minor lg. parks, (2 pgs)
35. Info/History on Buffalo Bisons from game program, 1994 (6 pgs)

Costs are the same: 6¢ per page plus 29¢ for the first five pages; 29¢ for each additional set of 5 pages. Make checks payable to Bob Bluthardt in name only.

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VIII MORE MINOR LEAGUE ITEMS

1. Thanks to Mike Jaffee of NYC we have many more minor lg. schedules to offer on a first-come/first-served basis:  
Wichita, KS Wranglers                      Quad City River Bandits  
Indianapolis, IN Indians                  Cedar Rapids, IA Kernels  
Pittsfield, MA Mets                      Oklahoma City, OK 89ers  
Clinton, IA Lumber Kings                29¢ SASE for 4; 52¢ for ALL  
Also, for the same SASE 3 pages of comments by Mike on these parks.
2. The AAA Colorado Springs, CO SkySox have a hot tub section of            seats that seat 8 from a location on a deck of a building near the RF foul line. All 72 games are sold out! Cost: \$80 (Wall Street Journal, 7-28-94)
3. Thanks to Jay Gauthreaux for his donation of snap shots of New Orleans Privateer Park.
4. The SABR Umpire & Rules Committee Newsletter says that Edmonton (PCL) Trapper ballpark, John Ducey Park, is unique in that it is named (actually re-named) for an umpire. John Ducey began his career as an umpire in 1931. The newsletter also mentions Ernest Quigley Field at the University of KS. Thanks to John Matthew of both committees for some of this information.
5. The recent SABR Minor League Committee Newsletter lists some suggestions by SABR veteran and well-known researcher Bob McConnell and among his good thoughts is "A compilation of Minor League Ballparks similar to that of Green Cathedrals." What do you think? We know many members working on various states and segments of the US regarding minor league parks. Can this be done together or are the minor league parks an endless task?
6. Thanks to one kind committee member we have a huge pile of clippings and the team program on the new Trenton, NJ Thunder ballpark. Also, he gave us a set of photos. Send \$1.50 for a selection. Our apologies, but I lost the name of the donor..... can you claim the honor with a short note for inclusion in the next newsletter? Thanks!

IX THANKS GO TO:

1. Barry Evans for a huge selection of clippings and a copy of the new book on the White Sox, Stealing First in a Two-Team Town. A review by a committee member is most welcome.
2. Charles Brereton for several copies of his new Ebbets Field/Dodger calendar.
3. Hiroshi Takagi for a 1994 copy of Japan Pro Baseball media guide.
4. Bob Littlejohn for a large selection of articles on the Reds and Riverfront Stadium.
5. All committee members who gave a little extra with their copy requests. Thanks to you, this committee generates over 60% of its income to cover annual expenses. Your support is very much appreciated.
6. The following members for sending materials: Dick Clark, Barry Evans, Kevin Grace, Jack Carlson, Jim Nitz, John Kaup, Don Lancaster, David Moreau, Jay Gauthreaux, Mike Frank, Joe Gusky, Phil Locker, Bob Boynton, Galen Wiser, Art Schott, Bill Cahill, Paul Shapiro, Bob Littlejohn, Andy McCue, Fred Schuld, Keith Danish, Bill Albach, Chris Wait, Mike Dempsey, Steve Csik, Phil Gruen, John Pardon, Brian Powers, Hiroiyuki Matsumoto, Hiroshi Takagi, Mike Hardcastle, Bob Brady, Bill Gilbert, Joe Naiman, and my apologies to anyone left off the list!

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X MAJOR LEAGUE ARTICLES

1. "Houses where evil lives," TSN 9-5-94 (5 pgs) Some info on baseball/football pks.
2. Box score for "Moonlight Graham" game of 1905 (Field of Dreams!) (1 pg)
3. Stories on Brooklyn's Capitoline Grounds opener, 1864 & 1870
4. Ballpark in Arlington info brochure (copy) ( 2 pgs)
5. "Cleveland's Jacobs Field," Ann Arbor News, 8-2-94 (2 pgs)
6. "Jacobs Field hits homer with fans," Plain Dealer 5-22-94 (2 pgs)
7. "Foul Ball," wire article, 8-7-94, memorable foul ball fan catches, (2 pgs)
8. Ruth and the old home run rule, USA Today BB Weekly, 6/29-7/5 94 (1 pg)
9. Review of new Texas park, Modern Steel Construction, April-94 (6 pgs)
10. Review of the new Cleveland park, Modern Steel Construction, April-94 (8 pgs)
11. Photocopy of color picture of plaque at Braves Field SABR and Sports Museum and Boston University erected (1 pg)
12. Early report on effects of new ballpark on Rangers, AP, 7-17-94 (2 pgs)
13. Report on progress at Coors Field, Daily Camera, 7-15-94 (1 pg)
14. The theme park near Shea Stadium, Christ. Science Mon. 8-1-94 (2 pgs)
15. Wind factors at new parks, BB America, 7/25-8/27 94 (1 pg)
16. New scoreboard of old style at Ballpark in Arlington, Dallas Morn. News (2 pgs)
17. Collectors at opening of Jacobs Field, SCD, 7-22-94 (1 pg)
18. Collector who travels to last games at parks, SCD, 7-22-94 (2 pgs)
19. "History of the Bullpen," minor lg. program, (1 pg)
20. "Heavy Hitters and hoi polloi, the sociology of Tiger Stadium," Det. Free Press 8-28-94, good study of seating at the park, (8 pgs)
21. Photo and info pack on Superdome in New Orleans, (30 pgs)
22. Three Sporting Life articles: New Cubs Park, 4-22-1893 (2 pgs)  
New Brook. Park 3-26-1898 (1 pg)  
" " 3-18-1899 (1 pg)
- ✓ 23. Fences moved in at Kauffman Stadium, 7-30-94 (2 pgs) KC Star
24. "The Houses that Jerry Built," Chicago, new facilities in city, Aug-94 (8 pgs)
25. Two-part series on stadium/arena building, Press-Enterprise (CA) 7-24 & 25, 1994 (8 pgs)
26. "Double Play," review of new Cleve. & Texas parks, Public Architecture 7/94 (2 pg)
27. Suggested reading list for Burns special, SABR Biblio Com. N'letter (3 pgs)
28. More ticket/schedules brochures from Mike Jaffee for: KC Royals, Florida Marlins, Texas Rangers, NY Mets, & NY Yankees. SASE of 29¢ for one or all.

XI NINETEENTH CENTURY PROJECT REPORT

Project chairman Bob Bailey mailed out a short report to all participants in July. While progress is being made, more writers/researchers are needed. As of early July, 29 cities covering 107 parks have been assigned, but that leaves 20 cities and 67 parks unassigned. Write Bob at 12129 Briargate Lane, Goshen, KY 40026 for information about how to get involved.

XII KEN BURNS PROGRAM

By the time this reaches you the Burns program will have begun. Each SABR committee to some extent (at least those dealing with historical rather than procedural themes) will cast its opinions. Write and express yours, especially regarding ballparks. I will compile a page of comments if we receive enough commentary.

XIII MAJOR LEAGUE NEWS

1. From Barry Evans we have a head start on anniversaries for 1995:

5 years	Comiskey Park I	last game
25 years	Riverfront Stadium	first game
25 years	Three Rivers Stadium	first game
25 years	County Stadium	first Brewers game
25 years	Crosley Field	last game
25 years	Shibe/Connie Mack	last game
25 years	Forbes Field	last game
30 years	Astrodome	first game
30 years	Turnpike Stadium (1st version of future Arlington Stadium)	first game
35 years	Candlestick Park	first game
45 years	League Park/Cleve.	last Negro American Lg. Game
60 years	Crosley Field	first major lg. night game
75 years	Robison Field	last game
80 years	Braves Field	first game
80 years	Washington Pk III	last game
80 years	West Side Grounds	last game
80 years	Exposition Park III	last game
85 years	Comiskey Park I	first game
85 years	League Park II/Cleve.	first game
85 years	Rickwood Field	first game
85 years	So. Side Park III	last game
85 years	American Lg. Pk. II	last game (Washington, D.C.)
100 years	Baker Bowl	first game
105 years	Exposition Park III	first game

- Steve Csik adds "Stealing Home" (1988) for shots of Veterans' Stadium and Ficalini Field of San Bernadino, CA; also "The Babe," showing Wrigley Field in Chicago in 1992. We are compiling quite a ballparks in movies list.
- The Yankees continue to make the news with an unfortunate comment by the team's public relations officer in an article on the team and the neighborhood. Also, more plans to save the team, the stadium, and the neighborhood. And some views in print that the club should call it quits in the Bronx and head elsewhere. For the entire package of articles, send \$2.00
- Trouble continues in Seattle with the Kingdome roof, falling tiles, cancelled games for the home team, suddenly scheduled "home" games for KC, Boston, and other cities, talk of renovation for the dome and talk of a new stadium or baseball classic park. Send \$1.00 for a selection of articles.
- The Astros are not drawing (or were not drawing!) very well at the Dome and the Oilers are making plans to get a new place. Predictably, no one is leaping forward to pay for a new facility.
- Charles Wilson of our committee asks if anyone in the Atlanta area is keeping tabs on the plans for a new ballpark converted from the Olympic Stadium with the destruction of Fulton County Stadium. Charles notes that conversions in Cleveland, Los Angeles and Montreal have hardly been great successes. Nearby committee members are asked to take some pictures when the fun starts.

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(notes, continued)

7. Don Lancaster of our committee offers a short review of How Was the Game, a ballparks book noted in our last newsletter:  
How Was the Game? is a book about a baseball fan, who through work (UPI sports writer) and as a fan (Oriole season ticket holder) has watched games from every ballpark. This book is his love story with baseball and his experiences. He gives his opinion on each ballpark and stadium. Also, he offers his opinions on press boxes, cheeseburgers, and the fans. It is inconsistent and deals with some parks in more detail than others, but this is a book of recollections and opinions rather than one of ballpark reviews. It is an interesting read, but as for dealing with ballpark reviews there are two books that are much, much better (but they are now dated being pre-new Comiskey & Camden Yards, etc). They are Dodger Dogs to Fenway Franks by Bob Woods and Major League Stadiums: A Vacation Planning Reference by Dan and Kieran Dickinson.
8. A big thank-you to loyal committee member Bruce Genter for his recent sending of a set of the blueprints for Camden Yards! They are amazing documents. Also, he sent copies of the plans for a proposed 1969 set of improvements to Baltimore's Memorial Stadium. Bruce also sent some photos of his completed model of Ebbets Field.
9. Coors Field is progressing and they have a nice newsletter. Write them at the Denver Metropolitan Major League Baseball Stadium District, 1660 17th Street, Suite 100, Denver, CO 80202, for a copy and perhaps they will put you on the mailing list.
10. I just spoke with a Pittsburgh writer who is doing a major piece on a proposed new ballpark for that city. Area committee members: please keep watch for any news. Also, send \$1.00 for a major article by the Post-Gazette on the new parks in Cleveland, Baltimore, & Arlington.
11. More talk of new parks for such places as Anaheim, Philadelphia, Minnesota, and Florida. Keep an eye out for articles and we will make them available for interested committee members.
12. The Tigers continue their fight for a new park with a public relations campaign via the "Build the Ballpark Information Office." Meanwhile, the Tiger Stadium Fan Club continues to make its case for renovation and a economic revival of the club. For copies of both sides, send 50¢. To join the Fan Club write PO Box 441426, Detroit, MI 48244-1426.
13. Arlington Stadium is coming down! On a recent visit to the area I saw the wrecking crew taking down much of the OF bleachers. The job is to be done by the end of October. Meanwhile, across the creek they are landscaping the area about the new park and the Little Field field is shaping up.
14. The Pirates unveiled a statue to Robert Clemente in July outside Three Rivers Stadium. AP article available for 29¢ SASE.
15. Kevin Grace of our committee informs us of a major symposium, "Baseball and Neighborhood Design" that was held on September 7. Send a SASE of 52¢ for a reduced version of the poster of this Cincinnati event. An exhibit on that city's parks remains at the Blegen Library, 8th Floor, University of Cincinnati. Call (513) 556-1959 for more information. Also, for \$1.50 we'll send you a photocopy of the "Checklist of Books on Cincinnati Baseball" that Kevin edited.

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16. The Ballparks Bill in Congress is still alive--somewhat. Thanks to committee member Doug Ziegler we have a copy of the new draft of this bill that sets out to acquire/preserve the classic parks (Tiger, Wrigley, Fenway, & Yankee) plus two minor league parks (Riskwood in Birmingham, AL; Monte Irvin Field in East Orange, NJ). An advisory committee consists of fourteen people including one member "the chairperson of the Ballparks Committee of the Society for American Baseball Research." <sup>selects</sup> This is an honor and responsibility your chairman did not seek and it is a responsibility the Society should not take at this stage. What troubles me is that the congressman who sponsored the bill (Bonior D MI) did not ask me or the Society if we wanted to be officially a part of this bill. SABR leadership is writing the congressman to clarify our participation in this bill and we will certainly serve as the broker and provider of any information. For a copy of the bill, send me a SASE of 75¢. Members of this committee are very welcome to call me if they wish to discuss their feelings on the bill and our committee's relationship in the process. See the phone numbers on page one.
17. The Red Sox held a Major League Baseball FanFest in early August. Send a SASE of 29¢ for the slick brochure. It calls it "a Magical Baseball Theme Park."
18. A packed Wrigley Field house of 40,001 (who was that one person?) greeted Harry Caray upon his return to the booth on 7-22-94 after a month's absence. Is that one of the larger Wrigley crowds of recent years?
19. The Boston Braves Historical Society has announced that Ken Coleman will host/mc the annual meeting of the group. A tour of Braves Field/BU-Nickerson Field is planned. I have suggested that they pay some attention to the 100th anniversary of the great South End Grounds fire of 1894. How about a marker?
20. We received an interesting note from Simon Inglis of London, England. His interests in stadium matters for that country's football activity are very similar to many of us on this committee. His bio sketch states, "He writes regularly for architectural magazines and national newspapers and is frequently called upon by the media to comment on stadia related matters." We sent him some committee info and hope he joins us.
21. While not major league, the first night game many historians recognize in baseball took place in Hull, MA, an hour south of Boston on the coast. A re-enactment of that 9-2-1880 game took place on a little league field not far from the original site. A SASE of 29¢ for the story.
22. Several sources have noted that the fences at Camden Yards are closer than the numbers say. John Steadman, a Baltimore sports writer, measured the distances and came up with 352 feet for left-center vs a posted 364; 397 for CF vs. a posted 410; 363 for right-center vs. a posted 373. NOW, would someone like to get the real LF distance at Fenway?

Final note: As I put this issue together the baseball season ended officially. For many of us with a little history and sense of the game, we knew it was "over" weeks ago when the games stopped. A writer with whom I often speak about baseball issues (she covers the stadium game & the Rangers) asked for my feeling and I blurted out, "A pox on both their houses!" I guess Ken Burns' interpretation of the game will have to do for now.

ps: Valerie, Natalie, and I appreciate the many expressions of concern and we are greatly encouraged by Natalie's continued progress

Next issue--we hope--in early November.



## BALLPARKS COMMITTEE

**Attendees:** Brian Powers, Michael Hardcastle, Jack Carlson, John Pardon, Rod Nelson, Bob Littlejohn, Bob Koehler, Hiroshi Takagaki, Bill Treese, John Kaup, John Matthew IV, Andy McCue, Bob Boynton, Barry Evans, Joe Naiman (meeting secretary), Joe Favano (meeting chairman), Bruce Hellerstein, Joe Dulle, Bob Walker, Art Schott, Dan Crawford, Ken Carrano, Morris Eckhouse, Richard Dempsey, Bob McConnell, Barbara Koerble

**Minutes:** Joe Favano served as acting chair and Joe Naiman served as acting secretary.

The audience was welcomed to the meeting. It was noted that the Ballparks Committee is SABR's largest committee in terms of membership.

It was noted that the absence of chairman Bob Bluthardt was due to the medical condition of his daughter, and the committee wished Natalie a speedy recovery.

SABR was able to display its photo collection two days this year; there are plans to display the collection in 1995.

Brian Powers discussed his project concerning the architecture of Rickwood Field. He urged the group to consider architectural documentation of other ballparks.

Andy McCue discussed the Baseball On-Line project. He noted that there are over 25,000 items on-line in the data base with a significant amount relevant to the Ballparks Committee. The on-line data base is the central repository for hard-to-find items.

Ken Carrano spoke on the photo contest; there were over 200 entries in the first year (1992) but just over 40 entries in the 1993 contest. He is looking for a sponsor to spark interest. This year's contest will have two categories: current Major League and Minor/All Other.

Michael Hardcastle spoke on 19th-century ballparks and solicited research on old ballparks through municipal records and other documents.

Bob McConnell noted that the Minor League Committee may undergo a compilation of ballparks used in minor league play.

The meeting was concluded with a discussion of new and old ballparks. Topics included the sidelines at Oriole park at Camden Yards, the openings in Jacobs Field, the closures of the outfield views in new Comiskey Park and The Ballpark in Arlington, that TBIA has a modern ballpark design with old-style fences, the concession setups at TBIA, and these problems as being addressed in the construction of Coors Field.

The meeting was adjourned following the discussion.

Continuation of Minutes - Ballpark Committee Sunday, June 19, 1994  
(a supplement to minutes taken by Joe Naiman of San Diego)

## Topics Discussed

### Photo Collection -

Joe Favano talked briefly about the Committee Photo Collection on display during the convention in the Vendors Exhibits Room. Thanks were given to Mike Gershman, Ken Carrano, Mike Hardcastle, John Kaup, Brian Powers, and Phil Bess for contributing two hours each to sitting with the Collection. A request was made for more volunteers for next year.

### Rickwood Field -

Brian Powers spoke at length about the work he and HABS did in developing detailed architectural plans for Rickwood Field (on display at the meeting and available upon request at the Committee table). He inquired about the possibilities of existing plans for current ballparks, or creating them if they don't exist.

Baseball Online - Andy McCue of the Bibliography Committee explained in detail how this service aids in all research and how members could help by filling out the proper forms.

### Photo Contest -

Ken Carrano put in a plug for next year's contest. We're down to two categories. Ask Ken for details.

### 19th Century Parks -

Mike Hardcastle led a discussion (I don't have notes on this).

### Minor League Parks -

Bob McConnell of the Minor League Committee suggested that a compilation be done of Minor League Parks, not as slickly produced as the updated Green Cathedrals but as detailed.

### New Ballparks -

A spirited discussion was held comparing the various new parks. Pros and cons were distributed around. One member from Baltimore complained bitterly about the sightlines at Camden Yards especially for seats beyond the infield and liked the way the Rangers corrected this situation. While a number of compliments were given for The Ballpark in Arlington, there was a general consensus that the Rangers were a little too blatant (my word) in borrowing items from other parks (the HomeRun Porch, the Centerfield Grassy Knoll - at least one person during the convention called it that, the mini Green Monster, etc.) instead of coming up with their own identity. (Perhaps the media could concentrate more on the structure's exterior than its interior). Also, a complaint was registered that the park should have been placed in a more urban location.

### Touring Exhibit -

Barbara Koerble, a free-lance writer from Fort Worth spoke about the touring exhibition titled "Field of Dreams - Architecture in Baseball" of which she's curator. While the

focus is on modern parks, the exhibition has an historical perspective with an unpublished Polo Grounds photo from Osborne Construction Co, blueprints, a slight overview of the parks from the 60s and 70s. Alternatives between renovation of old parks versus building new ones are explored with an emphasis on Tiger Stadium.

### Congressional Bill -

Bob Littlejohn inquired about the status of the Congressional Bill mentioned in recent Committee newsletters.

### Best Wishes -

Those present offered best wishes for the speedy recovery for our chairman's daughter.