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I NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We welcome these members to our Committee

Ron Nytes 1512 Kentucky Avenue Sheboygan, WI 53081	All levels from 1900-50; researching history of Sheboygan's Legion Park, home of the Indians, a Dodgers' affiliate; other minor lg. parks
John Polwrek 2040 Sinaloa Ave. Altadena, CA 91001	All levels after 1920; ballparks in tv/movies; hitters vs. pitchers parks; planning for new parks; suggests a essay contest on ballparks.
Chris Holaday 4720 Stafford Drive Durham, NC 27705	Minors of all eras; researching minor lg. ball in NC and welcomes info on parks.
Michael Wells PO Box 5853 Kansas City, MO 64171	Parks after 1950; researching advent of suites/skyboxes at parks and welcomes assistance; history of parks in KC and St. Joseph; marking park sites in KC, MO.
Mark Conner PO Box 1755 Friday Harbor, WA 98250	Classic parks of 1909-23 era; wants to document/assemble and or draw plans for original classic parks in 3-d style; welcomes comments/assistance.
Robert Dunn PO Box 4253 Ann Arbor, MI 48106	All levels after 1950; working on thesis (Ph. D) on benefits/econ. effect/sociological boost of new stadia in communities. Refining topic & welcomes assistance.

Please contact any of these members if you see common interests.

II 1996 CONVENTION is set for Kansas City, MO, on the first weekend of June. If we are to have a committee display/information table, we will need 6-10 members to take a two hour shift each. Please contact me if you are available. Also, submit ideas and topics for our annual committee business meeting that may be held at the offices of HOK where we are planning a ballparks design/discussion panel. More info to come. See you there!

III SABR GENERAL ELECTIONS take place this spring and the call for nominations goes out for the slots of vice-president, secretary, and board member. Deadline for candidates to submit statements is February 15, 1996. For more info, contact Nominations Committee Chairman Jim Overmyer at (413) 637-3306 by evening or (518) 474-8651 by day. Also, try Andy McCue at (909) 787-4954 by evening or (909) 782-7505 by day and Dick Thomson at (508) 697-9369. The Society needs good people to run the important business/management affairs.

IV SABR MEMBERSHIPS are due in 1996 and committees submit their roster lists to the Cleveland office in February. You should be a SABR member to be a Ballparks Committee member, unless you have a special arrangement. Your society needs you--and your dues! Please renew!

V COMMITTEE NEWS

1. Congratulations to Bruce Genther for completing his latest model, a fine rendition of proposed new park for Syracuse, NY. Bruce notes the effect Camden Yards has had on all levels of stadium design and on this new AAA park. Info for 50¢.
2. John Curran of Milwaukee is back in the United Arab Emirates, still working on his version of a new park for the Brewers. He can be reached at Box 17172, UAE University, Al Ain, UAE.
3. Congratulations to Jerry Cohen and his latest catalog of items on the minor lg. level from Ebbets Field Flannels. Tidbits of minor lg. park info are carried throughout the catalog.
4. Charles Brereton's Ebbets Field calendars were profiled in the 12-1-95 issue of Sports Collectors' Digest. '96 issues available; write him at PO Box 307, Concord, NH 03302.
5. Mike Jaffee and his wife were profiled for their cross-country ballpark trips in Sports Collectors Digest on 9-29-95. Committee member Paul Ferrante wrote the piece. The Jaffees had seen 100 parks and counting!

VI BALLPARKS MATERIALS/PUBLICATIONS

1. In the unusual item department, Dick Kaufman reports of handpainted, stoneware steins with pewter ballpark replicas on top! Contact Sam's Steins and Collectibles, 2207 Lincoln Hwy East, Lancaster, PA 17602. The 8½" steins sell for \$59.50 plus shipping.
2. Commemorative bats with old stadia information and the legends who played there is the project of Pastime Memories, c/o Joseph Schnabel, 547 Washington Street, A-9, Pembroke, MA 02359. They retail for \$80 plus shipping. Braves Field is the first of a "Diamonds Remembered" line.
3. Tom Woodman and his Dugout Design, Inc. project seeks to recreate in 3-d color drawings the old ballparks. He has already done the three Cleveland parks and wants to expand to other classic stadia. He is looking for architectural drawings and related info that would allow him to produce accurate renderings of other classic parks. Write him at P. O. Box 631, Gates Mills, OH 44030. Daytime: (216) 943-2293. His initial work on the Cleveland parks is quite impressive.

VII COMMITTEE PROJECTS We have several on-going projects and a full report on each will be issued in the next newsletter. Meanwhile, here are the chairs of those projects:

- * 19th Century Park Project (up to 1909), Bob Bailey, 121 South Drive, Newton, PA 18940
- * Minor Lgs. Parks Project, Ted Lukacs, 5617 Open Sky, Columbia, MD 21044
- * Ballparks in TV & Movies, Francis Kinlaw, 603 Shawnee Rd., Greensboro, NC, 27403
- * Committee Photo Collections, Mike Dempsey, 1564 Glasgo Road, Box 99, Voluntown, CT 06384

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VIII ANNIVERSARIES for ballparks on both the major and minor league level for 1996, courtesy of Brad Sullivan. Plan for marker or celebration now:

- 5th New Comiskey 1st game
- 15th Metropolitan last game
- 20th Jarry last game
- 25th Veterans first game; RFK last game
- 30th Sportsman's/Busch last game; Busch first game; Anaheim first game; Atlanta/Fulton County first game
- 35th Griffith last game; LA Coliseum last game; LA Wrigley Field first/last major league game
- 40th Roosevelt first major league game
- 50th Braves Field Wet Paint Opener
- 80th Wrigley Field first Cubs game
- 85th Griffith first game; Bennett Park last game; Palace of the Fans last game; Huntington Ave. Grounds last game.

Some of these (you be the judge) may not be worth noting. Additions & corrections most welcome for our first issue of 1996.

IX OTHER BALLPARK NEWS NOTES

1. A Wall Street Journal editorial of November 11, 1995, "What Price Civic Pride," notes that sports developers and politicians now "rely on the largely fallacious argument that spending money will spur the economy--create jobs and local commercial activity." The WSJ notes that the "logical answer to sports spending is private money." Copy of the editorial is free. Part of the WSJ commentary is tied to the current trend of replacing facilities that are relatively new, but fail to produce revenue as current conditions require.
2. Major efforts are underway to raise money and restore Birmingham, AL Rickwood Field, once the oldest facility in professional baseball, erected shortly before the original Comiskey in 1910. If you did not receive a brochure, send 75¢ for a copy. Various sports publications have been profiling this worthy project.
3. The "Field of Dreams" exhibit of architecture and baseball continues to run across the nation, featuring drawings and models of ballparks past and present. For 1996 it appears in Marshfield, WI at the New Visions Gallery from January 28 to March 16; then to Charlotte, NC (maybe) from June 9 to August 11. April/May and late '96 bookings are being planned. For more info on the exhibit, send 75¢ for copies.
4. "If You Build It, Will They Come?" is a special conference on stadiums, arenas, & convention centers held at the Doubletree Paradise Valley Resort in Scottsdale, AZ on February 1-3, 1996. Thanks to Bruce Genter we have the conference promotional brochure of 13 pages. Send \$1.25 for a copy. Most of the major players in facility planning, building, operation, and team management are listed.
5. The Boston Braves Historical Association had another successful fall reunion with a tour of old Braves Field as a central activity. Their recent newsletter sadly notes the relative lack of pre-Atlanta history in the World Series coverage of the new baseball champs. The Association also reports that "Gaffney Street," named after the man who tagged the team as the Braves, has been renamed "Harry Agganis Way," after the famed local athlete who died so young in 1955. If you are a Braves Field fan, you should consider this organization. Write them at PO Box 5668, Malboro, MA 01752.

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6. In the "no comment necessary" department, we have a listing of this article in the Annals of Emergency Medicine, "The Impact of Yankee Stadium Bat Day on Blunt Trauma in Northern NYC."
7. The October-95 issue of the Brooklyn Dodgers ~~Fan~~ Club/Hall of Fame Newsletter asks if anyone knows about an Ebbets Field time capsule being placed near the site of the ballpark? Someone mentioned this to a staff member at Cooperstown. If you have any ideas, contact Marty Adler at 2946 Bayside Ct., Wantagh, NY 11793. The newsletter also noted the placing of a marker on the Crossland Savings Bank on Montague Street, offices of the Dodgers for many years.
8. For Ballparks Committee members interested in the business of ballparks and the teams that play there, we highly recommend the "Outside the Lines" newsletter of the SABR Business of Baseball Committee. Their Fall-95 issue had some excellent summaries of recent trends/news, including a recap of the Seattle drama by our committee's John Pastier. For more information about the Business/BB Committee, contact Doug Pappas, 100 E. Hartsdale Ave #6EE, Hartsdale, NY 10530-3244. For a \$1.00 a copy of the Fall-95 issue can be sent your way from Bob Bluthardt.
9. ROY ROGERS was the answer to our trivia question in the last issue; he was born in Cincinnati on the future site of Riverfront. Bob Bailey was the first to answer correctly, but we had several correct answers from Brad Sullivan & Jerry Gregory; one answer given was Rosemary Clooney (born a hour or so up the road). If you have a good trivia question of a ballparks theme, something slightly out of the ordinary, send it to us for future issues. Congratulations to Bob Bailey; we'll send him some ballparks-type gift soon!
10. The far-ranging Mike Jaffee sent us another batch of schedules (first come/first served) from these teams: Ogden, UT Raptors; SLC, UT Buzz; Reading Phillies; New Haven Ravens; Phoenix Firebirds; Las Vegas Stars. A SASE of 32¢ for the lot!
11. Ed Hartig reports that the Cubs had an interesting twist to their attendance figuring for 1995 vs. 1994 figures. By starting the two seasons in different months, any comparison of dates was flawed, thus they were matching August 94 dates (when school is out and weather good) to September 95 dates (school's back and weather not so hot).
12. City Baseball Magic, our Committee's publication on how to build a better ballpark, continues to sell and offer advice to fledgling stadia projects. A bunch of CBM copies went to groups in Pittsburgh, PA and Hartford, CT. Copies are available at \$5.00 each (postage included); bulk order discounts offered. Contact Bob Bluthardt for details and ordering information.
13. Marker project for Negro Leagues park(s) in Philadelphia: we just received a request from Mark Bernstein, Hoyle, Morris & Kerr, One Liberty Place, 1650 Market Street, Phila., PA 19103-7397, seeking advice/information on how to mark Pennmark Park or Pass on Field. The original Green Cathedrals lists Four Negro Lgs. parks for that city: Hilldale Park, Chessline Park, Passon Field, & Penmar Park. If you have information to offer, write Mr. Bernstein with a copy sent to our committee files. Thanks!

X RESEARCH REQUESTS & INFORMATION

1. Diagram of SF Seals Recreation Park or info on dimensions needed by Norman Macht, 5910 Smith Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21209.
2. Any info on Durham Athletic Park & Bush Stadium in Indianapolis needed by Allen Schaffer, 6156 Pershing Ave. #C, St. Louis, MO 63112.
3. Info on how other major league teams run tours of their facilities needed by Ed Hartig, 447 Faversham Ct, Bolingbrook, IL 60440. Ed gives tours of Wrigley and seeks to improve the club's offerings.
4. Alan Schmidt of 110 Lexington Ave., Westwood, NJ, asks for any photo of the Barney Dreyfuss plaque of Forbes Field.
5. Scoreboards of the 19th century ballparks, illustrations/info sought by Allen Dieckmann of 1762 Rockville Dr., Baldwin, NY, 11510. His group seeks to better recreate baseball from the pre-1900 era.
6. Frank D'Amico suggests a Carl Yaz. statue outside Fenway and wonders if any member has info on how some previously successful statue projects were done. Contact him at 14 Rodgers Ave., Dedham, MA 02026.
7. Harold Feinstein of 14050 Cedar Road #517, University Heights, OH 44118, asks two questions: a: Waconah in Pittsfield, MA is one park that faces the wrong sun direction--what is the other (he heard that there are two); b: has anyone compiled the top ten capacity parks in A, AA, & AAA ball?
8. Chris Wait at 7707 College Town Drive #7, Sacramento, CA 95286, still seeks advice on getting a park marker erected. They wish to mark the site of the Solons old field.
9. Ron Gabriel seeks info on the beers sold at the old ballparks. Call him at (301) 656-3686 or write 5512 Cornish Rd. Chevy Chase, MD 20814.
10. Bob D'Gugliermo seeks info on Bowman Field in Williamsport, PA in the late 40s. Also, he needs info on that era's Eastern Lg and Williamsport Grays team pres. Earle Halstead. Write Bob at 1244 So. 9th St., Las Vegas, NV 89104.
11. Tony Lamonte, a former and we hope soon-to-be current SABR/Committee member says hello and seeks fellow post card collectors. Write him at 16815 Colony Ter., Sugar Land, TX 77479.
12. Ev Parker of 221-67 92nd Ave., Queens Village, NY 11428, needs any info/illustrations on ca. 1896 Polo Grounds & Washington Park for a centennial talk he is giving at a local library next spring.
13. Don Coffin at 40 East Cedar #9, Chicago, IL 60611, offers an interesting research challenge: "We identified what we believe are the two worst seats in any major league ballpark, and invite committee members to top these: Tiger Stadium, Sec. 213, Row S, Seats 3 & 4." Don says they are behind two side-by-side pillars! I'll send a copy of Don's full letter free. Any other "great seats?"

Research (cont.)

14. Fumio Hosaka of Japan, a SABR member, is writing a book on American stadiums and isn't getting too much help from the clubs that play in them. He lives in Tokyo, but send any info to his work address at Shimizu Corporation, Seavans South, No. 2-3, Shibaura-1-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, 105-07 JAPAN. He is concentrating on baseball stadiums.
15. Lloyd Johnson of PO Box 22481, KC, MO 64113, is putting together a book on baseball sites and items to visit, geared to the serious fan. As Lloyd explains, "we are talking about the person who goes to Gettysburg Battlefield, but wants to sneak off and visit Gettysburg College because Eddie Plank once pitched there." Sites, collections, buildings, homeplaces, markers, parks, etc. are sought.
16. Mark Conner of PO Box 1755, Friday Harbor, WA 98250, seeks drawings and blueprints of the old parks. He has several projects in mind and would be very interested in corresponding with like-minded folks.
17. Back to minor league parks: Chris Herndon wonders if there is a list for the oldest parks based on A, AA, & AAA Levels. We did one (actually several) for the minors in general a few years ago. Write Chris at 1501 West 16th St., Indianapolis, IN 46202.
18. Another soon-to-be SABR member, Steve Poteet of 380 College Avenue, Clemson, SC 29631, seeks postcard collectors. Steve, read item #11!

XI MINOR LEAGUE CURRENT EVENTS & ARTICLES

1. Galen Wiser reports a new press box for Omaha's Rosenblatt Stadium.
2. Austin, TX, decisively voted down a AAA-park bond. pre-vote news (4 pgs)
3. Japanese businessman makes regular trips through minor lg. parks, Dallas Morning News, (2 pgs) 8-27-95
4. Diagrams/info on new Durham, NC park (2 pgs)
5. PCL parks of the 50s by Dave Pietrusza, Oldtime BB News, Vol. 7 #1 (2 pgs)
6. Tour of NC minor lg. parks, (2 pgs)
7. New Britain, CT to move from old Beehive Field to new park, Hartford Courant, 7-17-95 (2 pgs)
8. Story on Johnstown, PA new minor lg. team, Pitts. Post-Gazette, 7-30-95 (3 pgs)
9. New park for Sacramento, CA? Sacramento Bee, 1995 no date, (2 pgs)
10. Overview of new park, plans, neighborhood development for Akron, OH, Akron Beacon-Journal, 8-6-95 (5 pgs). Park to be ready for 1997.
11. Running the Texas-Louisiana League, Inc. Nov. 1994, 6 pgs)
12. Running an Independent minor lg. Wall St. Journal, 95? no date, (1 pg)
13. Centennial Field in VT keeps going! Newsday, Oct. 95, (1 pg)
14. Minor lg. ball in CT and New England is hot, Hartford Courant, 7-16-95 (5 pgs)
15. On & Off again plans for a new park in New Orleans for the Zephyrs. Plans now approved for a \$20 mil. facility in Metairie, LA. 15 pages of the last days of the old park and expected plans for the new.
16. Norwich, CT Navigators finish first season at new home. Some summary articles with expected improvements for 1996. Lights & noise bothered some neighbors & they need to work on traffic flow to the park.

XII MAJOR LEAGUE NEWS FROM THE PAST (all one page)

1. Yankee Stadium sold to Chicago firm for 4.6 million, TSN, 12-23-53
2. KC Blues Stadium to be bought for future team, TSN, 8-19-53
3. 48,000 plus jam Sportsman's Park, TSN, 7-16-31
4. New look to old Sportsman's Park, TSN, 8-5-53 & 11-4-53
5. \$2 million needed to adapt LA Coliseum to baseball, TSN, 8-5-53 & 11-11-53
6. Braves Field lowered and reconfigured, TSN, 6-25-47
7. Spring & Chouteau Avenues site for new St. Louis park? TSN, 5-21-47
8. Dodgers put \$300,000 into improving Ebbets, TSN, 2-5-47
9. TSN editorial urging outfield padding, 7-23-47
10. New press boxes at Forbes & Sportsman's, TSN, 5-7-47
11. Old Braves Field for sale, TSN, 7-29-53
12. \$6,000,000 SF Ballpark Proposed, TSN, 8-5-53
13. Plans to convert LA Coliseum to baseball, TSN, '47 & '53 pieces
14. Veeck says LA Wrigley Field could be made big league, TSN, 12-9-53

XIII TSN SERIES BY ED BURNS OF CHICAGO ON BALLPARKS (all one page)

1. Navin Field, Detroit, 9-30-37
2. Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, 8-26-37
3. Polo Grounds, NY, 8-5-37
4. Sportsman's Park, St. Louis, 9-9-37
5. Shibe Park, Phila., 9-23-37
6. Baker Bowl, Phila., 7-29-37

XIV SPORTS COLLECTORS DIGEST PIECES & Oldtime BB News

1. Comiskey Park by SABR member Eddie Gold, Vol. 6 #5 (1 pg)
2. Twenty Years of Riverfront in Cincinnati, (1 pg)
3. Review of Crosley Field video, (1 pg)
4. Two-part series on Braves Field (6 pgs)

XV OTHER ITEMS FROM THE PAST

1. Phila. Recreation Park Doomed, Phila. Item, 12-13-1891 (1 pg)
2. Drawings of Chicago NL Grounds, Sporting Life, 5-24-90 (1 pg)
3. Plans/Drawings of new AL NYC Park, Sporting Life, 3-21-03 (1 pg)
4. New Cincinnati Park, Sporting Life, 5-5--1894 (1 pg)
5. New Cincinnati Park, Sporting Life, 5-17-02, (1 pg)

XVI MINOR LEAGUE NEWS OF THE PAST FROM THE SPORTING NEWS (all 2 to a page)

1. New \$600K ballpark for Knoxville, TN 11-4-53
2. Derks Park in SL City to be rebuilt, 1-8-47
3. Pelican Stadium hit bad by storm, 10-1-47
4. Contract awarded for new park in Jersey City, NJ, 3-3-32
5. First game at Gilmore Stadium, 4-13-39
6. Columbus, OH wants new park, 8-6-31
7. New park & team for Des Moines, IA 2-12-47
8. No park available for '48 Roanoke, VA team, 10-8-47
9. Fire, so club must vacate Portland, OR park, 10-1-47
10. SA Missions defendants in park foreclosure suit, 9-10-47
11. mini-notes in '47 on SF, Scranton, Oakland, Salisbury, MD & Milwaukee

XVII MAJOR LEAGUE NEWS & ARTICLES

1. Turf & Grass News: AP story of 8-31-95 tells of a new brand artificial turf installed in the St. Louis TWA Dome (2 pgs); SCD story of 11-24-95 notes the sale of the old turf from the Metrodome for charity (2 pgs); NFL players still prefer real grass in a story of the FTW Star-Telegram of 9-24-95 (3 pgs); an Akron Beacon-Eagle article of 10-15-95 (1 pg) describes the care of the new grass at Jacobs Field; and a SD Union-Tribune piece of 11-3-95 reports a new surface may uproot "Astroturf" (3 pg)
2. The Name Game: The change of SF Candlestick Park to corporately sponsored 3Com Park unleashed a storm of criticism, yet the name game continues with all parks, stadia, & arenas (I just heard that the NJ Meadowlands Arena is being renamed). On the SF situation, we have two AP stories (3 pgs), a Boston Globe piece, & a 10-2 WSJ article. Meanwhile, the Brewers are considering a beer name for their new park (will the St. Louis "king of beers" invade its rival city?) (3 pgs). And a poll of fans to name a new Cincinnati park brought such gems as "Field of Schemes" & "Taxus Maximus" (1 pg). And another AP story of 9-1 on how airlines are leading the charge to name sports facilities. (1 pg)
3. General Stadia Building News: The building & planning boom continues and so the articles flow:
 - a) AP, 8-25-95, (6 pgs) evaluating Camden Yards for Seattle
 - b) AP, 8-31-95, (2 pgs) summarizing recent NFL stadia issues
 - c) WSJ, 9-22-95, (1 pg) critical of public stadia building
 - d) US News, 5-15-95, (5 pgs) team financial success & new facilities
 - e) 1996 Sports Almanac, (3 pgs), new projects of 1995
 - f) Pitts Post-Gaz't, 10-29-95, (6 pgs), local needs & national news
4. Red Sox & Stadium plans took much attention in 1995. a) the team wants to be out of Fenway by 2000 or so; b) area writers split on the value of Fenway; c) Several plans to save the park including an offer by Boston University to buy it and an area business to make the facility its headquarters; d) the overall "Megaplex" plan to house Sox & Patriots has several versions and political fights and proposed sites near South Station; e) Sox Fan Day last spring and a story of the new LF 310 line figure. Local articles on all above issues; send 75¢ for each issue you want covered.
5. Houston: owner Drayton McLane, Jr. feels his Astros needed a upgrade to the Astrodome; Houston Chronicle, 8-2-95 (4 pgs)
6. Atlanta: The post-Olympics home for the Braves will have fewer seats (49,831 vs 52,710) but better views and facilities, or so they say! Another "festival ballpark" as they call them now. Local articles & reports with illustrations & history (15 pgs).
7. Chicago: Do the Bears return to Wrigley Field while Soldier Field is rebuilt? 11-30 stories from the Chicago Sun-Times (2 pgs)

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8. Detroit looks to build a replacement for Tiger Stadium by the 1998 season in downtown with a large investment in the project (145 million) by team owner Ilitch. State & city funds would be used for the 42,000 seat park. Ten pages of AP and other stories. There is local taxpayer opposition to the project while others triumph the agreement as a major plus for the future of the city.
9. Phoenix: Thanks to Brad Moore we have a 27-page description of the new park with color plates on the facility (they may not copy well, but we'll try). The 48,000 seat "Arizona Banc One Ballpark" addresses the many challenges that a major league stadium in a downtown location in a desert climate presents." Brad thought that the initial design gave it the look of a "glorified college gymnasium." The park locates picnic tables in the outfield and the bullpens at the foul pole corners.
10. Brooklyn: NY Times piece of 9-16-95 (1 pg) notes the reversal of the famed OF aspects of Ebbets in a Manhattan diner mural.
11. New York Mets have their plans for a stadium/entertainment complex. AP & LI Newsday pieces of late Aug & early Sept.
12. New York Yankees rejected the 13th stadium plan in one year and are again casting eyes to NJ. A mix of local & AP stories: up to 30 pages; tell us how much you can stand!
13. Oakland A's plan to change the Coliseum and with the Raiders back, 20,000 seats may be added. AP story of 9-18-95.
14. The Browns may be leaving, but we have the pre-Modell/Baltimore plans to update the Stadium. Fewer seats; better sight lines; newer facilities. (4 pgs).
15. Cleveland Jacob's Field had a good 1995 (and may be sold out in full for 1996!) a mix of stories covering bad seats at the park (2 pgs), AP story of the first year of the park, a criticism of the park being used for non-baseball events, SCD story on the shops in the park, & a Milw. Journal Sentinel piece of 9-10 (3 pgs) noting how "ballpark brings winning times to city."
16. Seattle voters vetoed the new stadium plan by the narrowest of margins, but state legislature created another plan with city officials beating a team deadline of October 30. Six pages on the most recent plan; 30 pages of AP stories on the close bond election.
17. Denver: two AP stories of 4 pages on how "Coors Field is reshaping downtown Denver." Also, thirty-six pages on the building of Coors Field. And we have a last issue of the "Coors Field Facts" newsletter (4 pgs).
18. Milwaukee will get its Ebbets-like dome after all! Both houses of the WI legislature passed the stadium bill by razor-thin margins in the middle of the night, recalling the new Comiskey Park vote. Jim Nitz donated a large packet of clippings for our files. (75 pages). We'll copy the highlights if you wish. A side thought: how many of you are tired of hearing Ebbets Field facadism brought up to justify the "old-time" park flavor to obviously huge and modern stadia?

XVIII

THANKS to the many committee members, SABR members, friends, researchers, and friends that contributed material to our files in 1995. At risk of leaving someone out, we list our contributors for the past year:

- A Bill Albach, D. Allen
- B Bob Boynton, Bob Brady, Steve Bennett, Dick Beverage, Bob Bailey, Phil Bergen, Charles Brereton
- C Dick Clark, Bill Cahill, Ken Carrano, Jerry Casway, Steve Csik, John Croce, Don Coffin, Jerry Cohen, Jack Carlson, John Curran, Ethan Casey
- D Mike Dempsey, Keith Danish, Dominick Denaro, Elias Dudash
- E Oscar Eddleton, Morris Eckhouse, Barry Evans
- F Mike Frank, Harold Feinstein, Ray Ferrin, Paul Ferrante
- G Bruce Genther, Bill Gilbert, John Guilfoyle, Jay Gauthreaux, Jerry Gregory, Larry Gerlach, Bob Golon, Ralph Graber, Thomas Gates.
- H Michelle Hiskey, John Holway, Chris Herndon, Bruce Hellerstein, Mike Hardcastle, Lucas Hobbs.
- I Akihiro Ito
- J⁶ Mike Jaffee, Fred Ivor-Campbell, S. Johnson
- K Dick Kaufman, Francis Kinlaw, John Kaup, Kerry Keene
- L Don Lancaster, Tony Lamonte, Ted Lukacs, Bob Littlejohn, Art Lierman
- M David Moreau, Andy McCue, Brad Moore, Norman Macht, David Mitchell, Dick Miller, Ray Medeiros.
- N Ron Nytes, Jim Nitz, Craig Nelson, Joe Naiman
- O Marc Okonnen
- P Jim Peters, David Pietrusza, Brian Powers
- R Alan Rice, Tim Rask, Vin Russo, Larry Reilly,
- S Fred Schuld, Brad Sullivan, Don Spoon, Corey Seeman, Paul Shapiro, Alan Schaefer,
- T Gordon Thomas, Alan Tait, Hiroshi Tagaki
- U-Z Mike Wells, Woody Wilson, Galen Wisner, Clarence Watkins
David Vincent, Steve Young, Jay Ziemann

Our apologies again for anyone left out; keep in touch for 1996 and keep those clippings and articles coming!

This last issue of 1995 was delayed and we are sorry for the gap after the previous newsletter of the fall. For 1996 we will try to get back on a better schedule with five or six issues. Contributions in the way of articles, reprints, research reports, reviews of stadia, books, or items, summaries of area/current events, and general opinions on anything related to ballparks will enliven this newsletter and make it more informative and enjoyable for all. We look forward to hearing from all members in 1996.

Best wishes for the new year.