

The SABR Bulletin

NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

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A NEW SABR PERIODICAL, The National Pastime: A Review of Baseball History, was launched by the executive board at a meeting in Philadelphia January 9. The board approved John Thorn's proposal for a prototype issue that would appear this fall, laying the foundation for a quarterly publication schedule beginning in 1983. The National Pastime (TNP) is envisioned as a 64-page, large-format, fully illustrated "serious entertainment" publication that will afford additional reading pleasure to members, provide them with another outlet for their research and writing, and promote SABR to a broad audience outside the organization.

Regular features of TNP (in addition to six to eight articles) will include columns relating to each SABR committee; a forum on a controversial historical issue, such as the Commissioner's recent decision on the 1910 AL batting title; a column on baseball art and iconography; a gallery of rare photos; an evaluation of research sources and reference works; and a classified-ad section for members, free of charge, for research help wanted/needed/bartered. TNP will be sent free to members and will cost non-members about \$4.00.

John Thorn, a skilled writer and editor, is the editor of this fledgling venture. He welcomes suggestions, queries, and offers of help and encouragement. He'd like to hear your ideas of articles you'd like to read in TNP (even if you don't feel you can write them). Let him know as well of an article you'd like to write, or a column you'd care to take on, or a book you're soon to have published which might be excerpted. Any photos, artwork, memorabilia, etc., which you send to him for reproduction will be returned promptly by insured carrier. John's address is 18 Virginia Ave, Saugerties, N.Y., 12477.

A COMMITMENT HAS BEEN MADE to hold the 1982 National Meeting at Towson State University on the northern fringe of Baltimore on June 25-27. This is a very nice campus area and is only 15-20 minutes north of Memorial Stadium. The main attraction, however, is economic, as the meal costs are moderate and the room accommodations in the Tower Residence Hall are remarkably, even recessionally, reasonable (\$13 per night for a single and \$16 for a double). We will spell out the details and include a reservation form with the April Bulletin. Keep those dates in mind -- June 25-27 -- and you may want to bring the family along. The Detroit Tigers will provide the baseball competition that weekend.

PRESIDENT KIT CRISSEY has approved the proposal for a SABR committee on collegiate baseball and has asked Al Del Rossi to draw up a statement of purpose and objectives and to recruit members who may want to serve on or work with the new committee. Al's address is 321 Spring Street, Royersford, PA, 19468.

A SECOND RENEWAL CARD is enclosed for those members who have not yet signed up for 1982. Please get your \$15 check in to SABR, P.O. Box 323, Cooperstown, NY 13326 as soon as possible. As we say in the Government, prioritize your interests and mark only 4-5 rather than all nine; the directory will get all clogged up. There is plenty of incentive to renew for '82: We are going to have a new publication - The National Pastime - described elsewhere in this Bulletin; the Directory will have a supplemental section which will make it easier for you to locate your nearby SABR members; an index to the first ten Research Journals will be issued; This Date in Baseball History will be updated and expanded and issued; an exciting National Convention is planned for Baltimore and several regional meetings will be held around the country. So, send that renewal card in today before you forget it again. Your membership card will be sent to you with the April Bulletin.

JERRY GREGORY has dispatched letters to the four corners of this land urging regional meetings for 1982. Some went to successful organizers of meetings in 1981 and others went to members in other cities which have not yet held gatherings. One 1982 meeting probably has already taken place in Portland, OR, and we will report on that in the next Bulletin.

A REGIONAL MEETING, coupled with a players' reunion, will be held in Reading, PA, Saturday, May 1. This is the alternate site for the Philadelphia meeting which is put together annually by Kit Crissey, Frank Phelps, et. al. A flyer/reservation form is going out to all members within 100 miles so we will not carry further information here. If some one from a greater distance is interested in attending, contact Kit Crissey and he will provide the information.

BASEBALL RESEARCH EXCHANGE

Arthur  Schott 459 Jewel St, New Orleans, LA 70124, has researched Lou Gehrig's final playing days and has come up with his day-by-day record in 1939 during spring training and eight games into the regular season. He includes the box score of the April 13 game in Norfolk against the Dodgers where Lou hit his last home runs, and he also lists the Yankee-Senator players in his final major league game on April 30. As part of this package, Bob Davids will kick in an article he wrote for the April 15, 1959 Sporting News on the 20th anniversary of the Yankee opener in 1939. This was a historic game because it not only was Gehrig's last opener but the debut of Ted Williams and marked the only time that the two great sluggers appeared in the same box score. For convenience, request both items from Art Schott at the above address.

For the benefit of new members, BRE provides research items free to members who request them. Postage and reproduction costs are paid by SABR and the person making the offer may submit a bill to SABR, PO Box 323, Cooperstown, NY 13326 after most of the interchange has been completed. The editor solicits items of interest for BRE.

SORRY, the Herb Gallagher who died in Boston last November at age 107 was not the same person as Chub Gallagher who played for Chatham in the Canadian League in 1898, etc. Ellery Clark put us in touch with Herb's son, who stated that Herb pitched for the Milltown, New Brunswick team in Canada in the 1890s but this was not in Organized Baseball. So, the search goes on for the oldest former minor league player.

THE JACKIE ROBINSON STAMP will have a first day issue -- not in Brooklyn as might have been expected -- but in Cooperstown on Hall of Fame induction weekend on August 1 or 2. Although this stamp is part of the Black Heritage series, it is going to be issued with overwhelming baseball emphasis. There will be a built-in baseball audience at Cooperstown and the induction of Aaron and Robinson should tie in nicely.

ZANDER HOLLANDER of Associated Features is preparing with Phil Pepe a book entitled the "Baseball Book of Lists." He invites lists from members and if one is carried the contributor will receive a free copy of the book. Looking at their earlier "Book of Sports Lists," it appears they include numerous off-beat lists. You might keep that in mind when you submit yours to Zander at Associated Features, 370 Lexington Ave, New York, NY, 10017. I wonder if they would consider the United Nations All-Star team below, along with the short and long score card entries.

Favorite Foreign-Born Team

Short and Long Name Players

1B - John Anderson, Norway	Lee May	1B	Marv Throneberry
2B - Rod Carew, Panama	Ron Hunt	2B	Gene DeMontreville
3B - Aur. Rodriguez, Mexico	Ron Cey	3B	Billy Grabarkewitz
SS - Luis Aparicio, Venezuela	Tim Foli	SS	Rabbit Maranville
OF - Minnie Minoso, Cuba	Mel Ott	OF	Carl Yastrzemski
OF - Elmer Valo, Czech.etc.	Sam Rice	OF	Frenchy Bordagaray
OF - Bobby Thomson, Scotland	Pete Fox	OF	George Van Haltren
C - Jimmy Archer, Ireland	Ed Ott	C	Ossee Schreckengost
P - Juan Marichal, Dom. Rep.	Bill Lee	P	Fritz Ostermueller
P - Fergie Jenkins, Canada	Joey Jay	P	Ken Raffensberger
P - Bert Blyleven, Holland	Jim Kaat	P	Fernando Valenzuela

BECAUSE OF THE LARGE INFLUX of new members into an already sizeable organization, we are running the names and addresses of research committee chairpersons below, along with a brief statement of activity for each committee. If you want to take part in the work of one of these committees, we encourage you to make the appropriate contact. Periodically we will summarize a research committee report, as we do in this issue, and you should then get a better idea of the scope of work undertaken.

Baseball Records -- Everett Cope, Box R42, Three Forks, MT 59752 -- Compiling or completing lists, such as all one-hitters, grand slam homers, full-schedule players, lefthanded catchers, etc.

Biographical Research -- Cliff Kachline, 94 Fair St, Cooperstown, NY 13326. Developing birth and death data, height, weight and throwing status for former players where this information is missing or incomplete.

Minor Leagues -- John Pardon, P.O. Box 728, Crugers, NY 10521 -- Developing career player and manager records, season records not in guides, list of cities and standings of early O.B. leagues.

Negro Leagues -- John Holway, 7805 Chase Court, Manassas, VA 22110 -- Developing player records of Negro Leagues, game records vs major league clubs, identifying blacks in O.B. in 19th century, etc.

Statistical Analysis -- Pete Palmer, 12 Farmcrest Ave, Lexington, MA 02173. Player performance evaluation based on large scale data collection and review; developing new methods of comparison.

BASEBALL RECORDS COMMITTEE REPORT By Everett Cope

THERE follows brief examples of research activities by some of our members:

1. Bill Schroeder of Glendale, CA, has selected his all-time all-star teams for each of the major league clubs. A manager is included. He also has compiled all the player-managers since 1900. It is interesting to note that Ty Cobb batted for an average of .369 in the six years he was a manager.

2. Bob McConnell of Wilmington, DE, has registered the date and site of every home run hit by a pitcher from 1876 to 1900. He reveals that outfielder Jimmy Ryan hit five roundtrippers in his infrequent outings as a hurler. Bob also is double-checking some of the early home runs John Tattersall compiled where accounts differ on whether the hit was really a homer or a triple and error, etc. Since there are no "official" records for those early years, a decision has to be made based on available data.

3. Joe Donner of Brookfield, IL, had his list of cycle hitters published in the 1981 Research Journal. He has now drafted lists of all the games where one team scored 16 or more runs, two teams scored 25 or more, and where a team scored 10 or more runs in an inning.

4. Pete Palmer is coordinating an effort to research the caught stealing records of AL players for the 1927 season. About ten members are participating — from all American League cities of that year except St. Louis.

5. Bob Davids is working on a breakout of outfield positions to determine the all-time leaders. The first team is Zack Wheat 2341 LF; Willie Mays 2829 CF; Roberto Clemente 2302 RF. He continues to compile inside-the-park home runs and has a list of 30 players who hit two IPH in the same game since 1900 (Bresnahan did it twice). Some team or park leaders follow:

Washington Senators, Sam Rice 21; Griffith Stadium, Buddy Myer 13
New York Yankees, Earle Combs 23; Yankee Stadium, Earle Combs 18
Detroit Tigers, Ty Cobb 47; Tiger Stadium (different names) Ty Cobb 21
Cincinnati Reds, Crawford & Roush 21; Redlands/Crosley Fd, Ed Roush 14
St. Louis Cards, Rogers Hornsby 20; Pitt. Forbes Field, Max Carey 18
Kansas City Royals, Willie Wilson 7; Boston Braves Fd, Ray Powell 13

6. Alex Haas has compiled extensive additions and corrections to Walter Johnson's complete playing record. He also has researched in detail Christy Mathewson's early years and has determined that Natty had a 2-14 won-lost record at Taunton in 1899.

7. Everett Cope has completed two percentage studies. The one on lifetime two-base hits per at bat has Tris Speaker first as expected, but Chick Hafey is second and Babe Herman and Riggs Stephenson are tied for fourth. Hal McRae is the highest ranking active player at the ninth spot. Pete Palmer has added data on home/away to show the effect parks can have on two-base hits. Gehrig, for example, hit only 1/3 of his doubles at home while Ted Williams hit fully 2/3 of his at Fenway Park.

The other study which Ev conducted involves the home run percentage leader for each year since 1876, including the American Association of 1882-1891. Mike Grady was one of the strange names that popped up twice as leader, in the NL in 1897 and the AL in 1901. In 1981 Bobby Grich became the only AL second baseman ever to lead in this department.

THE NEW ENGLAND MUSEUM OF SPORTS will present a baseball exhibit entitled "Spahn, Sain and a Day of Rain - The Boston Braves 1871-1952" at Christian Herter Park, 1175 Soldiers Field Road, Boston, MA 02135. The exhibit will run from April to September. The Museum is seeking the loan of artifacts and memorabilia on the Boston Braves. Maybe we can send them a copy of the 1978 Research Journal, which has a history of Braves Field.

JORGE FIGUEREDO is publishing an Encyclopedia of Cuban Baseball later in 1982. He has already published in Spanish a preview to this encyclopedia which is available for \$3 thru the mails. It has 32 pages and is loaded with pictures. There is one shot of youngsters Willie Mays and Tom Lasorda in Cuba in 1950. If you are interested in this Spanish booklet, send a check for \$3 to Jorge at 501 Herkimer Avenue, Haworth, NJ 07641.

SEVERAL MEMBERS have asked John Holway for reprints of his published monographs of black players or teams of the old Negro Leagues. The list includes:

Baltimore Black Sox	Bill Evans	Verdell Mathis	C.I. Taylor
Kansas City Monarchs	Wilmer Fields	Nat Rogers	Luis Tiant Sr.
Gene Benson	Josh Gibson	Harry Salmon	Nip Winters
Jim Canada	Vic Harris	George Scales	Jud Wilson
Oscar Charleston	Bill Holland	Turkey Stearnes	Laymon Yokely
Frank Duncan	Jess Hubbard	George Sweatt	

He can make them available for \$1 apiece or \$15 for the whole bunch. Order from John at 7805 Chase Court, Manassas, VA 22110.

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STARS shows William C. Thomas as the pitcher with the most wins (383) and losses (346) in minor league history. You also may have noticed from his record in that book that he was suspended in 1947-49, which no doubt curbed his career achievements. We have been trying to locate Bill Thomas for several years, almost succeeding one time but it turned out to be the wrong Bill Thomas. George Hilton is planning an article on the Bill Thomas and the Evangeline League scandal of 1946 and will be talking with the sports editor of the Houma newspaper when he visits Louisiana in June. George also solicits information from SABR members who may know something about Thomas, including his whereabouts, and the scandal. George can be contacted at the Department of Economics, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

MILT RISKE wants to hold a reunion of the 1941 Cheyenne Indians but is having difficulty locating many of the players of that Western League club. If any member has some idea how to track down these former players, get in touch with Milt at 319 E. 5th Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82001.

EMIL ROTHE's wife Louise died suddenly October 31 after 52 years of marriage. She was known to many members thru her attendance at several national meetings, the last one being in Toronto in 1981. Emil, SABR VP in 1975-76, was recently voted into the Chicago Senior Citizens' Hall of Fame.

WORD WAS RECEIVED from Owen Ricker that John Craig, who spoke at the National Convention in Toronto last July, died in Peterborough, Ontario, in January. He was 60 and the author of 23 books, including Chappie and Me, which dealt with his experiences as a white masquerading as a black on a touring team of black players in southern Canada some 40 years ago.

MEMBERS NO LONGER have to send in \$2 to cover the cost of shipping one reel of Sporting Life microfilm. SABR is going to pick up that half of the cost; however, when you return the microfilm to librarian John Schwartz, you must pay the postage and insurance. In other words, instead of paying both ways as you have in the past, you pay only for the return of the microfilm. We request your cooperation in taking good care of the microfilm while it is in your possession and then returning it promptly to meet the high demand for available reels. Two or three reels have been lost in the past and they are difficult to replace. The address of John Schwartz is 166 Danforth St., Rochester, NY 14611.

BASED ON A RECENT EXPERIENCE of a SABR member who died suddenly and his research papers were thrown out, we make the following brief suggestion: Discuss this situation with your spouse or some nearby SABR member and make some provision to preserve your research material if it is of some value or use.

MEMBERS who may be interested in serving as an officer of the Society or who want to recommend some one else, should state your/their interest and qualifications to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Frank Phelps, 253 Bernard Drive, King of Prussia, PA 19406.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD has a continuing agenda item on long-range planning that it should consider soon. In other words, what should the Society be and do in 5-10 years? If some members have any profound thoughts about growth of SABR, publications, establishing a research facility or repository for research materials, or similar activities affecting our future, please get in touch with Kit Crissey at 1806 Benton St., #1, Phila. PA. 19152.

THE HALL OF FAME Veterans Committee will announce its 1982 selections March 10. We haven't heard any rumors about the names, but consideration should be strong for Walter Alston, Jimmy Dykes, Charlie Grimm, Bill McGowan, and Victor Willis. Probably no chance for Smoky Joe Williams since Rube Foster made it last year and two black players (Aaron and Robinson) have already made it this year.

Juan Marichal should make it next year, along with Brooks Robinson, up for the first time. But what about Hoyt Wilhelm, Harmon Killebrew, and Luis Aparicio? SABR may have to provide education assistance to the writers to point out the merits of those three in particular. Stew Thornley of Minneapolis was so upset that 41% of the writers did not vote for Killebrew that he sponsored a resolution passed by the Delta Upsilon fraternity, Minnesota chapter, chastizing the scribes for their error of omission.

THANKS TO JIM BREADY, editorial writer for the Baltimore Sun, for the fine article on SABR and the upcoming National Convention in Baltimore. It took up almost one-half of the editorial page of the Evening Sun on January 13. Jim was the first person from Maryland to join SABR. It was October 17, 1971.

THANKS TO MICKY VERNON AND HIS WIFE for driving 30 miles thru snow and ice to have dinner with executive board members in Philadelphia January 9. He had just been named batting coach for the Yankees and we didn't know whether to congratulate this really nice guy or commiserate with him about his potentially volatile associations. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon drove up from their home in Marcus Hook, where Mickey was born in -- could it be -- 1918? He looks about 55!

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A RESERVATION FORM is enclosed for the 1982 National Convention in Baltimore June 25-27. The convention site is Towson State University, where the room arrangements - dormitory style - are very reasonably priced. The meeting and dining rooms are about three blocks away at the University Center. In order to get these economical accommodations we had to make a trade-off in regard to transportation -- the site being about 20 miles from the airport. However, we plan to work out some system where people flying into Friendship Airport can be met by local members. The backup arrangement is a limousine service for \$8.50 from the airport to the Towson Quality Inn, about seven blocks from the convention site. We will spell out those details when we receive your reservation form, which we will acknowledge with a map and more specific instructions. So far we have not heard any rumblings of a postal strike, such as that which hit Canada prior to last year's meeting in Toronto.

The basic convention schedule is carried on the reservation form, so we will provide only supplemental information here. One new feature is the Friday night dinner, which will follow registration and precede the reception and program. Baseball personalities being contacted to serve on the Friday night panel include former hurler Dick Hall, shortstop Willy Miranda, former player and manager Johnny Neun, and Towson State baseball coach Billy Hunter.

During the business meeting on Saturday morning, a field trip for spouses and children is planned to Baltimore's Inner Harbor. At the banquet in the early afternoon we hope to have Brooks Robinson as the speaker with Ernie Harwell making introductory remarks. Ernie, a long-time SABR member, will be in Baltimore with the Tigers, who are playing the Orioles at 7:30 that night. PR Director Bob Brown has indicated that the Orioles have set aside free tickets for upperdeck seating of SABR members. This is more than a good gesture for substantial costs are involved when you consider the numbers. Chartered bus transportation is planned for the game.

In the interval between the banquet and the game we are planning our own twin-bill -- a baseball slide show and a softball game on the University grounds. Following the research presentations on Sunday morning, there will be a lunch before check-out time. That is another feature we have not tried before. We encourage you to make a commitment to attend and to get your reservation form in promptly. The organization committee headed by Tom Evans is doing a conscientious job to foresee the potential problems involved in handling the large group anticipated. Extras, such as a visit to the Babe Ruth birthplace or New Cathedral Cemetery, final resting place of six prominent players, are possibilities if one comes early or stays late -- which can be arranged.

JOHN GRASSO has initiated plans to organize a SABR-type organization for boxing — the working title is International Boxing Research Organization. He invites SABR members who share this interest and who would be willing to organize to contact him at Box 84, Guilford, NY 13780. His phone at home is 607/895-6846. Baseball has had many fighters on the field and in the dugout, but no player has made a name for himself as a pro boxer. We quickly think of Art Shires, but that was a lot of nonsense and hot air. Chet Covington, pitcher with the 1944 Phils, was supposed to have been a pro fighter, but documentation is lacking. The same applies to Johnny Broaca, who pitched for the Yankees in the 1930s.

INTEREST IN ORGANIZING a basketball history/research group was voiced independently by two members — Barry Schutz of California and John Duxbury of St. Louis. The editor was trying to put the two in touch with each other at press time, but did not get a coordinated response. Rather than confuse the issue at this point, we will try to carry something in the June Bulletin.

PITCHERS RICK WISE AND GERRY STALEY were the speakers at the February 7 Regional Meeting in Portland, OR. Twelve members and guests were present at this first gathering in Oregon. Four members made research presentations. Professor Ed Schroeder hosted the meeting at Reed College; Jim Price of Spokane did the organizing. The next Northwest meeting is planned for Seattle in August. Several other regional meetings are planned — April 23 in Chicago (Dick Topp-Emil Rothe), May 1 in Detroit (Elias Milonas), and May 22 in Los Angeles (Cappy Gagnon).

DON NELSON of Virginia comes up with what he calls his Workmanship Pitching Staff, but most of these guys look like journeymen to me.

Starters: Steve Barber	Nelson Potter	Relievers: Ed Farmer
Max Butcher	Hal Schumacher	Stu Miller
Bob Carpenter	Phenomenal Smith	Catchers: Bill Plummer
Mort Cooper	Clyde Wright	Darrell Porter
		Manager: Earl Weaver

DAVID VOIGT's hardbound book entitled America Through Baseball and published by Nelson-Hall is available to SABR members for the reduced price of \$4.50. Order from Dave at Sociology Department, Albright College, Reading, Pa. 19603.

BILL BORST has published his book on The Brooklyn Dodgers, a Fan's Memoir, 1953-57. The focus is on Pee Wee, Jackie and the Duke, and 20 photos and illustrations are included. If interested in a copy, send a check for \$6.75 to Krank Enterprises, P.O. Box 16271, St. Louis, MO 63105.

RICHARD TOURANGEAU has issued his 1982 Playball Calendar in glossy, colored picture, 11x14-inch format with birthdates of some 800 players and 75 lines of narrative for each month. If you want a copy send a check for \$4.25 made out to Tidemark Press, P.O. Box 813, Hartford, CT 06142.

LEO GIRR is making available his Media Baseball Bible for the reduced price of \$30. It includes a compilation of games played by every player at each position for each team and year since 1901. It also includes league batting and pitching records for each year and complete all-time alphabetical team rosters. It is a glossy-paper, 12x16-inch format publication compiled especially for sports writers, game announcers, talk show hosts and baseball historians. If you want a copy send a \$30 check to Sports Central, 112 Exchange St, Portland, ME 04101.

William O. DeWitt, who had a long and colorful career as a high level executive with six major league clubs, died in Cincinnati on March 3 at age 79. He had begun his career as an office boy for Branch Rickey, GM of the St. Louis Browns, in 1916, and had served as GM of two pennant winners, the 1944 Browns and the 1961 Reds. Mr. DeWitt took part in the oldtimers fielding survey conducted by SABR in 1972 and joined the Society in April 1974. In spite of failing health, he renewed his membership promptly each year.

George Leftwich, 85, died of cancer at his home in Lubbock, Texas, January 25. He joined SABR more than a year ago at the urging of his long-time friend, Jim "Hotso" Casey, with whom he shared an interest in music and baseball. Mr. Leftwich, a Chickasaw Indian, was born in Oklahoma and served in the Navy in WWI. He taught school, operated grocery stores and farmed prior to his retirement in Lubbock in 1968. A member of the Lubbock County School Board, he contributed an athletic scholarship to Texas Tech.

Edwin H. Mosler, Jr., died March 20 in New York Hospital at age 63. He had been president of the Mosler Safe Company, the largest safe-making company in the world, which had been founded by his great-grandfather in Cincinnati in 1848. Mr. Mosler was born in New York City and attended Harvard, after which he served in the military in WWII. One of sports most generous philanthropists, he raised funds for the Olympic games and donated much of his sports treasure to museums. He joined the Society in 1979.

Al Parker, long-time sports editor and later managing editor of the Wichita Falls, Texas, Times, died October 28, 1980. (This information was only recently received.) He was born in Honey Grove, Texas, in 1902, but grew up in Pine Bluff, Ark., where he began his newspaper career with the Graphic in 1921. In 1923 he shifted to the Wichita Falls Times. His 1976 book about the Wichita Falls Spudders, who played in the Texas League, 1919-32, was based on his early years as a sports editor. He joined SABR in July 1977.

THE EDITOR periodically receives complaints that some members do not respond to letters from other members. The editor probably has been guilty of this, or at least of not responding promptly. However, he is now retired and will try to set a better example. We are all busy, but we should have the courtesy to at least send a card back saying "I don't have the time or I am not interested in this particular subject — or whatever." This is a public service announcement.

DICK BEVERAGE is grateful for the orders of his book on the minor league Los Angeles Angels. In fact, he is so encouraged he is now working on a history of the Hollywood Stars and welcomes information and correspondence with other members on this subject. His address is 1244 Brian Street, Placentia, CA 92670.

VOLUME 2 of Kit Crissey's book on major league baseball during WWII, Teenagers, Graybeards, and 4-F's, will be available May 1. This volume is on the American League and consists of personal narrative based on interviews with 43 former players of the 1943-45 period. It is softbound with 179 pages and 49 photos, and sells for \$11. If you want a copy send a \$11 check to Kit at 1806 Benton St, #1, Phila, Pa. 19152.

LAST CALL for the Reading Regional Meeting on May 1. More than a dozen former players are signed up, including Tommy Holmes, Gene Benson and Roy Hughes. You can still make it. Give Kit Crissey a call if you have lost your flyer.

JOHN THORN says he has received numerous letters of support for The National Pastime, the new SABR publication to be issued this fall. He will be reporting progress on this project at the executive board meeting in Reading, Pa., on May 2. In the meantime, Bob Davids reports that most of the articles have been submitted for the 1982 Research Journal and they are now being reviewed.

SURPRISE is the word that characterized the Veterans Committee selections for the Hall of Fame last month. An initial report from a non-baseball person indicated that it was Governor Chandler of Kentucky and a shortstop from Arkansas. Wow, Arky Vaughan finally made it! But the newspaper next morning said it was Commissioner Chandler and Travis Jackson, who was indeed a shortstop from Arkansas. Let's look in the Daguerreotypes to see what sparked the Committee's interest in Jackson. But he isn't in there. He is in the encyclopedia, but in 15 years he never tied or led in any category shown (Vaughan has 12 boldface numbers). Jackson must have been a good fielder (hmmm, his stats seem to be about the same as Vaughan's). What could it be? Is it that Jackson is still living? -- he can smell the roses -- while Vaughan died 30 years ago. At least they're not discriminating against Arkansas.

TRIVIA QUESTION: What team had all four of its infielders elected to the Hall of Fame but never won the pennant -- for three years?

	1B	2B	3B	SS
1925 NY Giants	Terry	Kelly	Lindstrom	Jackson
1926 NY Giants	Kelly	Frisch	Lindstrom	Jackson
1927 NY Giants	Terry	Hornsby	Lindstrom	Jackson

QUESTION TWO: What major league club produced the most Hall of Fame players? It used to be the Boston Braves of 1876-1952, who had 34 stars appear in their lineups, but Dick Topp of Chicago has done a recent analysis and finds that there is a new leader. With Veterans Committee selections of Marquard, Bancroft, Youngs, Kelly, Lindstrom and Jackson, the NY Giants have moved well out in front with 38. Brooklyn, 1890-1957, is third with 30, and the Chicago Cubs, which have had the longest tenure, 1876-1982, have produced 29.

THE KANSAS CITY STAR Weekly Magazine of April 4 had an interesting and detailed article on SABR. It focused primarily on the research work of two area members -- Vern Luse and Harold Dellinger -- although mention was made of Leslie Boone, John Moenius, and Bill Carle. Vern is programing into his company computer the 1910 batting records of the Tigers and Indians to ascertain the correct figures for Cobb and Lajoie. Harold specializes in research on players of the early Kansas City clubs, such as the KC Cowboys of 1886.

RED BOROM, Director of the Ex-Pro Baseball Players Association of Texas, sent in a copy of their mid-winter banquet program where they, in cooperation with the Texas Rangers, honored the Dodger manager and cheerleader, Tommy Lasorda. Sounds like they put on a real Texas-style show there in Dallas in January. The Ex-Pros have provided 261 young men with college scholarships valued at more than \$1.3 million. Red, who played with the Tigers in 1944-45 and got into the 1945 World Series, joined SABR a few months ago.

A FINAL RENEWAL NOTICE is enclosed for those 1981 members who have not renewed for this year. If you do not forward your dues promptly, your name will not be included in the new membership directory and you will not receive future mailings. We realize there is a recession in the land, but a four-month period of grace is as far as we can go.

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A RECORD TURNOUT is expected for the National Convention in Baltimore June 25-27. About 150 persons had signed up by June 8. There is still time to make reservations. Tom Evans, Convention coordinator, says he can take telephone requests as late as Tuesday, June 22. Detroit manager Sparky Anderson and broadcaster Ernie Harwell have agreed to speak at the banquet session on Saturday. The panel on Friday night will include Billy Hunter, Cliff Melton, Irv Hall, Dick Hall, and Red McQuillen. Look them up in your encyclopedia so you can focus your questions. Some interesting research topics will be discussed on Sunday morning. A detailed description of travel instructions, routes and locations is being sent those making reservations. One clarification on the airport. It is Baltimore-Washington International (BWI). It was formerly known as Friendship.

Another feature of the Convention will be an auction of some baseball books, programs and other items SABR has acquired. Members interested in that sort of activity may want to bring along a little extra money. If members not attending are interested in the limited materials being offered for sale, they should contact Bob McConnell on 302/764-4806. He will run the auction.

THE SOCIETY is beginning to receive/acquire certain baseball materials, including books and papers, and the probability of receiving other donations has been mentioned. However, we do not have a facility to house these materials and to make them available to members. One possibility might be an arrangement with a sports oriented college or university which is somewhat centrally located. A recent check of occupations of members indicated that more than 100 are college teachers or administrators. We'd like to hear from some of you about whether this idea has any basis for consideration. If you have some thoughts, contact Kit Crissey, 1806 Benton St. #1, Phila, Pa. 19152.

SOME 200 NEW MEMBERS have joined the Society in the last six months. Several have raised questions about the 1982 book publishing schedule, considering that they have not received any thus far. We are virtually certain that the 1982 Membership Directory will be distributed at the Baltimore Convention and mailed to those not attending immediately thereafter. The Ten-Year Journal Index is now being typeset and will be mailed with the updated This Date in Baseball History in August. The 1982 Research Journal will be distributed this fall. The first issue of the new publication, The National Pastime, will be sent out in October. Like the 1935 Chicago Cubs, we are a little slow getting started, but we are really going to "put out" late in the season -- and that's better than the 1964 Phillies, who folded in the stretch!

Dave Malarcher died in Chicago May 11 at age 87. He had been a SABR member since the 1973 Chicago convention, where he was one of the speakers. He was an outstanding player and manager in the Negro Leagues. He played with Rube Foster's Chicago American Giants, Negro National League champions from 1920 to 1923. He succeeded Foster as manager in 1926 and led the team to a Black world series victory that year and again in 1927. He won a third pennant in 1934. Born October 18, 1894, in Whitehall, La., Dave graduated from New Orleans University. He served with the Army in France in World War I. After retiring from baseball he went into the real estate business in Chicago. He also was a published poet. His poem about former teammate Oscar Charleston was carried in the 1978 Baseball Research Journal.

THE TORONTO REGIONAL MEETING, put together by Bill Humber, was held February 27 with 15 members and 17 guests attending. Member presentations were given by:

Mike Wise - Records that will never be broken
Bill Humber - History of baseball in Western Canada
Owen Ricker - Baseball Biographical Research Activities
Gavin MacKenzie - Review of the baseball writings of John Craig
Peter Watson - Recent trends in baseball salary arbitration

THE APRIL 23 MEETING IN CHICAGO was primarily a social gathering at Emil Rothe's home with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Topp the hosts. The 19 members and 5 guests spoke about their baseball interests and a vote was taken of what oldtimers should be elected to the Hall of Fame. The results from 22 ballots included these leaders — Arky Vaughan 15, William Hulbert 15, Jimmy Ryan 13, Riggs Stephenson 12, Joe "Say it aint so" Jackson 11, and Ernie Lombardi 10. Kind of a Windy City flavor there. Plans were made for another meeting later this year.

THE READING REGIONAL AND PLAYERS REUNION brought out 41 members and 41 guests on May 1. Former players included Hal Bamberger, Gene Benson, Jim Bucher, Bill Cash, Roy Hughes, Tommy Holmes, Bert Kuczynski, Sy Morton, Al Rubeling, Whitey Kurowski, and Al Woodard. Brief presentations were made by the following:

Frank Phelps - Organized Baseball in Reading, Pa.
Dutch Doyle - Major League Baseball's 250-hit Club (season)
Johnnie Shevalla - Babe Ruth's Farewell in 1948
Jim Lindberg - Need for a new fielding stat: The game-saving play
John Holway - The last days of Ted Williams' quest for a .400 season in 1941
Tom Knight - Charles Ebbets, President of the Brooklyn Dodgers
Joe McGillen - The Hall of Fame: Who's there; who should/should not be
Carl Lundquist - Brooklyn Dodger madness in 1946
Tommy Holmes - Hitting instruction and the modern player
Tom Evans - Brainsball, a game of baseball strategy

SABR authors on the baseball literature panel included Fred Stein, David Voigt, Randy Linthurst, Carl Lundquist, John Thorn, John Holway and Mike Schiffer. Reading beat West Haven in the night game. The meeting was organized by Kit Crissey, Frank Phelps, Al DelRossi, Bill Akin and Bill Rohrbach. Kit was MC.

DETROIT'S SECOND ANNUAL, organized again by Elias and Lambros Kilonas, was held at Wayne State U on May 1 with 18 members and 12 guests. Panelists included former players Reno Bertoia, Billy Hoefft and Vic Wertz, Lew Matlin, Asst. PR Director for the Tigers, and baseball author Fred Smith. Former PR Director Hal Middlesworth was moderator. Masaru Ikei spoke of the 1962 Tiger tour of Japan and Phil Lowry discussed his research on ball parks.

CAPPY GAGNON REPORTS that 18 members and 10 guests came out for the May 22 Los Angeles regional. Panelists included Chuck Stevens of the Players Association, Harrison Wicker, scout and former minor league player/manager; and Mickey Heath, former player, coach, exec, and broadcaster, who predicted that women's pro baseball would be flourishing in 20 years and he'd like to be around to coach them. No show for Babe Herman, who broke his hip two days before the meeting. Member talks were made by:

Dick Juline - Career Performances of Rookie Pitchers of the Year
Arthur Cantu - Alphabetizing minor league players in the early guides
Richard Obrand - Compiling high schools attended by Major leaguers
Andrew Polizzi - Players who finished their careers with the Yankees
George Hilton - Bill Thomas and the Evangeline League Scandal

DAY BY DAY IN CUB HISTORY by Art Ahrens and Eddie Gold is available at a discount to members. This book has a calendar listing of activities but also includes many other features such as origin of team nicknames, all parks used, player nicknames, club history and records galore. There are 320 pages and about 60 photos. The price is \$8.50. Make the check out to Art Ahrens/Eddie Gold and mail to 3328 $\frac{1}{2}$ West Dempster, Skokie, IL 60076 if you want a copy. A second book which can be ordered from the same address is the White Sox-Cubs Trivia Book by Eddie Gold. It has 500 trivia questions on the two teams, a listing of every player and the history of each team. Send a check for \$3.50 to Eddie Gold at the Skokie address above.

BILL KNIGHT, 502 Caroline St., Peoria, IL 61603, has prepared a 16-page magazine about baseball movies — The Winning Team, Stratton Story, Only the Ball Was White, and many more. It is well illustrated. SABR members may order a copy from him for \$1.50.

HARVEY FROMMER has three hard cover illustrated books available to members for reduced prices individually and in total. They are: Baseball's Greatest Rivalry (Antheneum) about the Yankees and Red Sox (\$14); Rickey and Robinson, The Men Who Broke Baseball's Color Barrier (Macmillan) (\$13); and New York City Baseball: 1947-57 (Macmillan) (\$8). In a special tripleheader, all three may be purchased for a total of \$30. Order from Harvey at 791 Oakleigh Road, North Woodmere, NY 11581.

RANDY LINTHURST has published the story of the 1947 Trenton Giants, who won 52 of their last 62 games to win the Class B Interstate League. This NY Giants farm club had six players who made it to the majors, including Bobby Hofman and Andy Tomasic, who also was a football star. Fifty pages and a dozen photos. If interested, send a check for \$3.95 to Randy at 325 W. Upper Ferry Road, #B-2, West Trenton, NJ 08628.

THE 1982 DODGER BLUE BOOK prepared by Tot Holmes is off the presses with 120 pages of interesting information on Dodger players from 1890 to the present. It includes Gold Glove winners, MVPs, cycle hitters, teenagers, World Series game-winning hits, Dodger Fan's voting for Hall of Fame, and a special feature on Pete Reiser. The price is \$5.25. If interested, send a check to Tot at Sox 11, Gothenburg, Neb. 69138.

BASEBALL HISTORY IN LIMERICK VERSE & SKETCH is the title of a softcover book by Del C. Vogt, 6010 S. Hately Ave, Cudahy, WI 53110. It contains more than 700 limericks and 400 player sketches. The author relies almost exclusively on puns, and those who cannot take that type of punishment are warned. Del will mail a copy to any interested member for \$5.

THE 1982/83 BASEBALL CALENDAR FACT BOOK, which was researched by Ed Walton and published by Timothy Sawney, is available to members for 50% off. It covers the baseball year from April 1982 thru March 1983 and includes a page of narrative and pictures to match each month. To order send a check for \$2 to Bayfield Industries, Box 1640 Lafayette Road, Seabrook, NH 03874.

THE 995 TIGERS is Fred Smith's latest book. It is not about a safari; that is the number of players who played in at least one game for Detroit from 1901 thru 1981. There are biographical sketches of every one -- from Ty Cobb to Bobby Mavis, who pinch ran once in 1949. There are other features such as all-time Tiger offensive and defensive teams, leading pitchers and base stealers, the game broadcasters, etc. To order send a check for \$9.95 to Fred Smith at Box 120, Lathrup Village, Mich. 48076.

DAN SCHLOSSBERG is working on two books and is asking for assistance from members. A free copy will go to those submitting material which is included in the publications. The first book is Baseball Laffs, which will include 100 to 125 of the best short, humorous anecdotes dealing with any aspect of pro baseball. This paperback is due for release this fall, so deadline for submissions is July 8. Deadline for the Baseball Book of Why is September 10. Questions for this book (with answers) will be of the following nature:

Why do the Yankees wear pinstripes?	Why is the foul pole not the fair pole?
Why are spectators called fans?	Why are lefties called southpaws?
Why do players wear numbers?	Why are there no lefty catchers?

How you understand the title of the book. Please submit items of interest to Dan at 77 Brook Avenue, #D-13, Passaic, New Jersey 07055.

BOB POTTS, President and GM of the Clifton Phillies of the New Jersey Metropolitan Baseball League, reports that one of his pitchers is Joe Johnson, a third generation hurler in C.B. Joe's father was A. Rankin Johnson, Jr., who pitched briefly for the Athletics in 1941, and his grandfather was A. Rankin Johnson, Sr., who pitched for four clubs between 1914 and 1918 and once (June 1, 1914) defeated another Johnson named Walter 1-0. Joe, now 34, got as high as Triple A and pitched three straight shutouts for Sabinas in the Mexican League in 1971, but arm problems curtailed his career. The major leagues have never had a father, son, and grandson as active players, and it doesn't look like such a combination will be achieved soon. The last time we checked, Steve Narleski was pitching just so-so with Chattanooga. He is the son of pitcher Ray Narleski, and the grandson of infielder Bill Narleski.

MEMBERS INTERESTED in organizing a SABR-type association for basketball may contact Barry Schutz, 2025 Highboro Way, Falls Church, Va. 22043, or John L. Duxbury, 400 Mansion House, #2302, St. Louis, MO 63102.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALLEN LEWIS, one of two writers who will receive the Taylor Spink Award for journalism excellence at Hall of Fame ceremonies in August. He is a former writer for the Philadelphia Inquirer, now living in Florida.

MIKE SCHIFFER calls attention to the fact that his contemporary baseball novel entitled "Ballpark" is carried in most of the local bookstores for \$14.50. Published by Simon & Schuster, the story is about a future Hall of Fame third baseman and is described as a modern action adventure romance.

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A BASEBALL ANTHEOLOGY has been proposed by Charles Scribner's Sons based on a selection of articles from the various Baseball Research Journals. The book of some 300 pages and numerous photos would sell commercially for \$14-\$15. The SABR executive board is working out the financial arrangements with the New York publishing house which is aiming for a Spring 1983 release date.

THE JOHN TATTERSALL BASEBALL RESEARCH COLLECTION has been acquired by the Society for \$10,000, some of which cost has already been defrayed by donations. In addition, the books, programs, and similar materials were auctioned off at the National Convention on June 25, bringing in more than \$900. The research material consists of seven file drawers of folders containing total information on all home runs hit since 1876 plus additional information on a wide range of subjects including considerable record data prior to 1900. Bob McConnell is housing the material and it will take him some time to put it in proper order. He also is taking over the home run log, which means doing the 1981 season and keeping up-to-date with the 1982 games. He is receiving some help from members in selected major league cities but could use additional assistance from SF/Oakland, Minnesota, and Detroit. The initial objective is to recoup some of the money expended based on possible publication of selected materials, such as an updated and enhanced Home Run Handbook.

SPORTING NEWS MANAGING EDITOR DICK KAEGEL, speaking at the National Convention on June 26, proposed that SABR and TSN cooperate in the establishment of a baseball records committee independent of the Baseball Establishment. He also invited members to send in their theories and formulas on player performance measurements as TSN is interested in improving the records situation.

JOHN THORN advises that The National Pastime will feature a Research Exchange free of charge. You may advertise your needs and/or barter your services and time. Do you need a photocopy of a 1943 Commissioner's Bulletin? If you live in Iowa, are you willing to offer four hours of research on the Keokuk Westerns in exchange for, say, equal time on the St. Louis Maroons? That sort of thing. Keep your requests specific and brief and send them on to John at 18 Virginia Ave, Saugerties, NY 12477 no later than August 15.

A NEW SABR COMMITTEE ON BALL PARKS is under consideration. Doug Alford, Bob Bluthardt and Phil Lowry have expressed strong support for such a group and a broader base of support is solicited. Members interested in research on past and present parks are invited to get in touch with Phil Lowry at 5200 Anthony Wayne Drive, #905, Detroit, MI 48202.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION in Baltimore June 25-27 was by far the biggest event the Society has participated in during its 11 years. There were 151 members participating and the total recorded attendance was 227. This latter figure included family members, guests, speakers, et. al. A steady stream of activities was instituted to occupy the delegates, many of whom were attending their first national convention. A Friday afternoon activity was included for the first time to involve the many who had already checked in. Cappy Gagnon, Dick Beverage, Ron Liebman and Dutch Doyle made impromptu presentations, and Bill James (Baseball Abstract) held forth in a Q&A session. This was followed by a Friday night meal, another convention first.

PANELISTS at the Friday night program were Billy Hunter, former AL shortstop, Oriole coach and Ranger manager, and now Towson State baseball coach; Dick Hall, outfielder and pitcher for 19 seasons; Roy Hughes, infielder with the Indians and Cubs and a SABR member; and Al Rubeling, infielder with the A's and Pirates in 1940-44. It was homecoming for Al, a student at Towson 50 years ago and a member of their sports hall of fame. It was a lively session with President Kit Crissey as moderator. The tall Hall, an intellectual from Swarthmore and a CPA, was described as the only hurler who could compute his existing ERA while pitching. His serious outward appearance was shattered when he described the outrageous conduct of teammate Moe Drabowaky in the Orioles' bullpen. Hunter, who entertained with stories of Satchel Paige, Earl Weaver, and Casey Stengel, said he was not interested in another major league managing job.

AN AUCTION of baseball books, programs and other materials which SABR acquired was conducted by Bob McConnell. The Lanigan Cyclopedia of 1923 brought only \$35, but the Cyclopedia supplements brought \$55, the top price. The out-of-print Research Journals of 1973-74 went for \$20 each.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Saturday business meeting was conducted by Kit Crissey. In the membership report, Cliff Kaehline indicated that the number of members had passed 1,500 and was growing steadily. The non-renewals for 1982 totaled 155, an attrition rate of about 10 percent. In the absence of Treasurer Bob Soderman, Cliff reported the Society's finances in healthy condition in spite of the probability that 1982 expenses will be about \$35,000 and income will be about \$33,000.

ON PUBLICATIONS, Bob Davids displayed the new Membership Directory and indicated that it would be bulk mailed to the membership in early July. The Ten-Year Journal Index and the updated This Date in Baseball History would go out in August and the Research Journal would be issued in the fall. John Thorn said The National Pastime is on schedule and will be published in October. It will go free to members but will be sold for \$4 or \$5 to the public. Dean Coughenour will print the publication at his plant in Manhattan, Kansas.

BIOGRAPHICAL RESEARCH: Cliff Kaehline said this group, the goal of which is to acquire questionnaires on all major league players, completed information on 46 oldtimers in 1981. Hard-to-get data on 2,800 others of the past remains. The committee continues to log in data on new players and to complete and correct demographic information on others.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Jerry Gregory noted that seven regional meetings had already taken place in 1982 and the regional concept is becoming well ingrained. At least one group (Pacific Northwest) is meeting twice this year. A SABR night at the ball park is being planned for the Alexandria Dukes (VA) in late July.

AN EAST-WEST TRIVIA CONTEST was held Sunday morning to alter the research presentation format. Ron Liebman, Ted DiTullio, and Alan Blumkin made up the East panel, and Bill Ivory, Eddie Gold, and Bill James the West. The East won this encounter 33 points to 31, which was about the same score by which the West won the ballgame the day before. Perfectly inappropriate implications may be drawn regarding the physical and mental prowess of the various teams. Several original questions were included in the contest, such as "Who was the biggest player to hit an inside-the-park homer?" (Boog Powell, 250 pounds, Orioles vs Seattle, Aug. 16, 1969), and "What player hit exactly the same number of career home runs as all three DiMaggio brothers?" (Harmon Killebrew, 573). The final question, with two points and ten seconds for each segment, was "Give the name of the Baltimore player since 1954 (Detroit player since 1901) who played the most career games at these positions through 1981."

<u>Baltimore, 1954-81</u>	<u>Detroit, 1901-81</u>
1B - Boog Powell (1265)	1B - Norm Cash (1620)
2B - Dave Johnson (945)	2B - Chas. Gehringer (2205)
3B - Brooks Robinson (2870)	3B - Aure. Rodriguez (1236)
SS - Mark Belanger (1898)	SS - Donie Bush (1867)
OF - Paul Blair (1654)	OF - Ty Cobb (2717)
OF - Ken Singleton (936)	OF - Al Kaline (2488)
OF - Al Bumbry (874)	OF - Sam Crawford (1907)
C - Gus Triandos (784)	C - Bill Freehan (1581)
P - Jim Palmer (503)	P - John Hiller (545)

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS by members included the following descriptive topics:

Bob McConnell - The 100th Anniversary of the old American Association
 David Voigt - "Fie on Figure Filberts" - Citing some statistical crimes
 Harry Agens - Ten Years of the American League's Designated Hitter
 Masaru Ikel - Comparative Study of American and Japanese Power Hitting
 Vic Meyer - Top Pitching Superseasons of All Time (Guidry far from best)
 Eddie Gold - Gabby Hartnett's 1938 Home Run in Cub History Perspective
 John Holway - Looking Back at Satchel Paige
 Phil Lowry - Palaces of Baseball: Research on the Old Ball Parks
 Don Luce - Discrepancies in Ed Walsh's 1908 Pitching Record
 Jack Little - Recognition for Forgotten Hurler Gus Weyhing
 Tom Jozwik - 25 Years Ago: The World Champion Milwaukee Braves of 1957

A SPECIAL THANKS TO TOM AND JANE EVANS for their primary role in organizing the Baltimore convention — and to those assisting, including Ted Patterson, Roger Mackie, Chip Ackers, and Bill James. Thanks to Towson State University for contributing its facilities at reasonable cost. Thanks to the Orioles for the free game tickets and to the other organizations who contributed items for the goody bag.

ANOTHER NORTHWEST REGIONAL MEETING will be held August 21, this one at the Kingdome in Seattle, according to Jim Price, W 434 17th Ave, Spokane, WA 99203. He hopes to get the Earl Averills out, plus Earl Torgeson and Lonnie Frey. Jim will mail a flyer to the regional members shortly.

TWO REELS of the Sporting Life microfilm, which SABR has been loaning to members, are missing and efforts to track them down have failed. They cover the years 1905 and 1911. If anyone has knowledge of these missing reels, contact the librarian, John Schwartz, at 166 Danforth Street, Rochester, NY 14611.

AARON TO ZUVERINK, A Nostalgic Look at the Baseball Players of the Fifties, has been published by Stein and Day. Authored by Rich Marazzi and Len Fiorito, it includes biographical sketches of some 1500 players who were active 1950-59. For many the brief sketch includes current location and occupation, with humor thrown in. Sample: When Bob Zick reported to the Cubs in 1954, he went up to Manager Stan Hack and said "Im Zick." Hack reportedly replied, "I haven't been feeling so well myself." It is a hardback book of 268 pages and 78 pictures. If interested, send a check for \$16 to Rich Marazzi, 105 Pulaski Highway, Ansonia, CT 06401.

MIKE GETZ has published Baseball's 3000 Hit Men, A Book of Stats, Facts, and Trivia. It has 94 pages and 28 photos and includes a chapter on each of the 15 players who have collected 3000 hits. It is designed to appeal to the young adult audience as well as the historian. If interested in this hardback book, send a check for \$7.95 to Mike Getz, Gemmeg Press, P.O. Box 322, Parkville Station, Brooklyn, NY 11204.

ONE MEMBER, at the Baltimore Convention, criticized a book offered for sale in a recent Bulletin as not living up to the blurb and not worth the price. He complained to the author but was not able to get his money back. In the future, the editor will try to do a more objective job on screening this material put up for sale by members. In addition, we will have a policy, henceforth, of a money-back-guarantee on any books or similar materials advertised by members in the Bulletin. This also may tend to upgrade the items carried.

NOT ENOUGH ATTENTION has been paid to the radical turnover in career strikeout leaders in the last 10-15 years. Historically, there have been only three real leaders. Tim Keefe went over the 2,000 mark in 1889 and wound up with 2542 in 1893. Cy Young moved the career ceiling to 2819 when he retired in 1911, and Walter Johnson put the record "out of reach" with 3508 when he hung up his toe plate in 1927. Johnson and Young remained 1-2 for the next 44 years. No hurler had come along to fill that gap of nearly 700 strikeouts that separated them -- at least through the 1970 season. But look at what has happened in the last dozen years. Cy Young, runner-up for those many decades, is no longer in the top ten in career strikeouts. Six new players have gone over the 3,000 mark and the Big Train's own record of 3508 strikeouts is in jeopardy. Who will overtake him first? -- The aging Spitball Special, the Ryan Express, or the Great Communicator, who recently fanned 16 in a game. Here are the ten leaders as of the end of the 1970 season and on July 4, 1982.

<u>1970</u>		<u>1982</u>	
Walter Johnson	3508	Walter Johnson	3508
Cy Young	2819	Gaylord Perry	3418
Jim Bunning	2797	Nolan Ryan	3363
Warren Spahn	2583	Steve Carlton	3290
Bob Feller	2581	Tom Seaver	3120
Tim Keefe	2542	Bob Gibson	3117
Chr. Mathewson	2505	Fergie Jenkins	3031
Don Drysdale	2486	Jim Bunning	2855
Sandy Koufax	2396	Don Sutton	2842
Bob Gibson	2393	Mickey Lolich	2832

HISTORIANS/REPORTERS please note that July 18 marks the 100th anniversary of the game between Louisville and Baltimore where Tony Mullane pitched both left and right, but it wasn't good enough as Baltimore won at home 9-8.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS: Pete Palmer reported little activity for the past year. Lack of specific data, such as play-by-play, for the average researcher may be a limiting factor. Location could be another. One of the most active workers this past year has been Dallas Adams of Southern Australia, and the numbers have to be converted when they come up from down under. Seriously, Pete is seeking new blood and would like to hear from interested members.

MINOR LEAGUES: John Pardon stated that Bob Hoie and Bob McConnell are compiling data for the second volume of Minor league Stars. There are many blanks and "less than ten games" references in the player sheets and the membership in selected minor league cities will be asked to assist in this research. Art Cantu continues to work on an alphabetical list of all minor league players, while Jerry Jackson is compiling a managerial list. He also has updated and expanded his microfilm index directory. Vern Luse is working on a book about the minors between 1883 and 1891, and David Brown, Dick Miller, and Steve St. Martin are pursuing other projects.

NEGRO LEAGUES: John Holway cited Paul Doherty for his work compiling Negro League stats; he also noted the work of Phil Lowry, which includes research on the various playing fields used by black teams. John and Phil were among those attending the black hall of history activities in Ashland, KY, in mid-June. The deaths of Dave Malarcher, Satchel Paige and Webster McDonald were mentioned.

BASEBALL RECORDS: Everett Cope spoke of discrepancies in the pitching records of Christy Mathewson and Walter Johnson which are being cleared up and cited new data being found on other players. Bill Schroeder has compiled an extensive list of minor league all-star teams. Pete Palmer is coordinating the search for 1927 AL caught stealing figures. Bob Davids continues his work on inside-the-park homers, recently uncovering two for Ernie Banks and one for Willie McCovey.

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL: Al DelRossi reported that this new committee is just getting under way, but that representatives from several baseball colleges had contacted him about planned activities. Sharon Trigilio had an article on SABR and the formation of this new committee in a recent issue of Collegiate Baseball.

A PROPOSAL to reimburse SABR board members for part of their travel and/or lodging expenses for board meetings was presented by Frank Phelps. After discussion, a motion was made by Bill Shlensky (and unanimously approved) to accept the proposal provided the auditing committee review the expenses and report back in one year. The board currently meets at least four times a year and sometimes for lengthy sessions. The proposal which was passed covers expenses up to \$1000 total for each of three meetings. The annual convention would not be covered.

FRANK PHELPS presented a proposal for printing and selling research forms for recording game and career information as well as box score data. A straw vote at the meeting indicated it would not be worthwhile for SABR to invest in a large volume of these forms for use by SABR members.

1983 CONVENTION SITE: Tom Jozwik, who organized last year's regional meeting in Milwaukee, made a strong pitch for that location. Robert Koehler, the other Wisconsin member present, offered his support. Tom said there are several colleges in the area that might make a suitable site. No national gathering has been held in the Middle West since St. Louis in 1979, and, so far, no other city has come forward with a specific proposal. If there are other sites which the board should consider for 1983 (or later years), please get in touch with Bob Davids.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED include, for President, Bob Davids, Washington, DC; Vice President, Tom Evans, Baltimore; Secretary, Bill Humber of Toronto (first Canadian officer); and Treasurer, Bill Hugo of Cincinnati. Bob McConnell of Wilmington, Del., was elected to fill the vacancy on the board left by Stan Grosshandler. A brief mention was made of possible future changes in SABR operations based on the growing membership. Expansion of the board of directors is one possibility and going to an executive director arrangement (a paid position) is another. These are constitutional type changes and cannot be dealt with except by arrangement at the next national convention.

ROY HUGHES has donated some of his baseball memorabilia to the Society and we thank him for this. He also announced at the meeting that he would donate his 1945 Chicago Cubs World Series uniform to SABR for future auction.

OTHER CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

THE SOCIETY'S BANQUET on Saturday afternoon was a sparkling occasion with some 200 diners viewing a head table framed by a 24-foot SABR banner. Former Dodger no-hit hurler Rex Barney, now PA announcer for the Orioles, spoke briefly. The versatile Ernie Harwell, who gave the banquet invocation, later introduced the main speaker, Detroit Manager Sparky Anderson. His speech was a testimonial of his love for baseball and his good fortune of going from a .218 hitter to a World Champion manager. He spoke modestly of the Tigers, who had just come off a long losing streak, but remembered Johnny Bench as the best catcher in baseball and was very grateful that he had the chance to manage (and even know) Pete Rose. Sparky also made quite a hit by turning down the SABR speaking fee.

ATTENDANCE was so large that it was found convenient -- even appropriate -- to split the group Saturday afternoon into those who wanted to play softball and those who wanted to watch the slide shows. The latter consisted of John DiMeglio's interviews with former players, and Bob Bluthardt's presentation on the old ball parks, both well received. The ball game had a Baltimore (East) and Detroit (West) orientation with Lee Lowenfish and Bill Ivory the respective managers. The West won, but this is no reflection on Augusta Giusti, who pitched for the East. Gene Murdock now has a consecutive game hitting streak of two, as he also connected in last year's game in Toronto. So many came out that we had to get a second game going on an adjoining diamond.

THE ORIOLES very generously provided 200 free tickets to the game with the Tigers Saturday night. The Michigan members cheered loudly for Detroit, but the Birds won 4-1. Chartered buses handled transportation both ways.

ANALYSIS OF CONVENTION ATTENDANCE. Because of space limitations, we cannot carry, as we have done in the past, the name and state of the 151 members who attended. Delegates came from 27 states, including five from California, one from Montana, three from Texas, and two from Kansas. Owen Ricker from Saskatchewan was the only Canadian to attend. The host state of Maryland had 26 members present, followed by Virginia and Pennsylvania with 15 each. There were 79 attending their first national convention, although many of these had participated in regional meetings in Washington and Philadelphia/Reading. Three lady members attended, one being Margaret Daniels, one-half of our only husband (Jon) and wife team. Lambros and Elias Milonas (father and son) came from Michigan. Jon Bolton of Massachusetts is one year older than last year, but he still is the youngest member at 12. The oldest attendee was Earl Watts of Baltimore, who is 80. He was batboy for the Washington Senators in 1917.

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THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, meeting in Washington on September 25, took steps to expand the membership and pave the way for a paid executive director. With present revenues it is difficult to do that, and we have to rely on volunteer efforts to perform the gradually increasing workload. The Society's primary source of funds is from membership dues, followed by sale of SABR publications. A new and attractive information brochure and application has been prepared and will be mailed to appropriate sources. We may include one of these brochures in our December mailing so that each member will have one available to pass on to a friend who may share an interest in baseball and may want to join up for 1983.

At the board meeting a draft long-range plan was reviewed. The goals included, in addition to increasing the membership and formalizing the administration, (1) to establish a facility for operations and storage of research materials; (2) to make the publications more professional; (3) to improve the financial discipline; and (4) to consider possible computer applications. Two of these goals -- the facility and the computer application -- are down the road a piece, but the others are applicable for the near-term.

THE NATIONAL PASTIME, SABR's newest publication, will be mailed from Manhattan, Kansas, about October 20. Dean Coughenour is handling the typesetting, printing, and distribution from his plant. John Thorn, the editor, says the 88-page publication will be sold to the public for \$5. Five thousand copies are being printed in anticipation of such sales.

The updated and expanded This Date in Baseball History was delayed by work on the Scribner's baseball anthology; however, this delay now allows coverage of all the 1982 season in this game-oriented publication. There will be about 65 new items and ten of the old entries will be dropped. This Date will be mailed in early November with the Ten-Year Journal Index. Members are reminded to keep your address up-to-date because bulk mailed publications are not forwarded. If you have moved recently and have not sent in your change of address, you may want to check with your former postmaster about these items.

THE SECOND PART OF THE ROOKIE SURVEY, covering the years 1911-21, is enclosed with this mailing. Please follow instructions on the ballot, particularly that part about the combined selection of pitcher and regular player. An ad hoc committee has reviewed the results of the initial survey and found that there were no clinkers -- selection of a prominent name over a first-year man who may have faded after a good rookie season. Survey results will not be released until the full period from 1900 to the mid-1940s is completed.

Russell "Red" Evans, 75, died at Lakeview, Ark., June 14. He had broken a hip several months before and had not fully recovered. Red had joined SABR earlier this year after purchasing a copy of Minor League Baseball Stars. He had pitched in the minors for about 10 years, winning 24 games for Oklahoma City in the Texas League in 1935. He pitched briefly for the White Sox in 1936 and the Dodgers in 1939, appearing in a total of 42 games. His playing career ended with military service in WWII. Red then worked as a testing engineer for Johnson Motor Company in Waukegan, Ill., until retirement with his wife to Lakeview in 1969. At the time of his death, he was our only member in Arkansas.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO SAMMY WEST, the outfielder of the Senators and Browns who played in the first All-Star game in 1933? Lowell Blaisdell, history professor at Texas Tech, interviewed West in Lubbock for an hour on August 23 and has it on tape. West played only one inning in the 1933 All-Star game; he played the full game in 1937 and collected a single off Carl Hubbell. If you're curious about the former outfielder, now 78, you may want to contact Lowell.

STAN GROSSHANDLER is heading a search committee for writer/editors who can assist or succeed the present editor, Bob Davids. The latter is experiencing some health problems just at a time when the Society is expanding rapidly and the editorial work is heaviest. Some criteria for SABR writers/editors has been drawn up and Stan will send this sheet to any member offering assistance. Stan's address is 4905 Richland Drive, Raleigh, NC 27612.

HELP! Members of the Minor League Committee are hard at work on the second edition of Minor League Baseball Stars, but they can use some assistance. A number of players who have been selected for the new edition have gaps in their playing records. Filling in the gaps will involve checking old newspaper box scores and game stories in minor league cities. For those who have never done this type of research, you will find it to be a fascinating project. Contact John Pardon, PC Box 728, Crugers, NY 10521, and let him know what newspapers are available. If uncertain, but interested, write to John anyway. He can supply you with a want list for your area, as well as work sheets.

John Pardon, as head of the minor league committee, also would like to buy or borrow copies of the 1937 and 1938 booklets entitled The Farm Chains. This publication, put out by the Heilbroner Baseball Bureau, listed the farm teams of each major league club. If you have copies for those years, get in touch with John at the above address.

PHIL LOWRY of Detroit has agreed to take over chairmanship of the Negro Leagues committee. He succeeds John Holway, who has led this committee for about eight years, and who asked to be relieved. We thank him for his efforts in a period of greatly expanded knowledge of the Negro Leagues. Coordination of efforts to set up a Ball Parks committee now shifts from Phil to Bob Bluthardt, c/o Fort Concho, 213 E. Ave D, San Angelo, Texas 76903. Incidentally, for those members who have tried to contact Phil about the Ball Parks committee, he has been overseas for several weeks.

JOHN THORN has proposed a new committee on 19th Century Baseball. The next step is to get the reaction of the membership and an indication of what might be accomplished under this broad umbrella. The early history of baseball, as played in the 1850s and 1860s, certainly would be included. Members interested in some phase of this subject should contact John at 16 Virginia Ave, Saugerties, N.Y., 12477.

SABR SURVEY BALLOT FOR SELECTION OF ROOKIES OF THE YEAR

This is the second phase of the retroactive selection of Rookies of the Year. The top rookie candidates for the two leagues for the period 1911-1921 are carried below. A rookie is a player who had not pitched more than 45 innings or had more than 90 official at bats in any previous season(s). Please remember that pitchers and regular players are lumped into one category selection for each league. Basic statistics are provided for each player with an asterisk indicating leadership and with additional comments of a positive or negative nature. Members are urged to go beyond the ballot information and study the record of the candidates in other sources. Vote for an additional eligible player if you want. Weigh the evidence carefully when there is no clear-cut leader. Make three selections in order of rank, 1,2,3 along the left side of their name. Regular players are listed by position in the field and hurlers are listed by the standing of their club in the 8-team league. One final note: be very careful not to be influenced by the name of a player in terms of his later fame. Judge him only on the basis of his rookie performance.

NATIONAL LEAGUE ROOKIE SELECTION, 1911-21

Rank	Player	G	AB	HR	R	RBI	B.Ave	Comment
1911	Max Carey, CF	129	427	5	77	43	.258	27 SB
	Jin Doyle, 3B	130	472	5	69	62	.282	Led E, DP, TC/G
	Scot Ingerton, Utl	136	521	5	63	61	.250	
	<u>Pitcher</u>		<u>IP</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>ERA</u>
	Gr. Alexander, 4th	367*	28*	13	129	227	2.57	Led in CG, Sho
	Geo. Chalmers, 4th	209	13	10	101	101	3.11	4 saves
1912	George Cutshaw, 2B	102	357	0	41	28	.280	
	Lee Magee, LF	128	458	0	60	40	.290	
	Ivy Wingo, C	100	310	2	38	34	.265	Led in errors
	Larry Cheney, 3rd	303	26*	10	111	140	2.85	Led in CG
	Jim Lavender, 3rd	252	15	13	89	109	3.04	
	Hank Robinson, 2nd	175	12	7	30	79	2.26	
	Tom Seaton, 5th	255	16	12	106	118	3.28	
	Jeff Tesreau, 1st	243	16	7	106	119	1.96*	Fewest H/G
1913	George Burns, LF	150	605	2	81	54	.286	40 SB; Led in SO
	Joe Connolly, LF	126	427	5	79	57	.281	11 triples
	Heinie Groh, 2B	121	399	3	51	48	.281	
	R. Maranville, SS	143	571	2	68	48	.247	
	Hap Myers, 1B	140	524	2	74	50	.273	57 SB
	Jim Viox, 2B	137	492	2	86	65	.317	40 SB
	Al Demaree, 1st	200	13	4	38	76	2.21	
	Chief Johnson, 7th	269	14	16	86	107	3.01	
	George Pearce, 3rd	163	13	5	59	73	2.31	
	Dick Rudolph, 5th	249	14	13	59	109	2.92	
1914	Zinn Beck, 3B	137	457	3	42	45	.232	11 triples
	Bert Niehoff, 3B	142	484	4	46	49	.242	
	Butch Schmidt, 1B	147	537	1	67	71	.285	Led in DP
	Milt Stock, 3B	115	365	3	52	41	.263	
	Ral. Aitchison, 5th	172	12	7	60	87	2.66	
	Phil Douglas, 8th	239	11	18	92	121	2.56	
	Jeff Pfeffer, 5th	315	23	12	91	135	1.97	4 saves
	Ben Tincup, 6th	155	8	10	62	108	2.61	Allowed 0 Hrs

AMERICAN LEAGUE ROOKIE SELECTION, 1911-21

Rank	Player	G	AB	HR	R	RBI	B.Ave	Comment
1917	Ray Bates, 3B	127	485	2	47	66	.237	Led in E, TC/G
	Roy Grover, 2B	141	482	0	45	34	.224	
	Joe Harris, 1B	112	369	0	40	65	.304	Led in TC/G
	<u>Pitcher</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>ERA</u>	
	Wynn Noyes, 8th	171	10	10	77	64	2.95	
	Al Sothoron, 7th	277	14	19*	96	85	2.83	48 games
1918	Truck Hannah, C	90	250	2	24	21	.220	Led in DP
	Bob Jones, 3B	74	287	0	43	21	.275	
	Merlin Kopp, LF	96	363	0	60	18	.234	22 SB
	Red Shannon, IF	72	225	0	23	16	.240	
	Scott Perry, 8th	332*	21	19*	111	81	1.98	30* CG
	F. Shellenback, 6th	183	10	12	74	47	2.66	
	H. Thormahlen, 4th	113	7	3	52	22	2.48	
Rasty Wright, 5th	111	8	2	18	25	2.51		
1919	Chick Fewster, Ut1	81	244	1	38	15	.283	
	Ira Flagstead, RF	97	287	5	43	41	.331	
	Muddy Ruel, C	81	233	0	18	31	.240	
	Sammy Vick, RF	106	407	2	59	27	.248	
	Dickie Kerr, 1st	212	13	7	64	79	2.88	
	Walt Kinney, 8th	203	9	15	91	97	3.64	
	George Uhle, 2nd	127	10	5	43	50	2.91	
1920	Bucky Harris, 2B	137	506	1	76	68	.300	
	Bob Meusel, OF-3B	119	460	11	75	83	.328	.517 S.A.
	Frank Welch, CF	100	360	4	43	40	.258	
	Jim O'Neill, SS	86	294	1	27	40	.289	
	Rip Collins, 3rd	187	14	8	79	66	3.17	
	Bill Burwell, 4th	113	6	4	42	30	3.65	Led in rel. G
	Slim Harriss, 8th	192	9	14	57	60	4.08	
	Duster Mails, 1st	63	7	0	18	25	1.85	
Eddie Rommel, 8th	174	7	7	43	43	2.85		
1921	Lu Blue, 1B	153	585	5	103	75	.308	103 BB
	Bibb Falk, LF	152	585	5	62	82	.285	
	Bing Miller, LF	114	420	9	57	71	.288	
	Joe Sewell, SS	154	572	4	101	91	.318	12 triples
	Earl Sheely, 1B	154	563	11	68	95	.304	Led PO,A,E,DP
	Bert Cole, 6th	110	7	4	36	22	4.27	
Ray Kolp, 3rd	167	8	7	51	43	4.97		

NOTE: Return this completed ballot to Lyle Spatz, 18817 Rolling Acres Way
Clney, Maryland 20832

REGIONAL MEETING ROUND-UP

The Minnesota group, organized by Scott Hall and Robert Tholkes, met at the State University in Minneapolis on July 24 and then adjourned to the Metrodome for a Twins-Red Sox game that night. Ten members and five guests took part. Presentations were made by John DiMeglio - Baseball in the South; Ray Kush - the Building of Wrigley Field; Alden Lead - Review of the 1942 season; and Harley Henry - Role of Ethics and Rules in Baseball. Frank Trechock and Don Wheeler, former players with the Millers (and briefly in the Majors) reviewed the old St. Paul-Minneapolis rivalry in the American Association.

Treasurer Bill Hugo reports that the guests almost outnumbered the dozen members at the August 14 meeting in Cincinnati. His wife prepared a buffet meal for the group, which included an impressive list of former players -- Waite Hoyt, Tommy Henrich, Roy Hughes, Chuck Harmon, and Henry Schenz. Dan Hotaling reported on the induction ceremonies he attended in Cooperstown; Jack Little reported much progress in research on Gus Weyhing; and Tom Chase discussed Christy Mathewson in the context of his Hall of Fame competition.

The Pacific Northwest Regional was held at the Kingdome in Seattle in conjunction with a game on August 21. There were 17 members and ten guests present. The Mariners were excellent hosts, providing manager Rene Lachemann and pitcher Gaylord Perry for part of the meeting. Other speakers were Earl Averill, Senior and Junior, and Ray Washburn, baseball coach at Bellevue Community College near Seattle. Perry and Washburn talked about their back-to-back nohitters in 1968. Talks were made by Ron Fiorito, on the book Aaron to Zaverink, which he co-authored; Phil Erwin, on his national weekly stat publication "Baseball Insight"; and Art Peterson, a slide show on his computer analysis of batting orders. Jim Price, PR director of the Spokane Indians, who organized the meeting, was re-elected SABR regional director. Subsequently the Spokane franchise was shifted to Las Vegas, so there is a little uncertainty about the next meeting.

August 28 was the date of Milwaukee's 2nd Annual Meeting, which included a dinner for about 20 members and 10 guests. Speakers were former player Ken Keltner (also a member), former NL umpire Stan Landes, and former Braves PR director Bob Allen. Presentations were made by Will Moser - Players Who Hit 4 Homers in a Game; Don Zinda - Why the Hall of Fame Ignores Third Basemen; Don Biebel - Reminiscences of a former Cubs's Traveling Secretary/PR director; Del Vogt - Baseball History in Limerick Verse and Sketch; Dick Topp - Biographical Research; and Tom Jozwik - Similarities of 1959 Milwaukee Braves and Chicago White Sox. Tom organized the meeting.

The Baltimore-Washington gathering was held September 25 at Montgomery College, Rockville, Md., with 44 members and 11 guests. Former players interviewed included Fred Valentine of the Orioles and Senators; Clarence Israel of the Newark Eagles Negro League Team, 1940-47; and John "Zip" Collins, outfielder with the Pirates, Braves and A's between 1914 and 1921. At 90, Collins still shows plenty of spunk. A film was shown, a trivia quiz held, and talks were made by John Holway - The V in MVP (analysis of game winning hits, etc.); Ron Gabriel - The Jackie Robinson Stamp; Don Plavnick - The Alexandria Dukes; and Bill Ivory - Places and Things Named after Players. Vince Paterno led group singing of his Washington version of Terry Cashman's Talkin' Baseball. George Kaplan assisted with arrangements.

The next Chicago Regional Meeting will be held November 20. Marge Daniels is the contact person on 312/484-6239, or 3425 S. Oak Park Ave, Berwyn, IL 60402.

THE SOCIETY has purchased 100 copies of John Thorn's book: The Relief Pitcher: Baseball's New Hero, which was published by Dutton in 1979. It then sold for \$11. We are making it available to members for \$5. This hard-cover history of relief pitching has 240 pages and 40 photos. If interested in this bargain, make your \$5 check out to SABR, and mail to John Pardon, who is handling distribution. His address is PO Box 728, Crugers, NY 10521.

ANTHONY CONNOR's book: Baseball for the Love of It: Hall of Famers Tell it Like it Was was published in July by Macmillan. It is based on 26 interviews with Hall of Famers and supplemented by testimony from 40 other Cooperstown greats. It has 332 pages and 126 photos and is a Book-of-the-Month Club dividend selection. Members can order directly from Anthony at the reduced price of \$15. His address is 244 West 101st Street, New York, NY 10025.

ASSOCIATED FEATURES is at work on a book to be called The Complete Book of Baseball Trades. It will be encyclopedic in scope and the goal is to have a listing of every trade in the majors since 1900. Zander Hollander would like to know what research material in this field has been developed by members. If it can be used in the book, he would pay for it. Trade specialists should get in touch with Zander at Associated Features, Inc., 370 Lexington Ave, New York, NY 10017.

BOBBY DEWS, Sr., is compiling a directory of minor league players only who played between 1930 and 1960. He has been in touch with the Nat. Assoc. of Pro. Ball Players, the minor league office, and various league heads. Red Borum, head of the Texas-Oklahoma Old Timers Association, has been helpful. SABR probably has several members in the minor league only category, other than Vern Luse, Eddie Murphy, and Bobby, who we know about. However, other members who know of former minor leaguers who live in their area should send a post card to Bobby Dewes, Box 302, Edison, Ga. 31746, giving a current address or a date of death for deceased players. Mr. Dewes has undertaken an enormous task with this directory but maybe some of our members can help out.

ELLERY CLARK requests information on the origin of Tris Speaker's nickname "Spoke." Joe Wood (and many others) believes it was a play on words (Speaker/Spoke). Deceased teammate Marty McHale, in a handwritten letter about Speaker referred to him as "Mr. Spook." Perhaps this was an incorrect spelling of Spoke. Any help will be appreciated by Ellery at 25 Franklin St, Annapolis, MD 21401.

FRED STEIN is working on a Day by Day with the New York/SF Giants book for Leisure Press. It will cover the Giants' 100-year history since 1883. Fred will prepare the New York phase and Nick Peters, an Oakland writer who covers the Giants, will do the 25-year California phase. Fred now has out the second printing of Under Coogan's Bluff, his informal history of the Giants under Terry and Ott. Members can obtain copies directly from Fred at 6333 Beryl Road, Alexandria, Va., 22312, for the reduced price of \$6.50.

RON GABRIEL was a featured speaker at the second day issue of the Jackie Robinson stamp in Brooklyn on August 2. His speech was then entered into the Congressional Record -- a nice tribute for the No. 1 Brooklyn Dodger fan.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ken Keltner, who threw out the first ball at Milwaukee's pennant-clinching victory over California on October 10. Ken, a native and current resident, played with Milwaukee in the A.A. before going up to Cleveland.

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NEWSLETTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN BASEBALL RESEARCH

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THE NATIONAL PASTIME has been well received. John Thorn is congratulated for putting together a first-rate publication. It has been acclaimed in print in a number of places and more than 600 copies have been sold to the public thus far. The book and the advertising associated with it have helped to publicize the Society in a time when we are driving for new members. Counting those persons who have already joined for 1983, the total SABR membership has reached 2,000. A large number have come in from the broadcasting and writing fields, including Vin Scully, Joe Garagiola, Tim McCarver, Brooks Robinson, Jack Lang, Furman Bisher, Roger Angell, Dave Anderson, Milt Richman, and many others.

A PRIMARY INSTRUMENT in the current membership drive is a new multicolored brochure. We are including with this mailing a copy of that brochure so that each of you will have one on hand to pass on to an acquaintance who may be interested in joining the organization. You retiring types do not have to use a sales pitch as all the information is in the brochure — even the application. The brochures were produced by a team which included Jerry Tomlinson, John Thorn, Carl Lundquist, Bob Carr, Lee DeJasu and Cliff Kachline. If more copies are needed, write to SABR, P.O. Box 323, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

THIS ALSO IS 1983 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME. A separate renewal card is enclosed and should not be confused with the brochure. Send the card to the SABR address above with your \$15 check (U.S. funds) and you will be all set for 1983. You will receive free all the SABR publications, including, most probably, a second issue of The National Pastime, the Research Journal, the membership directory, and possibly another publication if it can be worked into the schedule. These publications, plus the bulletins, the surveys, the national and regional meetings are, as the brochure implies, a pretty good catch for \$15. By the time this is mailed, some of you already will have renewed for 1983. Even so, please fill out the renewal card because we depend upon the information there to compile the 1983 membership directory.

The 200 plus members who joined in the last two months as 1982 members may feel this was an awfully short year, what with 1983 renewal being upon us. Nevertheless, you should have received essentially all the materials the full-year members received. This includes the 1982 Research Journal, which is now at the printer and will be bulk mailed the last week in December. Most of you will receive it after the first of the year.

KEEP YOUR MAILING ADDRESS up to date. Send your address change promptly to SABR, PO Box 323, Cooperstown, NY 13326. It will facilitate your receipt of the newsletter and publications.

Robert Jasperson, 61, died in a Philadelphia suburban hospital November 18. He had diabetes. Bob was a copy editor for the Inquirer for 18 years and before that he worked for the St. Paul Dispatch. For about 25 years, he and his wife, Helen, published a newsletter called Sport Fan, which contained news of interest to collectors of sports memorabilia. He was well known in that field and Bob Schmierer, on behalf of the Eastern Penn. Sports Collectors Club, made a donation to SABR in memory of his friend. Mr. Jasperson was the 100th member to join the Society, on May 20, 1972. He later dropped out, but rejoined in early 1979. His special interests were the St. Paul Saints, Phil Todt, and biographical research.

Charles "Buck" Barker, a retired chemical engineer with Titanium Corp., died in St. Louis November 24 at age 71. Like Mr. Jasperson above, he was an avid sports collector. He purchased SABR publications regularly each year before joining the Society in 1980. His primary interests were ball-parks, the Federal League, Players' League, and the Pacific Coast League.

SABR MEMBERS were shocked and dismayed by the dismissal of Hall of Fame Historian Cliff Kachline, effective October 31. He had served there since 1969, following the death of Lee Allen. "In-house politics" caused the dismissal, according to Bill Madden's column in the New York Daily News. Cliff has thrown himself into SABR activities, spearheading the recent membership drive. He and Evelyn plan to stay in Cooperstown for the foreseeable future.

A NUMBER OF INQUIRIES have been made about the health of the editor, Bob Davids. Briefly, he suffered from heart blockage shortly after the Baltimore convention, was hospitalized for tests, came home to put out the August Bulletin (early), and then underwent triple bypass heart surgery on July 22. He is now back to near full capacity and thanks the kind "get-well" wishers.

THE FIRST WYOMING REGIONAL MEETING was held November 27 in Cheyenne with 67% of the members attending. It was held in a broadcast booth of radio station KRAE, where Milt Riske held his Saturday morning sports show with Craig Ringenberg as guest. The other member from Wyoming, Mike Sikora of Casper, could not be reached. "Where two or three are gathered together . . ."

THE CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING was held at a Congregational Church in Berwyn, Ill., with 20 members and 12 guests present. It was a six-hour event that included lunch and featured guest speakers Otto Denning (Indians 1942-43) and Dick Kokos (Browns-Orioles 1948-54). Member presentations were made by Steve Boren (career of Rube Benton); Art Ahrens and Eddie Gold (writing of baseball books); Rich Topp (importance of 19th century baseball); Tom Jozwik (the home runs of Henry Aaron); and Jon Daniels (fifty games). A 60-question baseball trivia quiz was conducted. Marge and Jon Daniels organized the meeting.

VP TOM EVANS would like to hear from members interested in organizing regional meetings. Several areas are moving along well — Los Angeles, Pacific NW, Toronto, Minnesota, Milwaukee, Chicago, Detroit, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Baltimore-Washington, New Orleans, and, oh yes, Wyoming. James Smith says he will try to get one started in the Boston area next spring. But what about other places like North Carolina, Atlanta, St. Louis, Kansas City, Houston, Phoenix, San Francisco, etc. We can provide mailing labels and/or a list of new members in your area since June 1982. Get in touch with Tom at 4639 Briarclift Road, Baltimore, MD 21229, and he will give you some guidelines.

THE SABR EXECUTIVE BOARD will meet in Philadelphia January 8. Among the many agenda items are the timing of the next National Pastime, review of the position description for the proposed executive director, the possible purchase of a computer for administrative purposes, and a final decision on the next national convention. The 1983 convention will be held in Milwaukee, but we haven't decided on what college campus site, and what date -- the last weekend in June or mid-to-late July. The Brewers are away the first part of July.

THE SCRIBNER'S BASEBALL ANTHOLOGY, a selection of about 40 of the more interesting articles published in the first ten Research Journals, is moving along about on schedule. Bob Davids is working with the Scribner's editors on the selection, editing, and updating of articles. The material will be typeset very shortly aimed at a publication date of April 1983.

AN ARRANGEMENT has been worked out with Greenwood Press to get a 25% reduction in cost of Gene Murdock's biography of Ban Johnson, as well as Steve Riess' Touching Base, which was mentioned in the Bulletin about a year ago. Both of these scholarly books are described on the enclosed card, which is a convenient order form set up just for SABR members.

MICROFILM LIBRARIAN John Schwartz reports that the replacement reels for the 1905 and 1911 seasons have arrived and the full run of Sporting Life reels from 1883 to 1917 is now available for loan to members. Business is brisk and most of the reels are being used; however, if you want to borrow a reel, get your request in to John Schwartz at 166 Danforth St, Rochester, NY 14611. We are still trying to acquire a microfilm of The Sporting News.

BASEBALL RESEARCH EXCHANGE

John Holway says that he has published two more monographs of black players to go with the earlier set of 23 he made available to members. He will send these two free, upon request, to those who ordered the original set. John is at 7805 Chase Court, Manassas, VA 22110.

Baseball Briefs, a four-page newsletter summarizing some of the interesting and unusual events of the 1982 season, is available upon request from Bob Davids, 4424 Chesapeake St. NW, Washington, DC 20016.

ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN are requested to submit a brief report of recent activities to Bob Davids, at the above address. A more detailed report can be submitted at national convention time next summer.

PHIL LOWRY, chairman of the Negro Leagues committee, is presently assigned to England, but will remain in close contact. He can be reached at 14 Bates Avenue, Ringstead, Northants, NN14, 4DY, England, UK. Phil reports that a petition with 725 signatures was sent to the Hall of Fame requesting that another black be placed on the HoF Veterans Committee. Monte Irvin was added.

THE BASEBALL ANALYST is a new publication edited and published by Bill James. It features articles dealing with mathematical analysis of baseball records and statistics. It is published bimonthly, with its contents being entirely research articles and papers written by subscribers. New subscribers (authors) are welcome, with an annual participation fee of \$10. The Analyst is an informal operation, so submittals should be typed ready for reproduction. Send to Bill James, PO Box 2150, Lawrence, KS 66044.

THE 1983 PLAYBALL CALENDAR has been completed by Richard Tourangeau. The full-year calendar birthdays number 1,146 this year, and there also are birthdays for the 26 current ballparks. There are 12 pages of narrative and some very nice color photos in the 11x14 inch format. If you want a copy of the 1983 calendar, send a check for \$5.75 to Tidemark Press - Baseball, PO Box 813, Hartford, CT 06142.

TWO ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BILL BORST. He has another book out. This is entitled Suds Series, a book of 63 trivia questions and other information about the 1982 World Series. If interested, send a check for \$4.80 to Krank Enterprises, PO Box 16271, St. Louis, MO 63105. Bill also has a monthly TV show in St. Louis called The Baseball Professor (Channel 7). He would like members who have written books or undertaken some other interesting baseball project and who are passing through St. Louis to contact him in advance about being on the show. Bill's phone is 314/997-5907.

DOUG HUFF, sports editor of the Wheeling Intelligencer, has completed his book on Sports in West Virginia -- A Pictorial History. It is a 277-page book covering all sports at every level, including all WV natives in pro baseball, basketball and football. It retails for \$13, but he will make it available to members for \$7. Send a check to Doug at The Intelligencer, 1500 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003.

MARK GALLAGHER mentions that his book, The Yankee Encyclopedia, is being sold in New York-New Jersey area bookstores. The price is \$29.95, which is not so bad when you consider the book has 640 pages and many photos of Yankee stars. It is published by Leisure Press, PO Box 3, West Point, NY 10996.

BOB JONES is collecting unusual playing and fielding statistical indicators from members which will be made available in some form to the membership. If you have any pet indicators you maintain during the season, such as unearned run percentage, bullpen ERA, etc., Bob wants to hear about them. Please include a full description of each indicator and how you compute it. Full credit will be given to members whose responses are disseminated. Bob's address is 2025 19th NE, Salem, OR 97303.

BOB WOOD, son of 93-year-old Smoky Joe Wood, has prepared individual stat cards, autographs, and photos of his dad and five other early Red Sox (Ruth, Speaker, Gardner, Hooper, Lewis). If you have any interest in any of these individual players, you may want to contact Bob at 63 Arch St, Keene, NH 03431 and ask for a flyer that describes the packets in detail. Costs will be reduced for SABR members.

WHICH MAJOR LEAGUE CITY is closest to all SABR members? Stanley Cohen of Maryland computes distances for the postal service and he says that Pittsburgh is the nearest, an average 688 miles from each of the mainland members listed in the 1982 directory. Cleveland, Baltimore and Detroit are next in line. Oh, Honus Wagner, Arky Vaughan, and Roberto Clemente, you never knew the center of the baseball universe is where the Ohio, Monongahela, and Allegheny Rivers converge. Or did you?

WHICH PLACE has the heaviest concentration of SABR members? Why, Cooperstown, NY, of course! Nine of the 2,550 residents belong. Cliff Kachline says that each gathering of the Rotary Club is a regional meeting.

ON A SUNNY DAY IN PRAGUE, US diplomat Ernest Nagy reports seeing six young Czechs carrying bats and balls. The grand game survives! Even behind the Iron Curtain.

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THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, meeting in Washington on September 25, took steps to expand the membership and pave the way for a paid executive director. With present revenues it is difficult to do that, and we have to rely on volunteer efforts to perform the gradually increasing workload. The Society's primary source of funds is from membership dues, followed by sale of SABR publications. A new and attractive information brochure and application has been prepared and will be mailed to appropriate sources. We may include one of these brochures in our December mailing so that each member will have one available to pass on to a friend who may share an interest in baseball and may want to join up for 1983.

At the board meeting a draft long-range plan was reviewed. The goals included, in addition to increasing the membership and formalizing the administration, (1) to establish a facility for operations and storage of research materials; (2) to make the publications more professional; (3) to improve the financial discipline; and (4) to consider possible computer applications. Two of these goals -- the facility and the computer application -- are down the road a piece, but the others are applicable for the near-term.

THE NATIONAL PASTIME, SABR's newest publication, will be mailed from Manhattan, Kansas, about October 20. Dean Coughenour is handling the typesetting, printing, and distribution from his plant. John Thorn, the editor, says the 88-page publication will be sold to the public for \$5. Five thousand copies are being printed in anticipation of such sales.

The updated and expanded This Date in Baseball History was delayed by work on the Scribner's baseball anthology; however, this delay now allows coverage of all the 1982 season in this game-oriented publication. There will be about 65 new items and ten of the old entries will be dropped. This Date will be mailed in early November with the Ten-Year Journal Index. Members are reminded to keep your address up-to-date because bulk mailed publications are not forwarded. If you have moved recently and have not sent in your change of address, you may want to check with your former postmaster about these items.

THE SECOND PART OF THE ROOKIE SURVEY, covering the years 1911-21, is enclosed with this mailing. Please follow instructions on the ballot, particularly that part about the combined selection of pitcher and regular player. An ad hoc committee has reviewed the results of the initial survey and found that there were no clinkers -- selection of a prominent name over a first-year man who may have faded after a good rookie season. Survey results will not be released until the full period from 1900 to the mid-1940s is completed.

Russell "Red" Evans, 75, died at Lakeview, Ark., June 14. He had broken a hip several months before and had not fully recovered. Red had joined SABR earlier this year after purchasing a copy of Minor League Baseball Stars. He had pitched in the minors for about 10 years, winning 24 games for Oklahoma City in the Texas League in 1935. He pitched briefly for the White Sox in 1936 and the Dodgers in 1939, appearing in a total of 42 games. His playing career ended with military service in WWII. Red then worked as a testing engineer for Johnson Motor Company in Waukegan, Ill., until retirement with his wife to Lakeview in 1969. At the time of his death, he was our only member in Arkansas.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO SAMMY WEST, the outfielder of the Senators and Browns who played in the first All-Star game in 1933? Lowell Blaisdell, history professor at Texas Tech, interviewed West in Lubbock for an hour on August 23 and has it on tape. West played only one inning in the 1933 All-Star game; he played the full game in 1937 and collected a single off Carl Hubbell. If you're curious about the former outfielder, now 78, you may want to contact Lowell.

STAN GROSSHANDLER is heading a search committee for writer/editors who can assist or succeed the present editor, Bob Davids. The latter is experiencing some health problems just at a time when the Society is expanding rapidly and the editorial work is heaviest. Some criteria for SABR writers/editors has been drawn up and Stan will send this sheet to any member offering assistance. Stan's address is 4905 Richland Drive, Raleigh, NC 27612.

HELP! Members of the Minor League Committee are hard at work on the second edition of Minor League Baseball Stars, but they can use some assistance. A number of players who have been selected for the new edition have gaps in their playing records. Filling in the gaps will involve checking old newspaper box scores and game stories in minor league cities. For those who have never done this type of research, you will find it to be a fascinating project. Contact John Pardon, PC Box 728, Crugers, NY 10521, and let him know what newspapers are available. If uncertain, but interested, write to John anyway. He can supply you with a want list for your area, as well as work sheets.

John Pardon, as head of the minor league committee, also would like to buy or borrow copies of the 1937 and 1938 booklets entitled The Farm Chains. This publication, put out by the Heilbroner Baseball Bureau, listed the farm teams of each major league club. If you have copies for those years, get in touch with John at the above address.

PHIL LOWRY of Detroit has agreed to take over chairmanship of the Negro Leagues committee. He succeeds John Holway, who has led this committee for about eight years, and who asked to be relieved. We thank him for his efforts in a period of greatly expanded knowledge of the Negro Leagues. Coordination of efforts to set up a Ball Parks committee now shifts from Phil to Bob Bluthardt, c/o Fort Concho, 213 E. Ave D, San Angelo, Texas 76903. Incidentally, for those members who have tried to contact Phil about the Ball Parks committee, he has been overseas for several weeks.

JOHN THORN has proposed a new committee on 19th Century Baseball. The next step is to get the reaction of the membership and an indication of what might be accomplished under this broad umbrella. The early history of baseball, as played in the 1850s and 1860s, certainly would be included. Members interested in some phase of this subject should contact John at 18 Virginia Ave, Saugerties, N.Y., 12477.

SABR SURVEY BALLOT FOR SELECTION OF ROOKIES OF THE YEAR

This is the second phase of the retroactive selection of Rookies of the Year. The top rookie candidates for the two leagues for the period 1911-1921 are carried below. A rookie is a player who had not pitched more than 45 innings or had more than 90 official at bats in any previous season(s). Please remember that pitchers and regular players are lumped into one category selection for each league. Basic statistics are provided for each player with an asterisk indicating leadership and with additional comments of a positive or negative nature. Members are urged to go beyond the ballot information and study the record of the candidates in other sources. Vote for an additional eligible player if you want. Weigh the evidence carefully when there is no clear-cut leader. Make three selections in order of rank, 1,2,3 along the left side of their name. Regular players are listed by position in the field and hurlers are listed by the standing of their club in the 8-team league. One final note: be very careful not to be influenced by the name of a player in terms of his later fame. Judge him only on the basis of his rookie performance.

NATIONAL LEAGUE ROOKIE SELECTION, 1911-21

Rank	Player	G	AB	HR	R	RBI	B.Ave	Comment	
1911	Max Carey, CF	129	427	5	77	43	.258	27 SB	
	2 Jim Doyle, 3B	130	472	5	69	62	.282	Led E, DP, TC/G	
	Scot Ingerton, Ut1	136	521	5	63	61	.250		
	<u>Pitcher</u>		<u>IP</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>ERA</u>	
	Gr. Alexander, 4th	367*	28*	13	129	227	2.57	Led in CG, ShO	
	Geo. Chalmers, 4th	209	13	10	101	101	3.11	4 saves	
1912	George Cutshaw, 2B	102	357	0	41	28	.280		
	Lee Magee, LF	128	458	0	60	40	.290		
	Ivy Wingo, C	100	310	2	38	34	.265	Led in errors	
	Larry Cheney, 3rd	303	26*	10	111	140	2.85	Led in CG	
	Jim Lavender, 3rd	252	15	13	89	109	3.04		
	Hank Robinson, 2nd	175	12	7	30	79	2.26		
	3 Tom Seaton, 5th	255	16	12	106	118	3.28		
	Jeff Tesreau, 1st	245	16	7	106	119	1.96*	Fewest H/G	
1913	3 George Burns, LF	150	605	2	81	54	.286	40 SB; Led in SO	
	Joe Connolly, LF	126	427	5	79	57	.281	11 triples	
	Heinie Groh, 2B	121	399	3	51	48	.281		
	R. Maranville, SS	143	571	2	68	48	.247		
	Hap Myers, 1B	140	524	2	74	50	.273	57 SB	
	Jim Viox, 2B	137	492	2	86	65	.317	40 SB	
	Al Demaree, 1st	200	13	4	38	76	2.21		
	Chief Johnson, 7th	269	14	16	86	107	3.01		
	George Pearce, 3rd	163	13	5	59	73	2.31		
	Dick Rudolph, 5th	249	14	13	59	109	2.92		
1914	Zinn Beck, 3B	137	457	3	42	45	.232	11 triples	
	Bert Niehoff, 3B	142	484	4	46	49	.242		
	Butch Schmidt, 1B	147	537	1	67	71	.285	Led in DP	
	Milt Stock, 3B	115	365	3	52	41	.263		
	Ral. Aitchison, 5th	172	12	7	60	87	2.66		
	Phil Douglas, 8th	239	11	18	92	121	2.56		
	Jeff Pfeffer, 5th	315	23	12	91	135	1.97	4 saves	
Ben Tincup, 6th	155	8	10	62	108	2.61	Allowed 0 Hrs		

AMERICAN LEAGUE ROOKIE SELECTION, 1911-21

Rank	Player	G	AB	HR	R	RBI	B.Ave	Comment
1917	Ray Bates, 3B	127	485	2	47	66	.237	Led in E, TC/G
	Roy Grover, 2B	141	482	0	45	34	.224	
	Joe Harris, 1B	112	369	0	40	65	.304	Led in TC/G
	<u>Pitcher</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>ERA</u>	
	Wynn Noyes, 8th	171	10	10	77	64	2.95	
	Al Sothoron, 7th	277	14	19*	96	85	2.83	48 games
1918	Truck Hannah, C	90	250	2	24	21	.220	Led in DP
	Bob Jones, 3B	74	287	0	43	21	.275	
	Merlin Kopp, LF	96	363	0	60	18	.234	22 SB
	Red Shannon, IF	72	225	0	23	16	.240	
	Scott Perry, 8th	332*	21	19*	111	81	1.98	30* CG
	F. Shellenback, 6th	183	10	12	74	47	2.66	
	H. Thormahlen, 4th	113	7	3	52	22	2.48	
	Rasty Wright, 5th	111	8	2	18	25	2.51	
1919	Chick Fewster, Utl	81	244	1	38	15	.283	
	Ira Flagstead, RF	97	287	5	43	41	.331	
	Muddy Ruel, C	81	233	0	18	31	.240	
	Sammy Vick, RF	106	407	2	59	27	.248	
	Dickie Kerr, 1st	212	13	7	64	79	2.88	
	Walt Kinney, 8th	203	9	15	91	97	3.64	
	George Uhle, 2nd	127	10	5	43	50	2.91	
1920	Bucky Harris, 2B	137	506	1	76	68	.300	
	Bob Meusel, OF-3B	119	460	11	75	83	.328	.517 S.A.
	Frank Welch, CF	100	360	4	43	40	.258	
	Jim O'Neill, SS	86	294	1	27	40	.289	
	Rip Collins, 3rd	187	14	8	79	66	3.17	
	Bill Burwell, 4th	113	6	4	42	30	3.65	Led in rel. G
	Slim Harriss, 8th	192	9	14	57	60	4.08	
	Duster Mails, 1st	63	7	0	18	25	1.85	
	Eddie Rommel, 8th	174	7	7	43	43	2.85	
1921	Lu Blue, 1B	153	585	5	103	75	.308	103 BB
	Bibb Falk, LF	152	585	5	62	82	.285	
	Bing Miller, LF	114	420	9	57	71	.288	
	Joe Sewell, SS	154	572	4	101	91	.318	12 triples
	Earl Sheely, 1B	154	563	11	68	95	.304	Led PO,A,E,DP
	Bert Cole, 6th	110	7	4	36	22	4.27	
	Ray Kolp, 3rd	167	8	7	51	43	4.97	

NOTE: Return this completed ballot to Lyle Spatz, 18817 Rolling Acres Way
Olney, Maryland 20832

REGIONAL MEETING ROUND-UP

The Minnesota group, organized by Scott Hall and Robert Tholkes, met at the State University in Minneapolis on July 24 and then adjourned to the Metrodome for a Twins-Red Sox game that night. Ten members and five guests took part. Presentations were made by John DiMeglio - Baseball in the South; Ray Kush - the Building of Wrigley Field; Alden Lead - Review of the 1942 season; and Harley Henry - Role of Ethics and Rules in Baseball. Frank Trechock and Don Wheeler, former players with the Millers (and briefly in the Majors) reviewed the old St. Paul-Minneapolis rivalry in the American Association.

Treasurer Bill Hugo reports that the guests almost outnumbered the dozen members at the August 14 meeting in Cincinnati. His wife prepared a buffet meal for the group, which included an impressive list of former players -- Waite Hoyt, Tommy Henrich, Roy Hughes, Chuck Harmon, and Henry Schenz. Dan Hotaling reported on the induction ceremonies he attended in Cooperstown; Jack Little reported much progress in research on Gus Weyhing; and Tom Chase discussed Christy Mathewson in the context of his Hall of Fame competition.

The Pacific Northwest Regional was held at the Kingdome in Seattle in conjunction with a game on August 21. There were 17 members and ten guests present. The Mariners were excellent hosts, providing manager Rene Lachemann and pitcher Gaylord Perry for part of the meeting. Other speakers were Earl Averill, Senior and Junior, and Ray Washburn, baseball coach at Bellevue Community College near Seattle. Perry and Washburn talked about their back-to-back nohitters in 1968. Talks were made by Ron Fiorito, on the book Aaron to Zverink, which he co-authored; Phil Erwin, on his national weekly stat publication "Baseball Insight"; and Art Peterson, a slide show on his computer analysis of batting orders. Jim Price, PR director of the Spokane Indians, who organized the meeting, was re-elected SAHR regional director. Subsequently the Spokane franchise was shifted to Las Vegas, so there is a little uncertainty about the next meeting.

August 28 was the date of Milwaukee's 2nd Annual Meeting, which included a dinner for about 20 members and 10 guests. Speakers were former player Ken Keltner (also a member), former NL umpire Stan Landes, and former Braves PR director Bob Allen. Presentations were made by Will Moser - Players Who Hit 4 Homers in a Game; Don Zminda - Why the Hall of Fame Ignores Third Basemen; Don Biebel - Reminiscences of a former Cubs's Traveling Secretary/PR director; Del Vogt - Baseball History in Limerick Verse and Sketch; Dick Topp - Biographical Research; and Tom Jozwik - Similarities of 1959 Milwaukee Braves and Chicago White Sox. Tom organized the meeting.

The Baltimore-Washington gathering was held September 25 at Montgomery College, Rockville, Md., with 44 members and 11 guests. Former players interviewed included Fred Valentine of the Orioles and Senators; Clarence Israel of the Newark Eagles Negro League Team, 1940-47; and John "Zip" Collins, outfielder with the Pirates, Braves and A's between 1914 and 1921. At 90, Collins still shows plenty of spunk. A film was shown, a trivia quiz held, and talks were made by John Holway - The V in MVP (analysis of game winning hits, etc.); Ron Gabriel - The Jackie Robinson Stamp; Don Plavnick - The Alexandria Dukes; and Bill Ivory - Places and Things Named after Players. Vince Paterno led group singing of his Washington version of Terry Cashman's Talkin' Baseball. George Kaplan assisted with arrangements.

The next Chicago Regional Meeting will be held November 20. Marge Daniels is the contact person on 312/484-6239, or 3425 S. Oak Park Ave, Berwyn, IL 60402.

THE SOCIETY has purchased 100 copies of John Thorn's book: The Relief Pitcher: Baseball's New Hero, which was published by Dutton in 1979. It then sold for \$11. We are making it available to members for \$5. This hard-cover history of relief pitching has 240 pages and 40 photos. If interested in this bargain, make your \$5 check out to SABR, and mail to John Pardon, who is handling distribution. His address is PO Box 728, Crugers, NY 10521.

ANTHONY CONNOR's book: Baseball for the Love of It: Hall of Famers Tell it Like it Was was published in July by Macmillan. It is based on 26 interviews with Hall of Famers and supplemented by testimony from 40 other Cooperstown greats. It has 332 pages and 126 photos and is a Book-of-the-Month Club dividend selection. Members can order directly from Anthony at the reduced price of \$15. His address is 244 West 101st Street, New York, NY 10025.

ASSOCIATED FEATURES is at work on a book to be called The Complete Book of Baseball Trades. It will be encyclopedic in scope and the goal is to have a listing of every trade in the majors since 1900. Zander Hollander would like to know what research material in this field has been developed by members. If it can be used in the book, he would pay for it. Trade specialists should get in touch with Zander at Associated Features, Inc., 370 Lexington Ave, New York, NY 10017.

BOBBY DEWS, Sr., is compiling a directory of minor league players only who played between 1930 and 1960. He has been in touch with the Nat. Assoc. of Pro. Ball Players, the minor league office, and various league heads. Red Borum, head of the Texas-Oklahoma Old Timers Association, has been helpful. SABR probably has several members in the minor league only category, other than Vern Luse, Eddie Murphy, and Bobby, who we know about. However, other members who know of former minor leaguers who live in their area should send a post card to Bobby Dewes, Box 302, Edison, Ga. 31746, giving a current address or a date of death for deceased players. Mr. Dewes has undertaken an enormous task with this directory but maybe some of our members can help out.

ELLERY CLARK requests information on the origin of Tris Speaker's nickname "Spoke." Joe Wood (and many others) believes it was a play on words (Speaker/Spoke). Deceased teammate Marty McHale, in a handwritten letter about Speaker referred to him as "Mr. Spook." Perhaps this was an incorrect spelling of Spoke. Any help will be appreciated by Ellery at 25 Franklin St, Annapolis, MD 21401.

FRED STEIN is working on a Day by Day with the New York/SF Giants book for Leisure Press. It will cover the Giants' 100-year history since 1883. Fred will prepare the New York phase and Nick Peters, an Oakland writer who covers the Giants, will do the 25-year California phase. Fred now has out the second printing of Under Coogan's Bluff, his informal history of the Giants under Terry and Ott. Members can obtain copies directly from Fred at 6333 Beryl Road, Alexandria, Va., 22312, for the reduced price of \$6.50.

RON GABRIEL was a featured speaker at the second day issue of the Jackie Robinson stamp in Brooklyn on August 2. His speech was then entered into the Congressional Record -- a nice tribute for the No. 1 Brooklyn Dodger fan.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ken Keltner, who threw out the first ball at Milwaukee's penant-clinching victory over California on October 10. Ken, a native and current resident, played with Milwaukee in the A.A. before going up to Cleveland.

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THE NATIONAL PASTIME has been well received. John Thorn is congratulated for putting together a first-rate publication. It has been acclaimed in print in a number of places and more than 600 copies have been sold to the public thus far. The book and the advertising associated with it have helped to publicize the Society in a time when we are driving for new members. Counting those persons who have already joined for 1983, the total SABR membership has reached 2,000. A large number have come in from the broadcasting and writing fields, including Vin Scully, Joe Garagiola, Tim McCarver, Brooks Robinson, Jack Lang, Furman Bisher, Roger Angell, Dave Anderson, Milt Richman, and many others.

A PRIMARY INSTRUMENT in the current membership drive is a new multicolored brochure. We are including with this mailing a copy of that brochure so that each of you will have one on hand to pass on to an acquaintance who may be interested in joining the organization. You retiring types do not have to use a sales pitch as all the information is in the brochure — even the application. The brochures were produced by a team which included Jerry Tomlinson, John Thorn, Carl Lundquist, Bob Carr, Lee DeJasu and Cliff Kachline. If more copies are needed, write to SABR, P.O. Box 323, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

THIS ALSO IS 1983 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME. A separate renewal card is enclosed and should not be confused with the brochure. Send the card to the SABR address above with your \$15 check (U.S. funds) and you will be all set for 1983. You will receive free all the SABR publications, including, most probably, a second issue of The National Pastime, the Research Journal, the membership directory, and possibly another publication if it can be worked into the schedule. These publications, plus the bulletins, the surveys, the national and regional meetings are, as the brochure implies, a pretty good catch for \$15. By the time this is mailed, some of you already will have renewed for 1983. Even so, please fill out the renewal card because we depend upon the information there to compile the 1983 membership directory.

The 200 plus members who joined in the last two months as 1982 members may feel this was an awfully short year, what with 1983 renewal being upon us. Nevertheless, you should have received essentially all the materials the full-year members received. This includes the 1982 Research Journal, which is now at the printer and will be bulk mailed the last week in December. Most of you will receive it after the first of the year.

KEEP YOUR MAILING ADDRESS up to date. Send your address change promptly to SABR, PO Box 323, Cooperstown, NY 13326. It will facilitate your receipt of the newsletter and publications.

Robert Jasperson, 61, died in a Philadelphia suburban hospital November 18. He had diabetes. Bob was a copy editor for the Inquirer for 18 years and before that he worked for the St. Paul Dispatch. For about 25 years, he and his wife, Helen, published a newsletter called Sport Fan, which contained news of interest to collectors of sports memorabilia. He was well known in that field and Bob Schmierer, on behalf of the Eastern Penn. Sports Collectors Club, made a donation to SABR in memory of his friend. Mr. Jasperson was the 100th member to join the Society, on May 20, 1972. He later dropped out, but rejoined in early 1979. His special interests were the St. Paul Saints, Phil Todt, and biographical research.

Charles "Buck" Barker, a retired chemical engineer with Titanium Corp., died in St. Louis November 24 at age 71. Like Mr. Jasperson above, he was an avid sports collector. He purchased SABR publications regularly each year before joining the Society in 1980. His primary interests were ball-parks, the Federal League, Players' League, and the Pacific Coast League.

SABR MEMBERS were shocked and dismayed by the dismissal of Hall of Fame Historian Cliff Kachline, effective October 31. He had served there since 1969, following the death of Lee Allen. "In-house politics" caused the dismissal, according to Bill Madden's column in the New York Daily News. Cliff has thrown himself into SABR activities, spearheading the recent membership drive. He and Evelyn plan to stay in Cooperstown for the foreseeable future.

A NUMBER OF INQUIRIES have been made about the health of the editor, Bob Davids. Briefly, he suffered from heart blockage shortly after the Baltimore convention, was hospitalized for tests, came home to put out the August Bulletin (early), and then underwent triple bypass heart surgery on July 22. He is now back to near full capacity and thanks the kind "get-well" wishers.

THE FIRST WYOMING REGIONAL MEETING was held November 27 in Cheyenne with 67% of the members attending. It was held in a broadcast booth of radio station KRAE, where Milt Riske held his Saturday morning sports show with Craig Ringenberg as guest. The other member from Wyoming, Mike Sikora of Casper, could not be reached. "Where two or three are gathered together . . ."

THE CHICAGO REGIONAL MEETING was held at a Congregational Church in Berwyn, Ill., with 20 members and 12 guests present. It was a six-hour event that included lunch and featured guest speakers Otto Denning (Indians 1942-43) and Dick Kokos (Browns-Orioles 1948-54). Member presentations were made by Steve Boren (career of Rube Benton; Art Ahrens and Eddie Gold (writing of baseball books); Rich Topp (importance of 19th century baseball); Tom Jozwik (the home runs of Henry Aaron); and Jon Daniels (fifty games). A 60-question baseball trivia quiz was conducted. Marge and Jon Daniels organized the meeting.

VP TOM EVANS would like to hear from members interested in organizing regional meetings. Several areas are moving along well — Los Angeles, Pacific NW, Toronto, Minnesota, Milwaukee, Chicago, Detroit, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Baltimore-Washington, New Orleans, and, oh yes, Wyoming. James Smith says he will try to get one started in the Boston area next spring. But what about other places like North Carolina, Atlanta, St. Louis, Kansas City, Houston, Phoenix, San Francisco, etc. We can provide mailing labels and/or a list of new members in your area since June 1982. Get in touch with Tom at 4639 Briarclift Road, Baltimore, MD 21229, and he will give you some guidelines.

THE SABR EXECUTIVE BOARD will meet in Philadelphia January 8. Among the many agenda items are the timing of the next National Pastime, review of the position description for the proposed executive director, the possible purchase of a computer for administrative purposes, and a final decision on the next national convention. The 1983 convention will be held in Milwaukee, but we haven't decided on what college campus site, and what date — the last weekend in June or mid-to-late July. The Brewers are away the first part of July.

THE SCRIBNER'S BASEBALL ANTHOLOGY, a selection of about 40 of the more interesting articles published in the first ten Research Journals, is moving along about on schedule. Bob Davids is working with the Scribner's editors on the selection, editing, and updating of articles. The material will be typeset very shortly aimed at a publication date of April 1983.

AN ARRANGEMENT has been worked out with Greenwood Press to get a 25% reduction in cost of Gene Murdock's biography of Ban Johnson, as well as Steve Riess' Touching Base, which was mentioned in the Bulletin about a year ago. Both of these scholarly books are described on the enclosed card, which is a convenient order form set up just for SABR members.

MICROFILM LIBRARIAN John Schwartz reports that the replacement reels for the 1905 and 1911 seasons have arrived and the full run of Sporting Life reels from 1883 to 1917 is now available for loan to members. Business is brisk and most of the reels are being used; however, if you want to borrow a reel, get your request in to John Schwartz at 166 Danforth St, Rochester, NY 14611. We are still trying to acquire a microfilm of The Sporting News.

BASEBALL RESEARCH EXCHANGE

John Holway says that he has published two more monographs of black players to go with the earlier set of 23 he made available to members. He will send these two free, upon request, to those who ordered the original set. John is at 7805 Chase Court, Manassas, VA 22110.

Baseball Briefs, a four-page newsletter summarizing some of the interesting and unusual events of the 1982 season, is available upon request from Bob Davids, 4424 Chesapeake St. NW, Washington, DC 20016.

ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN are requested to submit a brief report of recent activities to Bob Davids, at the above address. A more detailed report can be submitted at national convention time next summer.

PHIL LOWRY, chairman of the Negro Leagues committee, is presently assigned to England, but will remain in close contact. He can be reached at 14 Bates Avenue, Ringstead, Northants, NN14, 4DY, England, UK. Phil reports that a petition with 725 signatures was sent to the Hall of Fame requesting that another black be placed on the HoF Veterans Committee. Monte Irvin was added.

THE BASEBALL ANALYST is a new publication edited and published by Bill James. It features articles dealing with mathematical analysis of baseball records and statistics. It is published bimonthly, with its contents being entirely research articles and papers written by subscribers. New subscribers (authors) are welcome, with an annual participation fee of \$10. The Analyst is an informal operation, so submittals should be typed ready for reproduction. Send to Bill James, PO Box 2150, Lawrence, KS 66044.

THE 1983 PLAYBALL CALENDAR has been completed by Richard Tourangeau. The full-year calendar birthdays number 1,146 this year, and there also are birthdays for the 26 current ballparks. There are 12 pages of narrative and some very nice color photos in the 11x14 inch format. If you want a copy of the 1983 calendar, send a check for \$5.75 to Tidemark Press - Baseball, PO Box 813, Hartford, CT 06142.

TWO ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM BILL BORST. He has another book out. This is entitled Suds Series, a book of 63 trivia questions and other information about the 1982 World Series. If interested, send a check for \$4.80 to Krank Enterprises, PO Box 16271, St. Louis, MO 63105. Bill also has a monthly TV show in St. Louis called The Baseball Professor (Channel 7). He would like members who have written books or undertaken some other interesting baseball project and who are passing through St. Louis to contact him in advance about being on the show. Bill's phone is 314/997-5907.

DOUG HUFF, sports editor of the Wheeling Intelligencer, has completed his book on Sports in West Virginia -- A Pictorial History. It is a 277-page book covering all sports at every level, including all WV natives in pro baseball, basketball and football. It retails for \$13, but he will make it available to members for \$7. Send a check to Doug at The Intelligencer, 1500 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003.

MARK GALLAGHER mentions that his book, The Yankee Encyclopedia, is being sold in New York-New Jersey area bookstores. The price is \$29.95, which is not so bad when you consider the book has 640 pages and many photos of Yankee stars. It is published by Leisure Press, PO Box 3, West Point, NY 10996.

BOB JONES is collecting unusual playing and fielding statistical indicators from members which will be made available in some form to the membership. If you have any pet indicators you maintain during the season, such as unearned run percentage, bullpen ERA, etc., Bob wants to hear about them. Please include a full description of each indicator and how you compute it. Full credit will be given to members whose responses are disseminated. Bob's address is 2025 19th NE, Salem, OR 97303.

BOB WOOD, son of 93-year-old Smoky Joe Wood, has prepared individual stat cards, autographs, and photos of his dad and five other early Red Sox (Ruth, Speaker, Gardner, Hooper, Lewis). If you have any interest in any of these individual players, you may want to contact Bob at 63 Arch St, Keene, NH 03431 and ask for a flyer that describes the packets in detail. Costs will be reduced for SABR members.

WHICH MAJOR LEAGUE CITY is closest to all SABR members? Stanley Cohen of Maryland computes distances for the postal service and he says that Pittsburgh is the nearest, an average 688 miles from each of the mainland members listed in the 1982 directory. Cleveland, Baltimore and Detroit are next in line. Oh, Honus Wagner, Arky Vaughan, and Roberto Clemente, you never knew the center of the baseball universe is where the Ohio, Monongahela, and Allegheny Rivers converge. Or did you?

WHICH PLACE has the heaviest concentration of SABR members? Why, Cooperstown, NY, of course! Nine of the 2,550 residents belong. Cliff Kachline says that each gathering of the Rotary Club is a regional meeting.

ON A SUNNY DAY IN PRAGUE, US diplomat Ernest Nagy reports seeing six young Czechs carrying bats and balls. The grand game survives! Even behind the Iron Curtain.