

# THE SABR BULLETIN

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## Statue of Jimmy Foxx Unveiled

A life-sized statue of Hall of Famer Jimmy Foxx was dedicated on October 25, 1997 in the town square of XX's hometown, Sudlersville, Maryland. Over six hundred persons attended the ceremony, including family members, Connie Mack's granddaughter, and Katie Horstman, a former member of the Fort Wayne Daisies, managed by Foxx after he retired as an active player. At a luncheon following the ceremonies, Jimmy's baseball exploits were chronicled in speeches by journalists and associates, including greetings by SABR President **Larry Gerlach**. SABRites traveling through Maryland's Eastern Shore can also see a bronze statue of Bill "Swish" Nicholson in Cambridge, Maryland, just 14 miles west of Sudlersville.

---Ernest Green

## Welcome and Renewal

Thanks to the over 3,100 (over 46%) of you who have already renewed your SABR membership for 1998 (or beyond) and welcome to the more than 200 who are SABR members for the first time in 1998. As of December 8, 1997, we were on a record pace for renewals.

Thanks also to the more than 250 SABR members who have already made donations to SABR during this renewal drive. A list of donors will be published later this year in *The SABR Bulletin*.

Membership dues are the biggest single revenue source for SABR and donations are also one of the most important sources of SABR's financing.

If you have not already renewed your SABR membership, please do so right away. You can use the form on page 12. And, if you have not done so already, please consider a donation to help SABR continue the work you enjoy. Best wishes to all SABR members for a productive and fulfilling 1998.

## Call for Candidates

The Nominating Committee for SABR Board positions seeks your input. The offices to be filled starting in June 1998 are Vice President and Secretary. In addition, two Directors will be elected to the Board.

Candidates must have been members of SABR continuously for four years prior to taking office.

Deadline for nominations from the membership-at-large is February 1, 1998. Nominees must prepare a candidate's statement to be received by the Executive Director, preferably by e-mail or FAX, no later than February 15, 1998.

If you would like to nominate a candidate (self-nominations will also be given serious consideration), contact the Nominating Committee Chair by mail at:

Bob Boynton  
376 Bellaire St  
Del Mar CA 92014

or by e-mail at: [rboynton@ucsd.edu](mailto:rboynton@ucsd.edu)

## New Look

Veteran SABR members will notice some changes in the appearance of *The SABR Bulletin* with this issue. **We welcome your comments, pro or con, via mail, fax, or e-mail using the addresses found in the masthead above.**

Also, please let us know if you have taken advantage of SABR's new voice mail system by calling in for the latest information on upcoming SABR regional meetings.

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## Convention Update

Cy Young Award winner Mike McCormick and NL Rookie of the Year and MVP Orlando Cepeda are confirmed guests for the 1998 SABR National Convention June 25-28 at the San Francisco Airport Marriott. McCormick pitched for the Giants from 1956 to 1962 and 1967 to 1970 during a 16-year major league career. He won the Cy Young Award in 1967, posting a 22-10 record. That same year, Cepeda was MVP for the St. Louis Cardinals. Orlando was with San Francisco from 1958 to 1965.

In addition to McCormick and Cepeda, expect a number of other guests, including several former Pacific Coast League players, at SABR 28. **(Please note that all guests are subject to change.)**

### Make Reservations Now

Members can make reservations at the Marriott by calling 415-692-9100. Mention SABR or Society for American Baseball Research. The SABR rate is \$89 per night single/double (additional person(s) \$10) plus tax (currently 10%). All reservation requests for arrival after 6:00 pm must be accompanied by a first night room deposit, or guaranteed with a major credit card. The hotel will not hold any reservations after 6:00 pm unless guaranteed by one of the above methods.

### SABR 28 Call for Presentations

Members are invited to submit an abstract and brief biographical sketch (not to exceed 100 words) of your proposed SABR 28 research presentation. Also, please list any audio-visual equipment needs you might have.

Presentations will be limited to 25 minutes each including questions. **Proposals must be postmarked no later than April 1, 1998.** Late proposers may be placed on stand-by to fill in for absentees.

Send your abstract and biographical sketch to:

Joe Murphy  
2441 Delevan Way  
Santa Rosa CA 95404

# The SABR Bookshelf

## John Fetzer: On a Handshake



By Dan Ewald  
Sagamore (189 pages, hardcover)  
ISBN: 1-57167-127-7  
\$22.95, retail

John Fetzer, owner of the Detroit Tigers, carved a lasting influence on baseball that is still felt today. For almost three decades, Fetzer remained an anonymous figure in the world of celebrated men, yet he was more powerful than any of his more notorious peers. The game has changed, yet Fetzer's sensitive influence will forever hold its place.

The book features a foreword by Al Kaline and is illustrated with black & white photos. To order, send \$17 plus \$5 shipping on the first book and \$1 for each additional book to Sagamore Publishing, 804 N Neil St, Suite 100, Champaign IL 61820 or by calling 1-800-327-5557. Be sure to mention you saw it in *The SABR Bulletin*.

## The Babe in Red Stockings



by Kerry Keene, Raymond Sinibaldi  
and David Hickey  
Sagamore (307 pages, hardcover)  
ISBN: 1-57167-112-9  
\$22.95, retail

Before he was called the "Sultan of Swat" or called Yankee Stadium his home, Babe Ruth called Fenway his home and was even called the "best left-handed pitcher in the country." *The Babe in Red Stockings* covers the years 1914-1919 and has a chapter on what might have been.

Illustrated with black & white photos, the book also has various appendices, including numerous pitching breakdowns and a bibliography.

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## Jackie 1947

by Tot Holmes  
Holmes Publishing (125 pages, softcover)  
ISBN: 0-943716-27-6  
\$8.95

*Jackie 1947* is a program format publication highlighting a day-by-day account of Jackie Robinson's first year in major league baseball. It is illustrated with the cartoons of the day, black & white photos and drawings.

To order, send \$8.95 plus shipping and handling to Holmes Publishing, PO Box 11, Gothenburg NE 69138.

## The Dodgers Encyclopedia



by William F. McNeil  
Sports Publishing (464 pages, hardcover)  
ISBN: 1-57167-154-4  
\$39.95, retail

### The Dodgers Encyclopedia

comprehensively covers both Brooklyn and Los Angeles Dodgers' baseball. It traces the history of one of major league baseball's most successful organizations from the misty beginnings of its predecessors in rural Brooklyn over 140 years ago, through their formative years in the major leagues, as a member of the American Association from 1884 through 1889, to a full-fledged representative of the National League since 1890. It covers the exciting and often zany years in Brooklyn through 1957, as well as the long and successful sojourn in Southern California during the last half of the 20th century. Chapters on managers, executives sportscasters, and ballparks are also included.

Illustrated with dozens of black & white photos, the book also contains a bibliography and appendices (career statistics and individual and team records).

To order, send \$30 plus \$6 shipping on the first book and \$1 for each additional book to Sagamore Publishing, 804 N Neil St, Suite 100, Champaign IL 61820 or by calling 1-800-327-5557. Be sure to mention you saw it in *The SABR Bulletin*.

### Voices from the Negro Leagues: Conversations with 52 Baseball Standouts

by Brent Kelley  
McFarland & Co (334 pages, casebound)  
ISBN: 0-7864-0369-1  
\$45.00

Fifty-two former Negro Leagues players-from legendary stars such as Max Manning, Wilmer Fields and the late Buck Leonard to some journeymen who only passed through briefly-remember about the great teams and players, the relentless travel and the often terrible Jim Crow conditions they encountered. Players from both before and after the integration of the majors are interviewed to get a complete feel for the Negro Leagues.

Arranged with a brief career summary of the player followed by the full text interview, the book is illustrated with black & white photos, has some statistics, a bibliography and an index.

To order, send \$45 to McFarland & Co, Box 611, Jefferson NC 28640 or call 1-800-253-2187.

## Swings and Misses: Moribund Labor Relations in Professional Baseball

by Kenneth M. Jennings  
Praeger (259 pages, hardcover)  
ISBN: 0-275-95797-7  
\$55.00

In this follow-up to *Ball and Strikes: The Money Game in Professional Baseball*, Jennings examines the state of professional baseball's labor relations during a nearly 25-year period, focusing on the background and outcome of the 1994 baseball strike. Jennings concludes by suggesting ways to improve future labor relations in the sport.

The book has many notes on negotiations and issues not covered in the mainstream press. It also includes a chronology of events in baseball's labor relations activities, 1992-1997, chapter end notes, a bibliography and an index.

To order, call 1-800-225-5800.

## The Cleveland Indians Flagpole Sitter 1949

by Charles Lupica, Jr.  
45 pages  
\$15, retail

In 1995 as a new wave of Indians' Fever gripped Cleveland, people began to ask Charley Lupica about his flag-sitting days of 1949. This book is the story in words, and in dozens of family photos, of the man who spent a then world record 117 days atop a flagpole in Cleveland, showing his devotion and dedication to the Cleveland Indians.

To order, call "Remember the Date" at 216-362-1332.

## The Dutiful Dozen

by W.C. Madden  
Madden Publishing Co (70 pages, softcover)  
ISBN: 0-9645819-1-4  
\$9.95, retail

Most baseball fans know about the incident involving the Detroit Tigers "strike" in protest of Ty Cobb's suspension in 1912, but few know of the story of "The Dutiful Dozen" who remained after a similar incident occurred involving the 1952 South Bend Blue Sox of the AAGPBL.

Madden recounts how after a suspension with a little over a week left in the season provoked five other women to walk off the team in protest, and how the twelve players who remained brought home a league championship.

To order send \$11.95 postpaid to Madden Publishing Co, 21036 Rustic Wood Ct, Noblesville IN 46060 or by calling 1-800-723-5318.

Dear Fellow SABR Members:

I have been asked by Larry Gerlach to write the first of periodic "How-to" columns that will appear in *The SABR Bulletin*. But first, let me explain how I became interested in oral history.

Norman Macht, the Oral History Committee chairman at the time, visited our local SABR meeting in January 1992 and played excerpts of an interview he'd done with Ferris Fain, a first baseman for four American League teams in the 1940's and '50s. I found the interview very interesting and quite funny. I had wondered what happened to old ballplayers in their late years and because of Norman I was determined to find out.

In May of that same year, I was in Avon, Minnesota, interviewing George "Showboat" Fisher, a 93-year-old gentleman who had played right field behind the great Walter Johnson for the 1923-24 Washington Senators. Although the interview didn't go as smoothly as I had planned, 28 interviews later, I'm glad I made that first phone call to Mr. Fisher. Here are a few tips on making your oral histories as easy as possible.

Once you've decided on who you'd like to interview, **CALL that person to explain who you are, who you represent and what it is you'd like to do.** Phone numbers are found at your public library or by calling information. Sending a letter to request an interview is less effective because letters get misplaced or thrown out with autograph requests. You will get a definite yes

## The Pres Box

by Larry Gerlach

*This Month's Guest: Rick Bradley,  
Chair of SABR's Oral History Committee*

or no to your request when you call. Interview outlines and lists of ballplayers in your area are available from me.

**Set up a date, time and place for the interview.** Calling two or three weeks in advance of the date you have in mind will net better results than calling Sunday night for a Monday morning talk. Once you've agreed on the date, **follow up with a letter as a reminder. Include your phone number** in case your ballplayer has to cancel at the last moment. I once flew to Little Rock to see Willis Hudlin only to find out from the neighbor that Willis and his wife were in Mississippi visiting Mrs. Hudlin's very ill brother. Willis couldn't call me with the bad news because I hadn't sent him the follow-up letter.

**Do your research.** Don't expect a 90-year-old man to remember every detail of his five years in the minor leagues. Most players do remember, but some do not. Your ballplayer will be a better interview if he/she sees that you know your stuff. Perhaps **even more important than being a good researcher is that you be a good listener.** I have missed quite a few obvious follow-up questions during interviews because I spent too much time staring at the next question in the outline and not

enough time listening to what was being said to me. Don't let this happen to you.

Anyone looking for the playing records of most (if not all) ballplayers, both major and minor league, need to look no further than SABR member **Ray Nemeec**. Ray has spent many years compiling statistics and has agreed to help members of the OHC. He asks for \$1 per player requested. His research will save you many hours of squinting at copies of the *Baseball Register*, so take him up on his generous offer. Ray's address and phone number are listed in the SABR directory or you may fax him at (708) 357-2391.

Norman Macht hosted a 45-minute interviewing seminar at the 1993 SABR convention in San Diego. A copy of this seminar is available from me upon request. The player panels at the national conventions are always well attended, sometimes standing room only (1992 with Stan Musial in St. Louis, for instance). These player panels are perfect examples of oral history interviews, only on a much larger scale. Someone asks Stan a question and he answers it. It's as simple as that.

Lastly, here is all the equipment you need to record your oral histories. I have both a tape recorder with microphone that plugs into the wall and a hand-held for those places where the extension cord will still not reach an outlet. Blank tapes from any of the bigger name manufacturers will suffice. Good Luck!

Rick Bradley, PO Box 572, Lorain OH 44052

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# Research Committees

## Baseball Records

You know how it seems sometimes that a batter just owns a pitcher? Well, according to **Dave Vincent** and the Tattersall-McConnell Home Run Log, there have been three hitters who hit six home runs off a pitcher in a single season. George Kelly hit 6 homers off Vic Aldridge in 1923, **Ted Williams** hit six off Johnny Rigney in 1941 and Ted Kluszewski hit six off Max Surkont in 1954.

**Bob Davids** has a list of Players who hit a Triple and then stole home. He calls it "Running on Empty." Twenty-seven major leaguers have done it with the last being Jon Nunnally (KC) on June 24, 1995, in Toronto. Four players won the game with this feat; Rabbit Maranville, Frank O'Rourke, Lou Blair and Ryne Sandberg.

## Business of Baseball

The Fall 1997 issue of "Outside the Lines" summarizes the terms of major league expansion. The 1961 AL expansion had no franchise fee, but the clubs were obligated to spend at least \$2.1 million on players (\$75,000 for each of 28 players; plus \$25,000 per minor leaguer drafted), and the Angels had to indemnify the Dodgers \$550,000 for moving into their territory. The Angels paid \$2,150,000 for 30 players and the Senators paid \$2,175,000 for 31. Contrast this with the

\$130 million expansion fee (which covered 35 players) and foregoing \$5 million a year from baseball's central fund from 1998-2002 required of the Devil Rays and Diamondbacks.

**Yoshihiro Koda** notes some differences (more artificial turf in Japan because of cost of land; fewer games in Japan give owners less chance to make money) between baseball in Japan and the US.

**John Pastier** gives an update on the Mariners' new stadium, noting many firsts. When completed, the new roofed stadium will be the most expensive stadium project ever built in the US, at perhaps as much as \$400 million, and that when the Kingdome is razed it will be the first domed ballpark to suffer that fate.

## Negro Leagues

Congratulations to legendary sportswriter Sam Lacy for being named the 1998 recipient of the J.G. Taylor Spink Award by the Baseball Writers Association of America. The award is presented at the annual Hall of Fame Inductions.

Recent updates for the Negro Leagues Book include **Rich Puff** providing the rosters for the 1893 and 1902 Cuban Giants, **Jerry Malloy** expanding the 1890 Chicago Unions roster, and **Lyle Wilson**

adding to the 1959 and providing an all new 1960 Raleigh Tigers roster.

## Scouts

"Signature Model Joe Moore Autographed Bat Giveaway!" The Scouts Committee's annual award for the most "who signed who's" (ballplayer and the scout who signed him), referred to as The Tom Greenwade Award, for 1997-98 will be a Louisville Slugger signature model Joe Moore autographed bat. Joe is the New York Giants All-Time Left Fielder, and starred in the NL from 1930-41. A six-time All-Star, Joe played in three World Series (1933, 36 & 37), and was third in NL MVP voting in 1934.

You need not be a committee member to win. Deadline for submissions is May 1, 1998. The award will be presented at SABR28. You need not be in attendance to win the award; it will be mailed to you.

"Who signed Who's" can be mailed to **Wayne McElreavy**, PO Box 1154, Claremont, NH 03743-1154.

We are primarily interested in pre-draft (1965) signings.

It'll take you longer to clean your kid's bedrooms than it will to win this Joe Moore bat!

Information on ordering committee newsletters can be found on page 6.

All SABR members are encouraged to participate in one or more of the research committees below. Committee membership is open to SABR members who actively contribute to committee research efforts however they are able. For specific information on individual committees, contact the chairperson.

| <u>Committee</u>         | <u>Chair</u>            | <u>Address</u>  |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Ballparks                | Bob Bluthardt           | 3514 Cedar Ridge, San Angelo TX 76904-7258                  |
| Baseball Records         | Lyle Spatz              | 18817 Rolling Acres Way, Olney MD 20832                     |
| Baseball Songs and Poems | Jeff Campbell           | c/o HFM, 2020 Pennsylvania Ave NW #384, Washington DC 20006 |
| Baseball in UK/Europe    | Patrick Carroll         | 10 Court Barton, Crewkerne, Somerset TA18 7HP               |
| Bibliography             | Andy McCue              | 4025 Beechwood Drive, Riverside CA 92506                    |
| Biographical Research    | Bill Carle              | 8220 E 135th Street, Grandview MO 64030                     |
| Business of Baseball     | Doug Pappas             | 100 E Hartsdale Ave #6EE, Hartsdale NY 10530                |
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| Minor Leagues            | Ernest Green            | 10913 Whiterim Drive, Potomac MD 20854                      |
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| Nineteenth Century       | Frederick Ivor-Campbell | 21 Martin Street, Warren RI 02885                           |
| Oral History             | Rick Bradley            | PO Box 572, Lorain OH 44052                                 |
| Pictorial History        | Tom Shieber             | Mt Wilson Observatory, Mt Wilson CA 91023                   |
| Scouts                   | Jim Kreuz               | 70 Bayberry Ct, Lake Jackson TX 77566                       |
| Statistical Analysis     | Neal Traven             | 124 Tri-City Rd, Somersworth NH 03878                       |
| Umpire & Rules           | Phyllis Otto            | 200 N Pickett St #415, Alexandria VA 22304                  |
| Women in Baseball        | Leslie Heaphy           | 2214 31st Street SW, Canton OH 44709                        |

# SABR Regionals

## Upcoming Meetings

For the most up-to-date and up-to-the minute regional information, call 216-575-0500 after 6pm EST and follow the menu.

**Kansas City, Missouri:** The next Kansas City Chapter Meeting will be February 1, 1998, at the Johnson County Library, 15345 W 87th Pkwy, Lexena, Kansas. Contact Mike Webber for details (816-468-6424).

**New York City:** "In this corner, weighing in with NY pizza, bagels and lox are the heavyweight trivia champs going up against the brave contenders from Philadelphia (bearing cheesesteak, scrapple and hoagies, as well as 19-1 odds)." A NY-Philly Trivia Contest will be one highlight of the Saturday, February 28, 1998, meeting of the Casey Stengel Chapter to be held at the Brooklyn Heights Public Library (280 Cadman Plaza West). From 10am to 5pm, there will be research presentations, a player panel, and a book raffle. With no admission charge, ringside seats for the bout are available, but you MUST CALL TO RESERVE YOUR SEATS. Call Evelyn Begley at 212-477-8809. To make a presentation, call Al Blumkin at 718-833-1480. The library is easily accessible by car and public transportation. Call Burt Bloom at 718-891-8396 for directions.

## Recaps

**Sacramento, California:** Twenty-one SABR members and friends met for lunch at the Camellia Bar and Grill on September 27 to hear guest speakers Kerry Yo Nakagawa and Leron Lee. Hakagawa, who has a traveling exhibit, illustrated his fascinating presentation on Japanese-American baseball in California with historic slide photographs. Lee, a former major-leaguer (Cardinals, Padres, Indians, Dodgers) and a top batter in Japan, compared his experiences in the US and the Far East. A trivia contest prepared by Chris Wait was won by Ross Corbett. A week earlier, John Moist organized an evening function with dinner and a performance of "Mr. Rickey Calls A Meeting," a play about a meeting of the Brooklyn Dodgers' General Manager and several important African-American leaders on the eve of Jackie Robinson's 1947 Major League debut.

**Quechee, Vermont.** Twenty-one Vermonters and Flatlanders met at the Quechee Country Club during a beautiful Fall

Foliage Weekend on October 11. The program featured several presentations and an address by Willie Kingsbury, Vermont's newest quester for the Major Leagues.

Chapter president Tom Simon gave updates on the chapter's success in reviving a State Historical Marker program with new markers for Centennial Field in Burlington and for Ray Collins' farm in Colchester. Because of the chapter's involvement, Vermont has decided to refund the flagging program with a grant of \$15,000 for 10 markers. Ceremonies for the plaque unveilings will be announced.

development); aluminum bats (minors use "bomb bat" to ease transition to wood); umpires (rookie league umps were ok, "A" ball not so good [strike zone is "largish"]); Nomar ("a class act"); Red Sox organization (finely run, good travel money, great hotels).

He especially appreciated three weeks of one-on-one teaching from Carl Yazstremski in his second year. He said this opportunity greatly improved his hitting.

The next Larry Gardner Meeting will be held in Middlebury in January. Contact Tom Simon (802-862-9024) for details.

## The SABR Season

- January 24** Halsey Hall Chapter (Minnesota) Hot Stove Meeting; Contact Stew Thornley, 612-415-0791
- January 23-25:** SABR Executive Board Meeting in Cleveland
- January 28:** Jack Graney Chapter Meeting in Akron  
Contact Herb Moss, 330-864-5553
- February 1:** Kansas City Chapter Meeting  
Contact Mike Webber, 816-468-6424
- February 7:** Ted Williams Chapter Meeting (San Diego);  
Contact Tom Larwin, 619-231-1466  
Jack Graney Chapter Meeting (Cleveland)  
Contact Jeff Wright, 440-356-1028
- February 28:** Casey Stengel Chapter Meeting (New York City)  
Contact Evelyn Begley, 212-477-8809
- June 25-28:** SABR National Convention, San Mateo, California; Registration to appear in March issue

The chapter's research effort, "The Green Mountain Boys of Summer", is nearing completion and publication is earmarked for the Spring. The chapter's Hall of Fame research trip was so successful that it is hoped to become an annual event.

Of special interest is chapter member Henry Thomas' work with Larry Ritter (*The Glory of their Times*) to compile highlights from Ritter's unpublished interview tapes and to put them on CDs.

Bill Brown, author of *Baseball's Fabulous Montreal Royals*, asked, "Is Montreal a Baseball Town?" ("some cities are born to baseball and others have it thrust upon them"). Bill summarized 107 years of tough-sell minor and major league baseball in Canada's largest city which, he said, loves hockey better than anything else.

Dick Leyden's presentation centered on his prodigious effort to find and collect the baseball cards of all Vermonters who appeared in the major leagues. Jeff Purtell presented on the careers of Harry Burrell and Pat Putnam. His research discovered that the Bethel natives and ballplayers, separated by 87 years, are distantly related.

Kingsbury spiced his informative talk with interesting anecdotes on both his career and of life in the minors (1997 Lowell Spinners [Red Sox], NY-Penn). Some highlights included: Vermont winters (hurt his college baseball

**Greensboro, North Carolina:** On Saturday, October 18, an inquisitive and somewhat contentious group of SABR Carolina members met at B.G. McGee's Bar and Grill as Mike Solomon, Executive Director of North Carolina Baseball, discussed the potential of bringing a major league franchise to the Triad. In a question-and-answer session that attracted attention from non-members as well, he told us of the plans to build a ballpark along the Guilford-Forsyth County line, with one-third of the money being put up by the local ownership, and the plan to let a

major league team (be it the Twins or an expansion team) play in Charlotte for two years until the Triad stadium is ready. Members peppered him with questions about economics, attendance, and the fate of some of our minor league clubs. He was followed by member Hank Utley, whose research on the "outlaw" Carolina League of the 1930s has become a book, to be published by McFarland later this year. Hank told of the origins of the league, and shared a few stories from the book. New member Eric Laudenschlager briefly discussed how, when he lived in Ohio, he was part of a group that played games under 19th century rules and his desire to put together a similar four-team league here in North Carolina. (If anyone is interested, please contact Eric at 910-854-4365)

For information on the next meeting, contact Marshall Adesman, 919-382-8319 (madesman@acpub.duke.edu).

**Toledo, Ohio:** At the October 18 meeting of the Roger Bresnahan/Toledo Mud Hens Chapter, with 21 members and friends attending, Steve Lauer was elected President, Alyce Lutomski, Vice-President, and Jack Little, Treasurer. Kathy Gardner completed five years as the chapter chairperson. Lauer presented some "knotty problems of baseball,"

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## Regional Recaps, Continued from page 5

Lutomski presented a history of Presque Isle Park, a ballpark on an island in the Maumee River in 1888, Gardner reported on the death of **Ralph Lin Weber**, and **Chuck Lutomski** spoke about the chapter's project to publish a history of the Toledo Mud Hens. The meeting concluded with its annual viewing of the first game of the World Series. The chapter's next meeting is expected to take place in February.

**Roseville, Minnesota:** Thirty-two members and guests were present for the Halsey Hall Fall Chapter Meeting on November 1. Featured guest **Craig Kusick** regaled the audience with stories from his Twins' years, as well as with a recollection of a pitching appearance he made with the Blue Jays.

Another panel featured **Tom Mee** and **Glenn Gostick**, the current and past official scorers for the Twins, respectively. There was also a slide show on gravesites of Baseball Hall of Famers and an All-Star Trivia Challenge featuring **Jim Wyman**, **Stew Thornley**, **Gostick**, **Paul Rittenhouse**, and **Dan Levitt**.

**Detroit, Michigan:** The Fred T. Smith Chapter met on November 2 with 19 members attending. **Jim Trout** won **Al Smitley's** trivia contest and **Chuck Stein** again provided the "mystery player" icebreaker. **Fr. Donald Worthy** reported on attending all seven games of the 1997 World Series, and show and tell presentations were made by **Trout** and **Rich Newhouse**. **Stein** made a presentation on players whose surname was **Smith**. **Jeff Samoray**, **Bob Ruland**, and **Dave Mamuscia** talked about the 1997 SABR National Convention and encouraged everyone to attend a future national meeting. The chapter's next meeting is expected to take place in February.

**Arlington, Texas:** The Hall-Ruggles Chapter held its Fourth Annual Appreciation Banquet, dedicated to the late **Mark Holtz**, on November 13 at Dallas Baptist University with 200 in attendance. Honored were **Edward W. (Rusty) Rose**, **Davey Williams**, **Merle Harmon**,

**Dick Butler**, and **Dr. Thomas Smith**. **Judge Tom J. Vandergriff** was the master of ceremonies.

**Denver, Colorado:** On Saturday, November 22, the Frank Haraway Chapter held a meeting at **Mark Rucker's** home.

Among the business conducted was the first election of officers for the chapter. The 14 members in attendance unanimously elected **Paul Parker**, President; **Mark Rucker**, Vice President; **Chip Atkison**, Secretary; and **Steve McFarland**, Treasurer.

Other business centered around scheduling for chapter meetings in the upcoming year with three meetings decided upon as a minimum.

Professor **Gail Rowe** informed the members that he was researching the 1898 Boston Beaneaters. **Jay Sanford** continues his research on Colorado connections with baseball and told **Gail** that both manager **Frank Selee** and **SS Germany Long** had died 2 months apart in Denver in the same room.

Professor **Tom Altherr** and his guest, former player and manager **Charlie Metro**, told of their upcoming book on **Charlie's** life in baseball. It is set for a 1999 release by University of Nebraska Press.

The next meeting will be held January 17. Contact **Paul Parker** (303-447-8140) for details.

**Laurel, Maryland:** **Mamie "Peanuts" Johnson**, one of three women to play in the Negro Leagues, recounted her pitching days for the Indianapolis Clowns at the Fall meeting of the **Bob Davids** Chapter. Asked about her ability to throw steam, **Mamie** responded "Oh yes, I could bring it." Former teammate **Gordon Hopkins** agreed, noting that "these girls didn't get there by accident." **Ms. Johnson**, the luncheon speaker, discussed the difficulties and prejudices she faced during her playing days and recalled some of the greats she played with, including **Hank Aaron** and **Oscar Charleston**.

**Bob Davids** "warmed up" the crowd of 80 with his traditional assortment of brain teasers. **Dave Vincent**, speaking as a long-time official

scorer, kept the group's gray matter working as he tested its baseball acumen with some real-life dilemmas and questions faced by official scorers. His presentation underscored the difficulties encountered by scorers in making fair judgments while dodging the darts thrown by irate players, managers and fans.

After lunch and the fascinating session with **Mamie Johnson**, **Jimmy Williams** -- former third base coach of the Baltimore Orioles -- gave the group a peek at the mysterious science of giving and reading signs. **Mr. Williams** handled the crowd like a polished stand-up comedian, mixing wonderful anecdotes with a demonstration of how difficult and important signs are to the success of a ball team and its individual players.

The day concluded with a panel of three major league scouts discussing the art of discovering and signing the baseball stars -- and busts -- of tomorrow. Panel members **Ty Brown** (Florida Marlins), **Marion "Bo" Trumbo** (Cincinnati Reds) and **Bill Buck** (Detroit Tigers) described the life of a scout on the road, recalled some of their triumphs and misjudgments and answered questions from the audience. **Brown** shared some interesting anecdotes about his father, former Pittsburgh Pirates' General Manager **Joe L. Brown** and his grandfather, actor **Joe E. Brown**.

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The tenth Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture takes place June 10-12 in Cooperstown, New York, co-sponsored by the State University of New York at Oneonta and the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. The symposium examines the impact of baseball on American culture from inter- and multi-disciplinary perspectives. For more information about the conference, contact Alvin L. Hall, Dean, Interdisciplinary Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, The Union Institute, 440 E McMillan Street, Cincinnati OH 45206 (800-486-3116, 513-861-0779, or ahall@tui.edu).

*Fan: A Baseball Literary Magazine* is sponsoring "Baseball and Writing: A Workshop in Poetry, Memoir, Fiction and Non-Fiction" on March 6-9, 1998, in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, call or write to **Mike Schacht**, 145-15th Street NE #805, Atlanta GA 30361; 404-607-9489, 404-607-8639, fax.

The Nisei Baseball Resarch Project exhibition covering Japanese-American baseball history in the US will open at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, New York, on January 15, 1998.

Jean Chapman concluded her tenure as SABR's paid intern on December 5. We thank Jean for her service and wish her well in future endeavors. Taking Jean's place is Vanetta Ellis, a student at Myers College in Cleveland.

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**John Pastier's** article about inaccurate HR distance estimates, "The Myth of the 500-Foot Home Run" appeared in *Slate* (October 3rd-9), Microsoft's on-line magazine ([www.slate.com/HeyWait/97-10-03/HeyWait.asp](http://www.slate.com/HeyWait/97-10-03/HeyWait.asp)). He also discussed the findings of this article (among them, that Mark McGwire's announced 538-foot Kingdome homer was really only 474 feet) on the Mariners' flagship station, KIRO-AM...**Benny Looper** was promoted by the Seattle Mariners to Farm Director...In December **Pete Bjarkman** and **Mark Rucker** complete their second 1997 tour of the baseball scene in Cuba. Pete is working on three forthcoming projects with Sagamore Publishing: *The New York Mets Encyclopedia*, *The Cincinnati Reds Encyclopedia*, and *The Boston Celtics Encyclopedia*...**Greg Martin** of Ebbets Field Ventures, LLC had feature articles about Ebbets Field Reconstruction Project appear in the *New York Daily News*, *Berkshire-Hudson Independent*, *British Airways Highlife Magazine* and a special presentation on the Hartford, CT affiliate of FOX-TV Sports. The articles are available for viewing on the Ebbets Field Reconstruction Project's web site: [www.ebbetsfield.com](http://www.ebbetsfield.com)...**Tom Simon's** Tim Dixon's N.Y.-Penn League Baseball Game was mentioned in *Baseball America* in the October 27-November 9 issue...**Steve Krevisky** was interviewed by WMRD Radio during a re-enactment of a Middletown Mansfields game... Congratulations to **Joe Dittmar** (*Baseball Records Registry*), **Greg Rhodes** (*Big Red Dynasty*), **David Nemecek** (*The Great Encyclopedia of 19th Century Major League Baseball*), **David Pietrusza** (*Lights On!*), and **Joseph Reaves** (*Warsaw to Wrigley*) for being selected as finalists for the 1997 CASEY Award. **David Plaut**, **Lawrence Ritter** and **Mike Wickham** were the 1997 judges...**Chris Fullerton**, the late Executive Director of the Friends of Rickwood Field, was honored September 27 in Birmingham,

Alabama, when the Chris Fullerton Press Box, a gazebo-style press box faithful to the original, was dedicated in his honor. Fullerton was fond of referring to Rickwood, built in 1910, as the grand old church of baseball. SABR members are welcome to visit Rickwood year-round; for information call Coke Matthews, Friends of Rickwood Field, 205-871-9192...The efforts of **Stew Thornley** and the Halsey Hall Chapter of SABR to commemorate the site of Lexington Park in St. Paul, Minnesota, were recognized in an article in the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* on September 25. The chapter installed a commemorative plaque at the site, now a mattress factory, in 1994. A plaque installed in 1958 was stolen sometime around 1990, according to the article...**Joseph Reaves' Warsaw to Wrigley** and **Dave D'Antonio's Invincible Summer** were discussed in Ron Fimrite's article in *Sports Illustrated* on September 22...**Ron Gabriel** was particularly busy in 1997 with the anniversary tributes to Jackie Robinson's major league debut. Ron was a guest speaker at the Smithsonian Institute and at the Women's Suburban Democratic Club in Potomac, Maryland. Ron is also prominently featured in the opening chapter of Arnold Rampersad's *Jackie Robinson: A Biography*...**Vi Owen** was interviewed on the Wayne Stevens' sports program on CKWW (Windsor, Canada) regarding her book *The Adventures of a Quiet Soul, A Scrapbook of Memories* about Marv Owen. The book has been favorably reviewed in the *Detroit Free Press* by **Ernie Harwell**, in *Sports Collectors Digest* by **Richard Miller**, and in the *San Jose Mercury News*...**Jim Sargent** was the featured speaker at the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League Reunion at Myrtle Beach on October 25...**David Driver's** article about the November 8th meeting of the Bob Davids Chapter of SABR appeared in *The Laurel Leader* on November 13.

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## Member Discovers Baseball Rarity

At a time when every game is so thoroughly scrutinized and reported on, it's not often that a record-tying performance gets overlooked. Yet, such an event took place in the August 20 Reds-Rockies game at Riverfront Stadium. In that game, Reds' fielders made no assists.

A check of the TSN and Elias Record Books show that this has happened in the major leagues only three times previously: by Cleveland against the Yankees on July 4, 1945 (1G); by the Yankees against Cleveland on September 11, 1995; and in the only NL occurrence, by the Mets against the Phillies on June 25, 1989. (TSN also shows the Browns doing it against the Indians on Aug. 8, 1943 (2G), but they were in the field for only eight innings.)

The credit for this discovery goes to a SABR member named **Alan Baker**. Mr. Baker called me the other day to say he was at the game, kept score, and was

sure that the Reds had no assists. He knew this was unusual and was surprised neither to see nor hear any mention of it on radio, tv, or the newspapers.

Committee vice-chairman **Joe Dittmar** and I checked back issues of newspapers and game reports and were fairly certain that Mr. Baker was correct, but we couldn't be absolutely certain. Joe checked with **Dave Smith** of Retrosheet and Dave said his sources also found no assists for the Reds in the game.

After a few phone calls to reporters covering the Reds, they directed me to Charles Henderson of the team's publicity office. I asked Mr. Henderson to check the official scorecard, the one that goes to the National League office. He did and said that Mr. Baker was indeed correct, that it had gone undetected and he was grateful to SABR for pointing it out.

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## The Ballgames of SABR 28

The annual SABR National Convention and interleague play collide, adding a new wrinkle to SABR's yearly get-together. The San Francisco Giants play host to the Oakland A's and the Texas Rangers during the convention (June 25-28). Plans call for a group trip to Candlestick Point on June 26th to see the Giants meet the Rangers. In addition, minor league baseball will be showcased with a trip to San Jose.

### Travel plans

Members coming to the convention should fly into the San Francisco airport, not San Jose or Oakland, because of its proximity to the hotel. Also, be sure to bring **winter clothing** for the game at Candlestick. **This is not a joke!**

Plan an extended stay in California; not only is there much to see, but the afternoon convention schedule on Thursday, June 25, includes a vintage baseball game and a sports pub crawl. The Christy Mathewson play is scheduled for the Sunday afternoon, followed by a 5:30pm game in San Jose. The Marriott will extend the convention rate through July 4, subject to availability.

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Frierson will again perform as Mathewson during the 1998 SABR National Convention. Eddie says the play is much improved since his performance at the 1987 convention. It has received rave reviews in several New York periodicals.

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## Obituaries

**Francis Federighi**, 66, of Niskayuna, New York, died of a heart attack on December 22, 1997. Federighi was a retired computer science professor who joined SABR in 1985. He is survived by his wife and his brother, **Enrico Federighi**.

Baseball Researcher **William Ruiz** died December 19, 1997, after a long illness. Ruiz, 40, had been SABR member since 1986 and was a regular presenter and contributor of baseball data at the NYC Casey Stengel Chapter & Philadelphia regional meetings and an active member of the Records & Latin American Committees. A big New York Yankee and St. Louis Cardinal fan, Ruiz could be found every Saturday at the main branch of the NY Public Library doing microfilm research on our National Pastime. Among his many interesting research projects were: Walkless complete games, Near Perfect Games (1 base runner games), Club home run data, Lifetime homers by pitchers, Games in which a pitcher threw a shutout and homered and Game ending homers (a work in progress).

**Bill Pechette**, co-founder of the NYC regional chapter in 1984, passed away in April. In 1987 & 1988 he arranged for his church, St. Margaret of Scotland, to be the meeting place for the NYC chapter's meetings. Bill was instrumental in the success of the 1991 SABR National meeting held in New York City.

In 1988, Pechette was honored with the highest award the NYC chapter has to offer, the Meritorious Service Award. The chapter will go one step further and rename the Award "The Bill Pechette Award" in a ceremony at their regional meeting on February 28th, 1998.

Bill worked as a NY State court system officer. He taught swimming, was a Boy Scout troop leader and active at his church.

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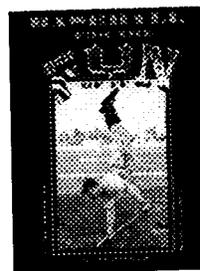
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# SABR Regionals

## Upcoming

For the most up-to-date and up-to-the minute regional information, call 216-575-0500 after 6pm EST and follow the menu.

**Toledo, Ohio:** The next meeting of the Roger Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter of SABR will be held on Saturday, February 14, 1998. Lunch will be served before the meeting, which will be at the Heatherdowns Branch of the Toledo Lucas County Public Library in Toledo. For further information on the exact time and location of the meeting, or if you would like to make a presentation at the meeting, please call Steve Lauer (419-882-1301) or Kathy Gardner (419-259-2470).

## Recaps

### Los Angeles, California.

Twenty-seven hardy members and guests braved El Niño's rain and winds to gather at the Amateur Athletic Foundation on December 6. Bob Timmerman described the facilities of Los Angeles Central Library which are of interest to serious researchers. Jon Light discussed his work in researching *The Cultural Encyclopedia of Baseball* and the difficulties faced by a first-time author. Philip Block related the insights derived from his meeting with early Japanese ballplayer Shoichiro Tase. After a challenging trivia quiz, Tom Shieber shared a cryptic 1859 box score to understand how such a document can be deciphered. Bob Boynton analyzed the ever slower pace of World Series games. After Steve Roney updated us on 1997's individual home run feats and trends, members departed into the bright afternoon sunshine.

**Greenville, Rhode Island:** Retired American League umpire Hank Soar and former New England League catcher Gus Galipeau, who was Don Newcombe's batterymate at Nashua, entertained the 78 SABR members and friends who attended the Southern New England (Lajoie-Start) chapter's fall meeting at St. Philip's Parish Hall. Soar, who also played semipro baseball in Rhode Island, played football for the New York Giants in the 1930s and coached pro basketball in the '40s, entertained the crowd with his reminiscences of

grounders, that hurt the Red Sox; Dale Collett, on a sportwriter's reminiscences of Larsen's perfect game; Syd Cohen, on Gehrig's "lost" RBIs; Frank Geishecker, on subsequent careers of rookies of the year; Larry Smith, on Brooklyn Dodgers in the Hall of Fame; Jim Kaplan, Lefty Grove should have been the baseball writers' choice over Koufax as best lefthanded starter; Steve Lawrence, on the 1947 World Series; "Dixie" Tourangeau, who questioned the "Spahn & Sain and pray for rain" legend (the '48 Braves had 7 days off in September); Tom Nahigian, comparing the 1914 Miracle Braves with the 1969 Mets; Steve Krevisky, on Richie Ashburn; and Kerry Keene, who presented his thesis that Shoeless Joe Jackson would have finished with the highest lifetime batting average of all time if he had not been banned. Dick Thompson's trivia quiz was won by Marc Wise.

**Cleveland, Ohio:** Highlighting the Fall meeting of the Jack Graney Chapter of SABR on November 15 was a mock expansion draft, the weekend before the real thing. In the chapter's draft, Jose Mesa was the first pick (taken by Tampa Bay) and Jason Schmidt of the Pirates was the first choice of Arizona. Craig

Burkhart analyzed Mesa's ninth inning performance in the seventh game of the 1997 World Series in pitch-by-pitch detail, Joe Eshelman presented "Taking the Team Out of a Pitcher's Record," Frank Peters explained his REAL pitching formula using Dennis Eckersley, Roger Clemens, and Greg Maddux as examples, and Jim Holl spoke on 19th Century Minor League Baseball. Evan Meyer won Fred Schuld's trivia quiz. Jeff Wright was elected new chapter President, with Greg Crouse continuing as Treasurer and Bill Shlensky, Jim Kastro, Herb Moss, Bob Baucher and Steve Johnson serving as Board members.

## The SABR Season

- February 7:** Ted Williams Chapter Meeting (San Diego), Contact Tom Larwin, 619-231-1466  
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- February 14:** Roger Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter Meeting (Toledo)  
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- February 15:** NWSABR Meeting in Portland, Oregon  
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- February 16:** Emil Rothe Chapter Meeting (Chicago);  
Contact Rich Hansen, 630-717-0624
- February 28:** Casey Stengel Chapter Meeting (New York City)  
Contact Evelyn Begley, 212-477-8809
- April 4:** Allan Roth Chapter (Los Angeles) Meeting;  
Contact Chuck Carey 714-761-3580
- June 25-28:** SABR National Convention, San Mateo, California;

the great players he saw (best overall player, Joe DiMaggio; best hitter, Ted Williams; best pitcher, Allie Reynolds). Galipeau said Newcombe could have made it as a hitter; Walt Alston, his manager at Nashua was tough but fair, and Branch Rickey was usually tight-fisted but could be generous when the occasion demanded. Soar and Galipeau are now SABR members, thanks to gift memberships awarded to them by the chapter.

Presentations were given by Father Gerry Beirne, who said it was Bill Buckner's ineffective hitting in the 1986 World Series, rather than his error on Mookie Wilson's

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# Research Committees

## Bibliography

The Bibliography Committee is nearing its goal of having complete indexes for all the major league team histories published by G.P. Putnam's Sons in the 1940s and 1950s. When *The Chicago Cubs* is completed, indexes to the 18 team histories (three on the Braves) will be available thanks to the efforts of **John Spalding, Bob Bailey, Jack Carlson, Rick Johnson, Bob McConnell, Bill Hugo, Bob Boynton, Terry Smith, Brad Sullivan, Howard Pollack, Jim O'Donnell, and Joe Murphy**. Copies of these indexes, plus five others, are available from the SABR Research Library. Contact **Len Levin**, 282 Doyle Avenue, Providence RI 02906-3355 for postage and photocopying costs.

In the third quarter of 1997, **Ted Hathaway** reports a 15 percent growth in the RBI (Research in Baseball Index) database, another 6,067 articles! Special thanks to **Brad Sullivan, Terry Sloope and Bob Boynton** for their prodigious efforts. For more on RBI, see page 11.

## Biographical Research

The November 1997 committee newsletter mentions a tidbit passed on by **Bill Weiss** concerning Florida Marlins' 1997 rookie Antonio Alfonseca; that he has

six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot. **Tom Ruane** passed on facts on one-game major leaguers (28 were pinch-runners; 38 were in the field but never had a plate appearance; 20 pitchers never retired a batter; four were hit by a pitch in their only plate appearance and two men appeared in the same game--Harry O'Neill and Jim Schelle on July 23, 1939.)

## Minor Leagues

The Minor Leagues Committee reports on plans to salute the minor league history of Maryland, Northern Virginia, Delaware, Southern Pennsylvania, and West Virginia in a new baseball museum at Camden Yards in Baltimore. Coordinator of the project is **Rebecca Kraus** (301-496-2213). Also, the former site of the Ohio Baseball Hall of Fame at the Lucas County Recreation Center in Maumee, Ohio, now the Hard Ball Grille, now houses a timeline of professional baseball in Toledo. One side of the room is covered with historic photographs and baseball paraphernalia. For more information, contact **Kathy Gardner**, c/o Lucas County Recreation Center, 2901 Key Street, Toledo OH 43537.

John Hall has announced a reunion and celebration of the Kansas-Oklahoma-Missouri League for former players and

others interested on June 15-18, 1998, in Carthage, Missouri. Between 150 to 200 former players are expected, including Bob Speake, Gale Wade and Jake Thies. For more information, contact John at 1709 Rainwood Place, Columbia MO 65203 or by e-mail: jhall03@mail.coin.missouri.edu.

## Baseball in UK/Europe

The major focus of the UK/Europe research committee in 1997 was the Derby Connection. The Midlands city of Derby is the only place in Britain whose soccer stadium bears the name The Baseball Ground, given that title in the 1890s when it was the home of the Derby Baseball Club, three time winners of the English Baseball Cup. Another major piece of UK baseball research involves the Middlesbrough Pioneers Baseball Club of the 1890s. **Bernard Day's** book, *Lost for a Hundred Years*, sheds new light on the topic.

Completed in 1997 was a register of all European-born major league players and managers since 1871. Research continues on baseball in the North of England.

The *SABR UK Examiner* contains news of the SABR UK/Europe research committee and The Bobby Thomson Chapter of SABR.

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# BASEBALL BRIEFS

## SOME INTERESTING AND UNUSUAL HAPPENINGS IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES IN 1997

**COLORADO SLUGGER LARRY WALKER** reached "Rocky Mountain Highs" in a number of season batting categories. He scored 143 runs and knocked in 130. His 208 hits included 46 doubles, 4 triples, and 49 homers, which added up to 409 total bases. That is the most for a National League player since **Stan Musial** totaled 429 in 1948. Walker also stole 33 bases, batted .366, slugged .720, and had an on-base percentage of .452. As a result, the British Columbia native set several season records for players born in Canada in this century. **Tip O'Neill**, 19th Century star of the old American Association, who hit .435 in 1887, still holds season marks for runs, hits, doubles, and batting average, but Walker is staking his claim as Canada's 20th Century Star.

**TONY GWYNN** didn't hit .400, or even .394 as he did in 1994, but he did have his best year with the Padres with 49 doubles, 17 homers, and 119 RBIs, all career highs. His .372 BA, the best in the Majors, gave him his 8th batting title. In the meantime, **Wade Boggs**, his long-time AL batting counterpart, could not keep up the pace with a .292 BA in 104 games. The latter's career average fell to .331 while Gwynn's rose to .340. Tony has now hit .300+ for 15 consecutive seasons of 300+ at bats. This equals the NL record of 15 by **Stan Musial**, whose run was 1942 to 1958, with 1945 in the military.

**WADE BOGGS** of the Yankees, who has played the outfield and three infield positions in more than 2,000 games, went to the mound against Anaheim on August 19. The five-time batting champ pitched the 9th inning in a 12-4 loss, and did OK. He walked one, but gave up no hits and fanned one batter. His effort compares favorably with some of the other non-hurlers shown below.

|                               | <u>Years</u> | <u>G</u> | <u>IP</u> | <u>Hits</u> | <u>BB</u> | <u>SO</u> | <u>ERA</u> | <u>W-L</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------|----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Wade Boggs, Yankees           | 1997         | 1        | 1         | 0           | 1         | 1         | 0.00       | 0-0        |
| Ty Cobb, Tigers               | 1918,25      | 3        | 5         | 6           | 2         | 0         | 3.60       | 0-0        |
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| Jimmie Foxx, Red Sox-Phils    | 1939,45      | 10       | 23.2      | 13          | 14        | 11        | 1.52       | 1-0        |
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| Honus Wagner, Pirates         | 1900,02      | 2        | 8.1       | 7           | 6         | 6         | 0.00       | 0-0        |

**IT LOOKED LIKE JUAN SAMUEL** of Toronto was going to finish his fading career with 99 triples (he had been an NL leader in the 1980s). However, with the 1997 season closing out on September 26-27-28, the 37-year-old substitute hit one triple in each game to bring him over the top with 102. With 265 doubles and 160 homers, he became the 50th player to achieve the 100+ milestone in each category of extra-base hits. If you add his 383 stolen bases to the combination, he is one of 38 in the long history of major league baseball. **Harry Stovey** was the first in 1890. He wound up with 347-174-122 and 509.

Briefs are compiled by Bob Davids, 4424 Chesapeake St. NW, Washington DC 20016. SABR assistance was provided by Lyle Spatz, Bob McConnell, and Bill Deane.

**WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE THREE-BASE HIT?** Apparently the thrill is gone for batters rounding first base who see the ball bounding between two fielders and they go full-throttle into third. Think of it. **Mark McGwire** has not had that thrill in 1,143 games - since June 20, 1988. **Sam Crawford** exulted in it. So did **Owen Wilson, Earle Combs, Stan Musial, Roberto Clemente,** and even **Lance Johnson** when he hit 21 in 1996. Regrettably, injuries reduced his playing time in 1997 and he hit only eight. The leader was **Delino DeShields** of the Cardinals with 14. The sad part is that San Diego hit only 16 as a team! Not far behind were Seattle with 21, Baltimore and Cleveland with 22, and the Yankees (who hit 110 in 1930) with 23. Earle Combs, who had season totals of 21, 22, and 23 for the New Yorkers, must be rotating in his grave.

What was the last year when more triples were hit than home runs? It was 1931 when sluggers like **Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Jimmie Foxx, Hack Wilson, Mel Ott,** and **Chuck Klein** were in their prime. However, the writing was on the outfield wall; the margin was ONE, 1,070 triples to 1,069 homers. It looks like there is no going back to what some call the "good old days". Most of the modern parks are home-run oriented and the big money players have no trouble hitting into the stands. Here is a chart showing the shifting totals of extra-base-hits over time. Notice that even doubles were affected by the boom in homers in 1962.

|                                       | <u>2B</u> | <u>3B</u> | <u>HR</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| In 1931, 16 teams in 1,236 games hit: | 4,511     | 1,070     | 1,069     |
| In 1962, 20 teams in 1,621 games hit: | 4,313     | 853       | 3,001     |
| In 1997, 28 teams in 2,268 games hit: | 8,004     | 883       | 4,640     |

**HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED #2:** Willie Keeler, who played 1892-1910, struck out 112 times in 2,123 career games. **Joe Sewell**, who played 1920-33, fanned 114 times in 1,903 games. Let's fast-forward to 1997 when 66 batters fanned more than 100 times in the scheduled 162 games. The individual totals ran as high as 175 by **Jay Buhner** of Seattle, 174 by **Sammy Sosa** of the Cubs, and 162 by **Ron Gant** of the Cardinals.

**BULLY AND BRAVO FOR BIGGIO & BAGWELL**, who continue to give the Astros some stability and stature. For the second season in a row they played the full schedule, a rarity in the Majors these days and particularly for teammates. Craig has played 371 consecutive games and Jeff 353, tops in the NL, but they don't seem to be gaining much on **Cal Ripken** at 2,478! Bagwell continues to hit with power with 40 doubles, 43 homers, and 135 RBIs, 21 of which were game-winning. Biggio, who has made a remarkable transition from backstop to All-Star second-baseman, led the NL with 146 runs scored, and stole 57 bases. As a former catcher, he knows how to get on base by being hit by pitches. He has led the Majors with 22 in 1995, 27 in 1996, and 34 this past season. That helped to raise his on-base average to .415.

**MARK MCGWIRE's** dramatic shift to the Senior Circuit after hitting 34 homers for Oakland and coming thru with 24 for the Cardinals was not a complete surprise. In 1995, **Bobby Bonilla** hit 18 fourbaggers for the Mets and 10 for the Orioles, and in 1996 **Greg Vaughn** belted 31 for the Brewers and 10 for the Padres. Other sluggers have shifted leagues in the course of a season, including such heavy-hitters as **Jimmie Foxx** in 1942, **Johnny Mize** in 1949, and **Dave Kingman** in 1977, but their number of homers were not that great.

**BOBBY and BARRY BONDS** have taken over as the dominant father-and-son team in baseball. Barry keeps putting up better-than-average stats and the two lead in total runs scored, homers, RBIs, walks, strikeouts, steals and slugging. However, Ken Griffey, Jr. is in the wings and his father, Ken Sr., had a long career with some pretty fair stats. Here are THE five leading fathers-sons. Asterisks indicate family leadership through the 1997 season.

|              | <u>G</u>     | <u>R</u>     | <u>H</u>     | <u>2b</u>  | <u>3b</u> | <u>HR</u>  | <u>RBI</u>   | <u>BB</u>    | <u>SO</u>  | <u>SB</u>  | <u>BA</u>   | <u>SA</u>   |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Bobby Bonds  | 1,849        | 1,258        | 1,886        | 302        | 66        | 332        | 1,024        | 914          | 1,757      | 461        | .268        | .471        |
| Barry Bonds  | <u>1,742</u> | <u>1,244</u> | <u>1,750</u> | <u>359</u> | <u>56</u> | <u>374</u> | <u>1,094</u> | <u>1,227</u> | <u>958</u> | <u>417</u> | <u>.288</u> | <u>.550</u> |
|              | 3,591        | 2,502*       | 3,636        | 661        | 122       | 706*       | 2,118*       | 2,141*       | 2,715*     | 878*       | .277        | .506*       |
| Ray Boone    | 1,373        | 645          | 1,260        | 162        | 46        | 151        | 737          | 608          | 463        | 21         | .275        | .429        |
| Bob Boone    | <u>2,264</u> | <u>679</u>   | <u>1,838</u> | <u>303</u> | <u>26</u> | <u>105</u> | <u>826</u>   | <u>663</u>   | <u>608</u> | <u>38</u>  | <u>.254</u> | <u>.346</u> |
|              | 3,637        | 1,324        | 3,098        | 465        | 72        | 256        | 1,563        | 1,271        | 1,071      | 59         | .262        | .378        |
| Gus Bell     | 1,741        | 865          | 1,823        | 311        | 66        | 206        | 942          | 470          | 636        | 30         | .281        | .445        |
| Buddy Bell   | <u>2,405</u> | <u>1,151</u> | <u>2,514</u> | <u>425</u> | <u>56</u> | <u>201</u> | <u>1,106</u> | <u>836</u>   | <u>776</u> | <u>55</u>  | <u>.279</u> | <u>.406</u> |
|              | 4,146*       | 2,016        | 4,337*       | 736*       | 122       | 407        | 2,048        | 1,306        | 1,412      | 85         | .280        | .423        |
| Geo. Sisler  | 2,055        | 1,284        | 2,812        | 425        | 164       | 102        | 1,175        | 472          | 327        | 375        | .340        | .468        |
| Dick Sisler  | <u>799</u>   | <u>302</u>   | <u>720</u>   | <u>118</u> | <u>28</u> | <u>55</u>  | <u>360</u>   | <u>226</u>   | <u>253</u> | <u>6</u>   | <u>.276</u> | <u>.406</u> |
|              | 2,854        | 1,586        | 3,532        | 543        | 192*      | 157        | 1,535        | 698          | 580        | 381        | .325*       | .444        |
| Griffey, Sr. | 2,097        | 1,129        | 2,143        | 364        | 77        | 152        | 859          | 719          | 898        | 200        | .296        | .431        |
| Griffey, Jr. | <u>1,214</u> | <u>820</u>   | <u>1,389</u> | <u>261</u> | <u>24</u> | <u>294</u> | <u>872</u>   | <u>580</u>   | <u>755</u> | <u>123</u> | <u>.302</u> | <u>.562</u> |
|              | 3,311        | 1,949        | 3,532        | 625        | 101       | 446        | 1,731        | 1,299        | 1,653      | 323        | .299        | .482        |

**LEE SMITH**, the 40-year-old, six-foot-six, 269-pound relief hurler will leave quite a vacuum in the ranks of fireman, and it won't be because of his bulk. The same could not be said for the six-foot-four, 295-pound **Walter "Jumbo" Brown**, who retired after the 1941 season. He had led the NL in saves with 7 in 1940 and 8 in 1941, and closed out with a career total of 29! Smith, one of five hurlers to appear in 1,000+ games, ended his career with a record 478 saves. This puts him well ahead of "Double-Duty" **Dennis Eckersley** with 389. Here is a rundown on the nine pitchers who appeared in more than 900 Major League games. Even **Cy Young** worked in 91 games as a relief pitcher.

|                  | <u>Years</u> | <u>G</u> | <u>CG</u> | <u>IP</u> | <u>St</u> | <u>Rel</u> | <u>Sv</u> | <u>W-L</u> | <u>ERA</u> |
|------------------|--------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Hoyt Wilhelm     | 21           | 1,070    | 20        | 2,254     | 52        | 1,018      | 227       | 143-122    | 2.52       |
| Kent Tekulve     | 16           | 1,050    | 0         | 1,436     | 0         | 1,436      | 184       | 94-90      | 2.84       |
| Lee Smith        | 18           | 1,022    | 0         | 1,290     | 6         | 1,016      | 478       | 71-92      | 3.03       |
| Dennis Eckersley | 23           | 1,021    | 100       | 3,246     | 361       | 660        | 389       | 193-170    | 3.49       |
| Goose Gossage    | 22           | 1,002    | 16        | 1,809     | 37        | 965        | 310       | 124-107    | 3.01       |
| Jesse Orosco     | 18           | 956      | 0         | 1,127     | 4         | 952        | 133       | 80-72      | 2.95       |
| Rollie Fingers   | 17           | 944      | 4         | 1,701     | 37        | 907        | 341       | 114-118    | 2.90       |
| Gene Garber      | 19           | 931      | 4         | 1,510     | 9         | 922        | 218       | 96-113     | 3.34       |
| Cy Young         | 22           | 906      | 749       | 7,357     | 815       | 91         | 17        | 511-316    | 2.63       |

**BILLY RIPKEN** remains in the shadow of his brother Cal, but the final AL averages show that the younger brother, who played 71 games at four infield positions for the Texas Rangers, batted .276 while Cal hit .270. Also, Billy hit one triple while the consecutive games leader failed to connect in 615 at-bats. Back in 1989, Cal went triple-less in 646 at-bats, a season record.

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## Come to SABR 28 for Wall-to-Wall Baseball By the Bay

Bring your heart to San Francisco for SABR's 28th Annual National Convention, June 25-28, at the San Francisco Airport Marriott. Turn to page eleven to register now for the 1998 SABR National Convention. Hotel reservation information is also on page eleven.

Downtown San Francisco is easily accessible from the Marriott. See page ten for details.

Festivities begin on Thursday, June 25 with a tour of the Oakland Coliseum. If the early days of baseball are more your style you can watch, or perhaps participate in, a vintage Base Ball game starting at noon. Easterners will want to take advantage of the time zone change and arrive as early as possible on Thursday. If you cannot get in until later on Thursday, you'll still be able to sit in on a panel of former Giants' players on that evening.

Friday is filled to capacity with baseball fun. Research presentations, committee meetings, trivia, and a tour of baseball sites and pubs of the Bay area precedes the Rangers-Giants game that evening.

Saturday's line-up includes research presentations and committee meetings, SABR's annual business meeting, PCL and AAGPBL player panels, the trivia finals and SABR's Annual Awards Banquet.

Sunday's events also last all day, with committee meetings, a Nisei panel, and **Eddie Frierson's** one-man play, *Matty*. It is all capped off with a Sunday evening trip to San Jose for minor league action.

Join hundreds of other SABR members in a four-day weekend of baseball bliss this June. See you there!

### Official Travel Agency

Uniglobe Tradewinds Travel will assist members in making travel plans for SABR 28. Call 1-800-627-8729 (216-621-8728 in Cleveland), ask for Maria Hilcu or Margaret Dosa and mention SABR.

## April Ballot to Include Dues Increase Proposal

Next month's election issue of *The SABR Bulletin* will include a recommendation from the SABR Executive Board to raise dues. The board voted to recommend that dues be raised to \$50 from the current \$35. SABR dues are determined by majority vote of the members voting by mail ballot. The proposed increase would take effect for 1999. In *The Pres Box* on page three, SABR President **Larry Gerlach** discusses the dues increase proposal.

SABR members would still be able to take advantage of savings with three-year, student, senior and family memberships. Those rates would be raised accordingly:

|            |       |
|------------|-------|
| Three-year | \$140 |
| Student    | \$ 30 |
| Senior     | \$ 30 |
| Family     | \$ 15 |

Next month's ballot will also include the election for Vice-President, Secretary, and two Director positions. All members are encouraged to vote.

## Ted Williams Wants Shoeless in Hall

**Ted Williams** made headlines with a formal petition to clear Joe Jackson's name and make him eligible to join him in the Hall of Fame. He turns his sights to convincing SABR members in this year's edition of *The National Pastime*.

### Look Inside for:

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Baltimore Baseball Bash | page 5    |
| Baseball Briefs         | pages 6-7 |
| SABR 28 Schedule        | page 10   |
| SABR 28 Registration    | page 11   |

## Simmons and Moore Knew Baseball

**Harry Simmons** passed away on January 14, in New Canaan, Connecticut. He was 90 years old. He joined SABR in 1973 and received the *SABR Salute* in 1990. He was honored at the 1979 Baseball Winter Meetings as the "King of Baseball."

Harry was a baseball historian, writer, schedule maker, and The Authority on the rules of the game. He worked for the International League from 1945-1966, and worked in the Baseball Commissioner's Office until his retirement in 1982. He developed the playing schedules for the Majors and various minor leagues for over twenty years. He wrote the weekly feature "So You Think You Know Baseball" which ran in the *Saturday Evening Post* from 1949 to 1961, and currently in *Baseball Digest*. In 1951, he testified as an expert witness to the Celler Committee hearings on the history of the reserve clause.

**Dave Moore** of Minneapolis, Minnesota, a member since 1985, died January 28, 1998, at 73 after a long illness.

Dave was a regular attendee at SABR conventions and was master of ceremonies for the luncheon at the SABR convention in Minneapolis in 1988. He served a term as vice president of the Halsey Hall Chapter.

Dave began working at WCCO-TV in 1950 and served as the anchor on the 6pm and/or 10pm news from 1958-1991. He continued working until undergoing heart surgery last spring. He wrote the foreword to an anthology (edited by SABR member **Dave Anderson**) on baseball history in Minnesota as well as a foreword to *On to Nicollet* by **Stew Thornley**.

Dave always made sure there was news coverage when the Halsey Hall Chapter unveiled plaques to mark the sites of former ballparks in the Twin Cities. He will be missed.

Our condolences go out to the family and friends of Dave and Harry.

# The SABR Bookshelf

## Out of Left Field

by Jeffrey Lyons and Douglas Lyons  
Times Books (320 pages, trade paper)  
ISBN: 0-8129-2993-4  
\$12.00

There are over 1,100 baseball facts in a question and answer format in this book. Among the twenty-one chapters are Only Who? What's in a Name? Where are you from? and Married at Home Plate.

This is an entertaining book that is a must for coming up with good questions for barroom bets.

To order, check your local bookstore.

## Playing Write Field

by Scott Pitoniak  
Cass Publications (190 pages, softcover)  
ISBN: 0-9659348-0-2  
\$10.95

*Playing Write Field* is a collection of award-winning columns, essays and profiles by Rochester *Democrat and Chronicle* sports columnist Scott Pitoniak. One of his baseball articles is on Ron Necciai who struck out 27 in an Appalachian League game; another is when Scott got his first foul ball after three decades of attending games.

To order, call 1-716-258-2455 or send \$13.95 to Scott Pitoniak, *Democrat and Chronicle*, 55 Exchange Blvd, Rochester NY 14614.

## Bottom of the Ninth

by Kirk Gibson with Lynn Henning  
Sleeping Bear Press (159 pages, hard cover)  
ISBN: 1-886947-13-9  
\$35.00

From his days as a two sport star at Michigan State to his last day as a Detroit Tiger, Kirk Gibson looks back on his life, remembering the lessons he learned along the way.

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## Bate, Guante Y Pelota: Analisis e Historia

Sociedad para el Analisis del Beisbol e Investigacion de su Historia (SABI)  
Volume 1, Number 1, 93 pages

A Spanish baseball journal based out of Venezuela, the premier edition has articles on Omar Vizquel, Andres Galarraga's mammoth homer at Pro Player Park, and baseball on Venezuelan radio, 1950-1997.

For more information, contact Bruno Egloff, CCS 335, PO Box 25323, Miami FL 33102 or Qta Yecla, Ave Santa Teresa de Jesus, Urb La Castellana, Caracas, Venezuela.

## Grandstand Baseball Annual, 1997

edited by Joseph Wayman  
Self-Published, 210 pages  
ISSN: 0896-5501  
\$9.95

Dozens of articles, by Lawrence Ritter, Ken Guest, Clifford Blau, Neil Munro, Joe Naiman, Philip Von Borries, Bill Gilbert, Joe Wayman and many others, fill the latest *Grandstand Baseball Annual* with hours of reading enjoyment.

One of many highlights of the issue is John McReynolds' article on Nate Moreland, which was first done as a presentation at the April 5, 1997, Allan Roth Memorial Chapter Meeting in Los Angeles. An index is included to make finding the information you want easy.

To order, send \$9.95 to Joe Wayman, PO Box 4203, Downey CA 90241-1203.

## If They Don't Win It's A Shame: The Year the Marlins Bought the World Series

by Dave Rosenbaum  
McGregor Publishing (320 pages, hardcover)  
ISBN: 0-9653846-8-3  
\$23.95

This is the story from beginning to end of the 1997 World Series Champion Florida Marlins. Easy to read, with each chapter being comprised of short anecdotes, like the story of opening day festivities when the Navy SEAL skydiver lost his Billy the Marlin head over South Florida in the chapter *Bring Me the Head of Billy the Marlin*. You even learn the steal sign Jim Leyland gave Greg Zaun, "If I jump up and don't ever come down, you steal."

Complete with an index and eight pages of photos, *If They Don't Win it's a Shame* is expected to be released on March 15.

Look for it in your local bookstore.

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You will be asked next month to vote on a dues increase, a decision that will fundamentally affect SABR's future.

Before explaining the rationale for increased dues, historical perspective is in order.

In 1971, the year of SABR's founding, the annual dues were \$10. Eight years later, 1979, the dues increased to \$15 (50% increase). In five years, 1983, the dues jumped to \$20 (33% increase). Four years later, 1987, dues increased to \$30 (50% increase) and in another four years, 1991, to \$35 (17% increase).

Despite continued growth in membership and member services, as well as increased costs, dues have not increased for seven years. Throughout the 1990s, SABR's staff and officers have worked to stabilize and fortify SABR's finances. Although new initiatives (such as a donor program and sale of merchandise) and special projects (such as displays at Western Reserve Historical Society, and publication of *SABR Presents The Home Run Encyclopedia* and the *1998 SABR Desktop Calendar*) have kept SABR in the black, a high level of "corner-cutting" has been required and it is now catching up with the Society.

The following is by no means an inclusive list of reasons why the Board is recommending a dues increase:

## The Pres Box

by Larry Gerlach

✓ Membership Services. Nearly every cent of your dues goes directly to membership services, making it increasingly difficult to continue, let alone expand levels of service, or to fund other needs.

✓ Publications. Publications have been cut back from four to three a year, and plans to expand the publications program are not feasible without more revenue. To stay within budget in 1997, we printed the recent pictorial on lower quality paper and mailed it with the BRJ to save on printing and postage costs.

✓ Research materials. SABR is first and foremost about promoting and facilitating research, yet we are unable to provide basic research materials to members. We need, but cannot afford, a complete, readable microfilm run of *The Sporting News*. We have identified other essential research materials but haven't the resources to acquire them.

✓ Equipment. Funds have not been allocated to replace inadequate desks, tables, shelving and equipment; we have been relying on hand-me-downs for computer and microfilm/microfiche needs.

✓ Administrative costs. For years, the SABR staff in Cleveland (currently two full-time and one-part-time employees) has worked without health or

retirement benefits. In 1998, only health care coverage for the Executive Director is being provided. An office reorganization is underway that will allow the Executive Director to apply his efforts to marketing and publicity rather than daily administrative tasks. To fully implement this reorganization, we need to adequately compensate sufficient administrative help. We also need less reliance on volunteers in order to ensure consistent levels of service.

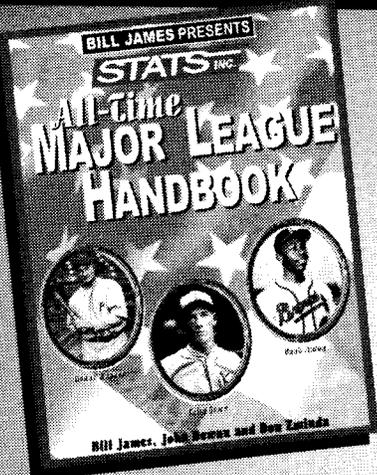
✓ Financial reserves. It is prudent for an organization to maintain adequate reserves to cover unforeseen budgetary problems and fiscal emergencies; we have had to use an already inadequate reserve fund to pay for basic operating expenses.

✓ Bottom line. SABR needs more dues revenue. SABR is not broke, but the reserve fund is unacceptably low, the operating budget is at the bone, and there is no money to expand the publications program, acquire research materials, launch sponsorship and other funding initiatives, or operate the office with optimal efficiency. The truism that the cost of everything is going up logically includes SABR.

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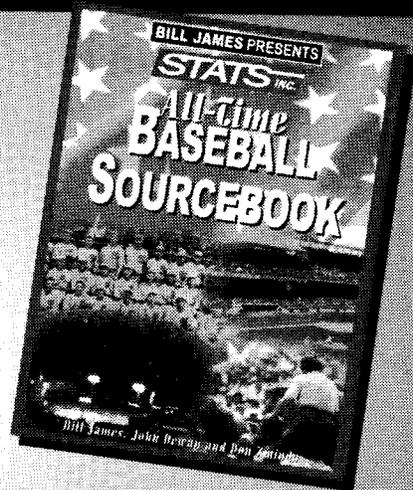
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# Research Committees

## Bibliography Committee

The January issue of the Bibliography Committee newsletter updates statistics for the Research in Baseball Index (RBI). There are now over 74,000 citations in the database.

Book reviews by **Terry Smith** (*Independence Day* by Richard Ford), **Andy McCue** (*The League: The Rise and Decline of the NFL* by David Harris), **Ron Kaplan** (*Baseball Tidbits* by Victor Debs, Jr.), **Skip McAfee** (*Wait till Next Year* by Doris Kearns Goodwin) and **Ted Hathaway** (*The Bill James Guide to Baseball Managers from 1870 to Today* by Bill James) are included.

Current Baseball Publications, October - December 1997, compiled by **Richard W. Arpi** contains 77 entries.

## Biographical Research

**Richard Topp** thanks members who responded to his request for burial sites of major leaguers--around 1,000 sites were received. He's still looking for help to find more. Contact him at 773-774-6023 or richardtopp@sprintmail.com to help.

## Collegiate Committee

Committee chair **Cappy Gagnon's** phone number in the directory is incorrect. His correct number is: 219-233-0929; his e-mail: russell.t.gagnon.2@nd.edu

## Negro Leagues Committee

The planned Negro Leagues Conference for August 7-8, 1998, in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, has negotiated a better room rate with the Ramada Inn (\$84 vs. \$89). For more information, see the January 1998 *Bulletin* (page 8) or contact **Ted Knorr**, 47 Glen Oaks Drive, Lancaster PA 17603, 717-872-7151; e-mail: PapaBell@aol.com for details.

The *Before You Can Say Jackie Robinson* exhibit will be showing at the Stamford (CT) Historical Society from February 3 to May 2, 1998. For more information, contact **Larry Hogan** (20 Rainier Rd, Fanwood NJ 07023, 908-889-4361). Check out **Paul DeBono's** website ([www.indy.net/~pdebono](http://www.indy.net/~pdebono)) for up-to-date information on the Oscar Charleston Park Dedication scheduled for May 1, 1998, in Indianapolis.

## Umpires & Rules Committee

The January 1998 newsletter contains **Dennis Bingham's** annual review of postseason umpiring. He has sidebars on Hitting the Catcher on the Backswing (Cora hit Hoiles in AL Division Series), The Announcer Who Would Not Quit (McCarver on Alomar slide in AL Division Series), To Be or Not to Be Spectator Interference? That Would Have Been the Question (NL Division Series, Florida-San Francisco), Umpire's Call is Center of Attention at Plate--And Press Box (Game Three, ALCS), Bizarre Behavior by Blue (Game Four, ALCS), "This Game is Under Protest" (Game Three, NLCS), Big Eric's Big Strike Zone (Game Five, NLCS), It's About Time (Game Four, World Series), and Media Bash Umpires Unfairly? (Game Five, World Series).

Also included is a recap of the committee's meeting at SABR 27.

## Women in Baseball Committee

The January 1998 newsletter reminds members of the project to find all the umpires who worked women's games. **Claudia Perry** is working on an AAGPBL panel for SABR 28. Among the research requests are **Diamantis Zervos'** search for women players of Greek heritage, and **David Stephens'** search for information on Helen Dauvray and the cup she donated for a World Series. A bibliography of recent articles pertaining to women in baseball rounds out the three page newsletter.

## Rooms Available for SABR Members for Hall Of Fame Inductions

Members wishing to attend the 1998 Hall of Fame Inductions, the weekend of July 25-27, 1998, can take advantage of accommodations at the State University of New York in Oneonta, New York, about 20 miles South of Cooperstown.

Rooms are \$37 single, \$48 double (tax included, limit two people per room). To make reservations, call Jean Krueger at 607-436-2079 and mention SABR. Reservations can be made by credit card or by check, sent to Jean Krueger, Morris Conference Center, SUNY-Oneonta, Oneonta NY 13820-4015 (mention SABR). **Deadline for reservations is May 15, 1998.**

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The next SABR Executive Board meeting will be March 27-29, at the San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel. The board will also meet on Thursday, June 25 at the Marriott.

### Committee Newsletters Available from the SABR Office

| Committee                     | Issue      | Pg | Cost   |
|-------------------------------|------------|----|--------|
| Bibliography                  | January    | 4  | \$2.00 |
| Current Baseball Publications | Oct-Dec 97 | 8  | \$3.00 |
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## Recaps

**Chicago, Illinois:** On November 16, 1997, twenty-five members of the Emil H. Rothe Chapter met for a lively baseball discussion.

The guest speaker was John Rice, American League umpire from 1954-1973. Rice was introduced by Dennis Bingham, co-chair of SABR's Umpires and Rules Committee. A very spry and distinguished-looking 79 year-old, Rice spoke for over an hour fielding questions regarding managers, pitchers, catchers, hitters, the changing strike zone, the umpire rivalry between leagues, the umpires union, Joe Cronin and more. Rice umpired the 1959 World Series, Koufax and Ford in 1963, the first World Series night game in 1971, Ted Williams' last game, and the famous Sox-Yankees fight in 1957. He also spoke about his two years in Venezuela where the league president was also the head of the army. Rice said Herb Score was the fastest pitcher he ever saw behind the plate. Thanks to Abbey Botkin for arranging for Mr. Rice to speak.

Dave Shiner led a group discussion on the recent Bill James book on managers. Dave Marasco gave a presentation, "You can't walk to America," on whether Latin-born players do walk less than American players. Jon Daniels gave the highlights of his recent trip to Arizona to watch some Fall League games. The games were not well attended so everyone got a front row seat. Dave Zeman spoke about the unanimous Rookie-of-the-Year, Nomar Garciaparra, and his place among the great rookie performances of all time. Dave's conclusion is that Nomar had the best rookie year ever for a shortstop. Dave rates Ted Williams as having the best rookie year ever. The most similar rookie performance was Tony Oliva in 1964. Dave Mundo told of the recent season-ticket holder dinner at Comiskey where he carefully measured the distance to center field confirming the 400 foot marking. Dave was sure the distance would have been 405-410. Rich Hansen then gave a review of the comeback season of Roger Clemens. Clemens won his fourth Cy Young Award with the first AL pitching triple crown since 1945.

The meeting closed with the Jon Daniels trivia quiz again won by Dave Zeman. Barry

Evans provided a portion of the quiz as well.

This was Bill Slankard's last meeting as president. Bill will remain as Treasurer as he returns to night school. We are all thankful for Bill restarting the Emil H. Rothe Chapter and providing leadership for three years. Dave Mundo and Rich Hansen will share chapter responsibilities in 1998.

**Space Coast Stadium, Florida:** The Space Coast Central Florida Regional Chapter met January 17 at Space Coast Stadium, the spring training home of the World Series Champion Florida Marlins. Attendees enjoyed several excellent presentations. Troy Soos discussed highlights from his latest book, *Before the Curse*, followed by a lively Q/A

session about 19th century baseball. Alan Pollock entertained the group with anecdotes about traveling with the Indianapolis Clowns and passages from his forthcoming book on the life of his father, Syd Pollock, who owned the Clowns team. Sports artists Bruce and Ron Stark displayed some of their baseball artwork. The highlight of the meeting was a roundtable discussion with former "Whiz Kid" Andy Seminick, whose career season in 1950 was instrumental in the Philadelphia Phillies winning the NL pennant. Officers elected were: Jim Riley, president; Gene Brock, vice-president; Don Mankowski, secretary; Blair Perry, treasurer; Bill Dunstone, director; Troy Soos, director. After a full day of baseball talk and food in the excellent facilities provided by the Florida Marlins organization, the group adjourned after deciding to meet bi-monthly.

**Denver, Colorado:** Thirty-three members and guests attended a meeting of the Frank Haraway Chapter on January 17.

Jay Sanford shared slides from his and Mark Rucker's collections on Colorado baseball, as well as a list of 19th century

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## The SABR Season

- March 27-29:** SABR Executive Board Meeting at the SF Airport Marriott  
Contact Morris Eckhouse, 216-575-0500 for details.
- April 4:** Allan Roth Chapter (Los Angeles) Meeting;  
Contact Chuck Carey, 714-761-3580
- April 18:** Philadelphia Chapter Meeting;  
Contact Joe Dittmar, 610-584-5988
- May 9:** Lajoie-Start Chapter (Southern New England) Meeting;  
Contact Len Levin, 401-351-3278
- May 30:** Frank Haraway Chapter Meeting (Colorado);  
Contact Paul Parker, 303-447-8140
- June 25-28:** SABR National Convention, San Mateo, California;  
See pages 10-11
- July 26:** Cooperstown Regional Meeting, Tillapaugh's Funeral Parlor  
Contact David Pietrusza, 518-374-8894

## Come to a Baltimore Baseball Weekend, June 5-7

A three-day SABR baseball bash—including two games between the Orioles and Atlanta Braves, a minor league game, the Babe Ruth Museum, and an exclusive tour of Camden Yards from dugout to press box—awaits the first 100 SABR members who sign up. The Orioles games will be sold out; groups are limited to 100 tickets per game. So don't delay.

### Tentative schedule:

- Friday, June 5-Braves vs. Orioles, 7:35pm  
Saturday, June 6-Ballpark tour, Babe Ruth Museum and Braves vs. Orioles (game time pending).  
Sunday, June 7-Babe Ruth Museum, Bowie vs. Reading (AA Eastern Lg) at Bowie, 1:05pm.

**Registration:** \$49 per person, includes three games, Babe Ruth Museum three-day pass and ballpark tour. For round trip bus to Bowie (25 miles south of Baltimore), and one-way bus to Camden Yards and Babe Ruth Museum Friday and Saturday (returning to hotel by public transportation or hotel shuttle), add \$17.

**Hotel:** Best Western Conference Center, located at Exit 57 off I-95 in Baltimore, 4.5 miles east of the Inner Harbor; free parking; adjacent to Peter Pan Trailways and Greyhound Travel Plaza; public transportation at the door to the Inner Harbor; free shuttle service every three hours from 9am to 9pm to the Inner Harbor. Rooms: \$80 per night plus tax for king-size or two double beds. To reserve a room, call 1-800-633-9511 and ask for the SABR rate.

To register for the Baltimore Baseball Weekend, send check payable to SABR-Bob Davids Chapter, 11225 Korman Drive, Potomac MD 20854. Cutoff date is April 24 or the first 100, whichever comes first. Your registration will be confirmed by return mail.

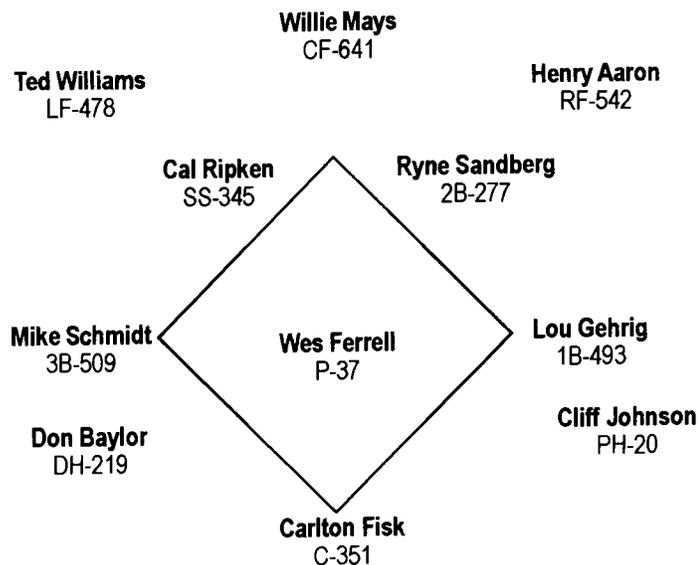
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# BASEBALL BRIEFS

RYNE SANDBERG, the Gold Glove second baseman, came back for one more year and wound up hitting more career homers while playing that position than any other player. Sandberg's 12 home runs raised his total to 277. This moved him past Joe Morgan, who had held the record with 266. Meanwhile, Cal Ripken hit all of his 1997 roundtrippers as a third baseman, but his 345 hit at short remains the all-time record. Ernie Banks had hit 277 there before moving to first base.

Willie Mays is the player who hit the most fourbaggers while playing one fielding position. He belted 641 as a center fielder. Homers are broken out by outfield position, Ted Williams in left with 478, and Henry Aaron 542 in right. Babe Ruth, who clouted 692 as an outfielder, is not listed because he split most of his outfield games in left, where he played 1,060 games, and right, where he was stationed in 1,126 games. Ironically, when Ruth retired in 1935 he topped the home run charts as a left-fielder and also as a right-fielder. Al Simmons and Goose Goslin trailed him in left and Mel Ott and Chuck Klein in right.

Carlton Fisk closed out his career in 1993 with one home run. That gave him 351 as a backstop, which still stands. He had taken the lead a few years earlier from Johnny Bench, who hit 327 as a catcher. Lou Gehrig is the only purist among position players. He belted all his 493 homers as a firstsacker. Here is a diamond display of the leaders at each position, as well as designated hitter. No pinch homers are included, except for Cliff Johnson, of course.



THE MINNESOTA TWINS had a dismal 1997 season, they won 68 and lost 94 and finished 18.5 games behind Cleveland in the AL Central. Still, three of their players stood out. Pitcher Brad Radke won 20 games and lost 10, a remarkable performance with this club. Chuck Knoblauch scored 117 runs, third best in the league, and stole 62 bases, good for second. In so doing, he broke Rod Carew's club season record for thefts (49 in 1976), and career mark with the Twins as well (276 to 271). Paul Molitor, age 41, led the team in BA (.305), doubles (32), and RBI (89), although he missed 27 games. It is not unique for a 41-year-old player to lead his team in RBIs. Honus Wagner was that age in 1915 when he led the fifth-place Pittsburgh Pirates with 78. However, he played all 156 games, quite a feat in itself.

Briefs are compiled by Bob Davids, 4424 Chesapeake St. NW, Washington DC 20016. SABR assistance was provided by Lyle Spatz, Bob McConnell, and Bill Deane.

THE LIST OF PLAYERS hitting in 30+ consecutive games expanded to 33 when catcher Sandy Alomar of Cleveland and rookie shortstop Nomar Garciaparra of Boston both hit in 30 straight. That seems to be a magic number for players (as well as sports writers who for decades ended their articles with that designation), for eight players closed out at 30. Nomar was the first AL rookie to reach that level. Two NL rookies had done it: Jerome Walton with the Cubs in 1989, who batted .338, the lowest during a 30-game streak. Benito Santiago of the Padres hit in 34 straight in 1987. On top of that, he was a catcher, so he rivaled both Nomar and Alomar as their National League counterpart. Sandy Alomar did establish a separate record for his family, topping a 22-game stretch by his father, the second baseman for California in 1970, as well as his switch-hitting brother Roberto, who had a 22-game streak for the Orioles in 1996.

Here are the other years when two players hit in 30+ games:

- 1894 NL: Bill Dahlen, Chicago, 42; Billy Hamilton, Boston, 36
- 1922 AL: George Sisler, St. Louis, 41  
NL: Rogers Hornsby, St. Louis, 33
- 1980 AL: Ken Landreaux, Minnesota, 31; George Brett, Kansas City, 30
- 1987 AL: Paul Molitor, Milwaukee, 39  
NL: Benito Santiago, San Diego, 34

JIM THOME, the slugging first baseman of the Indians, stole only one base in 1997, and it was of home base on May 21. Furthermore, it resulted in a 1-0 win over Kansas City. That is a very rare occurrence. It has been accomplished only 17 times in the last century, twice by Bill Dahlen. This one came in the fourth inning when Thome singled - one of only two hits Cleveland collected - and shortly moved on to third. With Julio Franco on first, the two pulled a double steal and Jim, one of the slowest runners on the Tribe, scored the only run of the game. It was only his 15th career theft. The career totals of the others at right below add up to 3,956.

Players Stealing Home to Win a 1-0 Game

|                  |  | How   | Career Steals |
|------------------|--|-------|---------------|
| July 25, 1897    | Bill Dahlen, Colts vs Colonels at Chi in 4th       | alone |               |
| Aug. 11, 1899    | Bill Dahlen, Dodgers vs Colonels at Bkn in 2nd     | alone | 547           |
| Apr. 28, 1906    | Frank Chance, Cubs vs Reds at Chi in 9th           | alone | 401           |
| July 6, 1914     | George McBride, Senators vs Red Sox at Wash in 4th | alone | 133           |
| May 18, 1915     | Frank Schulte, Cubs vs Giants at NY in 1st         | alone | 233           |
| July 27, 1915    | Clyde Milan, Senators vs Indians at Wash in 1st    | alone | 495           |
| June 5, 1916     | Heinie Zimmerman, Cubs vs Braves at Bos in 4th     | alone | 175           |
| Aug. 27, 1917    | Max Carey, Pirates vs Giants at NY in 4th          | DS    | 738           |
| June 14, 1919    | George Burns, Giants vs Dodgers at Bkn in 3rd      | DS    | 383           |
| June 25, 1931    | George Watkins, Cards vs Dodgers at Bkn in 6th     | alone | 61            |
| May 8, 1939      | Pepper Martin, Cards vs Dodgers at Bkn in 6th      | alone | 146           |
| Aug. 25, 1942    | Don Kollaway, ChiSox vs Browns at Chi in 5th       | alone | 76            |
| July 7, 1945 (1) | Wally Moses, ChiSox vs A's at Chi in 1st           | alone | 174           |
| Aug. 25, 1945    | Joe Hoover, Tigers vs Browns at Det in 3rd         | DS    | 19            |
| Sep. 21, 1964    | Chico Ruiz, Reds vs Phillies at Phil in 6th        | alone | 34            |
| July 31, 1972    | Amos Otis, Royals vs Angels at Ana in 4th          | alone | 341           |
| May 21, 1997     | Jim Thome, Indians vs Royals at Cle in 4th         | DS    | 15            |

# Do You Know the Way...

## ...To the San Francisco Marriott

Home for the SABR 28 Convention is the luxurious San Francisco Airport Marriott Hotel located at 1800 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame CA 94010. Directions follow below.

### From San Francisco International Airport

Take the convenient shuttle bus or follow the directions below.

### From San Francisco

Take 101 South past the Airport (follow San Jose signs, if in the city) and take the Millbrae exit (first exit after the Airport). take the Millbrae East exit, which will take you up and over the freeway. Follow Millbrae Avenue until you reach Old Bayshore Highway, then turn right. The Marriott is the first hotel on your left when on Old Bayshore Highway

### From the Coast, Santa Cruz, etc

Either up or down Highway 1, take 92 to 101. Head northbound on 101 to the Millbrae Avenue exit and take the East exit (continue to follow directions as described above).

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## ...To Downtown San Francisco

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|       | Thursday, June 25                              | Friday, June 26         | Saturday, June 27   | Sunday, June 28              |  |                          |       |
|-------|--|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--|--------------------------|-------|
| 8:00  | <b>REGISTRATION; BASEBALL FILMS, 9AM - 4PM</b> | <b>REGISTRATION</b>     | <b>REGISTRATION</b> | Religious Observances        | 8:00   |                          |       |
| 8:30  |  |                         |                     | Committee Meetings           | 8:30   |                          |       |
| 9:00  |  |                         |                     | Research Presentations       | Research Presentations                           | Committee Meetings       | 9:00  |
| 9:30  |  |                         |                     |                              |  |                          | 9:30  |
| 10:00 |  |                         |                     | Giants Announcer, Jon Miller | PCL Players Panel                                | Regional Leaders Meeting | 10:00 |
| 10:30 |  |                         |                     |                              |  |                          | 10:30 |
| 11:00 |  |                         |                     | SABR Researchers Panel       | SABR Annual Business Meeting                     | Matty by Eddie Frierson  | 11:00 |
| 11:30 |  |                         |                     |                              |  |                          | 11:30 |
| 12:00 |  |                         |                     | Research Presentations       | Research Presentations and Fan Psychology Expert |                          | 12:00 |
| 12:30 |  |                         |                     |                              |  |                          | 12:30 |
| 1:00  |  |                         |                     | Hall of Fame Discussion      | AAGPBL Panel                                     |                          | 1:00  |
| 1:30  |  |                         |                     |                              |  |                          | 1:30  |
| 2:00  |  |                         |                     | Giants Panel                 |  |                          | 2:00  |
| 2:30  |  |                         |                     |                              |  |                          | 2:30  |
| 3:00  | Committee Meetings                             | SABR Awards Banquet     |                     | 3:00                         |  |                          |       |
| 3:30  |  |                         |                     | 3:30                         |  |                          |       |
| 4:00  | Vintage Base Ball Game                         | Bus to Candlestick      |                     | 4:00                         |  |                          |       |
| 4:30  |  |                         |                     | 4:30                         |  |                          |       |
| 5:00  | Trivia Preliminaries                           | Trivia Semis after game |                     | 5:00                         |  |                          |       |
| 5:30  |  |                         |                     | 5:30                         |  |                          |       |
| 6:00  | Trivia Finals                                  |                         |                     | 6:00                         |  |                          |       |
| 6:30  |  |                         |                     | 6:30                         |  |                          |       |
| 7:00  | Trivia Finals                                  |                         |                     | 7:00                         |  |                          |       |
| 7:30  |  |                         |                     | 7:30                         |  |                          |       |
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| 9:00  | Trivia Finals                                  |                         |                     | 9:00                         |  |                          |       |
| 9:30  |  |                         |                     | 9:30                         |  |                          |       |
| 10:00 | Trivia Finals                                  |                         |                     | 10:00                        |  |                          |       |
| 10:30 |  |                         |                     | 10:30                        |  |                          |       |
| 11:00 | Trivia Finals                                  |                         |                     | 11:00                        |  |                          |       |
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**Schedule Subject to Change**

# SABR 28 (June 25-28, 1998) Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Phone or e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Will SABR 28 be your first SABR Convention? Y N      Would you like to play in the Vintage Base Ball Game? Y N

## Registration

|                        | Before June 1       | After June 1 & on-site |
|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| ___ Super Registration | \$130.00 per person | n/a                    |

### Super Registration Available to Members & Family Only!

**Super Registration** includes one each: registration for convention, Oakland Coliseum Tour, Bar/Site Tour OR Giants Game Bus with Ballpark tour (please specify below), Giants ticket, banquet (please specify food choice below), San Jose Bus, San Jose BBQ and San Jose game.

|                                 |                    |         |          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------|----------|
| ___ Registration, member/family | \$50.00 per person | \$60.00 | \$ _____ |
| ___ Registration, non-member    | \$70.00 per person | \$80.00 | \$ _____ |

Names of others registered on this form: \_\_\_\_\_

## Events (Be sure to specify food choice for Banquet)

|  |      |          |
|--|------|----------|
| ___ Oakland Coliseum Tour (Thursday, 11am-3pm)       | \$7  | \$ _____ |
| ___ Bar/Site Tour* (Friday, 3pm-6pm)                 | \$11 | \$ _____ |
| <b>OR</b>  |      |          |
| ___ Giants Game Bus with Ballpark Tour (Friday, 4pm) | \$9  | \$ _____ |
| ___ Giants Game Ticket (Friday, 7:30pm)              | \$10 | \$ _____ |
| ___ Banquet (Saturday, 7pm)                          | \$40 | \$ _____ |

Indicate preference: Fish \_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_ Special order \_\_\_\_\_  
 If special order, detail: \_\_\_\_\_

|   |      |          |
|---|------|----------|
| ___ San Jose Bus (Sunday, 4pm)          | \$7  | \$ _____ |
| ___ San Jose BBQ and Game (Sunday, 5pm) | \$12 | \$ _____ |

\*Bar/Site tour includes stops at Molloys, Lefty O'Doul's grave, site of Pac Bell Park, site of Seals Stadium, site of 1869 Red Stockings game, O'Douls Restaurant, the Double Play Bar, Tour ends at Candlestick Park for the Rangers-Giants game.

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## Additional Information and Instructions

1.) Complete the form to the left and mail to SABR 28, PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101. Photocopies are acceptable.

2.) Registration must be postmarked by June 1, 1998, to receive the early registration discount.

**Registration** includes: SABR 28 Convention packet (program, convention publication & other "goodies"), access to panels, trivia contests, committee meetings, and research presentations.

**Super Registration** includes above and Oakland Coliseum Tour, Bar/Site Tour OR Giants Game Bus, Giants ticket, banquet (please specify food choice below), San Jose Bus, San Jose BBQ and San Jose game.

3.) If you wish a confirmation, you MUST send us a SASE.

4.) **Cancellations & Refunds:** A full refund is available if cancellation is received by June 5, 1998; 50% if received between June 6 and June 12. No Refunds will be given if cancellation is made after June 12. To cancel registration, call SABR at 216-575-0500.

5.) On-Site registration will be offered June 25-27th at the "after June 1 rate."

## Hotel info

Members can make reservations at the San Francisco Airport Marriott by calling 415-692-9100. Mention SABR or Society for American Baseball Research. The SABR rate is \$89 per night single/double (additional person(s) \$10) plus tax. All reservation requests for arrival after 6pm must be accompanied by a first night room deposit, or guaranteed with a major credit card. The hotel will not hold any reservations after 6:00 pm unless guaranteed by one of the above methods.

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Election Issue

April 1998

## Vote

SABR's future will be fundamentally effected by membership voting in 1998. The ballot on page 15 includes candidates for Vice President, Secretary, and two Director positions.

The ballot also includes the recommendation that membership dues be increased (to be effective with the 1999 membership year). Information regarding the proposal can be found on pages 3 and 15.

Candidate statements appear on pages 11-15. All members are encouraged to vote. See page 16 for voting instructions.

## Obituaries

**George Schepps**, 98, of Dallas, died January 15. George's love affair with baseball began in 1907 as batboy for the Dallas Giants. He founded the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame, owned clubs in Dallas, Longview, Corpus Christi and Greenville, and was commissioner of the Texas Professional Football League. The oldest known SABR member, Schepps began sending invitations to his 100th birthday party when he was 89. It is said he issued over 15,000 invitations in the ten years since. He is survived by his wife Evelyn and stepsons Richard and Gregory DuBois.

**H.T. Leal**, 62, of Springfield, Virginia, died of heart failure on February 4, 1998. He was a member since 1985. He is survived by his wife.

**Irving Stiefel**, 75, of Middlebury, Vermont, passed away on January 30. Irv was a member since 1975. He leaves his wife, Edith, two daughters, a sister and a brother, **Mel Stiefel** of Los Angeles.

**T. Arthur Marow**, 84, of Des Plaines, Illinois, and **George Girsch** of Corona, New York, also passed away recently.

Our condolences go out to the families and friends of all those who have suffered a loss recently.

## SABR Lending Library Enters the 1960s

Thanks to the generous donations of several SABR members, fourteen reels of microfilm of *The Sporting News* are being added to the SABR Lending Library. These additions bring the SABR inventory from its current limit of December 1957 to December 1963.

Along with adding to the SABR library, several reels of microfilm that have been lost or damaged are being replaced.

Additionally, the Research Task Force chaired by SABR President **Larry Gerlach** recommends the following goals for the Lending Library: replace difficult-to-read reels of microfilm with new copies, bring the run of *The Sporting News* completely up-to-date, and add *The New York Clipper* on microfilm.

Members can support these goals by making donations to SABR specifically designated for microfilm. SABR is a 501-c-3 not-for-profit corporation and donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

The SABR Lending Library is a valuable resource for SABR members. If you would like borrowing information for the lending library, please write to Vanetta Ellis, SABR Lending Library, PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101.

## O'Doul's Back in SABR 28 Lineup

Lefty O'Doul's is one of the scheduled stops of the SABR 28 tour of baseball sites and bars in San Francisco. News of the closing of O'Doul's Restaurant and Piano Bar, reported in the *The SABR Bulletin* (Nov-Dec 1997), met with strong reaction in the San Francisco area and new ownership has stepped up to keep the saloon in operation at its Geary Street location.

For a great baseball weekend in a great location, make plans to attend the 1998 SABR National Convention. Registration forms are in the March *SABR Bulletin*.

## Hotel info

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## Official Travel Agency for SABR 28

Members are encouraged to use UNIGLOBE Tradewinds Travel in making travel plans for SABR 28. Call 1-800-627-8729 (216-621-8728 in Cleveland), ask for Maria Hilcu or Margaret Dosa, and mention SABR for rates discounted from regular fares.

## Vending/Advertising

One of the highlights of the annual SABR convention is the chance to shop in the convention vending area. If you are a vendor and would like more information about participating in the 1998 SABR National Convention, please contact SABR Executive Director **Morris Eckhouse** at 216-575-0500, [info@sabr.org](mailto:info@sabr.org), or in writing to PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101.

Advertising is also accepted in the SABR Convention program. For advertising rates, contact Morris as indicated above.

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An introduction by Don Kessinger, short bios of the "True Stars," lists (such as True Star selections mentioned in various songs), a bibliography and an index help round out the book.

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*The Texas League Newsletter* is published at least 22 times during the season, starting the second Monday of the season and continuing through the end of the playoffs.

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If you prefer just the Media Guide, SABR members can purchase it for \$9. A subscription to the newsletter without ordering a Media Guide is \$25.

Order from Texas League, 2442 Facet Oak, San Antonio TX 78232.

# The Pres Box

by Larry Gerlach

Like the Devil Rays and Diamond-backs, the *Bulletin* sports a new look for 1998. I hope you like the new design (and the baseball-white paper) and find helpful the listing of officers, research committees and chairs, and regional chapters and contact persons. Thanks to Morris and John for a job well-done.

I don't know if this is an Ordered Universe, but my thoughts recently have been unusually interconnected.

While preparing my keynote address ("On Umpires") for the joint *Nine* Diamonds in the Desert conference in mid-March, I was struck once again by the historical myopia that afflicts so many baseball watchers. Many of the comments about how this, that, and the other thing about umpires today is different than in the past are inaccurate because so few know anything about umpiring in seasons past.

After finishing the address, I read the results of a *USA Today Baseball Weekly* survey wherein readers identified the player they would most

want to see if they could watch but a single game. More respondents wanted to see Craig Biggio than Babe Ruth, Ken Caminiti than Joe DiMaggio, Rusty Greer than Ty Cobb, Chipper Jones and Jim Edmonds than Satchel Paige and Josh Gibson. Only one person wanted to see Ted Williams. Say it ain't so!

Preparation of my paper and the *Baseball Weekly* survey underscored for me the importance of SABR's mission of establishing an accurate record of baseball's past and disseminating that information to current and future fans of the game.

And that led me to reflect upon a recent SABR-L discussion thread wherein subscribers shared their sense of what SABR is about. Most described SABR as an inclusive organization of people who are passionate about baseball. That is true in a sense: The membership is inclusive and about The Game. But, as its name makes clear, SABR as an organization has a core purpose--research, whether biographical,

historical or statistical. SABR members **Carlos Bauer** and **Bob Hoie** once compared SABR with the National Geographic Society: Only a handful of members of the Society are explorers or travelers to far-distant lands, but all enjoy reading about the adventures of those who are. So it is with SABR. We each bring our individual interests to the Society, but collectively we support an organization dedicated first and foremost to baseball research.

Finally, thoughts of SABR's purpose and mission got me thinking about SABR's future, which in turn brought to mind our annual electoral ritual. Each spring we have an opportunity to shape SABR's future by electing officers and voting on bylaw proposals. Like you, I'll be seeing the statements of the various candidates for the first time when I receive the *Bulletin*. Like you, I am anxious to learn about the ideas offered by persons who are willing to commit time and energy to building a better SABR. They deserve our careful, thoughtful consideration--and our votes.

## Summary of SABR Expense and Revenue, per member, 1994-1997

|                             | 1994      | 1995      | 1996      | 1997      |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Expenses                    | \$338,085 | \$306,219 | \$306,089 | \$329,289 |
| Expenses per Member         | \$51.37   | \$47.59   | \$45.88   | \$48.86   |
| Dues Revenues               | \$227,817 | \$218,161 | \$225,285 | \$221,264 |
| Dues Revenues per member    | \$34.62   | \$33.91   | \$33.77   | \$32.83   |
| Non-Dues Revenues           | \$121,486 | \$99,238  | \$102,864 | \$99,436  |
| Non-Dues Revenue per member | \$18.46   | \$15.42   | \$15.42   | \$14.76   |

### Non-Dues Revenue includes:

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## Dues Increase Proposal

The SABR Executive Board has recommended that dues be raised to \$50 from the current \$35. SABR dues are determined by majority vote of the members voting by mail ballot. The proposed increase would take effect for 1999. In *The Pres Box* in the March issue of *The SABR Bulletin*, SABR President **Larry Gerlach** discusses the dues increase proposal.

SABR members would still be able to take advantage of savings with three-year, student, senior and family memberships. Those rates would be raised accordingly:

|            |       |
|------------|-------|
| Three-year | \$140 |
| Student    | \$ 30 |
| Senior     | \$ 30 |
| Family     | \$ 15 |

Please take the time to vote. The ballot is on page 15 and instructions are on page 16.

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# Research Committees

## Ballparks Committee

Among the news and notes mentioned in its January 1998 newsletter: a four-year study of the wind patterns at Wrigley Field found that the wind blew in 49.5% of the games while blowing out 31.1% with 19.4% of the games having a cross wind. The 1997 World Series had the second highest attendance in history with 403,617. The 1959 Dodgers-White Sox World Series remains the most attended Series with 420,784 in only six games.

Minor league attendance topped 30 million for the fourth year in a row. The new New Orleans park set a local attendance record; Canal Park in Akron drew an Eastern League best 473,232 fans and Indianapolis' Victory Field opened with 639,830 fans. All Sports Stadium in Oklahoma City closed with a full house of 15,182 on August 28, 1997. The locals opened and closed the facility by losing by the same 6-5 score.

## Collegiate Committee

Cappy Gagnon offers a two-page summation entitled "The First Collegians in the Major Leagues." In summary, Cap Anson, Alexander Nevin, Jim O'Rourke, Frank Bliss, and Asa Stratton can all lay claim to first collegian status, depending on how the question is phrased. Send SASE to the SABR office for a copy.

## Biographical Research

The December 1997 Committee report has more one-gamer trivia from **Greg Boston**. On October 5, 1912, Homer Thompson caught for New York (AL) in his only major league game, and the Highlander pitcher was his brother Tommy, thus forming the first brother battery in AL history; Dave Bennett finished in relief for the Phillies in a game started by his brother on June 12, 1964. George Heubel (1876), Alamazoo Jennings (1878), John Magner (1879), John Dyer (1882), and Rip Egan (1894) were all full-time major league umpires.

The Find of the Month was awarded to **Dr. Jose de Jesus Jimenez** for tracking down Rafael Almeida's death date. The Mystery of the Month comes from **Bob Richardson** and concerns the player listed as Patrick James Hannifan.

## Pictorial History

The January 1998 issue of the committee newsletter has an article by committee chair **Tom Shieber** on Baseball Pictorial Research on the World Wide Web. Among the websites recommended:

[home.earthlink.net/~lajoie7/bb\\_pix.htm](http://home.earthlink.net/~lajoie7/bb_pix.htm)  
[www.astro.ucla.edu/~shieber/bb\\_pix.htm](http://www.astro.ucla.edu/~shieber/bb_pix.htm)  
[lcweb2.loc.gov/ammen/phcoll.new.html](http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammen/phcoll.new.html)

Shieber writes on determining the date and story behind the photo of **Ted Williams** and Babe Ruth reproduced in the November 25, 1996, issue of *Sports Illustrated*. Clues provided by the patch on Williams' uniform, the background of the stadium, as well as the assistance of **Ed Brown, Lefty Blasco** and others, helped Shieber to determine that July 12, 1943, was the date of the picture. On that date, Williams and Ruth led a service all-star team to victory over the Boston Braves at Fenway Park for Mayor Maurice J. Tobin's annual charity field day program.

An update on the Player Image Index by **John McMurray** is also included in the newsletter. Hundreds of photo citations have come in over the past months from **Marc Okkonen, Fred Schuld, Tony Kissel, Tony Szabelski, Dick Clark** and others. A list of twenty players who appeared in ten games or less prior to 1950 is included in hopes of gathering photo citations for these players.

### Committee Newsletters Available from the SABR Office

| Committee         | Issue   | Pg | Cost   |
|-------------------|---------|----|--------|
| Ballparks         | January | 10 | \$3.50 |
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# SABR Regionals

## Upcoming

For the most up-to-date and up-to-the minute regional information, call 216-575-0500 after 6pm ET and follow the menu or check: <http://www.sabr.org/calendar.htm>.

## Recaps

**Saint Louis, Missouri:** Forty-one people gathered in the Hall of Fame room at Mike Shannon's Restaurant for the 1998 Bob Broeg Chapter Hot Stove League Meeting on January 31.

Guest speaker **Mark Lamping**, President of the Saint Louis Cardinals, discussed the stadium remodeling, the Andy Benes contract situation, the possible overthrow of the Amateur Baseball Draft as a result of the J.D. Drew situation, Rupert Murdoch's purchase of the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Cardinals' new spring training site in Jupiter, Florida.

**Bob Broeg** led a question and answer session with former New York Giants outfielder, Don Mueller. Mueller commented on Leo Durocher's effectiveness as a manager, Mueller's quest for the 1954 batting title, Thomson's home run in 1951 (he was in the clubhouse with an injury and did not see it) and Stan Musial's five homers in a doubleheader. Don also mentioned that Giants' infielder Billy Mueller (no relation) came by to see him; Don gave Billy some tips to improve his swing and his batting eye.

Research presentations were given by **Scott Allen** (Black Baseball and the St. Louis Giants) and **Bob Tiemann** (Babe Ruth in Sportsman's Park).

**Bill Jennings**, former Browns shortstop, was in attendance, as was **Howard Etling**. Don Mueller pointed out that this was the 50th anniversary of his rooming with **Bill Jennings**.

**Bob Tiemann** won the trivia contest. Second place went to **Vic Witte** and third to **Andy Rochman**. Prizes were provided by **Jerry Vickery** and **Ralph Horton**. Questions were provided by **Dennis Stegmann**.

Thanks go to **Ralph Horton**, *The Sporting News*, and the Saint Louis Cardinals for providing giveaways to each attendee and to **Todd Reigle** for providing the artwork for advertising the meeting.

Monthly Roundtable meetings are being held by the Bob Broeg Chapter in St. Louis at Crusoe's Restaurant. If you want baseball discussion St. Louis-style, attend these meetings. Contact **Mark Stangl** (314-577-7491 or 314-961-6550 after 6pm) for date and time of meetings.

**Middlebury, Vermont:** Twenty-one persons attended the Winter meeting of the Larry Gardner Chapter at Karl Lindholm's on January 31. Chapter president **Tom Simon** presided over presentations of the Chapter's group research effort, *Green Mountain Boys of Summer*. Tom updated the progress of the work (27 of 35 articles finished), possible ideas on thematic presentation and a possible publisher (New England Press).

He also spoke of chapter activities and

**San Diego, California:** With President **Tom Larwin** at the helm the Winter meeting of the San Diego Ted Williams Chapter took place on Saturday, February 7, at Qualcomm Stadium. A crowd of 36 enjoyed remarks by former Major League pitching star **Dave Stewart**, a Padre executive who will double as the Padres' pitching coach. In their best Siskel-Ebert tradition, **Andy McCue** and **Dick Beverage** gave us the latest skinny on which of the new baseball books are worth seeking. **Joe**

**Naiman's** trivia contest was won by **McCue** in an exciting playoff in which **Andy** barely edged **Jay Walker**. Venerable San Diego baseball writer **Phil Collier**, who in retirement still writes a weekly column, entertained us with anecdotes from a job he loved.

Finally, **Charles Steinberg**, a Padre Vice-President, presented a ballpark slide show intended for use as part of a campaign to gain support for vacating the now fully-enclosed "Q" in favor of a new baseball-only park in downtown San Diego. A raffle and silent auction, spearheaded by **Andy Strasberg**, were also part of the program.

**Portland, Oregon:** The

Northwest Chapter's meeting at the Old Market Pub was attended by 26 members and guests on February 15th. The main speaker was **Artie Wilson**, a shortstop who played briefly for the New York Giants in 1951, and a star leadoff batter for the Birmingham Black Barons and several PCL teams. **Wilson** spoke for over an hour, recounting incidents from his personal life as well as his baseball career. He regaled the audience with tales of hitting against **Satchel Paige**, being rescued from the draft by an influential team owner, and earning \$275 for his entire rookie season.

**Mark Armour** presented an exhaustive study of player movement in the 20th century, and concluded that there is no factual basis for the common perception that today's players change teams more often than players did in the past. **John Pastier** showed slides of old ballpark postcards, including one of the Astrodome with a real grass field. **Marc Jones** won the trivia quiz in which every answer was the name of a president. **Alan Rice** earned the SABR frequent-flyer-mileage award by flying in from Billings, Montana, a round-trip distance of about 1,300 miles.

The chapter's next meeting will be in Seattle on May 2, and will focus on amateur baseball. It will include game action between the University of Washington and Oregon State at the UW's new baseball park.

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## The SABR Season

- April 18:** Philadelphia Chapter Meeting;  
Contact Joe Dittmar, 610-584-5988
- May 2:** NWSABR Meeting in Seattle;  
Contact John Pastier, 206-547-8031  
Forbes Field Chapter Meeting (Pittsburgh)  
Contact Ed Luteran, 412-443-0231
- May 9:** Lajoie-Start Chapter Meeting (Southern New England);  
Contact Len Levin, 401-351-3278
- May 30:** Frank Haraway Chapter Meeting (Colorado);  
Contact Paul Parker, 303-447-8140  
Roger Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter Meeting (Toledo)  
Contact Steve Lauer, 419-882-1301
- May 31:** Emil H. Rothe Chapter Meeting (Chicago);  
Contact Rich Hansen, 630-717-0624
- June 25-28:** SABR National Convention, Burlingame, California;  
See March *Bulletin* for Registration Form, p. 11
- July 26:** Cooperstown Regional at Tillapaugh's Funeral Home  
Contact David Pietrusza, 518-374-8894

accomplishments: **Ray Collins'** historical marker unveiling in July; the effort to promote **Larry Gardner** for the Boston Red Sox' Hall of Fame; and **Enosburg Falls' "Larry Gardner Day"** in August.

Audience members included descendants of **Tom Lynch**, **Larry Gardner**, **Dave Keefe** and **Walt Lanfranconi**. They listened to presentations by: **Dick Leyden** (Fred Mann), **Karl Lindholm** (Lynch), **Walter Nelson** (Henry Porter), **Pat O'Connor** (Bert Abbey, Bobby Murray), **Seamus Kearney** (Ed Doheny), **Francis O'Boyle** ("Doc" Hazelton), **John Bennett** (Amby McConnell, Elmer Bowman, Harry Hulihan, Ray Fisher), **Jim MacKay** (Steve Slayton), **Russell Ross** (Lou Polli), and **Stan Hamlet** (Lanfranconi).

The chief presenter was **Tom Simon** who gave reports on **Sun Daly**, **Artie Pond**, **Dave Keefe**, **Frank Dupee**, **Larry Gardner**, **Ray Collins** and **Heinie Stafford**. He also pinch hit for the following persons in absentia:

**Guy Waterman** (Frank Olin, Lee Viau, Jean Dubuc), **Jeff Purtell** (Harry Burrell, Pat Putnam), **Yves Chartrand** (George LaClaire), **Dick Thompson** (Chick Evans, Bob Smith).

The next **Larry Gardner** Regional will be either the last weekend in April or the first in May when the Chapter takes a road trip to Cooperstown. The Chapter is also planning a "Baseball Fan's Walking Tour of Montreal."



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## Regionals, Continued from page 5

**Chicago, Illinois:** On Sunday, February 15, twenty-six members of the Emil H. Rothe Chapter met for another lively baseball discussion. The beautiful weather evoked thoughts of opening day. Unfortunately, this joy was dampened by the tragic news of Harry Caray. Both Cubs and Sox fans have fond memories of Harry's broadcasting.

**Dennis Bingham**, co-chair of the Umpire and Rules Committee, led off with an energetic seminar on balks. Dennis has conducted this seminar at various umpire clinics. The rules have essentially gone unchanged since 1890. He took us through the seven things that are always balks, the seven that are sometimes balks and those that are never balks. We were treated to a very animated demonstration of them all and the thought process typically followed by the umpire. Sometimes suggestions are made to eliminate balks because they are confusing, but Dennis believes that if balks were eliminated we would never again see anyone steal 50 bases in a season.

Rich Lindberg treated us to the story behind editing and publishing the *White Sox Encyclopedia*. The stories of the evolution of the team encyclopedias with Temple University Press and the simultaneous release of the *Cubs*

*Encyclopedia* were most interesting. He also discussed the various Sox team histories written in the past, and the only real Charles Comiskey biography, written in 1919. Rich covered a variety of topics from his various *White Sox* books: Wilbur Wood should have his number retired, George Davis and Doc White should be in the Hall of Fame, Comiskey should have built his park on the north side in 1910, various stadium plans proposed over the years, problems with the current park and Jerry Reinsdorf's relationship with Bud Selig. Joe Jackson was also discussed, of course. He also pointed out how every year ending in 8 has been a bad one for the Sox.

**Eddie Gold** took the group through the *Cubs* and Sox trivia quizzes he had at his booth for the recent Cub and Sox Fests.

The meeting closed with the **Jon Daniels** trivia quiz, again won by **Dave Zeman**, but this time he tied with **John Plyaczewski**. **Barry Evans** provided a portion of the quiz as well.

The chapter's next meeting will be Sunday, May 31. Presentations will include: **Tim Cashion** discussing the SABR Research in Baseball Index (RBI) project and **Bill Slankard** discussing Baseball on US stamps.

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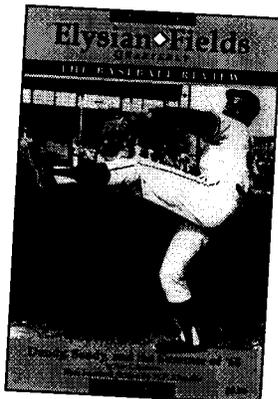
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**SABR** and **Bill Lamb** were recognized in Dave Anderson's column in the February 22 issue of *The New York Times*. Lamb's article on George Davis published in the 1997 edition of *The National Pastime* was cited by Anderson who touted Davis for Hall of Fame induction...**Frank Ceresi** was featured in an article on January 27 in the *Northern Virginia Sun* and February 19 in *The Washington Post*. Frank is the Director of the new MCI National Sports Gallery at the MCI Center in Washington DC. For more information on the Gallery, call 202-661-5259 or write to 601 F St, Suite 315B, Washington DC 20001...The Bob Davids Chapter of SABR had the trivia contest they ran during the Baltimore Orioles' Fan Fest featured on WBAL-TV, WTOP radio and in *The Baltimore Sun*. Thanks to volunteers **Bob Savitt, Dave Vincent, Dave Raglin, T. J. Egan, Dave Evans, Roger Godin, Rebecca Kraus, Norman Macht, Skip McAfee, Lois Nicholson, Dave Paulson, Glenn Spatz, Valerie Towns** and others for the SABR presence at Orioles' Fan Fest...**Claudia Perry** made it to the Jeopardy Tournament of Champions (February 3 and 9)...**Ted Williams** spoke on NPR's "All Things Considered" on February 4...**Keith Woolner** was interviewed for the NPR program "Beyond Computers" on the effect computers and the Internet have had on sports. Keith was interviewed based on the Stathead web site he maintains ([www.stathead.com](http://www.stathead.com))...**Greg Proops** presents four twenty-four minute long documentaries produced for the BBC on the history of baseball. **Lawrence Ritter** and **Ted Williams** were interviewed. Check out some of the audio at [www.newstreet.com/baseball.htm](http://www.newstreet.com/baseball.htm)...**Dan Schlossberg** contributed to *Bill Mazerowski's Baseball 1998*; *Street & Smith's Official Baseball Yearbook*; *Baseball Illustrated 1998* and *Tuff Stuff Fantasy Baseball*; *Encyclopedia Americana Annual*; and the forthcoming book *The Total Baseball Catalog*. His 20th book, *The New Baseball Catalog* was published March 15.

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## Research Needs

**James Tessmer**, Macon Braves, PO Box 4525, Macon GA 31208, 912-745-8943, notes that the 1997 Macon Braves had four pitchers who won ten or more games (Jason Marquis, 14; Rob Bell, 14; Bruce Chen, 12; and Jason Shell, 10). Does anyone know of a list of other minor league teams with four or more ten-game winners? Or, if a list would be too inclusive, how many other minor league teams have done this in the recent past?

**Phil Suchma**, 223 W 9th Ave, Columbus OH 43201, [suchma@recsports.ohio-state.edu](mailto:suchma@recsports.ohio-state.edu), is looking for information on the construction of Cleveland Municipal Stadium, the LA Coliseum, Yankee Stadium, and Soldiers Field. Specifically, how these projects were planned and funded, and what the costs were. Would also be interested in how to contact the architects of these facilities if they still exist, or in any information on primary or secondary sources that pertain to this area. Will gladly reimburse anyone for photocopies sent, but please check first if you wish to send something over \$5.

**Dean Sullivan**, 3508 Queen Anne Drive, Fairfax VA 22030 e-mail: [donsull@erols.com](mailto:donsull@erols.com) is starting work on a book entitled *Late Innings* (with all due apologies to **Roger Angell**), a documentary history of baseball from 1945 to the present. He asks members to assist him by sending suggestions for events which should be included. Although he is happy to receive Top Ten (or Twenty) lists, he is more interested in significant on- or off-the-field events which have escaped the notice of other writers, especially those involving non-major league clubs and officials. Please note the date and location of the events you select, and a brief explanation of its importance to baseball history.

**Dan Gartenstein**, 550 East 7th Street, Brooklyn NY 11218, has searched the Hall of Fame Library, enlisted the assistance of the Hall of Fame Librarian, reviewed microfilm of the local papers and has, thus far, been unable to find any information on whether there were any informal HOF Induction ceremonies for the families of the 10 deceased players elected in 1945 (official ceremonies were cancelled due to wartime travel restrictions) or if they took part in the 1946 Inductions. Any information would be greatly appreciated. Excessive copy and/or postage will be reimbursed.

**John McTernan**, 3817 Tanbark, Swansea IL 62226-1955, 618-235-5540; seeks information on the day by day roster moves of the 1964 St. Louis Cardinals.

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**Berry, Robert C. and William B. Gould:** A long deep drive to collective bargaining: Of players, owners, brawls and strikes. 64 pages. Copy of article in Case Western Reserve Law Review, Volume 31, No. 4, Summer 1981, detailing the history of collective bargaining in all sports up to that time. (The article is actually 128 pages long; each photocopied page contains 2 pages of the article.)

**Bjarkman, Peter C.:** Tracking Jackie's Latino predecessors. 2 pages. Copy of article in Primera Fila, October 1997, about Hispanic players who preceded Jackie Robinson to the major leagues.

**Gauthreaux, Jay:** Zeke Bonura, a fan's favorite. 5 pages. A brief biography.

**Gilbert, Bill:** Is arbitration getting a bum rap? 2 pages.

**Hines, Wes T.:** One year later, is Clemens still worth it? 8 pages. An analysis of his 1997 performance.

**Marsh, Michael:** Double Duty, 95, a credit to the game. 3 pages. Copy of article in the Chicago Sun-Times, Feb. 8, 1998, about Ted "Double Duty" Radcliffe.

**Nelson, Scott:** Franchise winning seasons. 9 pages. Includes team-by-team data on winning seasons, showing that the Yankees have had the most.

**Otto, Clifford:** 20th century players with at least 20 HR and fewer strikeouts than home runs. 1 page.

**Price, Jim:** A half-century of pain. 2 pages. Copy of article in the Spokane Spokesman-Review, June 24, 1996, about the 1946 bus accident in which 9 members of the Spokane Indians team were killed.

**Roney, Stephen:** Miscellaneous home run tables. 4 pages. Includes such information as youngest players to hit 20, 30 and 40 homers in a season, players with the most home runs without hitting 20, 30 or 40, etc.

**Waterman, Guy:** Late season acquisitions by pennant contenders. 26 pages. A decade-by-decade analysis and evaluation.

**Williams, Frank:** The 1912 Boston Red Sox. 30 pages. Includes day-by-day game scores plus winning or losing pitcher, pitchers' records against each team, home and away record against each team, plus various batting records.



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## For Director

Term: 1998-1999

### Steve Gletschier

**SABR Experience:** Member since 1987; Director (1997-present); Member of Baseball Records, Bibliography, Business of Baseball, Negro Leagues, Pictorial History and Umpire and Rules Committees; Author of introduction to Lee Allen, **Cooperstown Corner: Columns From The Sporting News** (1990); Chair, Macmillan-SABR Baseball Research Award Committee (1988-1995); Chair, The Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Award Committee (1996-present).

**Related Experience:** Author, "The Year in Review," **The Sporting News Baseball Guide** (1992-present); author, "Roger Angell," in **Dictionary of Literary Biography: Twentieth Century Sportswriters**; compiler, **Chase's Sports Calendar of Events** (1997-present); book review editor, **The Sporting News** (1990-present); contributor of articles on baseball history to **Timeline, The Ballplayers, Beckett Baseball Card Monthly, Cooperstown Review, Nine, Journal of Sport History.**

**Education:** B.S.F.S., 1970, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University; M.A., 1971, and PhD, 1977, The Ohio State University.

**Current Occupation:** Director of Historical Records, **The Sporting News**, St. Louis, Missouri.

I was elected to the Executive Board in June, 1997, to fill the vacancy created when Larry Gerlach assumed SABR's presidency. Since Larry's term had two years to run, the Board elected me to fill the first of those two years. I now seek election by the membership for the second of these two years.

Under Larry's leadership, SABR's Board has undertaken a substantial effort to prepare for the future. With our membership growing, the job facing the Board, as Larry pointed out last year, is two-fold: "first, to maintain SABR's primary purpose and mission amid an increasingly diverse membership; and second, to make the administrative infrastructure fully responsive to the members' needs and desires."

As part of this process, the Board and various task forces have been examining several questions, including:

- 1) how to enhance the research activities of individuals and committees;
- 2) how to get more research published;
- 3) whether SABR should create its own archives and research facility;
- 4) how to deliver membership services more efficiently;
- 5) whether to seek sponsorships for activities such as the national convention; and
- 6) whether to augment the annual conventions with one or more "super-regionals."

This self-study and evaluation began last June. It continued at the fall and winter board meetings, and will continue into 1999. I hope you will allow me to contribute my time and energy to this effort. I bring to this work more than a decade as a SABR member, service to the organization in a variety of ways and my experience as a baseball research professional.

### Jack Little

**SABR Experience:** Member since 1979. Attended seven national conventions, presented research at two. Attended regionals in six different cities, presented varied topics. Contributor to 19th Century Notes, Presented Base Ball is not as good as it used to be, a nineteenth century view, several times. Treasurer—Roger Bresnahan/Toledo Mud Hens Chapter.

**Related Experience:** Trustee, Christ Methodist Church, Oregon, Ohio.

**Education:** Bachelors degree in Arts and Sciences, major in Political Science, concentration in administration from the University of Toledo.

**Current Occupation:** Little Display Advertising

It's time for SABR to look forward into the future.

As director I will encourage programs to reach baseballs youngest fans. While today's youth league player may be tomorrow's major leaguer, more likely they are tomorrow's fans. These are our future members.

I hope to see more events at colleges. This is the level where lots of us learned how to do research. Discovering things that you can only find if you dig below the surface. I favor both one time events aimed at students and hope to see university based regionals develop.

It's good to see SABR advertising in sporting publications. This has attracted new members and given us a presence we did not have before. I want to develop additional public awareness of SABR through wider distribution of research, use of other advertising media and increased visibility.

One of our unique features is the regional convention. I hope one day all members can experience one or more regionals. With three varied formats from miniature national conventions, to big dinners, to quiet gatherings at libraries. They are the way lots of members keep in touch. Here a wide variety of topics are discussed. We must not take regionals for granted. Rather I will work for further growth and development.

Yes, SABR is stronger than it once was. But it can't afford to stand still. We must continue to adjust to changing times. I look forward to giving advice and consent regarding novel problems as they come up.

In the end there is a good game played with a round ball and a round bat. It's called baseball. The owners and players seem to forget this. I haven't. I think it's worth while to serve as a director of SABR.

### Harry Rothgerber

**SABR Experience:** Member since 1983. Co-chair of Annual Convention in Louisville, 1997; very active in Kentucky Chapter activities since 1982; contributor to the **Baseball Research Journal, The National Pastime** and the SABR 27 convention publication.

**Current Research:** Writing a book titled, **Young Babe Ruth: Brother Gilbert's Memoirs**; also researching a biography of Joe McCarthy.

**Education:** B.A., Bellarmine College; M.A.T., Spalding University; J.D. University of Louisville

**Occupation:** Trial Attorney (First Assistant Prosecutor)

Pee Wee Reese, born in rural Kentucky, was small in stature; Joe McCarthy never played in the majors and he drank excessively. However, these men, my baseball heroes, overcame their deficits to become successful on the diamond. Can one possibly reminisce about past Dodger and Yankee dynasties without thinking of Pee Wee at shortstop or of "Marse Joe's" managerial skills?

My own leadership skills and organizational ability are "game-tested". As co-chair of the successful '97 Convention in Louisville, I forged a group of diverse volunteers into a team which ran an organized, informative and fun convention which was highly evaluated by those in attendance, including SABR leaders. Those same skills are ready to benefit SABR on a year-round basis.

In general, my SABR philosophy includes these tenets:

1. Actively recruit the most informed, passionate, and intelligent baseball fans as members-then, encourage, nurture and develop their research and writing skills.
2. Professionalize SABR headquarters in Cleveland by hiring secretarial support staff to free up our outstanding staffers Morris Eckhouse and John Zajc for more important and appropriate duties.
3. Aggressively seek expansion for SABR's Endowment, established in 1996.
4. Continue to explore the opportunities which computer technology presents.
5. Cooperate in a harmonious manner with other Board members while asserting my opinions and ideas.
6. Finalize plans for a national research or archival center at the Louisville Slugger Museum.

George Brett said, "If a tie is like kissing your sister, losing is like kissing your grandmother with her teeth out." Although my competition is worthy, I don't want to lose. In order to serve you in my own competent, hardworking and sensible manner, I respectfully ask for your vote.

## For Secretary

Term: 1998-2002

### Dick Beverage

**SABR Experience:** Member since 1980. SABR Vice-President, 1994-98. President, Allan Roth Regional Chapter, 1989-1995. Member of the Minor Leagues, Umpire and Rules, and Pictorial History Committees. Member of the President's Task Force on Office and Administrative Procedures. Contributor to *Baseball Research Journal*, *The National Pastime*, *SABR Review of Books*, *SABR Guide to Minor League Statistics*. Have attended every national convention since 1984.

**Other Baseball Experience:** Author of two books on the Pacific Coast League—*The Angels-Los Angeles in the Pacific Coast League 1919-57* and *The Hollywood Stars-Baseball in Movieland 1926-57*. Founder and President of the Pacific Coast League Historical Society. Editor and Publisher of the *Pacific Coast League Potpourri*, a bimonthly newsletter on Pacific Coast League history.

**Education:** B.A., History, Colgate University. M.B.A., Financial Management, Golden Gate University.

**Occupation:** Management Consultant

Clearly, the most important part of the Secretary's job is to prepare accurate and timely meeting notes for membership and to maintain the Society's policy manual. I believe my sixteen years of experience in serving as the Secretary of two corporations and the preparation of policy and procedure manuals for each of them provides me with a unique background to perform those tasks. I am also committed to keeping all SABR members completely informed as to all actions of the Board.

But the Secretary is also an active participant in the decision making process, and there are important issues that will need to be addressed if we are to fully realize our stated mission of fostering research. The bottom line for SABR should be the quality of research it encourages and produces, not collateral issues. If we stick to our knitting, other peripheral matters will take care of themselves.

We've made a strong effort to plan for the future during my term as Vice-President, and some results are already in place—witness the creation of the SABR donor program and the SABR endowment fund. But there remains much to be done. We need to learn more about our members so that our staff can better serve them. We must develop a plan for the acquisition of research materials to augment the research activities of committees and individual members. The Board must be proactive in its efforts to provide sufficient outlets for contributing members to present their work. We must develop a plan to encourage new members and non-researchers to delve into the wonderful world of baseball research.

I've asked hard questions during my service as your Vice-President and with your support I will continue to ask them while serving as your Secretary. I respectfully ask for your vote.

### Skip McAfee

**SABR Experience:** Member since 1979. Treasurer and member of the Board of Directors, 1987-1990; editor of Bibliography Committee newsletter, 1988-present; member of Umpire and Rules, 19th Century, and Women in Baseball committees; member of 1987 convention committee (Washington DC); member of committee to select presentation paper awards at 1994-97 national conventions; member of Bob Davids Chapter committee to organize a "super regional" meeting in 1998.

**Baseball Research:** Assistant editor of 2nd edition (1999) of *The Dickson Baseball Dictionary*, contributor to Research in Baseball Index (RBI) project; contributor to baseball in movies project conducted by California State University.

**Professional Experience:** Member of executive staffs of three professional societies, including Executive Director of the American Society for Horticultural Science, 1988-1993; retired since 1993.

**Education:** MS in geology, Stanford University; MS in library service, Columbia University.

SABR is a private, non-profit society. I spent my career working for three professional scientific societies and was an association executive for 27 years. I know how societies operate and how boards of directors are accountable to members. I have an extensive background in publications (editing, printing, publishing), financial management (budgets, accounting, reporting), and administration (convention planning, chapter coordination, marketing, educational programs).

As national Treasurer during my previous stint on the Board, I instituted fiscal accounting procedures, creative budgeting practices, and financial policies (specifically funding for Committees and building toward a reserve fund). I also prepared SABR's first Policy Manual (the maintenance of which is one of the duties of the Secretary) and served as Secretary-pro tem when the existing Secretary was ill.

Because of my professional experience, I have kept minutes of meetings, developed and updated policy manuals for three societies, and maintained society files and records. I have an intimate understanding of the cooperative interaction between an elected board and the society's headquarters, having experience on both sides of the table. But the ultimate responsibility is being accessible and responsive to the members and their needs.

If elected to the Board, I would strive to strengthen the role of the Research Committees, which are the life-blood of the Society, by ensuring their fiscal success and wider distribution of their research. I would also strive to maintain and increase an atmosphere of professionalism in SABR activities.

## For Director

Term: 1998-2002

### Darryl Brock

**SABR Experience:** Member since 1982. Member of Nineteenth Century Committee. Contributed to SABR publications. Research presentations at three national conventions and two regional meetings.

**Other Research and Related Experience:** Author of historical baseball novel, *If I Never Get Back*, and baseball articles in *Sports Illustrated* and *Sports Heritage*. Former high school teacher, business manager of non-profit arts organization, administrator/consultant for Educational Testing Service and California State Department of Education.

**Education:** B.A. University of Redlands; M.A. UC-Berkeley

**Occupation:** Writer

SABR's continuing growth poses new opportunities as well as potential pitfalls. Effective leadership is necessary to exploit the former and avoid the latter. In my view, research is and should remain the organization's essential focus. To blur that focus is to risk diminishing our effectiveness, cohesion, and integrity as a group. SABR's publications and research presentations (national and regional) are its lifeblood, and therefore should be maintained at the highest possible standard of excellence.

Given our decentralized membership, rather than maintaining a central physical archive to be visited, I favor expansion of the SABR microfilm library (doubtless our most heavily used resource) and increased reliance on electronic storage and transmission. This would particularly serve isolated individuals and outlying regional chapters. Revenues earmarked for microfilm and computerization projects might be sought from appropriate corporate sources.

Apart from these general priorities, cautious consideration should be employed in matters such as liaisons with other baseball groups, a SABR Hall of Fame, new methods of generating revenue and other pursuits ancillary to SABR's mandated purpose. Each in turn should be carefully assessed for its enduring support among the membership and for possible future ramifications if adopted.

As a four-year member of the Board of Directors, my task will be not merely to espouse a viewpoint but to shape it from exposure to others. Recently I've initiated this process by discussing issues with a cross-section of SABR members and listening carefully to their concerns. I look forward to continuing this pleasant work. I believe that my experience and abilities will make me a valuable and effective team player. SABR has given me great pleasure over the years; I am glad to be in a position now to offer service in return.

## **For Director**

*Term: 1998-2002*

### **Steve Krevisky**

SABR Experience: Member since 1986. Attended every national convention since 1986. Numerous presentations at national and regional meetings (including every national one since 1988). Frequent contributor to *The Baseball Research Journal* and *The National Pastime*.

Related Experience: Editor of the *Left Field Baseball Book* 1991 and 1992. Contributor to the *LF* book from 1988-1992. Presentations at the North American Society for Sports History (NASSH) annual meeting, 1992 and 1993. Research on Jimmie Foxx and 1930s, Defensive statistics, Runs Produced divided by Bases Advanced, Oldest Players to Tally 200+ hits in a season.

Professional: President of Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges of Connecticut (MATYCONN), 1992-94. President of New England Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges (NEMATYC), 1993-94. Chairperson of Professional Staff Association (PSA) at Middlesex, 1993-96. Numerous math and statistics presentations at national and international math and statistics conferences.

Education: BS, cum laude, Mathematics, City College of New York, 1971; MS, Mathematics, Syracuse University, 1973; PhD coursework and research, Math and Math Education, University of Delaware, 1974-1979.

Current Occupation: College Math Professor, Middlesex Community-Technical College since 1985.

I have taken a keen interest in SABR's Regional and National activities for over ten years. I have played an active role at the national business meetings and have made many suggestions to improve the functioning and outreach of SABR.

I also believe that I have leadership capability, having been President of professional organizations in my field, as well as having chaired our faculty-staff organization. I am known nationally and feel that I have much to contribute at the national leadership level.

SABR needs to move in some different directions. Our committee structure reflects the diverse interests of our membership—indeed, we are far more than just “numbers crunchers,” valuable though statistics is. We need to do more to communicate this diversity to the general public. Many of us have a great interest in minor league baseball, which remains a relatively unexplored area of research. We can do more with minor league baseball, and many SABR members share this passion. SABR could take a leadership role in helping to set up a Minor League Hall of Fame. This could greatly increase our visibility.

Baseball is also a good way to teach people about math, statistics, history and culture, among other things. Many members have the expertise to help with this.

We should develop much closer ties with local and national media. Why not set up ongoing radio and cable access programs? We should also develop closer ties with other professional organizations and co-sponsor conferences, which I suggested a few years ago. We should additionally strengthen our regional organizations and also help create new ones. Since we have international members, we might consider a slight name change to: Society for the Advancement of Baseball Research.

All this and more can strengthen us as an organization, increase collegiality among our membership and help the public to realize how much we have to offer, which in turn will increase our membership.

## **For Director**

*Term: 1998-2002*

### **Lois Nicholson**

SABR Experience: Member since 1993, have attended 3 National Conventions- presenting at 2. An active member of the local Bob Davids Chapter.

Related Experience: Author of 6 children's baseball biographies, *Babe Ruth:Sultan of Swat*, *Cal Ripken:Quiet Hero*, *Nolan Ryan*, *Casey Stengel*, *Ken Griffey, Jr.* and *From Maryland to Cooperstown:Seven Native Marylanders in Baseball's Hall of Fame*. Contributor to the *Orioles Gazette* and the *Baltimore Sun*, member of The Babe Ruth Museum's Education Committee, past president of local International Reading Association chapter.

Education: BS and M of Ed from Salisbury State University, Salisbury, Maryland.

Current Occupation: Writer and Elementary School Librarian.

While teaching a fourth grade library class recently, I mentioned Jackie Robinson.

“Jackie Robinson—who was she?” asked an African-American boy.

How often I hear the comment, “Today's kids don't know anything about baseball history.” It's up to us to do something about it.

As an elementary school librarian for the past 9 years, I know that today's youngsters are eager to learn about the game's rich history and its impact on American Culture. I see how boys and girls clean the shelves of books about the Babe, Lou Gehrig, and Jackie Robinson. I see the wonder in their faces as I tell them stories of these great players and the times in which they lived and played.

Neither the schools nor the SABR Executive Board is doing nearly enough to cultivate this interest and turn it into knowledge. It's up to us. We're the ones with the mission to do the research and disseminate the results. We do a good job of disseminating it among ourselves. It's time we turned our attention to educating the next generation of fans and SABR members.

If elected, I intend to use my presence on the Board to make that happen.

I also support President Larry Gerlach's efforts to explore regional conferences providing greater opportunities for more members to participate and enjoy SABR, to establish a SABR archives, to solicit corporate sponsorship for SABR's endeavors such as an educational youth initiative, and to plan for SABR's future.

And what is that future, if not with the young?

## **For Director**

*Term: 1998-2002*

### **Rick Salamon**

SABR Experience: Member since 1980; past-president of Bob Broeg chapter; chapter Board of Directors member; SABR National Convention Chairperson 1992; SABR Convention Committee Chairperson; SABR Board of Directors member 1994-1998; member of 19th Century, Business of Baseball, Pictorial History Committees.

Education: B.S., M.Ed.-University of Missouri-Columbia; M.A.- Webster University; Officer Candidate School, Ft. Benning, Ga.

Occupation: Teacher

Having served on the SABR Board of Directors for the past 4 years I have been guided by the principle that whatever decision is to be made, its impact on the general membership as a whole should be the highest priority. If re-elected I will continue to adhere to this belief.

During the past 4 years I have been able to support the continued steady growth of SABR: the establishment of SABR presence on the Internet, the consistently strong and stable publications program, the acquisition of several major photographic and statistical archival collections, the increased support to individual researchers and both local and regional groups, the formation and implementation of balanced budgets and fiscal stability, the establishment of an endowment fund to assist future research, and the formation of an archives committee to address the issue of and preservation of baseball related collections.

When looking toward the future I believe that the SABR Board should continue to support the aforementioned areas. In addition, I strongly support the initiatives that the current SABR President has undertaken in terms of long range planning, improving SABR infrastructure, and looking for better ways of delivering membership services at the local and regional, as well as national levels.

SABR is a society whose mission is both the research and enjoyment of baseball. This is why our society exists. Keeping this mission in mind will guide my decisions if I am re-elected to the Board of Directors.

## **For Vice-President**

Term: 1998-2000

### **Frederick Ivor-Campbell**

**SABR Experience:** Member since 1982. General Editor, *Baseball's First Stars*, 1991-96. Director, SABR, 1992-96. Chair, Nineteenth Century Committee, 1992-present; Co-Chair, 1991-92. Organizing Chair, Seymour Medal Committee, 1995-96. Presentations at Providence, San Diego and Pittsburgh conventions, and Rhode Island and Philadelphia regionals. Contributor to *Baseball Research Journal*, *The National Pastime*, *SABR Review of Books*, *Nineteenth Century Stars*, *Baseball's First Stars*.

**Related Experience:** Contributor to *Total Baseball*, *The Ballplayers*, *The Baseball Chronology*, *Biographical Dictionary of American Sports*, *Encyclopedia of Major League Baseball Teams*, *Baseball History*, *The Cooperstown Review*, *American National Biography*, *Texas Rangers First Interleague Game Commemorative Program*. Member, Rules and Customs Committee, Vintage Base Ball Association. Member, North American Society for Sport History.

**Education:** MA, English, U of Rhode Island; MA, Adult Learning, Pasadena College.

**Non-Baseball Background:** College English Teacher; College Public Information Director; Editor and Writer of Bible Study Courses; US Army.

**Miscellaneous Honors:** *The Sporting News*-SABR Award, 1996; Kellogg Teaching Fellow, 1978; Soldier of the Month, Ft. Hood, Texas, June 1961.

**Profession:** Baseball Historian.

With little promotion or advertising, SABR has grown to a record membership of over 6,700, but I believe there are thousands more who live baseball year round—who explore its history, who absorb and probe its statistics, who understand and love to discuss the nuances of the game—whose membership in SABR would strengthen the society and enrich us all. But first they have to find us, and we have to find them. SABR needs to do much more than it has in the past to reach out to those who haven't yet heard of us, or who know the name but don't understand fully what SABR stands for and offers.

As one who believes that growth in SABR's membership benefits all of us, I am disturbed by the Board's recent vote to increase membership dues more than 40 percent, from \$35 to \$50. Not only would such an increase make it more difficult to draw new members to SABR, it would also make it difficult or impossible for many current members to remain in the society.

One responsibility of SABR's vice president is to oversee the regional groups and the research committees. As vice president I would help the regionals strengthen their already considerable ability to attract new members, and I would help the research committees increase the spread of their research results beyond SABR. Further, I would work to develop alternative sources of income for SABR before considering a dues increase.

Some believe SABR would be stronger if it were smaller, more exclusive. If you share that belief, then don't vote for me. But if you believe as I do that a growing SABR is a healthy SABR, then vote down the proposed dues increase, and vote for candidates to the Board who are responsive to your concerns.

## **For Vice-President**

Term: 1998-2000

### **Rodney Johnson**

**SABR Experience:** Member since 1989; President, Flame Delhi Chapter (AZ), 1993-97; Chapter VP, 1992. Local Convention Chair for SABR 29 (1999); member, SABR special task force on sponsorships, 1997; member Ballparks and Bibliography committees.

**Baseball research:** Co-author of baseball's Greatest Hits trivia series; Freelance work with credits in *Oakland A's Magazine*, *Diamondbacks Magazine*, *Sports Collectors Digest*, *Baseball AZ*, and *Tribune Newspapers*. Writing credits also include work in Arizona's Chapter newsletter, *The Hot Corner*, and in the Chicago Chapter's *Chicago SABR Report*.

**Related Experience:** Operated a sports memorabilia store for five years. Served as an expert witness in the field of sports memorabilia for the US Attorney's Office. Official scorer for the P.C.L., Arizona League and Arizona Fall League.

**Education:** B.A. in Broadcast Journalism, Arizona State U.

**Current occupation:** Freelance writer, official scorer, recreation supervisor.

One of the duties of the Vice-President is to "serve as chairperson of the Regional Development Committee." If elected, chapter development would be my first priority. I believe that chapters are where most personal contact in SABR takes place. It is also where SABR can become integrated into local communities and forward our organization's objectives by becoming involved with local libraries, schools and other groups. As the President of our Arizona Chapter, I have instituted programs to those ends:

- 1) Established our ASABR collections at the Arizona Historical Foundation on the campus of Arizona State University,
- 2) Edited and published the *Arizona Baseball Journal*, a work made up of member's research;
- 3) started and continued publication of *The Hot Corner*, our chapter's quarterly newsletter which is now in its sixth year;
- 4) arranged for the purchase of *The Sporting News* on microfilm for the ASU library;
- 5) sponsored a youth baseball clinic;
- 6) coordinated a donation program to B.A.T. funded by chapter members. The success of these programs has been made possible by the cooperation and hard work by chapter members.

If elected, I pledge to create more opportunities for chapters by creating programs that will provide the highest levels of financial, technical and moral support possible.

As a voting member of the Board, I would keep in mind the first objective of the organization: research. I believe that in order to further this prime objective, SABR should develop a higher profile in the public eye. Also, I would oppose any dues increases such as the one currently proposed. It may not only price some members out of our organization, it could also cripple the ability of chapters to raise funds for regional projects. I would recommend seeking outside sponsorships and additional funding from corporate sources. This should be our first avenue to raise additional revenue before any dues increases are considered.

It is with this pledge and philosophy that I humbly ask for your vote.

## **For Vice-President**

Term: 1998-2000

### **Norman Macht**

**SABR Experience:** SABR member since 1985. Past chairman Oral History Committee; Treasurer 1992-95; Secretary 1996-97; Member, Administrative Task Force 1997.

**Education:** PhB, U. of Chicago; MA, U. of California, Sonoma.

**Occupation:** Writer/Editor. Author of 17 baseball biographies.

I am running for vice-president to support president Larry Gerlach's efforts to improve SABR's operation and enhance the fulfillment of its mission, especially in the following areas:

1. Publications. I think it is time for a thorough review of what we publish for our members, to improve our publications in both content and quality.
2. The SABR office. I was a member of a task force last year that reviewed the entire operation. Results: long overdue changes in procedures and direction, cost-cutting actions, and improved efficiency. More needs to be done.
3. Youth. We should be reaching the next generation of fans and SABR members NOW.
4. Conventions. More than 90 percent of our members don't attend the national convention. Regionals and research committees can offer more opportunities for SABR members to get together through special events, such as the Baltimore Baseball Weekend June 5-7, and the Negro Leagues Committee conference August 7-8. It's the responsibility of the vice-president to work with regionals to help make more of these events happen.
5. Archives. As we collect more research material, the need for a permanent home for it grows. Financing is a problem. I believe a professional fundraiser with a baseball background is the way to go to get major corporate grants for this and other purposes.

In some of these areas, Larry Gerlach appointed task forces that failed to do their job. I think he deserves better support than that in trying to achieve his goals for SABR.

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## For Vice-President

Term: 1998-2000

### Tom Simon

**SABR Experience:** SABR member since 1974. Founder and President, Larry Gardner Vermont Chapter. This present.

**Special Research Author, Larry Gardner:**  
*A Vermont Baseball Club (1996); Editor, Walter Johnson: Baseball's Big Train (1995); Green Mountain State's Baseball Leagues*

**Other Publications:** *Baseball Pastime*, *Baseball in Vermont*, *Baseball in Vermont: A History*, *Baseball in Vermont: A History*

**Education:** Vermont State Normal School

It is my conviction that SABR must attract a new generation of members. One great way is to reach out to our young chapters where they don't presently exist and providing existing chapters with the assistance from the national level. This is one of the most important duties of the Vice President, and my experience in reaching out to young chapters in an area many people have considered too small to support is one of the reasons I am qualified for that position.

It was 23 years ago when I founded the Vermont Chapter. Since then I have been blessed to work with a chapter on each side of the state to reach the regional level. I was assisted by Larry Gardner who was instrumental in the formation of Enosburg State University's baseball jamboree with the help of professional baseball players. I have persuaded the Legislature to place markers for the birthplaces of Babe Ruth and the birthplaces of Enosburg and they have made annual runs to the sites for three-day celebrations. I have coached, played Town Ball at the Green Mountain Homestead, held an All-Star baseball tournament (Ethan Allen's spinner event) to mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Babe Ruth, and complete with barbecued ribs and the presence of two Babe Ruth markers, and been the subject of articles in several Vermont newspapers. Along the way, SABR membership in Vermont almost doubled and the president of SABR described our chapter in *The SABR Bulletin* as "vibrant" (May 1997) and "above average" (April 1997).

Perhaps the best testimony to what we've accomplished in Vermont came from a clerk at Enosburg State University. An article I'd written about Vermont's Dave Keefe, the Philadelphia Athletics pitcher, was published in a local newspaper. I gave him my copies, the clerk, who was a baseball fan, apparently read the article and when he read it, told me he liked it. It was then that I met another baseball player for the first time. He said, "All you ever hear about is Babe Ruth and Larry Gardner."

## For Vice-President

Term: 1998-2000

### Stew Thornley

**SABR Experience:** Member since 1979. Co-organizer of first regional meeting in Minnesota, 1981. Helped to form the Halsey Hall Chapter and served as its first president in 1985. Recipient of Macmillan-SABR Research Award, 1988 (for my book, *On to Nicollet: The Glory and Fame of the Minneapolis Millers*). Member of organizing committee for 1988 SABR National Convention in Minneapolis-St. Paul. Member of Ballparks Committee and past member of Umpires and Rules Committee.

\*As for research, I've done research on professional baseball in Minnesota (which resulted in the SABR-Macmillan Award in 1988 and in a book on the Minneapolis Millers), near no-hitters, and the Polo Grounds.

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, University of Minnesota, 1981; Broadcasting Degree from Brown Institute, Minneapolis, 1974.

**Occupation:** Public Affairs work with Minnesota Department of Health and free-lance speaker and author of books on Minnesota sports history as well as numerous sports biographies for young readers (including Cal Ripken, Alex Rodriguez, Deion Sanders, Frank Thomas, and Roberto Alomar). Worked as staff announcer and sports director at radio stations in Missouri and Central Minnesota.

In many organizations, the office of Vice President has all the glamor and appeal of a year-old pine tar rag, but this office within SABR deals with regional development, an activity I feel strongly about and want to be involved with. Being a part of the Halsey Hall Chapter in Minnesota has greatly enhanced the SABR experience for me as well as many other members in the area. Our chapter publishes a monthly newsletter and produces a monthly cable television show. It sponsors a vintage baseball team, the Quicksteps, and promotes activities such as outings to major- and minor-league games in other places and fund-raising efforts to erect markers on the sites of former baseball parks. These and other chapter activities clearly demonstrate to me how a strong regional organization can help not only in increasing SABR's membership and publicizing SABR's activities but in encouraging active participation by members.

SABR is unusual among national organizations in that it has grown and prospered largely without the grass roots basis that other groups rely on. How much better could SABR become with the advantages of an expanded network of strong regional and local organizations? As Vice President, I would work with our existing groups to enhance the SABR experience at the local level, promoting the sharing of information and ideas, and assist other SABR members in developing their own regional organizations. I like the idea of "Super Regionals" and the possibility of area officers within the SABR hierarchy who would promote joint chapter activities.

## Dues Proposal

At its January, 1998 meeting, the SABR Executive Board voted to recommend that the membership approve an increase of \$15 in the basic SABR dues rate (see page 3 for specifics), effective for the 1999 membership year. SABR dues are determined by majority vote of the members voting via the ballot below. Rationale for the recommendation appears in "The Pres Box" in the March issue of *The SABR Bulletin*.

### Dues Increase Proposal

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### For Vice-President

- Frederick Ivor-Campbell
- Rodney Johnson
- Norman Macht
- Tom Simon
- Stew Thornley
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### For Secretary

- Dick Beverage
- Skip McAfee
- Write in:

### For Director (4-year term)

- Darryl Brock
- Steve Krevisky
- Lois Nicholson
- Rick Salamon
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### For Director

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- Steve Gietschier
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## Voting Instructions for 1998 Elections

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- 1.) Vote for only one candidate for each position.
- 2.) Only votes submitted on official ballot (printed on reverse) will be counted; reproductions are not acceptable.
- 3.) Ballots must be placed in an envelope and your name must appear on the outside of the mailing envelope. If you wish to ensure the security of your vote, place your ballot inside a blank envelope and place both inside the mailing envelope. Only members who have paid 1998 dues are eligible to vote.
- 4.) Ballots must be received by Mailbox 10, 1998. (SABR cannot be responsible for any ballots not received as indicated.)
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- 6.) Be sure to affix proper postage when mailing your ballot.

Results will be announced at the National Convention in California and published in the July-August SABR Bulletin.

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## Rigney To Keynote at SABR 28

The 1998 SABR National Convention will offer the perspective of a major league All-Star, World Series participant, minor league manager of the year and major league manager of the year, all in the person of Bill Rigney, keynote speaker for the SABR 28 banquet.

Bill's professional baseball career dates back to 1938 when he broke in as a shortstop for Spokane in the Western International League. An infielder with the New York Giants from 1946 to 1953, he was selected to the National League All-Star team in 1948 and appeared in four games in the 1951 World Series.

In 1954, Rigney became player-manager of the Giants' top farm club in Minneapolis and was named Minor League Manager of the Year by *The Sporting News* the following year. He was promoted to manage the Giants in 1956, subsequently becoming the last manager of the New York Giants and first manager of the San Francisco Giants.

In 1961, Rigney became the first manager of the Los Angeles Angels, guiding the team to an expansion record 70 wins. He won his Major League Manager of the Year Award in 1962 by guiding the Angels to 86 wins and a third place finish. He also led the Minnesota Twins to a first place finish in the American League Western Division in 1970 and managed the Giants again in 1976. Bill has been a special assistant to the Oakland Athletics since 1982.

Now 80 years old, Mr. Rigney will be the fifth former major league manager to serve as keynote speaker at the SABR convention (Lew Fonseca, Sparky Anderson, Dick Williams, and Chuck Tanner are the others).

If you have not already made plans to attend the 1998 SABR National Convention, there is still time for you to join in on SABR's biggest annual event. See page twelve for travel and registration information.

## A SABR Spring

The spring and summer of 1998 looks to be a busy and interesting time for SABR and SABR members. From regional and research committee activity, to special events, to a wealth of reading material, there should be plenty of baseball enjoyment in store for SABR members in the weeks ahead.

**The convention:** These four days in June offer a season's worth of baseball enjoyment. Whether you choose to spend the entire convention at research presentations, committee meetings, and the other activities at the hotel, or if your preference is being at the ballpark, or doing some sightseeing, or any combination of activities, the SABR convention is your ticket to a baseball bonanza. The banquet with keynote speaker Bill Rigney (see left), sessions with guests Jon Miller, veterans of the San Francisco Giants, and veterans of the Pacific Coast League, and trips to a pair of vintage stadiums, 3-Com Park (San Francisco, 1960) and Municipal Stadium (San Jose, 1942), are just some of the whirlwind of activities that will make SABR 28, June 25-28 at the San Francisco Airport Marriott, another special baseball experience.

**Publications:** A terrific edition of *The National Pastime* is in store for 1998 SABR members. The featured article is "A Baseball Myth Exploded" by David M.

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## SABR Republishes First Three Journals

The long-out-of-print first issues of the *Baseball Research Journal* will be reprinted in early June 1998 under the direction of Carlos Bauer and Bob Hoie. The first three issues of the *Baseball Research Journal* had a total print run of no more than 500 copies, with the premier issue having a print run of slightly more than one hundred copies. While a collection of articles from those first three issues was published in 1981 in the *Baseball Historical Review* (comprising about a third of the articles), this is the first time that all of the articles have been made available to the SABR membership since the early 1970s.

**The Baseball Research Journal, Volumes 1-3** is more than a historical document, it remains cutting edge research. In reviewing the contents, virtually every article is still as fresh as the day it was published. Moreover, it shows how great baseball research stands the test of time. The roster includes a veritable who's who of baseball researchers: Bob Davids, Bob McConnell, Pete Palmer, Ray Gonzalez, Joe Simenic, Stan Grosshandler, John Tattersall, Art Ahrens, Art Schott, Fred Lieb, Vern Luse, George Hilton, and a very long et cetera.

This volume comes with an introduction by SABR founder L. Robert Davids, who details the gestation, realization and place in history of the *Baseball Research Journal*. This is a must-have edition for all SABRites.

**The Baseball Research Journal, volumes 1-3** is published in an easy-to-read comb-bound format. To order, send \$12.50 (postpaid) to SABR, PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101.

## Historic Bulletin

The first edition of *The SABR Bulletin* was published in August, 1971. The September-October 1998 issue of *The SABR Bulletin* will be the 200th edition of the society's newsletter.

# The SABR Bookshelf

## **Setting the Record Straight: Baseball's Greatest Batters**

by Stephen Grimble  
Cedar Tree Books (198 pages)  
ISBN: 1-892142-00-7 paperback  
1-892142-01-5 hardcover  
\$18.95, paperback; \$27.95 hard cover, retail

In *Setting the Record Straight*, Stephen Grimble makes his argument for measuring batting performance in an objective way that can be measured across eras. Using uncomplicated formulas, he gives us his true batting champions from each year of the twentieth century.

Illustrated with photos of the 50 greatest batters of the twentieth-century (from the George Brace collection), the book also contains a statistical appendix and career records of each of the top 50 hitters.

You have the chance to win this book for free if you can pick the ten most productive batters from a list provided in the ad on page 11.

## **Red: A Baseball Life**

by Red Schoendienst with Rob Rains  
Sports Publishing, Inc (218 pages, hard cover)  
ISBN: 1-57167-200-1  
\$22.95, retail

Schoendienst details all the events that shaped his life, on and off the field, as he moved from the playing field to the manager's office and then to his current position as special assistant to the general manager of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Illustrated with black & white photos, the book also contains Red's managerial and playing statistics.

To order, call 1-800-327-5557. A leatherbound, limited edition of the book is also available, as well as an audio book.

## **We Would Have Played Forever: The Story of the Coastal Plain Baseball League**

by Robert Gaunt  
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ISBN: 0-945164-02-5  
\$17.95, retail

For over two years, Robert Gaunt interviewed Coastal Plain League players and officials and researched every aspect of the league. The result is *We Would Have Played Forever*, a look back at one Class D League and what it represented.

Black & white photos are sprinkled throughout the book. Appendices include all-time records (including fielding records) for the Coastal Plain League, franchise summaries and the author's all-time all-star team.

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## **A Great and Glorious Game: Baseball Writings of A. Bartlett Giamatti**

edited by Kenneth S. Robson  
Algonquin Books (140 pages, hardcover)  
ISBN: 1-56512-192-9  
\$15.95, retail

*A Great and Glorious Game* is a handsome collection of eight essays by the late baseball commissioner Bart Giamatti, along with his statement released to the press on the Pete Rose matter. David Halberstam wrote the foreword.

To order, send \$15.95 plus shipping to Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, PO Box 225, Chapel Hill NC 27515-2225.

## **Wheat Province Diamonds: A Story of Saskatchewan Baseball**

by Paul Hack and Dave Shury  
Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame and Museum  
(404 pages, softcover)  
ISBN: 0-9681965-0-0  
\$30 Canadian, \$25, US

*Wheat Province Diamonds* covers the history of Saskatchewan Baseball from 1879 to present. One chapter is devoted entirely to women, another with the many barnstorming teams that came through the province and other sections deal with Saskatchewan's connections with the major leagues.

Over 200 black & white photos, ten appendices, chapter notes, a bibliography and an index are included.

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## **Confessions of a Baseball Purist: What's Right and Wrong with Baseball as Seen from the Best Seat in the House**

by Jon Miller with Mark Hyman  
Simon and Schuster (256, hard cover)  
ISBN 0-684-84518-0  
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In his first book, Jon Miller goes to bat for baseball and reminds us why we love the game - for the strategies, the stats, the pennant races and, above all, the crazy-quit of memorable people who make it all happen.

What do we need less of in baseball? Miller, veteran baseball broadcaster and ESPN Sunday Night Baseball play-by-play voice, says fans are sick of the off-field economic issues that should be settled among the owners, players and their bankers. "Forget about revenue sharing. Forget about big markets, small markets. Forget about free agency and budget balancing. Never bring those subjects up again."

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by Rob Edelman  
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*Baseball on the Web* presents an astonishingly rich set of resources created by baseball lovers for baseball lovers. Twenty-five different chapters help you find the type of site you want quickly (six different chapters on baseball history: research, teams, players, Negro Leagues, museums and halls of fame and miscellany).

Each website has its address listed with a few paragraphs describing the site.

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## **The Pitch-o-Meter**

by R. Daniel Lunger  
Baseball In Sight (58 pages, stapled)  
\$17

Daniel Lunger sets out to find a way to predict pitching success and the result is *The Pitch-o-Meter*. Lunger uses strikeouts and walks per nine innings to forecast all pitchers who have pitched at least one of the past three years in the majors. Each pitcher is commented upon and a 1998 ERA is forecasted for most. He also recommends 10 minor league pitchers who could become the pitching stars of tomorrow.

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### **The Sporting News on Microfilm, (1886-1917), A Review**

Simply put, the whole face of baseball research (and consequently the history of baseball) will be changed by these sixteen reels of microfilm. Over the last week or so, I've been sampling here and there from the wealth of material contained in those pages, and everywhere I've come across something that has been lost and not passed down to our generation. One day I found the distance down the rightfield line at Lakefront Park in Chicago, the next day I stumbled upon Jack Chesbro's 1898 pitching stats (compiled by TSN's Richmond correspondent, which never made it into the official averages), and so on. Everywhere I stopped I found something "new." I felt like one of the first drillers in Saudi Arabia must have felt. The Sporting News-Notre Dame University collaboration has to be saluted for producing the first and only readable copy of that fabled paper.

And readable is the operable word, for SABR has had an unreadable copy of *The Sporting News* for years. And I mean unreadable! Not only is it a negative image (white letters on black background), but what seems like every fourth page or so is blurred, or partially blurred. Sometimes text can be read, other times not, almost always numbers have to be guessed at.

(For those of you unfamiliar with the two major baseball papers of the era, *The Sporting News* and *Sporting Life* [available for a number of years

## **The Pres Box**

**Guest Columnist Carlos Bauer**

from Notre Dame], it should be explained that both papers covered box scores equally, but that *The Sporting News* dedicated a great amount of space to editorial content [space that *Sporting Life* actually dedicated to trap shooting, if you can believe that]. While one could make an argument that one could get by with box scores from *Sporting Life*, one could not make that same statement for either the history of the game, or even the gossip of that era.)

Getting back to the new *The Sporting News* on microfilm (1886-1917), I must state that this new microfilm is not perfect. As with any newspaper 100 years old there are going to be yellowed pages that do not reproduce as well as papers "only" fifty years old. Yet, I have as yet not come across anything that I found unreadable, sometimes with a little extra effort of increasing magnification. Also, over the years the paper has become brittle and some of the edges have flaked off, causing words here and there to be lost on the outer columns. As a matter of fact, I was told by both Steve Gietschier of *The Sporting News* and Patty Haley of Business Data Solutions, who did the actual reproduction, that the hardcopy is so fragile that it could no longer be handled without flaking. Haley said that it was the "worst [newspaper] I've ever seen," and Gietschier surmised that the actual life of the hardcopy might be measured in "years" rather than

"decades." Besides the age problem, according to Gietschier, *Sporting News* some years back covered the hardcopy with silk (apparently to preserve it), but that only made the microfilming task even harder as it gave the text a milky look.

Filming took twice as long as normal, Haley told me. The actual process used a Diagraph planetary camera on a vacuum board (to hold each page in place while filming). All in all, *The Sporting News*, Archivist Peter Lysy of Notre Dame (the project director) and Business Data Solutions have to be commended for the final product.

The SABR *Sporting News* is an old microfilm reproduction of *The Sporting News'* hardcopy and, therefore, both versions carry the same issues. One should be aware that the early years (1886-1889) are missing a number of issues: six in 1886; five in 1887; fully eighteen out of fifty-two issues are missing in 1888; five in the first half of 1889; but then, from July of 1889 through 1917, only one issue (in 1892) is missing. (Years ago *The Sporting News* tried to fill in the gaps, but were unable to come up with any of the early issues.) We should, however, be thankful that they got it on microfilm before it was too late.

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**Carlos Bauer**

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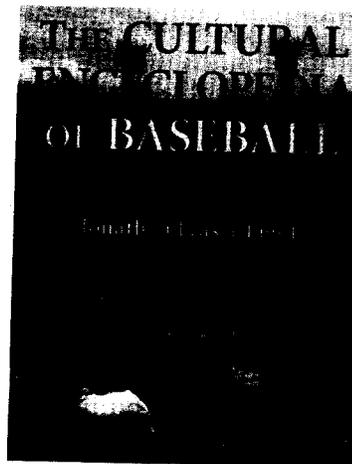
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# Research Committees

## Baseball Records

The February 1998 issue of the committee newsletter lists six "record-setting" performances of 1997 from **John Schwartz**. One example: Jose Canseco entered 1998 with 1,107 runs-batted-in in 1,449 games. His RBI/G ratio of .963 is exceeded by no one not currently a member of the Hall of Fame.

**Greg Beston** found that Ron Guidry played in 11 games in 1975, not 10. He was used as a pinch-runner for Lou Piniella in the eighth inning of the second game of a doubleheader against Cleveland on September 13. He was left at second base, so none of his offensive statistics change.

**Bob McConnell** has a summary of the record for most home runs for a player splitting his season between two leagues. The first players to do it were Charles Sweeney and Jack Glasscock in 1884 with 3HRs. Other players holding the record were Roger Bresnahan and Cy Seymour (5), Bucky Walters, Roy Cullenbine and Jimmie Foxx (8), Johnny Mize (19), Deron Johnson (20), Dave Kingman (26), Bobby Bonilla (28), Greg Vaughn (41) and now Mark McGwire (58).

## Baseball Songs and Poems

**Jeff Campbell** estimates that over 3,000 pieces of baseball-related music exist, ranging from the first known piece of baseball sheet music published in 1858 to recordings released this year by Jack McDowell and Frank Thomas. Although publications, such as **James Mote's Everything Baseball**, make an attempt to organize and record all such music, no source is complete nor has

been continually updated.

Similarly, a huge opportunity for the baseball researcher is to compile a listing of baseball-related poetry. And finally, the committee can compile a list of ballplayers who have pursued an interest in music.

If you are interested in helping the SABR Songs and Poems Committee compile these lists, contact chair **Jeff Campbell**, 2020 Pennsylvania Ave NW #384, Washington DC 20006.

## Biographical Research

The Find of the Month goes to **Peter Morris** and **Debbi Dagavarian-Bonar** for finding 19th Century player Henry S. Burroughs, who died May 31, 1878.

**Pete Cava** provides a short biography of William Paul "Dutch" Fehring, who caught one game for the White Sox, June 25, 1934. Fehring won nine letters at Purdue and finished his career at Stanford as baseball coach.

## Latin America

Included in the latest newsletter is a recap of the Caribbean Series, won by the Dominican Republic's *Aguilas Cibaenas*.

Manny Mota, Tony Armas, Tony Perez and Hector Rodriguez were inducted into the Caribbean Baseball Series Hall of Fame.

The Caribbean Baseball Hall of Fame will break ground on its new facilities in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, this summer. Meanwhile, the Sixto Escobar Stadium which will house the Puerto Rico Sports Hall of Fame is being remodeled. It hopes to reopen in September.

## Minor Leagues

The latest committee newsletter lists research needs, research resources and minor league articles available.

The Babe Ruth Museum is expanding into historic Camden Station and one new exhibit will showcase the history of minor league baseball in the Mid-Atlantic region. They seek memorabilia, photos, player contracts and information on any of the minor league teams from the region. If you can help, contact **Rebecca Kraus** (301-464-2267) or **Greg Schwalenberg** (410-727-1539).

**Ray Nemec** submitted a list of leagues with missing averages for members to research, including the 1902 Southwest Iowa League, the 1906 Interstate League, the 1907 Western Pennsylvania League, the 1917 Northern League, the 1922 and 1923 Kitty League, the 1924 Oklahoma State League and the 1930 New England League.

**Ron Selter** has compiled a list of slugging percentage leaders for the PCL, 1902-57. Max West has the most titles (4), followed by Steve Bilko (3).

## Negro Leagues

The April committee newsletter lists numerous articles on the latest Hall of Fame Induction class, which includes Sam Lacy, Larry Doby and Bullet Joe Rogan; updates the Negro Leagues Conference and lists other needs and achievements.

Upcoming events include the New Jersey Sports Hall of Fame ceremonies, May 14-16 at the Meadowlands (Pop Lloyd, Leon Day and the 1946 Newark Eagles will be inducted) and the Detroit Tigers annual Negro Leagues Celebration June 27 against Cincinnati.

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The next SABR Executive Board meeting will be Thursday, June 25, 1998, at the San Francisco Airport Marriott.

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# SABR Regionals

## Upcoming

For the most up-to-date and up-to-the minute regional information, call 216-575-0500 after 6pm ET and follow the menu or check: <http://www.sabr.org/calendar.htm>.

**Hagerstown, Maryland:** The Bob Davids Chapter is planning a meeting on Saturday, July 11, at historic Municipal Stadium in Hagerstown. The theme will be "A Day In The Minors" and will include an afternoon of guest speakers, followed by a barbeque dinner in the stadium's picnic area and a ball game between the Hagerstown Suns and the Delmarva Shorebirds of the South Atlantic League. Family members and guests are welcome - the stadium has a playground and is very family-friendly. Contact Bob Savitt for reservations or details on speakers and costs (301-983-8708; e-mail: [BobSavitt@aol.com](mailto:BobSavitt@aol.com); fax: 301-299-8785).

**Crystal River, Florida:** On May 29-31 (Friday through Sunday) the Joe Jackson symposium with Ted Williams will be held. The event will be Friday evening, all day Saturday and Sunday morning. Registration for the symposium will be \$75 for three days, including two meals. Contact Jim Riley (407-636-1952) if you are interested in attending.

## Recaps

**Sacramento, California:** Over twenty chapter members and guests gathered for the Sacramento Chapter's Spring Training lunch on March 22 at the Camellia Bar and Grille.

The main speaker was Steve Bitker, sports anchor of KCBS (740 AM) in San Francisco and radio voice of the Sonoma Crushers of the independent Western League. Steve just finished writing a book on the 1958

San Francisco Giants. He told some amazing stories about tracking down the players and other members of that team. Also speaking at the meeting was Tom Stern, Contributing Editor of the *Bay Sports Review*.

**Miami, Florida:** The South Florida Chapter met January 29, 1998, and elected Doug Lehman president and Ralph Maya Vice-President. Marlins General Manager Dave

positional comparison of the 1948 and 1954 Cleveland Indians. An open discussion featured talk of the need for a new ballpark in Toledo. No conclusions were reached.

**Farmington Hills, Michigan:** Twenty-four members of the Fred T. Smith Chapter met at Ginoapolis' on March 1. Presentations were made by Tony Medina on Herb Hunter and Herb's connections to Japanese baseball. Jeff

Samoray gave an excellent presentation on "The Ten Most Historical Home Runs in Tiger Stadium." Jeff's presentation included several action photo slides of the events that led up to the homers. As you would expect with lists, our members provided Jeff with several good-natured suggestions for homers that should have been listed.

Show and tell presentations yielded the story behind a baseball autographed by Bill Freehan told by Dick Hobson; a tribute to minor league baseball from Alex Bensky; a series of interesting World Series program collectibles and an unusual Tiger pennant shown by Fr. Don Worthy; and several items were distributed by

Ray Billbrough, including a "Babe Ruth" pen and sheet music from long ago. Also, Jim Stimac showed a photo of five club executives of the AL (including Briggs, Mack, and Griffith) taken sometime in the 1930's that he found in the Chrysler archives.

Ed "Hambone" Hamalainen shared stories about the Tiger fantasy camp that he attended for the fifth consecutive year. And Katz reported on the Toledo chapter meeting he attended and their invitation for the chapters to join forces for a Mud Hens game.

Al Smitley again provided a very challenging Trivia Quiz, won by Art Neff.

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## The SABR Season

- May 8:** Lajoie-Start Chapter (Southern New England) Meeting; Contact Len Levin, 401-351-3278  
Jack Graney Chapter (Cleveland) Meeting; Contact Jeff Wright, 440-356-1028
- May 29-31:** Joe Jackson Symposium with Ted Williams
- May 30:** Frank Haraway Chapter Meeting (Colorado); Contact Paul Parker, 303-447-8140  
Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter Meeting (Toledo) Contact Steve Lauer, 419-882-1301
- May 31:** Emil Rothe Chapter (Chicago) Meeting Contact Rich Hansen, 630-717-0624
- June 25-28:** SABR National Convention, San Mateo, California; See pages 10-11 of March Bulletin
- July 11:** Utah Chapter Meeting; Contact Laury Livsey, 801-486-0647 or 801-240-2496  
Bob Davids Chapter (Baltimore-Washington) Meeting Contact Ernie Green, 301-983-0256
- July 26:** Cooperstown Regional Meeting, Tillapaugh's Funeral Parlor Contact David Pietrusza, 518-374-8894

Dombrowski hosted the event and made a special presentation on the state of the Marlins. Maya gave information on the goals and activities of the Federation of Cuban Baseball Players. Architect Rolando Llanes told of the preservation efforts for Bobby Maduro Stadium.

**Toledo, Ohio:** Twenty-nine members and friends attended the Roger Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter's annual Hot Stove Meeting on February 14, 1998.

Presentations were made by Larry Katz on his book, *Baseball in 1939: The Watershed Season of the National Pastime*. Tom Drake discussed the career of his grandfather, Del Drake. Tom Blaha made a

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## Report on January Meeting of SABR Executive Board

The SABR Executive Board met January 23-25, 1998, in Cleveland, Ohio. Meetings took place at the Greater Cleveland Growth Association and the SABR office. Departing from its standard meeting format, the first meeting of 1998 was cast as a retreat generally devoted to informal discussions of SABR long-term philosophies and strategies and to shape discussions of task force reports on archives, internet, office & personnel issues, publications, research, sponsorships, and super regionals.

While much of the meeting dealt with philosophy and ideas, several specific actions with a substantial bearing on SABR finances were taken. The Board voted seven-one (7-1) to recommend a dues increase to the SABR membership. The proposed increase of the basic dues rate from \$35 to \$50 would take effect for 1999. **Mark Alvarez'** contract as Publications Director was extended for six months to June 30, 1998, at the same rate of compensation (\$45,000 per year). Executive Director **Morris Eckhouse** was authorized to negotiate a new lease for SABR office space at SABR's present location, the Caxton

Building in Cleveland. Also, the Board authorized an increase in the clerical/administrative office position from 20 to 30 hours weekly using funds from the contingency line in the 1998 budget.

### Task Force Reports

The preliminary task force reports provided the impetus for discussion of several key aspects of SABR. How to deal with archives has been an issue for some time. The Archives Task Force (chaired by **Tom Shieber**) has reviewed many options, questions and concerns related to a more formal archive for SABR and its members. The current consensus of the SABR Executive Board is to work with an established historical society, museum, or archive to establish a SABR archive.

The Internet Task Force (chaired by **Paul Andresen**) is reviewing SABR's current use of the internet and working to help establish a direction for the future. Issues related to SABR-L and the SABR web page are the focus of the task force.

Specific actions based on the findings of the Office & Personnel Task Force (chaired by **Dick Beverage**) include the increase in hours for the clerical/administrative office position and the authorization to negotiate a new lease at the Caxton Building.

The Publications Task Force (chaired by **Jim Riley**) has an ambitious proposal to expand service to members with a new annual and increased short-run publications that would offer more variety and get more member research into print. Issues ranging from quality control, to required staffing, to time schedules and oversight are also under consideration.

The Research Task Force (chaired by **Larry Gerlach**) also has an ambitious agenda, including increasing SABR's microfilm holdings, making annual baseball guides more accessible, promoting research

with informational columns in *The SABR Bulletin*, and publishing a new volume on how-to-do baseball research.

The Task Force on Sponsorships (chaired by **Rick Salamon**) concluded that SABR should seek additional non-dues funding, with the SABR National Convention standing out as a potential vehicle for sponsorships. Issues yet to be resolved include fund-raising costs and how much of the development effort will be assigned to the Executive Director. The President was directed to develop an advisory board and report back to the Executive Board at the next meeting.

The concept of SABR Super Regional events was not formally discussed, but planned events in the Baltimore and western Florida areas are of the nature of SABR events designed to be larger in scope than the typical SABR regional meeting and so possible prototypes for future discussion.

### SABR Convention News

Several actions were taken related to the annual SABR National Convention. Boca Raton, Florida, was selected as the site for the 2000 SABR National Convention. **Andy McCue** was appointed to the SABR convention committee, filling the slot currently held by **Ed Luteran**. Luteran will continue to oversee the convention trivia contests. The Board declined a proposal from **Rodney Johnson** to hold a trade show in conjunction with the 1999 SABR National Convention.

In addition to the task force reports, the issues of dues, trade show, and Hero of Baseball award prompted much discussion. Motions to adopt specific criteria for the SABR Hero of Baseball Award and to bestow the award to **Stan Musial** were tabled. (Ed. Note: The Board voted to present the award to Stan Musial at its subsequent meeting in March.)

### Baseball Fiction

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### Obituaries

**Ray Boetel**, 66, of North Palm Beach, Florida, died March 1. A member since 1979, Ray covered high school sports for the *Fort Lauderdale News-Sun Sentinel* for 25 years. He also was the first General Manager of the West Palm Beach Expos, and the stadium announcer for the Fort Lauderdale Yankees. He had not missed an All-Star Game in 29 years and had seen games in every major league ballpark. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Sally; his mother, three children and three grandchildren.

**Ed Walczak**, 72, of Norwich, Connecticut, died March 10. A member since 1983, Ed played on the 1945 Phillies and in the Eastern, North Carolina, Western Carolina and Canadian Provincial Leagues. After his baseball career, he worked for General Dynamics. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Helen; one son, and three siblings.

## Cultural News

### **Yogi Berra Museum in the Works**

Yogi Berra was a standout during many Octobers as a player for the Yankees and a manager for the Yankees and Mets, so it is fitting that The Yogi Berra Museum in Yogi Berra Stadium at Montclair State University in New Jersey is planning for an October opening. The stadium, home of the New Jersey Jackals (Northeast League), is scheduled to open on June 5, 1998.

The Yogi Berra Museum is dedicated to celebrating the life of Yogi Berra while developing educational activities, conferences, sports programs, research and scholarship. The museum's permanent collection will feature a comprehensive and interactive insight into Berra's career, with special rotating exhibits and programs about sports and its role in society.

For more information about the 7,100 square foot, not-for-profit museum, check its website at [www.yogiberramuseum.com](http://www.yogiberramuseum.com) or call Rose Cali, President, Friends of Yogi Berra, at 973-746-3255.

### **A Major Look at the Minor Leagues**

SABR members may be interested in attending the Elderhostel program, "A Major Look At The Minor Leagues," held at Mars Hill College in Mars Hill, North Carolina, from July 26 through August 1.

Led by **Bill Ballew**, program attendees will experience a behind-the-scenes look at life in the minor leagues, primarily with the Asheville Tourists. The Elderhostel program is for individuals age 55 and older. "A Major Look at the Minor Leagues" has a capacity of 24 individuals.

For more information or to register, contact Scott Miller at 1-800-582-3047.

### **Take Me Out to the Ballgame: Carolina Style**

**Bruce Adams** and Margaret Engel, authors of *Ballpark Vacations*, will lead a Smithsonian Study Tour of the minors in North Carolina from June 18-21, 1998.

The group will see three games and meet players, managers and sportswriters who make it all happen. Accommodations are at the Durham Marriott at the Civic Center.

For further information, please call Smithsonian Study Tours at (202) 357-4700 or e-mail [tours@tsa.si.edu](mailto:tours@tsa.si.edu).

## **Bookshelf, Continued from p. 2**

### **The 1998 Super Register**

edited by Allan Simpson and Jim Keller  
Baseball America and Howe Sportsdata  
(663 pages, softcover)  
ISBN: 0-945164-03-3  
\$24.95, retail

A joint venture of Baseball America and Howe Sportsdata, *The 1998 Super Register* really is super. Every player in organized baseball during the 1997 season is included with biographical information and complete major and minor league (including foreign leagues) statistics. Even those who played independent ball are included, albeit just last year's stat line.

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For two years, sociologist Alan Klein studied the unusual arrangement of the Tecolotes de los Dos Laredos (the Owls of the two Laredos) of the Mexican League, who played home games in both Laredo, Texas, and Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas. *Baseball on the Border* is the result of that study. Early chapters cover the history of baseball on the border and the establishment of the Mexican League by Jorge Pasquel.

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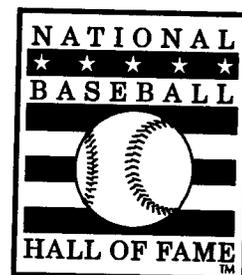
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# Names in the News

**Mike Schacht's** and his *Fan Magazine's* Baseball and Writing Conference were featured in *The Wall Street Journal*, *Southeast Journal* (March 4, 1998). **Elisabeth Brooke** and **Luke Salisbury** were two of the featured speakers at the Workshop... **Richard Puff**, **David Pietrusza** and the George Davis Chapter of SABR search for a descendant of Davis to represent Davis at his Hall of Fame Induction was featured by the *Schenectady Sunday Gazette* (April 12, 1998)... **Arthur K. Miller** has a show of his paintings on display at O.K. Harris Works of Art in New York City from April 25-May 16. For more info contact Tracy Fredericks at 603-436-3573 or sportsart@artofthegame... On April 8th **Dr. Charles P. Korr** presented "Baseball and the City" as part of the "Cincinnati Seminar on the City" that is sponsored by the Cincinnati Historical Society... SABR and Executive Director **Morris Eckhouse** were featured in *Crain's Cleveland Business* (March 23, 1998).



# Research Exchange

Here are some articles recently added to the SABR Research Library. Copies of articles are available on request from Len Levin, 282 Doyle Ave, Providence, RI 02906-3355. For less than 100 pages, the cost is 12 cents per page for copying and mailing. For 100 pages or more, the cost is 11 cents per page. Certain lengthy or bulky articles are available for a lower flat fee. A complete list of the more than 4,000 articles in the Research Library is available for \$3.00. Len Levin's phone number is 401-351-3278. E-mail: LLEVIN@URIACC.URI.EDU

- Gawthrop, Phil: Where is the strike zone anyway? 2 pages. Reasons why it's different now than it used to be.
- Infanger, John: Brigands among them - the 1919 White Sox. 7 pages. A look at the team before and after the 1919 World Series.
- Lenger, Fred: Number of pitching changes, 1901-1997. 7 pages. Number of pitching changes by league each season, team average, managers averaging most changes and managers averaging fewest changes.
- Levitt, Dan: Projecting batting ability from minor league statistics. 24 pages. Annual analysis, ranking players from the 1997 season.
- McMartin, Jim: The 25 best hitting seasons by a shortstop, as measured by Relative Total Hitting. 4 pages. RTH is total bases plus walks as a percentage of the league average total bases plus walks.
- Regan, F. Scott: The Mighty Casey: enduring folk hero of failure. 19 pages. Copy of article in the Journal of Popular Culture about the Casey legend.
- Sommers, Paul M.: Home-field advantage in the World Series: Myth or reality? 5 pages. Copy of article in the Journal of Recreational Mathematics.
- Stillwell, Joseph: The television industry's influence on major league baseball. 35 pages.
- Thornley, Stew: The Polo Grounds - A tale of four stadiums. 6 pages.
- Wride, Charlie: NYP League alumni who played in the major leagues in 1997 or were on major league rosters on March 1, 1998. 4 pages. Lists players, New York-Pennsylvania League team and major league team.

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## A SABR Spring, Continued from page 1

**Jordan, Larry R. Gerlach, and John P. Rossi** which analyzes the story of Bill Veeck's effort to purchase the Philadelphia Phillies in the winter of 1942-1943. **Dick Thompson** writes about the late Tom Shea, one of SABR's founding members, and his passion for biographical research. Other articles in TNP-98 will focus on the development of umpire uniforms, the true story of Fidel Castro's baseball career, the 1948 Boston Braves of "Warren Spahn and (John) Sain and pray for rain" fame, and **Ted Williams** on Joe Jackson.

All 1998 members will receive TNP-98. All SABR members should purchase a copy of the reprint of the first three issues of *Baseball Research Journal* (see page 1). And, there are plenty of good new baseball books by SABR members (six books by members are featured in this month's Bookshelf section on page two).

**Research committees:** SABR's eighteen research committees continue to uncover baseball information which fulfills SABR's objective to create a more accurate history of baseball and also serves to enlighten and entertain SABR

members and the baseball community. See page four for some of the latest efforts of the committees and their members, including the new SABR committee on songs and poems chaired by **Jeff Campbell**.

**Regional activity:** SABR regional activity is booming, especially in the South with the rebirth of the SABR Magnolia Chapter in Atlanta (contact **George Bullock** at 404-371-9722 for more information), a special regional meeting with **Ted Williams** (see page 5), and the Baltimore Baseball Bash. Down the road, the SABR Executive Board has chosen Boca Raton, Florida, as the site for the 2000 SABR National Convention. SABR features regional activity throughout the United States and in other parts of the world. And, information on upcoming meetings is now more up-to-date thanks to the SABR web site and the voice-mail listing of upcoming meetings (see page 5).

Enjoy a SABR spring and summer.



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**Bill Nowlin**, 1 Camp Street, Cambridge MA 02140, 617-354-0700 x211, e-mail: billn@rounder.com, seeks information specifically on The Jimmy Fund and Ted Williams. Especially interested in anyone with personal or family stories of Ted visiting children who were ill, or of helping out with raising funds. Will pay reproduction costs for any items.

**Kellie Rayburn**, PO Box 5637, Blue Jay CA 92317, e-mail: reliekene@aol.com seeks information about the National Niteball League--a fast-pitch softball league active in Southern California in the 1930s, '40s and '50s. Interested in both primary and secondary sources and would like to talk to anyone who played or watched the games.

**Doug Lyons**, 51 E. 42 Street, #1212, New York NY 10017-5434, e-mail: BASBALINFO@aol.com seeks stories, examples, etc. about baseball-themed license plates.

**Richard W. Juline**, 8220 Briarwood Street, Stanton CA 90680, seeks information on Heine Smith, New York Giants' manager in 1902 who was replaced by John McGraw.

**The Eastern League**, (Joe McEacham and Mike Fiol), PO Box 9711, Portland ME 04104, e-mail: elpb@easternleague.com seeks All-Time Eastern League statistics. The EL has compiled only the leaders for batting average, RBI, HRs, ERA, wins, and strikeouts. Any other information (i.e. consecutive games with a hit, team records-home runs hit by team, team batting average, individuals game records, most runs or hits in a game) would be extremely helpful for the EL Media Guide & Record Book. Please do not take the previous list as the only categories sought.

**Jim Sargent**, VWCC, PO Box 14007, Roanoke, VA 24038, is searching for old photos and stories about Virgil Trucks, particularly from his minor league days and the pre-1946 period, including Trucks' years in the Navy during World War II. Willing to pay expenses for copies of pictures or newspaper stories. Also looking for further information about any of the six no-hitters (four were in the minors) pitched by Trucks.

**Ron Kaplan**, 23 Dodd Street, Montclair NJ 07042, 973-509-8162; e-mail: ronk23@aol.com needs information on Korean War records of the following major league players: Johnny Antonelli, Bud Black, Harry Chiti, Whitey Ford, Owen Friend, Ray Herbert, Bob Kennedy, Joe Kirrene, Alex Konikowski, Bill Koski, Billy Loes, Jim Mangan, Willie Mays, Hal Naragon, Don Newcombe, Tom Poholsky, Bob Ross, Curt Simmons, Faye Throneberry, Preston Ward, and Bob Wiesler. Specifically looking for dates and location of service, rank, any anecdotes about their time in the armed forces. Also any photos of these players in their military uniforms would be greatly appreciated.

**Tom Holster**, PO Box 223661, Chantilly VA 20153, seeks photos (originals, copies, or photocopies) of Griffith Stadium. Most interested in ground level exterior shots, or very detailed interior shots. Willing to pay postage and costs of copying.

**Jack Kavanagh**, 715 Putnam Pike #309, Greenville RI 02828, 401-934-2769, has done an extensive search of the many obituaries of Babe Adams and other readings, but cannot confirm reference in *The Sporting News* obituary to his newspaper career. Did he have one, or is this another error which has become part of his biographical history? Jack seeks any names and dates of papers, wire services, etc. for which Adams worked; and did any give him overseas assignments during World War II or Korean War?

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**Brooklyn, New York:** The Brooklyn Heights Public Library was packed with 109 attendees on February 28 for the Casey Stengel Chapter meeting, with guest speakers **Bill Gladstone**, president of the Pittfield Mets; **Geoff Belinfante**, Executive Producer of Major League Baseball Productions and **Marty Appel**. **Tom Knight** served as emcee.

Bill enlightened everyone about the aspects of running an affiliated minor league team (e.g. the player development contract, roster control, draft protection, franchise rights, finances, etc.), and the charm of minor league

parks. Marty entertained the audience with stories of Stengel (from when Marty was the Yankees' PR Director and as executive producer of Yankees' telecasts) and of Mike "King" Kelly. Geoff spoke of the development of MLB Productions from "This Is Baseball" (1976) to the current library of over 800 videos. Geoff contributed three videotapes as gifts for trivia winners. In a close, extra-inning game, the Philadelphia team of **Clem Comly**, **Kit Crissey**, **Tom Howell**, **Mark Kanter**, and **Joe Stanton** won **Ron Liebman's** trivia quiz against the New York team.

**Steve Nadel** gave a tribute to the late **Bill Pechette**. After introducing Bill's two sons, he presented the **Bill Pechette Meritorious Service Award** to **Carl Lundquist**, who tirelessly worked for the 1991 New York SABR National Convention. Accepting for Carl was UPI journalist **Bruce Fabricant**, who pointed out that Carl wrote and researched the Hall of Fame plaques.

Presentations were given by **Ross Adell**, a detailed account of the final game between the New York Giants and the Brooklyn Dodgers; **Mike Getz**, excerpts from his book, *The Brooklyn Dodgers and Their Rivals: 1950-1952*; **Elliot Hines**, the homer output of 20 players who followed a "human" year with a "monster" year of 40+ HR's; **Ken Matinale**, the 50 HR club members; **Scott Flatow**, a HR output comparison of 29 players after leaving a team, **Barry Popik**, the origins of the phrases "New York Yankees", "Bronx Bombers", and "Subway Series;" and **Al Blumkin**, career highlights of 19th century star **Jack Burdock**.

**Glenn Block** spoke about **Harlem RBI** (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities), then introduced four ballplayers from **Harlem RBI** who were some of the lucky winners of over 30 donated books given away as raffle prizes.

## More SABR Book Clearance Discounts Available

A big "Thank You!" to the over 300 members who participated in our last clearance sale. The response was so overwhelming, we continually ran out of stock on many of the publications and/or mailing boxes.

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**Los Angeles, California:** About 30 members of the Allan Roth Chapter and guests gathered at the Amateur Athletic Foundation on April 4. **Helene Hannah Campbell** led off the presentations with reminiscences of her days as an AAGPBL chaperone. **Jim McMartin** discussed the best hitting years for shortstops. (Nomar's 1997 season was well down Jim's list.) **Gary Foltz** described his group's efforts to bring a major league team to the Riverside-San Bernardino area. **Al Parnis** read from an essay by **Robert Frost**. After lunch and a mind-boggling trivia quiz, **Neal McCabe** told about the work which went into *The Glory of Their Times* audio package (soon to be released) and played several excerpts. **Dana Marshall** described the great Minneapolis Millers vs. St. Paul Saints rivalry of his boyhood days. The meeting closed with a review of recent baseball books by **Dick Beverage** and **Andy McCue**.

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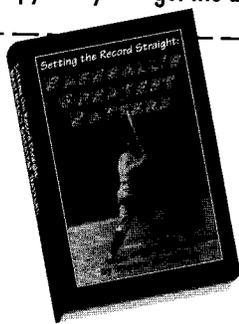
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## Centennial Celebrity Election Results

Since 1976, SABR members have looked back to recognize the outstanding baseball personalities born 100 years earlier. The top candidates born in 1898 include players and a commissioner.

Please consult the list on page 13 and rank your top three candidates in order of preference (first to third--write-in candidates are also acceptable). Each candidate will be awarded five points as first selection, three points for second, and one point for third. Vote on a separate sheet of paper or post card and mail to: SABR Centennial Survey, PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101 no later than August 5, 1998. Results will be announced in the September/October issue of *The SABR Bulletin*. Previous choices are listed on page 13.

## SABR History Book

SABR and its members generally study history, but SABR has also made a unique history of its own since August 10, 1971. SABR has contracted with Turner Publishers of Paducah, Kentucky, to publish a history of SABR. Turner is the publisher of a number of histories of fraternal groups and associations, as well as *Louisville Diamonds* by Philip Von Borries. See pages 14 and 15 for more information about the SABR history book and how you can participate.

### More SABR History

The first issue of *The SABR Bulletin* (SABR Bulletin No. 1) reported on the objectives of the newly formed society. Regarding publications, Bob Davids wrote, "The discussion of a Society publication covered a number of possibilities but essentially came down to a small newsletter to keep the membership informed, plus an annual historical review which could be sold commercially." Soon afterward, the first *Baseball Research Journal* was published. In 1998, the first three editions of *BRJ* are being reprinted for the first time. See page one of the May-June *Bulletin* for ordering information.

A record number of SABR members participated in the latest election to choose a Vice-President, Secretary, two Directors and to vote on a dues increase.

Voters elected **Frederick Ivor-Campbell** to a two-year term as Vice President (1998-2000). **Dick Beverage** was elected as Secretary (1998-2002). **Lois Nicholson** was elected to a four-year term as Director (1998-2002) and **Steve Gietschier** was elected to finish the Director term (1998-1999) he started last year replacing **Larry Gerlach**.

The Dues Increase Proposal passed by a narrow margin.

Complete election results can be found on page 8.

## New Membership Record Set

On June 3, 1998, SABR broke its all-time membership record of 6,739, moving to 6,746 active members.

This year's renewal rate (87.6% through June 12) has been its second-highest ever in the 1990s (92.12% in 1990-91). More lapsed members are re-joining SABR this year than any in the 1990s and about 80 new members are joining each month.

At this current pace, we are projecting that SABR will have more than 7,000 members before the year is over.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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## SABR Names Award Winners

The wide variety of baseball research--historical, biographical, statistical, and anecdotal, from the nineteenth century to the present--is again reflected in the 1997-1998 winners of the Macmillan-SABR Baseball Research Award, The Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Award, and The Seymour Medal.

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These are the times that thrill SABR souls. With the 1998 season in full swing, off-season speculation has long since given way to in-season speculating. And what spectating we have had! Like many SABRites, I watch seasons present with an eye on seasons past. But never more so than this year.

With Mark McGwire hitting four homers in the first four games of the season and Ken Griffey, Jr and Juan Gonzalez off to fast starts, comparisons with Roger Maris and Babe Ruth and speculations as to who might break the single-season home run record appeared much earlier than usual. Then Kerry Wood fanned 20 Astros and invoked memories of Roger Clemens and Nolan Ryan. Then David Wells pitched a perfect game and called to mind Don Larsen, Ernie Shore, Harvey Haddix and others who have recorded "official" and "unofficial" perfectos. And then the Dodgers and Marlins consummated a blockbuster trade that recalled other mega-deals.

I do not know if Big Mac or the Youthful Mariner or the Texas Ranger will hit more than 61 homers or if the Precocious Cub will strike out 21 batters (I write this in late May). But I do know that baseball, far more

## The Pres Box

By Larry Gerlach

than any other sport, is visited by the ghosts of the past; today's players compete not only against themselves and their opponents, but also against every major leaguer who has played the game since 1871. That is what personalizes our game; that is what gives baseball a depth of appreciation unknown in other sports.

Warren Goldstein, in his insightful *Playing for Keeps: A History of Early Baseball*, notes that baseball maintains "dual histories." The one is "linear"-- a chronological, factual record of the game's development on and off the field. The other is "cyclical"--a generational, emotional remembrance of yesterday's players and performances. Both are invaluable. The former provides the information and understandings necessary to be a knowledgeable baseball enthusiast. The latter accords the sense of tradition, of being part of a sporting continuum, that is vital to the baseball experience. that is why our mission to research and promote an accurate record of baseball's history--biographical, literary, and statistical--is so important. Accuracy and information for its own sake is

important, but we primarily use the past to more fully enjoy the present.

Speaking of research, which I frequently do, when the latest *Bulletin* arrives I turn quickly to Research Needs to learn who is doing what. Like most SABR members, I am more than happy to assist others with their research projects. But from my own experience, and from what I hear from others, some members do not always acknowledge the assistance they receive. If someone takes the time to provide information and leads, please take the time to thank them--even a postcard will do! To do so is not only common courtesy, but also reinforces the camaraderie that is the foundation of the Society.

Congratulations to **Dick Beverage**, **Steve Gietschier**, **Fred Ivor-Campbell** and **Lois Nicholson** on being elected to office; it will be a pleasure working with them. And a sincere thanks to all of the candidates and to **Bob Boynton** and the Nominating Committee for putting together such an outstanding slate. That so many fine folks are willing to devote their time and energy to the Society bodes well for the future

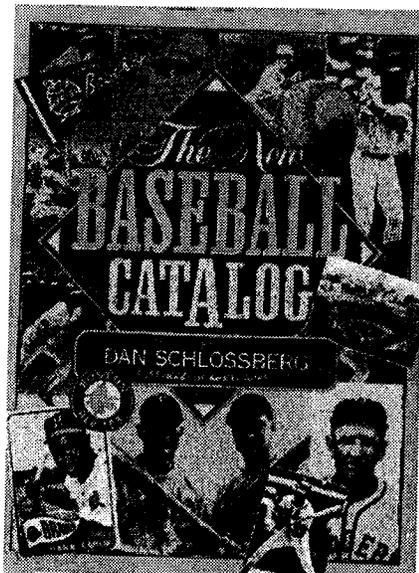
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# Research Committees

## Baseball Records

Committee chair **Lyle Spatz** has moved. His new address, phone and e-mail: 331 Colony Point Place, Edgewater MD 21037; 410-269-4043; spatz@annapolis.net.

The April Records Committee newsletter contains the changes, additions, and deletions to **The Sporting News Complete Baseball Record Book**. Also included are a couple of lead-off hitter nuggets from **Herm Krabbenhoft**, including Rickey Henderson breaking Pete Rose's major league record for most games in the lead-off position, and a list by **Bill Deane** of players who homered in their last official at-bat.

**Tom Assicurato** was the first to point out that the newsletter editor mangled **John Schwartz** item about Jose Canseco's RBI/Game ratio. It should have read .764 rather than .963 and that it was tops for those with more than 1,000 RBI. Assicurato's list of the top four active RBI/Game producers: (Juan Gonzalez-.832, A. Belle-.807, F. Thomas-.794 and M. Piazza-.774) and the top retired non-Hall of Famers (Canseco-.764, B. Meusel-.758, H. Trosky-.751, R. York-.719, J. Rice-.695).

## Bibliography

The April Bibliography newsletter contains an update on the Research in Baseball Index (RBI) project by **Ted Hathaway**. **Brad Sullivan** added 3,700 citations from *The Sporting News* and *Athletic Journal*; **Terry Sloope** has cataloged the 1963 and 1964 issues of *Sport Magazine*; and **Terry Smith** is starting on the 1908 *Baseball Magazine*. There are now more than 59,795 magazine articles cataloged from periodicals

such as the one's mentioned above and *Newsweek*, *Harper's Weekly* (1907-1916), *Collier's* (1954-1956) and *Literary Digest* (1926-1937).

**Andy McCue** reports that indexes for **Lee Allen's 100 Years of Baseball**, and **Babe Ruth's Own Book of Baseball** have been compiled by **Tom Shieber**. Also included is a book review by Terry Smith on **A House of Cards: Baseball Card Collecting and Popular Culture**.

## Business of Baseball

The Spring 1998 edition of the newsletter recaps Major League Baseball business news and includes a list of long-term holdouts prior to free-agency.

The 81 players who filed for arbitration saw their salaries increase an average of 150%, slightly below 1997's record 154% increase. Meanwhile, ticket prices rose an average of 10%, according to Team Marketing Report's annual survey. The Red Sox and Yankee's became the first clubs to top an average of \$20 per ticket, while the average cost to see the Twins and Reds remains below \$8.50.

Articles include **Doug Pappas'** "The J.D. Drew Saga;" **Keith Woolner's**; "Competitive Ecology" (study of long-term competitiveness and market size) and **Bill Gilbert's** "Is Arbitration Getting a Bum Rap?"

On the stadium-financing front, Tigers owner Mike Ilitch borrowed \$145 million from Sumitomo Bank as the team's contribution toward the estimated \$260-million cost of a new stadium. The Tigers are also responsible for cost over-runs. The Pirates continue to negotiate with local authorities over their contribution to a planned new \$228-million, 38,000 seat baseball-only stadium. The Pirates have

offered \$35 million, but the government wants a larger contribution.

On the franchise movement front, the Athletics, unhappy with their second-class citizen status at the Coliseum, are considering possible moves to San Jose or Las Vegas. The State of Minnesota has launched an anti-trust investigation of MLB in connection with the Twins' threatened move to North Carolina.

## Minor Leagues

The January-April issue of *Spotlight on the Minors* includes information on a Western International League Reunion and a KOM 52nd birthday party.

**Mike Dempsey** reports that Howe Sportsdata has records on about a dozen independent leagues from the past few years. Each league report costs \$15.

Among the eight research requests listed are **Ron Selter's** quest to reconcile home run data for the 1915 Central Association, **Ed Tassinari's** search for more specifics on an attempt to create a Minor League Pension fund in 1957, and **Mike Lackey's** search for missing data on Bob Ewing's career.

## Negro Leagues

The June 1998 issue of the Negro Leagues newsletter announces the passing of Negro Leaguers Rafael Noble, John Wyatt, Gentry Jesup, John Kennedy, Zachery Redden, Robert Baten, Charles Marvray and Dan Black.

Over a dozen citations of articles on Negro League related materials, the latest marketplace news and information on current and future individual projects are also included.

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# SABR Regionals

## Upcoming

For the most up-to-date and up-to-the minute regional information, call 216-575-0500 after 6pm ET and follow the menu or check: <http://www.sabr.org/calendar.htm>.

**Toronto, Ontario:** On August 6, SABR members will meet at Seneca College for an evening of baseball enjoyment. Guests include retired *Toronto Sun* writer **Neil MacCarl** and **Bill Humber**. Contact **Michael Kerbel** at 416-544-8000 for details.

## Recaps

### South Bend, Indiana:

Seventeen persons attended the first SABR meeting held in South Bend. Members came from as far away as Cleveland, Indianapolis, Chicago and Texas.

Presentations were made by **Pete Cava** (Hoosier-born players in the Majors); **Steve Krah** (Lou Criger); and **Dick Derby** (Nig Cuppy). Chapter organizer **Cappy Gagnon** also prepared a paper on Nolan Ryan. **Larry Roth** and Cava won the Research Quiz.

Lou Criger was selected as the chapter's namesake, edging out former South Bend sportswriter Ring Lardner. Other strong candidates were South Bend's Ollie Bejma; Notre Dame's Cy Williams; and Alex Porzel. Porzel is the freshman left-fielder for Notre Dame whose two-run homer in the 15th inning ended a marathon game that allowed the chapter meeting to begin.

Criger grew up in Elkhart, 15 miles east of South Bend. He played semi-pro and professional ball in Southwestern Michigan and Northern Indiana. He also served as the pre-season baseball coach at Notre Dame.

The next meeting will include a South Bend Silverhawks game at Coveleski Stadium in August. Former PCL and Cubs' pitcher Gene Fodge will be the featured speaker.

**San Diego, California:** During successive weeks in April, the San Diego/Ted Williams chapter hosted the showing of a quartet of baseball films at the City of San Diego Main Library. This baseball film festival was part of the chapter's new baseball library research project that is in partnership with the City Library. Hosts and commentators included **Tom Larwin, Andy Strasberg, Frank Myers, Anna Newton, Jay Walker** and **Bob**

end joining the Q&A session.

The second featured guest was British author and cricket expert Allan Synghe who delivered an amusing and intriguing paper on why cricket never made a success in the USA and likewise why baseball failed to become established in Britain.

Synghe explained how the Australian acceptance and subsequent experience in high level baseball over the years resulted in their cricket team having a decide edge in 'test matches' versus the mother country.

Allan Chell spoke on how his baseball league players from the Brighton area have been asked to teach the local cricket team fielders how to throw the ball in a proper and more effective manner.

### Greenville, Rhode Island:

Sixty-five members and guests attended the spring meeting of the Lajoie-Start (Southern New England) chapter at St. Philip's Church Hall on May 9, 1998. Guest speakers were Mike Roarke, former major league catcher and pitching coach, and Joe Krakowski of Central Falls, Rhode Island, a minor league pitcher and outfielder

from the mid-1930s into the 1950s. **Jim Furtado**, who designed and set up the chapter's new home page on the World Wide Web ([www.meol.net/users/jfurtado/sabr/](http://www.meol.net/users/jfurtado/sabr/)), discussed the page and its contents. Presentations were made by: **Rick Harris**, on the Rhode Island Historic Baseball Project; **David Kaiser**, on the 1948 American League pennant race; **Mark Kanter**, on Dick Allen; and **Steve Krevisky**, Boston Can Be Great When the Year Ends in 8. **Dick Thompson's** trivia contest was won by Marc Wise. The chapter's next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 28.

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## The SABR Season

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- August:** Lou Criger Chapter Meeting (South Bend, Indiana);  
Contact Cappy Gagnon, 219-233-0929
- August 1:** Allan Roth Chapter Meeting (Los Angeles);  
Contact Chuck Carey, 714-761-3580
- August 3:** Hall-Ruggles Chapter Meeting (Dallas-Ft. Worth);  
Contact Howard Green, 817-535-0058
- August 6:** Toronto Regional Meeting;  
Contact Mike Kerbel, 416-544-8000
- October 17:** Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter Meeting (Toledo);  
Contact Steve Lauer, 419-882-1301
- November 28:** Lajoie-Start Chapter Meeting (Southern New England);  
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**Boynton.** An exhibit of memorabilia from members' collections accompanied the film series.

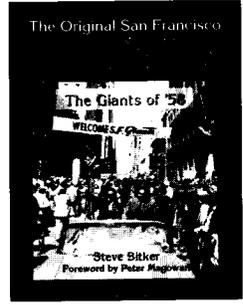
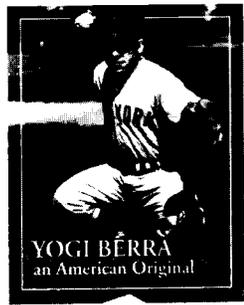
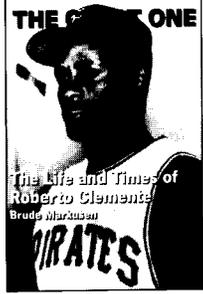
**London, England:** The 7th Annual General Meeting of the Bobby Thomson Chapter was held on April 25 at the Kings of Clerkenwell Public House, London.

Clark Griffith of the Senators/Twins dynastyspoke for nearly 2 hours delighting a full audience of SABR UK members. He spoke of his first-hand major league experiences. The main text of Griff's presentation dealt with historical significance of labour relations and the ongoing situation. Griffith stayed until the

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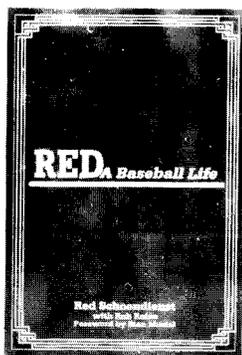
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Richman, Milton: Does a ballplayer know when he's through? 4 pages. Copy of article in Sport Magazine, July 1957. Players' opinions.

Schott, Arthur O.: Strikeouts to homer ratio, players with 50 or more home runs in a season. 1 page.

Seymour, Harold: Baseball's first professional manager. 9 pages. Copy of article by the late baseball historian in the Ohio Historical Quarterly, date uncertain but sometime after 1953, about Harry Wright and his teams.

Smith, David W.: The effect of artificial surface. 8 pages.

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**David King**, 331 St. Mary's, New Braunfels TX 78130, (210) 250-3365 or (800) 555-1551 ext. 3365, dking@express-news.net, is looking for information--clippings, notes, stories, etc.-- on Hall of Famer Ross Youngs. References to books would be welcome as well.

**Kevin Flynn**, 6748 Duckeets Ln, Elkridge MD 21075, e-mail: natslive@erols.com seeks information on Joe Cassidy, shortstop, Washington (1904-05) and Alton Brown, Pitcher, Washington (1951).

**John Bowman**, 53 Massasoit Street, Northampton MA 01060, 413-584-4730, e-mail: sbowman@crocker.com seeks help in locating issues of New York Sporting Times for 1886-1888. No library is listed as owning said issues, so it may have to be a private collector. *Note: This was obscure 19th cent. sporting periodical--do not confuse with better known ones.*

**Ray Miller**, 32 Farrin Street, Bath NE 04530, 207-725-3370 (w), 207-442-9644 (h); fax: 207-725-3348, e-mail: rmiller@bowdoin.edu seeks publications, biographies, and other information about the New York sportswriter Bill Corum, especially bibliographic references. Anything would be appreciated.

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**Mario Longoria**, 7503 Brandyridge, San Antonio TX 78250, 210-680-2026, Fax 210-735-4413, seeks specific information on player acquisitions by the Baltimore Orioles in the Spring of 1885. Want player names, former teams played for, name of person who signed the player, when and conditions, salaries, plus any other information. Also, please include source(s) of information.

**Ken Rappoport**, 29 Owens Road, Old Bridge NJ 08857, 732-679-8703, e-mail: thebard3@juno.com, seeks information for a project on the 1914 "Miracle" Boston Braves. Anything would be appreciated: features, press clippings, anecdotes or photos. Would be happy to reimburse for any mailing costs or charges.

**Steve Walker**, 4574 Rolling Meadows Way, Ellicott City MD 21043, 410-480-0075, seeks information on the names of the 1969 Washington Senators who caught the balls that President Nixon threw into a crowd of players on Opening Day. Also seeking Senators' fans who attended 1969 Opening Day, the All-Star Game, or other games at RFK that year to discuss impressions and memories.

**Mark Rucker**, PO Box 3203, Boulder CO 80307, 313-494-6715, asks: On May 24, 1998 two pitchers named Bobby Jones won games in the National League. Bobby Jores of the Mets and Bobby Jones of the Rockies - each pitched 7 innings and walked no one. Have there ever been two pitchers with the same name who won on the same date before?

**Ray Schmidt**, 13848 W. Rockbluff Way, Lockport IL 60441, 708-301-4798. Seeks any biographical information or current address for relatives of long-time San Francisco Chronicle sports editor, Bill Leising.

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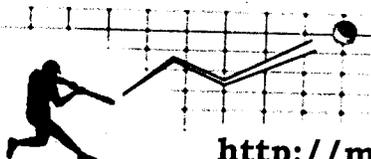
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*Star Ledger* (February 26, 1998). It determined that Larry Walker's 1997 season was the best offensive season since 1949...**Barbara Gregorich** and **Christopher Jennison's** new book *Racing Math* has activities and projects for Grades 4-8. Barbara also had a story on Lee Chandler and the Chicago All Star Ranger Girls printed in *The Plain Dealer Sunday Magazine* (June 7, 1998).. **Gene Sunnen's** research into Mark McGwire's home runs was mentioned in Paul White's column in *Baseball Weekly* (May 26)...Pete Williams used **Patric Doyle's** research into Scott Boras' minor league career in the same issue...**Adrian Burgos** was an on-

line panelist/moderator for the April 14 ESPN Town Meeting on Race and Sport...**David Cain's** baseball column "The Hot Corner" was included in **Rob Edelman's Baseball on the Web** and noted in a short article in *California Lawyer* (April 1998)...**Chuck Early** is the play-by-play broadcaster for the Greenville Bluesman (Texas-Louisiana Lg)...**Dave Moreau** of Jesuit High School in New Orleans was chosen as Coach of Year...**Bill Catalanello** was profiled in the New Orleans Times-Picayune on his "Bleacher Creature" newsletter...**Doug Pappas'** helped compile a history of the DH used in *Baseball Weekly* (June 10).

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Research presentations were given by **Daniel Levine** and **Bill Gilbert**. **Mark Wernick** won the trivia contest for the 2nd year in a row.

**Toledo, Ohio:** Twenty-three members and guests attended the May 30th meeting at the Heatherdowns Branch of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library.

**Alyce Lutomski** presented a short report on the only picture found to date of Speranza Park. **Leslie Heaphy** spoke on public relations and publicity practices of Negro Leagues teams. **Fred Schuld** presented a slide show of baseball cartoons from Cleveland newspapers. **Greg Crouse** spoke on his experience in getting published in last year's *Baseball Research Journal* and encouraged everyone to give writing a try. **John Haeussler** concluded with a personal discussion of a Tigers-Browns game attended by his grandfather on September 9, 1943, intertwining the social history of the World War II era with baseball developments of 1943.

After a trivia quiz, the group headed for the ballpark for a picnic supper and an 11-5 Mud Hen victory over Scranton.

**Worcester, Massachusetts:** On May 31, Worcester-area native Paul Mitchell, who pitched for the Orioles, A's, Mariners and Brewers from 1975-1980, spoke about his path to the majors and his major league debut at Fenway Park on July 1, 1975. He also provided interesting stories on playing for managers Earl Weaver and Chuck Tanner.

**Dixie Tourangeau** provided background information on how he assembles the *Play Ball!* baseball calendar each year.

Jim Ruby and Sarah Holmes of the "Save Fenway Park" group spoke about their organization's effort to keep Fenway Park alive and well in the midst of the Red Sox' effort to build a new state-of-the-art ballpark. The proceedings drew to a close with a celebration of the 30th anniversary of 1968--The Year of the Pitcher. Rare broadcast video of the '68 Sox featuring Yaz, Hawk Harrelson and many of the era's stars, and clips of the 1968 World Series between Detroit and St. Louis were viewed.

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The Ted Williams Museum has announced that the 1999 inductees to its Hitters Hall of Fame will be Willie Stargell, Al Kaline, Carl Yastrzemski, Yogi Berra and Sadaharu Oh. Also to be honored for singular achievements are Steve Carlton for winning 27 of the 59 victories for the Philadelphia Phillies in 1972 and Elroy Face for winning 18 of 19 decisions for the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1959. For more information, contact the Ted Williams Museum, 2455 North Citrus Hills Blvd, Hernando FL 34442 (352-527-6566 or www.hitter.com).

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### Awards, Continued from page 1

Other Seymour Award finalists:

Alan M. Klein for *Baseball on the Border*, Princeton University Press; Arnold Rampersad for *Jackie Robinson: A Biography*, Knopf; Greg Rhodes & John Erardi for *Big Red Dynasty*, Road West Publishing; Lyle Spatz for *New York Yankee Openers*, McFarland & Company.

The winners of The Sporting News-SABR Research Awards are: Joseph Dittmar, *Baseball Records Registry: The Best & Worst Single-Day Performances*

& *the Stories Behind Them*; Jonathan Fraser Light, *The Cultural Encyclopedia of Baseball*; and David Nemecek, *The Great Encyclopedia of 19th Century Major League Baseball*.

The winners of the Macmillan-SABR Baseball Research Awards are: Clifford Blau for "The History of Major League Tie Games"; John McReynolds for "Nate Moreland, Mystery to Historians"; Gary Smith, for "Damned Yankee."

## 1998 Centennial Celebrity Candidates

**Happy Chandler** (HoF). He was Baseball Commissioner (1945-51) during which period he supported the entry of Jackie Robinson into Organized Baseball in 1946 and the Majors the next season; he suspended the players who jumped to the Mexican League; and put the Player's Pension Fund on a sound footing.

**Kiki Cuyler** (HoF) was a speedy, competitive outfielder who had his best years with the Pirates and the Cubs between 1923 and 1934. In addition to being the World Series hero in the 1925 win over Washington, he hit 26 triples and scored 144 runs for the Pirates in 1926, and scored 155 runs for the Cubs in 1930. He led in stolen bases 1926, 1928-30. His career BA was .321.

**Frank Frisch** (HoF) was a flashy base-runner and second baseman for the Giants (1919-26) and the Cardinals (1927-37) and played on eight pennant-winners. He was MVP in 1931, and led the Gas-House Gang to a World Series title in 1934. The aggressive switch-hitter collected 2,880 hits and stole 419 bases, including 49 in 1921 and 47 in 1928. He managed the Cardinals (1933-38); Pirates (1940-46); and Cubs (1949-51). His career BA was .316.

**Charlie Grimm** was a fun-loving player and manager who still got things done. He led NL first basemen in fielding average seven times and batted .290 in 2,166 games. He took over as player-manager of the Cubs in August 1932 and led the club to a 14-game pennant-winning streak. The Cubs won again in 1935 and also in 1938, but Grimm had retired in mid-season and went to the broadcast booth. He managed the Braves 1952-56 and later returned to the Cubs as Vice-President.

**Dick Lundy** was one of the top shortstops in Negro League history. He had great range and a strong arm. A switch-hitter, he also posed a threat on the bases. In 1921 he led the Bachrach Giants with a spectacular .484 BA, and his 13 homers led the Eastern Colored League in 1924. As a player/manager, he led the Giants to pennants in 1926 and 1927. He joined the Baltimore Black Sox in 1929 and led them to the pennant with the "Million Dollar Infield" which included him at short. He retired in 1937 after 22 seasons of play.

**Joe Sewell** (HoF). A shortstop and third baseman for the Indians and Yankees, 1920-33, he led the league in assists five years; putouts four years, and fielding average twice. He played in 1,103 consecutive games from 1922 to 1930; and established the remarkable record of fanning only 114 times in 7,132 at-bats. In 1925, 1930, and 1933, he fanned only four times each season (while some players struck out four times in a game). His career BA was .312.

**George Uhle** was a strong-armed hurler for Cleveland who won 22 games in 1922; 26 in 1923; and 27 in 1926. He also won a 20-inning game over the White Sox on May 24, 1929. He closed out his 17-year career with exactly 200 wins. He was a good-hitting hurler, collecting a record 52 hits for a .321 BA in 1923.

*Rank your top three candidates in order of preference (first to third--write-in candidates are also acceptable). Vote on a separate sheet of paper or post card and mail to: SABR Centennial Survey, PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101, no later than August 5, 1998.*

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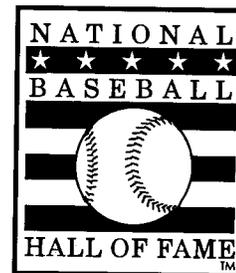
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## Obituaries

**Donald Rittenhouse**, 73, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, recently passed away. He was a SABR member since 1990.

Shirley Povich was not a member, but he will be missed by all in baseball. **Ron Gabriel** attended his memorial service.

Frosty Kennedy, whose career records are included in the *Minor League Register*, died June 5. **Fred Peltz** and Dick Beverage attended his memorial service. Fred was a teammate of Kennedy while playing for Riverside in the Sunset League during the 1948-49 seasons.



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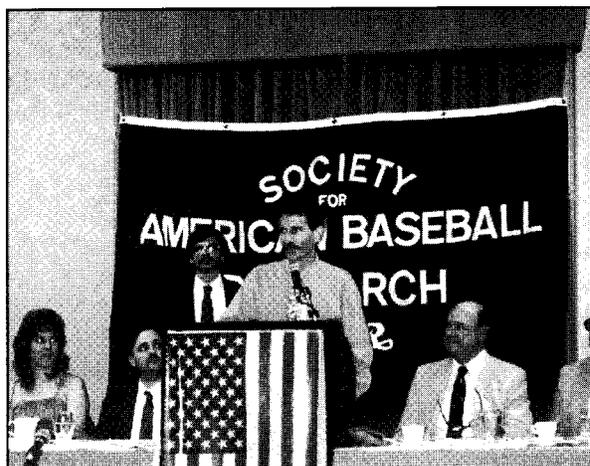
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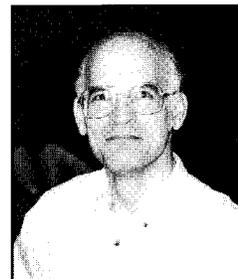


*Rob Ruck (center) accepts the Macmillian-SABR Baseball Research Award at the 1991 SABR National Convention in New York City, New York.*

### SAMPLE BIOGRAPHY

#### STEPHEN JOHNSON III:

Johnson was born April 1950 in Oberlin, Ohio. He joined the SABR in 1992 to learn more about the game and enjoy fellowship with other baseball fans. He is currently a member with the Jack Graney Chapter in Cleveland, Ohio. His mentors include Fred Schuld and Larry Gerlach. He is an expert on the career of umpire Charles Frances Berry and has a general interest in umpires. He



also enjoys biographical and historical baseball books. He is on the Umpires and Rules research committee as well as the Bibliography committee and is an officer-at-large with his local chapter. His written works include Umpires of the 1928 and 1929 Seasons, as yet unpublished. He enjoys attending National Conventions. His most memorable experience is of a chapter tour of Jacobs Field under construction.

Johnson has been married to Mary Ann for 21 years. They have two daughters, Courtney, 16 and Sarah, 14. He is the director of bands in the Oberlin, Ohio school district. His hobby is collecting baseball books.

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## Convention Recap

The winds at Candlestick Point, the intimacy of San Jose's Municipal Stadium, Jon Miller's colorful anecdotes, the heartfelt gratitude of SABR's award winners, and much more all blended together at the largest gathering of SABR members (437 registrants) of the four California SABR conventions (1980, 1985, 1993, 1998).

Once a weekend get-together, the SABR convention now packs four full days with wall-to-wall baseball content reflective of the broad nature of SABR itself. Vintage baseball continues to grow as an important element of the convention, with an exhibition on Thursday and another Friday night at 3-Com Park prior to the Giants-Rangers game attended by 400 SABR members.

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## Call for Candidates

The Nominating Committee for SABR Board positions seeks your input. The offices to be filled starting in June 1999 are President and Director. Candidates must have been members of SABR continuously for four years prior to taking office.

Deadline for nominations from the membership-at-large is February 1, 1999. Nominees must prepare a candidate's statement, following guidelines available from a nominating committee member, to be received by the Executive Director (preferably by e-mail or Fax) no later than February 15, 1999.

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The other members of the nominating committee are **Evelyn Begley**, 625 E 14th St, New York NY 10009; e-mail:

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## Davis Grave to Be Marked

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Davis is buried in Ferwood Cemetery on Balimore Avenue in Landsdowne, Pennsylvania, just outside of Philadelphia. His grave has been unmarked since his death on October 17, 1940. For more information on the September 19 event, contact **Richard Puff** at 518-262-3421 (days), 518-439-7297 (evenings) or via e-mail at rpuff@ccgateway.amc.edu.

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## No Pardon Needed for Davids Award Winner

Since SABR's founding on August 10, 1971, **John Pardon** has never hesitated to volunteer his efforts, offer his opinions, and work for the betterment of the society. Pardon's many contributions to SABR were recognized when he was presented with the Bob Davids Award on June 27 at the 1998 SABR National Convention.

John, the fourteenth recipient of the award honoring a member "whose contributions to SABR and baseball reflect the ingenuity, integrity, and self-sacrifice of the founder and past president of SABR, L. Robert "Bob" Davids," was SABR's first Vice-President and also served one term as Secretary and two as Director, spending 10 consecutive years on the SABR Executive Board (1979 to 1989). Chairman of the Minor League Committee from 1982 to 1987, John has attended 24 of SABR's 28 National Conventions and more than 50 SABR regional meetings. Most recently, John was chairman of an ad-hoc SABR Archives Committee, a member of the SABR Archives Task Force, and a recipient of the SABR Salute in 1997.

**Stew Thornley** was honored for his presentation "The Polo Grounds—A Tale of Four Stadiums" with the sixth *Baseball Weekly Award* for best research presentation at the annual SABR National Convention. Using words, maps, and photos, Thornley's slide presentation conveyed an understanding of the four stadiums recognized as the Polo Grounds. Other finalists for the award were **David W. Smith** for "The Effectiveness of Platooning," **Paul Hirsch** for "Ebbets Field," and **Doug Pappas** for "Thirty Years of Collective Bargaining."

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essay covering its highlights and champion. Full rosters for each team, with complete statistics for all players, are also included. Looking through the book can evoke memories of days gone by for long-time IL fans or can pique your interest in learning more about the men who played alongside the upcoming stars. The book includes tables, a bibliography and an index.

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## They Tasted Glory: Among the Missing at the Baseball Hall of Fame

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*Advised of the results of the recent election just as I finished the Pres Box column for the May-June Bulletin. I quickly inserted a note congratulating the winners. In my haste I neglected to thank Secretary David Pietrusza and Director Rick Salamon for their dedicated and valuable service to the Board and the Society. They will be missed, and I sincerely regret the oversight.*

Larry Gerlach

### Ballpark Plaques

I get a nice feeling every time I hear of SABR members involved in an effort to erect a marker on the site of a former ballpark (as well as the current project by the George Davis Chapter of SABR to purchase a gravestone for Davis; see page 1). I have twice been involved in ballpark projects—for former minor-league stadiums in Minneapolis (Nicollet Park, home of the Minneapolis Millers from 1896 -1955) and St. Paul (Lexington Park, home of the St. Paul Saints from 1897-1956). The experiences were different, but the effort was ultimately successful. Based on my experiences, here are some suggestions to successfully complete a marker project.

One of the biggest challenges in this type of effort is getting the support of the current property owner. It helps to both put the site into historical context and to point out the benefits for the local property owner. In the case of Nicollet Park, the older customers still referred to the establishment as "the ballpark bank" but the younger customers had no idea why. Luckily, I was able to

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This Month's Guest Columnist:  
Stew Thornley

convince the branch manager of the bank to agree to allow a marker to be erected if I could raise the funds for a plaque from ex-players and fans.

Getting ex-players behind the project helps immensely. I began writing to former Minneapolis Millers (Jack Smaling's address book was a vital element in this endeavor) and was gratified by the response. Many of the players—such as home run king Joe Hauser and Al Worthington—included notes with their donations, indicating fond memories they still had for the place. Even if they cannot help monetarily, their testimonials help to raise funds from the general public.

Some nuts and bolts issues include having a fiduciary agent for the marker project. Potential donors are much less leery of making out their checks to an organization rather than to an individual. The Halsey Hall Chapter was in charge of the project to get a marker at the site of Lexington Park in St. Paul. You may also want to involve local historical societies or preservation groups in the process, although in my experience I haven't done it. The marker itself can be purchased from a monument company.

Some people wonder if a land survey needs to be done to determine the exact location of home plate. Beyond the challenges in this, I found that

this would have meant placing the markers in less visible spots; I was satisfied in each case to have a plaque within the confines of the former stadiums. Having the marker in a visible location is appealing to both baseball fans and to the owner of the site as the promotional aspect of the marker is enhanced.

Among the pitfalls involved in efforts like this is the chance that your work will be appropriated by others. Midway through the Nicollet fund drive, the bank officials decided to turn it into a corporate event and tried to squeeze me out of the project. They did control it to the point that the plaque unveiling ceremony in August 1983 consisted of a bunch of bank officials (along with me) patting themselves on the back for their civic-mindedness. While it left me feeling a bit unsatisfied with the process, at least a very classy free-standing, two-sided bronze marker was put up outside the bank's front doors (in what had been right-center field of Nicollet Park). The bank did make a sizable donation for the marker, which cost in excess of \$1,000. In contrast, the marker at Lexington Park in St. Paul was installed in 1994 for about \$700 and had a much more historically appropriate unveiling ceremony.

I'd be happy to share my experiences in more detail with anyone contemplating such a project. Contact me at 1082 Lovell Avenue, Roseville, Minnesota 55113-4419 or by e-mail at thorn@tc.umn.edu.

Stew Thornley

## Board Meeting Report

The Spring 1998 SABR Executive Board Meeting was held March 27-28 at the San Francisco Airport Marriott. Vice President **Dick Beverage** chaired the meeting in the absence of President **Larry Gerlach**. Gerlach, Secretary **David Pietrusza**, and Director **Steve Gietschier** were unable to attend the meeting. Present were Treasurer **Paul Andresen**, Directors **Jim Riley**, **Rick Salamon**, and **Tom Shieber**. Executive Director **Morris Eckhouse** and Publications Director **Mark Alvarez** also attended.

Publications Director Alvarez reported on potential publications on Hal Chase and on home runs. A broad discussion of SABR's publications program included the duration of the Publication Director's contract, need for a mission statement for publications, quality control, Publication Director's responsibilities, the "look" of SABR publications, frequency of publications, encouragement of writing and submissions, content issues, costs, and the logistics of offering more choices to members, and development of a new SABR publication.

Plans for the 1998, 1999 and 2000 conventions were reviewed. Potential sites for the 2001 convention were reviewed, but no action was taken. Discussion, questions and answers followed regarding **Norman Macht's** resignation from the Convention Committee. Salamon reviewed committee procedures and recommended no changes to the committee until

after the 1998 elections. Other aspects of convention committee operations reviewed were the appointment of the local chair (done by convention committee chair), the need for multiple site options, and the lack of face-to-face committee meetings.

Shieber, chair of the Archives Task Force, reported that a final report from the task force was pending due to negotiations with Western Reserve Historical Society. The preferred choice of options seems to be linking with an existing archival institution (such as WRHS) to become SABR's archive.

SABR's internet presence was discussed, including the costs (money and manpower) to upgrade SABR's web site, the look of the web site, the relationship between SABR's web site and publications, and SABR-L content. Andresen (chair of the Internet Task Force) and Pietrusza (volunteer Webmaster) were thanked for their contributions to SABR's internet presence.

The Research Task Force report yielded discussion of the topics of reprinting old baseball guides, establishing a lending library of interviews on audio tape, surveying the membership to assess individual resources, discussing use of interlibrary loan and other research topics/techniques at regional meetings and in *The SABR Bulletin*, and publishing a new baseball research handbook. Development of a SABR data base, incorporating information from

the biographical data base, the home run log, and other sources was also discussed.

Highlights of regional development reported included the first meeting of the Lou Criger chapter in Notre Dame and the Joe Jackson symposium in Crystal River, Florida.

Eckhouse provided performance evaluations for Manager of Membership Services **John Zajc** and Clerical Assistant **Vanetta Ellis**. The evaluations were praised by Beverage. Discussion concerned job assignments, the future of the clerical assistant position, staff turnover, business issues, and staff benefits.

Options for the scheduling of SABR Board meetings was discussed, including the possible reduction of one meeting per year, and the addition of a retreat (similar to the January 1998 meeting in Cleveland) every other year.

**Bob Boynton** was commended for his efforts as the chair of the Nominations Committee. Two motions regarding the SABR Hero of Baseball Award passed. A motion to award the SABR Hero of Baseball Award to **Stan Musial** passed 4-0-1 (Shieber abstain); and a motion that, subsequent to the 1998 award, no additional SABR Hero of Baseball Awards would be considered until the establishment of definitive criteria for the award passed 5-0.

Minutes from SABR Executive Board meetings are available by contacting SABR.

# Research Committees

## Ballparks

The latest committee newsletter contains listings of ballparks articles, preservation news, books, and more.

Mark Vatauk has observed the differences in fence distance and seating capacity between 1956 and 1997. In the AL, seating capacity has risen only about 1% (47,879 in 1956 and 48,283 in 1997) while the NL's capacity has risen from 36,683 to 52,579. More on attendance: the 1997 major league attendance figure (63,860,022) was the second highest total in history. In the past twenty years (1977-1997), average attendance has increased from 18,381 to 28,160. In the first two months of the 1998 season, there were 50 games with attendance at less than 10,000. Montreal (19) and Oakland (12) accounted for more than 60% of those games.

Toronto's old Exhibition Stadium, originally built in 1948, will likely meet the wrecker's ball in the Fall. The Mets unveiled plans for a \$500 million stadium that would feature "moving grass" on a slab that could be rolled outside leaving a concrete pad adaptable for other events.

## Baseball Records

Chairman Lyle Spatz has moved. His new address is: 331 Colony Point Place, Edgewater MD 21037.

## Bibliography Committee

Ted Hathaway reports that the Research in Baseball Index (RBI) is now available on CD-ROM. Write Ted at 5645 Fremont Ave S, Minneapolis MN 55419 (or sabrrbi@baldeagle.com) for details.

## Biographical Research

The Mystery of the Month comes from Dick Thompson who discovered that the George Raymond Moore listed as pitching for Pittsburgh on June 14, 1905, is not the right guy--George Raymond Moore was a career minor league infielder. *The Boston Globe* reported that Moore was 6' 4" and weighed over 200 pounds and was from Ohio. There is a George Moore listed as a pitcher for Altoona in 1905 and this may be the right man, but verification is needed.

Jamie Selko notes that Walt Dropo was a first round draft choice of the Providence Steamrollers of the NBA in 1947 and Cal McVey worked as a shotgun-

toting body guard for heavyweight champ Jack Johnson. A biography of Henry S. Burroughs by Pete Morris is also included.

## Nineteenth Century

At the SABR Convention, John Husman was named to replace Frederick Ivor-Campbell as chair of the Nineteenth Century Committee.

*Nineteenth Century Notes* contains an update of the Pre-1871 Rosters Project, headed by Rich Puff, and the American Association History Project. An obituary of Chris Von Der Ahe found in the June 1913 *Sporting Life* is republished as well.

Robert L. Tiemann's "Last Man Out, Next Man Up" deals with the wording of the batting order rule prior to 1878 ("after the first inning, the first striker in each inning shall be the batsman whose name follows that of the third man out in the preceding inning") allowed for what seems like hitting out of turn today. Frederick Ivor-Campbell's "Priceless Pairs" looks at 19th century teams that had pitchers with 20 or more wins and ERAs of less than 2.00. Somewhat surprisingly, there were just four teams with hurlers meeting the criteria.

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# SABR Regionals

## Upcoming

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## Recaps

**Overland Park, Kansas:** The Kansas City SABR chapter met on February 7 at Johnson County Public Library with 43 members and guests in attendance. The guest speakers included longtime Kansas City Royals radio broadcaster **Denny Matthews**, baseball historian Bill James, and Mike Holmes, the owner and operator of the Mighty KC Bat Company, Inc.

In his talk, Matthews advocated a major league realignment of four divisions of eight teams each, despite the fact he considers himself a baseball conservative, having grown up with traditional attitude of an American and National League. Matthews also emphasizes other changes to improve the game including the opening of the strike zone, which would force the hitter to get ahead in the count and generally increase the pace of the game.

Bill James stressed that baseball is not a "perfect machine" and is in need of changes to improve. James advocated several basic rule changes to influence and improve the game including: Limiting the number of times a pitcher can throw to first base or any other base; not calling time once the batter is in the box; limiting the time limit between innings to 90 seconds instead of the current two minutes; establishing a minimum weight and circumference standards for bats; (James suggests a minimum circumference of .8 up to 3 inches); and limiting the number of mid-inning pitching changes to 1 or 2 per game (there has been a 63% increase in the past 20 years).

The KC SABR Chapter officers for the coming year: **Bob Cole**, President; **Walter LeConte**, Vice-President; **Patric Doyle**, Secretary; and **Lloyd Johnson**, Treasurer.

**Trenton, New Jersey:** Seventy-nine members and friends attended the April 18 meeting of the Philadelphia Regional hosted by the Trenton Thunder.

Presentations were given by George Case III (Trenton Baseball Exhibit Video), **Ed Johnson** (The 1936-38 Trenton Senators), **Ross Adell** (The Last Game Played Between the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants), **David Jordan** (The Game That Went On and On), **Mark Kanter** (Richie Allen: the Best Natural Hitter to Enter Major League Baseball in The Pitching Era), **Jimmy Lindberg** ("Polo Grounds!" by Rolfe Humphries), **Alan Blumkin**

Cardinals, Tigers, Cubs) and Bill Witmer (SS-3b, White Sox and Tiger organizations, 1950-52; 1955) were on the player panel. Cameo appearances were made by former major league outfielder and Phillies GM Lee Thomas and Thunder co-owner, Sam Palmeri. The meeting ended with a Trenton victory over the Harrisburg Senators.

**Cincinnati, Ohio:** Former major league pitcher and current color sportscaster of Cincinnati Reds TV games, **Chris Welsh**, was the guest of the Lee Allen/Waite Hoyt (Cincinnati) Chapter on May 16. Welsh recalled, with humor and the usual baseball player's complete memory of which player did what and when, his playing career and spoke candidly about today's health of professional baseball. **Greg Rhodes** shared some research

on the 19th Century Reds players. After the meeting, several members went to the office of architect Michael Shuster to see a model of how the riverfront area of Cincinnati will look if the new ballpark is placed there.

Members decided to gather informally on the first Thursday of every month for lunch at the Blue Moon, 2680 Madison Road, Hyde Park (east of Smith Road exit I-

74), Cincinnati. Reservations not required. Just show up ready to talk baseball.

**Crystal River, Florida:** Joe Jackson was the subject of a symposium hosted by SABR May 29-31. **Jim Riley** hosted the event, ably assisted by his wife Dottie.

Ballplayers in attendance included Eldon Aufer, Gene Hermanski, Monte Irvin, Andy Seminick and **Ted Williams**. **Bob Boynton** of San Diego's Ted Williams Chapter of SABR, and **Mike Ross** from SABR-UK traveled the greatest distances to attend.

It was Ted's call for Jackson to be

## The SABR Season

**October 17:** Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter Meeting (Toledo); Contact Steve Lauer, 419-882-1301

**November 7:** Jack Graney Chapter Meeting (Cleveland); Contact Jeff Wright, 440-356-1028

**November 14:** Ted Williams Chapter Meeting (San Diego); Contact Tom Larwin, 619-231-1466

**November 28:** Lajoie-Start Chapter Meeting (Southern New England); Contact Len Levin, 401-351-3278

(Dick Littlefield), **Clem Comly** (Managerial Decision-Making in Retrosheet), **David Voigt** (The League That Failed--A Precise), **Reed Howard** (Six Degrees of Nemo Leibold), **Jerry Casway** (A Video Tour of the Phillies' Old Ballpark at Broad and Huntingdon Sts, c. 1887-1894), **Woody Freyman** (To Err is Un-American, to Forgive is Divine), **Douglas Lyons** ("Out of Left Field"), **Tom Knight** (Hugh Mulcahy).

Tom McCarthy, Assistant General Manager of the Trenton Thunder, welcomed everyone, and former major leaguer Dave Gallagher (currently Trenton's hitting instructor), answered questions.

Barney Schulz (pitcher, 1955-65,

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newsletter an informational tool for members and a vehicle to fulfill SABR's constitutional objectives. His anecdotal style was reflective of the formative nature of SABR's early years. Early on, he initiated a flow of research information, now known as the Research Needs and Research Exchange sections of the *Bulletin*. Member profiles were frequently part of the early *Bulletins*, as were reports on the often unique doings of SABR members, particularly those working on baseball books. After 12 years and 67 *Bulletins*, Bob passed the editorial baton to **Cliff Kachline**, SABR's first Executive Director, with the August 1983 edition of the *Bulletin* (Volume 13, No. 4).

Under Kachline's direction, photos and advertising appeared in the *Bulletin* for the first time and the page count of the publication increased. While the newsletter took on a slightly more formal look, it generally retained the style and content features initiated by Bob Davids.

**Lloyd Johnson** succeeded Kachline as Executive Director and editor of *The SABR Bulletin* on November 15, 1985. Aided by layout assistance from Deb Wilds, the *Bulletin* took on a more polished look with more photos and historical baseball features. Frequency increased to eight issues per year in 1987 and 1988. Bob Davids' *Baseball Briefs* first appeared in the *Bulletin* in 1988.

Just four issues of the *Bulletin* were published in 1989, edited by Johnson, **Cappy Gagnon**, and Norbert Kraich. Kraich, who succeeded Johnson as SABR's Executive Director, resigned on March 20, 1990, and was succeeded by **Morris Eckhouse**, editor of *The SABR Bulletin* since the May 1990 issue (Volume 20, No. 5). To reestablish contact with the membership, President **Richard Topp** called for the *Bulletin* to be issued monthly. After four years of a monthly schedule (1990-1993), frequency has been scaled back to eight per year, but each *Bulletin* now has no less than twelve pages per issue.

**John Zajc** was officially given responsibility for layout and design of the *Bulletin* with the first issue of 1994 (Volume 24, No. 1), installing the three column format currently in use.

**Ed Menta**, Theatre Dept., Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo MI 49006 fax: 616-337-7061, email: [menta@kzoo.edu](mailto:menta@kzoo.edu) is collecting as many baseball college course syllabi as possible in order to analyze and report on this in some fashion, possibly for an article. The one stipulation is that it must be a course devoted to baseball only - not a course on sports economics, for example. PLEASE ONLY ANSWER THIS IF YOU'RE GOING TO SEND A SYLLABUS or have a lead on an actual course.

**Bob Darrell**, 1915 Mayfair Drive, Owensboro KY 42301-4672; 502/686-8888; fax: 502/686-8888; e-mail: [BDarrell@aol.com](mailto:BDarrell@aol.com). For manuscript on academic courses on baseball and American literature, seeks college syllabi, related information, articles about same, and suggestions where to find syllabi and information. Will reimburse for postage.

**Michael Mahoney**, 145 Kerns Ct, Napa CA 94558, email: [mahoneym@hotmail.com](mailto:mahoneym@hotmail.com), seeks a precise listing of major leaguers who played 10 or more seasons; a precise listing of major leaguers whose ML career began in 1960 or later; MLB's banned list of drugs and if it has changed since implemented. All information is to be used in doctoral dissertation.

**Chuck Kaufman**, 816 Congress Avenue, Suite 1280, Austin TX 78701, 512-708-1999, [ckaufman1@compuserve.com](mailto:ckaufman1@compuserve.com), seeks information on Bibb Falk (White Sox and Indians, 1920-31), who filled the shoes of Joe Jackson in left field and later coached twenty-seven years at The University of Texas. Seeking anecdotes during his playing days.

**Richard J. Courtens**, 2970-7 Mendon Road, Cumberland RI 02864-3442, e-mail [courts@juno.com](mailto:courts@juno.com) seeks complete rosters for all All-Star games dating back to 1933. Particularly curious about which team(s) had the most future Hall of Famers.

**Richard Saylor**, 135 E. Main Street, Apt.#A, Dallastown PA 17313, e-mail: [UYU906@Juno.com](mailto:UYU906@Juno.com), 717-246-8033, seeks information and images of John K. Tener who pitched for Chicago (NL) from 1888 to 1889, and Pittsburgh in the Players' League in 1890. Tener later became Governor of Pennsylvania from 1911-1915. Any information about Tener's baseball career or the teams he played on would be greatly appreciated. Also, wondering if Tener ever appeared on any baseball cards? Would be happy to reimburse any mailing or copying charges. Please include any sources of information.

**Rex Hamann**, 2553 N. Dousman Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212-3016, 414-372-5754 seeks information on Phil Cavarretta. Interest include high school years, family, current status, ideas for sources, photos, memorabilia, prior publications. Just beginning to formulate ideas for a short biography. Also seeking information on the southern Michigan League, specifically the Toledo team (re: Ernest Lynn Shepard)

**Gary Rosenthal**, 4008 Cherry Valley Drive, Olney MD 20832, 301-774-9689, seeks information on ballplayers who umpired in a major league game during their active playing career. This may have been as a result of injuries to the regularly scheduled umpire or the umpire just not showing for the game. Any information - book, clippings, photos, etc. - would be welcome.

**Mike Egner**, 541 Dawn Ct., Kuna ID 83634, 208-922-4935, e-mail: [gemini147@juno.com](mailto:gemini147@juno.com), seeks information on a team called Wastina, 1922 Independent Baseball Champions. Any information on Wastina would be appreciated.

**Robert Goetz**, 4 Penn Drive, Delran NJ 08075, 609-461-6191, seeks information to help form a complete, original baseball films list of all team, league, or any misc. films that existed from 1950-70. Currently have partial lists of films with titles of interest. For example, the Boston Red Sox team highlights exist from 1954-1959 and 1967-68. Did the Red Sox produce any promotionals from 1960-66 or 1969-70?

**Bob George**, PO Box 3955, Cleveland TN 37320-3955, seeks information on The Bloomer Girls: Ladies Champion Baseball of the World. This turn of the century team which according to broadside played from San Francisco to Cleveland, Tennessee.

**Steve Milman**, 5 Pratt Island, Darien CT 06820, 203-656-3225, fax 203-656-2426; for forthcoming documentary on Moe Berg seeks photos, film, memorabilia, information, etc.

**Jim Rygelski**, 10508 Tate Drive, St. Louis MO 63136, 314-869-1228, seeks information on the 1949 Mayfield, Kentucky, team in the Kitty League, especially Donald Dyer, who was an outfielder on that team. Any news accounts, box scores featuring him would be appreciated.

**Pete Reilly**, 9314 Heritage Glen Drive, Miamisburg OH 45342 e-mail: [Reilly77@aol.com](mailto:Reilly77@aol.com) needs for a book about the Cleveland Indians fans to share their favorite memories and players. Funny stories, all-time greats by position, favorite moments at each park.

# Research Exchange

The following articles, based on research presentations given at the 1998 San Francisco convention, have been added to the SABR Research Library. Also included are some other recent additions to the Research Library. Articles are available on request from **Len Levin**, 282 Doyle Avenue, Providence RI 02906-3355. The cost for copying and mailing up to 99 pages is 12 cents per page. For 100 or more pages, the cost is 11 cents per page. A complete list of the more than 4,000 articles in the Research Library is available from Len Levin at the address above. The cost for copying and mailing is \$3.00. you can also contact Len at 401-351-3278, or via E-mail: LLEVIN@URIACC.URI.EDU.

-----: RBI - Research in Baseball Index. 7 pages. An update on the ongoing project of SABR's Bibliography Committee to catalogue all of baseball's literature, in all forms.

Blengino, Tony: The most dominant starting pitchers of all time: The relative control power factor. 22 pages. An annual study; this one is carried through the 1997 season.

Blengino, Tony: Relative production potential, 1997. 22 pages. Statistical evaluation of minor league hitting prospects. Latest version of an annual study.

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Christian, Ralph J.: Seymour Roberts Church, baseball's forgotten historian. 5 pages.

Figone, Al: Oakland's Curt Flood: He said "no" with dignity. 18 pages.

Figone, Al: Bruce Gardner: From dreams to suicide; the sad life of a Trojan star. 12 pages. About a pitcher who ended his unhappy life by committing suicide on a ball field.

Gilbert, Bill: Measuring offensive performance by bases per plate appearance. 10 pages.

Grzymala, Kevin J.: Baseball and ethnicity: A case study of German Americans in Buffalo, NY, during the 19th century, 46 pages.

Hirsch, Paul: Some Ebbets Field facts and figures. 4 pages.

Hoban, Michael: Baseball by the numbers: The HEQ rating system. 28 pages. Excerpts from a book about the HEQ method devised by the author, which measures both offensive and defensive production.

Husman, John: Dr. Daniel Lucius Adams. 3 pages. A brief recap of the life of one of the central figures in baseball's first club, the Knickerbocker Base Ball Club of New York.

Krevisky, Steve: Close, but no cigar: The saga of the 1960s Giants. 9 pages.

Lawrence, David A.: The Negro Leagues: A unique problem in historical research. 5 pages. About the difficulties in researching the Negro Leagues.

Martin, James E.: The World Series of 1929. 9 pages.

Miller, Richard D.: Babe Ruth, Christy Walsh and the syndicate. 7 pages.

Pappas, Doug: 30 years of collective bargaining agreements. 4 pages. Chart listing player/owner agreements since 1967 and the principal changes each year.

Peterson, Richard F.: Harris or Asinof? Who wrote baseball's first realistic novel? 13 pages.

Smith, David W.: The effectiveness of platooning. 10 pages. Considers two questions: does handedness have any effect on batter performance, and do managers make decisions based on the perceived handedness advantage?

Thornley, Stew: The Polo Grounds - a tale of four stadiums. 6 pages.

Vail, Jim: Rating baseball's managers. 24 pages. A statistical study.

Wysard, Paul L.: The World War II years: A re-evaluation. 5 pages. Thesis is that overall player quality was not as weak as is generally assumed.

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## **Awards, continued from page 1**

Junior Individual Media project, *Baseball's Migration to Latin America*. The award was presented on June 18 at the University of Maryland. National History Day is an annual event in which students participate in regional, state, and national competitions. SABR has sponsored an award for the best baseball project, named in honor of legendary baseball historian Lee Allen, since 1996.

And congratulations to the 1998 SABR National Convention trivia contest winners **Al Blumkin** (individual) and **Steve Nadel, Eddie Gold, and Mark Kanter** (team).



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Members are encouraged to make early nominations for The Seymour Medal, SABR's award honoring the author(s) of the best book of baseball biography or history published in 1998.

To make your nomination(s), send the name of the book, author and publisher to The Seymour Medal, 812 Huron Rd E, Suite 719, Cleveland OH 44115.

The nominating petition for SABR's annual research awards will be published in the next issue of *The SABR Bulletin*.

## **New SABR Mailing Info**

In order to improve customer service, SABR will begin using its physical address at 812 Huron Rd E, Suite 719, Cleveland OH 44115 and begin phasing out its PO Box. Mail can be received at both addresses for now, but please start using the Huron Road address as much as possible from now on.

Seven hours of research committee meetings recognized the important work of these SABR members. Another 9 hours were devoted to nearly 40 research presentations, including four chosen as finalists for the *Baseball Weekly* Award (see page 1). Special sessions were devoted to baseball research and Hall of Fame selection criteria. The convention also included SABR's annual business meeting, two meetings of the SABR Executive Board, and a meeting of SABR's regional leaders.

Special events included a talk and book signing by Jon Miller, who wondered if the 1998 Yankees might become baseball's version of Titanic; a panel of former San Francisco Giants (Orlando Cepeda, Hank Sauer, Eddie Bressoud, and Mike McCormick); a panel of former Pacific Coast League players (Larry Jansen, Gino Cimoli, Dino Restelli, Bob Roselli, Bud Watkins, and Ernie Broglio); and Bill Rigney's keynote talk at the banquet.

Sunday's highlights included a session on Japanese-American baseball and Eddie Frierson's performance of *Matty*, capped by a San Jose Giants game.

**Nominate**, continued from page 1

(ebegley2@juno.com) and Jim Wyman, 1033 South Street, Anoka MN 55303.

**Description of Duties**

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**Directors** provide functional continuity for the Society on administrative policy.

All Board members are reimbursed for Board-related expenses as approved by SABR policy and are insured against liability claims related to Board action. The Board typically meets four times a year in weekend meetings (Friday-Sunday).

The term for President begins at the conclusion of the 1999 Annual Business Meeting at SABR 29 in Scottsdale, Arizona, and runs through the 2001 meeting. The term for Director runs from the 1999 meeting to the 2003 meeting.

**Names in the News** **Obituary**

**Paul Doherty**, of Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, a member since 1973, died suddenly on January 12. He was 85.

Paul, a retired typographer, attended several National Conventions, including Toronto and Oakland, and was a regular at the Lajoie/Start Chapter meetings until 1993. His research interests included inside-the-park-HRs, steals of Home and forfeited games. He also helped the Negro Leagues Committee and many members who needed information from the Boston Public Library. He will be missed by us all.

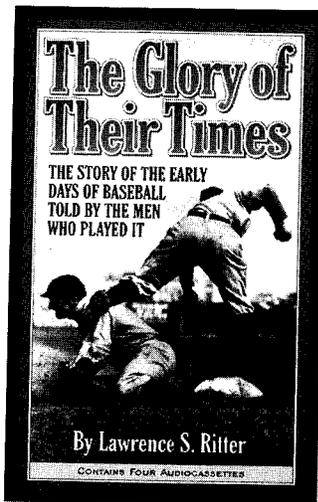
**Charles W. Bevis'** article "Turning Your Hobbies Into Resume Enhancers" highlighting how listing his free-lance baseball writing on his resume proved quite beneficial was published in *National Business Employment Weekly* (March 15-21, 1998)...**Bob Broeg's** *One for the Books* Column featured the exploits of the fictional Baseball Joe Matson and **Jack Kavanagh's** review of the Baseball Joe books (found in *SABR Review of Books, Volume 1*, available from SABR for \$5 postage paid)...**Denis Repp** was interviewed for a story on Exposition Park in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* (July 10, 1998). **Dan Bonk** was interviewed for the article...**Andrew Milner** was one of four winners of the *Village Voice's* recent baseball trivia contest...**Anthony Salazar's** article "The First Triple-A World Series" appears in *Las Vegas Magazine* (September 1998)...**Leo Bradley's** CD "One Bounce and You're Out: The History of Baseball in Song" is available. Contact Leo at 113 Hickory Lane, Box 395, Owensville OH 45160 for ordering information...**Phil Wood** (WTEM in Washington) quoted **John Pastier** from an Internet article in the *Montreal Gazette* ([www.montrealgazette.com](http://www.montrealgazette.com)).

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## Regional Recaps, continued from p. 5

admitted into the Hall of Fame which prompted the symposium. Ted's article "Shoeless Joe: It's Time to Open the Door" was first posted to SABR-L by **Dave Pietrusza**, and has recently appeared in print in *The National Pastime*.

The symposium opened Friday evening with a guest appearance by Monte Irvin. It then delved into a discussion of the literature on Jackson, primarily the books by Eliot Asinof (*Eight Men Out*) and Donald Gropman (*Say It Ain't So, Joe*). Also mentioned was **Joe and Jack Thompson's** new book, *Growing Up With Shoeless Joe*. Both knew Jackson when they were kids in Greenville, South Carolina.

During the discussion, it was clear that even among this group of well-read and well-meaning people, there wasn't even agreement over chronologies of events and who said what in actual courtroom testimony.

On Saturday morning, the group visited the Ted Williams Museum in Hernando and, hosted by Museum director Buzz Hamon, had the opportunity to visit this shrine to Ted and the greatest hitters in the game.

Following lunch, attorney Louis Hegeman, whom Ted has enlisted to present Jackson's case to Commissioner Selig, presented some of the background as well as his "case."

There was also a discussion about player pensions presented by Peter Golenbock. Many players from the 1940s are still not receiving a pension from baseball, and quite a few are in desperate straits. This at a time when the average daily pay of some current players would take care of these earlier players for a full year. **Bob Schaefer** gave a slide presentation on 20th century .400 hitters.

At Sunday's brunch everyone introduced themselves to Ted. Ted was presented with a portrait by **Ron Stark** of Williams and Shoeless Joe, and a Joe Jackson model bat. Mike Ross showed Ted a statue created by Mike and British sculptor Ted Taylor.

**Metairie, Louisiana:** Thirteen members and guests gathered at the office of **Joe Liss** on June 20 for the eleventh meeting of the Art Schott/Pelican Chapter. Attendees heard presentations by **Stan Cook** (Statistics Split by Position, Comparison of Offensive Stats--1964 MVP); **Bob Remy** (1957 All-Star Game Controversy, Baseball Movies); **Jay Gauthreaux** (Eddie Grant, Statue, Legion Post, Monument and Highway); **Arthur Schott** (1974 Sacramento PCL Home Run Record); **Kearney Windham** (The Big Bang Theory); **Jack Hebert** (Pitchers and Home Run Production); and **Elizabeth Muhleison** (Watching a Game at the Astrodome). A poll was taken regarding the DH with all members against the DH. A book raffle was held and all won a book.

**Cooperstown, New York:** Nearly forty members (including SABR VP **Fred Ivor-Campbell** and National Board member **Tom Shieber**) and guests gathered at the Cooperstown Regional on July 26.

Speakers included: Executive Director **Morris Eckhouse**; **Cliff Kachline** on correcting the official record in regard to Hack Wilson's RBI record; **Richard Puff** on efforts to erect a monument at the grave of Hall of Famer George S. Davis (see page 1); **David Pietrusza** on his forthcoming book *Judge and Jury: The Life and Times of Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis*; **John Thorn** on his recently published book *Treasures of the Baseball Hall of Fame*; **Rob Edelman** on baseball in the cinema; **Dick Clark** on the election of Negro Leaguers to the Baseball Hall of Fame; and **Herm Pansier** on his recent interviews with Reno Bertoia and Joe Altobelli.

**Los Angeles, California:** About 30 members of the Allan Roth Chapter and their guests gathered at the Amateur Athletic Foundation on August 1. **Jim McMartin** presented a study of the 25 best hitting

seasons of all time by catchers in which he concluded that Mike Piazza's 1997 and 1996 seasons ranked #1 and #2, respectively. **Ron Selter** discussed the relationships between minor league slugging averages and ballpark elevations. Chapter member **John McReynolds** was recognized for winning a SABR-Macmillan Award for his article on Nate Moreland, published in chapter member **Joe Wayman's 1997 Grandstand Baseball Annual**. **Bob Boynton** discussed "umpire bias", concluding that there is no bias for or against the home team by major league umpires, but quite noticeable differences in walks vs. strikeouts and in runs per game. After adjourning to the AAF's beautiful garden area for lunch and to work on the trivia quiz, it was determined that **Ken Guest** was the quiz winner with a score of 11 right answers out of 30 questions. **Bob Timmerman** then reviewed the history of the Los Angeles high school baseball championship game in Dodger Stadium since its inception in 1969. Boynton returned to the podium to describe his experience of interviewing famed *Los Angeles Times* writer Jim Murray, and **Dick Juline** closed out the meeting with an update of his 1974 *Baseball Research Journal* article on All-Star Game home runs.

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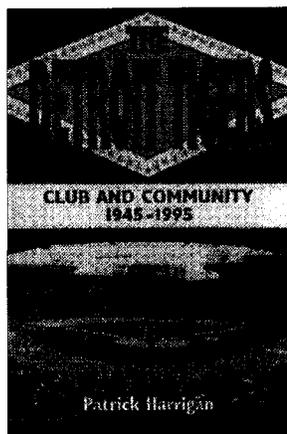
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## Audit Committee Report

**DATE:** June 12, 1998

**TO:** The members of the Society of American Baseball Research, Inc.

**FROM:** Genevieve H. Duffin, CPA,  
Chairperson, Audit Committee

**SUBJECT:** Audit Committee report on the Executive Board members' expenses reimbursed in 1997

On May 27, 1998, I received a copy of a list of checks issued to each of six Executive Board members during 1997. The lists were sent to me by the Society's Executive Director, Morris Eckhouse. I compared the check numbers on each copy with the check numbers listed on a copy of the checkbook register for 1997. The Society has made arrangements with USAir that enable the Executive Board members to bill travel arrangements directly to the Society for payment. This reduces the paper work for the Board members. I compared the check numbers listed on the summary sheet with the check numbers listed on the copy of the checkbook register for 1997.

The SABR Expense Reimbursement Form for Directors and Committee Chairs were submitted by each member to apply for reimbursement of the expenses they paid. Each type of expense is listed, each member signed their form, and SABR's Treasurer, Paul Andresen approved them. The President from January to June, David Pietrusza, and the President from June to December, Larry Gerlach, approved the forms submitted by Paul Andresen. The date and number of the check issued in payment of the expenses were also entered on each form. Original receipts are on file at the SABR Administrative Office.

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## Frisch Flashes His Way to Centennial Celebrity

Frankie Frisch, The Fordham Flash, was voted as the 1998 SABR Centennial Celebrity by SABR members participating in the voting over the past month. Here are the results:

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| George Uhle    | 0            | 3             | 5            | 14           |
| Firpo Marberry | 1            | 0             | 0            | 5            |

There were a few votes for Bill Terry who is listed in some reference books as being born in 1898. We used the latest biographical data of his birth being in 1896 and did not count his votes. Terry finished second behind Hornsby in the 1896 voting.

## Golf Anyone?

In addition to all the standard convention elements SABR convention goers know and love, we will be trying some new twists with SABR 29, the 1999 SABR National Convention in Arizona. One of them will be a golf outing, offering SABR members the chance to tee it up with former pro baseball players (fee required). Participation will be limited, so if you are interested in participating, please notify **Rodney Johnson**, 956 West LaJolla Drive, Tempe AZ 85282.

The golf outing will be a joint SABR-Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association fundraising event, with proceeds split equally between the two organizations.

While specific dates were pending at press time, keep the last two weekends of June 1999 open to attend SABR 29, the 1999 SABR National Convention, SABR's first ever convention in Arizona. Watch for specific details in the next issue of *The SABR Bulletin*, including information on how you can save money and support SABR by flying Southwest Airlines to SABR 29.

# THE SABR BULLETIN

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## SABR in the News

As this past baseball season wound down, SABR and SABR members were prominently featured in many places.

On September 12, 1998, NBC News broadcast a story on home runs featuring **David Vincent**, the keeper of the Tattersall-McConnell Home Run Log. The Associated Press ran an article on The Home Run Log and Vincent on September 26.

On September 10, **Gene Sunnen** (chair of SABR's ad hoc committee to choose the most significant players of the 20th century; see below right) was quoted on the front page of the *Christian Science Monitor* on Mark McGwire's place among the all-time great home run hitters.

During the September 9 Reds-Astros broadcast, announcers Jim Deshaies and Bill Brown spent about five minutes promoting the Houston SABR regional meeting in the Dome, talking about **Bill Gilbert's** research and about the interesting things that SABR people do. ("They love the numbers, but they also love the stories"). SABR Executive Director **Morris Eckhouse** was also interviewed on WTAM (Cleveland), WIMA (Lima, Ohio) and WOIO-TV 19 (Cleveland).

For more *Names in the News*, see page 10.

## Renewal Drive Begins

SABR finished the 1998 membership year with 7,155 members, smashing the old record by a little more than 6%.

The first renewal notice for 1999 was recently mailed. Please continue your support of SABR by renewing your membership at your earliest convenience. Members have until April 1, 1999, to renew before being dropped from the SABR mailing list. Check your paid date in the upper right hand corner of your mailing label to see if you have already paid your 1999 dues.

## Dates Chosen for SABR 29

SABR members will get to see baseball's new single-season home run king in action when they visit Bank One Ballpark as part of SABR 29 next June 24-27, 1999. Mark McGwire and the St. Louis Cardinals will be playing the Arizona Diamondbacks when SABRites invade BOB on Friday night. For those who can't wait, convention early-birds can get a look at the ballpark on Wednesday when the D-Backs take on the Reds in that series' finale.

The convention will be in the Phoenix suburb of Scottsdale, starting with a golf tournament on Wednesday, June 23. The tournament is a joint venture with the Arizona Chapter of the Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association. A welcome party is also being planned for that evening.

Other convention events will take place Thursday through Sunday with holdover activities being planned for Monday.

## Hotel Reservation Information

Members can make reservations at the Radisson by calling 800-333-3333 (602-991-3800 in the Phoenix/Scottsdale area). Mention SABR or Society for American Baseball Research. The SABR rate is \$85 per night single/double (additional person(s)

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## Call for Candidates

The Nominating Committee for SABR Board positions seeks your input. The offices to be filled starting in June 1999 are President and Director. Candidates must have been members of SABR continuously for four years prior to taking office.

**Deadline for nominations from the membership-at-large is February 1, 1999.** Nominees must prepare a candidate's statement, following guidelines available from a nominating committee member, to be received by the Executive Director (preferably by e-mail) no later than February 15.

Self-nominations are encouraged. If you would like to nominate yourself or another candidate, contact the Nominating Committee Chair, preferably by e-mail (rboynnton@ucsd.edu) **continued on page 21**

## Survey to Determine 20th Century's Best

As a new millennium approaches, many organizations are undertaking "surveys" to determine their members' sense of the "best" of the 20th Century within their field of interest. It is in that spirit that **Gene Sunnen**, chair of the ad hoc SABR Century Project Committee is coordinating a series of SABR surveys.

The nature and purpose of the various surveys are explained on page 24. In light of discussions relative to a SABR Hall of Fame proposal at the national convention in June, let me reiterate that the Century Survey is a committee project intended to survey member opinion, not an "official" poll to create a SABR Hall of Fame or a like form of enshrinement. Conceived, organized, and executed by the ad hoc committee, the surveys invite SABR members to think about who are the greatest and most influential figures in baseball's rich history. Could be fun, although I already know who they are. Do you?

**Larry Gerlach**  
SABR President

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| 20th Century Survey    | pages 24-25 |
| Award Nomination Forms | pages 26-27 |

# The SABR Bookshelf

## **The Autobiography of Baseball**

by Joseph Wallace  
Harry N. Abrams, Inc (224 pages, hardcover)  
ISBN: 0-8109-1925-7  
\$35, retail (\$46.95, Canada)

Eavesdrop on the greatest stars of the game as Wallace weaves together quotations on hitting, pitching, fielding, etc. from long-lost interviews and never-before-published commentaries. Over 150 photographs illustrate this handsome volume, which also includes a bibliography and index.

Check your local bookstores.

## **The Total Baseball Catalog**

edited by David Pietrusza, Lloyd Johnson and Bob Carroll  
Total Sports (384 pages, softcover)  
ISBN: 0-9656949-3-3  
\$24.95, retail (\$31.95 Canada)

**The Whole Baseball Catalog** has been updated as **The Total Baseball Catalog**. Similar to its predecessor, **The Total Baseball Catalog** is packed with useful baseball information. Want to know more about baseball music? The tools of the trade? Fantasy Camps? Collectibles? Radio and TV info? Baseball books, magazines, films, videos? It's all here and more! There are lists like Grave Sites of Hall of Famers, J.G. Spink and Ford C. Frick Award winners and Casey Award winners. Contains dozens of black and white photos and the extensive chapter listings function as an index of sorts.

Check your local bookstores.

## **The Commissioners: Baseball's Midlife Crisis**

by Jerome Holtzman  
Total Sports (296 pages, hardcover)  
ISBN: 0-9656949-4-1  
\$22.95, retail (\$29.95 Canada)

Holtzman covers all nine commissioners in this peek into baseball's top office. His look covers all the ups and downs and the triumphs, challenges and blunders of this diverse group of individuals. Black & white photos, a bibliography and index are included.

Check your local bookstores.

## **The Secret of Power Hitting**

by Larry Miggins  
106 pages, softcover  
\$14.95, retail

Former major leaguer Miggins tells the secret of power hitting, something he admits he did not know when he was playing. Filled with both techniques (with copious illustrations) and stories from his playing days, this book can be used to learn better power hitting or just to enjoy the stories and insights of this former player.

To order your autographed copy, send \$17 to Larry Miggins, 2405 Kingston Drive, Houston TX 77019.

## **St. Louis Cardinals Encyclopedia**

by Bob Broeg and Jerry Vickery  
Masters Press (384 pages, hardcover)  
ISBN: 1-57028-171-8  
\$35, retail (\$49.95, Canada)

This definitive volume features year-by-year reviews of seasons' memorable moments and highlights, insider profiles of 39 players honored at Cooperstown, and a list of over 1,700 players with names, playing numbers, positions, vital statistics and in most cases, photos.

Over 2,000 photographs illustrate this book which also includes all-time records, ownership and ballpark information.

Check your local bookstores.

## **STATS Inc All-Time Baseball Sourcebook**

Bill James, John Dewan, Neil Munro and Don Zminda  
STATS Inc (2,653 pages)  
ISBN: 1-884064-53-1  
\$79.95

Included are yearly standings (with home-road W-L and HR, Park Index and Team Batting and Pitching) and league leaders (along with award winners, both actual and hypothetical, and outstanding performances), leaders in career hitting and pitching; single-season hitting and pitching; team rosters (in format similar to **Sports Encyclopedia: Baseball**); franchise leaders (single-season and career); and postseason boxscores (including 19th century linescores), composites and individual player postseason stats. Also included are Situational Batting Splits (1984-1997), Great Feats (Triple Crowns, Perfect Games, No-Hitters, Four HR Games, etc.), award winners, Hall of Fame voting, an All-Star Game Player Register and recaps with boxscores, Manager Records, Umpire Register, and the first round of the Amateur Draft! Plus more!

To order, call 1-800-63-STATS.

## **Mickey Cochrane: The Life of a Baseball Hall of Fame Catcher**

by Charles Bevis  
McFarland & Company (214 pages, softcover)  
ISBN: 0-7864-0516-3  
\$24.95, retail

This complete look at Cochrane's Hall of Fame career and his off-field life was researched from many primary documents and background interviews with his family. From his days growing up in Bridgewater, Massachusetts, through his battles with depression and alcohol dependence to his final battle with cancer, Cochrane's life and career as one of the all-time greats is illuminated.

With a foreword by Mickey's daughter, Sara Cochrane Bollman, the book includes black and white photographs (many from the Cochrane family collection), notes, bibliography and index.

To order, call 1-800-253-2187 or send \$28.95 (postpaid) to: McFarland & Company, Inc., Box 611, Jefferson NC 28640.

## **Missed it By That Much: Baseball Players Who Challenged the Record Books**

by Victor Debs, Jr.  
McFarland & Company (252 pages, softcover)  
ISBN: 0-7864-0508-2  
\$29.95, retail

**Missed it By That Much** reviews some of the sensational performances in baseball history that did not break the major league record. Bill Terry's falling short of Lefty O'Doul, Roy Face's seventeen consecutive wins, and Ted Williams' try for a third Triple Crown in 1949 are three of the dozen stories Debs recounts.

Illustrated with black and white photos, the book also includes a bibliography and index

To order, send \$33.95 (postpaid) to: McFarland & Co, Box 611, Jefferson NC 28640 or call 1-800-253-2187.

## **Rube Marquard: The Life and Times of a Baseball Hall of Famer**

by Larry D. Mansch  
McFarland & Company (262 pages, softcover)  
ISBN: 0-7864-0497-3  
\$29.95, retail

Mansch sets out to tell the true story of the left-hander who once had 19 straight victories, married vaudeville sensation Blossom Seeley and re-created his life story as often as it suited him. From his days as a youth on Cleveland's west side through his major league career (which began in 1908 when the New York Giants purchased his contract for a then record \$11,000), Marquard's fascinating life story is told.

The book includes black and white photos (many from Marquard's personal photo album), appendices (career record, 19-game winning streak), notes, bibliography and index.

To order, call 1-800-253-2187 or send \$33.95 (postpaid) to: McFarland & Company, Inc., Box 611, Jefferson NC 28640.

## **Professional Baseball in North Carolina: An Illustrated City-by-City History, 1901-1996**

by J. Chris Holaday  
McFarland & Company (259 pages, casebound)  
ISBN: 0-7864-0532-5  
\$35, retail

Every city in North Carolina that had a professional baseball team (72) has their team(s) profiled in this reference work that the author hopes will spur more in-depth writings on North

# The Pres Box

by Larry Gerlach

I write this before it has been determined who has won the home run race, the league championships, or the World Series. No matter: 1998 has been one of the best seasons in memory, with remarkable performances by individuals and teams. It was too soon over.

Ironically, we continue to hear complaints about the length of games. The late Jim Murray wrote that he never went to a ballpark in a hurry in his life and believed the game was "the right mix of competition, contemplation and calibration." Me, too. I've never been one to rush through a pleasurable experience of any kind; as for a baseball game, "I don't care if I never get back."

Near the end of a visit this summer to England, my wife and I went our separate ways to indulge special interests. I first headed for Marylebone where, accompanied by Mike Ross, chairman of the Bobby Thomson Chapter, I attended a cricket match at Lord's, the oldest and most storied cricket ground in the world, as the guest of the Curator, Steven Green, a most gracious host. I was fascinated by the match as well as a visit to the li-

brary and museum, the latter featuring a special exhibit on W. G. Grace, the "Babe Ruth" of cricket. I understand much better both cricket and its relationship to baseball.

Next came a (the?) highlight of the trip -- drinking real ale, chatting about baseball today, and sharing information and insights about the origin(s) of bat and ball games with several chaps from the Thomson Chapter. I was enormously impressed by their enthusiasm for SABR, their dedication in promoting baseball in the U.K., and their determination to re-search the history of the game in England. Good show, lads!

I am struck by how both cricket and baseball remain enveloped by tradition. Football and basketball are ever-changing according to the whims of the moment, but baseball's past dominates its present. It is more fundamental than comparing McGwire and Sosa with Maris and Ruth. "Purists," whatever that means, have decried the advent of designated hitters and a multiplicity of relief pitchers, the subdi-

vision and realignment of leagues, interleague play and wild cards. But traditions are invented: What now is traditional, once was new. Besides, changes in baseball are of degree, not of kind: The name of the game remains the game itself.

Jacques Barzun's famous dictum, rarely quoted in full, has it right: "Whoever wants to know the heart and mind of America had better learn baseball, *the rules and realities of the game.*" (My italics.) Whether or not he was also correct in advising "to do it by watching first some high-school or small-town teams," the game's enduring rules and realities connect the 19th and 20th and 21st centuries. Three strikes. Four balls. Ninety feet. Sixty feet, six inches. Three outs. Nine innings. Disrupt the hitter's timing. Hit 'em where they ain't. Besides witnessing skilled performances, baseball's appeal is a constancy that links generations of fans and players alike. Baseball today is essentially the baseball of my youth. That is not true for any other sport.

Wait 'til next year? I hardly can.

Larry Gerlach

Carolina Baseball History. Also included is twenty biographies of prominent minor leaguers who played an important part in the history of North Carolina minor league baseball.

The book includes black and white photographs (lots of team photos; often with the players identified), notes, bibliography and index. Appendices include The Negro Leagues, the Textile Leagues, About Team Names and North Carolina Major Leaguers.

To order, send \$39 to: McFarland & Co, Box 611, Jefferson NC 28640 or call 1-800-253-2187.

## **More than A Pastime: An Oral History of Baseball Fans**

by William Freedman  
McFarland & Co (263 pages, library binding)  
ISBN: 0-7864-0510-4  
\$29.95, retail

**More Than a Pastime** has nine chapters interspersing over 35 oral histories from fans of all types (including many SABR members). This isn't a book full of the stories of baseball groupies but rather a serious look at what baseball really means and represents to its most ardent fans. Notes, a bibliography and index are included.

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## **Fisk's Homer, Willie's Catch and the Shot Heard Round the World: Classic Moments from Postseason Baseball, 1940-1996**

by G. Richard McKelvey  
McFarland & Company (264 pages, softcover)  
ISBN: 0-7864-0515-5  
\$27.50, retail

McKelvey tells the complete story of twenty-six classic postseason moments using quotes from the sportswriters and sportcasters who were there as well as interviews of players involved in the games. Besides the title moments, there are Kirk Gibson's homer off Dennis Eckersley in the 1988 Series, Sandy Amoros' catch in the Brooklyn Dodgers first World Series Championship in 1955, the seven fielding gems by Brooks Robinson in the 1970 Series and twenty others. The book includes black and white photographs, notes, bibliography and index.

To order, call 1-800-253-2187 or send \$31.50 (postpaid) to: McFarland & Company, Inc., Box 611, Jefferson NC 28640.

## **A Place for Summer: A Narrative History of Tiger Stadium**

by Richard Bak  
Wayne State University Press (496 pages, cloth)  
ISBN: 0-8143-2512-2  
\$34.95, retail

**A Place for Summer** covers baseball in Detroit from the 1850s through the Tigers 1997

season, plus a chapter on football played at the corner of Michigan and Trumbull Avenues. The only ballpark to be hugged, Tiger Stadium and its numbered days are fondly remembered.

Illustrated with almost 200 black and white photographs, the book includes appendices (Standings and Attendance—including Western League and Postseason), Opening Day (synopsis and linescore with winning and losing pitcher), a bibliography and index.

To order, call 1-800-WSU-READ. In Europe the book is distributed by the Eurospan University Press Group.

## **Last Days of Summer: A Novel**

by Steve Kluger  
Avon Books (353 pages, hardcover)  
ISBN: 0-380-97645-5  
\$21 US, \$28 Canada

**Last Days of Summer** is a novel full of letters from and to a 12-year-old boy desperately seeking attention in 1940. He chooses Giants third baseman Charlie Banks as a pen pal and persistently nags the ballplayer throughout their often misspelled and mangled correspondence which changes both their lives forever. Both humorous and nostalgic, **Last Days of Summer** is about the small triumphs people can achieve by finding ways to connect with others.

To order, check your local bookstores.

# Research Committees

## Baseball Records

The August issue of the Baseball Records newsletter includes "A Critical Look at Nolan Ryan" by **Cappy Gagnon** which suggests that Ryan may be the most overrated "great pitcher" ever.

**Walt Wilson** has found a new Inside-the-Park Home Run for Larry Doby. On May 8, 1948, at Griffith Stadium, a Doby blast "hit loudspeakers atop the fence and fell back into the park, continuing in play. Doby had to make the base circuit and slid

into home in a cloud of dust." **David Vincent** and **Bob McConnell** agree this is a missing IPHR for Doby and his lifetime total should be changed to four.

A list of total triple plays committed by and against each major league team through the 1997 season by **Jim Smith** is also included.

## Negro Leagues

The August newsletter features a recap of the Hall of Fame Induction Weekend as **Larry Lester**, **Dick Clark** and **Rick Morris** were guests of the Rogan family. **Jerry Malloy** provides a report on Negro League activities at SABR28.

Updates to *The Negro Leagues Book* include the passing of Negro Leaguers Lee Moody (7/4), Charles White (5/26), and Charles "Teenie" Harris (6/12).

Committee announcements, The Marketplace, Current and Future Individual Projects and Negro League Related Articles are also included.

## SABR UK

The 1998 SABR UK Annual General Meeting is recapped by **Martin Hoerchner** in the latest edition of *The SABR UK Examiner*.

Allan Synge contributes "Baseball and Cricket--Cross Currents." **Ian Smyth** writes on "Professional Baseball in Dewsbury." Hoerchner contributes another chapter of "This SABR'D Isle" and **Mike Ross** gives the chairman's comments.

## HAVE A SABR HOLIDAY SEASON

With the holidays approaching, don't you think you deserve a little baseball cheer? How 'bout spending a couple of hours around the fire with a good baseball book? Why not give yourself one of SABR's highly acclaimed minor league publications and reprints of the early BRJs? Or maybe send one to a friend? These stocking stuffers may just be the tonic that gets you through the months till Spring Training.

**The Baseball Research Journal Reprint of Vol. 1-3:** Relive SABR history with the little-known first articles by SABR's first great researchers. Seminal articles that stand the test of time. 186 pages, \$12.50 (postpaid) from SABR.

**The Minor League Baseball Research Journal, Volume 1:** Twenty-plus page articles on The West Texas-New Mexico League; Ballparks of Los Angeles; The formation of the PCL and its first tumultuous season; and a great portrait of baseball gypsy Bill Sisler; and much, much more. (Limited quantities.) 126 pages, \$11.45 (postpaid) from SABR.

**The Minor League Baseball Research Journal, Volume 2, Going For the Fences: The Minor League Home Run Record Book,** by **Bob McConnell:** Everything you'd every want to know about minor league home runs by the premier expert on home runs. 186 pages, \$12.50 (postpaid) from SABR.

**The SABR Guide to Minor League Statistics:** A pure research tool that lists--league-by-league, and year-by-year--what statistics the major baseball guides carried. (Limited quantities.) 158 pages, \$11.45 (postpaid) from SABR.

Have a happy holiday to one and all.

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## Committee Newsletters Available from the SABR Office

| Committee        | Issue  | Pg | Cost   |
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| Baseball Records | August | 4  | \$2.00 |
| Negro Leagues    | August | 8  | \$3.00 |
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All SABR members are encouraged to participate in one or more of the research committees below. Committee membership is open to SABR members who actively contribute to committee research efforts however they are able. For specific information on individual committees, contact the chairperson.

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# SABR Regionals

## Upcoming

For the most up-to-date and up-to-the minute regional information, call 216-575-0500 after 6pm ET and follow the menu or check: <http://www.sabr.org/calendar.htm>.

## Recaps

**Hagerstown, Maryland:** Perfect weather and an idyllic setting greeted the 100-plus SABRites who journeyed to historic (1930) Municipal Stadium in Hagerstown on July 11 for "A Day In The Minors." The speaker portion of the program was held in the stadium grandstand while the Hagerstown Suns and Delmarva Shorebirds (South Atlantic League) took batting practice and conducted drills -- a perfect backdrop for talking baseball with interesting, knowledgeable guests.

The program opened with **Bob Davids** tossing out some crowd stumpers in his traditional warm-up quiz. The owner and general manager of the Suns followed with discussions of the pleasures and problems of operating a minor league franchise. Marty Pevey, the Suns' field manager, provided us with a fascinating glimpse of managerial duties at the single-A level and the two umpires for that evening's game gave us a unique arbiter's perspective of umpire development and experiences in the minors. The final speaker was an unscheduled treat. Jim Hoff, the Toronto Blue Jays' Director of Player Development, was in town and provided an insightful description of how baseball talent is mined and developed.

Following a barbecue dinner, playground time for the kids and a raffle, **Bob Davids** fired the ceremonial first pitch (a smoker, right on target). The group then settled in for the contest between the Suns and Shorebirds.

**Greenville, South Carolina:** The "Shoeless Joe" Jackson South Carolina Chapter met for the first time on July 29, 1998, at South Eastern Products, Inc. Officers elected were: **John A. Burgess**, President; **Jim Phillips**, Vice-President; **Dan Yarborough**, Secretary; **Joe Thompson**, Treasurer; **Nick Theodore**, **Rig Ridgeway**, **Roy M. Gullick**, **Harold Smith**, and **Jack L. Thomas**, Directors.

**James Riley**, SABR National Director, spoke of the history of SABR and answered questions from the group.

meeting, held on the campus of Notre Dame. Fodge spoke fondly of his brief major league career and his outstanding seasons in the Pacific Coast League. Fodge also commended SABR members for their devotion to baseball.

Presentations were made by **Jon Daniels** on "Playing Managers" and "Hornsby Hit One Over My Head;" **Roger Hawks** on "Catching a Ball Dropped From Great Heights;" **Dan O'Brien** on "Rube Waddell;" **Ed Luteran** on "Chief Wilson and His 36 Triples;" **David Goss** on "Major League Baseball Players and Their Eye Problems;" and **Cappy Gagnon** on "Notre Dame's Contribution to Baseball." Jon Daniels won the research quiz.

South Bend artist Gus Stangos brought in some of his drawings of Major League baseball players with South Bend connections. Stangos also spoke about the career highlights of Cy Williams, Ed Reulbach and Lou Criger.

After the meeting, the group went to Coveleski Stadium to watch the Peoria Chiefs defeat the South Bend Silverhawks.

**Arlington, Texas:** On August 3, 150 members and guests attended the Hall-Ruggles Chapter

Meeting at the Ballpark Theatre at The Ballpark In Arlington. Former Texas Leaguers Red Murff, Joe Macko and **Davey Williams** and former front office executive **Wes Wise** entertained the crowd with stories of the past. **Bob Bluthardt** showed ballpark slides.

The September 3 meeting also attracted 150 members and guests who were entertained and informed by two outstanding speakers: **Danny O'Brien, Jr.**, Assistant GM of the Rangers; and **Bill Wood**, former General Manager for the Houston Astros and the current American League Scout for the Colorado Rockies.

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## The SABR Season

- November 7:** Jack Graney Chapter Meeting (Cleveland); Contact Jeff Wright, 440-356-1028  
Bob Davids Chapter Meeting (Baltimore-Washington); Contact Bob Savitt, 301-983-8708
- November 14:** Ted Williams Chapter Meeting (San Diego)  
Contact Tom Larwin, 619-231-1466  
Colorado SABR Annual Dinner, sponsored by the Rockies;  
Contact Steve Sande, 303-791-0736
- November 21:** Forbes Field Chapter Meeting (Pittsburgh)  
Contact Denis Repp, 412-733-4002
- November 28:** Lajoie-Start Chapter Meeting (Southern New England);  
Contact Len Levin, 401-351-3278
- June 24-27, 1999: SABR National Convention, Scottsdale, Arizona**

**Toronto, Ontario:** A small but enthusiastic group attended the Toronto Regional Meeting on August 6, 1998. Members greeted the chapter's revival with delight and suggested topics for upcoming meetings.

**Neil MacCarl** discussed the Toronto Maple Leafs from his years as the baseball reporter for the *Toronto Daily Star*. Memories of the Havana Sugar Kings and names such as **Lew Morton** and **Archie Wilson** evoked pleasant memories of yesteryear.

**Notre Dame, Indiana:** Chicago Cubs (1958) hurler **Gene Fodge** was the featured speaker at the August 15 meeting of the Lou Criger Chapter. Sixteen persons attended the

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Adell, Ross: 1997 home run happenings. 9 pages. Miscellanea about home runs; an annual study.  
Christian, Ralph J.: High expectations, small-market regionalism and a short-lived season: The National Association's Keokuk Westerns of 1875. 8 pages.

Chung, Griffith: The predictive value of baseball players' rookie batting statistics. 23 pages. A paper written by a student as a science fair project.

Gagnon, Cappy: A critical look at Nolan Ryan. 1 page. A report in the Records Committee newsletter comparing Ryan's record by season to those of other pitchers on his teams. Conclusion is that a strong case can be made that Ryan is quite overrated.

Gauthreaux, Jay: Walter Johnson's greatest pitching performance. 2 pages. Johnson's three shutouts of the New York Highlanders in four days in 1908.

Gawthrop, Phil: The perfect angle. 5 pages. Geometry applied to calling of balls and strikes.

Gregorich, Barbara: Stranded. 6 pages. Copy of article in North American Review, May/June 1998, about Leona Mae Kearns, an early 20th century baseball player whose life ended tragically after a barnstorming trip to Japan.

Grant, Evan: 190 to nothing. 3 pages. Copy of article in Dallas Morning News, July 26, 1998, about the rise and fall of Hack Wilson.

Hathaway, Edward W.: The Senior Professional Baseball Association. 64 pages. Consists of a history of the league (8 pages), a bibliography (36 pages) and a statistical summary (20 pages). Also available: complete statistics for the league's two seasons, compiled by Howe Sportsdata International. 47 legal-size pages, \$6.00 for copying and mailing.

Hebert, Jack: Fewest home runs allowed by pitchers per nine innings pitched. 8 pages. Separate lists for 1997 and career lists for 1930-97.

Juline, Richard W.: All-Star Game home runs update. 9 pages.

Kram, Mark: Why ain't I in the Hall. 7 pages. Copy of article about Hack Wilson in Sports Illustrated, date unknown, but published before Wilson was elected to the Hall of Fame.

McMartin, Jim: The 25 best hitting seasons by a catcher: A comparison of runs created, batting runs and runs generated. 10 pages.

Schmidt, Ray: The 1903 Joliet Wanderers. 9 pages. About an ill-fated team in the first season of the Three-I League.

Schott, Arthur O.: Record for most hits by a minor leaguer who had no major league experience. 1 page. The player is Harry Strohm.

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Selter, Ron: Longhorn League pitcher register, 1947-55. 29 pages. Lists the season-by-season pitching records of all pitchers in the league.

Soboleski, Adam: It was Hopkins' homer. 3 pages. Copy of article in the Middletown Press, Sept. 7, 1998, consisting of an interview with the pitcher who gave up Babe Ruth's 59th home run in 1927.

Walters, Steve: A simple indicator of offensive value: batter's E.R.A. 13 pages.

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Williams, Frank J.: 1946 Boston Red Sox day by day. 42 pages. Day-by-day scores, winning or losing pitcher, various team home and away records, individual pitching and batting breakdowns, and much more.

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## Regionals, continued from page 5

Plans were discussed for the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame banquet scheduled for November 4 at the Arlington Convention Center. The Hall-Ruggles Chapter will co-sponsor the event. The Texas Baseball Hall of Fame was founded by the late George Schepps, prior to his death last January, the oldest living SABR member.

**Louisville, Kentucky:** There were twenty-three attendees at the Kentucky summer regional meeting held on August 16. At the meeting, the reorganization of the chapter was unanimously approved. An Executive Committee consisting of **Henry Mayer, Bill Marshall, Bud Thieman, Barbara Oremland, Harry Rothgerber, and Craig Combs** will now oversee the chapter's activities. Also, the chapter will seek permission from Pee Wee Reese for the use of his name in the chapter's title. The group went on to see the Redbirds hold on to defeat the Charlotte Knights on a thrilling play at the plate for the final out, and enjoyed a buffet style lunch at the ballpark.

Also, on August 1, at a local Hawley-Cooke Bookstore, approximately 25 persons, including many SABR members, heard presentations from **Bill Marshall** (Happy Chandler), **Barbara Oremland** (Dummy Hoy), and **Harry Rothgerber** (Joe McCarthy). A trivia contest for various prizes was also conducted. The 1997 SABR Convention publication was promoted along with other baseball books and SABR memberships.

The Kentucky Chapter is looking forward to increasing its membership and activities on a statewide basis.

**San Diego, California:** On Saturday, August 29, a small but enthusiastic group of about twenty met in the Press Box area at Qualcomm Stadium for the traditional summer meeting of the Ted Williams Chapter.

Featured speakers were **Jon Light**, author of the *Cultural Encyclopedia of Baseball*, and Michael Monk, who had been a

minority owner of the Padres during the controversial Tom Werner era. Light described some of the contents of his remarkable book as they relate to illustrations contained therein. Monk did a good job of defending what happened in the "fire sale" years and emphasized that we in San Diego should be very grateful to have Moores and Lucchino right now.

The program also included a research panel of **Carlos Bauer, Bob Boynton, Bob Hoie, and Jim Smith**, who told how and why they go about doing baseball research, with a discussion of some of their current projects.

The chapter has been working with the San Diego Public Library system to upgrade, consolidate, and index the library's baseball holdings. **Tom Larwin** brought us up to date on this project. Bauer is editing a "May 13th" booklet which will feature differing perspectives of that game submitted by several members who attended the Padre game that evening for that purpose.

The chapter will hold an extra meeting sometime in November which will be restricted to a specialized topic yet to be announced. The Chapter's Winter meeting traditionally takes place on the day before the Super Bowl, so keep this in mind for future reference.

**Tucson, Arizona:** On August 29 ASABR met at the main branch of the Tucson Public Library. **Bob Flynn** gave a presentation about Ned Williamson, who held the single season home record before Babe Ruth. The group also listened to portions of Jon Miller's talk from the SABR Convention in San Mateo last June. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to an update on plans for 1999's Convention that will be in Scottsdale next June (see page 1).

Following the meeting members enjoyed a pre-game ballpark meal of hot dogs, chips, beer and soda at the home of **Lynn Beville**. The day-long event ended with a trip to Tucson Electric Park to catch a double-header between the Sidewinders (D-Backs) and the

Memphis Redbirds (Cardinals) in PCL action. The Redbirds swept the twin-bill on "Bark in the Park" night with over 200 dogs in attendance on this promotional night.

**Houston, Texas:** Thirty-three members attended the Houston Chapter meeting at the Astrodome on September 9 prior to the game between Houston and Milwaukee. Guest speakers were former major leaguers Carl Warwick and Jim Deshaies.

Research presentations were given by **Daniel Levine** on Prospects, Projects and Suspects, **Harold Jones** on Bill James' Game Scores and **Bill Gilbert** on the question, "Is 1998 an Exceptional Offensive Year?" (No). **Matt Rejmaniak** showed some slides on the progress of construction at the new Ballpark at Union Station and **Mark Wernick** won the Trivia Contest for the third straight time.

A cameraman from Fox Sports Southwest was also present to obtain footage for a feature on SABR to be shown on an Astros' pre-game TV show.

**Cincinnati, Ohio:** The Lee Allen/Waite Hoyt chapter met in September and offered extensive kudos to three presenters. Steve Sandy of Columbus, Ohio, spoke on the life and baseball career of William "Dummy" Hoy. Sandy who like Hoy is deaf, is a leading expert on this subject. His exuberant and humorous presentation was founded on years of research.

**Leo Bradley** sang three songs from his new CD/cassette, "One Bounce and You're Out: The History of Baseball in Song." **Rob Langenderfer** presented a condensation of his masters thesis on Waite Hoyt's pioneer work as one of the first former players who made a success as a baseball broadcaster.

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The conference's theme, Baseball's and Bad Guys: Eighty Years Since the Black Sox, Bad Boys, reminds us that 1999 is the 80th anniversary of the throwing of the World Series. We seek papers on any aspect of this or any other baseball scandal, discovered or ignored, suspected or averted. We also invite papers about baseball writing: literary, journalistic, or historical. Papers will be limited to one hour, including time for questions. We also invite proposals for panels of an hour and twenty minutes in duration.

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**Peter Carino** will be coordinating a conference, Baseball in American Literature and Culture, at Indiana State University, April 9, 1999. One-page proposals for literature can be sent to him at Indiana State U, Dept of English, Terre Haute IN 47809. Deadline is January 20, 1999. For more information e-mail [ejcarino@root.isu.edu](mailto:ejcarino@root.isu.edu) or write to the above address.

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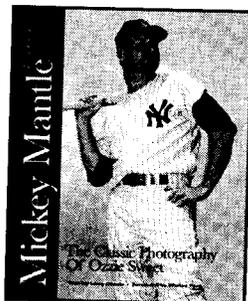
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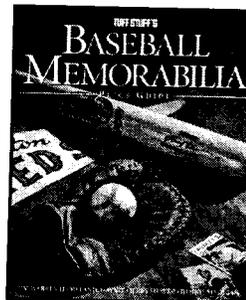
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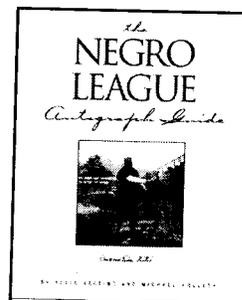
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He is survived by his wife, Rose-Ila, two sons, a daughter and a sister. Our condolences go out to the family.

**Alan Saftel**, of Providence, Rhode Island, a SABR member since 1988, died September 18. He was 78 years old. He was a longtime copy editor at the *Providence Journal-Bulletin* who retired in 1985. Besides his interest in baseball, he was a jazz historian and a passionate hiker who was a volunteer worker for the Appalachian Mountain Club.

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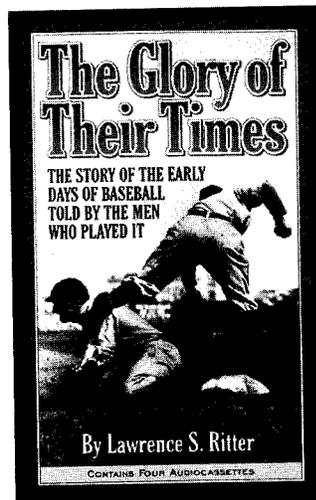
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## Names in the News

**Dick Beverage** has succeeded Chuck Stevens as Secretary-Treasurer of the Association of Professional Ballplayers of America... On the front page of *The Philadelphia Inquirer* (August 27, 1998) **Lyle Spatz** is quoted by **Jayson Stark**. You can check out the article online at [http://www.phillynews.com/inquirer/98/Aug/27/front\\_page/](http://www.phillynews.com/inquirer/98/Aug/27/front_page/). He has also been interviewed by reporters at the *Milwaukee Journal*, *Seattle Times*, *Providence Journal*, and *Chicago Daily Herald* regarding "unbreakable records." He was also interviewed by WBRO in Providence, RI on Mark McGwire and records... **John Moist**, **Greg King**, and **Frances Pendleton**, were featured in a *Sacramento Business Journal* (July 31, 1998) story on the Sacramento Chapter of SABR and efforts to bring professional baseball to Sacramento... Appearing in Volume 6 #2 of *NINE: A Journal of Baseball History and Social Policy Perspectives* are articles by **Bob Boynton** ("Wrong Number: Ken Burns' Baseball and a SABR-L Listserv Brouhaha") **Larry Bowman** ("The First World's Championship of Professional Baseball: The New York Metropolitan and the Providence Grays, 1884") and **Charles C. Alexander** (Eddie Waitkus and Bernard Malamud: Life

versus Art). **Gene Carney's** ("At the Hall with Rainman") is about the real rainman, Kim Peek at the HOF. ... **Dr. Seth Hawkins**, aka "Dr. Fan" was featured in an article in *City Pages* (Minneapolis, August 19, 1998). Seth has been present at every 3,000th hit since 1959... **Bob Bluthardt** was interviewed in connection with a *Houston Chronicle* story on Houston's The Ballpark at Union Station, planned to be open in April 2000... **John McReynolds** and his Macmillan-SABR Baseball Research Award-winning article on Nate Moreland, published in **Joe Wayman's** were featured in an article by Jim McConnell which appeared in the *Pasadena Star-News*, *San Gabriel Valley Tribune* and the *Whittier Daily News*... **Rodney Johnson's** review of the SABR convention appeared in *Sports Collectors Digest's* News Briefs section... **Bill Gilbert** was interviewed by **Greg Lucas** of Fox Sports Southwest... **Paul Taylor** who keeps score for the Sheffield Bladerunners in the British Baseball Federation Division 1 North was presented with the British Baseball Federation Scorer of the Year Award... **William Rubinstein's** review of *Creating the National Pastime* appears in *The International Journal of the History of Sport* (v. 15, #1).



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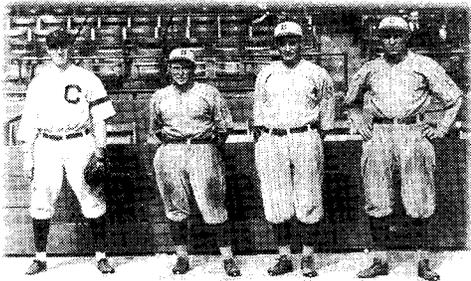
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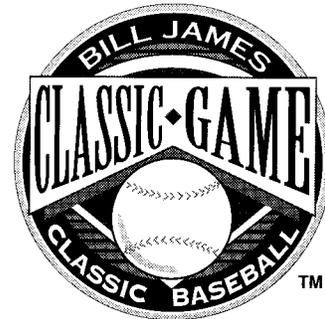
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Scott Flatow's Trivia Quiz was won by Dick Clark with Larry Lester and Fred Brillhart finishing behind him.

Promoting Negro League research was discussed at Saturday's Negro League Committee as well as the introduction of the Committee's new system of awards. Three award categories have been established - the Robert Peterson, the Tweed Webb, and the John Coates Recognition Awards. Initial honorees were as follows:

**Peterson Award:** Adrian Burgos, Dick Clark, Lou Hunsinger, Ted Knorr, Larry Lester, Sammy Miller, Jeff Eastland, Rick Morris, Paul Debono, Brent Kelley, Bill Cash;

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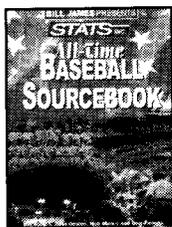
The Pennsylvania Humanities Council's public seminar on Negro League baseball saw Dick Clark chair a panel on "How to" research Negro League baseball. Robert Peterson followed with the keynote address, which focused on his seminal work *Only the Ball was White*.

Bill Cash, Thomas Turner, Johnny Wilson, Josh Gibson, Jr., and Mamie Johnson plus local players Tom Hailey and Willie Fordham formed the Players Panel with Pedro Sierra sitting in and Geraldine Day in the audience.

The banquet was attended by sixty-five and its highpoint came when Robert Peterson was presented the Pioneer Award which elicited a standing ovation.

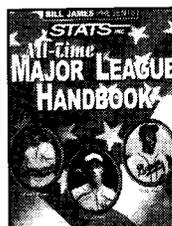
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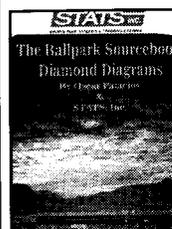
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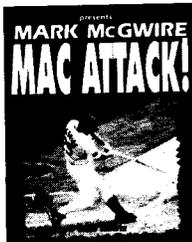


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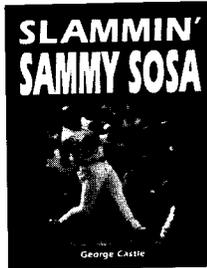


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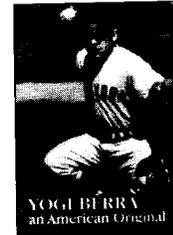


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The SABR Executive Board made several decisions with long-term impact during its meeting September 18-19 at the Boca Raton Marriott in Boca Raton, Florida. Present were President **Larry Gerlach**, Vice President **Fred Ivor-Campbell**, Secretary **Dick Beverage**, Treasurer **Paul Andresen**, Directors **Steve Gietschier**, **Tom Shieber**, **Jim Riley**, and **Lois Nicholson**, Executive Director **Morris Eckhouse** and Publications Director **Mark Alvarez**.

The Board authorized an agreement (7-1, Riley opposed) with Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland to become the home of SABR's organizational and research archives. A new two-year contract for Mark Alvarez to continue as SABR's Publications Director on an independent contractor basis for 1999 and 2000 was approved unanimously. The Board also unanimously approved funding to provide health benefits and retirement benefits for all current members of the SABR staff.

Much discussion centered on improving the SABR website and using the site for publication of SABR material to augment the traditional SABR publications program.

Vice-President Ivor-Campbell reported on

regional development and efforts to get all regional leaders involved. Ivor-Campbell, **Damian Begley** and **Bob Savitt** were appointed members of the regional development committee.

Issues related to the 1999 and 2000 SABR National Conventions were discussed, including registration fees, transportation, meeting space, and outsourcing of convention administration. Additionally, new guidelines regarding the organizing of SABR conventions were approved.

The SABR budget for 1999 as proposed by Eckhouse and Andresen was approved (7-1, Riley opposed). An alternative budget, to hold the Professional Fees, Travel, Board Expenses, Publicity, Advertising, Promotions and Miscellaneous expenses at the 1997 level with the excess allocated to Publications, Research Committees and Regional expense with a fourth publication to be produced in 1999 was rejected (2-6, Riley and Ivor-Campbell in favor). The approved budget appears on page 23.

Nicholson initiated a substantial discussion of educational and youth initiatives. Her motion to encourage youth participation at SABR regional meetings passed unanimously. Her

motion regarding youth presentations at the annual SABR National Convention failed (Beverage against, Ivor-Campbell, Gerlach and Gietschier abstained). Topics discussed included planning, development, capital, focus on the internet, interaction, and corporate sponsorship. Shieber suggested an essay contest on the web. Further discussion and development is anticipated at the next meeting.

Agenda items relating to the nominating committee and The Seymour Medal were deferred until the next meeting. Other topics discussed included follow-up on task force reports, research committees (how they are formed, operated, and dissolved), the Tattersall/McConnell Home Run Log, the proposed SABR Development Board and the upcoming development meeting on November 6, risk management, and databases for the SABR web site.

Minutes from the meeting can be obtained from the SABR office (812 Huron Rd E, #719, Cleveland OH 44115). The Winter SABR Executive Board meeting is scheduled for February 5-7, 1999, at the Radisson Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona.

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**Ed Tassinari**, 17 Madison Road, Scarsdale NY 10583, 914-752-2120, seeks information on whether Jose Raoul Capablanca (former world Chess Champion 1921-1927), ever played minor league baseball in 1908. Capablanca attended Columbia University (1906-1908) and played second base on the freshman baseball team in 1907. According to one of his biographers, the New York Highlanders scouted him at the time and may have signed him to a minor league team.

**Mark Bullinger**, 2514 McKenzie Road, Ellicott City MD 21042, 410-750-2346, seeks complete rosters, including name and numbers, for the Bowie Baysox between 1993 and 1995, as well as wanting to know what number Jason Kendall wore as a member of the Salem Buccaneers in 1994.

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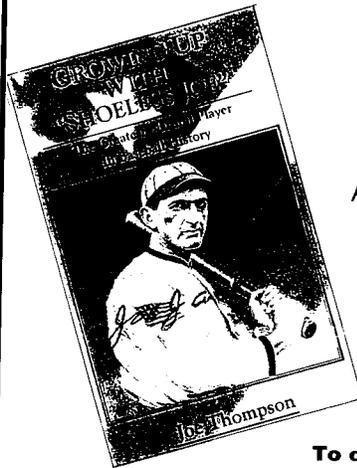
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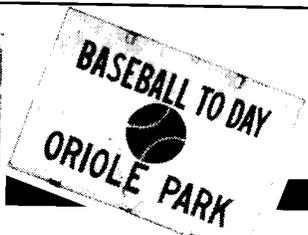
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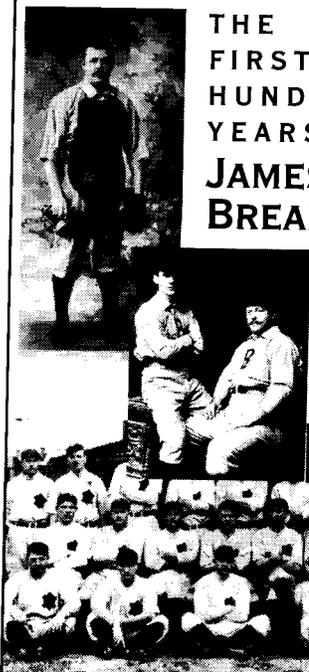
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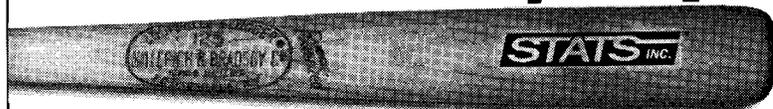
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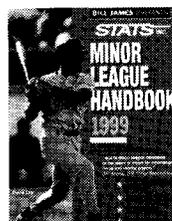


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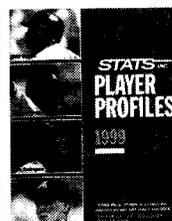
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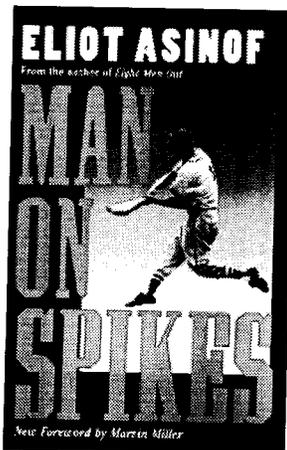


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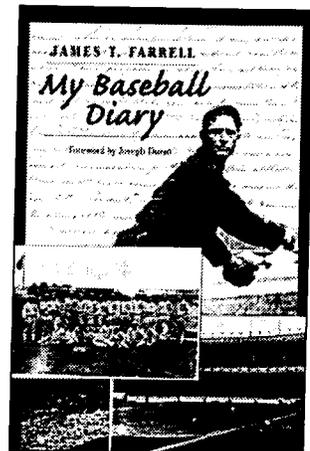


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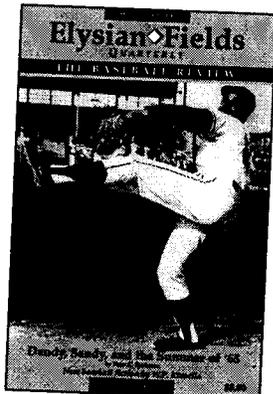
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a message with no subject that reads as follows

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*SET SABR-L INDEX*

Back to individual messages

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To stop your mail but remain subscribed (good for lengthy vacations)

*SET SABR-L NOMAIL*

To restart your mail

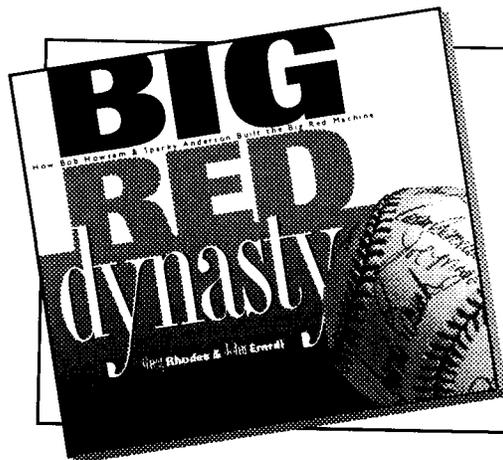
*SET SABR-L MAIL*

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## 1999 Budget

|  | 1999             | 1998             |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                    |                  |                  |
| Staff  | \$93,500         | \$84,325         |
| FICA   | \$7,155          | \$6,451          |
| Benefits   | \$17,645         |                  |
| Travel & Other                                     | \$5,500          | \$4,000          |
| Postage  | \$12,000         | \$11,000         |
| Renewals   | \$4,000          | \$4,000          |
| Telephone  | \$3,500          | \$3,000          |
| Equipment  | \$5,000          | \$4,000          |
| Supplies   | \$5,000          | \$4,000          |
| Misc.  | \$1,500          | \$1,000          |
| Rent   | \$11,000         | \$9,000          |
| Bulletin   | \$32,000         | \$31,000         |
| Directory  | \$16,000         | \$7,500          |
| Board meetings                                     | \$10,000         | \$8,000          |
| Board Exp  | \$2,500          | \$4,000          |
| Prof Serv  | \$16,000         | \$2,500          |
| Insurance  | \$9,200          | \$8,500          |
| Promotions   | \$5,000          | \$3,850          |
| Publicity  | \$2,000          |                  |
| Advertising  | \$5,000          | \$2,500          |
| Research Com                                       | \$10,000         | \$9,000          |
| Presidential Com                                   | \$4,000          | \$1,000          |
| Convention Com                                     | \$2,000          | \$2,000          |
| Regionals  | \$5,100          | \$2,500          |
| Lending Library                                    | \$2,800          | \$2,500          |
| Internet   | \$4,000          | \$1,000          |
| Awards   | \$500            |                  |
| Contingency  |                  | \$14,534         |
| <b>PUBLICATIONS</b>                                |                  |                  |
| Pub Dir  | \$50,000         | \$45,000         |
| Expenses   | \$3,000          | \$3,000          |
| Publications                                       | \$58,000         | \$56,000         |
| Pub Dev  | \$6,000          |                  |
| <b>OTHER</b>                                       |                  |                  |
| Member cards                                       | \$3,500          |                  |
| Surplus  | \$1,000          |                  |
| Endowment  | \$3,000          | \$0              |
| Archives   | \$3,000          | \$2,800          |
| <b>TOTAL EXP.</b>                                  | <b>\$419,400</b> | <b>\$337,960</b> |
| <b>INCOME</b>                                      |                  |                  |
| Dues   | \$311,200        | \$227,460        |
| Publications                                       | \$25,000         | \$32,000         |
| Advertising  | \$21,200         | \$24,000         |
| Conventions  | \$15,000         | \$10,000         |
| Lists  | \$4,000          | \$4,000          |
| Interest   | \$12,000         | \$12,000         |
| Donations/Royalties                                | \$15,000         | \$12,500         |
| Lending Library                                    | \$1,000          | \$1,000          |
| Sale of Materials, Special Projects, Auctions, etc | \$15,000         | \$15,000         |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                                | <b>\$419,400</b> | <b>\$337,960</b> |



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Eligible projects will include, but not necessarily be limited to, research in statistics, statistical analysis and statistical compilation, plus research in such diverse areas as advertising, architecture, bibliography, collectibles, economics, equipment, labor relations, sociology and technology.

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