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## SABR Day at Oriole Park



SABR members enjoy the food and conversation in the warehouse.

## President's Message

SABR began as a community of baseball researchers wanting to share their findings with each other and eager to read what their fellow researchers had unearthed. Sixteen people. Seemed like a dream. Seemed like expansion was possible, but nothing like what happened. SABR didn't just grow—it exploded!

Anthropologists tell us that when any community reaches 150 in number, forms of government automatically, organically emerge. When that happened to SABR, leadership was put in place as well as a far-sighted way for those in charge to lead and further the ends of the institution.

Little anticipated at the outset was the formation of chapters, but now we can't imagine SABR without them. They have become the lifeblood of the organization, and people the world over are proud to say what SABR chapter they belong to.

The Baltimore Babe Ruth Chapter was born by a vote of the SABR

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On Saturday, June 16, 2018, a lucky group was treated to a special day of baseball. Meeting in the comfortable Oriole Advocates Room in the warehouse of Oriole Park at Camden Yards ("OPACY" to some), SABR members and friends heard from Jean Fugett, a Baltimore native of considerable stature, no less than because he is the father-in-law of Orioles center fielder Adam Jones.

Fugett was drafted as a tight end by the NFL's Dallas Cowboys in 1972, he alternated snaps with Mike Ditka and was a part of the Super Bowl VI-winning team. After four years with the Cowboys, he spent four years in Washington, where he earned Pro Bowl honors in 1977 with the Redskins and a law degree from George Washington University in 1981. His extensive international career and law and business led to some interesting discussions with the SABR-ites.

His daughter Audie also has a law degree and in December 2014, married Jones, the Orioles All-Star center fielder.

Fugett noted that Audie had many eager suitors and that Jones had to show that he was more than an athlete before winning his approval. He said that Jones has done that and much more. Adam and Audie made another Orioles connection when they purchased Cal Ripken's suburban Baltimore home this spring.

Fugett graciously accepted an invitation to address the chapter again in January at SABR



Jean Fugett, the day's leadoff speaker, has agreed to address the group on SABR Day in January.



Al Bumbry shared stories of his playing days and pride in his time as a coach.

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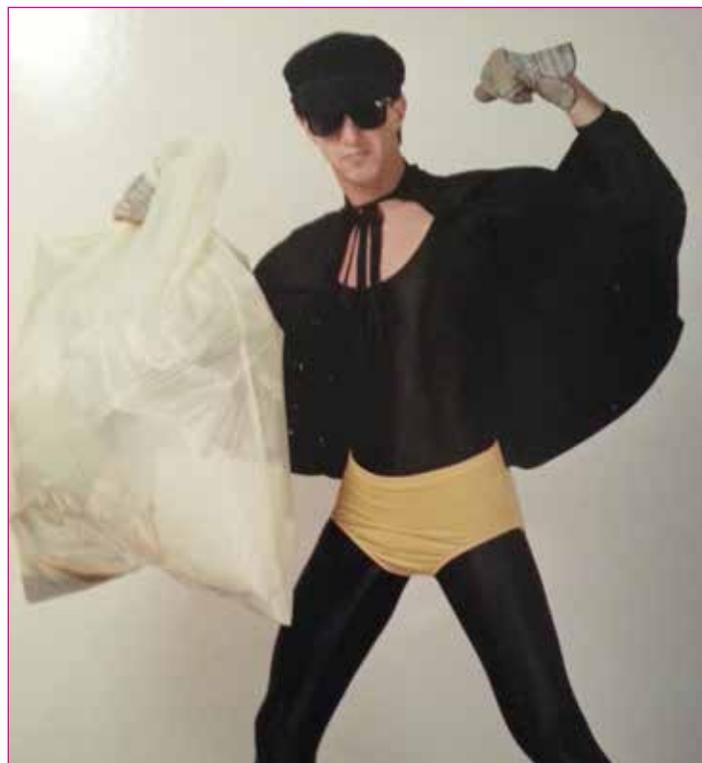
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## Getting to Know...Charlie Vascellaro

*In each issue, we will profile one of our members.*



## Calendar

### August

**1:** Peeps @ The Peeb, Peabody Heights Brewery, 401 E. 30th St., Baltimore, 7-9 PM

**4:** Talkin' Baseball, Paul Dickson, "Leo Durocher: Baseball's Prodigal Son," 9 AM, Brighton Gardens, Columbia

**15:** Called Shot lunch, noon, Babe Ruth Museum

**26:** Tentative rescheduled day at the Bowie Baysox

### September

**1:** Bob Davids Chapter Minor League Outing, Southern Maryland Blue Crabs, Waldorf

**3:** Peeps @ The Peeb, Peabody Heights Brewery, 401 E. 30th St., Baltimore, 7-9 PM

**8:** Talkin' Baseball, Don Jensen, "Base Ball 10," 9 AM, Brighton Gardens, Columbia

**19:** Called Shot lunch, noon, Babe Ruth Museum

### October

**3:** Peeps @ The Peeb, Peabody Heights Brewery, 401 E. 30th St., Baltimore, 7-9 PM

**6:** Talkin' Baseball, Stephen Katz, "Ware's Boys of Summer," 9 AM, Brighton Gardens, Columbia

**17:** Called Shot lunch, noon, Babe Ruth Museum

### November

**3:** Talkin' Baseball, 9 AM, Paul Scimonelli, "Roy Sievers: The Best Right-handed Swing in Baseball," Brighton Gardens, Columbia

**7:** Peeps @ The Peeb, Peabody Heights Brewery, 401 E. 30th St., Baltimore, 7-9 PM

**21:** Called Shot lunch, noon, Babe Ruth Museum

### December

**1:** Talkin' Baseball, 9 AM, Brighton Gardens, Columbia

**4:** Peeps @ The Peeb, Peabody Heights Brewery, 401 E. 30th St., Baltimore, 7-9 PM

**19:** Called Shot lunch, noon, Babe Ruth Museum

Charlie Vascellaro has been a SABR member "on and off since 1992."

He lives in Baltimore and also considers Setauket, N.Y., and Fountain Hills, Ariz., as his hometowns. As far as rooting for the home team, he's adopted the Orioles, and his love for the Mets runs deep. He saw his first game at Shea Stadium in 1972. His favorite baseball memories came at Shea, too. No. 1 is "being at Game Three of the [1973] NLCS between the New York Mets and Cincinnati Reds when Pete Rose and Bud Harrelson engaged in their celebrated ballyhoo," he says. "I was also at the Robin Ventura Grand Slam (Single) Game Five of the Mets vs. Braves NLCS in 1999. I was also at Shea Stadium when Dave Kingman hit three home runs for the Cubs against the Mets, July 28, 1979. I was able to retrieve the second one and have him sign it after the game."

As a young Mets fan, catcher Jerry Grote was his favorite player, and Hank Aaron is his favorite player of all-time. His favorite ballpark is in the National League—Pittsburgh's PNC Park.

His non-baseball side includes being a free-lance writer and bartender with hobbies of cooking, reading and listening to jazz.

And the photo? Back in the day, Charlie was the Wizard of Waste, a superhero garbage man. That was a 13-year gig, all of his 20s and into his 30s.

## State Fair Help Wanted

Ray Banks, Negro Leagues Baseball ambassador, needs help working his booth at the fair on Aug. 25. Shift times are from 10 AM to 10 PM. The fair requires that someone be present at the booth during the whole day. If you're available to work, even for a few hours, please contact Mr. Banks at [negroleagueambassador@yahoo.com](mailto:negroleagueambassador@yahoo.com) or by calling at 443-469-0673. (The fair is located near the intersection of York and Timonium Roads, Timonium).

# All My Opening Days

By Peter Coolbaugh

Call me a late bloomer. Not only was I tardy in finding my baseball fandom, I was also late to the party in discovering the power of Opening Day. Having grown up outside Scranton, Pa., I was a long way from an MLB park. So forgive me for being foolish for so long.

It took me until 2006 to finally get to experience an Opening Day. The Orioles were in the midst of many losing seasons and tickets were easy to get back then. I went with a co-worker from Washington, D.C., and although the upper left-field reserved seats were not great, we got to see the Orioles beat the Devil Rays, 9-6. The tradition had begun.

By early 2007, I had moved to Baltimore from Northern Virginia. The result was the same that year as the Orioles won over the Tigers by the score of 6-2.

March 2008 brought a new set of circumstances. I had a new girlfriend at the time (future wife), and Opening Day was also her birthday. It was Renee's first game at Oriole Park, and she didn't bring them any luck. The Birds dropped the home opener to the newly christened "Rays".

The Yankees were here for the home opener in 2009. My dad and brother joined Renee and me at the game. U.S. Vice President Joe Biden threw out the first pitch, the crowd booed local boy Mark Texiera for choosing the Yankees, and we beat the Bombers, 10-5. That was the best crowd experience I had had to date.

Renee and I were back in 2010 to see the Orioles lose to the Blue Jays. But the team bounced back in 2011 with a 5-1 win over the Tigers. That was extra cool since we had club seats that year.

2012 was the end of an era. Renee and I got engaged a few days before Opening Day. We sat in right field along with my dad and brother. The Orioles beat Minnesota, 4-2, on the 20th anniversary of the opening of Camden Yards. Unfortunately, that would be the last MLB game my dad would ever see.

After my dad passed away suddenly in September 2012, I could not attend Opening Day in 2013. It was too fresh and emotional for me. So I skipped that year. I would have gone back in 2014, but Renee's mom died less than a week before, so we did not attend that year, either. The Orioles did win both of the games we missed, though.

Things returned to normal in 2015. Fresh off an AL East title, the Orioles disappointed us all by falling flat that day to Toronto by the score of 12-5. The best was yet to come, though...

Starting in 2016 the Orioles began a three-year win streak punctuated each year by a walk-off hit. In 2016, it came in the bottom of the 9th from Matt Wieters, and the victory was over the Twins (after some long rain delays).

In 2017, I was due to head into the hospital to undergo my stem cell transplant. But I made sure to get to Opening Day first. Even in my weakened condition, I stayed until the 11th inning when Trumbo hit the walk-off solo shot to beat the Blue Jays.

Enter 2018 and the Minnesota Twins again. For at least one day in 2018, the Orioles were over .500 when Adam Jones walked off with a shot in the 11th to beat



Peter's father, Thomas W. Coolbaugh, wearing Oriole orange at old Yankee Stadium in 2008. The next year he attended the Orioles home opener against the Yankees.



Peter and Renee at the 2015 opener, among the early birds and prepared for the spring chill.

the Twins, 3-2. Three years, three walk-offs. Pretty amazing.

I feel lucky to have been to 11 home openers in 13 seasons. I am not the lifelong Orioles fan that many people here in Baltimore can claim to be. But I have assumed the role of die-hard now for sure. Renee and I live one mile from the ballpark, and our summers are fitted around Orioles home games. Despite their record in 2018, I will still likely get to around 30 games this season, and the 2019 home opener is already a set holiday for us.

My passion for baseball and the Orioles has only increased over the years. I only hope and pray that all baseball fans can get to experience an Opening Day for themselves at least once in a lifetime (especially for your favorite team). Much like your first love, there is nothing else quite like it.

# All in the McGraw Family: An Interview with 'Mike' McGraw

By Ken Mars

The early life of Hall of Fame manager and Oriole legend John McGraw has long been shrouded in mystery, the product of ghostwritten biographies whose lore has been passed down for decades. Now solidly in the Internet age with its growing archive of genealogical resources, new truths have come to light. McGraw never had any children, but his uncle's side carried on strong, and a distant relative of *The Greatest Manager Ever* has painstakingly chronicled his family tree.

As part of my research leading up to speaking about McGraw at the Frederick Ivor-Campbell 19th Century Conference this past April, I interviewed Michael (Mike) F. McGraw of Austin, Texas, about his famous ancestor and his groundbreaking research. Among Mike's finds was the location of John McGraw's Truxton, N.Y., birthplace, which David Bennett Stinson and I visited on our way to the conference in Cooperstown. The site is now in the Kettlebail State Forest; Truxton was significantly larger then and has since been split into two townships. In Truxton, we interviewed town historian Donald McCall, who revealed quite a lot of new information about John's father. In 1928, McGraw built a grandstand for the town, which is in aging condition, but still stands. The BBRC will be assisting McCall with a research care package to help him register the site with the New York State Historical Society.

**Ken Mars:** For the record, what is your ancestral connection to John McGraw?

**Mike McGraw:** My grandfather, Edward C. McGraw, and John J. McGraw were first cousins. John J. and I share Michael McGrath (1785-1860), John J.'s grandfather and my great-grandfather. John J. McGraw and I are first cousins twice removed.

**KM:** Are you a baseball or sports fan, and if so, what's your favorite team and player?

**MM:** I was never interested in baseball—it was too slow for my taste. As an adult, I don't like sitting in front of the TV; I like to do at least two things at a time. I can sit on the couch writing or editing during the breaks in the football action on the TV. I will switch games and only really pay attention to the last five minutes of a football game because that's when things get interesting. One of my fondest sports memories was my father teaching me how to swing a bat. He would stand behind me and we would both hold the bat and go through the swinging motion. Although I threw and wrote left-handed, he made me learn to bat right-handed. His reasoning was that if I ever took up the game of golf later in life I would thank him because left-handed golf clubs were expensive.

**KM:** What do you do for a living?

**MM:** I am presently retired. I received a PhD in physics from Syracuse University and started working in the semiconductor industry at Texas Instruments in Dallas, Texas, in 1978. After retiring from the industry, I worked as a consultant for a few years and then taught physics at Austin Community College until 2013.

**KM:** What was your first introduction to your family history and when did you decide to take your research further?

**MM:** Several members of the family had put together some basic family history through the 1960s and 1970s. These were folks who had actual memories of the earliest ancestors, Edmund McGraw and Mary Ryan, who had come from Upperchurch, County Tipperary, Ireland. I had seen these earlier



Map showing John McGraw's birthplace on Kettlebail Road in Truxton, N.Y.



Dave Stinson at John McGraw's birthplace in Truxton, N.Y., in April on the way to Cooperstown. McGraw was born April 7, 1873.

works and my sister Shirley had been actively expanding on this body of work during the 1980s. Almost all of this early effort involved events that had taken place on this side of the ocean with a few letters from the Upperchurch parish priest with baptism and marriage record information. It wasn't until a family trip to Ireland in 1997 that I was infected with the genealogy bug. Thanks to the Internet and the ever-increasing number of record sources and books found online, the requirement to travel has been reduced. I have made several trips back to Central New York for research and to visit with family. There have also been four family trips to Ireland.

**KM:** In your opinion, why are there so many inconsistencies with John McGraw's early life in Blanche McGraw's book?

**MM:** Blanche had visited Truxton over the years and met with John's family and friends, and they probably told her stories about the old days. Family stories can be very fluid and are attempts to connect facts that are known to construct a reasonable, even if not complete or accurate, story. This explains the variation normally found in most family stories. [Frank] Graham [*McGraw of the Giants*] (1944) started the widowed Civil

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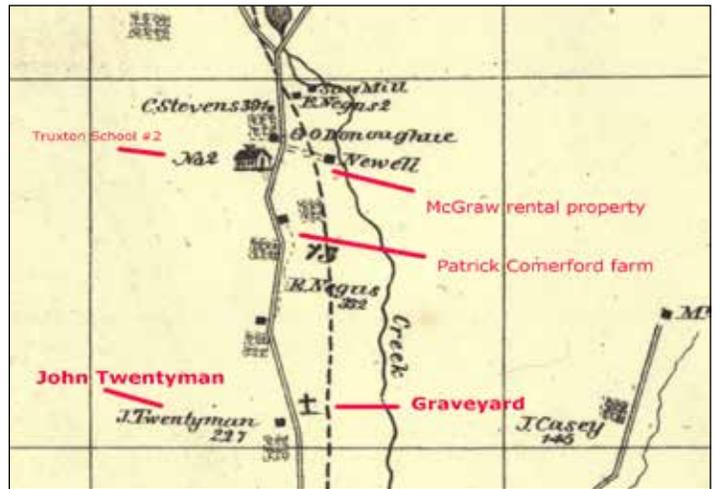
War veteran story and everyone else picked up on it. Blanche has the boys, Michael and John, arriving in Truxton in 1856, and then everyone after her picked up on that thread of the story. In my opinion, these were primarily baseball books and so the various authors picked up what they could about John's early years and then they went onto the main theme of the story—baseball.

**KM:** What role (if any) do you believe Dr. Nelson played in the tragic events in the summer of 1883, when John McGraw's mother and three siblings died in a short time?

**MM:** In the early 1880s, the Twentyman family lived on the west side of the North Road out of Truxton, about where the Labrador Mountain Ski Lodge is today. John McGraw lived on the east side of the road a little further up the North Road. Dr. Nelson was attending both families. John Twentyman died on the same day, August 29, 1883, as Ellen McGraw just before the McGraw children got sick in September. Some might feel that there was a connection between the two events; however, doctors spend their time with the sick more than the healthy, so they are susceptible to such rumors. In a short newspaper article about John Twentyman's funeral, "...conceded to be the largest funeral ever attended in Truxton," there was no mention of diphtheria. It was only stated that John was "an old and much respected citizen." Blanche McGraw mentioned that Dr. Nelson had treated two diphtheria patients before delivering Ellen's baby, but she got so much wrong about the time and location of the family when the children died, I can't trust her on this. Ellen, the first to die, suffered from complications due to child birth, according to her death certificate. On Mary's death certificate, the third to die, her cause of death was listed as diphtheria. Contrary to Blanche's scenario, there was no diphtheria epidemic sweeping the Truxton area in the late summer of 1883. There was nothing about a diphtheria epidemic reported in the newspapers of that time. Checking the number of deaths in the Truxton Village Cemetery and St. James Cemetery in Cazenovia over the period 1881-1885 shows no evidence of an epidemic.

**KM:** Has any John McGraw memorabilia been passed down through the family?

**MM:** Growing up, there was an old gray baseball uniform in our house that was supposedly given to my father when he was 10 years old (1932) by John J. McGraw himself. According to



1876 map showing location of the McGraw farm.

the story, John told my father to come and see him about playing baseball when he could fill out the uniform. Over the years, some doubt arose about that uniform since it had no insignias or any other markings. John J. would send the Giants' uniforms up to the Truxton Giants at the end of every season, so there were many of these uniforms circulating around Truxton in the 1920s and early 1930s.

**KM:** Do you have any advice for others wanting to research their heritage?

**MM:** First, check to see if any other members of the family have already done any research on the family genealogy.

Second, sketch out a preliminary family tree and then seek out the oldest members of the family to help you verify and extend this family tree.

Third, write down any and all family stories. Document them exactly as they are related to you; don't change anything, no matter how crazy some of it might sound. Ask for as many dates and locations as they can remember.

Fourth, start searching online—Ancestry.com for records—and learn how to efficiently search a good newspaper archive (fultonhistory.com). Keep electronic records, scan documents and automatically back up your files offsite, e.g., Carbonite. Don't create a paper nightmare that no family member will want to inherit or organize after you're gone.

Fifth, start a website and publish your results. This will force you to reduce your research to readable form and help you organize your material and see what information is missing. This will also make your results available to other researchers who just might have that missing piece that you have been looking for for so long.

## Trivia Corner

(Answer on Page 9)

Here is a list of the Hall of Famers who represented the Orioles in the All-Star Game. Match the correct number of All-Star games as an Oriole with the Hall of Famer. Some of those listed represented other teams as All-Stars, but those instances are not listed here.

_____	Luis Aparicio	19
_____	Roberto Alomar	14
_____	Eddie Murray	7
_____	Jim Palmer	7
_____	Cal Ripken	7
_____	Brooks Robinson	7
_____	Frank Robinson	3
_____	Earl Weaver	3
_____	Hoyt Wilhelm	2



# Ah, Spring Training



Jim Considine caught this panoramic view of Ed Smith Stadium in Sarasota, Fla., on March 2.

## Rooting Interests

We were all baseball fans before we were SABR members. The question “What is your favorite team?” drew these responses:



**Al Arrighi:**  
Once a Brooklyn Dodgers fan, always a Dodgers fan.



**Pat Brown:**  
Proximity (from Northern New Jersey), rebellion (family all were Brooklyn Dodger fans), Mickey Mantle, Bobby Richardson, and Red Barber & Mel Allen on the radio.

**Matt Dodge:**  
1) I grew up in Syracuse N.Y., when they had the Yankees AAA affiliate, watching Thurman Munson, Ron Guidry and others. 2) My parents and maternal grandparents were big Yankee fans. My grandfather was a bank examiner in NYC in the early 1950s, and used to position himself at the banks frequented by the Yankee players when they cashed their paychecks to collect autographs. As a result, he filled two baseballs with autographs, one belonging to my cousin (the “Joe DiMaggio ball”) and the one that I have (the “Mickey Mantle ball”).



**Peter Coolbaugh:**  
My dad wanted me to root for the Phillies, but that did not happen. For a while I liked Oakland, but since the early '90s it has been the Orioles. Coming in second place is my NL team, the Cubs.



**Francis Kinlaw:**  
I have been a fan of the Detroit Tigers since June of 1953, when I attended a doubleheader in Briggs Stadium with my father.

## Fearless Prediction Department

A call for 2018 predictions resulted in only Francis Kinlaw's willingness to share his early-season crystal-ball gazing:

**Division winners:**  
AL East - Yankees  
AL Central - Indians  
AL West - Astros

NL East - Nationals  
NL Central - Cubs  
NL West - Dodgers

**Wild cards:**  
AL - Red Sox and Angels  
NL - Mets and Diamondbacks

**Pennant winners:**  
AL - Yankees  
NL - Nationals

**World Series champion:**  
Nationals

# Ripken's Record for Consecutive Innings Played

By Trent McCotter

This article was published in the [Fall 2012 Baseball Research Journal](#).

Cal Ripken Jr.'s 2,632-consecutive-game streak is one of the most famous numbers in sports. Often forgotten is that Ripken also compiled an amazing record for consecutive innings played. The *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and even the Orioles themselves claimed that Ripken once played 8,243 consecutive innings without sitting out, spanning June 1982 to September 1987.<sup>1</sup>

The entry is not in any record book. We don't know whose mark Ripken broke, nor the names of the other men with long streaks.

This article presents the top such streaks in major league history. It turns out that Ripken did not play in 8,243 consecutive innings. It was even longer: 8,264 innings without being replaced.

Ripken was replaced by a pinch-hitter on June 4, 1982. His amazing streak began the next day in the first inning against Minnesota. He played every inning to finish 1982, and he played every inning in 1983, 1984, 1985, and 1986.

Ripken set the all-time record on August 31, 1985, when he completed the first inning against the Mariners. It was his 5,153rd inning in a row, besting George Pinkney's mark of 5,152. Pinkney had set the mark over six seasons from 1885 to 1890, playing mostly in the American Association.

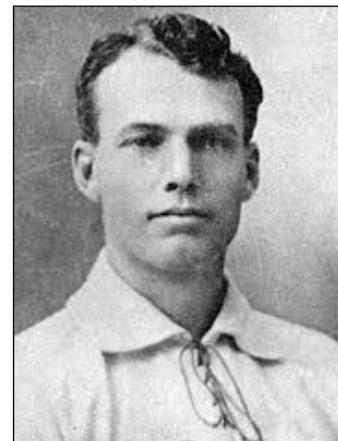
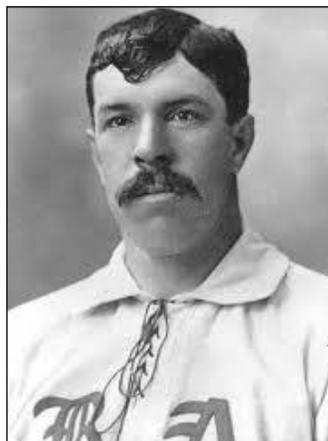
Pinkney's record had lasted for 95 years. For comparison, when Ripken played in his 2,131st consecutive game in 1995, Lou Gehrig's streak of 2,130 games had existed for a mere fifty-six years. Also, whereas 46,272 people were in attendance when Ripken surpassed Gehrig (and millions more watched on television), a mere 21,472 fans saw Ripken break Pinkney's streak.



Cal Ripken set the major league record for consecutive innings played, having gone 8,264 innings without being taken out of the lineup.

Although there was wide consensus that Ripken held the all-time record for consecutive innings played, there was no "Top Ten" or accurate details on other streaks. I decided to compile a list of the longest streaks of consecutive innings in major league history.

Candy LaChance and Buck Freeman were the most frequent names I came across. After research, I confirmed that LaChance indeed compiled one of the longest streaks in major league history: 3,873 innings from 1902 to 1905.



Candy LaChance (left) compiled the fifth-longest innings streak at 3,873 innings. Buck Freeman (right) would have compiled the third-longest streak if he had not been ejected on Sept. 9, 1903 (Game 2).

Freeman, on the other hand, fell short of his legend. He would have compiled a streak of 4,884 innings—the third-longest ever—if he had not been ejected at some point on September 9, 1903 (game 2), in the middle of the streak. Instead, he ends up with separate streaks of 2,935 and 1,943 innings.

Similarly, Larry Gardner compiled a run of 2,753 consecutive innings from 1918 to 1920, but if he hadn't been replaced by a pinch runner in the ninth inning on August 26, 1920, he would have had a streak of 4,032 innings.

Perhaps most amazingly, I discovered that even Ripken's to-



Until 1985, George Pinkney held the record for consecutive innings played with 5,152 in a row. The record had lasted for 95 years.

The streak [finally ended on September 14, 1987](#). Ripken played the first seven innings and batted in the top of the eighth, but he was replaced in the field by future manager Ron Washington. By then, Toronto was already up 17-3 and had hit nine home runs. When Ripken's manager (who was also his father) was asked why he pulled Cal from the game, he said, "What the hell—he couldn't hit a twenty-run homer."

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tal was incorrect. It was reported as 8,243 for 25 years, but no one had bothered to double-check the total. Thanks to Retro-sheet and Tom Ruane's help, I confirmed that 8,264 innings was the correct total.

In recent years, we have not seen anyone make a serious run at a long streak. The longest since Ripken was 2,480 innings by Travis Fryman from April 1994 to April 1996. Since Fryman, the longest is 1,689 by Richie Sexson from March 2003 to April 2004—barely one season!

Now, a note on my calculations. A player was given credit for a full inning played unless he was replaced during any part of that inning. When Ripken's streak ended on September 14, 1987, he batted in the top of the eighth inning but was replaced in the field in the bottom of the eighth. Since he did not play the entire eighth inning, he was credited with only seven innings for that contest. Gardner did play in the ninth inning on August 26, 1920, but he was replaced part-way through by another player, and so I did not give him an inning played. The purpose of these rules is to ensure that we are finding streaks where the player was never taken out of the game—the ultimate kind of iron man streak.

Similarly, if the bottom of the ninth was not played, or if an extra-inning game ended with less than three outs, the player was credited with one full inning so long as he was not replaced. For simplicity's sake, I avoided awarding fractions of innings.<sup>2</sup> After all, if the home team does not bat in the ninth inning, we still say it was a nine-inning game.

Even if we count only half-innings, or innings actually played in the field, we still do not come up with the 8,243 number that has been reported for years. It likely is just a product of the era—it was calculated the same day that Ripken's streak ended in 1987, when there was no easy way to count innings except by hand, and no easily accessible compendium of games from previous seasons. Today we have the benefit of every game be-



Ron Washington during his playing days. He replaced Ripken in the eighth inning on Sept. 14, 1987, the day Ripken's streak ended at 8,264.

ing computerized.

After many months of research, the numbers are still not 100% complete. For instance, Gus Suhr played in at least 4,329 consecutive innings, but he might have completed one more inning on September 30, 1934 (game 2), before being pulled—the newspapers of the day just do not say when he was replaced. A similar problem exists for Glenn Wright's and Buck Freeman's totals. I have been conservative and credited them with the total I am sure about. As one last interesting note, Wright is the only person on the list who began his career with such an amazing streak.

The table below lists the details of all men who played in 2,500 or more consecutive innings. "CG" means how many complete games he played during the streak, with a separate column for any "partial" games at the beginning or end of the streak.

## Longest Streaks of Consecutive Innings Played

Innings	Player	Team(s)	Begin Date [Inning]	End Date [Inning]	CG	Partial G
8264	Cal Ripken	BAL AL	06/05/1982 [1st]	09/14/1987 [7th]	903	1
5152	George Pinkney	BRO AA/NL	09/21/1885 [1st]	04/30/1890 [9th]	577	0
4620	Joe Sewell	CLE AL	07/01/1923 [1st]	08/07/1926 (G2) [4th]	505	1
4329	Gus Suhr	PIT NL	09/11/1931 [1st]	09/30/1934 (G1) [9th]	474	0 <sup>3</sup>
3873	Candy LaChance	BOS AL	05/23/1902 [1st]	04/28/1905 [9th]	424	0
3781	Rudy York	DET AL	04/16/1940 [1st]	07/30/1942 (G2) [9th]	413	0
3597	Tommy Holmes	BOS NL	07/30/1943 (G1) [1st]	04/28/1946 (G2) [6th]	386	1
3274	Chuck Klein	PHI/CHN NL	09/14/1931 (G2) [1st]	05/30/1934 (G2) [2nd]	356	1
3223	Ernie Banks	CHN NL	06/19/1957 (G2) [1st]	07/24/1959 [1st]	351	1
2935	Buck Freeman	BOS AL	07/29/1901 [1st]	09/09/1903 (G1) [3rd]	321	1 <sup>4</sup>
2859	Glenn Wright	PIT NL	04/15/1924 [1st]	04/19/1926 [5th]	312	1 <sup>5</sup>
2804	Frank McCormick	CIN NL	04/19/1938 [1st]	09/29/1939 [2nd]	304	1
2753	Larry Gardner	PHA/CLE AL	07/27/1918 [1st]	08/26/1920 [8th]	300	1
2753	Richie Ashburn	PHI NL	06/19/1952 [8th]	06/10/1954 [9th]	303	1
2726	Frank Malzone	BOS AL	06/12/1958 [1st]	06/07/1960 [9th]	298	0
2611	Gene Baker	CHN NL	08/05/1954 [1st]	07/16/1956 [5th]	283	1
2543	Eddie Brown	BRO/BSN NL	06/05/1924 [1st]	04/28/1926 [8th]	279	1

# It's a Rare Year When One is the Loneliest O's Number, All-Star Dept.



In 2018, Manny Machado was the only Baltimore Oriole on the American League All-Star team. MLB rules stipulate that every team must be represented every year, even if by only a single player. It's unusual (20 times in the team's 65-year history) that the Orioles have only one player on the AL squad, but it has happened.

These stalwarts did the franchise proud in those years.

- Six of the lonely O's were AL starters, including Cal Ripken four times at shortstop and Machado this year at short. George Kell was the starting third baseman in 1956.
- Ripken was the MVP of the All-Star Game in 1991. He later became the first American League player to earn that honor twice, repeating in 2001, his last All-Star Game and his last year in the majors.

By the way, when the O's were the host team, they had two representatives: LHP Billy O'Dell and starting catcher Gus Triandos in 1958, and RHP Mike Mussina and starting shortstop Ripken in 1993.

2018	<b>Manny Machado*</b>	SS
2017	Jonathan Schoop*	2B
2011	Matt Wieters	C
2010	Ty Wigginton	1B
2009	Adam Jones*	OF
2008	George Sherrill*	LHP
2007	Brian Roberts*	2B
2006	Miguel Tejada*	SS
2004	Miguel Tejada	SS
2003	Melvin Mora*	OF
2002	Tony Batista*	3B
2001	<b>Cal Ripken*</b>	SS
1995	<b>Cal Ripken</b>	SS
1991	<b>Cal Ripken*</b>	SS
1988	<b>Cal Ripken*</b>	SS
1982	Eddie Murray	1B
1975	Jim Palmer	RHP
1956	<b>George Kell</b>	3B
1955	Jim Wilson	RHP
1954	Bob Turley	RHP



Brian Roberts



Eddie Murray

\*Played in the game on the winning side.  
Starter indicated by red type.

## Ripken ► Continued from Page 8

We see that Ripken holds the record by 60.4% over Pinkney, which is considerably greater than the 23.5% by which Ripken beat Lou Gehrig's 2,130 consecutive game streak. It seems as though "8,264" should be Ripken's most famous number, rather than "2,632."

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1. *The New York Times*, "Father Knows Best," September 15, 1987; Robert Facht, "Ripken's Consecutive-Inning Streak Ends at 8,243," *Washington Post*, September 15, 1987; 2011 *Baltimore Orioles Media Guide*, pages 214, 319.
2. Otherwise there would be 1/6, 1/3, 1/2, 2/3, and 5/6 of innings.
3. I have credited Suhr with no innings on September 30, 1934(G2), but he possibly played one full inning in that game.
4. I have credited Freeman with three innings on September 9, 1903(G1), but he likely played more.
5. I have credited Wright with five full innings on April 19, 1926, but he likely played several more.

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## Trivia Answer

Cal Ripken	19
Brooks Robinson	13 as a player & once as honorary captain
Frank Robinson	6 as a player & once as honorary captain
Jim Palmer	6 as a player & once as honorary captain
Eddie Murray	7
Hoyt Wilhelm	3
Roberto Alomar	3
Luis Aparicio	2
Earl Weaver	4 as manager, twice as coach & once as honorary captain

## President

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Board of Directors on June 28, 2015 in Chicago. All concerned with that formation knew that Baltimore was a city too big, with a baseball heritage so rich that many could not believe it had not been done many years earlier. Members in Maryland now had much shorter distances to travel to participate and enjoy the best of this organization, now rich itself with history.

As the Baltimore Babe Ruth Chapter approaches maturity, we find that we have established three annual meetings (SABR Day, a day at Oriole Park and a minor-league day) as well as two monthly meetings (Peeps @ The Peeb and Called Shot Lunch), with another one in the planning stages. What the chapter needs now is *participation!* If you have never attended one of our get-togethers, we invite you to come and see what this growing chapter is all about.

Baseball research is still and will always be the heart of SABR, but that can only continue to be strong through the active participation of its members. If you have read this far, you know that you are probably the very person we are speaking to. We want you. We need you. Contribution comes in many forms, and if you have joined, you have something to offer.

Hope to see you soon!



D. Bruce Brown

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## Bowie Tentatively Rescheduled for Aug. 26

It rained on the chapter's annual minor-league outing, a day at the Bowie Baysox. This event has tentatively been rescheduled for August 26. Watch your email for updated information.

## SABR 48 in Pittsburgh



A number of Baltimore Babe Ruth Chapter members attended SABR 48 in Pittsburgh in June, including Paul Scimonelli, who gave the research presentation "Roy Sievers: The Sweetest Right Handed Swing in 1950s Baseball," and Bruce Brown, who again presided over the convention's trivia contest.

For more on the convention, <https://sabr.org/convention>

The site for SABR 49 has not been determined, but SABR 50 will be in Baltimore.

## SABR at the Yard ► From Page 1

Day and promised to share more of what it's like to have an All-Star in the family.

The group enjoyed the spread put out by the Orioles during the presentations. Next up was former Oriole stand-out outfielder Al Bumbry. Bumbry, the American League Rookie of the Year in 1973, also led the league in triples in his first full season in the majors. Glib and engaging, Bumbry greeted Fugett as an old friend and then regaled the group with stories of his playing days, but was clearly equally proud of his time as a coach.



Adam Jones and Audie Fugett

Bumbry, an inductee of the Baltimore Orioles Hall of Fame and the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame, was an All-Star and World Series champion with the Orioles. Before reaching the majors, he served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and earned a Bronze Star as a tank platoon leader.

Echoing many other retired ballplayers, he expressed concern that some of today's young, talented players are not exposed to the many fine details that make up a well-rounded champion. Bumbry was the first-base coach for the Boston Red Sox (1988-1993), Orioles (1995) and Cleveland Indians (1998, 2002). In 2007, he served as the outfield and base-running coach for the independent league York Revolution. He clearly enjoyed coaching, telling how he was able to elevate the play of many youngsters in his charge.

The chapter is, as always, grateful to Bill Stetka, the Director of Oriole Alumni, for arranging for Bumbry to address us.

The group was then part of the crowd of 23,948 that saw the Orioles fall to the Miami Marlins, 5-4. That game seemed unfortunately typical of the O's efforts this season: A home run from Jonathan Schoop, doubles from Jones and Mark Trumbo and two RBIs from Manny Machado didn't equal the offensive output of the other team. Nonetheless, a fine time was had by all. Few things are better than the love for baseball and camaraderie shared by a group like this one on this day.