

Long-Time Members Rothe and Gerson Pass Away

Emil Rothe, prolific researcher, SABR member since 1973, recipient of the SABR Salute, and namesake of SABR's Chicago regional group, passed away on November 27. He was 88 years old.

Born March 30, 1908, Rothe was a teacher from 1929 until his retirement in 1970. His career included 34 years as physical education instructor and assistant principal at Lane Technical High School in Chicago, which sent 12 students to the majors from Phil Cavaretta to John Felske.

In the 1970s and 1980s, Emil's passion for baseball found outlets in SABR and *Baseball Digest*. From 1972 to 1982, Rothe contributed articles focusing on record-setting games to *Baseball Digest*. Emil contributed to 10 issues of *Baseball Research Journal* from 1974 to 1988. He also co-hosted the 1976 SABR National convention and edited the 1986 SABR National convention publication, *Baseball in Chicago*.

Among his many honors was being named to the Chicago Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, receiving The SABR Salute in 1983, and having Chicago's regional group named the Emil Rothe Chapter on November 19, 1989, the first SABR chapter to be named after a member.

Survivors include his wife Dorothy, his son Dr. Robert Rothe, a daughter, Audrey Boehme and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to the V.N.A. Hospice, 5215 Old Orchard Rd, Ste 700, Skokie, IL, 60077.

Joe Gerson, a SABR member since 1973, died on December 1 at age 79. Gerson suffered from kidney disease. Joe played first base for the 1934 Georgia state champion American Legion Northside Terrors. He was an All-Southeastern Conference centerfielder at Georgia and played briefly with New Bern in the Coastal Plains League in 1940. Joe was an agent for Equitable Life Insurance for 50 years and a lifetime member of the Million Dollar Club. A former three-term president of the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, Joe became an inductee in 1986 and helped pave the way for the projected 1998 completion of a permanent home for the Hall in Macon.

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SABR 1997: A Look Ahead

The first year of SABR's second quarter century features a full agenda of baseball research activity. *The SABR Bulletin* will keep you abreast of SABR goings-on throughout the year. In addition, please feel free to contact the SABR office for any additional information or clarifications of SABR activity.

Here's an alphabetical look at some of the prominent aspects of the 1997 SABR Season.

AWARDS: Members are encouraged to nominate deserving candidates for The Seymour Medal, The Macmillan-SABR Baseball Research Award, and The Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Award. All 1996 members have been sent a nominations petition. If you have not received a petition and would like one, please contact the SABR office. Also upcoming in 1997 will be the 13th annual presentation of The Bob Davids Award, SABR's highest honor, and the fifth annual *Baseball Weekly* award for best presentation at the SABR National Convention.

BULLETIN: The *Bulletin* will be published nine times in 1997, with combined month issues in June-July, September-October, and November-December.

CONVENTION: SABR 27, the 1997 SABR National Convention, will take place June 20-23 at the Hyatt Regency Louisville in Louisville, Kentucky. See page 11 for more information.

DONATIONS: Contributions from SABR members, above and beyond payment of dues, are an important resource in carrying out SABR's objectives. Contributions, including in-kind gifts, are welcome and appreciated. SABR is a 501-c-3 not-for-profit corporation and donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Members can choose from the donation levels on the renewal forms or contact the SABR office.

ELECTIONS: Voting for SABR officers and issues is carried out via the April issue of *The SABR Bulletin*. See below for Nomination instructions.

INTERNET: Check out SABR's Web Page at www.sabr.org. Or send us e-mail- info@sabr.org.

LOCAL MEETINGS: SABR has regional groups throughout the country. Meeting recaps and notice of future meetings appear in each issue of *The SABR Bulletin*.

MERCHANDISE: See page 6 for information about SABR caps, shirts, and other merchandise.

NEW MEMBERS: New members join SABR on a daily basis. If you have just joined SABR, welcome. If you know someone who might enjoy being a SABR member, let them know how to join. You will find a new member application on page 12, and SABR membership brochures are available from the SABR office. Twenty-five new member referrals gets you a free convention registration.

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SABR Board Candidates Sought

Regularly scheduled offices to be elected in 1997 are President, Treasurer and Director. In addition, members may also vote for candidates for the unexpired term of Secretary which expires at the conclusion of the 1998 SABR Annual Business Meeting. The deadline to run for office or to nominate a candidate is February 15, 1997. Contact Nominating Committee Chair:

James E. Overmyer
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The SABR BOOKSHELF

What's New in Baseball Book Publishing

The Perfect Yankee: The Incredible Story of the Greatest Miracle in Baseball History

by Don Larsen with Mark Shaw

Sagamore Publishing (250 pages, hardcover)

ISBN: 1-57167-043-2

\$22.95, retail



On October 8, 1956, New York Yankee right-hander Don Larsen threw a no-hit perfect game in the fifth game of the World Series. In *The Perfect Yankee*, Larsen tells his own story of the miracle win and his dominate performance against the Brooklyn Dodgers including future Hall of Famers Pee Wee Reese, Jackie Robinson, Duke Snider, and Roy Campanella. Filled with humorous anecdotes, Larsen's story also relives his playing days with such greats as Willie Mays, Ernie Banks, Ted Williams, and Yogi Berra.

To order, send \$21.21 (postpaid) to SABR, PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101.

The Minor League Baseball Research Journal, Volume One

Edited by Carlos Bauer and Bob Hoie
(SABR, 126 pages, comb-bound)
\$11.45 postpaid

Designed to allow dissemination of articles too long for publication elsewhere, this volume follows through with five detailed narrative essays and three statistical articles. The West Texas-New Mexico League (including all-time batting and pitching records) is covered by Ron Selter. The creation of the Pacific Coast League (including full team-by-team 1903 PCL statistics) and its battle with the Pacific National League is covered by Bauer. Larry Zuckerman's 41-page examination of the ballparks of Los Angeles and their history includes diagrams of 20 locations from Agricultural Park to Dodger Stadium. Ed Brooks' article on Bill Sisler is accompanied by his 28-year playing record compiled by Hoie, Ray Nemeec, Brooks, and Merritt Clifton.

Thanks to Joe Wayman and Art Cantu 1879 National Association statistics from the rare *1880 National Base Ball Association Guide* are made readily available. And, from Dick Thompson and Lloyd Johnson respectively, full season stats for the 1899 New England League and full pitching stats for the 1905 Western League, Western Association, Missouri Valley League, and Kansas State League are provided.

Order using the coupon on page 6.

The Unfulfilled Indian Summer of 1996

by Russell Schneider

Russell Schneider Enterprises (260 pages, paper)

ISBN 0-9649813-1-9

\$16.95, retail



Similar to his review of the 1995 Indians' season, Schneider chronicles the ups and downs of the first Tribe team to reach post-season play for a second straight year. Schneider provides an inside view of a tumultuous campaign of controversies and struggles, despite a major league high 99 regular season wins. Illustrated with more than 30 black and white photos, the book includes Cleveland's 1996 year-end batting and pitching totals, day-by-day results, post-season box scores and transactions.

To order, send \$19 (postpaid) to SABR, PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101.

It's Not Who Won or Lost the Game - It's How You Sold the Beer

by Bob Wolff

Diamond Communications. (239 pp, hardcover)

ISBN: 1-888698-00-4

\$24.95 retail



For over 50 years, Broadcast Hall-of-Famer Bob Wolff has added a sparkle into the demanding but rewarding world of sportscasting. In this book, Wolff highlights hilarious events and players as well as memorable moments in sports history. From trying to get the proper head on the sponsor's beer while pouring live on camera, to his near firing as the ABC studio host for using "greasy kid stuff" on his hair, Wolff suggests humor is just as important as realizing your goals.

To order, call 1-800-480-3717 and mention SABR for a 10% discount.

Baseball By the Numbers: A Guide to the Uniform Numbers of Major League Teams

by Mark Stang and Linda Harkness

Scarecrow Press (1,152 pages, cloth)

ISBN: 08108-3054-X

\$85, retail

Updated from *Rosters!* (which was the research work for which Stang and Harkness received a 1992 Macmillan-SABR Baseball Research Award), *Baseball by the Numbers* lists uniform numbers through 1992 in yearly tables as well as a numerical index and an alphabetical index for each major league team.

Baseball by the Numbers can be ordered from Scarecrow Press, 4720 Boston Way, Lanham MD 20706 (800-462-6420).

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THE PRES BOX

In the previous Pres Box we talked about the SABR Board's historic trip to Monterrey, Mexico and the Mexican Baseball Hall of Fame.

Many of you may have thought: "Did you bring me anything?" Or putting it even less diplomatically: "My SABR Board Went to Monterrey and All I Got Was This Lousy Pres Box."

Well, fear not. I couldn't physically bring anything back for you (They'll still mad at me at Customs for dropping a bottle of salsa on the floor. Crash!), but we've done the next best thing.

While in Monterrey we met with Pedro Treto Cisneros, president of the Mexican League and arranged for SABR members to obtain an extra-special price on the *Enciclopedia del Beisbol Mexicano (The Mexican Baseball Encyclopedia)*.

This is a 712-page, large-format, illustrated, hardcover book detailing the history of the Mexican League. Although it is in Spanish, almost all of book is tabular and statistical in nature (chock full of league standings, leaders, team rosters, and individual stats), so the language barrier is really not that big a deal. *The Mexican Baseball Encyclopedia* is a treasure trove of information for all fans, particularly those who follow Caribbean baseball, the minor leagues, or the Negro leagues.

So, how good a deal is this? You may have seen the same book advertised in a national periodical for \$54.95. But SABR members may obtain *The Mexican Baseball Encyclopedia* for just \$20.00—postage included!

You may order *The Mexican Baseball Encyclopedia* by writing to:

Sr. Pedro Treto Cisneros, Presidente
La Liga Mexicana de Beisbol
Angel Pola #16
Col. Periodista
Mexico, D.F. CP 11220
Mexico

Don't know Spanish? Well neither do I, but thanks to SABR member Chuck Carey you can use the following text in your letter:

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Researching Baseball Made Easier by Bibliography Committee's Researching Baseball Index

RBI - Research in Baseball Index (formerly Baseball Online) is now searchable by sending requests directly to Ted Hathaway. We hope to have an automated service constructed sometime next year (either through the World Wide Web or on CD-ROM), but we wanted to make it available sooner than that. Yes, it's slow, but the database is quite large now (50,000 records), and our tests have shown it to be already useful to baseball researchers.

How to Request Information from RBI

All requests to RBI are searched free of charge. There are fees, however, for obtaining the data itself. RBI is available to anyone, but SABR members enjoy a substantial discount (33-50%), while RBI volunteers save even more.

The RBI Database can be searched for information on any baseball topic.

Think carefully about your research topic before submitting your request:

- Do you want information about a specific topic, or a number of topics? - Do you want information about a particular person or persons? - Do you want information from a specific time period? - Do you want information from a specific publication or publications? - Do you want information from particular source formats (i.e., books, articles, etc.)? - How much information do you want on your search topic? 25? 50? 100? or as many source references as possible?

Need a better picture of how it works? Try looking over some sample searches:

RBI Sample Searches

Here are some examples of the kinds of topics you can research using RBI-Research in Baseball Index through the RBI Data Service.

What do you have on Rogers Hornsby?

112 Sources (39 books, 28 articles, 45 book sections)

I need some recent books about hitting.

12 Sources (12 books)

What do you have about the Black Sox Scandal?

50 Sources (30 books, 5 articles, 15 book sections)

Do you list any books about the Homestead Grays?

10 Sources (10 books)

I'm looking for something about the 1957 World Series.

11 Sources (6 books, 3 articles, 2 book sections)

What do you have on Jackie Robinson?

241 Sources (118 books, 69 articles, 54 book sections)

I'm writing a report on the 1994-95 Strike. What do you have?

576 Sources (576 articles)

I need a history of the Kansas City Athletics.

3 Sources (3 books)

What do you have on the George Brett Pine Tar incident?

11 Sources (9 articles, 2 book sections)

I'm doing a paper for school on Cal Ripken's streak.

31 Sources (12 books, 3 book sections, 16 articles)

What kind of information do you get?

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Title
Named Person(s) (significant mention)
Topics
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Copyright Date
Issue Date (for magazines)
Number of Page(s)

Citation Example:

Author: Snyder, Deron
Title: 'The Streak' clings like a second shadow
Named Person(s): Ripken, Cal, Jr.; Gehrig, Lou; Morgan, Joe; Steadman, John; Ripken, Billy; Ripken, Cal, Sr.
Topics: Streaks; All Time Records; Baltimore Orioles; Games Played; Fatigue; Age; Chemistry; Media Relations; Player Fan Relations
Publication Name: USA Today Baseball Weekly
Copyright Date: 1993 Issue Date: 0721
Page(s) in article: 4(2)

Once you have decided on your research request, send your request via snail mail or e-mail to:

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Minneapolis, MN 55419
hathae@msus1.msus.edu

Requests take one to three days to process. You will be notified via e-mail or postcard as to the results of your research request. The results will relate the number of sources found, along with a fee statement for obtaining the information. All requests are strictly confidential. Please see the pricing structure below for more information.

RBI Pricing for SABR Members

Note: a "citation" is a single source reference, whether a book, an article, or a book section.

# of Citations	Via E-mail	Via Post (Floppy)	Via Post (Printout)
1-25 Citations	\$2	\$3	\$4
25-50 Citations	\$3	\$5	\$7
50-100 Citations	\$5	\$7	\$10
100-200 Citations	\$7	\$10	\$15
200-400 Citations	\$10	\$12	\$25
400-600 Citations	\$12	\$15	\$30
600-1000 Citations	\$15	\$20	\$40

Payment can be accepted as check or money order, made out to SABR and mailed to RBI. Research results are mailed no later than 7-10 days after receipt of payment.

- Ted Hathaway, Andy McCue and Tim Cashion, RBI Project Directors

BASEBALL NEWS FROM SABR'S RESEARCH COMMITTEES

Baseball Records

Much of the October issue of the committee's newsletter deals with discrepancies uncovered by Ron Rakowski in his review of the 1961 season. The editors of *The Baseball Encyclopedia* have accepted these findings, including the revision of Roger Maris' 1961 RBI total from 142 to 141. Greg Beston has found a third instance of four pinch-runners being used in one inning of an American League game, in addition to the two noted by *The Sporting News Complete Record Book* and *The Elias Book of Baseball Records*. Confirmed by Dave Smith of Retrosheet, Greg found that in Oakland's 13-2 win against Chicago on September 24, 1975, Matt Alexander ran for Joe Rudi, Ted Martinez for Bert Campaneris, Cesar Tovar for Phil Garner, and Gaylen Pitts for Sal Bando. Members of the Records Committee continue to improve the accuracy of the overall baseball record, refining the fine work done by Elias and The Sporting News and the other record keepers.

In the committee's December newsletter, Madison McEntire reports a record total of 50 major league players knocked in 100 or more runs in 1996; Baltimore, Seattle and Colorado became the 15th, 16th and 17th teams to have four players with 100 or more RBIs (the only time three teams have had four 100 RBI men in the same season; Texas would have joined the list if Kevin Elster had had one more RBI); Baltimore, Texas and Seattle had six players with 80 or more RBI, the seventh, eighth and ninth teams in major league history with six such players in a season; Brady Anderson set a record with 100 RBI batting leadoff; and Cecil Fielder and Greg Vaughn became the 13th and 14th players to drive in more than 100 runs playing for two different teams, Vaughn becoming the first to do so for teams in different leagues.

Bibliography

Progress on RBI (Research in Baseball Index) (see page 3) and on book indexes leads committee activity. With Joe Murphy working on Warren Brown's *The Chicago Cubs* (1946) and Brad Sullivan working on the 1954 edition of *The Milwaukee Braves*, only Fred Lieb's *The Baltimore Orioles* (1955) needs an indexer to complete the Putnam team history series. Other important books in need of an index are *Judge Landis and 25 Years of Baseball* (1947) by J.G. Taylor Spink, *The Old Ball Game* (1971) by Tristram P. Coffin, and *The Umpire Story* (1953) by James M. Kahn.

Biographical

Bob McConnell, Charles Weaver, and Bill Weiss are the latest recipients of the committee's "Find of the Month" award. Weaver identified the previously unknown player Witherow as Charles Samuel Witherow, locating the information in the *New York Clipper*. McConnell found the birth record of Patrick Hannivan in Nova Scotia. Weiss found the city of birth of 1996 rookies Eugene Kingsale and Brian Leshar, the latter by asking Leshar's mother.

The committee's October newsletter contains its annual listing of rookies. There are 194 rookie players and one non-playing manager (John Boles) listed with 1996 debuts. Excluded are both Rookie of the Year selections (Derek Jeter and Todd Hollandsworth) who debuted in 1995.

The oldest rookie was Alan Cockrell (33), the oldest since Minnie Mendoza in 1970. The youngest rookie was 19-year-old Andruw Jones. Several new birthplaces were represented, including the Philippines (Bobby Chouinard), South Vietnam (Danny Graves), Aruba (Kingsale), and Belgium (Leshar). Debuting relatives of former big league players included Robert Estalella (grandson of Bobby), Mike Farmer (brother of Howard), Aaron Holbert (brother of Ray), Jason Kendall (son of Fred), and Scott Spiezio (son of Ed).

As of the committee's November newsletter, there were 37 living nonagenarian ex-major leaguers, led by Chet Hoff (105) and Joe Hauser (97).

Business of Baseball

The committee's Fall newsletter reports that major league baseball rebounded in 1996 from 1995 in attendance, finances, sale of merchandise and salaries. TV ratings slipped, but still brought the Fox network its highest-ever ratings.

Team news was dominated by ballpark issues for the Brewers, Twins, Mariners, Diamondbacks, Devil Rays, Braves, Reds, Marlins, Astros, Pirates, Padres and Giants.

Also included were terms of the proposed labor agreement subsequently approved by the players and owners and the first draft of a bibliography of baseball owners and executives from the Research in Baseball Index (RBI) (see page 3). Looking back, the 1938 incident in which Jake Powell was suspended by Commissioner Kennesaw Mountain Landis for inflammatory remarks and a 1958 National Association marketing strategy "70 Nights in a Ball Park" are reviewed.

Negro Leagues

The August issue of the SABR-NLC Newsletter contained inappropriate comments regarding the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum and its Executive Director, Don Motley. These comments have been retracted. SABR does not condone publication of these statements and apologizes for publication of them.

David Pietrusza—SABR President

Committee members remain hard at work on projects and events. The October newsletter notes important resources at the National Baseball Hall of Fame Library, including the files of Robert Peterson, Effa Manley's scrapbooks, and the Ashland Collection material. Lyle Wilson has enhanced the record of team rosters in the later 1950s and new information has been uncovered on the USL, 1908 Cleveland Giants, Luis Tiant, Sr. and the Harlem Globetrotters baseball team. Celebrations honoring Pop Lloyd, Oscar Charleston and Judy Johnson are reviewed in the committee's December newsletter.

Minor Leagues

John Pardon reports a wide variety of minor league research taking place. Some of these individuals and efforts include Mihran Berejikian on business aspects of the minor leagues, William L. Bootz on Oklahoma City and Tulsa baseball, Tom Chase on Mountain States League history, Calvin Fitzwater on Kingsport (Tennessee) and Appalachian League history, Frank Gifford on ballparks in Clarksdale and Tupelo (Mississippi) and the Cotton States League in the 1930s, Ted Hauser on the Eastern Kansas League, 1910, Kevin D. McCann on Kentucky-Illinois-Tennessee League (KITTY) history, John McReynolds on the 1952 Porterville (California) Padres of the Southwest International League, and George Slaughter on the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers and Midwest League history.

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Committee Newsletters Available from the SABR Office

Name	Issue	Pages	Cost
Baseball Records	Oct	4	\$1.50
Baseball Records	Dec	4	\$1.50
Bibliography	Oct	4	\$1.50
Biographical Research	Sept	4	\$1.50
Biographical Research	Oct	4	\$1.50
Biographical Research	Nov	4	\$1.50
Business of Baseball	Fall	8	\$3.00
Current Baseball Publications-Fall		7	\$3.00
Negro Leagues	Oct	8	\$3.00
Negro Leagues	Dec	4	\$1.50
Umpire & Rules	Oct	6	\$2.50
UK	Oct	12	\$3.50

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The SABR Season

January 4:	Allan Roth Memorial Chapter Meeting (Los Angeles); Contact Andy McCue (909) 787-4954
January 24-26:	SABR Executive Board Meeting in Louisville
January 25:	Ted Williams Chapter Meeting (San Diego); contact Anna Newton, 619-562-7212
February 1:	Bob Broeg Chapter Hot Stove Meeting (see below)
February 4:	St. Louis Baseball Writers Dinner (see below)
February 15:	Roger Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter Meeting (Toledo); see below
February 16:	Emil Rothe Chapter Meeting (Chicago); contact Bill Slankard, 630-415-1476
February 22:	Casey Stengel Chapter Meeting (New York City); Contact Ross Adell (718-359-2033)

Regionals

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

For information regarding the 1997 Hot Stove League Meeting of the Bob Broeg Chapter to be held February 1, or the St. Louis Baseball Writers Dinner (February 4), call Mark Stangl at the numbers listed above.

Toledo, Ohio: The next meeting of the Roger Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter of SABR will be held Saturday, February 15. We will have lunch, then meet at the Heatherdowns Branch of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library in Toledo. For further information on exact time or location of the meeting, or if you would like to make a presentation, call Kathy Gardner (419-882-1301).

Tucson, Arizona: About 15 ASABR members and friends met on August 31 in Tucson. Rodney Johnson spoke of his experience as an official scorer in the Arizona Rookie League, including odd occurrences and scoring a no-hitter. Also discussed were SABR campaign issues, the ASABR Journal, contributions to BAT, and purchase of *The Sporting News* on microfilm for the Arizona State University Library. Following the meeting, the group enjoyed a cookout at Lynn Bevill's home, then saw the Tucson Toro's beat Las Vegas 7-2 at Hi Corbett Field.

Worcester, Massachusetts: The first official meeting of the new Worcester chapter was at Assumption College on September 29. Attendees saw video presentations on Connie Mack and the 1988 Boston Red Sox. Special guest speaker Joe Morgan provided several humorous insights on his days as a major leaguer, and manager of the Red Sox (1988-1991). His comments on then current manager Kevin Kennedy deserving to be manager of the year made headlines the next day when Kennedy was dismissed. Red Sox beatwriter Bill Ballou of the *Worcester Telegram* displayed his American League MVP ballot and led a discussion on who should be voted AL MVP in 1996 (Pudge Rodriguez of Texas was the consensus).

Plans for the next meeting are tentatively set for April. Please contact Ron Marshall (508-949-0515) or Steve Morris (508-767-7240).

Greensboro, North Carolina: An enthusiastic group of about a dozen met on Saturday, October 19 at B.G. McGee's in Greensboro for SABR CAROLINA's fall meeting. John Frey, GM of the Greensboro Bats of the South Atlantic League, and Tim Grubbs, Director of Broadcasting for the Winston-Salem Warhogs, addressed the question of what does it take to operate a minor league baseball club. From their diverse perspectives they discussed matters such as sales and promotions, dealing with players and the major league club, competition, and the myriad other problems that come up on a day-to-day basis. It was an in-depth and very personal look at what has become a very complex business.

Dave Thomas also made an interesting presentation on his continuing look at each major league organization's minor league affiliates, as he attempts to predict success and failure over a five-year period.

The meeting had been scheduled in anticipation of being able to watch the opening game of the World Series on one of McGee's big-screen TVs, but Mother Nature intervened. Instead of the game, however, several lively discussions were spawned which completed a very interesting and upbeat social gathering.

The next encounter will be in early 1997; details still to be determined.

Burlingame, California: On October 20, thirty-five members of the Lefty O'Doul Chapter attended the Second Annual NorCal MLBPA Golf Tournament and Dinner. Hosted by former Oriole catcher Frank Zupo, the two day event attracted over 400 fans. A benefit for Cystic Fibrosis, the event is part of a 42-city tour hosted by the Major League Baseball Players Alumni. The evening consisted of a buffet dinner and memorabilia auction. In between was time to talk to players and gather autographs. Among this year's participants were five Hall of Famers: Bob Feller, Harmon Killebrew, Gaylord Perry, Brooks Robinson and Warren Spahn. Other players attending included Boog Powell, Gino Cimoli, Ollie Brown, Dave Righetti, Hobie Landrith, Bo Belinsky, Tom Haller, Jim Landis, Eddie Bressoud, Ernie Broglio, Charlie Fox, Vida Blue and Mike McCormick. Event organizers included Bernie Esser, Dick Dobbins and Chris Rogers.

Minneapolis, Minnesota: The Halsey Hall Chapter's annual fall meeting on October 26 included three special guests; Twins broadcaster John Gordon, former Minneapolis Millers radio host Dick Enroth, and radio announcer Dick Jonckowski. Research presentations were made by Fred Buckland (1909 St. Paul Gophers), Stew Thornley (team nomenclature), Terry Bohn (1960 Northern League batting race—Joe Torre edged Max Alvis by one percentage point), and Dana Marshall (Indianapolis Indians sweep Minneapolis Millers 20-8 and 20-5 at Nicollet Park). Lee Temanson and Bob Tholkes provided trivia contests.

Farmington Hills, Michigan: Nineteen members enjoyed dinner and baseball discussion on October 27 at Brady's Restaurant in Farmington Hills, Michigan. The group's first "Show and Tell" was a big success. Items shown, for which there were great stories, ranged from an autographed ball from Babe Ruth, shown by Doug Puz, to a historical picture of early baseball shown by Bill Larson. There were many other great items and stories. Jim Stimac presented his method for evaluating the effectiveness of relief pitchers, taking into account inherited runners.

Dallas, Texas: The Hall-Ruggles Chapter held its third annual appreciation banquet at Dallas Baptist University on November 14 with some 250 members and guests in attendance. Honored at the event were Rangers President J. Thomas Schiefer, Arlington Mayor Richard Greene, Tom Grieve, Tom Chandler, and C. Paul Rogers III.

For information on upcoming Hall-Ruggles Chapter events, contact Howard Green (817-370-2503, days; 817-535-0058, evenings).

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NorCal PCL Event is a Hit

On August 3, 1996, twenty-nine SABR members were among over 200 people at the second annual NorCAL PCL Historical Society event at the Oakland Museum, featuring fifty-eight players including Dario Lodigiani, Nino Bongiovani, Dolph Camilli, Pumpsie Green, Don Ferarese, Bob Roselli, Wally Westlake, Ferris Fain, Bill Raimondi, Bill Rigney and John Babich. Player panels featured representatives of the Oakland Oaks, San Francisco Seals and Sacramento Solons.

For more information on the PCL Historical Society, contact Dick Beverage at 714-524-0939.

Membership Survey Shows Most Satisfied with Publications

1. How important are SABR publications to you as part of your SABR membership? (542 responses)

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|------------------------|-----|
| a.) Very Important | 97% |
| b.) Not Very Important | 3% |
| c.) Worthless | 0% |

2. With regard to the entire SABR publications program, are you: (542 responses)

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| a.) Very Satisfied | 48% |
| b.) Generally Satisfied | 50% |
| c.) Moderately Dissatisfied | 2% |
| d.) Very Dissatisfied | 0.4% |

3. Do you feel the quality of articles in The National Pastime is: (536 responses)

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|---------------|-----|----------|------|
| a.) Excellent | 48% | c.) Fair | 5% |
| b.) Good | 47% | d.) Poor | 0.4% |

4. Do you feel the quality of articles in The Baseball Research Journal is: (530 responses)

- | | | | |
|---------------|-----|----------|------|
| a.) Excellent | 43% | c.) Fair | 0.6% |
| b.) Good | 51% | d.) Poor | 0.2% |

5. Do you feel the cover, interior design, and layout of The National Pastime is: (533 responses)

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|---------------|-----|----------|----|
| a.) Excellent | 48% | c.) Fair | 4% |
| b.) Good | 47% | d.) Poor | 1% |

6. Do you feel the cover, interior design, and layout of The Baseball Research Journal is: (526 responses)

- | | |
|---------------|------|
| a.) Excellent | 37% |
| b.) Good | 56% |
| c.) Fair | 7% |
| d.) Poor | 0.4% |

7. Would you enjoy The National Pastime and The Baseball Research Journal more if they were reserved for serious research only and contained no reminiscences, verse, etc.? (520 responses)

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| a.) Yes | 16% | b.) No | 84% |
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8. Based on the 1995 issues of The National Pastime and The Baseball Research Journal, do you feel the copyediting and proofreading are: (519 responses)

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|---------------|-----|----------|----|
| a.) Excellent | 39% | c.) Fair | 6% |
| b.) Good | 55% | d.) Poor | 1% |

9. Would you prefer to continue to receive separate issues of The National Pastime and The Baseball Research Journal or would you prefer to receive a larger combined publication, plus two other publications a year? (511 responses)

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| a.) Separate | 71% | b.) Combined | 29% |
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| d.) Probably not | 12% |

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Robert H. Gaunt has published a 476-page history of the Coastal Plain League, John G. Hall has published a 431-page history of Carthage, Missouri teams and the Kansas-Oklahoma-Missouri League, along with a monthly newsletter called "The KOM League Remembered," and Hank Utley is working on a manuscript about the Carolina Textile League, 1935-38, and the beginnings of the Carolina League.

Umpire and Rules

Committee members are busy on many fronts. John Schwartz uncovered two new American Association substitute umpires, Jim Skerritt and Louis Shraeder, who umpired the Rochester at St. Louis game on June 7, 1890. John also reports a total of 54 umpires working for the National League in 1895. Of the 54, only 14 worked more than 11 games, led by Bob Emslie (132), James F. McDonald and Tim Keefe (129), Jeremiah Murray (112), Fred Jevne (77), Hank O'Day (76), and William Betts (37). Bob Richardson has completed umpire rosters for the 1890 Atlantic Association and the 1891 New England League. Many of the recent articles related to umpires and rules have dealt with Eric Gregg's comeback and the Roberto Alomar-John Hirschbeck conflict. John Murray has established a home page on "Umpires of the Negro Leagues" at <http://home.earthlink.net/~johnmur/>

UK/Europe

Committee members are compiling a register of all European-born major league players and managers from 1871 to present, assisted by Bill Carle and the Biographical Committee and Frederick Ivor-Campbell and the Nineteenth Century Committee. Daniel Bloyce is working on the development of baseball in Britain, Ian Smyth is working on the post-WWII period, and Mike Ross, Martin Hoerchner, Barry Winetrobe, and others are working on the pre-1874 era. Gary Bedingfield is producing a study of baseball as played in Britain by American Armed Forces personnel. A tragic example is Forrest "Lefty" Vernon, a minor league hurler with 48 wins from 1938 to 1940, killed in action at age 25 on June 6, 1944, six years to the day after he pitched a no-hitter for St. Augustine in the Florida State League.

Statistical Analysis

Statistical Analysis co-chair Neal Traven has moved. His new address is:

Neal Traven
Co-Chair, SABR Statistical Analysis Committee
124 Tri-City Road
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Estimado Sr. Treto Cisneros:

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4. Jack Chesbro 5. Walter Johnson A:5

5
Which Hall of Fame pitcher gave up
Ty Cobb's first career hit?

1. Walter Johnson 2. Chief Bender 3. Ed
Plank 4. Jack Chesbro 5. Addie Joss A:4

Regionals, continued from page 5

Oakland, California: On November 16, the Lefty O'Doul Chapter held its Second Annual Winter Baseball Awards Luncheon at Francesco's Restaurant. Seventy members and guests, including former major leaguers Charlie Silvera and Ernie Broglio and Sonoma County Crushers play-by-play man Steve Bitker, enjoyed good food and an afternoon of talking baseball. The day began with a funny and enlightening look at the marketing of baseball through the eyes of Andy Dolich. Andy was the VP of business for fifteen years for the Oakland Athletics. Andy held his version of Jeopardy with one of the prizes being a set of fishing lures autographed by Billy Martin. Second in the lineup was Bob Fletcher, owner of the Crushers, an independent team in the Western League. Bob shared the joys of operating a team where civic pride is still relevant. Bob also invited the chapter to attend a BBQ & game next season.

Providing a strong middle of the order were this year's Award Winners. The Lefty O'Doul Award for Service to Baseball was given to Bill Weiss by presenter and California League President, Joe Gagliardi. Bill has been statistician for the California League and PCL going on fifty years and is a regular contributor to SABR's Minor League Committee. This year's recipient for the Joltin' Joe Award for Service to the Chapter was past president and 1998 Convention Chair Barry Mednick. Jackie Robinson biographer Jules Tygiel was the presenter. After a break for lunch, local beat writers Mike Lefkow and Henry Schulman reviewed the 1996 season and looked forward to the next. Talked centered on the lack of a labor agreement and the trade of Matt Williams. There was one supporter of the trade present—Cleveland Indians scout Bill Werle!

It was agreed that next season will be another tough one in the Bay area. The day ended with a raffle with many going home with books, tapes and autographed photos. Also on hand with books for sale were Viola Owen, Herb Fagen, Dick Dobbins, and Richard Leutzinger. For more information on upcoming events, contact Chris Rogers (510-724-0398).

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A lively business meeting took place wherein we discussed the schedule of events for 1997. An outing to the Kane County Cougars is definite. Outings to see the Cubs and the White Sox are highly probable. There will be four meetings in 1997. The first three will be "quarterly" meetings at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Circle Center, room 509/510, starting at 1:00pm on the following Sundays: February 16, May 18, and August 17, at a cost of ten dollars a meeting. The last meeting of the year will be a bigger "annual" meeting, with date, time, location, and price to be determined. We will try to have it in November at a hotel or restaurant with a luncheon, and reservations will be mandatory. A monthly social dinner is also on the calendar on the third Thursday of each month, at 7:00pm at Suparossas Pizza in Norridge, Illinois.

Details about these events and other articles of interest can be found in the Chicago SABRreport, the bi-monthly newsletter of Chicago Area SABR, which is ten dollars for a year's subscription. For more information, contact (and make checks payable to) Bill Slankard, 1909 Birchwood Lane, Arlington Heights IL 60004-3501, 630-415-1476, 72722.3473@compuserve.com.

Greenville, Rhode Island: Eighty-one SABR members and guests attended the fall meeting of the Lajoie-Start Chapter at St. Philip's Parish Hall on November 30. Eighty-year-old Ralph McLeod, an outfielder with the 1938 Boston Bees, was the guest speaker. Chapter members discussed plans for a joint meeting in the spring with the Vermont Chapter. The following presentations were given: Phil Bergen, "The Curse of Mickey Haefner;" Bob Donahoe, "1950 Red Sox;" Steve Krevisky, "Strange Things Happen in Years Ending in 6, Primarily in Boston;" Beth Martin, "Umpires' Uniforms Through the Years;" James Pereira, "Hall-of-Famers' Resting Places." The trivia contest was won by Marc Wise.

The next chapter meeting will be held in May.

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Reading Baseball

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Scarecrow Press (224 pages, cloth)
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To order call/write Scarecrow Press, 4720 Boston Way, Lanham MD 20706 (800-462-6420).

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PUBLICATIONS: In addition to *The SABR Bulletin*, 1997 SABR members will receive *Baseball Research Journal #26*, *The National Pastime #17*, a new pictorial, and the 1997-1998 SABR Membership Directory. See below for more about the SABR publications program.

RESEARCH: If you are conducting any baseball research, or looking to get started, you are in the right place. SABR has 17 research committees, regional groups, and plenty of members willing to help with research projects. Members can network via the Research Needs section of *The SABR Bulletin*, the internet on SABR-L, or by calling the SABR office for assistance.

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS?: Feel free to contact the SABR office whenever you have questions about any aspect of SABR or your SABR membership.

A Look at the SABR Publications Program

SABR Publications Director **Mark Alvarez** has prepared an overview of many aspects of the SABR publications program. It is available to members by request from the SABR office.

Mark addresses issues such as the nature of articles published (serious vs. scholarly), why submissions are accepted or rejected, proof-reading and fact-checking, editing, errors, letters-of-agreement, publicity, design, photo sources, editorial schedules and general correspondence.

Once again, members can look forward to receiving *The Baseball Research Journal* and *The National Pastime*. The 26th annual issue of *BRJ* and the 17th *TNP* will continue to provide a wide range of unique, entertaining, and thought-provoking baseball information.

SABR's 23rd special publication for all active members (see list below) will be *Baseball For the Fun of It*, edited by **Mark Rucker** and **Tom Sheiber**. It will use photos - most rare, some never seen - to convey a sense of the simple joy of the game. Lots of players doing goofy things, kids, odd game scenes, offbeat characters, unusual groupings. Barnstorming, colorful characters of the game, ballparks will have major roles. This is meant to be a visual celebration of the game's happy side.

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John J. "Duffy" Dwyer died of cancer earlier in 1996 in Providence, Rhode Island. A SABR member since 1993, Dwyer hosted a weekly radio sports show, established the Dwyer Sports News in 1992, and created the "Phantom Friar," a mascot for the Providence College basketball team. In 1989, Duffy won the "America's Nuttiest Sports Nut" in a nationwide contest.

Other SABR members who have lost family members in recent months include Ballparks Committee chair **Bob Bluthardt** and wife **Valerie**, whose 2-year old daughter, **Natalie**, lost her life-long battle with a blood disease, and **Bob Boynton**, whose wife, **Allie**, passed away in October.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of all members who have experienced a recent loss.

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Other members of the nominating committee are **David W. Smith** of Newark, Delaware and **Claudia Perry** of San Jose, California.

A description of duties of SABR officers appears in the November-December 1996 issue of *The SABR Bulletin*. They can also be obtained by contacting **Jim Overmyer** or the SABR office.

All Board members are reimbursed for Board related expenses as approved by SABR policy and are protected from 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 1997 annual business meeting at SABR 27 in Louisville, Kentucky, and runs through the 1999 meeting. Terms for Treasurer and Director run from the 1997 meeting to the 2001 meeting. Candidates for all three positions must have been members of SABR for the preceding four years to be eligible for office.

Campaigning Guidelines Pending Approval

The final wording of campaigning guidelines approved by the SABR Executive Board are pending approval of the minutes of the September 1996 Board meeting, scheduled to be approved at the January 1997 Board Meeting.

Second Renewal Form to Be Mailed in January

The second notice for 1997 SABR membership renewal will be mailed in January. It will be mailed to only those members whose renewal had not been received by the SABR office by the date the labels were printed. If you haven't renewed yet, you can mail your membership dues using the form on page 12 (photocopies are acceptable).

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Randy Klipstein, 416 Benedict Ave #1-E, Tarrytown NY 10591, 914-631-0897, is looking for sources of information about former Giants owner Andrew Friedman. He is interested in his ethnic background and how it influenced his stewardship of the team.

Alan Drake, 6535 Seaview Ave NW #701-B, Seattle WA 98117, 206-784-1394, is trying to locate a team photograph of the 1912 New York Giants that identifies everyone in the picture.

Joe Naiman, 9312 Marilla Drive, Lakeside CA 92040 seeks information about Jackie Jensen for a biography on the subject.

Vernon Linnaus, 2202 Elmers Lane, Norfolk NE 68701-2030, is doing a history of professional baseball in Norfolk and seeks contact with any player who played with the Norfolk Elks of the Nebraska State League from 1928 through 1938 and the Norfolk Yanks of the Western League from 1939 through 1941.

Greg Beston, 31 Trafalger Court, S. Weymouth, MA 02190, 617-331-1780, gmbeston@princeton.edu, is writing his senior thesis about Hal Chase and his alleged game-fixing practices during his baseball career. He would appreciate any information about his playing career, alleged gambling and game-fixing, and how baseball attempted to solve the problem. He also plans to briefly discuss Chase's jump to the Federal League in 1914 and the legal battle that followed.

Kevin McLaughlin, 73 Spellman Hall, Princeton University, Princeton NJ 08544, kmm@phoenix.princeton.edu, is writing his senior thesis on the types of aid, both present and proposed methods, for small market teams. I would appreciate information on revenue sharing, salary cap, and luxury tax. Information on free agent restrictions/compensation and TV contracts in the collective bargaining agreement, or economic aspects of franchise relocation and expansion would also be helpful.

Bill Hickman, 7 Columbia Court, Rockville MD 20850, seeks information on John Carden who pitched in one game for the New York Giants in 1946 and died at an early age in 1949. He pitched for the Quantico Marine team during World War II, and for Richmond, Sioux City, and Minneapolis in the minors. If anyone knows what college he attended, that would be helpful. Also seeking information on Wenceslao "Vince" Gonzales who pitched in one game for the 1955 Washington Senators. He was born in Cuba, and died in Mexico in 1981. I have no other information about him at this point.

Hank Koerper, 632 Chipwood St, Orange CA 92869, 714-633-9287, is writing an article on Chief John T. Meyers (Myers) and needs information, photos, etc. Interested in all early Native American athletes in modern sports.

Gary Bedingfield, 56 Gladbeck Way, Enfield, Middlesex, EN2 7EL, Great Britain (011 44 181 363 0100 phone, 011 44 181 343 2123 fax) seeks information on professional players who served with the United States armed forces in England during World War II. Press clippings, reminiscences, and photographs would be appreciated. Also addresses of surviving players are sought for interviews for a future book.

Mitch Kayser, 1211 N Cedarview Dr, Bozeman MT 59715, e-mail: kayser@msu.montana.edu, 406-582-8611, seeks any information on professional baseball in Montana (1900-1920), especially Butte and Helena. Prefers properly credited photocopies. Will reimburse any cost of postage and copying.

Ken and Paula Weaver, 527 Carriage Drive, Orange CT 06477, are seeking information on 19th century uniforms. Any articles describing the players uniforms, photos, or other information would be greatly appreciated.

Martin Sandberg, 21 Highwood Rd, East Norwich NY 11732, 516-922-4059, email: Mlsandy1@aol.com, seeks articles, anecdotes, and general information about Bill Stern, a radio sports announcer of the 30's and 40's. Stern did college football play-by-play for NBC and also for awhile had a weekly radio show featuring commentary and stories with surprise endings. A parody of Stern using the name 'Bill Kern' appeared in an old Woody Allen film called 'Radio Days'. Similar info on other sports announcers of that era such as Graham McNamee, Ted Husing, Dizzy Dean, Bob Elson, etc., and even Mel Allen would be welcome. No bloopers about Red Barber though. He never made any.

Stew Thornley, 1082 Lovell Avenue, Roseville MN 55113-4419, 612-415-0791 phone, 612-482-0187 fax, E-mail: thorn017@tc.umn.edu, is writing a children's book on Roberto Alomar and seeks information from local publications (programs, newspaper articles, etc.). Costs for copying and postage can be reimbursed and contributors will be acknowledged.

Amy D. Smith, 411 Steele St #3, Laramie WY 82070, 307-721-8186 day, 307-745-8371 fax, e-mail: thesmith@uwyo.edu is looking for participants in fantasy baseball leagues to talk briefly with her about their use of statistics and how such use enhances their enjoyment of baseball. Ms. Smith is a fantasy team manager herself and seeks other managers for input for her pending master's thesis in American Studies on the role of such leagues in baseball. Ms. Smith will mail out a brief survey or will correspond via e-mail. Any and all input would be greatly appreciated.

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Beston, Greg: Forced to back down. Judge Landis' role in the Ty Cobb/Tris Speaker scandal of 1926-27. 26 pages.

Dunn, Geoffrey: Blackballed! 2 pages. A brief biography of Hal Chase. Copy of article in *Metro Life*, San Jose, Calif., October 5, 1996.

Gandil, Chick, as told to Melvin Durslag: My story of the Black Sox Series. 7 pages. Copy of article in *Sports Illustrated*, Vol. 5, No. 12, Sept. 17, 1956.

King, David: The boys from Lamesa. 6 pages. Text copy of article in the *San Antonio Express-News*, Aug. 25, 1996, about the Lamesa Lobos of the West Texas-New Mexico League.

Nack, William: Lost in history, the 1929-31 Philadelphia A's. 10 pages. Copy of article in *Sports Illustrated*, Vol. 85, No. 8, August 19, 1996. The A's were the best team in baseball in that period, but get very little publicity.

Nitz, James: Milwaukee's experience as an independent minor league organization, 1901-1941. 18 pages. Copy of paper given at Milwaukee Sesquicentennial Symposium.

Ruiz, William: Steve Carlton's 55 career shutouts. 2 pages. Includes date, opponent, opposing pitcher, score, hits given up, walks, strikeouts, catcher and other information.

Ruiz, William: Nolan Ryan's 61 career shutouts. 2 pages. Includes same information as for Carlton, above.

Shiner, David: Forces of darkness and light: Transitions into and out of the Babe Ruth era. 15 pages. Maintains that the sporting public welcomed the Ruthian era because it felt the preceding era was too "dirty."

Yellon, Al: The 20th annual major league baseball bottom-of-the-heap awards (1996). 4 pages. The season's statistical worsts.

Yellon, Al: Team all-time records, complete through 1996. 2 pages. The third annual update to an article in *The National Pastime* #14.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Howard Green was honored as the McMurry University Distinguished Alumnus. Howard graduated from McMurry in 1943. Among Howard's many accomplishments was bringing professional baseball back to Abilene in 1946...**Barry Halper** and his acclaimed baseball memorabilia collection are the subject of a three part series in *Sports Collectors Digest* December 27, January 3 and January 10...SABR was the subject of an article by CD Kaplan in the July 31, 1996 issue of *Leo* (Louisville, Kentucky)...**John Bird's** full page article on Bill Mazerowski appeared in the October 13, 1996, issue of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* on the 36th anniversary of Maz's HR to win the World Series...**Joe Naiman's** article on **Anna Newton** appeared in the August 27, 1996, issue of *The Santee Star* (Santee CA)...**Dennis LePore's** September issue of *The Sandlot Shrink*, includes 15 baseball books recommended for winter reading...**Dr. Andrew Zimbalist** spoke on the subject "The Economic Impact of Sports Teams and Stadiums" at Baldwin-Wallace College on October 28, 1996...**Eddie Frierson** is receiving rave reviews for the New York off-Broadway production of "MATTY: An Evening with Christy Mathewson." Frierson says the production really got its start at the 1987 SABR National Convention in Washington DC. The performance has been reviewed in *The New York Times* (September 9), *Newsday* (September 15), *New York Law Journal* (September 13), *Time Out New York* (September 11-18), *The Star-Ledger* (Newark NJ) (September 5), *New York Post* (September 9), *Oldtyme Baseball News* (Vol. 7, No. 6 and Vol. 8, No. 1), *TheaterWeek* (September 23) and at the Major League Baseball website (www.majorleaguebaseball.com)...**Bob Becker's** documentary "Pride of the Indians" about Mel Harder debuted on WVIZ-TV in Cleveland in September and was reviewed by Terry Pluto in the *Akron Beacon Journal* (September 20)...SABR President **David Pietrusza** was on WAMC-AM (Albany NY) with Jim Bouton on October 22. On November 14, Pietrusza was on the nationally-syndicated radio program, the Victoria Jones Show, to discuss the labor situation in baseball...SABR Executive Director **Morris Eckhouse** was on Dan Reinhart's sports radio program on WKNY-AM (Kingston NY) on October 21...**Bill McMahon** was profiled in the October 21 issue of *The Plain Dealer* (Cleveland OH)...**Tom Shieber** served as a source for Hal Lebovitz' column "Ask Hal" in *The News Herald* (Lake County, OH) in response to a question about the path between home plate and the pitcher's mound. Shieber speculates that the path was necessary for bouncing pitches to the plate in baseball's dawning days, then retained for aesthetic reasons until it gradually vanished from the diamond...**Allen Lewis** wrote the foreword for *Philadelphia's Old Ballparks* by Rich Westcott.

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Classifieds

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7 Hall of Fame	16 Computerization
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Some members were told that the hotel was sold out for the convention. The hotel is not sold out, and plenty of rooms remain for the nights of Friday, June 20, Saturday, June 21, and Sunday, June 22. However, rooms are limited for the night of Thursday, June 19. If you plan on arriving Thursday, please make your reservation promptly. If you run into any problems, please contact the SABR office.

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Louisville Slugger Museum Welcomes 100,000th Visitor; Will You Be Number 200,000? (Lots to see and do in Louisville)

The Louisville Slugger Museum, a featured attraction for the 1997 SABR National Convention, reached the 100,000 mark in attendance on January 7. Al Frank from Harvard, Nebraska, was the lucky visitor. The museum, including the bat factory, is just one of several baseball landmarks awaiting members who attend the SABR 27 convention.

Louisville is also the site of Parkway Field, long-time home of the Louisville Colonels and the spot where Jackie Robinson played in the 1946 Little World Series for Montreal. Louisville's Cave Hill Cemetery is also the final resting place of Pete Browning, the legendary Louisville batsman for whom the first Louisville Slugger was made, and Harry C. Pulliam (National League President, 1903-09).

Louisville was a fixture in the American Association from 1903 to 1962 and again since 1982. The Louisville Redbirds became the first minor club to draw a million fans in a season in 1983.

Mark June 20-23 on your calendar and plan to join the celebration of baseball in Louisville and the minor leagues at the 1997 SABR National Convention. Registration material will be contained in the March issue of *The SABR Bulletin*. Hotel and travel information appears to the left.

SABR Board Candidates Sought

Regularly scheduled offices to be elected in 1997 are President, Treasurer and Director. In addition, members may also vote for candidates for the unexpired term of Secretary which expires at the conclusion of the 1998 SABR Annual Business Meeting. The deadline to run for office or to nominate a candidate is February 15, 1997. Contact Nominating Committee Chair:

James E. Overmyer

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Baseball Briefs Inside

What do Henry Aaron, Jeff Heath, Brady Anderson, Mark McGwire, Curt Walker, Lance Johnson, George H. Burns, George Foster and Tony Pena have in common? All are mentioned in this year's *Baseball Briefs*. For the ninth consecutive year, *The SABR Bulletin* is proud to publish *Baseball Briefs*, the newsletter initiated in 1971 by SABR founder L. Robert "Bob" Davids.

Baseball Briefs represents the unique and engaging combination of statistics and history (Bob coined the term "statistorian" for individuals who combined the two) that is an essential ingredient of SABR. You will find *Baseball Briefs* on pages 5-8.

SABR Lending Library

Brad Sullivan, volunteer administrator of the SABR Lending Library since 1993, has relinquished those duties to pursue his Masters' degree in sports administration at Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania. Jean Chapman will succeed Brad until further notice.

Sullivan followed in the distinguished footsteps of Bill Loughman, John Schwartz, Mark Rucker, Tom Heitz, Mark Alvarez, and Mike Sparrow. Brad was also one of SABR's most dependable volunteers, helping with a wide range of office activities.

The SABR Lending Library includes *Sporting Life* (1883-1917) and *The Sporting News* (1886-1957) on microfilm. For borrowing information, contact Jean Chapman, SABR Lending Library, PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101.

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THE SABR BOOKSHELF

WHAT'S NEW IN BASEBALL BOOK PUBLISHING

Baseball's First Stars

edited by Frederick Ivor-Campbell,
Robert L. Tiemann, and Mark Rucker
SABR (183 pages, softcover)
\$14.95, retail



The much anticipated companion to *Nineteenth Century Stars* is here. This new volume includes the 19th Century Hall of Famers and over 100 other players and figures from baseball's first century.

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The Phillies Reader

edited by Richard Orodener
Temple University Press (302 pages, hardcover)
ISBN: 1-56639-503-8
\$24.95, retail

Rich Orodener offers readers a collection of 46 articles by such writers as Robert W. Creamer, Red Smith, Roger Kahn, Ed Linn, Furman Bisher, Ray Robinson, and Roger Angell covering each era of Phillies' history. While the articles were selected with the Phillie fan in mind, the book is meant "to please the large audience of baseball fans."

To order, call 1-800-447-1656.

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by Robin Roberts and C. Paul Rogers III
Temple University Press (390 pages, hardcover)
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This inspiring era in Phillies' history comes alive with the personal reflections of Robin Roberts as well as the recollections of the other living Whiz Kids and their manager, Eddie Sawyer.

Included are over 80 black and white photographs, appendices (including a game-by-game summary), a bibliography and index. James A. Michener provides a tribute to Roberts and Pat Williams (General Manager, Orlando Magic) writes the foreword.

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Jimmie Foxx

by W. Harrison Daniel
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ISBN: 0-7864-0229-6
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This is the story of Foxx's rise to glory, his life in and out of the game, and his love affair with the National Pastime. Daniel also uses the story of the baseball slugger to illustrate the changes in baseball and the events that shaped America. Illustrated with black and white photographs (including some from his childhood), the book also contains notes, a bibliography and an index.

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This book gives you 46 stories of the men behind those great trivia questions we all love so much—like the story of Si Johnson, the last man to strike out Babe Ruth; or Carroll Hardy, the only man to pinch-hit for Ted Williams in the majors; or Daryl Spencer, the first player to hit a major league home run on the West Coast. Includes photographs, a bibliography and an index.

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REAL Major League Baseball: Rankings of Efficiency and Longevity By Position, 1893-1995

by Frank Peters
self-published (280 pages, comb-bound)
Library of Congress #: 96-92659
\$35

Frank Peters ranks the greatest players of all-time by position and across the board (Best catcher: Yogi Berra; Best Third Baseman: Mike Schmidt) using his own brand of mathematical analysis. *REAL* has twenty chapters, including interviews with Al Milnar and Mel Harder, and plentiful appendices (top players by position, top pitchers, top hitters, top players by era, all-franchise teams, top current players, etc.). Also included is an extensive bibliography and index.

To order, send \$35 (postpaid) to Frank Peters, PO Box 1134, Mentor OH 44061-1134.

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THE PRES BOX

Not long ago on SABR's list-server, SABR-L, a spirited (but good natured and highly interesting) discussion took place regarding the National Baseball Library and the Hall of Fame's location in Cooperstown.

Was Cooperstown too "remote?" Or was it in the *perfect* spot? SABR members went back-and-forth for days on the issue, with point and counterpoint, wit and humor.

It was the perfect example of not only what makes SABR-L the best sports talk on the entire internet, but what makes SABR such a great organization to hold membership in.

We hope Cooperstown is not too remote for you to join with us on Induction Weekend for our annual Cooperstown Regional. You might even meet some of the folks you've corresponded with on SABR-L over the past year.

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You never know where you'll run into a SABR member. In January we had the pleasure of watching past SABR vice-president Claudia Perry make mincemeat of the competition on *Jeopardy*. Just before, while watching *A&E Biography*, there was Darryl Brock, expounding on the finer points of Mark Twain. We even saw the spouse of a SABR member being grilled by Geraldo Rivera (it's a lot more innocent than it sounds). And in the coming season, Larry Dierker will go where no SABR member has gone before—into a major league managing job. Congratulations to one and all—and to all of you who make SABR such an erudite and distinguished group.

It's no accident that many of SABR's most successful chapters have thrived because of an active, ongoing relationship with the ballclubs in their area. Working with professional teams can provide many interesting speakers for SABR Regional meetings, provide venues for events, and give SABR members that extra feeling of being "inside" baseball.

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THE SABR SEASON

February 4:	St. Louis Baseball Writers Dinner; contact Mark Stangl, 314-577-7491
February 8:	Larry Gardner Chapter Meeting; (Vermont); see below
February 15:	Roger Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter Meeting (Toledo); contact Kathy Gardner, 419-882-1301
February 16:	Emil Rothe Chapter Meeting (Chicago); contact Bill Slankard, 630-415-1476
February 22:	Casey Stengel Chapter Meeting (New York City); see below
Feb/March:	Jack Graney Chapter Meeting (Cleveland); contact Bill Shlensky, 216-751-6680
April 5:	Allan Roth Memorial Chapter Meeting (Los Angeles); see below
May 18:	Emil Rothe Chapter Meeting (Chicago); contact Bill Slankard, 630-415-1476
June 20-23:	SABR 27, Louisville, Kentucky; see page 1; March Bulletin will have Registration form

Regionals

Brooklyn, New York: Whet your baseball appetite at the next meeting of the Casey Stengel Chapter on Saturday, February 22, at the Brooklyn Heights Branch of the Brooklyn Public Library at 10am. The lineup includes Research Presentations, a trivia quiz, a book raffle and some surprises. There is no admission charge, but reservations must be made in advance. Those registering in advance will receive an informative research packet. To make a research presentation, please call Al Blumkin (718-694-3071). The library is located at 280 Cadman Plaza West, easily accessible by both car and public transportation. For directions by car, contact Burt Bloom (718-891-8396).

Colchester, Vermont: The "Green Mountain Boys of Summer" will be the special topic at the next meeting of the Larry Gardner (Vermont) Chapter of SABR. Based on research in progress, members will make presentations on Vermont-born players to reach the major leagues. The meeting will be held on Saturday, February 8, 1997, at 12 Noon at the Studio of Lance Richbourg, Sloane Hall, Fort Ethan Allen, Colchester, Vermont. Contact Tom Simon (802-862-9024) for further details.

Los Angeles, California: Bert Shepard was the highlight of a January 4 meeting of the Allan Roth Chapter in Los Angeles. About 40 members heard Shepard talk about his minor league career and his experiences in the Air Force during World War II. Shepard was shot down over Germany, had his lower right leg amputated and yet appeared in a game for the Senators before playing, managing and barnstorming for several years thereafter. Steve Roney talked about the 1996 home run explosion and Bob Boynton went over the significance of a team's records in one-run games (which Bob concluded is minimal). Hank Koerber highlighted his research into the life and career of Chief Meyers. Sam James talked about why African-Americans are reluctant to join baseball organizations and Bob Kennedy led a discussion on how owners are changing their relationship with baseball fans. Ron Selter won the trivia contest.

The chapter's next meeting is scheduled for April 5. For more information, contact Andy McCue (909-787-4954).

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Some SABR regionals have succeeded at this better than others. To assist those who have still not "clicked" with working with their local team, we have decided to bring in the experts to help. Accordingly, I have created the Ad Hoc Committee on SABR-MLB Team Cooperation. It's an All-Star committee that features Dallas-Fort Worth's Howard Green at the helm. Those who attended our 1994 convention in Arlington will remember how much assistance we received from the Texas Rangers (including an appearance by Nolan Ryan).

Rounding out the committee are Bill Gilbert of Houston, who maintains an excellent working relationship with the Astros and Chris Rogers of California's Bay Area. Chris not only has secured cooperation from the Giants and A's, but also from the San Jose team of the California League as well.

Obviously, a lot also depends on the attitude of the team in your area, but this special committee can be of help to your Regional. Feel free to take advantage of their experience.

If you have not yet renewed your SABR membership for 1997 please do so at your earliest convenience. If you cannot locate your renewal form, contact John Zajc at the SABR office. You can e-mail him at info@sabr.com.

David Pietrusza



Vintage Base Ball Association To Hold Annual Meeting

The Vintage Base Ball Association will hold its annual meeting and conference February 8 and 9, 1997, at the Sylvania Heritage Museum (5717 North Main St, Sylvania OH 43560).

The Meeting and Conference will kick off with registration on Saturday beginning at 11:30am, followed by presentations and a dinner at Maumee Bay Brewing Company in the evening. On Sunday, the Annual Meeting will begin at 10am. There is no admission charge for the conference, dinner is \$25.

For more information, contact Boyd Montgomery (419-882-8213).

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Baseball Forecaster: 1997 Annual Review, 11th Edition

by Ron Shandler

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Since 1986, Ron Shandler has produced the *Baseball Forecaster* and this year's *Annual Review* keeps the standards high. Eleven chapters on topics such as "Top Ten Reasons Brady Anderson Hit 50 Hrs in 1996," "Early Auditions" (rookies to watch in 1997) and "Baseball Stats go to Court" (about the lawsuit involving the effect a barroom brawl had on Glenn Davis' career) make interesting reading, and the *Early Bird Fantasy Draft Guide* will add insight to any fantasy leaguers' draft strategies. The meat of the book is the projections for batters and pitchers with short commentary.

To order send \$23.95 to Shandler Enterprises, PO Box 20303, Roanoke VA 24018.

Fan: A Baseball Magazine

edited by Mike Schacht

Fall/Winter 1996, No. 24, 64 pages
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Congratulations to the SABR members who wrote these 1996 Casey Award Finalists: *The Game That Was: The George Brace Baseball Photo Collection* by Richard Cahan and Mark Jacob; *The Joy of Keeping Score* by Paul Dickson; *Slide, Kelly, Slide: The Wild Life and Times of Mike "King" Kelly*; *Baseball's First Superstar* by Marty Appel; and *The Veracruz Blues* by Mark Winegardner. Send a SASE to the SABR office for the full list of finalists.

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Twenty-five of the most memorable big league trades are analyzed, with an emphasis on the trade's impact on the game and a comparison of the careers of the players involved.

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BASEBALL NEWS FROM SABR'S RESEARCH COMMITTEES

Baseball Records

The January issue of the *Bulletin* incorrectly reported that Brady Anderson had 100 RBI as a leadoff hitter last season, a major league record. As Baseball Record committee members Bill Deane and Herm Krabbenhoft pointed out, Anderson had only 69 of his RBI from the leadoff position. The major league record for most RBI from a leadoff batter remains with Harvey Kuenn of the 1956 Tigers. Kuenn had 85 of his 88 RBI that year while batting in the number one position.

Incidentally, Anderson's 35 home runs from the leadoff spot tied the major league record set by Bobby Bonds of the 1973 Giants.

Biographical Research

The December 1996 Find of the Month Award was presented to Bob Richardson for locating the height and weight of 1891 player John O'Connell.

Bill Deane's compilation of major leaguers born on Easter is included in the newsletter. Also included is a short history of a one-game major-leaguer, 1886 Louisville first baseman Jack Heinzman, by Pete Cava.

Pictorial History

The December 1996 committee newsletter includes *The Baseball Pictorial Historian's Library*, compiled by chair Tom Shieber (25 books used most regularly for baseball pictorial research).

Research Needs, articles, research available and a Mystery Photo of a 19th Century Fort Wayne ballclub are included.

John McMurray updates the Player Image Index Project, noting the contributions of Tony Szabelski, Stefan Csik, Tom Shieber, Fred Schuld, Ray Billbrough, Bill Weiss and Marc Okkonen. The project still seeks to identify photo(s) for all players, especially those who appeared in ten games or less prior to 1950.

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BASEBALL BRIEFS

SOME INTERESTING AND UNUSUAL HAPPENINGS IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES IN 1996

PAUL MOLTOR became the 21st player to drive out 3000 hits in the Majors and the 49th to achieve the 100-milestone in each category of extra-base hits. The 40-year-old Minnesotan ended the season with 3014 hits, 544 doubles, 105 triples, and 200 homers. It would seem logical that a player with 3000+ hits would collect along the way at least 100 doubles, triples and home runs. However, nine long-service players failed to reach the century mark in triples or home runs. Those nine, including Cap Anson, whose numbers are disputed, are listed at left below. At right are seven players with fewer than 2000 hits who nevertheless scored 100-plus.

	Hits	2B	3B	HR		Hits	2B	3B	HR
Henry Aaron	3771	624	98	755	Sam Thompson	1979	340	160	127
G. Yastrzemski	3419	646	59	452	Harry Stovey	1769	347	174	122
Eddie Collins	3312	438	186	47	Tony Lazzeri	1840	334	115	178
Nap Lajoie	3243	657	163	83	Jack Fournier	1631	252	113	136
Eddie Murray	3218	553	35	501	Babe Herman	1818	399	110	181
Dave Winfield	3110	540	88	465	Mike Tiernan	1834	256	162	106
Cap Anson	3081	530	129	92	Jeff Heath	1447	279	102	194
Rod Carew	3053	445	112	92					
Al Kaline	3007	498	75	399					

BARRY BONDS OF THE GIANTS became the second player to achieve the 40-mark in steals and home runs in a season. He duplicated exactly the numbers of Jose Canseco with Oakland in 1988 who stole 40 bases and hit 42 home runs. Brady Anderson of the Orioles wasn't able to achieve those numbers in the same season, but he did steal 53 bases in 1992 and hit 50 homers in 1996. Reaching the 50-mark in both was a unique experience in Organized Baseball. Minor Leaguer Guy Sturdy came pretty close with 67 steals for Joplin in 1922, and 49 homers for Tulsa in 1926. Here are the Major League leaders:

	Year	SB	Year	HR
Brady Anderson, Orioles	1992	53;	1996	50
Barry Bonds, Pirates & SF Giants	1990	52;	1993	46
Ryne Sandberg, Cubs	1985	54;	1990	40
Willie Mays, NY and SF Giants	1956	40;	1965	52

CAL RIPKEN's consecutive-game streak, which now stands at 2316 games, seems to have scared off any would-be challengers. Only two other players took part in the full schedule in 1996. They were Craig Biggio and Jeff Bagwell of Houston. Biggio's streak stands at 219 games and Bagwell's at 190. This is the second time these two players are runnersup to Cal. At the end of the 1992 season, when Ripken had a streak of 1735, Biggio and Bagwell (and teammate Steve Finley) were next with 162 straight games. The biggest challenge to Ripken's streak since he succeeded Dale Murphy as reigning Iron Man on July 9, 1986, was from Joe Carter, who compiled a string of 507 games while playing with three different clubs, Sep. 13, 1988 to April 8, 1992. Lou Gehrig had greater competition after he took over from Joe Sewell on May 2, 1930. Over the next nine seasons, four players had streaks of 500+ games, including Earl Averill with 673 and Gus Suhr with 822 games.

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MARK McGWIRE has concentrated so much on hitting home runs that he has forgotten how to run out a triple. His last three-base hit was on June 20, 1988 against Milwaukee. Since then he has played in 987 games and has gone to bat 3222 times without having to catch his breath at the hot corner. That is the longest stretch of games without hitting a three-bagger. Ron Kittle had gone through 683 games from Sep. 28, 1983, to the end of his checkered career in 1991 without putting a number in the 3B column. The 250-pound McGwire has had his share of injuries and doesn't run that well. His hits over the last 8½ seasons have totaled 820 with 424 singles, 131 doubles, and 265 homers. It is interesting to note that in the same period when Oakland's Big Gun has been triple-less, Lance Johnson, now with the Mets, has hit 97 in the majors as well as 13 in the minors.

JOHNSON's 21 triples in 1996 has been a refreshing counter-balance to the sudden over-production of home runs. That is the highest NL season total since Adam Comorosky hit 23 for the Pirates in 1930. Also, Johnson more than doubled the NL runner-up totals of 10 by Marquis Grissom of the Braves and Thomas Howard of the Reds. That has never been done before in this century. Furthermore, his 21 triples was higher than the Cubs' team total of 19! Here are the players of the last 70 years who hit 20+ three-baggers.

AL 1926 Lou Gehrig, NY	20	NL 1926 Paul Waner, Pit	22
		Curt Walker, Cin	20
1927 Earle Combs, NY	23		
1928 Earle Combs, NY	21	1928 Jim Bottomley, StL	20
Heinie Manush, Wa	20		
1930 Earle Combs, NY	22	1929 Lloyd Waner, Pit	20
1935 Joe Vosmik, Cle	20	1930 A. Comorosky, Pit	23
1941 Jeff Heath, Cle	20	1931 Bill Terry, NY	20
1945 Geo. Stirnweiss NY	22		
1949 Dale Mitchell, Cl	23	1943 Stan Musial, StL	20
1979 George Brett, KC	20	1946 Stan Musial, StL	20
1985 Willie Wilson, KC	21	1957 Willie Mays, NY	20
		1996 Lance Johnson, NY	21

FOR THE FIRST TIME in 50 years two teammates hit 50+ doubles. Seattle's young shortstop Alex Rodriguez hit 54 two-baggers and DH Edgar Martinez, although he missed 23 games, hit 52. In 1946 Mickey Vernon hit 51 and Stan Spence 50 for Washington. Before that, these team duos registered 50-plus:

1926 Cle: George H. Burns	64	and	Tris Speaker	52
1934 Det: Hank Greenberg	63	and	Chas. Gehringer	50
1936 Det: Chas. Gehringer	60	and	Gerald Walker	55

WHO WAS THE FIRST PLAYER to hit major league home runs in three different countries? Well, technically it was Steve Finley of the Padres who homered in the first inning of game one of the three-game series with the Mets in Monterrey, Mexico, August 16. He had hit his first USA fourbagger at California April 25, 1989, and his first Canada homer Sep. 16, 1990 in Toronto. However, before the series was over, Ken Caminiti (Houston&Montreal); John Flaherty (Detroit&Toronto); Brian Johnson (San Diego&Montreal); and Greg Vaughn (Milwaukee&Toronto); had also cleared the Monterrey fences. Greg's was a grand slam. And don't forget Fernando Valenzuela, who was the winning pitcher Aug. 16. Back on May 3, 1981, he had beaten the Expos in Montreal.

EDDIE MURRAY CELEBRATED his return to the Orioles by hitting a bases-full homer on August 10 against the White Sox and another at Toronto on Sep. 21. The first one tied him with Willie McCovey's second-place total of 18; and the next one placed him four behind Lou Gehrig's record number of 23. The 40-year-old switch-hitter became the oldest player to hit two grand slams in a season. Henry Aaron was about three months younger when he connected for the Braves April 26 and June 4, 1974. Carlton Fisk of the White Sox was the oldest to hit one with three on October 3, 1991 when he was 43.9 years. Murray is not only second to Gehrig in total slams, but has the next highest percentage of his fourbaggers delivered with "the corners crammed." Here are the frequency rates for all the players who have hit 13 or more grand slams.

	HR	GS	Freq		HR	GS	Freq
Lou Gehrig	493	23	21.4	Ralph Kiner	369	13	28.4
Eddie Murray	501	19	26.4	Willie McCovey	521	18	28.9
Gil Hodges	370	14	26.4	Ted Williams	521	17	30.6
George Foster	348	13	26.8	Jimmie Foxx	534	17	31.4
Dave Kingman	442	16	27.6	Babe Ruth	714	16	44.6
Joe DiMaggio	361	13	27.8	Henry Aaron	755	16	47.2

HAROLD BAINES played all of his 141 games as a DH, batting a steady .311, and slugging .503 for the White Sox. He now ranks among the top three in career stats as a designated hitter. Paul Molitor, who set a new DH season mark with 200 hits, is also moving up, and Edgar Martinez, DH in only 352 games, is showing great potential. Here are the DH career leaders, 1973-96.

GAMES	- Hal McRae 1428; Don Baylor 1285; Harold Baines 1221
RUNS	- Don Baylor 734; Hal McRae 720; Paul Molitor 614
HITS	- Hal McRae 1570; Harold Baines 1266; Don Baylor 1209
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RBI	- Hal McRae 823; Don Baylor 801; Harold Baines 723
BB	- Harold Baines 575; Hal McRae 491; Don Baylor 476
SO	- Harold Baines 651; Don Baylor 647; Reggie Jackson 633
SB	- Paul Molitor 150; Don Baylor 80; Hal McRae 74
BA	- Paul Molitor .309; Hal McRae .294; Harold Baines .292

KEVIN BROWN of the Marlins & KEVIN RITZ of the Rockies not only have the same first name but posted identical 17-11 won-lost records in 1996. The similarity ended right there. Brown had an ERA of 1.89 and Ritz was way down the list at 5.28. There were numerous other differences, as shown below:

	G	CG	SH	IP	H	BB	SO	ERA	W-L
Brown	32	5	3	233	187	35	159	1.89	17-11
Ritz	35	2	0	213	236	105	105	5.28	17-11

JIM ABBOTT, who was the AL lefthanded hurler on The Sporting News All-Star team in 1991, and pitched a no-hit, no-run game against Cleveland in 1993, saw his fortunes turn in the other direction in 1996. He never pitched in the Minors on the way up, but was sent down this summer. His earned run average with the Angels shot up to 7.48 and his won-lost record was 2-18. It was sadly reminiscent of such bygone hurlers as Tom Felton who was 0-13 with the Twins in 1982 and Jack Nabors, who was 1-20 with the A's in 1916.

TWO PLAYERS, one in each league, accomplished the rare feat of stealing second, third, and home in the same inning. On May 12, rookie Chris Stynes of the Royals pulled the stunt in the first inning in an 8-5 loss to the Mariners. He singled off pitcher Randy Johnson and stole second. He then swiped third when Johnson walked Joe Vitiello. When the latter ran for second, Stynes dashed home. Those three steals were his first in the Majors. He added a fourth later in the game. On June 30, Eric Young of the Rockies stole six bases in a wild 16-15 win over Los Angeles, including second, third, and home in the 3rd. Young ended the season with 53 steals, a Rockies record and the top number on this list. It was the first time in 68 years that two players stole second, third, and home in the same season. Here is a list of those widely-spaced achievements, with season thefts in parens.

May 16, 1927	Bob Meusel, Yankees vs Tigers at Det in 3rd (24)
July 10, 1927	Jack Tavener, Tigers vs Yankees at Det in 4th (20)
June 12, 1928	Harvey Hendrick, Dodgers vs Cubs at Bkn in 8th (16)
July 25, 1928(2)	Jack Tavener, Tigers vs Yankees at Det in 7th (13)
June 28, 1941	Don Kolloway, White Sox vs Indians at Clev in 9th (11)
May 18, 1969	Rod Carew, Twins vs Tigers at Det in 3rd (19)
Aug. 30, 1974	Dave Nelson, Rangers vs Indians at Texas in 1st (25)
May 11, 1980	Pete Rose, Phils vs Reds at Phila in 7th (12)
June 27, 1984	Dusty Baker, Giants vs Reds at SanFran in 3rd (4)
July 26, 1987	Paul Molitor, Brewers vs Athletics at Mil in 1st (45)
Sep. 9, 1989	Devon White, Angels vs Orioles at Cal in 6th (44)
May 12, 1996	Chris Stynes, Royals vs Mariners at Seattle in 1st (5)
June 30, 1996	Eric Young, Rockies vs Dodgers at LA in 3rd (53)

MIKE GREENWELL of the Red Sox came through pretty well for a player batting eighth in the lineup against Seattle on Sep. 2. He drove in all nine runs, including the clincher in a 10-inning 9-8 win. He hit a single, double, and two homers, one a grand slam. It was a record-breaking effort as no player had produced nine RBI for his team's total runs. The previous mark was eight by George Kelly of the Giants (thanks to three homers) in an 8-6 win over the Reds June 14, 1924; and Bob Johnson of the Athletics on June 12, 1938, who hit three homers and a single in an 8-3 win over the Browns.

RED SOX RIGHTHANDER ROGER CLEMENS recorded 20 strikeouts against the Tigers in Detroit Sep. 18 to tie a major league mark for a 9-inning game. The previous record also was set by Clemens on April 29, 1986 in a 3-1 win over the Mariners. The remarkable feature is that the flame-throwing hurler did not issue a base-on-balls in either game. Through 1996, Clemens accumulated 2465 strikeouts to 810 walks. This three-to-one ratio is considerably better than that of strong-armed pitchers like Bob Feller, Nolan Ryan, and Steve Carlton, and somewhat better than that of Sandy Koufax.

TONY PENA, the four-time Gold Glove catcher, was behind the bat in 67 games for Cleveland. It would have been more, but Dennis Martinez, whom he caught regularly, was absent the second half of the season. Nevertheless, the 39-year-old receiver boosted his career total of games caught to 1912, good for sixth place on the all-time list. The leaders are Carlton Fisk at 2226; Bob Boone, 2225; Gary Carter, 2056; Jim Sundberg, 1927; and Al Lopez 1918.

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Blau, Clifford: The history of major league tie games. 4 pages.

Doyle, Edward F. "Dutch": Comparison of the 1926-28 Yankees with the 1929-31 Philadelphia Athletics. 17 pages.

Eddleston, Oscar: A chronological list of major league ballparks since 1901. Lists the ballparks and provides descriptive material.

Graber, Ralph: Two men out: The bribery scandal of 1924. 7 pages. The Jimmy O'Connell/Cozy Dolan affair.

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Father Gabriel Costa was the subject of an article in "The Jersey Journal" on January 6. Costa teaches a course in sabmetrics and is referred to as "The Baseball Priest"...Marc Okkonen's latest project in the works is *The Minor League Baseball Towns of Michigan*, to be published by Thunder Bay Press...William S. Bike has written *Streets of the Near West Side*. The book, about the names of streets of Chicago's Near West Side neighborhood contains sections on Charles Comiskey and White Sox, Cubs, and Negro Leagues activity in the area. The book is available from Central Park Communications, 3632 N Central Park Ave, Chicago IL 60618-4107 for \$10 postpaid. It will be signed and personalized upon request...Bob Kennedy was a subject of Paul White's column in the December 25-31 edition of *USA Today Baseball Weekly*. Kennedy grew up attending games at Shibe Park, is a long-time Angels season-ticket holder, and has organized nights for his company and community at Anaheim Stadium. Bob argues that the fans own the game...Dennis LePore noted the efforts of SABR's Jack Graney Chapter in a recent column in *The News Herald* (Lake County Ohio)...Mike Schacht's *Mudville Diaries* was in First Lady Hilary Rodham Clinton's Christmas stocking. Mike and his *Fan Magazine* (see page 3) were also featured in Martha Ezzard's column in *The Atlanta Journal/The Atlanta Constitution* (December 23, 1996)...The Frank Haraway Chapter's (Denver) meeting featuring umpire Jim Evans was mentioned in Dick Kreck's column in *The Denver Post*...Andy McCue's article on the O'Malley family appeared in *The Plain Dealer* (January 8, 1997).

Obituaries

John Lobingier, a SABR member since 1983, died at home in Brewster, Massachusetts, of cancer on October 10, 1996. He was 77.

John was instrumental in getting a plaque placed at the site of Braves Field in Boston and was an active member of SABR's Ballparks Committee. A conservationist, he also founded the Brewster Conservation Trust and Compact of Cape Cod Conservation Trusts.

Carroll Chauvin, a SABR member since 1979, died at his home in New Orleans, Louisiana, of cancer on December 15, 1996. He was 75.

Carroll did much research on the Evangeline League and was instrumental in promoting the Evangeline League Historical Society with Dr. Paul Leslie.

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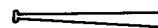
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List areas of specific expertise where you are willing to serve as a resource for media requests or research verification. _____

Join Us in Louisville for SABR 27

SPECIAL VISITS: Louisville is home to the new Louisville Slugger Museum and bat factory. This state-of-the-art tribute to hitting will be a highlight of the convention (see *Pres Box*, p. 2). The Museum (800 W Main St) should be within walking distance of the Hyatt Regency for most registrants. All registrants can attend the museum throughout the convention during its regular hours (Museum is closed on Sunday).

Another historic attraction is Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby. A SABR trip to the Kentucky Derby Museum at Churchill Downs is scheduled on Monday, June 23.

Parkway Field, on the campus of the University of Louisville, was the longtime home of the Louisville's American Association team. Jackie Robinson played there in the 1946 Little World Series. On Friday, June 20 SABR will visit Parkway Field, as well as the University of Louisville Library which will be featuring a baseball photo exhibit.

RESEARCH: Besides 7+ hours of research presentations, all SABR research committees will meet during the convention. Committee meetings and research presentations will run concurrently, giving registrants the opportunity to see what the committees are doing or sit in on a wide variety of research presentations.

Members interested in making a presentation should consult page 11 of the January *Bulletin*.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Friday night's Buffet Dinner at the Louisville Slugger Museum will provide an impressive spread of food and exclusive access to the Museum. Saturday's Luncheon will feature Pee Wee Reese and SABR Award presentations.

THE REDBIRDS: The Sunday game between Louisville and Iowa will be the third regular season minor league game as a part of the SABR convention, (Rochester at Pawtucket in 1984; Tidewater at Columbus in 1977; -the Eastern League All-Star Game was part of the 1989 convention schedule). The Redbirds will also be home Friday, Saturday and Monday.

SPECIAL GUESTS: Former players are always an important part of the SABR National Convention. Special guests expected at SABR 27 include Hall of Famers Pee Wee Reese and Jim Bunning; former players Ned Garver, Mel Parnell, Carl Erskine, and Davey Williams; former Negro League players Bill Cash, Butch McCord, Josh Johnson, and Thomas Turner; American

Association President Branch Rickey III, and Louisville Redbirds GM Dale Owen. Reese will be saluted at a luncheon on Saturday, June 21. The luncheon will also feature SABR's annual awards presentations. (Guests are subject to change.)

FILMS: A couple baseball cinematic surprises are in store. Watch the *Bulletin* for details.

TRIVIA: Always a big part of any SABR convention, there will again be two contests in 1997, one for teams and one for individuals, with preliminaries on Saturday, semifinals Saturday night, and finals on Sunday.

OTHER STUFF: The Louisville Science Museum, the Louisville Automobile Museum and the paddlewheel Belle of Louisville are all located downtown. The Hyatt is only two blocks from the Theatre District and four blocks from Louisville Gardens. Plus, the Louisville Galleria is connected by a Skywalk. There are lots of eating options near the hotel.

DON'T MISS IT: The SABR National Convention is a unique annual experience. Join us for a weekend of nonstop baseball enjoyment. Use the registration form on page 11.

Make Hotel and Travel Plans Now

Members can make room reservations at the Hyatt Regency Louisville by calling 800-233-1234 or 502-587-3434. Mention SABR or Society for American Baseball Research. The SABR rate is \$84 per room (plus 12.36% tax) per night for up to four persons per room. Parking is \$5 a day (\$7.50 with in/out privileges). Deposits can be made with a valid American Express, Diners Club, Visa or Mastercard number and expiration date. To make your deposit with a personal check or money order, use the phone numbers above and mail your deposit to: Reservations, Hyatt Regency Louisville, 320 West Jefferson, Louisville KY 40202. All deposits for individual room reservations are fully refundable if a room is cancelled seven (7) days or more prior to the arrival date. Deadline for reservations at the SABR rate is May 19, 1997.

Official Travel Agency for SABR 27

Members are encouraged to use UNIGLOBE Tradewinds Travel in making travel plans for SABR 27. Call 1-800-627-8729 (621-8728 in Cleveland), ask for Maria Hilcu or Marilyn Streeter, and mention SABR for rates discounted from regular fares.

SABR Calendar to Give Daily Dose of Baseball

SABR has added another instrument to disseminate baseball research information, teaming with Pomegranate Publishers to produce a 1998 baseball calendar featuring baseball information along with questions and answers. The project was overseen by Executive Director Morris Eckhouse, Publications Director Mark Alvarez, and Brad Sullivan. Contributions were received from SABR Research Committees, David Vincent, and other sources.

The calendar is in a pad format, with one page for each of 365 days. For each day, there is either a question and answer or other baseball information.

The calendar will retail for \$9.95, but members can order copies at a pre-publication discount of \$6.50 plus \$2 shipping and handling (foreign orders, please add an additional \$2 for shipping). See right hand column of order form on page six to order.

Pre-publication orders must be received no later than Friday, March 28.

All members who participate in the 1997-1998 donation drive at the All-Star level or higher (\$125+) will automatically receive the 1998 calendar.

New Minor League Committee Chairperson Sought,

see page 4 for details

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THE SABR BOOKSHELF

WHAT'S NEW IN BASEBALL BOOK PUBLISHING

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The Legend Baseball Nearly Forgot

by Richard Leutzinger

Carmel Bay Publishing Group (159 pp, softcover)

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Fourteen chapters, including one focusing on his role in Japanese baseball, are illustrated with many black & white photographs and some cartoons. The book also includes a bibliography and index.

Order from SABR, PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101 for \$22.95 (includes \$5 for postage and handling).

Ol' Pete:

The Grover Cleveland Alexander Story

by Jack Kavanagh

Diamond Communications (179pp, hardcover)

ISBN: 1-888698-03-9

\$22.95, retail



One of baseball's most tragic heroes, Grover Cleveland "Pete" Alexander holds the National League record (with Christy Mathewson) for most victories despite suffering from alcoholism and epilepsy.

This book is more than just the wins and losses of a Hall of Famer, it is also a love story between Alex and Amy. It covers Alexander's life from Nebraska farm boy through his days after baseball pitching for a House of David team, winding down to his death in 1950.

Illustrated with black & white photographs, the book includes an index and a foreword by Bob Broeg.

To order, call 1-800-480-3717 (be sure to mention you are a SABR member to get 10% discount), or send \$24.40 (postpaid) to Diamond Communications, PO Box 88, South Bend IN 46624-0088 or see the November-December *Bulletin*.

See page 3 for a special offer on three new baseball books from Macmillan Books.

Pride of the Indians

Written & produced by Bob Becker

running time 27 minutes

\$19.95, retail

The life and times of Cleveland pitching legend Mel Harder is warmly told through interviews and old footage, including color film of Harder and the Indians at League Park. The program runs 27 minutes.

Interviews with Harder, Bob Feller, Sam McDowell, Mudcat Grant, Al Lopez, Russ Schneider, Morris Eckhouse and others reflect on Harder's excellence on the field and his dignity as an individual.

To order send \$24 (ppd) to, BB Sound & Light Ltd., 1524 Lewis Drive, Lakewood OH 44107.

Still Standing After All These Years: Twelve of Baseball's Longest Standing Records

by Victor Debs, Jr.

McFarland & Co (328 pages, softcover)

ISBN: 0-7864-0230-x

\$29.95, retail

The Iron Horse's 2,130 consecutive game streak was finally broken, but there are still a few long-standing records in baseball that seem almost out of reach. The twelve records Debs examines include Walter Johnson's relief strikeout record (15 in 11+ innings of relief on July 25, 1913) and Paul Waner's 14-game extra base hitting streak (11 2bs, 5 3bs, 3 Hrs in 61Abs). Debs uses interviews with the record setters (when possible), their teammates and others, and extensive research to understand why these records are so long standing.

Illustrated with black & white photos and some player sketches by the author, the book also includes a bibliography, appendix and index.

To order send \$32.95 (ppd) to McFarland & Co, Box 611, Jefferson NC 28640 or call 800-253-2187.

The Early All-Stars: Conversations with Standout Baseball Players of the 1930s and 1940s

by Brent Kelley

McFarland & Co (208 pages, softcover)

ISBN: 0-7864-0204-0

\$26.50, retail

Seventeen All-Stars, including Harland Clift, Mel Harder, Andy Pafko, Bill Rigney, Dick Sisler and Al Zarilla, reflect on their careers and on baseball as it was played in the 1930s and 40s.

Illustrated with black & white photos and including players' statistics, the book also contains a bibliography and index.

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THE PRES BOX

By now most SABR members have received their February *Bulletin* and learned that the Louisville Slugger Museum had already attracted 100,000 visitors.

It's no surprise why.

In January the SABR Board visited Louisville to meet with local convention organizers led by Henry Mayer and Harry Rothgerber and with H&B officials, including H&B President Jack Hillerich. While in the city we also visited the museum and are pleased to report that a visit to it should be highlight for SABR National Convention-goers in June.

The Museum combines a film presentation (the interview with Johnny Bench on hitting is particularly strong), the museum itself (which features a number of hands-on items and displays), and a tour of the Louisville Slugger bat factory (you have to listen to the guide CAREFULLY to hear above the din of the machinery—but it's well worth it).

Access from the airport to downtown Louisville is relatively easy—and airfares to Louisville seemed quite reasonable (this is purely anecdotal data, of course). If the cost of airfare to the National Convention has previously kept you from attending, you might wish to check out fares from your locality to Louisville (the official travel agency for the convention is Uniglobe Tradewinds Travel at 1-800-627-8729; ask for Maria Hilcu or Marilyn Streeter).

Local organizers are still firming up the list of guest speakers, and working hard to present some very impressive programs (see page one).

Hope to see you in Louisville.

Is There a Ballplayer in the House?

Recently on SABR-L, the discussion turned to whether a "baseball" person had ever had their names placed in nomination for President or Vice-President—and whether any former players besides Vinegar Bend Mizell and Jim Bunning had served in the House of Representatives.

Some suggested Ronald Reagan (former announcer) and George Bush (former Yale good field-no hit first baseman) as presidential nominees. Here are some other names to consider.

At the 1924 Democratic Convention former Braves outfielder Fred Brown's name was placed in nomination for the presidency (John W.

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BASEBALL NEWS FROM SABR'S RESEARCH COMMITTEES

Ballparks

The January/February issue of the Ballparks Committee newsletter discusses the trend in naming rights for stadiums, noting that four sites have "gone corporate in full" with Colorado (Coors), San Francisco (3Com), Cincinnati (Cynergy), and Florida (Pro Player) ballparks now named after corporations.

The Tiger Stadium Fan Club lost a court challenge to the team last summer, but the new park process isn't exactly smooth. A pitch was made last summer in Philadelphia for a new park downtown near 30th Street. San Diego is seriously discussing a ballpark near downtown as the expansion of Jack Murphy Stadium isn't to the team's liking.

The 19th Century Ballparks Project needs a new coordinator as Bob Bailey had to step down. Contact chairman Bob Bluthardt, 3514 Cedar Ridge Lane, San Angelo TX 76904, if you would like to undertake this challenge.

City Baseball Magic is nearly sold out—individual copies are \$5—order from Bob Bluthardt (address above).

Baseball Records

The February issue of the Baseball Records Committee newsletter features an article by chairman Lyle Spatz on "The Coming Incongruity of League Records."

Documentation now exists for Rob Deer breaking Dick Allen's record for most 4-strikeout games. Deer has 17 such games in his career, breaking Allen's old mark of 15. Thanks to Tim Kurkjian for asking the question, Craig Carter for having the first 14 of Deer's 4-strikeout games and David W. Smith of Retrosheet for finding the last 3 such games in Deer's 1993 season.

Lists included this month are: Youngest and Oldest to hit a HR (Tommy Brown and Jack Quinn), a Grand Slam (Tony Conigliaro and Carlton Fisk), an Inside-the-Park HR (Pat Callahan and Jim O'Rourke), a Pinch-Hit HR (Gerry Moses and Jim McGuire), to lead the league in HRs (Tony Conigliaro and Cy Williams), and to steal home (Tommy Brown and Jimmy Austin). Thanks to David Vincent and Bob Davids for these lists.

Herman Krabbenhoft has found an error in Burt Shotton's playing record where a game on July 26, 1916, was counted twice. He now has two fewer strikeouts, one fewer walks, four fewer at-bats and, of course, one less game played. Keith Carlson, Bill Deane and Jim Smith each provided valuable assistance to Herm in discovering and correcting this error.

Bibliography

The February issue of the Bibliography Committee newsletter updates the progress of Research in Baseball Index (RBI, formerly Baseball Online). RBI is accepting research requests from its database of over 57,000 baseball books, book sections, magazines and newspaper articles. See page three of the January *Bulletin* for more details.

The database has grown through the hard work of Bernie Esser, John McMurray, Terry Sloope, Brad Sullivan and others. If you would like to help, contact Ted Hathaway or Andy McCue for more information.

Books reviewed include *The Perfect Yankee* by Don Larsen with Mark Shaw, reviewed by Ron Kaplan (see January *Bulletin* for ordering information); and *Dictionary of Literary Biography, Volume 171: Twentieth Century American Sportswriters* by Richard Orodener reviewed by Ted Hathaway.

Biographical Research

The January 1997 issue of the Biographical Research Committee Monthly Report awards Ray Nemecek and chair Bill Carle with the Find of the Month for solving the riddle of Ona Melvin Dodd, whose death information got mixed up with Oran Dodd somewhere along the line.

Some amusing facts from Joe Simenic...in 1901, Frank Chance married Edith Pancake and in 1916, A's pitcher Rube Schauer married Martha Chicken.

Bob Davids contributes an article on the life expectancy of ballclubs, pointing out that the 1920 Cleveland Indians may have been the team whose players had the longest life span (average age of 83; six nonagerians) and the 1884 Chicago NL club may have had the shortest life span (approximately 50 years—with six dying before 40).

Negro Leagues

The February issue of the Negro Leagues Committee newsletter reports on several special events including a fund-raiser for Geraldine Day, Leon's widow. Also, Judy Johnson Night in Wilmington, Delaware, will be held August 16th at Frawley Stadium.

The Hall of Fame Veteran's Committee meets on March 4. The Negro League Committee's number one choice for induction is Smoky Joe Williams.

Mike Kollath's website (<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/spaige>) is an online database of Negro Leaguers' autograph samples. Larry Lester had 28 bios of Negro Leaguers on the Major League Baseball website:

Minor Leagues

At the January SABR Executive Board Meeting, the Board accepted John Pardon's recommendation to seek a new Minor League Committee chair.

If you are interested in chairing the committee or desire information about the position, please contact Morris Eckhouse (SABR, PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101, 216-575-0500).

(www.majorleaguebaseball.com) in February.

The Committee notes the recent deaths of Charlie Neal (11/18/96 in Dallas at 65), Lovell Hardin (11/22/96 in Erie, PA at 78), Nat Pollard (11/23/96 in Dolemite, AL at 81), William "Cap" Brown, (12/30/96 in Birmingham, AL) Hamick William Sr. (1/4/97 in Philadelphia) and Joe Scott, the former Baron (1/12/97 in Los Angeles at 78).

Research finds include Jerry Malloy and Tom Shieber finding more post Civil War Black teams from *The Ballplayers Chronicle* and the *New England Base Ballist* and Mark Pollack coming up with teams in the 1886 Southern League of Colored Base Ballists.

Also listed are 16 Negro League-related articles (photocopies available).

Women in Baseball

The January issue of the Women in Baseball Committee newsletter lists over 40 articles on Women in Baseball including obituaries for Toni Stone and Dottie Schroeder.

Progress has been made on finding players; the newsletter lists 14 women found recently. A committee project requiring help is collecting boxscores for the inaugural 1943 season.

There's a new address for the committee's website: <http://www.well.com/user/hazen/WBBC/WBBC.html>

Committee chair Leslie Heaphy has a new address: 2214 31st Street NW, Canton OH 44709.

Committee Newsletters Available from the SABR Office

Name	Issue	Pages	Cost
Ballparks	Jan/Feb	10	\$3.50
Baseball Records	February	4	\$1.50
Bibliography	February	3	\$1.50
Biographical Research	January	4	\$1.50
Current Baseball Publications (Oct-Dec 1996)		8	\$3.00
Negro Leagues	February	4	\$1.50
Women in Baseball	January	3	\$1.50

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THE SABR SEASON

March 15:	Forbes Field Chapter Meeting (Pittsburgh); contact Ed Luleran, 412-443-0231 Sacramento Meeting; see below for details
March 15-16:	Flame Delhi Chapter (Arizona) Spring Training Weekend; contact Rodney Johnson, 602-968-8065
March 21-23:	SABR Executive Board Meeting in Crystal River, Florida
April 5:	Allan Roth Memorial Chapter Meeting (Los Angeles); see below
April 6:	Fred T. Smith Chapter Meeting (Michigan); contact David Mamuscia, 313-537-6060
April 13:	Western Michigan Regional Meeting; contact Richard Newhouse, 616-335-5347
April 26:	Goose Goslin Chapter Meeting in New Brunswick (New Jersey); contact Chris Franco, 908-500-1577
April 29:	Jack Graney Chapter Meeting in Canton; contact Peggy Beck, 330-477-5923
May 10:	SABR Carolina Meeting; see below Lajoie-Start Spring Meeting (Southern New England); see below Philadelphia area Meeting at Veterans Stadium; contact Joe Dittmar, 610-584-5988
May 17:	Jack Graney Chapter Dinner (Northeast Ohio); contact SABR Office, 216-575-0500
May 18:	Emil Rothe Chapter Meeting (Chicago); contact Bill Slankard, 847-604-2382
June 14:	Houston area Meeting; see below
June 20-23:	SABR 27, Louisville, Kentucky; see page 11 for Registration form
August 17:	Emil Rothe Chapter Meeting (Chicago); contact Bill Slankard, 847-604-2382

Regionals

Chicago, Illinois: The next quarterly meeting of the Emil H. Rothe Chapter of SABR will be at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Circle Center, 750 S Halsted, Room 509/510, on Sunday, May 18, starting at 1:00pm. The cost is \$10. Speakers are still being accepted - please call Bill Slankard (847-604-2382).

The chapter meets at Suparossa Restaurant on the northwest side of Chicago on the third Thursday of each month for pizza, pasta, and palaver. Call 847-604-2382 for more information.

Reservations are now being accepted for the Saturday, July 19 outing to see the Kane County Cougars of the Midwest League. Tickets are \$6.25.

Details about these events and other articles of interest can be found in the *Chicago SABR Report*, the bi-monthly newsletter of Chicago Area SABR, (\$10 for a year's subscription). For information, contact (and make checks payable to) Bill Slankard, 1909 Birchwood Ln, Arlington Hts IL 60004. e-mail: BillSlankard@compuserve.com

Houston, Texas: Twenty-three Houston area SABR members and guests attended the 1997 Houston Baseball Dinner together on Friday, January 31. Award winners were Solly Hemus, Jeff Bagwell, Andy Pettitte, Billy Wagner and Bob Watson. Larry Dierker spoke about his plans for the 1997 season as the new Astros manager. Dierker is believed to be the only active SABR member to manage a major league team.

The next Houston Regional meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 14 at the Astrodome prior to the game between the Astros and the Minnesota Twins.

Greenville, Rhode Island: the next meeting of the Lajoie-Start Chapter (Southern New England) will be Saturday, May 10, at St. Philip's Parish Hall in Greenville, Rhode Island. Contact Len Levin (401-351-3278) for details.

North Carolina: On Saturday, January 25, SABR Carolina's first meeting of 1997 brought out a new league and a new coach. Once used by a minor league, the name of the Coastal Plain League is being resurrected in the form of a brand-new college summer league that will operate in six North Carolina cities this summer. Randy Hood, assistant baseball coach at Campbell University and the head coach of the Raleigh franchise in the CPL, was on hand to speak about the reasons behind the formation of the league, and what the hopes are for its first season. He was then followed by Elliott Avent, the new head baseball coach at North Carolina State University. Coach Avent spoke of the difficulties in following a successful coach (Ray Tanner), the follies of the NCAA, and the seemingly-insurmountable problems that colleges have as they battle major league organizations for talent. Coach Avent proved to be a blunt and outspoken man.

SABR CAROLINA's next meeting will probably be held in Greensboro on May 10, though that probably will not be finalized until March. The group will also get together prior to that for a couple of collegiate games, including perennial power Florida State's appearance against the Duke Blue Devils on March 22. For information, please contact Marshall Adesman (919-382-8319 or madesman@acpub.duke.edu).

Sacramento, California: Seventeen people attended the Sacramento Chapter's second anniversary meeting on November 9, 1996, at Camelia Bar & Grill. Darryl Brock spoke on his research on the 1869 Red Stockings and distributed box scores of games the team played against Sacramento teams. Zak Ford detailed his interviews with the late, great PCL pitcher Tony Freitas. Chris Wait provided a salute to pitcher Bobby Shantz. Ken Adams won the trivia contest.

The next meeting will be March 15. Contact Greg King (916-381-6808) for details.

Saint Louis, Missouri: Fifty-one people attended the Bob Broeg Chapter's 1997 Hot Stove League Meeting on February 1 in the Hall of Fame Room at Mike Shannon's Restaurant.

Guest speaker Cardinals' President Mark Lamping discussed changes in Busch Stadium, the new Basic Agreement, the process and reasoning in acquiring Delino DeShields, and the club's goal to be in the 1997 World Series. Questions asked of Mark concerned the role of Aaron Holbert, the impact of Interleague play, and the impact of decreasing the seating capacity of Busch Stadium to accommodate its remodeling.

Frank Baumann, St. Louis-born pitcher formerly with the Red Sox and White Sox, talked about being a pitcher against his father's wishes; about having to slow up his pitches during BP to Clint Courtney for the Browns; and about the help he received from pitching coach Ray Berres.

Cal Neeman, former catcher with the Cubs, Pirates and Phillies, talked about his goal to play in Sportsman's Park and Yankee Stadium; one appearance in Yankee Stadium was in the ninth inning of a tied game in which Claude Osteen gave up a game-ending HR to Roger Maris and then accused Neeman of calling a bad pitch. Cal also described his inside the park home run off Harvey Haddix on a humpbacked liner that got past Bob Skinner, who thought the game was over and did not chase the ball. Also in attendance were former Browns' shortstop Bill Jennings, Howard Etling, Joe Thurman, and Gene Karst, the first PR man in baseball.

Research presentations included "Why Jimmy Ryan Should be in the Baseball Hall of Fame," (Bud Kane) and "Computer Simulated Baseball Games." (Nic Antoine). The trivia contest, written by last year's winner, Bob Tiemann, was won by Dennis Stegmann. Ralph Horton won the tiebreaker for second, Norm Richards was third and Bill Battle fourth. Items for first prize (an autographed Musial Beech Nut and Musial song book and harmonica) were donated by Jerry Vickery, and other prizes (*Balldom* reprint books, *Spalding Guide* reprint, Hillerich & Bradsby Guide and *Rating Pitchers and Relief Pitchers* books) were donated by Ralph Horton.

Each attendee received items donated by Ralph Horton, a playoff issue of *The Cardinal Magazine*, pens from Stan the Man, Inc., the recent issue of *The Sporting News*, *The FowlBall* (Ozzie Smith cover) and 1997 Cardinal schedules. Todd Reigle provided the artwork for the signs and advertising for the meeting. Jerry Vickery presented Bob Broeg a framed piece of sheet music of the song "Barney Google."

Monthly roundtable meetings are held at Crusoe's Restaurant. Call Mark Stangl (314-577-7491) for meeting times and details.

Board Considers Various Issues in Mexico

Financial issues, election issues, special events, and archives were important matters acted on at the September SABR Executive Board meeting in Monterrey, Mexico. SABR's first ever Board meeting in Mexico also initiated newspaper and television coverage, as well as a connection between SABR, the Mexican Baseball Hall of Fame, and the Mexican League.

Discussion of future convention sites focused on Phoenix, Baltimore, Providence/Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, and Denver. (*Editor's note: At its January 1997 meeting, the SABR Executive Board voted to award the 1999 SABR National Convention to the Phoenix, Arizona area.*) Additional regional events were also discussed and the Board directed investigation of activity in the Cooperstown, New York area at Hall of Fame induction time (see page 3).

The quarterly review of research committees indicated the need to find new leadership for the Minor League Committee (see page 4). Editorializing in committee newsletters was again a topic of concern.

The 1997 SABR budget was approved (see page 3 of the November-December 1996 *Bulletin* for the 1997 budget). Plans for the SABR endowment fund were discussed and the board

directed the category of Endowment to go on the 1996-1997 renewal notices. The need for increased revenues, possibly from a dues increase, was discussed. The board also authorized acquisition of a corporate credit card for use by the SABR office and established institutional and student memberships.

The board took another archives-related step, authorizing the acquisition of materials belonging to the late Allan Roth from his son Michael. These materials were to be delivered to members of SABR's Allan Roth Memorial Chapter (Southern California) for culling and assessment.

Election issues addressed included consideration of the motion passed at the 1996 SABR Annual Business Meeting to place language regarding campaigning on the 1997 ballot (see August 1996 *Bulletin*). The board concurred that it was obligated to carry out the resolution as voted by members at the annual business meeting. The Board also revised the campaign guidelines approved at the June 6, 1996, Executive Board meeting (see right).

A proposal to issue a SABR calendar with Pomegranate Publications was approved (see page one). Action on a proposed history of Louisville Baseball publication was tabled. Action on a

second volume of *Minor League Baseball Research Journal* was tabled pending a written proposal (*Editor's note: the second volume was subsequently authorized*); a motion to reinstate contracts for the position of Executive Director failed. More direct involvement by Board members on a regionalized basis was proposed. Pee Wee Reese was chosen to receive the second SABR Hero of Baseball Award for his courageous actions as a member of the 1947 Brooklyn Dodgers. The Board agreed to further address the subject of SABR's future at its next meeting.

Campaigning Guidelines

- (1) "Campaigning" includes any statement indicating support for, or opposition to, a specific candidate for SABR office. "Electioneering" includes any statement supporting or opposing a group of candidates or officeholders, whether or not these individuals are identified by name, or ballot issues.
- (2) SABR stationery, committee newsletters, and regional newsletters may not be used for any campaigning or electioneering material. The SABR Bulletin may not contain any campaign or electioneering material other than the candidates' statements. No campaign material may be mailed at SABR expense, nor transmitted on SABR-L, or other SABR-sponsored electronic media.
- (3) SABR's salaried employees and members of the Tellers and Nominating Committees may not engage in campaigning for or against any candidates or issues appearing on the ballot.
- (4) None of the foregoing limits or prohibits any other SABR members from supporting or opposing candidates or issues individually and at their own expense.
- (5) Any individual, whether or not a candidate, who violates these rules, shall be subject to disciplinary action, sanctioned by the Board, up to and including expulsion from the Society.

Adopted by SABR Executive Board, September 13-14, 1996

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Davis eventually got the nod). Brown was then serving as governor of New Hampshire—the first Democrat in that office in 65 years. Brown later served in the U.S. Senate (1933-1939) and as Comptroller General of the United States.

Another former ball player may also have been nominated—and elected—to the presidency—Dwight Eisenhower. Rumor has it he played in the minors under an assumed name—but this is a hotly-debated point.

Warren Harding owned the Marion, Ohio, minor league club. William Howard Taft's brother owned the Cubs.

Besides Mizell and Bunning at least one other former player has served in the House of Representatives. Pius Schwert, a former Yankees catcher, was twice elected to Congress. Current U.S. Senator Pete Dominici (R-NM) played minor league ball briefly.

Thank Y-o-u-u-u!

Thanks go out to the new chair of Bob Davids Award Committee, Dr. Leslie Heaphy, and to former chair, Dr. Stan Grosshandler. We deeply appreciate the efforts of all our volunteers and to all SABR members who take the time to share their research finds with others.

David Pietrusza

Upcoming Seminars, Conferences

The Indiana State University Third Conference on Baseball and American Culture will be held April 18, 1997, (8:30 am to 5:00 pm) at the Hulman Memorial Student Union, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Indiana. Registration fee is \$25.00, which includes a luncheon.

Charles Alexander, Distinguished Professor of History, Ohio University, author of biographies of Cobb, McGraw, and Hornsby will be the Keynote Speaker and Al Hrabosky, "The Mad Hungarian," former relief pitcher, will be the Luncheon Speaker.

Contact Pete Carino, Department of English, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN 47809 for more information.

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April 4. David Andrews. "Michael Jordan as the 'Society of Spectacle': 'Post-Industrial/post-modern/post-American.'"

June 6. Robin Bachin. "Comiskey Park, Architectural Design, and Community Identity"

For more information, contact Steve Riess, (773-794-2836); s-riess@nieu.edu.

Ballpark Historian Richard L. Miller Dies

Richard L. Miller, of Cincinnati, Ohio, a SABR member since 1978 and a respected baseball historian who taught "Sociology of Baseball" at the University of Cincinnati, died January 10, 1997, at his home. He was 72.

Richard's specialty was the history of old ballparks and their impact on fans. A member of the Ballparks Committee, he lent his expertise to libraries throughout the country, including the Hall of Fame and Library of Congress. He also appeared on ESPN and in a video on the history of the Cincinnati Reds.

Richard earned history degrees from the University of Dayton and Columbia University. He was a World War II veteran who served in the Battle of the Bulge. He is survived by his wife, Helen, and a sister, Martha Youngerman of Houston.

Frank Mauthe of Canyon Country, California, a SABR member since 1985, passed away October 24, 1996. He was 75.

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Bennett, Stephen: Should Nellie Fox be in the Hall of Fame? 7 pages.

Bjarkman, Peter: Baseball novels. A bibliographical survey of serious adult baseball fiction since 1973. 12 pages. Copy of article in *Minneapolis Review of Baseball*.

Borland, Rick: All-time rookie all-star teams. 4 pages. The best rookie seasons. Copy of article in *Baseball Digest Best Rookies*, March 1988.

Carle, Bill: Number of players born by state/country, with first player for each. 3 pages. From SABR Biographical Research Committee.

Fulton, Bob: Baseball fathers and sons. 6 pages. Copy of article in *The Elks Magazine* about father-son major leaguers.

Grace, Kevin: Oral history for the baseball researcher. 3 pages.

Jordan, David M.: A fresh look at wartime baseball. 10 pages. Caliber of play was higher than generally assumed.

Kahn, Jerry L.: 20th Century players who died during their careers. 2 pages.

Lang, Jack: Some great prospects who flopped. 3 pages. Copy of article in *Baseball Digest Best Rookies*, March 1988.

Lansche, Jerry: Baseball's unbreakable records. 3 pages.

Plaschke, Bill: Joe Hauser, baseball's oldest living slugger, known by few. 5 pages. Copy of article in the *Los Angeles Times*, August 1995.

Rasmussen, Jorge: Never give your right name. 5 pages. About players who didn't use their real name.

Schuld, Fred: Why Cy Falkenberg had a career season for the 1913 Cleveland Naps. 9 pages.

Smith, David W.: Sunny Jim Bottomley's big day. 6 pages. The day he set the RBI record, including a play-by-play account of the game.

RESEARCH NEEDS

John McReynolds, 409 S. 'A' Street, Lompoc CA 93436, 805-736-6352, e-mail: 10655@utech.net seeks information on Nate Moreland. Moreland was a college contemporary of Jackie Robinson who played in the Negro Leagues and in Mexico before breaking the color barrier in California in May 1947 in the Sunset League. Seeks anecdotes from his career in Negro Leagues (1940 and 1945 Baltimore Elite Giants), Mexico (1941, 1944 Tampico, 1946 Monterrey) or Los Angeles Winter League, any year but especially winter 1946-47 with A.J. Laverenz club.

Bill Nowlin, 1 Camp Street, Cambridge MA 02140, 617-354-0700, fax 617-491-1970, billn@rounder.com is working with Jim Prime (co-author with Ted Williams of *Ted Williams' Hit List*) on a new book about Ted. The book will contain many reminiscences, appreciations and anecdotes. They seek unusual stories by people who have encountered Ted or were influenced by him in some way. Any suggestions or leads would be appreciated, as would any personal thoughts from SABR members.

Steven Posey, 16820 Elm St, Hesperia CA 92345, e-mail: MinrLeag@aol.com is publishing a newsletter focusing on the California League. He is seeking individuals to forward team news from local newspapers or other media; particularly for teams in the Northern Division. He is also seeking help with tracking league leaders' stats and stats on league alumni.

Frank Ceresi, 3600 N Nelson St, Arlington VA 22207 would like any information regarding the 1914 Boston Braves Miracle Team. Also, he'd like to find out as much as possible about George Stallings, their manager, as well as Rabbit Maranville, Johnny Evers, Hank Gowdy, and Bill James (especially any known relatives).

Barry Sparks, 1700-J Devers Rd, York PA 17404, 717-848-8925, e-mail: pi_bsparks@yorkhospital.edu, is researching a book on Hall of Famer Frank "Home Run" Baker and is interested in newspaper clippings, magazine articles, photos, and memorabilia.

Dan Gartenstein, 550 E 7th Street, Brooklyn NY 11218, seeks information on the life and inventions of James "Ripper" Collins, first baseman for the St. Louis Cardinals Gashouse Gang. Any information will be greatly appreciated and, if utilized, will be properly acknowledged. Send directly to address above, or if postage/copy costs are prohibitive, send description of information to arrange for reimbursement.

Doug Lyons, 181 Webster Rd, Scarsdale NY 10583-5847, seeks information on Sherry Smith, who pitched 14 years in the bigs, 1911-1927. In 2,052 innings, he allowed only 2 stolen bases. How does this IP/SB Allowed ratio compare with other pitchers? And who were the two who stole against him?

Don Linebarger, 2905 Falling Brook, Plano TX 75023, 972-491-7938 seeks team photographs of the Chicago Cubs of 1921, 1922, 1923; and of the Cleveland Indians of 1924 (late June thru mid-August with Virgil Cheeves). Players names would be an added bonus. Also seeking any other photos with Virgil Cheeves. Will reimburse for copying and postage.

Karla Wolters, 727 E Lincoln Ave, Zeeland MI 49464 is looking for information about the mushroom bat made by A.G. Spalding in the late 1800's or early 1900's. Exactly when was the bat in production, how much did it cost, ever used in the major leagues, etc.?

Norm Seraphin, 2281 Cypress Avenue, San Pablo CA 94806, 510-724-7867, e-mail: nsraphin@wccusd.k12.ca.us seeks any and all information on the 1948-50 Oakland Oaks and Bill Raimondi. Seeking addresses, photos, films, memorabilia, programs, articles, reminiscences, anecdotes, high schools and colleges attended, lives after baseball.

Steve Daly, 41 Heritage Circle, Hudson NH 03051-3427, e-mail: Steve21@aol.com, 603-886-7962 (days) is doing research on the New England League (1892-1949) and is seeking information, photos, etc. to aid in the project. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated.

Research Tools Available

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Bob Mayer's article on Harry "The Cat" Breechen appeared in the October 1996 issue of *Baseball Digest*...On December 7, 1996, Carl Shinabargar was inducted into the Southeast Missouri Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame for his contributions to baseball...Claudia Perry, back on Jeopardy! because of a buzzer malfunction in her first appearance, won four games...Richard Leutzinger's new book on Lefty O'Doul (see page 2) and his evidence that O'Doul belongs in the National Baseball Hall of Fame was the subject of an article in the *San Francisco Examiner* (November 30, 1996)...James A. Smith, Jr. was appointed Associate Editor of *Baseball Quarterly Review* effective January 1, 1997...Dennis LePore devoted a recent issue of his column, "The Rotisserian" in the *News-Herald* (Lake County, Ohio) to the new SABR publication *Baseball's First Stars* and SABR...Harry Rothgerber, Jr. has been named first assistant to Jefferson County (Kentucky) Commonwealth's Attorney Dave Stengel, effective February 1, 1997. Harry had been involved in juvenile public defense for 16 years. He was praised in a January 9, 1997, editorial in *The Courier-Journal* (Louisville, Kentucky).

Corrections

An item in "Names in the News" in January's issue of *The SABR Bulletin* regarding Tom Shieber incorrectly states that the path between the pitching mound and home plate was necessary for bouncing pitches to the plate during the 1850s. Tom said it was common in the 1850s for the pitched ball to bounce *after* passing over home base. Tom's name was also misspelled on page nine of the same issue.

The Boston Red Sox advise us that Devon White's steals of second, third and home came against them in 1989, not the Baltimore Orioles (page eight, *The SABR Bulletin*, February 1997).

Also, on page seven, Terry Felton was misidentified as Tom Felton.

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Baseball and the Movies

American Movie Classics (AMC) winds up for opening with a day of baseball films on March 27. AMC's lineup includes "The Kid From Left Field," "The Kid From Cleveland," "The Pride of St. Louis," and "The Winning Team." Check your local listings for showing times.

Books about baseball and the movies include *Great Baseball Films* by Rob Edelman (Citadel, 1994, ISBN 0-8065-1479-5), *Baseball in the Movies* by Hal Erickson (McFarland, 1992, ISBN 0-89950-657-7) and the new *Diamonds in the Dark* by Howard Good (see page 11 of February's *The SABR Bulletin*). The books by Edelman and Erickson refer to all four of the films being shown on AMC. Watch for Russ Tamblyn and Bob Lemon in both "The Kid From Cleveland" and "The Winning Team."

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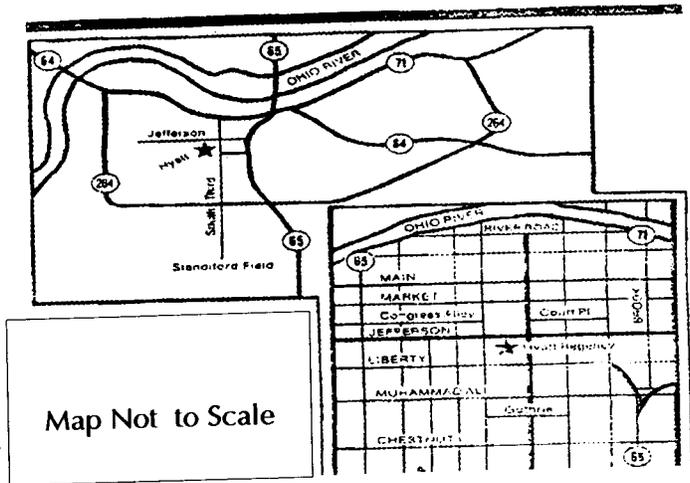
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10:30			Panel: Ex-Louisville Players		10:30	
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8:30		Regional Leaders Mtg	Baseball Film		8:30	
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During its meeting on January 24-26, the SABR Executive Board began the process of looking at SABR's future and the direction the organization should take. The Board came to no conclusions and encourages member input on the subject. All SABR members are invited to express any opinions, suggestions or ideas on the subject of SABR's future.

Time will be allotted at the Annual Business Meeting in Louisville for a discussion of SABR's future. If you cannot attend the meeting, you may still participate by submitting your thoughts by letter, fax or e-mail.

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You can also shape SABR's future by voting in the 1997 SABR elections. Offices of President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director are being elected this year. There are also several proposed by-laws changes. Election information appears on pages 11-15 and the ballot can be found on page 15.

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Road Trip

The key to a successful SABR Regional meeting can be in the venue, the place in which the meeting is held. Often, a successful meeting is held at the ball park. Sometimes it's held in conjunction with a ball game. This April the always-inventive Vermont-based Larry Gardner is really going on the road, all the way from the Green Mountain State to the National Baseball Library in Cooperstown. Thanks to the cooperation of National Baseball Library staff, Vermont's SABRites will be treated to a wonderful weekend.

Not all of our chapters can make the pilgrimage to Cooperstown, but as far as creating interesting events is concerned they can go as far as their imaginations will carry them.

Nominating Committee

Many thanks to our energetic Nominating Committee (**Jim Overmyer** (chair), **Claudia Perry** and **David W. Smith**) for their work in developing a full slate of candidates for the 1997 SABR elections.

Commemorating Jackie Robinson

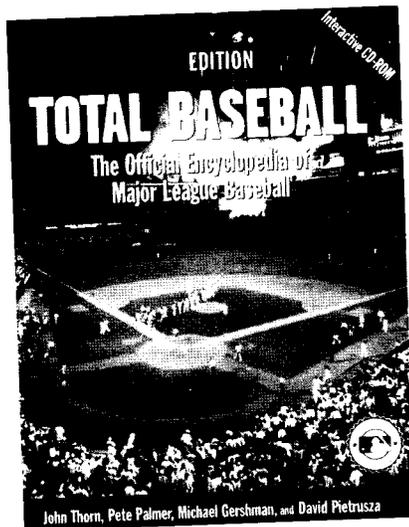
1997 is the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson's debut in the major leagues, ending the era of racial segregation in the National Pastime.

The question is how shall SABR mark the event. Shall be it been by doing more research? By writing more articles? By consulting on television documentaries?

All of those activities are fine, and I hope they take place. But a more fitting commemoration is one that we can all make: by dedicating ourselves to treating each individual with the respect that he or she deserves. "Responsibility is not collective," someone once observed, "it is individual." Let us all do what we can do individually to treat each person we meet with the respect they deserve as a human being. That is the most meaningful memorial we can provide.

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Biographical Research

The February 1997 Biographical Research Committee's Monthly Report awards the Find of the Month to **Jim Pereira** for finding proof of Smiling Mickey Welch's real name. Jim was attempting to find Welch's gravesite at Calvary Cemetery in Queens and was told that no one named Mickey Welch was buried there. Jim contacted the Hall of Fame and in Welch's file was a letter from his daughter explaining that Welch's real name was Walsh. Back at Calvary, Jim was able to find Smiling Mickey Walsh's gravesite.

In 1962 and 1963, the Washington Senators had an infielder named John Kennedy. He and the President by the same name were both born on May 29. According to a Paris, Texas, newspaper, Warren G. Harding was responsible for Wilbur Cooper's first big-league tryout.

Art Merewether, who had one at-bat with the 1922 Pirates and was one of the oldest living ballplayers until his death on February 2, 1997, at the age of 94 was also the president of the American Meteorology Society (1954-56) and the discoverer of a meteor crater in Labrador, later officially named Merewether Crater and Merewether Lake.

Business of Baseball

The Winter 1997 issue of *Outside the Lines* contains the committee's annual survey results, a bibliography on League Presidents, a looking back section and articles by **Richard G. Sheehan** (A Cost Tax and a Loss Tax: Two Steps Toward Labor Peace) and **Andy McCue** (Dodgers For Sale).

The committee's survey showed committee members support the elimination of MLB's ban on publicly traded franchises (82%) and the repeal of MLB's antitrust exemption to leave it in the same position as other professional sports (67%). The committee is split on when a new commissioner will be named with "before January 1, 1998" garnering 25% followed by "never-the office is eliminated in a restructuring" (22%). The average price committee members thought the Dodgers would sell for was \$350 million with the median being \$315 million. Californians guessed high and economists guessed low. The high sale price was \$500 million and the low sale price was \$215 million.

The New York Public Library has copies of the 1976-79 Basic Agreement (38 pp.) and the 1952 report, "Organized Baseball" prepared for a House Judiciary subcommittee.

Umpire and Rules

The February 1997 edition of *The Right Call* features "An Umpire's Postseason Notebook" by **Dennis Bingham**, reviewing the umpiring of the postseason, game-by-game, series-by-series. The Notebook are comments and notes on the umpiring of the games only, with both the good and the bad pointed out.

Bingham also has pieces on the Alomar Incident and the "Three-Foot Lane" Controversy from Baltimore-Cleveland game two.

John Schwartz has completed individual and crew summaries for the 1890 American Association. The three umpires who worked the most games were Bob Emslie (138), John Doescher (117) and Wesley Curry (60). **Bob Richardson** has completed the 1892 New England League umpire roster. There was considerably more stability in the umpiring corp from the previous year--23 worked games in 1892 as opposed to 54 in 1891.

The 1921 AL was the first time a three-umpire crew was used all season. There were nine umpires, who rotated between two-man crews and a single three-man crew. The NL still used only two-man crews.

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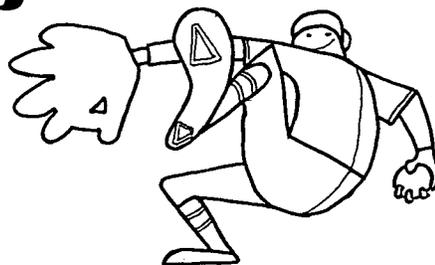
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May 17:	Jack Graney Chapter Dinner (Northeast Ohio); contact SABR Office, 216-575-0500
May 18:	Emil Rothe Chapter Meeting (Chicago); contact Bill Slankard, 847-604-2382
May 31:	Roger Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter Meeting (Toledo); see below
June 14:	Houston area Meeting; contact Bill Gilbert, 281-424-1168
June 20-23:	SABR 27, Louisville, Kentucky; see page 11 of March Bulletin for Registration form

Regionals

San Diego, California: The Ted Williams Chapter had their annual 'Spring Training Warm-Up' regional meeting on Saturday, January 25, 1997, on the University of California at San Diego (UCSD) campus. Attended by 20 members and guests, the keynote speaker was San Diego resident **Jack Harshman**, former pitcher-first baseman with the Giants, White Sox and Orioles. Primarily a pitcher during his major league career, Jack provided some interesting background on his transition from being a first baseman in the high minors to a becoming a successful pitcher in the majors. His highlights included pitching in a double one-hitter, and playing under managers such as Al Lopez, Paul Richards, Mel Ott, and Leo Durocher.

Research reports were provided by **Frank Myers** (Players with 100 walks and sub par batting averages), **Jay Walker** (PMS, Player Manager Score), and **Bob Boynton** (The predictability of one-run games). Jay Walker was the winner of **Joe Naiman's** trivia contest. Finally, **Andy Strasberg** provided some stories related to his 22-year career as a top executive with the San Diego Padres, and his baseball relationship with Roger Maris.

On February 1-2, 1997, Chapter members hosted a SABR booth at the San Diego Padres' "First Pitch Week-end" held at San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium. An expanded SABR-Padres relationship was initiated in 1996 when the chapter was requested to come up with their list of All-Time San Diego Padres, with separate rosters for major league and minor league teams in San Diego. The list was published in the Padres' game program along with some challenges from the article's author. More SABR-Padres activities are envisioned in the future.



Arlington, Texas: On February 18, the Flem Hall-Bill Ruggles Chapter of SABR (Dallas/Ft. Worth) met at the theatre in The Ballpark at Arlington. Over 80 members and guests were on hand for the varied program arranged by chapter president **Howard Green**. Guest speakers **Tom Grieve** and **Brad Sham** discussed the Rangers' forthcoming season; Panelists **Bobby Bragan**, **Davy Williams**, **Ray Burris** and **Merle Harmon** joined in lively discussion with the audience about a range of topics including the reasons for the increase in home runs in '96; and **Jim Riley** gave a talk about the Negro Leagues with a special emphasis on the great players from Texas, including Smokey Joe Williams and Willie Wells (who was later elected to the Hall of Fame by the Veterans Committee).

Chigaski, Japan: The Japan Chapter of SABR met on January 18 at the Shotoso Resort Inn in Chigaska, Japan. Eighteen members participated in the overnight event. An auction of major league and baseball memorabilia allowed members to exchange old treasures for new ones. The bidding was inspired as we raised money for our group activities. Talk of baseball, in Japan and around the world, lasted long into the night.

Cleveland, Ohio: Forty-two members and friends at the Jack Graney Chapter meeting on March 1 were treated to research presentations by **Fred Schuld** (Louie "Bull" Durham), **Gary Speidel** (On Measuring Offensive Performance), **Frank Peters** (Who Should be in the Hall of Fame), and **David Mamuschia** (Detroit update and **Vi Owen's** book). Everyone won something at the book raffle.

The Chapter will hold a dinner on Saturday evening, May 17, honoring Jackie Robinson and Larry Doby's breaking of the color line. Gene Woodling, John Blatnick and Chuck Harmon are scheduled to attend. Contact the SABR office (216-575-0500) for details.

Toledo, Ohio: The annual Hot Stove league meeting attracted 19 members and friends. Chuck Rogers, who pitched in the Cubs' organization and in the Mexican League for six years, spoke about his experiences and answered questions.

Dave Mamuschia spoke on **Vi Owen's** book on her father, Marv. **George Petersen** spoke on his research on leadership in baseball. **Steve Lauer** discussed Jimmy Dudley being named to the Broadcaster's wing of the Hall of Fame, gave tribute to Jackie Robinson and concluded with three "Knotty Problems of Baseball." **Tom Biblewski** spoke on some scenarios involving minor league realignment. **Alyce Lutomski** discussed assembling the Mud Hens history wall in the new Stadium Club at Skeldon Stadium and **Jack Little** discussed his discovery of Parmalee Park, named after pitcher LeRoy (Bud) Parmalee, just across the state line in Michigan.

The next meeting will be Saturday, May 31, and will feature baseball presentations in the afternoon followed by a Behind-the-Fence supper and Mud Hens-Charlotte Knights ballgame at Skeldon Stadium. For more information or to make a presentation, call **Kathy Gardner** (419-259-2470) or **Steve Lauer** (419-882-1301).

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: Forty-six people attended the Fall meeting of the Forbes Field Chapter on December 7. Research presentations were given by **Eric Minde** (*The 1960 Pirates Not Only Won the World Series, But Were Better Than the Yankees*) and **Ted Knorr** (*Bill Mazeroski Deserves to Be in the Hall of Fame*). Special guests included Mazeroski biographer **John T. Bird** and Josh Gibson, Jr.

Bird supported Knorr's assertion that Maz deserves to be in the HOF. He is greatly disappointed that **Total Baseball's** 75th all-time best player receives such little support from the media and voters on the HOF Veteran's Committee.

Gibson discussion of his experiences in the Negro Leagues and his hilarious tales of travelling the nation in a bus with his father and his playing companions when he was a youngster really brightened everyone's day.

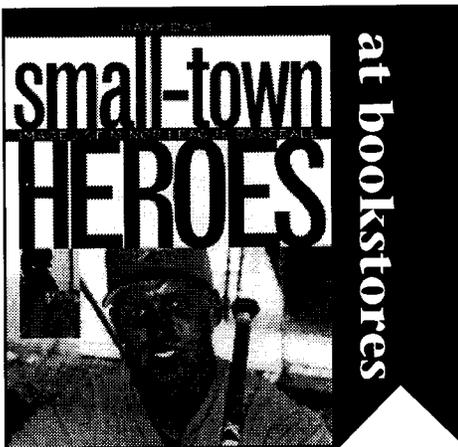
In the afternoon, most of the group visited the Josh Gibson Memorial in Pittsburgh's Hill District, nearby Ammon Field where Gibson and the Pittsburgh Crawfords played many of their contests more than fifty years ago, and the gravesites of former Pirates' announcers Rosey Rowswell and Bob Prince, as well as Hall of Famer pitcher Pud Galvin. The day concluded with a visit to see the two homes where Honus Wagner lived in Carnegie.

Obituary

Stan Carlson, 87, a SABR member from Minneapolis, Minnesota since 1976, passed away recently.

Stan was the editor of *Wind-up*, America's baseball annual, and author of *Baseball Banter*, a collection of humorous baseball stories, and *Lou Gehrig: Baseball's Iron Man*. He also wrote, edited and published many football publications.

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Don Linebarger, 2905 Fallingbrook, Plano TX 75023, seeks pictures, audios, film clips, anecdotes of Carl E. Cheeves, Virgil E. Cheeves (Chicago, NL, 1920-23; Cleveland, 1924; NY, NL, 1927), David M. Cheeves (1906-1972), Jack D. "Dudley" Cheeves (1911-1977) and Raymond R. "T-Bone" Cheeves (1914-1984). Each of the brothers played for various professional and Dallas-area amateur teams. Don has a more detailed listing of the teams each brother played for that space doesn't allow us to print.

Jim Falkenstern, 566 Speedwell Ave, Morris Plains, NJ 07950, is working on a book called "Some Dare to Cheer." Attempting to contact every living Yankee from before Steinbrenner's time to get their cards autographed and briefly interview them on their Yankee careers and their cards. Would appreciate any comments or suggestions as to what to, what should be included in the book, or what you may have or know in the way of unusual cards any of the players appeared on. Especially interested in the more obscure players and their stories

John Husman, 5911 Jeffrey Lane, Sylvania, OH 43560, 419-882-3438, seeks information, leads and photos about the involvement of owner Paul Block with the Newark Bears 1928-31.

Terry O'Neil, 423 Vista Flora, Newport Beach CA 92660, seeks winning and losing pitching records for the New York State League for the following years: 05, 06, 07, 08, and 09 and 1912, 13, 14. Also, winning and losing pitching records for the Western League (1913).

Jim Sargent, VWCC, PO Box 14007, Roanoke VA 24038, e-mail: vwsargi@vw.cc.va.us seeks information on Cletus "Boots" Poffenberger, who pitched for the Tigers in 1937-38 and briefly for the Dodgers in 1939, when he refused to go to the minors.

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SABR 27 will also feature an encore showing of the actual NBC-TV broadcast of the first game of the 1955 World Series at Yankee Stadium between the New York Yankees and Brooklyn Dodgers. **Doak Ewing**,

Convention Update

an expert in the restoration of films for video, is again showing this gem, one of only five known complete game broadcasts that exists from before 1965. "Game time" for the first game, which features actual 1955 commercials for Toni hair products, Papermate Pens, and Gillette Safety Razors, will be announced. Hall of Fame broadcasters Vin Scully and Mel Allen call the action, which features Hall of Famers Pee Wee Reese, Jackie Robinson, Duke Snider, Roy Campanella, Yogi Berra, Phil Rizzuto, and Whitey Ford.

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MORE THAN 100 YEARS AGO, Harry Stovey became the first player to hit 100 career homers in the Majors. He attained that unpublicized milestone while playing with Boston in the Players League in 1890. In 1895, Perry Werden went over the century mark in the Minors while hitting an OB record 45 for Minneapolis in the Western League. The question is, who was the first to hit 100 in the Majors and 100 in the Minors? It was early 20th Century star Cliff Cravath, who hit 18 for Salt Lake City in the PCL in 1921. That gave him 109 in the Minors. He already had 119 in the Majors, having led the NL six seasons in the teens.

Next came Tilly Walker of the Athletics, who shared the AL home run title with Babe Ruth with 11 in 1918, and did get as high as 37 in 1922. Walker returned to the Minors in 1924 and four years later had accumulated career totals of 118 in the "uppers" and 109 in the "lowers". Tony Lazzeri was the third player to reach the century level in both classifications in 1933, thanks largely to a 60-home run season with Salt Lake in 1925 and a steady production of 8 to 18 with the Yankees the following decade.

As the years passed, more and more players joined the Century M&M Club. In fact, one player, Dick Stuart, became the first (and only) one to reach the 200-level in 1965. He was helped by a season high of 66 with Lincoln in 1956 and an impressive figure of 42 with the Boston Red Sox in 1963. His totals of 228 in the Majors and 222 in the Minors have not been approached. Ironically, a current player, Rob Deer, might have challenged him if he had not spent the 1994 season in Japan. This past year, Deer was called up from Las Vegas by the Padres and hit four homers. That gives him a major league total of 230, two more than Stuart. The 20 he hit for Las Vegas gives him 185 in the Minors, good for second place over-all. In the meantime Glenallen Hill of the Giants became the 68th player to hit 100 home runs in the majors (107) as well as the Minors (128).

There follows a list of the first ten players to reach the century milestones at left, and a second compilation of those with the highest level of homers.

<u>Year</u>		<u>Maj.</u>	<u>Min.</u>	<u>Played</u>		<u>Maj.</u>	<u>Min.</u>
1921	Cliff Cravath	119	108	1951-59	Dick Stuart	228	222
1928	Tilly Walker	118	109	1978-96	Rob Deer	230	185
1933	Tony Lazzeri	178	135	1968-83	Steve Balboni	181	239
1936	Ripper Collins	135	193	1952-68	Jim Gentile	179	245
1937	Don Hurst	115	114	1969-86	Gorman Thomas	268	164
1938	Dolf Camilli	239	141	1956-76	Deron Johnson	245	162
1940	Babe Herman	181	122	1954-69	Leon Wagner	211	154
1941	Wally Berger	242	100	1951-68	Rocky Colavito	374	150
1944	Vince DiMaggio	125	273	1937-59	Hank Sauer	288	150
1946	Bob Johnson	288	123	1953-67	Willie Kirkland	148	177

LET'S RAISE OUR GLASSES TO HIDEO NOMO, who on Sep. 17 pitched a 9-0 no-hit, no-run game over the Colorado Rockies at Coors Field! In the process, he reduced the batting averages of Ellis Burks to .342; Eric Young to .330; Dante Bichette to .319; Vinny Castilla to .303; and Andres Galarraga to .298. More importantly, he said "Nomo" to the home-run exploits of Galarraga (45), Castilla (39); Burks (38); and Bichette (30).

RICKEY HENDERSON is no longer the dominating player he once was, but he is putting together some substantial career stats. He is far in the lead with 1186 stolen bases and 68 lead-off homers, and is tied for tenth with 1829 runs. Henderson also is moving up among the leaders in bases on balls received. His total number thru 1996 is 1675. It can be assumed, based on his reputation as a dynamic base stealer, that his intentional passes have been few. Here are the top walk-recipients, most of whom were long-ball hitters.

Babe Ruth 2056; Ted Williams 2019; Joe Morgan 1865;
 Carl Yastrzemski 1845; Mickey Mantle 1734; Mel Ott 1708;
 Rickey Henderson 1675; Eddie Yost 1614; Darrell Evans 1605;
 Stan Musial 1599; Pete Rose 1566; Harmon Killebrew 1559.

SEATTLE HOSTED the earliest season game in the Majors on March 31. Frank Thomas of the White Sox hit a two-run home run off Randy Johnson in the first inning, but Darren Bragg connected in the fifth, and the Mariners won it 3-2 in the 12th. The two fourbaggers were the only regulation-game homers ever hit in March. The latest regular-season homer was hit Oct. 18, 1884, by Cannonball Ed Crane of Boston in a Union Association game in St. Louis.

OAKLAND PLAYED six "home" games at Cashman Field in Las Vegas, Nevada, between April 1 and 7 during construction at their home park. There were 23 homeruns hit at the minor league site. Mark McGwire hit some mammoth wallops in batting practice, but did not play because of injuries. Oakland players who connected included Brosius 3; Berroa 2; Steinbach 2; Plantier 2; Castillo and Stairs 1. Going deep for Toronto were Ceden, Gonzalez, Delgado, Sprague, and Olerud. For Detroit it was Higginson 3; Fryman 2; and Fielder and Nieves 1. The latter felt most comfortable with the park, hitting for the cycle on April 6. He was a star outfielder for Las Vegas in 1994 when he hit 25 homers and batted .308.

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE COMPLETE-GAME PITCHER? When was the last time a starter pitched into extra innings? Remember when Bob Feller pitched 36 complete games for the Indians in 1946? Those days are long gone. Now there are more "relief hurlers" than regular starters. In 1946 with eight teams playing against each other in 154 games in each league, there were 491 CGs pitched in the NL and 561 in the AL. In 1996 with greatly expanded play in 162 games, there were only 127 CGs in the NL and 163 in the AL. Here is a periodic listing of leaders in complete games pitched.

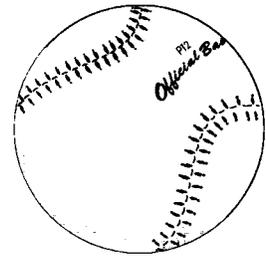
<u>1946</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1996</u>
Feller 36	Roberts 22	Koufax 27	R. Jones 25	Valenzuela 20	Hentgen 10
Newhouser 29	Lemon 21	Marichal 25	Fidrych 24	Candiotti 17	Schilling 8
Ferris 26	Pierce 21	Gibson 20	Palmer 23	Blyleven 16	Pavlik 7
Sain 24	Spahn 20	Kaat 19	Tanana 23	Morris 15	Ken Hill 7
Trout 23	F. Lary 20	Short 19	3 with 21	Higuera 15	Five with 6

CECIL FIELDER's first Major League stolen base came in the ninth inning of a 10-6 win over the Twins on April 2. He led off with a walk. Tigers' manager Buddy Bell called for a hit&run with two strikes on Mel Nieves. He fanned, but Fielder had enough momentum to carry him to second on a close play. It was his first steal in 1096 games and he was awarded the base after the game. He had not stolen a base since 1984 in the Minors.



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FOR SECRETARY

Norman Macht

SABR Experience: Member Since 1985. Founding chair of Oral History Committee, Former Treasurer (1992-95). Member, Convention Committee. Contributor to *The National Pastime* and *Baseball's First Stars*.

Other Research: Author of more than 20 books, including 15 baseball biographies; contributor to *The Ballplayers*, *The Baseball Chronology* and other anthologies.

Education: Ph.B. University of Chicago; MA in Political Science, University of California, Sonoma.

Occupation: Writer/Editor

Last year I was appointed by the Executive Board to fill a vacancy in the office of Secretary until the next (this) election. I am now asking for your vote to serve for the remaining year in the term of the office.

What have I accomplished in the past year? Perhaps the most important project I have been involved in for SABR's future is a proposed research center and archives that would be a joint effort with Hillerich & Bradsby, located at the new Louisville Slugger Museum we will be visiting during the upcoming convention. Representing the Board, I have met with the H&B people with Morris Eckhouse several times, and feel we have established a good working relationship with them. I am excited about the possibilities of this research and study center becoming a reality, and hope to continue working toward that goal.

I have also begun a much-needed revision of SABR's policy manual and have been active in the planning of the Louisville convention, which I hope you will be attending.

SABR's Executive Board is a hardworking, harmonious but outspoken group, dedicated to continuing SABR's mission, safeguarding its finances, and enhancing its future. I am proud to be part of it, and I thank you for your support.

John Pastier

Member Since: 1989

Background and Qualifications: Design consultant and architecture writer. Lived in New York, Texas, California, and now Seattle. Joined SABR in 1988. Active in Ballparks and Business of Baseball Committees. Contributor to committee newsletters, *The National Pastime*, and *Baseball Research Journal* (cover story.) Secretary, Allan Roth Chapter, 1991-93. Currently Northwest Chapter president.

Presentations at 13 regionals and three national conventions; earned the 1996 Baseball Weekly Research Award. Organized Baseball and the Arts event for NW chapter.

Consultant on Camden Yards, Trenton's Waterfront Park, and Seattle's upcoming ballpark. Published 30 baseball articles and gave 20 ballpark lectures throughout the US and Canada. USA Fellowship for ballpark design research, 1990. Created baseball e-mail group (pre-SABR-L), in 1994. Researched ballparks in 50 states and Canadian provinces and in Japan.

Currently writing a ballparks guidebook for Preservation Press.

Beyond producing good meeting minutes, the secretary should be an involved officer who takes a long view of the organization's vitality. America's finest sport has lost some of its popularity to newer games; can we evolve to offset this trend? Is it possible to retain our core members while attracting new blood and fresh viewpoints?

My goal is to strengthen SABR as a research fraternity, and widen its public recognition. I will strive to make SABR's publications even better, and broaden its on-line communications capability both for members and for other baseball fans. My goal is to strengthen the linkage between our dedicated fellowship of researchers and the larger audience of existing and potential members engrossed in the ever-evolving grand old game.

David Pietrusza

Member Since: 1986

My background is firmly rooting in baseball: as co-editor of *Total Baseball*, *Total Indians*, and *Total Braves*, as coordinator of *Total Baseball's* award-winning web-site, and as author of numerous articles and books (including *Major Leagues*, *Minor Miracles*, and *Baseball's Canadian-American League* and the forthcoming *Judge & Jury: The Life & Times of Kenesaw Mountain Landis* and *Lights On!: The Wild Century-Long Story of Night Baseball*).

The four years of my presidency have been a period of tremendous accomplishment: SABR's highest membership level ever; a stable publications program; creation of SABR donor and merchandising programs; implementation of a SABR Internet presence and the SABR-L list server; commercial publication of the *SABR Home Run Book* and of a SABR Calendar (scheduled for 1998); acquisition of major photographic and statistical archival collections; creation of a SABR endowment fund; successful outreach to major baseball institutions such as the Baseball Hall of Fame, Louisville Slugger Museum, and Mexican Baseball Hall of Fame; re-organization of the SABR awards program; and cooperation in creating the pioneer web-site accompanying the PBS *Baseball* series. This has all taken place with no increase in dues since 1991. And while this has occurred we have worked mightily to maintain an atmosphere of professionalism and to dampen any feelings of partisanship.

As secretary I would hope to remain on the Board to ensure continued progress in these initiatives and to maintain accurate records of SABR proceedings and by-laws. I thank you for your past assistance and ask once more for your support.

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are printed in each
SABR Membership Directory

FOR DIRECTOR

Tom Shieber

Member Since: 1982

Occupation: Computer programmer, telescope technician, archivist at The Mt. Wilson Observatory.

Education: BA in Physics, Reed College.

SABR experience: Joined SABR in 1982. Secretary/Treasurer, Allan Roth Regional Chapter, Los Angeles, CA, 1994-present. Founder/Chairman, Pictorial History Committee, 1994-present. Member of 19th Century and Umpires & Rules Committees. 1994 Winner, Annual Baseball Weekly Award. Contributor to SABR Research Journal.

The SABR Constitution states that directors "provide functional continuity for the Society on administrative policy." My experience and diverse interests allow me to fulfill this function.

As founder and chair of SABR's Pictorial History Committee (PHC), I regularly exercise my organizational and management skills. I edit and publish a quarterly newsletter, maintain regular correspondence with committee members, and run the committee within budget limitations. I am proud that each PHC newsletter features at least one research article and that under my guidance the committee has nearly quadrupled in membership in just over two years. Additionally, I was recently appointed co-chair of a committee to advise the SABR board on photographic policy matters. My experience as programmer and web-master for a major scientific project will be invaluable to SABR as the organization moves further into the computer age.

The interaction between SABR members and the SABR board has long been relegated to a few words at the annual business meeting. If elected to the position of director, I pledge to do more than just "provide functional continuity." I will act as a voice for the general SABR membership and a conduit between members and the board.

While "Research" is SABR's last name, it must be SABR's first priority. The objectives of SABR as stated in our Constitution and By-Laws have been and will continue to be my objectives — as a researcher, as secretary/treasurer of my local chapter, as a committee chairman, and, with your vote, as a SABR director.

David W. Vincent

Member Since: 1985

Education: Doctor of Musical Arts, University of Miami, 1976

Occupation: Computer Systems Engineer

SABR Accomplishments: Co-Editor of *SABR Presents the Home Run Encyclopedia*; Editor of *Home Runs in the Old Ballparks*; former coordinator of Bob Davids Chapter (Baltimore-Washington); member of Biographical, Umpires and Rules, Records, and Internet Committees.

During the last four years I have been proud to serve on the Board of Directors for our organization. In that time we have celebrated SABR's 25th anniversary; at times like this it is good to reflect on what has been accomplished by the group. In the last four years we have seen many wonderful things happen within SABR.

Last year Macmillan published *SABR Presents the Home Run Encyclopedia*, a work that is the result of many hours of work by many SABR members. I was pleased to have had a part in the creation of this book. SABR has expanded into the electronic world with the establishment of a presence on the World Wide Web and with the creation of SABR-L, the electronic bulletin board.

SABR financial status has become much more stable in the last four years due to the work of many people. One of the key elements of that financial planning was the establishment of the SABR Endowment, a reserve to be used in times of fiscal crisis. This reserve and the overall financial stability has been accomplished without a dues increase. I am proud that I participated in the financial planning during this wonderful time.

Another major change over the last four years was the creation of the Convention Committee. This national group oversees all aspects of the annual conventions which permits local groups to work more effectively. This is a major step forward for the organization as we look to the future.

I would be pleased to pursue our work by continuing as a member of your Board of Directors.

By-Law Revisions

Article III

The Board recommends clarifying the current expulsion provision in the SABR Constitution and defining a procedure to accept resignations with the following proposals:

Article III-C

Current

C. Any member who fails to abide by the objectives or any other provision of the constitution shall be subject to expulsion by action of the executive board or by a majority of those voting at the annual meeting. Members shall receive thirty days advance notice of such proposed action.

Proposed

C. Any member who fails to abide by the objectives or any other provision of the constitution shall be subject to expulsion by action of the executive board or by a majority of those voting at the annual meeting. ~~Any member expelled by the executive board or by a majority of those voting at the annual business meeting shall be ineligible to rejoin the Society for three years following his expulsion, unless the executive board approves earlier readmission.~~ Members shall receive thirty days advance notice of such proposed action.

If approved, the proposed language would be effective July 1, 1997.

Article III-D (new)

"A member's resignation takes effect immediately upon receipt of the resignation in writing and verification by the SABR Executive Director"

If approved, the proposed language would be effective July 1, 1997.

Article 5-A-3-Nominating Cmt

The Board recommends the following change to the duties of the Nominating Committee:

Current

3. Shall solicit candidates and receive petitions for office and prepare a slate for each office on the ballot in accordance with these bylaws.

Proposed

To allow the Committee to solicit nominations, but not to review candidates' qualifications beyond ensuring they meet the constitutional criteria to serve.

If approved, the proposed language would be effective July 1, 1997.

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By-Law Revisions

Article 8-Elections

The following proposals offer two alternatives for campaigning conduct.

Submitted by SABR Executive Board

(1) "Campaigning" includes any statement indicating support for, or opposition to, a specific candidate for SABR office. "Electioneering" includes any statement supporting or opposing a group of candidates or officeholders, whether or not these individuals are identified by name.

(2) SABR stationery, committee newsletters, and regional newsletters may not be used for any campaigning or electioneering material. The SABR Bulletin may not contain any campaign or electioneering material other than the candidates' statements. No campaign material may be mailed at SABR expense, nor transmitted on SABR-L, or other SABR-sponsored electronic media.

(3) SABR's salaried employees and members of the Tellers and Nominating Committees may not engage in campaigning for or against any candidates or issues appearing on the ballot.

(4) None of the foregoing limits or prohibits any other SABR members from supporting or opposing candidates or issues individually and at their own expense.

(5) Any individual, candidate or not, who violates these rules, shall be subject to disciplinary action, sanctioned by the Board, up to and including expulsion from the Society.

Petition Proposal:

Submitted by Rodney Johnson

A. Any candidate or supporters of any candidate may actively campaign for any SABR office by using letter writing, phone calls or any other generally accepted campaign method. However, no SABR funds are to be used for any such campaigning. They may do so without any recrimination or sanction from the SABR board or the nominating committee. No instruction is to be made to voters as to what, if any weight voters should put on campaign issues.

B. Regional chapter leaders may use chapter newsletters to endorse candidates so long as that regional leader is not a candidate. Regional leaders may also use chapter newsletters to endorse or oppose by-laws revisions and/or SABR policy established by the SABR Executive Board.

The Board recommends voting in favor of its proposal and against the petition proposal.

Article 2-Eligibility for office

In order to clarify the requirements of SABR membership necessary to run for office, the SABR Executive Board recommends revision of Articles 2-A-7, 2-B-4, 2-C-3, 2-D-4 and 2-F-1. These articles set forth the length of membership required to run for offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director.

For consistency, a yes vote will change the current wording to the proposed wording for all SABR offices.

Current

Must have been a member of the Society for the preceding four years before being eligible for election to this office.

Proposed

Must have been a member of the Society continuously for four years prior to taking office.

Each of the following proposals, if approved, would take effect July 1, 1997.

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Lajoie Biographer Murphy, Big Leaguer Cain Were Active Members

James M. "Jim" Murphy of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, a SABR member since 1982, and baseball researcher *par excellence*, died April 1 after a period of ill health. He was 83.

Jim, a retired newspaper editor, was the author, among other things, of biographies of two Rhode Islanders in the Hall of Fame, Gabby Hartnett and Napoleon Lajoie. The Lajoie biography was published as a special issue of *The National Pastime* in 1989. Murphy also contributed articles to the *Baseball Research Journal* and other publications. He was probably the foremost authority on professional baseball players from Rhode Island.

Memorial contributions can be sent to In-Sight, an agency that helps and rehabilitates the blind, at 43 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick RI 02888, or the Lajoie-Start Chapter of SABR, c/o Len Levin, 282 Doyle Avenue, Providence RI 02906-3355.

SABR National History Day Award Honors Allen

SABR's National History Day Award, initiated in 1996, will now be named the SABR-Lee Allen National History Day Award in honor of the legendary baseball historian. The award is to be presented annually for the best baseball research project. Funding for the award is being provided by an anonymous donation.

National History Day is an annual event in which students compete on a regional basis, followed by state competition and then national finals at the University of Maryland.

Born in 1915, Allen wrote 10 books, including *The Cincinnati Reds*, *The 100 Years of Baseball*, *Hot Stove League*, *The National League Story*, and *The American League Story*. Allen, long known as "the walking encyclopedia of baseball," and John Tattersall were largely responsible for the creation of *The Baseball Encyclopedia*, first published in 1969. Allen was also historian at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, New York, from 1959 until his death on May 20, 1969. Allen also established a "Research Club" which evolved into

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Bob Cain, a SABR member since 1992, died in Cleveland on April 7 from cancer. Bob is best remembered as the pitcher who faced midget Eddie Gaedel on August 19, 1951. Bob was the last survivor of the immediate participants in the historic event.

The left-hander from Longford, Kansas, also participated in a memorable duel with Bob Feller on April 23, 1952. Cain and Feller each pitched one-hitters, setting an American League record for the fewest total hits allowed in a game. Cain was the winner of a 1-0 decision, one of his 37 major league wins, which included 12 in 1951 with the White Sox and Tigers and 12 in 1952 with the Browns.

Bob was a participant in the player panel at SABR's 1990 National Convention in Cleveland and in SABR's Jack Graney Chapter's 1993 panel commemorating the closing of Cleveland Stadium.

Our condolences to the family and friends of both men.

Jansen New PCL Single- Season ERA leader

Researchers **Marshall Wright**, **Bill Weiss** and **Carlos Bauer** uncovered a record keeping discrepancy that makes Larry Jansen the all-time single-season ERA leader for the Pacific Coast League with his 1.57 mark in 1946.

For years, Slim Love was recognized as the record holder with a 1.56 ERA (50 earned runs allowed in 288.1 innings pitched) for Los Angeles in 1914. Wright noticed statistics in the 1915 Reach Guide did not make sense calling the record into question. Wright contacted Weiss who contacted Bauer. Bauer reviewed all the box scores for Los Angeles in 1914 and found only 188 innings pitched, driving Love's ERA up to 2.36.

Jansen compiled his 1.57 ERA with 56 earned runs allowed in 321 innings while posting a 30-6 won-loss record, the last 30 win season in the PCL.

The surprise announcement of Jansen's rightful spot as the PCL's all-time season ERA leader was a highlight of the second annual NorCal MLBPA "Salute to the PCL" on March 1 with Jansen in attendance. (See page 3 for a report on the event.)

Williams Honored as "Hero of Baseball"

The Executive Board of SABR awarded legendary slugger **Ted Williams** its Hero of Baseball Award at its quarterly meeting on March 22, 1997, at the Plantation Inn in Crystal River, Florida. The Korean War combat veteran became only the second recipient of the honor, which is given to baseball personalities who have distinguished themselves as a hero on and off the diamond.

"We are honored to be able to give such an award to Ted Williams," said SABR President **David Pietrusza**. "He is a war hero, a great hitter, a man committed to excellence and who has succeeded in that commitment. Heroes are in short supply today, in or out of sports. Ted Williams is both a sports hero and real-life hero. This is one of the easiest choices anyone ever gets to make."

Williams, the last major leaguer to hit .400 (.406 in 1941), served as a Navy flight instructor during World War II. During the Korean conflict, he flew 39 combat missions including one in which he crash-landed his F-9 jet. He was flying again the next day--despite the onset of pneumonia.

On receiving the award, Williams said, "You guys are the best-kept secret in baseball. You know the wonderful thing about you guys--it's your love of baseball that keeps you interested in it. If there's anything I can do to help baseball in any way, I intend to do it." Williams also became SABR's newest member.



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THE PRES BOX

By now many of you may have already heard the news of SABR's historic meeting with **Ted Williams**.

Ted invited the SABR Board to Florida to discuss the appropriateness of Joe Jackson's induction into the Hall of Fame and a wide-ranging discussion resulted. While there we presented Ted with the second SABR Baseball Hero Award (the first went to Bob Feller last year). Many news outlets carried reports of the award, and that's good not just for SABR—but also for baseball as a whole. Too often, all we read about baseball in today's baseball newspapers is negative. I'm glad SABR and the SABR Baseball Hero Award helps to accentuate the positive in this great game of ours.

Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association

Morris Eckhouse and I had a hectic schedule in Florida (so hectic we didn't even see a game!—an impeachable offense at SABR). Besides meeting with Ted Williams and touring the Ted Williams Museum we also met to further SABR's marketing and public relations program and dropped in on the headquarters of the National Association and on the public relations department of the new Tampa Bay Devil Rays. But perhaps our most significant session was with Dan Foster, Executive Vice President of the Major League Baseball Players Alumni (<http://www.mlbpaa.org>). SABR and the MLBPA will be initiating a program of cooperation between the two organizations. The MLBPA is a 3,000-member organization, 2,500 of whom are former major league ballplayers. We will be working with Dan to encourage members of SABR to join and work with the MLBPA and for MLBPA members to join and work with SABR. **Chris Rogers** and other Bay area SABR members have already moved forward in this regard and we hope to see this trend continue.

Significant Progress on Archives

In the past year SABR has taken the lead in preserving a number of significant baseball resources. It has acquired the Allan Roth Papers and thanks to SABR members **Dick Beverage** and **Andy McCue** among others has made great strides in cataloging its holdings. SABR has also acquired the former photographic and clipping collection from the Minneapolis Public Library. Pictorial History Chair **Tom Shieber** has taken the lead in cataloging its extensive holdings and the SABR Board has authorized funding to begin in assisting in the collection's preservation. Special thanks go to Shieber, **Jack Kavanagh**, **Doug Pappas**, and **Ted Hathaway** for their sterling work in developing a policy for use of the photographic collection.

David Pietrusza

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The Baseball Timeline

by **Burt Solomon**
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On February 8, 1997, the meeting returned to baseball artist **Lance Richburg's** studio in Colchester. Twenty-one attended. The theme was "The Green Mountain Boys of Summer" - members gave presentations on their research in progress into the lives of the 35 Vermont-born players to reach the major leagues. **Pat O'Conner** was elected Vice-president of the chapter, replacing **Guy Waterman** (whose term expired).

Saint Louis, Missouri: The St. Louis Baseball Roundtable continues to meet monthly at Crusoe's Restaurant. Call **Mark Stangl** for details (314-577-7491).

Burlingame, California: The Second Annual NorCal MLBPA "Salute to the PCL" was held March 1, 1997, at the Park Plaza Hotel. Counted among the nearly 400 guests were 29 SABR members. The Annual Awards Dinner is held with the purpose of honoring the long and personal relationship between the PCL players and fans in the San Francisco Bay area. This year's event attracted 53 former players with 44 of them former Coasters.

Honorees for 1997 included Dario Lodigiani, John Babich, Emil Mailho, Nino Bongiovanni, and Bill Rigney. Posthumously honored were Lefty O'Doul and Casey Stengel. Longtime local sportswriters Bucky Walter and Bob Stevens were also honored. Former Oak pitcher Bob Murphy and Dario Lodigiani ably led everyone down PCL Memory Lane with vivid and often funny stories of Casey and Lefty. Also speaking were former Seals radio man Don Klein and former Coaster Chuck Stevens.

Other players in attendance included Dave Righetti, Gino Cimoli, Hank Sauer, Charlie Fox, Jack Lohrke, Gus Suhr, Dolph Camilli and Charlie Silvera. Organizers included **Frank Zupo, Bernie Esser, Dick Dobbins** and **Chris Rogers**.

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Baseball Records

Joe Dittmar has discovered that Bill Bergen of the 1909 Dodgers went hitless in 46 consecutive at-bats, making this the longest known hitless streak for a non-pitcher. Bergen singled in his first at-bat against the Giants on June 29 and didn't get another hit until he scratched out an infield single in the fourth inning of the second game of a doubleheader against Ed Reulbach and the Cubs on July 17.

In response to how to treat records in the age of Interleague play, the consensus was that interleague games will increase and that the recognition of "major league" leaders makes sense. All respondents agreed that league leaders 1876-1996 should be preserved and the new system should begin with the 1997 season. **Cliff Kachline** believes that, at least temporarily, interleague games should be handled as a separate category.

Neil Munro supplied a list of major league leaders in Sacrifice Flies since 1954, when the sac fly was reintroduced. Eddie Murray leads with 125 (89 in AL and 36 in NL), AL leader Robin Yount is second with 123 and NL leader Hank Aaron is third with 121 (113 in NL; 8 in AL).

David W. Vincent and **Bob McConnell** contributed more home run facts. Ken Griffey (49) and Jay Buhner (44) tied Jimmie Foxx (58) and Al Simmons (35) of the 1932 A's and Hack Wilson (56) and Gabby Hartnett (37) of the 1930 Cubs as the third-most productive one-season pair of teammates ever. Roger Maris (61) and Mickey Mantle (54) of the 1961 Yankees and Babe Ruth (60) and Lou Gehrig (47) of the 1927 Yankees are ahead of them. Brady Anderson (50 HRs) trails only Maris, Ruth and Johnny Mize in home runs in a single season by a left-handed batter. Anderson also tied Jimmie Foxx (1938) for second place in most home runs without leading the league (Mantle is the leader).

Negro Leagues

There is plenty of information in the latest newsletter with the election of Willie Wells to the Hall of Fame and the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Jackie Robinson's major league debut.

Pride and Passion: The African-American Baseball Experience exhibit is set to open on June 12th at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum with Rachel Robinson participating in the official dedication. The exhibit traces the involvement of Blacks from the Civil War to the present with photos, text, artifacts, multimedia and an interactive component. The grand opening will occur during the 9th Cooperstown Symposium held June 11-13th. **Jules Tygiel** is keynote speaker. Look for a presentation on Cumberland Posey by **Jim Overmyer**. **Larry Hogan** will also be lending his vast talents to the endeavor.

On Tuesday, June 17, the First Annual Harrisburg Senator Negro League Commemorative Night will start at noon. There will be exhibits, sale of many items, showing of Negro Leagues videos. At 2:00 PM lectures by **Calobe Jackson** on Black Ball in Harrisburg and **Ted Knorr** on the 1925 Harrisburg Giants. Then there will be a Q & A with the speakers and Marshall Waters, Giants batboy of '26, '27. Gates will open at 5:30 PM. Awards for youngsters, 1925 lineup introduction, free caps for kids and more. The Senators will wear replica Giants uniforms. 1,500 T-shirts will be given to youngsters.

It is sad to report a number of deaths. Edsall Walker passed away February 19, 1997, in Albany, New York, at age 86; Leandy Young died February 7, 1997, in Berkeley, California, at age 86; James Everett died May 3, 1996 in Miami, Florida; and Hillard Lee Motley died in Newark, New Jersey, at age 82.

Pictorial History

The March issue of the Pictorial History Committee newsletter contains an article on the earliest known baseball photograph, suggesting that the photo published in various places (including SABR's *The National Pastime #3* -- available from SABR for \$7 postpaid) is not necessarily quite the "baseball" photo it has been identified as. Some of the identifications of the men in the photo are not 100% positive (is that really Duncan Curry, Knickerbocker president? at the lower left; and is that really Dr. Daniel Adams at the lower center?) and other features of the picture (all are wearing straw hats) might have multiple interpretations, leading to some confusion whether this is really should be considered a baseball photo.

The first baseball photograph, then, may be one found buried in the files of the Brooklyn Collection of the Brooklyn Public Library. It is of the 1856 Gotham Base Ball Club.

Also in this issue is a review by **A.D. Suehsdorf** of *The Game That Was: The George Brace Baseball Photo Collection* by **Richard Cahan** and Mark Jacob.

Women in Baseball

If you tried to get ahold of Chair **Leslie Heaphy** in February or March and haven't heard back from her, it is likely due to either her move or a breakdown of the voice-mail system at her school. Please contact her again (330-649-9318, home; 330-499-9600, work; 2214 31st St NW, Canton OH 44709).

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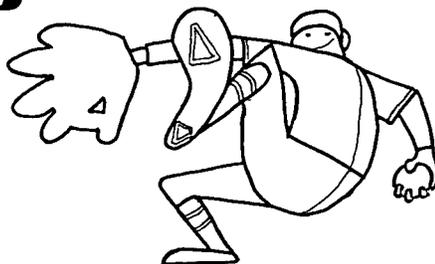
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May 17:	Jack Graney Chapter Dinner (Northeast Ohio); contact SABR Office, 216-575-0500
May 18:	Emil Rothe Chapter Meeting (Chicago); contact Bill Slankard, 847-604-2382
May 31:	Roger Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter Meeting (Toledo); contact Kathy Gardner, 419-259-2470
June 14:	Houston area Meeting; contact Bill Gilbert, 281-424-1168
June 20-23:	SABR 27, Louisville, Kentucky; see page 11 of March Bulletin for Registration form
August 2:	Allan Roth Memorial Chapter Meeting; see below
August 3:	Cooperstown Regional Meeting; contact David Pietrusza, 518-374-8894
August:	Goose Goslin Chapter (New Jersey) meeting; contact Chris Franco, 908-500-1577
August 17:	Emil Rothe Chapter Meeting (Chicago); contact Bill Slankard, 847-604-2382

Regionals

Chicago, Illinois: Former Chicago Cubs pitcher Ed Mayer will be the special guest at the Emil Rothe Chapter meeting to be held Sunday, May 18, at University of Illinois at Chicago, Circle Center, 750 S Halsted, Room 509/510, starting at 1:00pm. The cost is \$10. Bring along your duplicates or unneeded books for a baseball book swap.

Get in your reservations (tickets are \$6.25) for the Saturday, July 19, outing to see the Kane County Cougars.

The SABR Social Dinners continue at Suparossa Restaurant on the northwest side of Chicago on the third Thursday of each month. Join us for pizza, pasta, and palaver. Call for more information.

Details about these events and other articles of interest can be found in the Chicago SABRreport, the bi-monthly newsletter of Chicago Area SABR, which is ten dollars for a year's subscription. For more information, contact (and make checks payable to) **Bill Slankard**, 1909 Birchwood Lane, Arlington Heights IL 60004-3501. (847- 604-2382). BillSlankard@compuserve.com

Kansas City, Missouri: Twenty members attended the chapter's regional meeting at Chappell's Restaurant and Grille on Saturday, January 18, 1997. The facility showed no effects from a devastating fire that destroyed five businesses and harmed twenty others two days earlier.

Art Stewart, Director of Scouting for the Royals, explained treasure hunting for baseball talent. His claim that Aaron Champion and Harry Wright performed the first scouting job in baseball when they stocked the 1868-1869 Reds with star players.

Walter LeConte, newly arrived from Brooklyn, told research stories about his Yankees' passion and newsletter. Chapter President **Mike Webber** outlined the group's proposed activities for 1997, including a fund-raising trivia contest, June 29-30 townball tournament in Hutchinson, KS, a Rotisserie KCSABR league, and bus to Louisville for SABR 27.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: Sixty-four people attended the first meeting of the Forbes Field Chapter for 1997. The meeting was held in the Pirates' clubhouse, a courtesy provided by the Bucs' organization while the team was away at spring training.

Denis Repp made a research presentation on pitchers with the most victories in their last major league season. Repp pointed out that Sandy Koufax compiled the best ever mark with 27 wins in his last season. He also mentioned that only three other pitchers ever won twenty games in their last big league campaign. **Ed Luteran** sketched the development of the Cleveland Indians from 1990-95 when the Indians went from a league doormat to World Series participant. Luteran's presentation was designed to develop a view point for Pirates' fans to follow as the Bucs attempt to struggle back into contention after undergoing one of the more radical personnel transformations for any major league team in recent years. **Paul Adomites** elaborated on the "joys" of doing baseball research. He said that baseball research has become one of his more enjoyable pastimes since joining SABR in 1982 and his ultimate joy comes from being paid for doing baseball research, which is getting paid for having a lot of fun. He wants SABR to do its best to promote baseball research among young people to keep the practice flourishing. **Dan Bonk** highlighted the day with an extensive presentation on the new baseball stadium being planned for Pittsburgh at the turn of the century. He displayed several drawings and architectural renderings that showed the stadium as it is currently designed. Following his presentation, Bonk led a group of attendees from Three Rivers Stadium to the location of the new park for a first-hand inspection of the site. **Jim Haller** conducted this year's trivia contest which was won by a six-man team led by **Mike Emeigh**. Emeigh's team narrowly defeated the other led by Ed Luteran.

Lunch break was accompanied by a video presentation of the 1996 World Series. In addition, plans were made for a visit to the new Akron, Ohio, ball park in May.

Sacramento, California: Thirty-four SABR members and friends met at Camellia Bar and Grill in Sacramento on March 15 to attend the chapter's first meeting of 1997. It was the largest gathering yet in the chapter's brief history.

The luncheon showcased the old 1950's Sacramento Solons of the Pacific Coast League, with a player panel consisting of Bud Watkins, Ritchie Myers, Cuno Barragan and Buddy Peterson. In addition to the entertaining stories provided by the players, a fifteen-minute video on the Solons was shown. The rare film included clips of the 1950's era, with brief glimpses of two of the day's speakers (who were surprised to see themselves) and also contained several minutes shot at Opening Day 1920. Michael Kennedy, who obtained the archival footage from the local history museum, also spoke about the efforts of Play Ball, Sacramento! an organization which is trying to garner public support for a local baseball stadium. A baseball book and memorabilia auction was also a success.

Los Angeles, California: The Allan Roth Chapter met April 4 with author Noel Hynd (*The Giants of the Polo Grounds*) telling about his recent book *Marquard and Seeley*. **Tom Shieber** presented slides from the photo collection presented to SABR by the Minneapolis Public Library. **Philip Block** discussed the Keio University team's 1911 tour of the United States. **Dick Beverage** discussed the SABR Board's dinner with **Ted Williams**, and **John McReynolds** talked about his research into the career of Nate Moreland. **Joe Naiman** won the trivia contest. After the meeting about 30 SABR members, friends and spouses reconvened at Dodger Stadium for Jackie Robinson night.

The chapter's next meeting will be August 2 at the Amateur Athletic Foundation Library, 2141 W Adams in Los Angeles. For more details, contact **Andy McCue** (909-787-4954).

Rutland, Vermont: In October 1996, a meeting was held at the home of **Roger Harris**. The special guest was **Henry Thomas**, author of *Walter Johnson: Baseball's Big Train*. Eighteen people attended, all of whom enjoyed Roger's museum - a collection of baseball books and memorabilia. After the meeting, an impromptu baseball game broke out in Roger's backyard using vintage baseball equipment. The game featured Smokey Joe Wood's son, **Bob**, pitching to Walter Johnson's grandson, Henry Thomas.

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Score and Grace Inducted to Ohio Baseball Hall

Herb Score, All-Star pitcher and long-time broadcaster for the Cleveland Indians, and Willie Grace, All-Star outfielder for the Cleveland Buckeyes, became the 124th and 125th inductees into the Ohio Baseball Hall of Fame (OBHOF) at its 21st annual inductions on Saturday, November 9, 1996, in Willoughby, Ohio. Also honored were Cal Pokas, sports editor from 1966 to present of *The Times Leader* (Martins Ferry, Ohio) with the OBHOF Media Award, Jason Webster of Barnesville, Ohio, (seven-time president Holloway Old-Timers Baseball Club) with the OBHOF Man of the Year Award, and Roy Marsh, formerly of Ohio State University, with The Moses Fleetwood Walker Memorial Award.

Score, the 1955 American League Rookie of the Year, was 49-34 in five seasons with the Indians. He won 20 games and appeared in the All-Star Game in 1956. He has been broadcasting Indians games since 1964, a Cleveland franchise record 33 seasons. Score is the 53rd former player and 17th former Tribe pitcher to be inducted into the Ohio shrine.

Grace played for the Cleveland Buckeyes from 1942 to 1948 and in 1950. He was a standout in Cleveland's 1945 Negro League World Series win against the Homestead Grays and had four hits in the two Negro League All-Star games in 1946. Grace is the 7th player who competed in baseball's Negro Leagues to be inducted.

For the second consecutive year, the inductions were held in conjunction with the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) and its Jack Graney Chapter which held its annual fall meeting prior to the inductions.

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Index to "The Philadelphia Phillies," by Fred Lieb and Stan Baumgartner. 25 pages. Compiled by Howard M. Pollack, MD, with the assistance of Stuart N. Pollack, MD, and Mark Hysell, DO, for the SABR Bibliography Committee

Berkow, Ira: Lou Brissie — the pitcher who wouldn't quit. 2 pages. Copy of article in the New York Times, December 1994.

Grosshandler, Stan: Youngest no-hit pitchers in major league history. 2 pages. Copy of article in *Baseball Digest Best Rookies Yearbook*, 1988.

Mayer, Henry C.: The 1939 Louisville Colonels: A team that never quit. 12 pages. Copy of article in *Filson Club History Quarterly*, Vol. 70, No. 1, January 1996.

Moore, Glenn: The great baseball tour of 1888-89: A tale of image-making, intrigue and labor relations in the gilded age. 14 pages. Copy of article in the *International Journal of the History of Sport*, Vol. 11, No. 3, December 1994.

Nadel, Steve: All-time homers list, from Aaron's 755 down to 100. 11 pages. Through the 1996 season.

Nadel, Steve: All-time homers list, in alphabetical order. 11 pages. All players with at least 100 home runs through 1996.

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Nadel, Steve: All-time hits list, in alphabetical order. 20 pages. All batters with at least 1,000 hits through 1996.

Salsinger, H.G.: Which was greatest. Ty Cobb or Babe Ruth? 49 pages. Despite its somewhat misleading title, a biography of Cobb by a long-time Detroit sportswriter, from the 1951 *Sporting News Baseball Register*.

Yellon, Al: The 20th annual major league baseball bottom-of-the-heap awards (1996). 4 pages. The season's statistical worsts.

Yellon, Al: Team all-time records, complete through 1996. 2 pages. The third annual update to an article in the 1994 *National Pastime*.

RESEARCH NEEDS

Richard Leutzinger, 999 David Avenue, Pacific Grove CA 93950, 408-373-6865, seeks information about baseball in the Japanese internment camps during World War II. Willing to travel to conduct interviews.

David Kilmer, 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue Apt 10-A-7, Philadelphia PA 19130, seeks information--statistical, pictorial or anecdotal--on the Peekskill (NY) Highlanders, who played in the Class D North Atlantic League from 1946-1949. Reminiscences of players, family members and fans of the Highlanders or their NAL rivals would be especially welcome.

Ed McVey, 542 Wiltshire Road, Upper Darby PA 19082, seeks photos or illustrations showing the numeral style on the uniforms of the 1959-1960 Austin Senators. The Senators were a Milwaukee Braves farm team in the Texas League and won the Pan-American championship in 1959 over Mexico City. A search of newspaper microfilm at the Austin Public Library turned up only photos of the front of their uniforms.

Richard Ben Cramer, 8046 Quaker Neck Rd, Chestertown MD 21630 (410-778-4028, fax: 410-778-4140) is working on a book about Joe DiMaggio. He seeks people who have had first hand experiences with Joe D before, during or after his playing days. This includes family, friends, teammates, opponents, fans, business people, and...who knows? The Clipper's had a vast and various acquaintance. This book requires the same.

Joseph C. Williams, 31 Sillimanville Rd, East Hampton CT 06424, Interested in any information, articles or opinions concerning non-Hall of Fame second basemen. Who should be in and who shouldn't be in? From Ross Barnes to Bid McPhee to Cupid Childs to Larry Doyle to Del Pratt to Buddy Myer to Joe Gordon to Bill Mazerowski to Willie Randolph to Lou Whitaker, etc.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Allan Wood's article on Thomas Foley, a 14-year old vendor at Fenway Park in 1918 appeared in *Baseball America* (March 17-30, 1997). Wood discovered Foley while working on his upcoming book on the Red Sox's last championship team...**Bob Glassman's** article on Vern Stephens appeared in *Sports Collector's Digest* (March 14, 1997)...**John McMurray's** article on Gene Larkin appeared in a recent issue of *Baseball Digest*...On Sunday, April 6th **Jim Overmyer** spoke on Jackie Robinson to the Men's Club at Temple Anshe Amunium in Pittsfield, MA...**Jules Tygiel** has been speaking on Jackie Robinson in New York, Chicago, Milwaukee, Boston, Los Angeles, and San Francisco...**Andrew Milner** has been reviewing baseball books for the Philadelphia *City Paper*...**Lyle Spatz** (*Jackie Robinson on Opening Day*), **Ron Gabriel** (*Jackie Robinson as Catalyst*) and **David W. Smith** (*Jackie Robinson's Style of Play*) presented research papers at the Jackie Robinson Conference at Long Island University, held on April 3-5...**Clement W. Hamilton** appeared on True Colors (Seattle PBS, Channel 9), which deals with issues of ethnic and racial diversity concerning Jackie Robinson and baseball/race relations...SABR's presentation of its *Hero of Baseball Award* to **Ted Williams**, was covered in *USA Today*, *Orange County Register*, *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, *Charleston Gazette*, *San Antonio Express News*, *Charlotte Observer*, *Lexington Leader-Herald*, *St. Petersburg Times*, and *The Plain Dealer* (Cleveland)...SABR was the source for a graphic in *Referee* (April 1997) containing the most managerial ejections since 1991. Cito Gaston and Lou Piniella were tied going into 1997... **Tom Eakin** was presented the 1997 Distinguished Alumnus Award by Phi Delta Theta International Fraternity at the University of Akron on March 7. Tom was also named 1996 Trustee of the Year by the National Junior Tennis League of Cleveland.

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Ted Patterson's profile of Allen was the first article in the first issue of *Baseball Research Journal* (1972). **Joe Overfield** added a biographical article about Allen in *The National Pastime #7*. SABR published *Cooperstown Corner*, a collection of Allen's columns in *The Sporting News* from 1962 to 1969, in 1990.

Lee Allen sparked and encouraged many of today's baseball researchers. It is appropriate that his name accompany an award to encourage a new generation of baseball researchers.

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January Board Meeting Recap

SABR's Executive Board turned its attention to the future while also dealing with a variety of current issues at its first quarterly meeting of 1997 on January 24-26 in Louisville, Kentucky. In addressing SABR's future, the Board expressly invited the input of all SABR members (see page one of the April *Bulletin*) in preparation for a discussion of the subject at the 1997 SABR Annual Business Meeting during the SABR 27 convention at the Hyatt Regency Louisville. Treasurer **Paul Andresen** provided financial projections. The potential need for a dues increase, formal job descriptions, and publishing practices were discussed.

The Board took specific action on future SABR conventions by awarding the 1999 event to the Phoenix, Arizona area. Other cities mentioned for possible future conventions were Baltimore, Cincinnati, Denver and Chicago. **Henry Mayer** reported on the status of the 1997 SABR National Convention. The concept of expanded SABR activity in the Cooperstown, New York, area at Hall of Fame induction time was discussed further.

Vice President **Dick Beverage** reported on the progress of assessing and cataloging the collection of materials donated to SABR

from the late Allan Roth. Also discussed was a possible research center at the Louisville Slugger Museum. A report from the ad-hoc committee formed to suggest policy on the collection of baseball photographs donated to SABR by Minneapolis Public Library was accepted, and the committee was authorized to purchase archival envelopes up to a total

history of Baseball in Louisville was tabled.

Considerable time was spent on the issue of handling ethics disputes. The Board voted unanimously that the Ethics Committee would be comprised of the members of the Executive Board and also established procedures for dealing with ethics complaints. (Note: At the following meeting, the Board elected to re-open the issue of dealing with ethics complaints. After dealing with the four complaints previously received from **Ron Liebman, Jack Carlson, John Holway** and **Jim Riley** the Board voted to delete all references to an ethics committee from the SABR Policy Manual because it felt the policy was not enforceable.)

John Pardon was formally thanked for his efforts regarding the Minor League Committee. A new chairman for the committee was to be sought (see March *Bulletin*). Content of research committee newsletters was again a topic of discussion and plans were made to discuss the topic with committee chairs at the upcoming SABR National Convention. The status of non or minimally active committees was also discussed and to be discussed further at the convention.

Remember to vote in SABR elections. The Election Ballot is contained in the April Bulletin and ballots must be received by May 30, 1997

of \$600. The Board commended the ad-hoc committee for its work. (Note: At the next meeting, the policy proposed by the ad-hoc committee was accepted as amended.) The Board asked for additional information regarding a proposal to contract an archives consultant. Proposals for a Negro Leagues pictorial publication and an All-Star voting proposal were declined. The proposal for a

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The status of SABR's regional groups, publications and investments were also reviewed. The final report of the Nominations Committee for 1996-1997 was received. The Board authorized discussion with the Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association regarding a working relationship between SABR and MLBPA (see *The Pres Box* on page 2). Also discussed were SABK activity on the Internet and possible publication of postcards using the Minneapolis photos.

Robert Franklin of McFarland and **Dan Ross** of University of Nebraska Press were nominated for the SABR special achievement award, however, the Board elected not to bestow the award this year. The Board voted to name its National History Day award in honor of Lee Allen (see page 1).

Campaigning policies were discussed again. A petition from **Rodney Johnson** was received to be placed on the 1997 ballot. The Board elected to place the campaigning policy it approved in September 1996 on the ballot as an alternative to the petition.

Minutes from SABR Executive Board meetings are available from the SABR office (PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101) for a large SASE (\$.55). The next SABR Executive Board meeting will be June 19 in Louisville.

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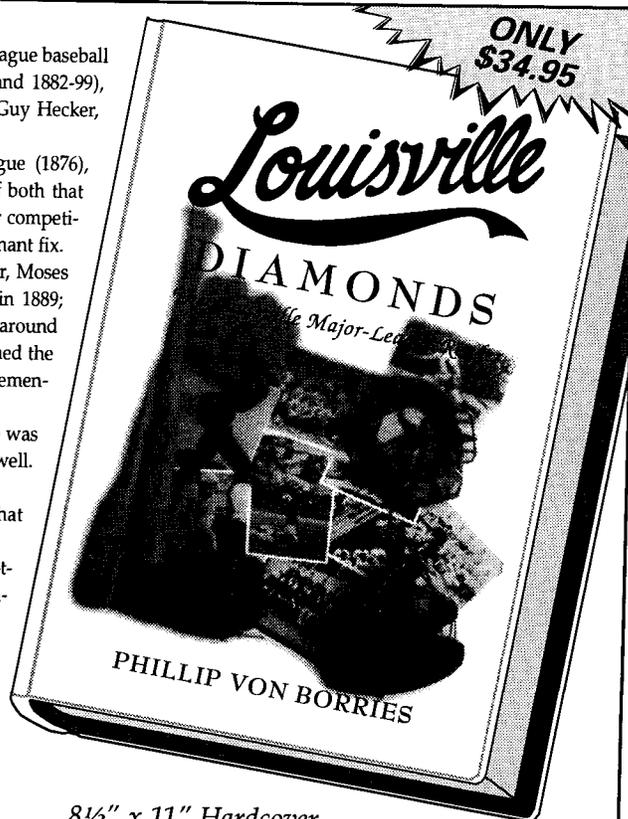
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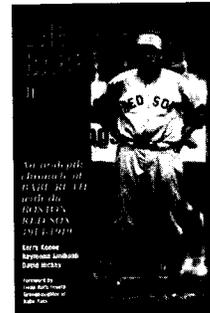
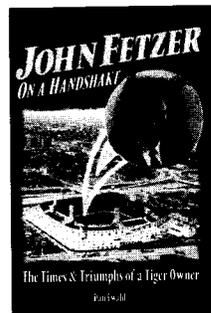
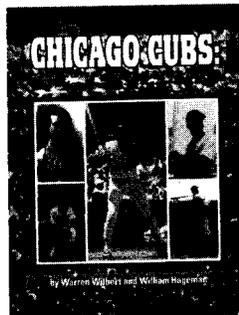
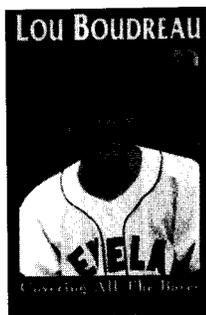
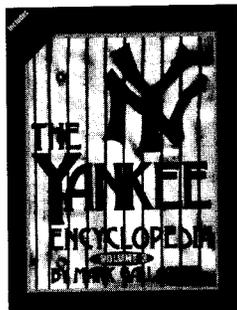
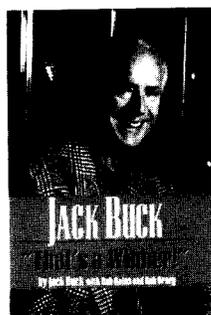


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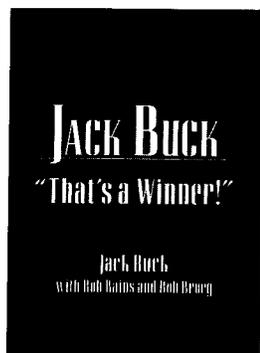
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Sightseeing in Louisville

For more information on Louisville area attractions, contact the Louisville Convention and Visitors Bureau at 800-792-5595 or 502-582-3732.

Hurry to Make Hotel Reservations!

Members can make room reservations at the Hyatt Regency Louisville by calling 800-233-1234 or 502-587-3434. Mention SABR or Society for American Baseball Research. The SABR rate is \$84 per room (plus 12.36% tax) per night for up to four persons per room.

Deadline for hotel reservations at the SABR rate is May 19, 1997.

Williams and Jackson



David Pietrusza presents Ted Williams with SABR's Hero of Baseball Award. The plaque notes Williams' .344 lifetime average, 521 home runs, .406 batting average in 1941, his service as a Navy Flight Instructor in World War II and his 39 combat missions in Korea and says "There goes the greatest hitter who ever lived." (photo by Dick Collins)

They were both left-handed batting, right-handed throwing, .400 hitting outfielders. Both are among the leaders in career batting average.

Ted Williams regrets he never met Joe Jackson, noting that Eddie Collins, who played with Jackson and was an executive with Williams' Red Sox, once said, "Ted, you're the closest thing I saw to Joe Jackson."

The issue of Jackson's eligibility for election to the National Baseball Hall of Fame elicited a wide range of pros and cons when Williams met with the SABR Executive Board. Williams suggested that the evidence against Jackson is not incontrovertible and, nevertheless, he had "served his sentence." SABR President **David Pietrusza** noted that SABR does not take positions based on opinions, but could further examine the issue via new research, surveys and possibly a discussion at SABR 27.

Award Winners Announced

Lots of ground, from major league to minors, from 19th century to 20th, from the field to the press box, and from the US to the Caribbean, is covered by the recipients of the 1996 SABR research awards. Collectively, the Macmillan-SABR Baseball Research Awards and The Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Awards have honored six diverse works from 1996 and recognized six research achievements which have enlarged the scope of baseball research. Quality research is also reflected in this year's finalists for The Seymour Medal. In the past year, three outstanding biographies of Hall of Famer Honus Wagner were written, filling a void in which there had previously been no adult biographies of Wagner.

Hittner's "Flying Dutchman" Carries Off the Seymour Medal

Honus Wagner, The Life of Baseball's "Flying Dutchman" by **Arthur D. Hittner**, published by McFarland & Company, is the second recipient of The Seymour Medal honoring the best book of baseball history or biography. **Fleet Walker's Divided Heart** by David Zang was the first recipient of The Seymour Medal.

According to the judging committee of **Larry Gerlach, Jerry Wright, and Terry Smith** Hittner's book is "a compelling biography of a man whose rough, aggressive style of play on the baseball field mirrored the industrial working class culture, particularly in Pittsburgh, of early twentieth century America. Through Wagner's life and exploits, Hittner provides scholarly, comprehensive, historical documentation divulging German ancestry and multi-ethnic attitudes, the political policy surrounding European immigration, and the economic growth of a fledgling steel industry. As baseball history the book depicts the escape of second and third generations' sons from the coal mines, steel mills, and other laborious careers, to a career in a game that was truly the National Pastime. Beyond baseball, Wagner's life experiences are vividly exhibited as part of a rapidly changing America.

"Portraying Wagner's experiences in the context of a folk hero of the burgeoning immigrant class, Hittner's work debunks previously exploited myths and perpetuated tales. His exhaustive research into family origin and the use of Wagner's 'vest pocket notebooks', postcards and scrapbooks, is special in bringing the biography to life. It is through such research and analysis that we are able to gain an understanding of Honus Wagner - the ballplayer, the man, and the times in which he lived."

Other finalists (alphabetically):

Marty Appel for *Slide, Kelly, Slide: The Wild Life and Times of Mike "King" Kelly, Baseball's First Superstar*. Scarecrow Press.

Dennis DeValeria and Jeanne Burke DeValeria for *Honus Wagner: A Biography*. Henry Holt and Company.

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Centennial Celebrities

Since 1976, SABR members have looked back to recognize the outstanding baseball personalities born 100 years earlier. The top candidates born in 1897 include stars of the major and minor leagues, the negro leagues, and the front office.

Please consult the list on page 9 (write-in candidates are also acceptable) and rank your top three candidates in order of preference (first to third). 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 1, 1997. Results will be announced in the September/October issue of *The SABR Bulletin*. Previous choices are listed on page 9.

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THE SABR BOOKSHELF

WHAT'S NEW IN BASEBALL BOOK PUBLISHING

Baseball Tidbits

by **Victor Debs, Jr.**
Masters Press (344 pages, softcover)
ISBN: 1-57028-115-7
\$16.95



From detailing the dispute over who really invented the game of baseball to why Mickey Mantle's 500-ft homerun against the White Sox in 1964 is so important, Debs offers an anecdotal and entertaining look at the game of baseball. **Baseball Tidbits** shares stories of some favorites like Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth, as well as some lesser known stars like Grover Alexander and Rabbit Maranville.

To order, send \$15.56 (postpaid) to SABR, PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101.

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by **Richard McBane**
The Summit County Historical Society
(104 pages, softcover)
ISBN 1-8839161-04-6
\$14.95, retail



Glory Days recounts the days when the New York Yankees moved its franchise in the Middle Atlantic League to the city of Akron in 1935. Despite lack of attendance, the depths of depression, labor strifes, and the start of WWII, the Akron Yankess never saw a losing season, made the league play-offs each year from 1937-1941 and won the championship in 1940. The "Glory Days" brings those nearly forgotten days back to life.

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On a Silver Diamond: The Story of Rochester Community Baseball from 1956-1996

by **Brian Bennett**
Triphammer (358 pages, softcover)
ISBN 0-9651863-1-8
\$25.95, retail



On a Silver Diamond highlights the Rochester Red Wings' history from possible extinction by the parent St. Louis Cardinals in 1956 to the last game in 1996. Bennett reveals both the game and business of baseball as it has been in Rochester over the past four decades.

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The King of Swat:

An Analysis of Baseball's Home Run Hitters from the Major, Minor, Negro and Japanese Leagues

by **William F. McNeil**
McFarland & Co (208 pages, softcover)
ISBN: 0-7864-0362-4
\$28.50

Who was the greatest homerun hitter ever? In his book **The King of Swat**, McNeil tries to answer this question by using statistical comparisons, levels of competition and accounting such differences as size of ballparks, altitude in which the player played, night games and major league expansion between the players of each era in the Minor, Japanese, Negro and Major leagues. Who is "The King of Swat?" His answer might surprise you!

Illustrated with black and white photos, the book includes a bibliography and index.

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Baseball Pioneers: Ratings of Nineteenth Century Players

by **Charles F. Faber**
McFarland & Co (180 pages, hardcover)
ISBN 0-7864-0295-4
\$24.95

Who is the best Nineteenth Century Major League baseball player? Position-by-position, **Baseball Pioneers** offers a unique perspective of the best major league players who played a majority of their major league career in the 19th century. From Cy Young to Cap Anson, Faber highlights and compares the careers of several players from the past to answer "Who is the best?"

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Moneystats 1997

by **Mark Lee Hammond**
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Mark statistically interprets how much each hitter earned for one Game Played, at-bat, Run scored, Single, Double, Triple, Home Run, etc. and how much each pitcher earned for one appearance, win, loss, save, etc. He also ranks by position and salary.

To order, send \$29.95 to Mark Hammond, PO Box 270, Warrenville IL 60555.

THE PRES BOX

Well, it's been a fun ride.

This is the last Pres Box of my presidency, and I would just like to let you know how much I have appreciated the honor of leading SABR. I believe the society has made important progress over the last four years in terms of financial stability and credibility—all of which means that a structure will continue to exist—and now exists in stronger form—so *your* research can be facilitated and broadcast.

It has been a pleasure working with **Morris Eckhouse** and **John Zajc** at central staff. **Mark Alvarez**, our publications director, runs his program with precision and efficiency. It is amazing the frequency with which my fellow SABR Board members have been individuals who have the best interests of SABR at heart and are true professionals of the highest caliber. I'd particularly like to thank my vice-presidents, **Claudia Perry** and **Dick Beverage**.

Shabby Lee and **Rick Salamon** both helped implement the new SABR Conventions Committee as committee chair. Both deserve our thanks. **John Gregory** and **Seamus Kearney** have helped bring SABR into the cyber age. Among our terrific committee chairs and regional leaders I would like to single out one individual: **Bob Bluthardt** of the Ballparks Committee. Bob is not only a great resource in terms of disseminating research, he is also a tremendous gentleman who in recent years has had to deal with more than his (or anyone's) share of personal adversity. Our thoughts go out to him. And, of course, thanks to *all* our members, whether they are active researchers or just those who love the game. You make this organization possible.

I would like to share a story with you. When the SABR Board met with **Ted Williams** in March, I took the occasion to present Ted with a copy of *Total Baseball*, a volume I now co-edit. Ted took the book and cradled it in his arms. He was obviously as happy to have the book as I was to have given it to him. And as I sat there seeing this, the thought hit me: When we had left the main highway to reach our meeting place, we had traveled down "Follow Your Dreams Road." Baseball dreams *do* come true.

May SABR help all of you follow your baseball dreams. Thanks again for allowing me to serve you.

David Pietrusza

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Ballpark Vacations:

Great Family trips to Minor League and Classic Major League Baseball Parks Across America

by **Bruce Adams** and Margaret Engel
Fodor's (291 pages, softcover)
ISBN 0-679-03152-9
\$16.50

Just in time for summer vacation, Adams and Engel offer 24 different baseball trips to the best minor-league ballparks and the classic major league parks in 75 cities and towns across the United States and Canada. They also include famous baseball sights such as the Cooperstown's Baseball Hall of Fame, the Little League World Series and the "Field of Dreams" movie site. In addition, **Ballpark Vacations** provides sightseeing and cultural information of baseball landmarks that is of interest to children.

Check your local bookstores.

Baseball's Biggest Blunder: The Bonus Rule of 1953-1957

by **Brent Kelley**
Scarecrow (242 pages, hardcover)
ISBN 0-8108-3049-3
\$38.50

Baseball's Biggest Blunder details the bonus rule of 1953-1957 which required players who signed a baseball contract for more than \$4,000 to remain on the major league roster for two full seasons. Although the bonus rule of 1953 produced three Hall of Famers (Al Kaline, Harmon Killebrew, and Sandy Koufax), Kelley contends the rule was responsible for the ruination of many potential careers as most of the young men who signed under this agreement were not ready for the big leagues, yet were forced to ride the bench for two years as their talents wasted away.

To order, see page 11 of the February *SABR Bulletin* or call 1-800-462-6420.

The Riotous 1896 Cleveland Spiders

The 1918 Cleveland Indians

The Mexican Jumping Beans: The Story of the Baseball War of 1946

A Short History of Minor League Baseball in Miami and Miami Beach

by **John Phillips**
Capital Publishing Co
Comb-bound

The Riotous 1896 Cleveland Spiders is a day-by-day account of Patsy Tebeau, Jesse Burkett, Jimmy McAleer and Peach Pie O'Connor at their worst/best. Follow them on their trip to meet the Orioles in the Temple Cup Series. This book is more detailed than the other Spider books by Phillips and includes details of the riot and arrests in Louisville in late June.

The 1918 Cleveland Indians is a day by day account of the shortened wartime season that found teams scraping to find players. Shortages force pitchers Smokey Joe Wood and Babe Ruth into playing the outfield.

The Mexican Jumping Beans tells the story of Junior Stephens, Sal Maglie, Max Lanier and friends following Cubans Roberto Ortiz, Bobby Estalella, Rene Monteagudo, etc. across the border. There are many illustrations.

A Short History of Minor League Baseball in Miami and Miami Beach tells how Gene Bearden, Paul Waner, Ducky Medwick, and Pepper Martin became greater Miami's first baseball heroes, to be followed by Satchel Paige, Bill Veeck, Maury Wills, Ferguson Jenkins and Alex Johnson.

Order from Capital Publishing Company, PO Box 238, Perry GA 31069-0238. Prices: **1896 Spiders:** \$22.50; **1918 Indians:** \$15.95; **Mexican Jumping Beans:** \$18.95; **Miami Baseball:** \$9.95. All books are laser typed and comb-bound.

All-Star Baseball Exhibit in Cleveland

All-Time All-Stars in Cleveland remains on display at Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland, Ohio until July 8 (dates subject to change). The exhibit concentrates on the four Major League Baseball All-Star Games played in Cleveland (1935, 1954, 1963, and 1981) and looks at Cleveland baseball stars prior to 1933. For more information call 216-721-5722.

The Early All-Stars Conversations with Standout Baseball Players of the 1930s and 1940s

Brent Kelley
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ISBN 0-7864-0204-0 1997

Ace Adams, Joe Moore, Al Zarilla, Elbie Fletcher and thirteen more all-stars from the 1930s and 1940s reflect here on their careers and on baseball as it was played then.

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Biographical

The March issue of the Biographical Committee newsletter awards **Bob Davids** with the Find of the Month for solving the mystery of Spencer Pumpelly, whose bats and throw were unknown. Bob found documentation that Pumpelly, the 1925 Senators pitcher, threw right-handed. The committee is now searching for how he batted.

An amusing fact by **Bill Weiss**...Karl Swanson was once traded from Moline to Rock Island along with his pet terrier, Rusty, for Frank Walczak and Sammy Schwartz. Rusty was named the mascot of the Rock Island club. However, Rusty had to be suspended by the league because his barking upset the other team.

The search for the city where Minor Leaguer John Dyer died is the Mystery of the Month. Dyer, who played one game for Louisville (AA) on July 22, 1882, was born in June of 1852 in Kentucky. His wife Ottilia was born in April of 1866 in Louisiana and their son Moritz J. was born in November 1888 in Kentucky. While researching Dyer, **Bob Bailey** never came across his place of death.

Jay Sanford wins the April Find of the Month for finding the first name and the correct last name spelling for Frank Kreeger, the one game Kansas City Union Association pitcher. It was known that Kreeger played with St. Joseph in 1886. Jay searched Denver newspapers for accounts of the games that St. Joseph played with Denver. Jay found a profile of Kreeger that said he hailed from Pana, Illinois. A call to a Pana cemetery revealed a Frank Kreeger buried there who had died in 1899 by drowning in the Okaw River (now the Kaskaskia) while on a fishing trip on July 14, 1899.

Jim Kreuz found information on former high school classmates who went on to become famous. Robert Redford and Don Drysdale played baseball together in high school. **Stan Musial** played at Donora High with Buddy Griffey, Ken Griffey's father. In 1952, McClymonds High in Oakland, California, featured Frank Robinson and Bill Russell on the same basketball team. Eddie Murray and Ozzie Smith played high school ball together and might become the first high school teammates to make it to the Hall of Fame.

Brothers Joseph and Samuel Moffett were both major league players. Joe played with Toledo in 1884 and Sam played with Indianapolis in 1887 and 1888. After their playing careers were over, Sam and Joe, along with their brother Abraham headed west to Butte, Montana to enter the copper mining business. Tragedy struck in 1907 when Abraham and Samuel died within a week of each other. Joseph survived them and was listed in the 1910 Butte city directory as Joseph Moffet. However, after 1910, there is no record of Joseph's whereabouts, hence Joseph becomes April's Mystery of the Month. To order the March and April Biographical Research Committee Reports, send \$3 for both or \$1.50 for one to SABR, PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101.

Minor League Committee

The SABR Executive Board has appointed **Ernest Green** chairman of the Minor League Committee. Green, a member since 1991, is author of the book *The Diamonds of Dixie*. Ernest can be reached at 10913 Whiterim Drive, Potomac MD 20854.

On the Coming Incongruity Of League Records

As we all know, baseball's new labor agreement includes a provision for interleague play in 1997 and 1998.

I'm assuming the interleague games will draw well and be very popular with many fans. I'm assuming also that they will continue beyond 1998, with the number of interleague games increasing over time. Furthermore, it is no longer inconceivable as new teams are added, that in not too many years baseball will realign itself in a way that places what are now National League and American League teams in the same division. I consider the possibility of the Cleveland Indians and the Cincinnati Reds competing for a Division title no less likely than the possibility of them competing in a regular season game was ten years ago. The point is that whether as individuals we are for or against these notions is no longer relevant. One is already here and the other may soon be on the way. As people concerned with baseball records, we must decide how to deal intelligently and consistently with the new categories of statistics that these games will generate.

I don't know how much thought the baseball establishment has given to the effect that interleague play (or interleague realignment) will have on league records, or if they even care. But I've been thinking

about all the statistics that are going to be out of balance, and I'm sure you have too. For instance, if Andy Pettitte strikes out 21 New York Mets one night this June, he will hold the American League record for most strikeouts in a game. Yet the Seattle Mariners and Detroit Tigers will still hold the record for most strikeouts by an American League team's batters with 20. The Mets would hold the National League record for most strikeouts by a teams batters with 21, yet no National League pitcher has ever struck out more than 19 in one game. Many other examples exist and this one may be far from the best, but you get the idea.

The question now becomes one of incorporating the present changes and quite possibly even more revolutionary ones in the near future, into a system that has remained basically unchanged for more than a century. How do we recognize the game's new realities while maintaining respect for its accumulated knowledge and valued traditions? Obviously something has to give, and perhaps that something should be the de-emphasizing of National and American League records for the increasingly meaningful designation "Major League records." I grant you this is a radical idea, yet it is one that seems especially appropriate for career records in a time when so few players spend

an entire career in just one league. Think about how representative of their abilities the National or American League career totals for players like Frank Robinson, Dave Winfield, or Dennis Martinez are as compared to their major league career totals. Hoyt Wilhelm, who pitched in both leagues, doesn't hold the record in either one for most games pitched. However, he does hold the major league record which to me seems much more significant.

As for individual season marks, am I the only one who finds Willie McGee's 1990 NL batting title somewhat suspect. McGee, you may remember, was batting a league-leading .335 when the Cardinals traded him to the Athletics late in the season. McGee batted .274 for the A's, which brought his combined season's average down to .324. Nevertheless, because his National League numbers were "frozen," he was recognized as the league batting champion although three other National Leaguers had higher averages. But why should his numbers have been frozen? McGee didn't go to some higher or lower league, he continued to bat against major league pitching in Oakland.

LA's Eddie Murray (.330) had the highest batting average in the big leagues in

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THE SABR SEASON

June 14:	Houston area Meeting; contact Bill Gilbert, 281-424-1168
June 19:	SABR Executive Board Meeting, Hyatt Regency Louisville
June 20-23:	SABR 27, Louisville, Kentucky; see page 11 of March Bulletin for Registration form
July 26, 1997:	Ted Williams Chapter Meeting (San Diego); contact Joe Naiman 619-390-2975
August 2:	Allan Roth Memorial Chapter (Los Angeles) Meeting; contact Andy McCue, 909-787-4954
August 3:	Cooperstown Regional Meeting; contact David Pietrusza, 518-374-8894
August 16:	NWSABR Chapter Meeting; contact John Pastier, 206-547-8031
August 17:	Emil Rothe Chapter Meeting (Chicago); contact Bill Slankard, 847-604-2382
August 23:	Goose Goslin Chapter (New Jersey) meeting; contact Chris Franco, 908-500-1577

Regionals

Greeneville, Rhode Island: Fifty-three members and guests attended the spring meeting of the Lajoie-Start (Southern New England) Chapter at St. Philip's Church Hall. Research presentations were given by **Steve Adamson** (The Life and Career of Adrian C. "Captain" Anson); **Steve Lawrence** (1947 Season); **James Pereira** (Hall-of-Famers' Graves); **Paul Wendt** (Mining the Dictionaries); **Carroll Tenney** (Fred Tenney); **Ken Paulsen** (The Free Agent Compensation Pool, 1981-85), and **Father Gerald Beirne** (Players from New England: An Overview). **Dale Collett** spoke in tribute to Jim Murphy, a chapter member who recently passed away.

Chapter members discussed the possibility of having occasional informal meetings in the Boston area and agreed that it was a good idea. The trivia contest was won by Steve Lawrence.

Durham, North Carolina: Although cool air blew into the Triangle for about 36 hours, the baseball talk was hot as SABR CAROLINA held its spring meeting on Saturday, May 10, at the new Durham Bulls Athletic Park. Sportwriters Charlie Atkinson (*Greensboro News and Record*), Mike Potter (*Durham Herald-Sun*) and Bill Woodward (*Raleigh News and Observer*) spent the better part of two hours discussing all the positive aspects (and a couple of the negative ones, too) of covering a minor league baseball team. They discussed how they prepare for a game, how they have to constantly hustle to meet their deadlines, how they interact with the players, the reasons college baseball doesn't get the same amount of coverage as college football and basketball, how they expect their jobs to change with the coming of Triple-A baseball (to Durham) and NHL hockey (to Greensboro and Raleigh), and why this is easily the best job in the entire world. Afterwards, the Bulls' bats got hotter as the temperatures plunged, defeating the Lynchburg Hillcats, 14-6.

Chicago, Illinois: Thirty members and guests attended the May 18 meeting in Chicago. **Ray Schmidt** presented a comparison of the 1957 Cubs and Sox with their 1997 counterparts. **Rich Hansen** looked at the strikeout records of Walter Johnson and Nolan Ryan. And in honor of Nellie Fox entering the Hall of Fame this year, **Don Zminda** gave his argument as to why this was long overdue.

Abbey Botkin tracked down former major leaguers and officials who are living in the Chicago area, in hopes of getting some of them to come to future meetings. **Eddie Gold** challenged the audience with a Nickname Quiz. **Jon Daniels** presented his usual challenging Trivia Quiz, with an assist from **Barry Evans** who contributed a page of questions about Baseball Stadiums.

The next Chicago meeting will be on Sunday, August 17, at 1:00pm, at the University of Illinois at Chicago, 750 S Halsted in Chicago, Room 509/510. The cost is \$10.

The Chapter Social Dinners continue at Suparossa Restaurant on the northwest side of Chicago on the third Thursday of each month. Join us for pizza, pasta, and palaver at 7:00pm. Call for more information.

Details about these events and other articles of interest can be found in the *Chicago SABReport*, the bi-monthly newsletter of Chicago Area SABR, which is ten dollars for a year's subscription. For more information, contact (and make checks payable to) **Bill Slankard**, 1909 Birchwood Lane, Arlington Heights, IL, 60004-3501. 847/604-2382. BillSlankard@compuserve.com

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: One hundred-ten members and guests gathered in the visiting football team's locker room at Veterans Stadium on May 10 for the 1997 Philadelphia Regional Meeting. The meeting was the first at Veteran's Stadium for SABR's second oldest regional group. Thanks to the Philadelphia Phillies for allowing the use of their facilities and for their assistance with the program.

Terry Francona, manager of the Phillies and former major league outfielder, answered questions for a full 30 minutes prior to the player/writer panel which included Mickey Vernon (Senators, Indians, Red Sox, Braves, Pirates), Al Brancato (Philadelphia A's), Sarah "Salty" Sands Ferguson (Rockford Peaches) and **Rich Westcott** (editor, publisher of *Phillies Report*; author of many baseball books).

Research presentations were made by **Dan Heisman** (Baseball's Active Leaders); **Bob Freyman** (An Exclusive Group of Pitchers); **Clem Comly** (The 1964 Phillies); **Joe Dittmar** (The All-Time Worst Individual Pitching Performances); **Reed Howard** (The Boys are Back: The 1946 Eastern League); **Fred Ivor-Campbell** (How Men's Fashion Doomed Rube Waddell's Career); **Ted Knorr** (The 1925 Harrisburg Giants of the Eastern Colored League); **Howard Pollack** (Thomas Eakins' Painting "Baseball Players Practicing" Do We Know Who They Are?); **Al Blumkin** (Three World's Championships in a Row, It's Not Easy!); **Ron Gabriel** (Jackie Robinson: His Impact Over 50 Years); **Tom Knight** (Remembering Jimmy Wilson); **Jerry Casway** (A Video Tour of the Original Broad & Huntingdon Phillies Ballpark).

After the meeting, many members saw the Phillies edge the Rockies, 5-4.



Accommodations for Members For Induction Weekend Available

Members wishing to attend the 1997 Hall of Fame inductions 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, State University of New York, Oneonta NY 13820-4015 (mention SABR). All rooms have twin size dormitory-style beds. There are shared single-sex bathrooms on the corridor or adjacent corridor.

RESEARCH NEEDS

Paul Dickson, PO Box 80, Garrett Park MD 20896 (301-942-5798, 301-933-5081 fax, newdefiner@aol.com) is working on a second edition of his **Dickson Baseball Dictionary**, originally published in 1989. The new edition, to contain about 30 percent new material, will be published by Harcourt Brace in 1998. Dickson seeks information regarding new slang, early terms and slang not in the first edition, earlier dates for first use of a given term, and collector's terms. Also sought are general additions, corrections, and embellishments for the new book. (Please note that the deadline for Paul's new manuscript is September 1, 1997. Also, Paul has a few spare copies of the original dictionary for anyone interested in helping and needing a copy.)

Bob Savitt, 11225 Korman Drive, Potomac MD 20854; 301 983-8708; e-mail: bobsavitt@aol.com, has been doing research for several years on the Blue Ridge League, which operated as a D league in the Cumberland Valley (Maryland, Pennsylvania and W. Virginia) between 1915-18 and 1920-30. He is in the process of completing research and putting pen to paper on a book and was wondering if any fellow SABRites had information, photos, memorabilia, etc. on the league?

Michael Marsh, 5044 S Michigian, Chicago IL 60615-2113, or E-mail: mmarsh@chireader.com is writing a book about Wendell Smith, the only black sports-writer in the Baseball Hall of Fame. He seeks anecdotes or other information about Smith. Any leads or personal thoughts would be appreciated and properly acknowledged.

Hugh O'Neil, 5003 Fleming Dr, Annandale VA 22003 (hmoneil@aol.com) seeks information on members of the Watertown Collegians baseball team who played in Watertown, NY during the 1940-1941 time period. These players were his boyhood heroes and he is interested in doing a research article on the lives and careers of these players after World War II. Two players of particular interest are Lou Ghecas and Harry Grubb. Please contact Hugh if you have any knowledge of them or any other former Collegians.

Ed Nixon, 206-347-8984 or E mail: eenixon408@aol.com is looking for information on the whereabouts of Harry Grabiner's diary. Grabiner was Charles Comiskey's personal secretary during the Black Sox scandal.

Richard Pichura, 45 Tompkins Street, Binghamton NY 13903, 607-722-7882, e-mail: RJPICH@aol.com, seeks Brooklyn Dodger fans who lived near Ebbets Field circa 1955 with vivid memory and/or photographs of the Ebbets (Flatbush) neighborhood landscape (businesses, taverns, restaurants, signage, street patterns, homes, etc.). Info will be used to paint a 4' x 8' folk art mural capturing Ebbets Field and its environs during the 1955 World Series and would be greatly appreciated.

Jeffrey Obermeyer, 9912 NE 142nd Pl, B-302, Bothell WA 98011, email: JObermeyer@msn.com, seeks any and all information on Barney Stein, the former official photographer of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Jeff White, 116 N. Porter, Elgin IL 60120, is interested in any books/articles talking about the demise of the American Indian in baseball.

Bill James, 2703 Corabel Lane, #254, (916) 483-6252, seeks to obtain photos of San Francisco Seals players for a research project. Especially wanted are photos of individual Seals (in a Seals uniform) during the 1930's and 1940's.

Jeff Devine, 12 Arlene Drive, Ansonia CT 06401-2627, 203-734-3404, eve., 203-338-2376 day, DEVINEJM@SNET.NET, Would like to borrow a copy of the hard to find, out of print, unavailable at libraries; book: "Hack". Authored in 1978 by Robert Boone and Gerald Grunski, published by Highland Press. Besides providing a deposit to insure its safe return; all postage fees will be paid.

Jerry Jackson, PO Box 620218, Oviedo FL 32762, e-mail: SABRguy1@aol.com needs birth/death dates on managers who managed in the minor leagues. He has some data but would be willing to swap data also. He has over 600 pages of managers listed alphabetically.

Jim Sargent, VWCC, PO Box 14007, Roanoke VA 24038 e-mail vwsargj@vw.cc.va.us is looking for a picture of Al Gardella in a Giants uniform during the 1945 season. Expenses will be reimbursed for a print or a snapshot of Al, or Al and Danny Gardella, in a Giants uniform.

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-----: Books relating to the Boston Braves. 2 pages. A book list through 1996.

Index to "The Philadelphia Phillies," by Frederick G. Lieb and Stan Baumgartner. 25 pages. Compiled by Howard M. Pollack, M.D., with the assistance of Stuart N. Pollack, M.D., and Mark Hysell, D.O., for the SABR Bibliography Committee.

Bailey, Bob: Last to first in one year: 1890 Louisville Colonels. 13 pages.

Bjarkman, Peter C.: Hoops and Horsehide: The Basketball-Baseball Connection Revisited. 10 pages. Copy of article in *Ragtime Sports*, March 1996, about major leaguers who also played basketball.

Doyle, Edward F.: Comparison of the 1926-28 Yankees with the 1929-31 Athletics. 17 pages.

Gauthreaux, Jay: Eddie Grant: Player on two fields. 4 pages. About the player who was the first major leaguer killed in World War I.

Graber, Ralph: Why baseball fiction leads the sport fiction league. 10 pages.

Hecht, Henry: A box full of goodies. 6 pages. Copy of *Sports Illustrated* article tracing the history of the box score.

Lang, Jack: Ten greatest rookie seasons. 7 pages. Copy of article in *Baseball Digest Best Rookies Yearbook*, 1988. Also includes tables showing rookie records and league leaders.

Rasmussen, Jorgen: Top performance no guarantee of security. 5 pages. Batting, home run leaders often traded.

Smith, David W.: The quality start is a useful statistic. 11 pages.

Stump, Al: There'll never be another Hack Wilson. 5 pages. Copy of article in *Baseball* 1962.

Bill Szepanski: Most dominant years by a pitcher. 4 pages. Rates pitchers' performance against the 20th-century records in eight categories.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

David Pietrusza appeared on IMBC on the internet (4/14) and on the show "Q&A" on Channel 45, Schenectady (NY) (4/15) discussing Jackie Robinson, on May 1 on KABC (Los Angeles) with Jim Cott to discuss **Total Baseball**; on April 27 on WKNY (Kingston, NY) to discuss SABR's visit with Ted Williams; on April 28 on WMHV (Channel 45, Schenectady, NY) to discuss the new baseball season...**Bruce Adelson** was interviewed on the season opening broadcast of CBS Radio's Major League Baseball Game of the Week on April 6, 1997. Bruce spoke about his book, **The Minor League Baseball Book** (Macmillan, 1995), and the 1997 minor league season...The Sandlot Shrink's (**Dennis LePore**) Essential Baseball Library is now posted at the bottom of his baseball page along with: Best Baseball Book 1997, Best Baseball Books 1996, All-Time Baseball Movies (1930-1969), All-Time Baseball Movies (1970-1996)...**Lyle K. Wilson's** has published **Sunday Afternoons at Garfield Park**, a book about the history of African-American baseball teams in and around Seattle from 1911 through 1951. It can be purchased directly from Lyle, 16000 Bothell-Everett Hwy., Suite 285, Mill Creek WA 98012-1515 for \$13.81 (includes tax and S&H)...**Greg Crouse, Jay Berman** and **Steve Hirdt** provided opinions for Ken Daley's article in *The Dallas Morning News* (March 30, 1997) regarding inter-league play...**Bob Linder** was the subject of an article by Tom Schaefer in *The Wichita Eagle* (April 12, 1997) about baseball and values. Bob is a professor of history at Kansas State University and has taught an elective course on the history of baseball for 10 years...**Mike Shannon's** article "Batter Up!" about baseball book collecting appeared in the April 1997 issue of *Biblio* magazine. SABR members featured in the article include **Paul Bauer, Wayne Greene, Bobby Plapinger, Andy McCue, Michael Gilmartin, Dick Miller, and Don Wade**...On May 12, **Russ Schneider** and **Morris Eckhouse** were guests on WKNR-1220 AM (Cleveland) discussing All-Star Baseball in Cleveland...**Lyle Spatz's** letter to the editor, in response to Tom Boswell's May 8th article on great pitching match-ups, was published in the *Washington Post*. Spatz pointed out errors in three of Boswell's examples, noting that Christy Mathewson did not pitch against Cy Young, Grover Cleveland Alexander and Lefty Grove did not face each other in league competition and Joe Wood and Walter Johnson were pitching stars of the pre-, not post, WWI period.

Another SABR Hall of Famer

Congratulations to **Charlie Harville** who will be inducted into the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame on Thursday, June 26.

Charlie has made his mark broadcasting baseball, basketball, football, and auto racing on radio and television. He is also author of **Sports in North Carolina: A Photographic History** (Donning Company, 1977).

Charlie, a SABR member since 1979, will be inducted along with former minor league player, manager, umpire, general manager, and Carolina League President Jim Mills; basketball's James Worthy; and football's Dwight Clark and Charlie Sanders.

(Thanks to the SABR Carolina Newsletter for this information. Charlie has been a SABR Carolina member since its inception.)

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Summary of March 1997 SABR Executive Board Meeting

The SABR Executive Board held its second meeting of 1997 at the Plantation Inn in Crystal Springs, Florida. President **David Pietrusza** began the meeting by reporting on meetings he, director **Jim Riley** and Executive Director **Morris Eckhouse** had during the week with public relations executive **Rod Caborn**, Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association Executive Director Dan Foster, and Jim Ferguson and Kecie Tillman of the National Association.

The Board revisited the subject of handling ethics disputes and laid groundwork for reviewing the SABR publications program and charting its future. Regarding ethics disputes, the Board dealt with four pending complaints from **Ron Liebman**, **Jack Carlson**, **John Holway**, and **Jim Riley**, then voted to delete all references to an ethics committee from the SABR Policy Manual because it felt the policy established at the January Board meeting was not enforceable. Secretary **Norman Macht** addressed the issue, saying "some disputes are clearly legal matters. We can only urge and encourage desirable actions and attitudes and fair play. We cannot prosecute and punish unfairness."

Riley began a discussion regarding the future of SABR publications with a proposal to publish more titles, allow more choice to members, make **The National Pastime** a thematic publication, have fewer, longer articles in **Baseball Research Journal**. Pros, cons, and variations were discussed. The Board voted unanimously to create an ad-hoc committee to examine the SABR publications program and make recommendations for its future direction at the Fall 1997 meeting of the SABR Executive Board. Further dissemination of the Home Run Log was discussed and Director **David Vincent** volunteered to prepare samples for the next meeting.

Treasurer **Paul Andresen** reported that funds from an expired Treasury Bill had been invested in a 24-month CD with MBNA America. In addition to the 24-month CD, SABR's investments included two other CDs (24 month and 15 month) with MBNA, and money market funds with Advanta and Paine Webber. SABR's development fund is also currently invested by Paine Webber. SABR's tax-liability related to the SABR calendar being published by Pomegranate was discussed. Vice-President **Dick Beverage** offered to look further into the effect of California taxes on the matter.

The status of the 1997 SABR convention, including the possibility of a discussion of Joe Jackson, and the potential of making both an A's and Giants game part of the 1998 convention were reviewed. Also discussed were options for a Florida convention based on what Board members had seen while visiting the state.

Status of the chairmanship of the Minor League Committee was reported (see page 4) and the newsletters of the Umpire and Rules Committees and Pictorial History Committees were commended. Policy regarding use of the Minneapolis Photo Collection (MPC) was adopted (send \$.32 SASE for policy). Eckhouse reported on SABR involvement with displays at Western Reserve Historical Society (All-Time All-Stars in Cleveland), the Cleveland Indians Hometown Heroes exhibit at the 1997 All-Star Game Fan Fest, and development of a SABR display.

Discussion of SABR's internet activities again centered on links to other sites, commercial aspects, as well as whether or not SABR-L should be moderated.

The issues of a separate ballot within the Bulletin, the timetable for nominations, and the appropriate number of member signatures required to place an issue on the bal-

lot were raised, but no action was taken. The issue of actions taken at the Annual Business Meeting was discussed. Riley suggested all such matters should be ratified by mail vote. The Board voted unanimously to place on the 1998 ballot a proposed amendment to the last sentence of Article VIII, Section A to read that at least 250 valid ballots must be returned to constitute a valid action.

The proposal of contracting an archives consultant and related development was considered again. The Board directed that the Staff make arrangements for some basic training on archives to be better able to take full advantage of any consulting.

The Board voted unanimously to approve a proposal from **Henry Mayer** for SABR to act as grant recipient for funding a history of baseball in Louisville and a proposal from **Dennis DeValeria** to receive grant funds for a state historical marker at the site of the first modern World Series in Pittsburgh.

More details regarding the proposed publication of postcards from the MPC photos were provided and discussed. It was agreed that publication is not currently feasible. Pietrusza agreed to draft formal guidelines and criteria for the SABR Hero of Baseball Award in advance of the next meeting.

Special thanks to Ted Williams, Dick Collins, Frank Brothers, Paul Nuzolesse and Plantation Inn General Manager Luther Wright and his staff for the exceptional hospitality provided during the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 19th at 4 pm at the Hyatt Regency Louisville.

Minutes of the March 1997 SABR Executive Board meeting are available from the SABR office for a SASE (\$.55).

SABR Members Improve Baseball Record

One of the harder tasks in pursuit of a more accurate historical record of baseball (one of SABR's constitutional objectives) is the struggle to correct inaccurate information in baseball's statistical record. **Ron Rakowski's** efforts involving Roger Maris' 1961 RBI total were previously noted (*The SABR Bulletin*, January 1997, page four; June 1995, page one). Also deserving recognition are **Frank Williams** and **Pete Palmer**. Williams submitted seven successful challenges for the tenth edition of **The Baseball Encyclopedia** (Macmillan) and Palmer contributed two. All of the challenges required unanimous acceptance by the Macmillan Baseball Historical Committee (which includes **Bill Deane**, Dr. George Kirsch, and Bill James) as historically legitimate and accurate. Leading the challenges were Williams' changes to the record of Hall of Fame pitcher Walter Johnson. Most of the successful challenges were published in **Baseball Records Update 1993**. In addition to Johnson, Williams offered accepted revisions to the batting records of Herman Long, Roger Connor, Harry Stovey, Dan Brouthers, Hardy Richardson, and the pitching records of the 1914 Boston Braves. Palmer's corrections to the batting records of Mike Tiernan and Bobby Lowe were accepted.

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Sea Dogs Commemorate Anniversaries

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The first game in the history of the Eastern League (then known as the New York - Pennsylvania League) took place on May 9, 1923, when host Williamsport beat Wilkes - Barre, 10-4. Robinson's big league debut took place at Ebbets Field on April 15, 1947, when the Dodgers bested the Boston Braves, 5-3.

The Portland Sea Dogs marked both of these significant dates in baseball history on May 9, the exact anniversary of the Eastern League's first game. On that evening former major league outfielder Al Smith threw out the ceremonial first pitch prior to Portland's game against the Bowie Baysox. Smith was the first African-American to play in the Eastern League. He made his E.L. debut in 1948 with the Wilkes-Barre Barons after spending parts of three seasons with the Cleveland Buckeyes in the Negro American League.

Al Smith played in the major leagues for 12 seasons (1953-64) with four teams (Indians, White Sox, Orioles and Red Sox). He amassed 1,458 career hits (including 164 home runs) and compiled a lifetime batting average of .272. He played for two World Series teams (1954 Indians and 1959 White Sox), and hit a leadoff home run against Johnny Antonelli of the Giants in Game Two of the 1954 World Series at the Polo Grounds in New York.

For more information on this and other upcoming 75th anniversary events at Hadlock Field this season, please contact **Andy Young** at 207-874-9300.

Incongruity of Records, continued from page 4

1990, but McGee and George Brett (.329) won the batting titles. A similar thing happened to David Cone in 1992. Cone had the most strikeouts (261), but because he split them between the Mets and Toronto, Randy Johnson (241) and John Smoltz (215) won the strikeout titles. Or take the case of Hank Borowy in 1945. Borowy was a twenty-game winner (21-7) and one of the best pitchers in baseball that year. But you have to check the footnotes to find that he won 21 games. According to AL records he was a 10-game winner (10-5 with the Yankees) and according to the NL was an 11-game winner (11-2 with the Cubs). Joe McGinnity (1902), Patsy Flaherty (1904), and Rick Sutcliffe (1984) are other 20th century 20-game winners who've ended up as footnotes because they pitched for clubs in both leagues that year.

Individual game records by league may be the most easily convertible to major league records. I don't think much would be lost if instead of listing the Braves' Eddie Moore and the Yankees' Willie Randolph as the NL, and AL, second baseman with the most chances accepted in an extra inning game, the record books listed them as the two leaders in that department. Maybe they could list the top five regardless of the league. That, actually, would be more informative.

Look, I realize that circumstances like the Murray and Cone examples are anomalies, something we could easily live with if the leagues continued to retain their historically separate identities. But are they? Is it an "American League" game when Detroit is playing St. Louis, or San Francisco, or Pittsburgh? I don't even want to think about Mexico City and Tokyo. What I have proposed above is really an attempt to begin a discourse with one possible approach, a far from ideal one. For one, it would only work well if both leagues played by the same rules. That, of course, means the DH. I've never liked it, and I would hope the AL dumps it. But if they don't, I'd rather see the NL adopt it than go on as we have for the past 24 years. For example, as things stand, an AL pitcher would find it extremely difficult to lead the majors in Earned Run Average.

Ultimately, it will be the leagues and the commercial record books and encyclopedias that decide how to classify the records set and affected by interleague games. That's as it should be. Nevertheless, I think the voice of the Records Committee should also be heard, and I welcome your comments on this proposal and any others you have on the subject.

--Lyle Spatz

SABR Baseball Records Committee Chair

Candidates for SABR's Centennial Celebrity

These baseball personalities born in 1897 were distinguished in the game. Help choose the 1997 SABR Centennial Celebrity by selecting the top three candidates in order of rank. Consult the voting instructions on page one.

Lu Blue: The first baseman hit .300 or better five times in 13 major league seasons.

Joe Dugan: The third baseman and a key member of the Yankees in five pennant winning seasons in the 1920s.

Bob Fothergill: "Fats" had a .325 career batting average in the major leagues from 1922-1933.

Biz Mackey: A long service Negro Leagues catcher and manager who prepared Larry Doby, Don Newcombe, and Monte Irvin for the Majors.

Effa Manley: The "First Lady of Black Baseball" as owner of the Brooklyn and Newark Eagles in the Negro Leagues.

Oliver Marcelle: An excellent fielding third baseman in the Negro Leagues 1918-1930.

Lefty O'Doul: Baseball's Goodwill ambassador and NL outfielder who batted .398 in 1929.

Eddie Rommel: Pitcher who won 27 games for the A's in 1922 and was an AL umpire for 22 years.

Ross Youngs: New York Giants outfielder who batted .322 prior to his early death in 1927. (Hall of Fame)

SABR Centennial Celebrities

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Ever wonder how Ernie Broglio feels about the Brock trade? What does Gino Cimoli think about being the first Major Leaguer to bat on the West Coast? What insights will Dario Lodigiani share from his 60 years in baseball? These are but a few of the local players active at SABR meetings.

The area also holds world class shopping. Tours can be arranged to Monterey, Lake Tahoe, and the Napa Valley Wine Region. The national convention is an exciting time. So, look for upcoming information about the 1998 SABR convention in San Francisco.

Barry Mednick
SABR 28 Convention Chair

Awards, continued from page 1

William Hageman for *Honus Wagner: The Life and Times of a Baseball Hero*. Sagamore Publishing.

Carl E. Prince for *Brooklyn's Dodgers: The Bums, The Borough, and the Best of Baseball 1947-1957*. Oxford University Press.

G. Edward White for *Creating The National Pastime: Baseball Transforms Itself 1903-1953*. Princeton University Press.

Macmillan-SABR

For the second straight year, the tenth annual Macmillan-SABR Baseball Research Awards also honored outstanding achievement in articles of historical and biographical research. Judges for the award were **Len Levin, Paul Adomites, Tom Heitz** and **Ken Samelson**. The entries selected to receive the 1996 Award are:

Adrian Burgos Jr., for "Jugando en el Norte, Caribbean Players in the Negro Leagues, 1910-1950."

Jim Price, for "A Half-Century of Pain," a retrospective look at the bus accident in 1946 in which nine members of the Spokane Indians died.

Joseph M. Wayman, for Grandstand Baseball Annual Pitching Won-Lost Records, National League, 1890-1899.

The Sporting News-SABR

The second annual The Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Awards recognized three more research efforts that do not fit the criteria for The Seymour Medal or the Macmillan-SABR Baseball Research Award. Judges for the award were **Steve Gietschier, Bob Davids, Bob Boynton** and **Lyle Spatz**. The entries selected to receive the 1996 Award are:

Dan Gutman, *The Way Baseball Works*, published by Simon & Schuster

Richard Orodener (ed), *Dictionary of Literary Biography: Twentieth-Century American Sportswriters*, published by Gale Research

Frederick Ivor-Campbell, Robert L. Tiemann, Mark Rucker (editors), *Baseball's First Stars*, published by SABR.

Winners of the Bob Davids Award and the Baseball Weekly Award will be announced at the 1997 SABR National Convention and in the August issue of *The SABR Bulletin*.

Obituaries

One of the charter members of the Halsey Hall Chapter, **Ken Ottoson**, died of a stroke on April 18. He was 73. Ken was extremely active in the chapter and used his art skills to design a cameo of Halsey Hall that appears on the newsletter and directory. For many years, he hosted semi-annual Chapter meetings in a meeting room in the retirement home where he and his wife, Alis (who survives him), lived.

In the last few years, Ken spent much of his time sifting out baseball materials from a collection at the Minneapolis Public Library. The library had acquired a "morgue" of photos and clippings that were leftover from several defunct local newspapers of the past center. Thanks to Ken's prodigious volunteer efforts, the baseball material he sifted out of the collection was, at the suggestion of **Ted Hathaway**, donated to SABR and is currently referred to as the Minneapolis Photo Collection. **Tom Shieber** of the Pictorial History Committee is now working on cataloging the collection.

--Stew Thornley

John Barringer, 65, of Media, Pennsylvania, passed away recently. He was a SABR member since 1982.

Notice

The use of **Jack Kavanagh's** name in **W. Lloyd Johnson's** campaign statement (see page 11 of the April *Bulletin*) was done without Mr. Kavanagh's knowledge.

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Publications Report

The National Pastime #17: Just printed and on its way to members as this issue of *The SABR Bulletin* was being completed.

1997-1998 SABR Membership Directory: The Directory was about to be printed as this issue of *The SABR Bulletin* was being completed. Members should receive the Directory in early July.

Baseball For The Fun Of It: SABR's newest pictorial is scheduled for early Fall publication. It will be 88-96 pages containing 150-200 photographs.

Baseball Research Journal 1997: The 26th annual edition of SABR's longest-running title is slated to be the final 1997 publication.

Remaining issues of *The SABR Bulletin*: The schedule for the three remaining 1997 issues of *The SABR Bulletin* is as follows:

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Convention Update

A vintage baseball exhibit has been scheduled for Friday afternoon, June 20, in conjunction with the 1997 SABR national convention. Directions will be available at the convention registration desk, or by calling **John Husman** at 419-882-3438 before the convention.

Due to some potential schedule changes, members should be aware that the 1997 SABR Annual Business Meeting may be moved to Monday morning, June 23. The meeting is currently scheduled for Sunday evening, June 22.



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Here's to the Winners

Len Levin was accorded SABR highest honor when presented with the 1997 Bob Davids Award on June 21 at the SABR 27 Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Levin truly fits the description of the award as 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**. The thirteenth recipient of the Davids Award is a former Board member, a leader of the Lajoie-Start Chapter in Rhode Island, and has served on several SABR committees. One of Len's most significant contributions has been as curator of the SABR research papers collection. The collection has grown to more than 4,000 papers since Len took on the volunteer assignment to handle the collection.

Winner of the 1997 *Baseball Weekly* Award for best research presentation at the SABR National Convention was **Norman Macht** for "Baseball's Traditional Values: What Are They?" Macht examined the Roberto Alomar-John Hirschbeck incident in the context of baseball's traditions and looked at the stars who honored, and dishonored, them. Other finalists for the award were **Peter Bjarkman**-- "Lifting the Iron Curtain of Cuban Baseball;" **Bob Bailey**-- "Pete Browning and the Myth of the First Louisville Slugger Bat;" **Fred Schuld**-- "Major League Baseball & Railroad Accidents During the Early 20th Century;" **Richard F. Peterson**-- "Fair or Foul: The Claims of Oral History on the 1925 World Series;" and **Clarence Jenkins**-- "Baseball During America's Search for Order."

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Louisville Epilogue

The local convention committee in Louisville heartily thanks all those members who attended SABR 27. We hope that you enjoyed the wide variety of special events, museums, panelists and presentations, and that you were able to visit some of Louisville also. Believe it or not, the main complaint which we received was that there was too much to do! (We can live with that.)

Pee Wee Reese called me shortly after the convention to convey his sincere and heartfelt gratitude for the tremendous outpouring of love and respect which he was accorded at the Awards Luncheon. Pee Wee said he rarely, if ever, attends such large functions and hates to make speeches. However, he thoroughly enjoyed participating on the Dodger's panel with his former teammates and loved his reunion with his first roommate, Tot Pressnell, with whom he was reunited after more than 50 years!

The Luncheon and panel with Pee Wee and friends was truly a special moment which will live long in the hearts and minds of those present. While quietly battling a major illness, "The Little Colonel" once again demonstrated the leadership qualities for which we salute his life and career.

Thank you all! See you in San Mateo!

Harry J. Rothgerber, Jr.
Co-Chair, 1997 SABR National Convention

Home Runs Galore Fill New Journal

The Minor League Baseball Research Journal--in keeping with its policy of giving an author the space he/she might need--has turned over the whole upcoming issue to SABR founding member **Bob McConnell** for his book-length manuscript, *Going for the Fences: The Minor League Home Run Record Book*. The finished product is the culmination of fifty years research on minor league home runs.

Divided in to forty-four sections (and over 180 pages in length), this work contains everything that one would want to know about home runs in the minor leagues. Among the many features stand out the following sections: a list of every player with 150 or more home runs in the minors; a list of every player who hit 50 or more home runs in a season; a year-by-year listing of every player who ever hit 45 homers in a season; day-by-day logs of home-run-record seasons, from Tony Lazzeri to Joe Bauman; a year-by-year list of the player who led the minors in home runs from 1883 on; a list of every known four-home-run game, and the debunking of some that weren't; the complete career records of the top 50 all-time

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Gerlach Elected President

The SABR membership elected **Larry Gerlach** as SABR President for a two year term (1997-1999). **Paul Andresen** was re-elected as Treasurer (1997-2001) and **Tom Shieber** was elected Director (1997-2001).

In a special election to complete the term of Secretary, **David Pietrusza** was elected through next year. **Steve Gietschier** was named by the SABR Executive Board to fill the Director position vacated by Gerlach until the next election.

Complete 1997 SABR Election results are on page seven.

SABR-Ottoson Photo Archive

At the SABR Executive Board meeting on June 23, the photo collection donated to SABR by Minneapolis Public Library was named the SABR-Ottoson Photo Archive in honor of the late **Ken Ottoson** whose efforts to secure and organize the collection were essential to making it a useful resource.

The SABR-Ottoson Photo Archive consists of approximately 6,000 photos. The majority of the photos date from the 1930s and first half of the 1940s. The earliest photos date from the first decade of the century, while the most recent are from the early 1950s. All images are black-and-white photos, though there are a few metal and cardboard halftone plates.

Most of the photos are of major league ballplayers, though approximately 10% of the photos are of players from the American Association. Other subjects include col-

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THE PRES BOX

First and foremost, a tip of the cap to the entire Louisville convention committee for a grand-slam SABR 27. Their hard work, evident in every aspect of the convention, is greatly appreciated.

Second, my sincere thanks for your support and confidence as we all -- officers, directors, and entire membership-- work together to address the needs and opportunities of SABR. I am privileged to work with an outstanding Executive Board dedicated to advancing the purpose and mission of the Society. The Old Hands will sorely miss the wit and wisdom of **Norman Macht** and **David Vincent**, but look forward to drawing upon the expertise and experiences of new Directors, **Steve Gietschier** and **Tom Shieber**.

This will be a busy year. With SABR having achieved unprecedented financial and programmatic stability, it is time to move from preliminary discussions of the future to the formulation of specific goals and objectives.

To that end, I have appointed as per my campaign statement, a series of Task Forces to analyze matters vital to our future welfare and make recommendations to the Board. A Board member will chair each Task Force to facilitate discussion of the various reports, but members at large are involved in planning for our future.

My thanks to all those who have agreed to serve on the following Task Forces (chairs in bold): **Archives** -- **Tom Shieber**, Steve Gietschier, and John Pardon; **Internet** -- **Paul Andresen**, Seamus Kearney, John Gregory and the Internet Committee; **Super Regionals** -- **David Pietrusza**, Howard Green, and Chris Rogers; **Publications** -- **Jim Riley**, Paul Adomites, and Mark Rucker; **Office and Personnel** -- **Dick Beverage** and Norman Macht; **Research** -- **Larry Gerlach**, Carlos Bauer, Bob Hoie, and the Research Committee chairs; **Sponsorships** -- **Rick Salamon**, Howard Green, and Rodney Johnson.

In addition, **Paul Adomites** is the chair of an ad hoc committee to explore outreach activities for young people. He will be working closely with Lois Nicholson, Peter Bjarkman and others on the SABR Youth Initiative.

The Task Force and Youth Initiative members are listed in the Membership

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Directory; feel free to contact them, preferably in writing, with suggestions and comments.

You may also want later this year to contact SABR's Nominating Committee: **Bob Boynton** (chair), **Marge Daniels**, and **Claudia Perry**. My thanks to Bob, Marge, and Claudia for serving on this important committee and to **Leslie Heaphy** for continuing as chair of the Bob Davids Award Committee.

The Pres Box, originated by **Lloyd Johnson** in 1992, will continue as a regular feature of the *Bulletin*. However, I will not be penning a column for every issue. Periodically, guest columnists will be invited into the Pres Box to discuss timely topics of general interest as well as the work of research committees and regional chapters. In the September/October issue, **Dennis Bingham** will enhance our appreciation of postseason play.

Larry Gerlach

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Biographical

The May Biographical Research Committee Find of the Month was awarded to **Jay Sanford** for locating Louis Pelouze, a Detroit amateur who played outfield for St. Louis on July 22, 1886, when St. Louis found themselves short an outfielder. Jay tracked down Pelouze's grandson, George Leisure, and gathered information about Louis' life after baseball. Louis Pelouze was the son of a Civil War general, Louis Pelouze III, who was with Abraham Lincoln at the time of his death. Louis and his brother, William Nelson Pelouze, also a ballplayer, founded the Pelouze Scale Company in Chicago. Later he became a diamond broker in New York. Pelouze married Helen Ward, the daughter of David Ward, who, at the time of his death, was the richest man in Michigan. At the time of Pelouze's death, he was living at 660 Park Avenue in New York.

The May Mystery of the Month is James Francis Stanley, who has absolutely no biographical information on file. Stanley played a variety of positions for the Chicago Whales in 1914 and left the game with a .194 batting average. According to his *Sporting News* index card, he played in Danville, Illinois, in 1910; Seward, Nebraska, in 1911; for the Chicago Feds in 1913-14; and in Youngstown, Ohio, in 1915.

The June Find of the Month was awarded to **Bob Richardson** and **Rich Bozzone** for locating Eugene Derby, a catcher with Baltimore in 1885. Bob located Derby's birth place in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. He then found a note that had him living in Watervliet with his wife, Angeline and his daughter, Grace. They did not appear in the 1920 census from New York. However, Bob located Angeline in the 1920 Connecticut census listed as a widow and living with her daughter, Grace Grover in Waterbury. Rich found Eugene listed in the 1917 Waterbury, then in 1918 Angeline was listed

as a widow. Rich then found his obituary listing his death in Waterbury on September 13, 1917. Although his obituary did not mention baseball, it did mention his wife Angeline and daughter Grace, confirming that it is indeed Eugene Derby!

The June Mystery of the Month is John Burnett, outfielder with St. Louis in 1907, with a birth of December 2, 1889, and a death of September 8, 1929. This is quite likely the wrong man. In 1905, Walter Johnson joined the Olinda Oil Wells club. The team captain was John Burnett. If the birth date is accurate, he was 15 years old at the time. Highly unlikely. Burnett was signed to a pro contract with Seattle (PCL) early in 1906, then traded to Tacoma. Tacoma sold Burnett to the Cardinals in 1907. Where he went after 1907 is unknown. A 1918 newspaper article on the old Olinda team mentions that Burnett was working as a game warden in Ventura County. The 1920 California census lists a John Barnett, age 39, working as a deputy game warden in Ventura County and living with his wife, Nora. This confusion makes John Burnett the Mystery for June.

Business of Baseball

The Arizona Diamondbacks and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, the 1998 expansion teams, have been assigned leagues, but not without a fight. Before the January meetings, observers had expected the Diamondbacks to join the NL, with the Devil Rays joining the AL. However, unexpected AL opposition soon arose. MLB ultimately placed the Devil Rays in the AL West, where most road games with three of the four divisional rivals will begin at 10pm local time. The American League proposed to allow the Devil Rays to swap interleague games with the Yankees: Tampa would play the Braves and Marlins and the Yankees would play the

Giants and Dodgers, but no one cleared this with the National League, which rejected the swap. The current division alignment will last through 1999, but MLB is considering sweeping changes in connection with the next expansion, one which may lead to several teams switching leagues.

Also included is a Chronology of Proposals for Interleague Play dated from Bill Veeck, Sr.'s August 1933 plan to January 18, 1996, when interleague play was approved.

Umpire & Rules

The June issue of *The Right Call* includes information from **Doug Pappas** regarding umpires and ejections which conflicts with a recent *USA Today Baseball Weekly* article on the subject. Pappas, using data from *Baseball Weekly*, wire service accounts and the Baseball Workshop, finds that Bob Davidson and Larry Barnett lead umpires in ejections (12) since 1995, not John Hirschbeck.

A few historic tidbits....Quoted in "Total Baseball Daily", Feb 27, 1901: The NL Rules Committee decrees that all fouls are to count as strikes, except after two strikes. To cut the cost of balls fouled and unrecovered, the committee urges that "batsmen who foul off good strikes are to be disciplined." The AL will not adopt this rule for several years. Other new rules: catchers must play within 10 feet of the batter; a ball will be called if the pitcher does not throw to a ready and waiting batter within 20 seconds; players using indecent or improper language will be banished by the umpire. A ball will be called when a batter is hit by a pitch.

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September:	Fred T. Smith Chapter (Michigan) meeting; contact Dave Mamuscia for details, 313-537-6060
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Regionals

New Brunswick, New Jersey: The Goose Goslin Chapter meeting scheduled for August 23 has been postponed indefinitely.

Phoenix, Arizona: On August 28, the Flame Delhi Chapter (AZ) has a block of tickets for the final home game in Phoenix-PCL history. The Firebirds will take on the Tucson Toros at Phoenix Municipal Stadium in their farewell to the PCL. The club will be transferred to Fresno, California, next season to make way for the Arizona Diamondbacks. Tickets are \$8.00. Contact **Bill Suphan** (602) 996-7605 for reservations.

Kansas City, Missouri: The Kansas City Chapter will have a tailgate party prior to the Saint Louis-Kansas City game on August 30. Bob Broeg Chapter members are invited to attend. Call **Lloyd Johnson** for more information (816-822-2521).

Houston, Texas: Thirty six people attended the Houston Regional Meeting in the Astrodome on Saturday, June 14. Speakers were **Gene Elston**, who spent 51 years as a baseball broadcaster, and former major leaguer Larry Miggins. Gene talked about his experiences as a broadcaster and also gave his candid views on the state of the game and how and why it has changed.

Larry, a great storyteller, entertained the audience with tales of his days in the Giant and Cardinal systems. One of the highlights was his experience playing for Jersey City against Montreal in 1946 when he was a participant in Jackie Robinson's first game in organized baseball. Miggins was playing third base and Robinson beat out two bunts down the third base line on the way to a 4 for 5 debut.

Mark Wernick won the trivia contest on the final question when he correctly identified Ted Kluszewski as the last player to lead a major league in home runs with more homers than strikeouts.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 24th. Contact **Bill Gilbert** (281-424-1168) for details.

Cincinnati, Ohio: Will McEnaney, relief pitcher for the Cincinnati Reds, 1974-1976,

was guest speaker at the June 7th meeting of the Lee Allen/Waite Hoyt Chapter (Cincinnati/Dayton). Twenty-six members, three first timers, attended. McEnaney spoke of his days with the Big Red machine and his greatest games when he retired the final batter in the final games of both the 1975 and 1976 World Series. **Greg Rhodes** introduced McEnaney and spoke of his research on his recently released book **Big Red Dynasty, How Bob Hovsam and Sparky Anderson Built The Big Red Machine**. Members fielded some tough trivia questions posed by **Bill Hugo** and scanned **Dick Miller's** extensive display of baseball books published in 1997.

Toledo, Ohio: The Roger Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter met on May 31 at the Heatherdowns Branch of the Toledo Public Library.

Steve Lauer played a tape of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" by the Hoosier Hot Shots, a 1930s jug band. He also presented three more "Knotty Problems of Baseball" for discussion. **Alyce Lutomski** told of the completion of the Mud Hens History Wall at Skeldon Stadium and distributed booklets she and her husband **Chuck** compiled containing the written information from the History Wall.

Special Guest Meg Delaney gave an enlightening presentation on the life and career of Moe Berg. Mike Thomsen, former sports producer at Channels 11 and 36 in Toledo, spoke on his Addie Joss book project. Mike also suggested the chapter undertake the project of placing commemorative plaques at the gravesites of Joss, Bresnahan and other baseball immortals buried in Lucas County.

John Hacussler spoke on his travels to minor league ballparks the past three seasons. There were many funny and poignant episodes for John and he also shared his collection of minor league ticket stubs. **Kathy Gardner** discussed a future tour of baseball sites in the Toledo area, which should include gravesites, old ballpark sites, and locations of players' homes.

The next meeting will coincide with

Game One of the 1997 World Series on October 18.

Seattle, Washington: The Northwest Chapter met on Saturday, May 17, in the skylit atrium of the 106-year old Bailey/Broderick Building in Seattle's Pioneer Square historic district, five blocks north of the Kingdome.

Twenty-nine members and guests heard keynote speaker Art Thiel, sports columnist and radio commentator, wittily explore the new Mariners stadium, the team's 1997 roster, and its past and present ownership, and then engaged him in a lengthy question and answer session. Author and editor John Marshall discussed his new book, "Home Field: Nine Writers at Bat", an anthology of Northwest baseball writing.

Local architects Mike Moedritzer and Paul Moon, members of the King Street Grounds Crew, presented an unofficial design for a compact, roofless, city-friendly baseball stadium just north of the Kingdome. Vancouver artist Jennifer Ettinger gave a slide show on her baseball art.

Merritt Clifton gave a research report on two outlaw leagues in Vermont and Quebec, **Bob Sherby** explored the issue of logo licensing, and **Gar Horrocks** came in first in the split-fingered Seattle baseball trivia quiz. **Rand Koler** provided the unusual venue and the beer, peanuts, and Cracker Jack. Some members then attended games at either the Kingdome or at Tacoma's Cheney Stadium.

The next chapter meeting has been set for Portland on August 16.

San Francisco, California: On April 12th, 67 members and guests of the Lefty O'Doul Chapter gathered in the heart of the City at Lefty O'Doul's Restaurant and Piano Bar. Members started the day by enjoying the many baseball photos throughout the restaurant. Long a gathering place for baseball players and fans, O'Doul's was alive with celebration of forty years of San Francisco Giants baseball. Leading off was Rod Roche, former Dodger farmhand and Project Manager of Pacific Bell Park. Scheduled to open in the year 2000, Rod gave us some insight into what should be the "state of the art ballpark" when it opens. Dimensions of the PacBell Park will be 320' down the leftfield line, 365' to the power alleys, 410' to center and an amazing 308' down the rightfield line and 340' to the Bay! It was wonderful if this was part of Barry Bonds contract! A promenade along the water with a chain link fence in right field will allow visual access to passerbys.

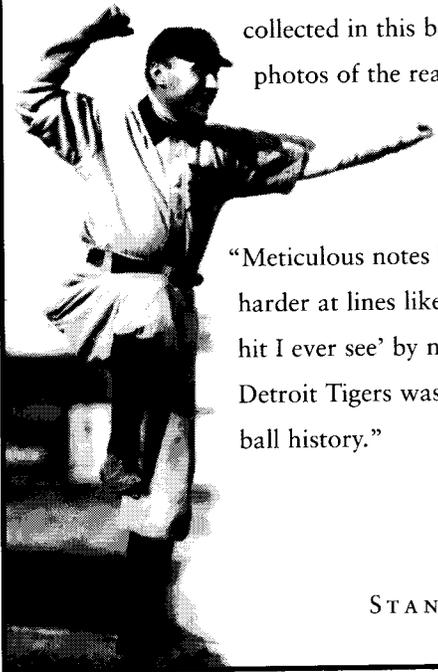
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Rich Topp, 6547 North Harlem Avenue, Chicago IL 60631, 773-774-6023, richardtopp@sprintmail.com needs burial sites of former major leaguers (other than Hall of Famers). The Biographical Committee is updating the player database to include this information.

Ebbets Field Entertainment Group, LLC, in Hartford, Connecticut is spearheading a project to rebuild the original Ebbets Field (circa 1913) as part of an urban entertainment project to accommodate minor league baseball. The group is interested in locating any photos or illustrations of the famed Grand Rotunda entrance interior. All materials will be returned. Please contact: EFEG, 100 Wells Street, Suite 320, Hartford CT 06103, 860-659-1957, office. E-mail: ebbetsfield@ebbetsfield.com. More information on the project can be obtained through the web site at: www.ebbetsfield.com.

Tom Simmons, 3601 Shenandoah, Dallas TX 75205-2118, 214-521-0912, seeks dates of the long losing streak (his memory says 26 games??) for the Dallas Steers of the Texas League in the 1930s??

Frank Gifford, PO Box 8911, Pine Bluff AR 71611, has been researching the names and locations of the home fields of the Cotton State League teams, especially those that existed in the 1930's. The Pine Bluff newspapers from that era do a very poor job of identifying opposing teams' playing fields. After researching three season's worth of sports pages, he has only found one. He is in hopes of finding some of these parks that are still existing and still being used as Taylor Field is in Pine Bluff. Hopefully, some one can recommend a good reference with the names of these parks and their locations or addresses.

Elisabeth Brooke, 107 Dickinson Lane, Oxford MS 38655-3419 or 601-236-3793 asks that any SABR members interested in the research and analysis of baseball fiction, poetry, drama, films and other "literature" please contact her. She is investigating the interest in a potential committee on baseball literature and films.

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Anderson, Dave: Umpires and umpiring in 1908. 30 pages.

Antonucci, Michael: Fairball! Baseball and the poetry of Michael S. Harper. 15 pages.

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Blengino, Tony: Relative production potential 1996. 14 pages. Update of an annual study.

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Finkel, Jan: Dreams deferred, dreams dashed: The Negro Leagues and the Hall of Fame. 7 pages. Argues that more early black players should be in the Hall.

Colosi, Tony, and Joe Colosi: Pitching to win: Getting the most out of the pitching staff. 17 pages.

Gilbert, Bill: Was 1996 the greatest offensive year ever? 6 pages.

Glynn, Joe: Baseball's first big-league strike: The mutiny of the 1889 Louisville Colonels. 21 pages.

Goss, David A.: Critical literature review on the relationship of eye dominance and batting performance. 15 pages. Reviews four published papers on the effect of the dominant-eye batting side relationship on batting performance.

Jarvis, John F.: Apportioned wins and losses: An alternative measure of pitching performance. 7 pages.

Jenkins, Clarence: Baseball during America's search for order. 14 pages. America & baseball in the second half of the 19th century.

Jordan, David M.: The 1883 Athletics and the pennant they won in Louisville. 12 pages. Philadelphia clinched the American Association title in a season-ending series at Louisville.

Juline, Richard W.: The changing role of major league pitchers. 16 pages.

Kanter, Mark: What has division play wrought? 1 page. Maintains that the advent of division play has spurred a high level of competition.

Knorr, Ted: The 1925 Harrisburg Giants. 11 pages. About a well-known team of black players.

Krevisky, Steve: Adolfo Luque was no fluke in 1923! 10 pages.

Macht, Norman L.: Baseball's traditional values -- what are they? 8 pages. Puts the Roberto Alomar case in context.

Nicholson, Lois P.: Pitching baseball books to rookie readers. 13 pages. Evaluates some recent children's books with a baseball theme.

Perry, Thomas K.: When mill leagues were big leagues. 6 pages. About the Southern mill leagues.

Peterson, Richard F.: Fair or foul: The claims of oral history on the 1925 World Series. 13 pages. Oral history, legend and baseball beliefs.

Rundio, Stephen J. III: From Black Sox to Sauk Sox, 1924. 9 pages. When Oscar "Happy" Felsch and George "Buck" Weaver played baseball in Sauk County, Wisconsin.

Samoray, Jefferey M.: Tiger Stadium's historic home runs. 12 pages. Ten historic blasts.

Schmidt, Ray: The Illinois-Iowa League of 1890-1892. 13 pages.

Schreiber, Mark: Long before Nomo: Japan's pioneer pro. 2 pages. About a Japanese who played on a barnstorming American team early in the 20th century. Copy of article in *The Journal*, July 1997.

Schuld, Fred: Railroad accidents and baseball in the early 20th century. 17 pages.

Treese, Bill: Art the Great Shires, Whatta man. 4 pages.

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Utley, Hank, and Scott Verner: The independent Carolina League, 1936-1938: Baseball outlaws. 13 pages.

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Clarification

I'd just like to correct something in the June-July 1997 issue of the *SABR Bulletin*. In the "Names in the News" section, it mentions that **Lyle Spatz** wrote a letter to the editor in response to Tom Boswell's May 8th article on great pitching match-ups. The blurb states that Spatz pointed out "errors" in three of Boswell's examples --- saying that Christy Mathewson never pitched against the great Cy Young. I cannot speak for the other examples but **MATTY** did INDEED pitch against Young on September 12, 1911, when his New York Giants drubbed Cy and his Boston club 11-2. It was Young's last season, I believe. Mathewson pitched only the first two innings that day due to the romp. In that game Young gave up eight hits and nine runs (including two home runs by Fred Merkle and another by Larry Doyle) in less than three innings pitched.

--**Eddie Frierson**

"**MATTY: AN EVENING WITH CHRISTY MATHEWSON**"

My point about Matty-Young was not that they never faced each other, rather that "it was not among the storied pitching matchups of baseball history." I pointed out that Mathewson broke in in 1900 and Young didn't return to the NL until 1910, the year before he retired. Also, that Matty's most memorable ongoing opponent during the first decade of this century was Mordecai Brown of the Cubs.

--**Lyle Spatz**

The misunderstanding above was as a result of the editor's error and not Lyle's.

From the Membership Directory

The 1997-98 SABR Membership Directory was distributed to members attending SABR 27 in their goody bags and was mailed to the rest of the membership in July.

Clifford Otto's e-mail address is: otto@dn.net
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Batting second was former Dodger outfielder Gino Cimoli. Gino recalled becoming the first major leaguer to bat on the West Coast (Seals Stadium, April 15, 1958). A San Francisco native, Gino only wished he hadn't struck out! Next up was former Giant Manager and 1971 Manager of the Year (TSN and UPI), Charlie Fox. A catcher with the 1942 New York Giants, Charlie recalled the wonder of catching Carl Hubbell and Hal Schumacher. In the cleanup spot was longtime baseball beat writer Bob Stevens. A San Francisco native, Bob has been covering Bay area ball since 1940 and was recently nominated to the writers wing of the Hall of Fame. The Press Box in PacBell Park will be named in his honor.

In the fifth spot was the always intriguing **Leonard Koppett**. A member of the HOF Veterans Committee, Leonard spoke of the recent elections and how the process works. A round of applause greeted his mention that 19th Century player George Davis warrants a close look at election to the Hall. Appropriately a discussion of Lefty O'Doul's exclusion also occurred. The "voice of angels," Giants' PA announcer Sherry Davis, shamed all of us who hadn't attended a game yet. She told of a recent request by one plate ump to "call up God and get the rain stopped!" Rounding out the day was leading bay area baseball historian **Dick Dobbins**. Dick led us through an interesting tour of the ballparks of San Francisco, noting that all the parks, regardless of location, had wind problems. Dick related a story of Lefty O'Doul's regarding the notorious winds of Candlestick Point. Raised in the area, the son of a butcher, Lefty recalled how sometimes the wind would knock over his sheep!

A Charlie Fox Quiz was held with local trivia legend **David Nemec** coming out ahead.

Other guests of note were Orioles' catcher Frank Zupo, Pirates' Outfielder Dino Restelli and former NL MVP Hank Sauer.

Farmington Hills, Michigan: Eighteen members of the Fred T. Smith Chapter met at Ginopolis Restaurant on Sunday, April 6. The day started off with a snag as the original location, The Family Buggy Restaurant, experienced a power outage due to the high winds in the Detroit area that weekend. The meeting was saved thanks to the heroic efforts of Chapter namesake **Fred Smith**, who secured a private room at Ginopolis.

Despite the rocky start, this was a terrific meeting, including a nice dinner, lots of baseball talk, and the mystery player game that **Chuck Stein** does so well. The challenging trivia quiz prepared by **Al Smitley** was won by **Rich Newhouse**.

Show and Tell was very interesting with great presentations by **Jim Riethmiller**, **Carol Sheldon**, **Jim Sivacek**, Fr. Richard Hobson, and **Bob Ruland**. Carol told about an autographed baseball and its original box from the Kalamazoo Lassies, one of the last teams in the Women's Professional League. Jim showed a GI Issue World War II baseball glove. It was quite interesting to see the vast changes in equipment that have occurred in the last fifty years. Father Hobson showed us an interesting collage of 1996 World Series mementos and memorabilia. Father Hobson has made a collage for each World Series back to 1968, when he attended his first series. Incidentally, Father Hobson has attended EVERY Series game since the 1968 series between Detroit and St. Louis.

Bob showed the baseball statistical scrapbooks that he has accumulated for all the seasons from 1901 to 1971. Bob and Fred Smith then told a very interesting story about one of the players Bob had located from the 1901 Tigers that he could not verify through other sources. As it turned out, the player's name had been misspelled or misinterpreted on the original scoresheet through the official scorer's poor penmanship. The actual player, Wild Bill Donovan, somehow got classified as Bill Denine. It was an interesting story of how SABR works and serves to clear up inaccuracies from the past.

Fall Board Meeting Set

The next meeting of the SABR Executive Board is scheduled for September 19-21 in San Mateo, California. Contact **Morris Eckhouse** at the SABR office before August 29 if you have an agenda item.

Put Walter Johnson on a Stamp

At the Annual Business Meeting, **David Paulson** suggested that SABR members petition the US Postal Service to get more baseball players onto stamps. So far, only Lou Gehrig, Babe Ruth, Roberto Clemente, and Jackie Robinson have been immortalized on US postage stamps. He suggested that Walter Johnson be the next.

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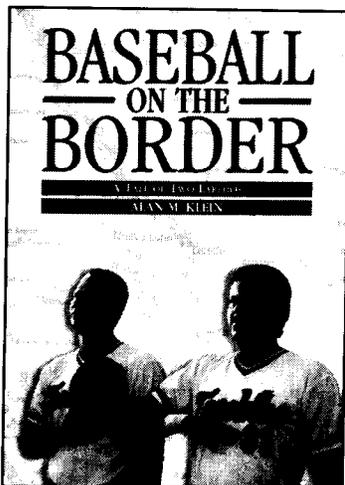
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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Dennis and Jeanne DeValeria were featured on PA Books on the Pennsylvania Cable Network regarding their book **Honus Wagner: A Biography...Bob Glassman's** article the "Saint Paul Saints" appeared in the May 23rd issue of *Sports Collectors Digest*...**David Cain's** *The Hot Corner* (www.thehotcorner.com) was mentioned by Gary Swan as one of the best baseball web pages around in his "On Cybersports" column (May 29, 1997)...**Dan Schlossberg** writes the "On the Road" column for *Yankees Magazine*, profiling cities the Yankees visit on the road, and has authored the anecdotes section of the new book *The Wit & Wisdom of Baseball* (Publications International). He continues to write cardbacks for Pinnacle and associated companies. Dan also came to Cleveland to cover the All-Star Game for several of his freelance outlets. He is also working on a special Jackie Robinson report for the *Encyclopedia Americana Annual*, for whom he has been baseball editor since 1982. Dan's profile of Chipper Jones was the cover story in the June issue of *Tuff Stuff*...**David Pietrusza, Richard Puff, and Fred Ivor-Campbell** were quoted in the July 15 Schenectady (NY) *Gazette* in an article concerning the candidacy of nineteenth century shortstop George Davis for

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the Hall of Fame. David was interviewed in the June 10, 1997, issue of the *Rockdale* (GA) *Citizen* regarding a career in baseball history and in the June 18 *Detroit Daily News* regarding interleague play. David also did an interview regarding his book, **Minor Miracles**, with Lee Hamilton of radio station XTRA (San Diego) on July 8...**Mark Millikin** has had two articles published recently related to Jimmie Foxx. On February 16, the *Star-Democrat* (Easton MD) published a full-page article by Mark on Foxx's 1924 season with the Easton club when he starred as a minor leaguer at the age of 16. Mark also wrote an article for the second edition of the Baltimore *Orioles Magazine*. The magazine was released as the new Scorebook/Program at all Oriole home games beginning on June 16. Mark has written a biography on Jimmie Foxx to be published by Scarecrow Press late in 1997 or early in 1998...*The Pride of the Indians*, a documentary about Mel Harder, written and produced by **Bob Becker** and Luanne Bole-Becker was nominated for an Emmy (Cleveland Region, National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences) for *Best Sports Program*...**Bill Goff** and his sports art were featured in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* (July 7, 1997)...**Rich Gibson** and his wife, Lynn, were highlighted in an article by Joe Dirck in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* (July 8, 1997)...**Howard Elson** once again performed as Professor Baseball at the Major League Baseball All-Star Fan Fest...**Curtis Boster** is part of a group that recently purchased the uniform that Lou Gehrig wore the day he delivered his farewell speech in Yankee Stadium (July 4, 1939)...Phil Kadner featured **Genevieve Duffin** and her baseball research in his column in the *Daily Southtown* (June 22, 1997)...**Marky Billson** is now play-by-play announcer for the Johnson City Cardinals (Appalachian League) on WKPT-AM 1590. Marky credits **Ernie Harwell** and Greg Brown of the Pirates with providing him helpful play-by-play broadcasting tips. Marky also reports that **P.J. Grinsell** is the new play-by-play voice for East Tennessee State football and men's basketball.

Obituaries

Chris Fullerton, Executive Director of the Friends of Rickwood Field, the group behind the project to restore Rickwood Field, was killed in an automobile accident in Birmingham, Alabama, on April 28, 1997. In his short term at Rickwood (which is the oldest ballpark in the US), Chris oversaw the planning for the Rickwood Classic, created a Rickwood traveling exhibit, and was developing plans for a Museum of Southern Baseball History. Chris was 29.

Originally from Virginia, Chris left Richmond in September 1996 to work in Birmingham. A graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University, he also had a Master's degree in Southern Studies from the University of Mississippi. His master's degree thesis was titled *Striking Out Jim Crow: The Birmingham Black Barons*. In Richmond he had been associated with the Museum of the Confederacy, the Medical College of Virginia, The Virginia Fire and Police Museum, The Valentine Museum, the Museum of Life and History of Richmond, had done the baseball portion of *Richmond Memories* for a local public broadcasting station, and was curator for the exhibit of Negro baseball in Richmond and for the traveling exhibit of the Negro Leagues which was displayed at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond last winter.

Chris was a dedicated baseball fan, historian and scholar and his contributions to baseball research and SABR will be sorely missed.

Frank Slocum of Greenwich, Connecticut, a SABR member since 1986 and the Executive Director of Baseball Assistance Team (BAT), passed away in May. He was 71. He wrote the text for *Topps Baseball Cards, Classic Baseball Cards, Baseball Cards of the 50s* and *Baseball Cards of the 60s*. He was also an aide in the Commissioner's Office and writer of *The Baseball World of Joe Garagiola*.

Eleanor Eckhouse, of Shaker Heights, Ohio, a SABR member since 1990 and mother of Executive Director **Morris Eckhouse**, died of a stroke on June 10. She was 73.

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lege players, players' families, executives, and umpires. Few photos are game action shots. Most are portrait or posed action shots.

The Board also approved a price schedule for those interested in purchasing copies of the photos. A single 8" X 10" photo costs \$20 and additional 8 X 10s of the same photo cost \$13. A single 5" X 7" photo costs \$17 and additional 5 X 7s of the same photo cost \$10. For more information, contact **Tom Shieber**, Chair, SABR Pictorial History Committee, Mt. Wilson Observatory, Mt. Wilson CA 91023.

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home run hitters in the minors.

But the crowning achievement is a list of the yearly home run leader in every Organized Baseball league (and selected independent leagues), from the Alabama-Florida League to the Wisconsin State League, from 1878 to present, and unquestionably the most complete, comprehensive and accurate list of league leaders in home runs ever published. This selection alone is worth the price of admission.

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While the main focus is on numbers, the work is sprinkled with text about amazing feats, the fleshing out of the facts, and includes an important article on the evolution of the home run record.

If you ever buy one book on minor league ball, this has got to be the one. In short, **Bob "Mr. Home Run" McConnell** has hit one himself.

The Minor League Baseball Research Journal continues under the editorial direction of **Carlos Bauer** and **Bob Hoie**. **David Nemeec**, **John Spalding** and **John Benesch, Jr.**--along with McConnell--form the editorial board of the journal. **Bob Davids** has written a foreword for this edition.

The Minor League Baseball Research Journal 2 is 180-plus pages, large-format, comb-bound for easy reading and referencing, and is published by SABR. The cost is \$12.50 including postage. Also, the premier issue of **The Minor League Baseball Research Journal** has been reprinted, and is available for \$11.45. See coupon on page 6 to order.

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Next year, SABR 28 will commemorate 40 years of Major League Baseball on the West Coast. It will also focus on the heyday of the Pacific Coast League. SABR members are encouraged to present their research on these subjects at the 1998 convention. Watch for details regarding research presentation submissions in an upcoming issue of *The SABR Bulletin*.

The San Francisco Bay area, will provide a beautiful site for our next national gathering. Take advantage of the trip to visit popular tourist spots in Northern California such as Fishermans Wharf, Chinatown, and the Golden Gate Bridge. Monterey Bay and the Napa/Sonoma wine region are close by.

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Barry Mednick
SABR 28 co-chair

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Financial Report

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Assets		
Cash & Equiv	\$180,789	\$199,799
Investments	\$37,291	\$32,137
Publications Inv	\$102,282	\$112,759
Other Assets*	\$28,432	\$29,590
Liabilities		
Current & Longterm	\$135,908	\$138,877
Fund Balance	\$212,886	\$235,408

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Co-chairs **Barry Mednick** and **Chris Rogers** and members of the Lefty O'Doul Chapter of SABR are already hard at work preparing for the onslaught of SABR members from throughout the world on the Bay Area. Make your preparations too for the 1998 SABR National Convention.

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SABR Salutes Clark and Lin Weber

Ralph Lin Weber, a SABR member since 1974 and recipient of the *SABR Salute* in 1986, died on August 14 in Toledo. He was 89.

Lin Weber, fondly referred to as "The Old Grouch," was the leading authority on baseball in Toledo. He established the Baseball Research Bureau in 1938 and published the 385-page *Toledo Baseball Guide of The Mud Hens, 1883-1943* in 1944. He also helped with research for the *Barnes' Official Encyclopedia of Baseball* published in 1951 and the three volumes of SABR's *Minor League Baseball Stars*. Lin Weber, who began his hobby of baseball research at about age 10, spent 35 years as an assembler with the Willys Overland Automobile Company, later known as American Motors.

Ellery H. Clark, Jr., a SABR mem-

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Convention Review

As **Harry Rothgerber** suggested last month (August *Bulletin*, page one), there was no shortage of activity at the 1997 SABR National Convention. From the Vintage Baseball game on June 20 to the trip to Churchill Downs and the Kentucky Derby Museum on June 23, SABR members enjoyed virtually non-stop activity during the society's 27th annual gathering.

Convention activity began on Friday, June 20, with the vintage game and a tour of Louisville ballparks including a visit to the University of Louisville Photographic Archives and its display of baseball photos. Later, members began descending upon the Louisville Slugger Museum. By all accounts, the museum passed the acid test of SABR members and impressed them with a first-class display of baseball history. Highlighting the reception at the museum were presentations to **Jack Hillerich**, President of Hillerich & Bradsby, and **Bill Williams**, Executive Director of the Louisville Slugger Museum; comments from **Craig Combs**, grandson of Hall of Famer Earle Combs; and the presentation of the silent film "Headin' Home," starring Babe Ruth and hosted by **Rob Edelman** in the museum theater. The museum was also the venue for the first five

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Centennial Celebrity Winner

In *Pacific Coast League Stars*, **John E. Spalding** wrote, "Joe DiMaggio may have been San Francisco's most outstanding baseball player, but Lefty O'Doul was the city's greatest baseball personality." O'Doul is now also a SABR Centennial Celebrity, the clear choice of SABR voters for the 1997 honor. O'Doul, born on March 4, 1897, garnered 280 total points to 153 for runner-up Ed Rommel. Voting results appear on page 10.

O'Doul played professionally from 1917 to 1940 (plus single games for San Francisco in 1944 and 1945 and Vancouver in 1956). He played 19 games in the Western League, 76 in the American League, 894 in the National League, and 1,068 in the Pacific Coast League. His achievements include leading the major leagues with a .398 batting average in 1929 and compiling a .349 career average in the majors and a .354 average in the PCL. O'Doul also won 45 games in the PCL and one in the AL. He is probably better known as a baseball ambassador, popularizing the game in Japan during the 1930s and 1940s. "The Man in the Green Suit" managed in the PCL from 1935 to 1957 with San Francisco (1935-51), San Diego (1952-54), Oakland (1955), Vancouver (1956) and Seattle (1957), winning five championships.

O'Doul is the subject of *Lefty O'Doul: The Legend That Baseball Nearly Forgot* by **Richard Leutzinger**, published by Carmel Bay Publishing Group and Leutzinger's article "Lefty O'Doul and the Development of Japanese Baseball" in *The "Inter" National Pastime* (SABR, 1992). Both publications can be ordered directly from SABR. See page 6.

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THE PRES BOX

The first guest columnist in the *Pres Box* is **Dennis Bingham**, co-chair of the *Umpire & Rules Committee*, who umpires amateur and semi-pro games in Chicago. Although central to the game, umpires and the rules they enforce are little understood and appreciated by most fans. Follow Dennis' suggestions and you will never again watch the game in quite the same way.

For added enjoyment and enlightenment, try something new this fall--watch a few post-season games from the viewpoint of an umpire. Here's a "Top 9 Umpire Watcher" list:

9. Put Yourself in His Place.

Reflect on what the umpire goes through during a game, both physically (countless knee bends; baseballs off the groin, elbows, hands) and mentally (300 split-second decisions in 3 hours, many in tense situations). Remember, unlike other game participants, he isn't allowed to sit down and relax for half the game.

8. Personalize the Umpires

Get to know their names, faces, personal style and mannerisms. Observe the difference between the veteran umpires and the younger ones. There are several outstanding umpires, but my favorite is Jim Evans. If he's working this post-season, check him out. Every time he takes the field, he puts on a clinic on how to umpire. Soon you'll have your favorite umpire and will be watching for him during the regular season.

7. Watch for the Balk

Is it a balk or a "good move?" You make the determination. The pitcher, while in the set position, must come to a "stop" before he delivers the pitch. Before a pick-off throw, the pitcher must first step to the base, and the step must have both *distance* (an actual step, not just turning his foot) and *direction* (directly toward the base).

6. Umpires Working as a Team

This is much easier to see at the game, but you can sometimes catch it on TV. On a hit to the outfield with runners on, watch the umpires rotate. Watch for various signals umpires give one another.

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5. Analyze the Announcers

It's incredible how often they give an unfair and inaccurate impression of the umpires and the rules to millions of viewers. Don't take what they say at face value. They are often wrong on ground rule doubles, foul tips, umpire mechanics and positioning, rules and numerous other important points.

4. Reflect on the Rules

When rules (both odd and routine) come into play, take a moment to think. What is the purpose of the rule? Is it fair? Would you change it? Is it archaic? If there is some aspect of the great game of baseball that you don't care for, what rule would you devise to correct it?

3. Base Umpires

Watch how the first base umpire gets the proper angle (45 degrees) on infield grounders, shifting depending on which infielder caught the ball. One of the more difficult calls is the play in which the infielder performs a "swipe tag." Another is when the infielder tags the runner on the upper body--was the runner's foot on the bag before the tag? On force plays the umpire will be about fifteen feet from the bag to get a wide view; on tag plays, much closer. When an umpire makes a rare bad call, it's usually because: a) he was not stationary at the moment of truth; or b) he called the play too soon. Timing is important. When an umpire takes his time before making a call, it isn't because he is unsure. He is making sure the call is right.

2. Home Plate Umpire

The main man, study him closely. What's his style and stance? Box? Scissors? On one knee for balance? Note the position of his head; moving it too much may result in inconsistency. How does he handle confrontations and gripes? At some point does he struggle or lose concentration? If so, watch how he battles it and gets back into the game. Observe his strike zone. Keep in mind that the center field camera distorts the picture. The catcher is much farther back than he appears, and the pitch is called when it crossed the plate not where the catcher catches it. Any part of the ball that nips the strike zone is a strike. And as for that high pitch everybody complains the umpires don't call? The top of the strike zone is determined according to the batter's stance "when he swings at a pitch," which is lower than when the batter stands there awaiting the pitch.

And the number one way to watch a game from the umpires viewpoint:

1. You Make the Call

Anyone can make the call relaxing in an easy chair with a cold one, after viewing the play from 12 angles in slow motion. Instead, yell out the call at the same time as the umpire (or before). It might drive your family nuts, but the exercise is beneficial at many levels. You'll realize how good major league umpires really are. You'll get some satisfaction the few time you're correct and the umpire isn't. And, by studying umpire mechanics, you'll learn the reason an umpire did or did not get a call right.

So, concentrate on the umpires at least one game this post-season. You will enjoy it and gain a deeper respect and admiration for the men in blue.

--Dennis Bingham

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Baseball Records

At the committee's annual meeting in Louisville, **Steve Gietschier**, Archivist for The Sporting News, broached the question of how the **TSN Guide** and **Record Book** should handle interleague games in 1998 and in future editions. Should the **Guide** include breakdowns for NL designated hitters; AL and NL batting in interleague games; AL and NL pitching in interleague games; AL and NL fielding in interleague games; Won-Lost data for teams and pitchers showing their records against all other teams in both leagues? Should the **Record Book** include a separate section for interleague game records, interleague records along with AL, NL, and pre-1900 NL records, or only those records set in an interleague game that exceed both AL and NL records? Finally, would you prefer that TSN add pages to the **Guide** and **Record Book** (thus making it more expensive) or eliminate other material to hold the price? Please respond to committee chairman **Lyle Spatz**, 18817 Rolling Acres Way, Olney MD 20832 or e-mail: LMSpatz@prodigy.net.

On September 30, 1954, **Ev Parker** was in the Polo Grounds when Al Smith hit Giants' pitcher Johnny Antonelli's first pitch for a home run. Through his investigation, Ev learned that only one other player hit the first pitch of a World Series game for a home run: He is Pete Rose (October 20, 1972).

On June 24, 1993, Carlton Fisk caught in his 2,226th and final major league game, surpassing Bob Boone's major league record of 2,225 games. However, **Wayne McElreavy** had discovered that while **The Baseball Encyclopedia** (tenth edition) has Fisk with 2,226 games caught, both **Total Baseball** (Fifth edition) and **The Sports Encyclopedia-Baseball** (1997) show him with a total of 2,229. The discrepancy is in 1981, where **The Baseball Encyclopedia** credits Fisk with 92 games caught,

and **Total Baseball** and **The Sports Encyclopedia-Baseball** credit him with 95. In 1981, Fisk caught 92 games, starting in 89 and relieving in 3 others, according to **Dave Smith** (Retrosheet) and **Pete Palmer** (Total Baseball). Palmer discovered a clerical error resulting in the discrepancy.

Bibliography Committee

The committee's July newsletter highlights the current status and future considerations for the Research in Baseball Index (RBI). The RBI database is divided currently into books, chapters and articles. While over the past 5 years RBI has grown from zero to 64,222 cataloged records (15,286 books, 7,801 book sections and 41,135 articles), significant issues such as the sheer management of the database, both physical and administrative, need to be addressed. The newsletter also includes the committee's annual report, a review of literature about Jackie Robinson by **Terry Smith** and other book reviews.

Biographical Research

The July Find of the Month was awarded to **Jack Dougherty** for finding birth information for Herman Dehlman, Martin Swandell and Isaac Van Zandt.

With the help of **McNally and Company's Atlas of the World, 1892** and the **Omni Gazetteer of the United States of America, 1991**, **Bill Simpson** was able to trace Guy Zinn's birthplace to Holbrook, West Virginia. At the time of the 1890 census, Holbrook had a population of 139. The first edition of the Turkin-Thompson encyclopedia lists Zinn's birthplace as "Richie" County, West Virginia. Holbrook is in Richie County. As to Kiser NC, birthplace of William Clarence Wilson, there are two possibilities: Kiser in Moore County and Kiger in Stokes County. Both appear in the Rand McNally book, although only Keyser shows on the map (Kiger may be a typo for Kiser). It's possible that present day Addor is Keyser renamed as it is the very spot where Keyser was.

From **Tom Hufford**.....The King, Elvis Presley, has an interesting baseball connection. Presley's manager, Colonel Tom Parker, married Marie Mott in 1935. Marie was the sister of Bitsy Mott, who played for the 1945 Phillies. When Parker became Elvis' manager in 1954, he hired Bitsy as Elvis' bodyguard. He was a member of Elvis' so-called "Memphis Mafia" and had small parts in many of Elvis' movies.

The Mystery of the Month comes from **Pete Morris**. Michael Brannock played in Chicago in 1871 and 1875. Although he is

listed as being born in Guelph, Ontario in 1853, there is no record of his birth in Ontario. Brannock's only connection to Ontario seems to be that he played for Guelph in 1875. However, Pete found that Brannock played for the Active club of Clinton, Iowa in 1871 prior to his appearance which might show an Iowa connection.

Collegiate

The June Collegiate Committee Newsletter highlights "most varsity baseball letters won." With the current NCAA rules, it is possible to earn no more than five letters, but only if remaining at the same school. While doing research, **Cappy Gagnon** found three men with five or six baseball letters at multiple schools. Red Morgan earned six letters at Notre Dame and Georgetown; Red Kelly earned six at St. Viator and Notre Dame; Bert Daniels earned five at Villanova, Notre Dame, and Bucknell.

The 50th Anniversary of Jackie Robinson's first appearance in the National League was a reminder that there were blacks in professional baseball from the earliest days. Moses Fleetwood Walker attended Oberlin College from 1877-81. His brother Welday Wilberforce Walker followed him at Oberlin, 1881-83. The newsletter also suggests a retroactive survey to choose college baseball championship teams from 1860-1946. To participate contact Cappy at PO Box 509, Notre Dame IN 46556-0509.

Latin America

The June issue of the Latin America Committee highlights players who were inducted into the Cuban Baseball Hall of Fame. Because there has been no ceremony since 1986, dozens of baseball immortals were honored. Honorees include Tony Perez, Bert Campaneris, Jose Cardenal, Tito Fuentes, Jose Azcue, Jose Tartabull and

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December 6:	Allan Roth Chapter Meeting (Los Angeles); Contact Chuck Carey, 714-761-3580

Regionals

Washington, DC-Baltimore, Maryland: The Bob Davids Chapter is planning an autumn regional meeting in the Baltimore-Washington DC Metro area. The agenda and precise date in November will be set shortly. Flyers will be sent to SABR members in the Washington-Baltimore Metro area. Others interested in attending may call or e-mail **Bob Savitt** for details (301-983-8708; BobSavitt@aol.com).

Saint Louis, Missouri: The Bob Broeg Chapter continues to meet the third or fourth Tuesday of each month for roundtable discussions. Contact **Mark Stangl** for more details (314-577-7491).

Roseville, Minnesota: The Halsey Hall Chapter will hold its Fall Chapter Meeting on Saturday, November 1 at the Ramsey County Public Library in Roseville, Minnesota. Registration begins at noon with activities starting at 12:30. Former Twins' first baseman Craig "Mongo" Kusick has been confirmed as a guest. There is no charge for the meeting. For more information, contact **Stew Thornley** (612-415-0791).

The Halsey Hall Chapter is willing to share its newsletter with other chapters who also publish newsletters if they will send theirs. Any chapter can send its newsletter to **George R. Rekela**, 8801 Greenhaven Dr, Brooklyn Park MN 55445, and be put on the Halsey Hall Chapter mailing list.

London, England: The Bobby Thomson Chapter met on June 28 at Three Kings Pub in Clerkenwell. **Bernard Day** spoke of his family research which led to the discovery of a famous ballplaying grandfather from the 1890s. He found a photo of his grandfather with baseball trophies. Stockton FC gave him a burnt and broken old trophy which when restored was identified as the Albert Spalding Trophy. He also found various medals from the era and explained in amusing anecdotal form the trials and tribulations of his painstaking research.

Salt Lake City, Utah: The Utah Chapter honored Jackie Robinson's debut in the major leagues by focusing its summer meeting on blacks in baseball. The keynote presentation was given by **Frank Layden**, president of the Utah Jazz, who was present on the eventful day fifty years ago in Ebbets Field. A native of Brooklyn, Layden set the stage of Robinson's debut by discussing the ethnic climate in Brooklyn 50 years ago. He recalled that for many who attended the game their interest was in the game and not particularly that an eventful day was about to unfold. Layden was honored at the meeting with a gift membership in SABR.

Laury Livsey, president of the Utah chapter, gave a paper on the first African-American to play for the Salt Lake City Bees. Livsey was followed by **Larry Gerlach** who discussed integration of the Pacific Coast League. He was followed by Wayne Tucker who was a manager, scout, and coach in the Yankee organization in the 1950s. Tucker recalled his experience in Texas and New Mexico as a manager in that era of baseball.

San Diego, California: With the renovations nearest home plate now completed, members of the Ted Williams San Diego Chapter enjoyed a return to San Diego Stadium (now known as the "Q") on July 26. With President **Tom Larwin** at the helm, the meeting took place in the press box area from which an open view of the field provided a perfect ambiance and plenty of fresh air on a typically perfect San Diego day. Twenty-six SABR members and two guests gathered to hear presentations from former major leaguers Rudy Regalado and Ralph Kiner. **Andy McCue**, chair of the SABR Bibliography Committee, provided a run-down on the latest in baseball books. The meeting was further enhanced by **Joe Naiman's** trivia contest and a silent auction proposed by **Andy Strasberg** and supervised by treasurer **Anna Newton**. Proceeds from the auction will be applied to the chapter's newest project, which will create

a partnership with the San Diego City Public Library. Research presentations by **Carlos Bauer** and **Dan Boyle**, and a status report by **Ray Brandes** on the San Diego Baseball Historical Society, concluded the day's activities.

Los Angeles, California: Over 30 members of the Allan Roth chapter attended a meeting August 2. The group heard talks from: **Greg King** on Vin Scully; **Ron Selter** on minor-league slugging percentages; **Chuck Carey** on the 1940-41 Veracruz Blues; **Andy McCue** on the PCL's attempt to become a major league; **Richard Juline** on the changing roles of pitchers and **Bob Boynton** on the SABR-L discussion of Ken Burns' Baseball. **Bob Timmerman** won the trivia contest. The chapter raised over \$130 in a book auction.

Chuck Carey was elected president and **Steve Roney** vice president for the coming year. The chapter's next meeting is December 6.

Portland, Oregon: On August 16, fourteen intrepid members and guests, many of them first-timers and most of them from Seattle and points north, journeyed an average of 300 miles to attend the NW Chapter's experimental summer meeting at Portland's Civic Stadium, and Northwest League games there and at Salem. The meeting was held in a field-level press box, and at an architect's office a few blocks away.

Luke Kraemer described his work in publishing statistical profiles of interesting seasons from the 1960s, and allowed the audience to leaf through an original scorer's book documenting Ernie Shore's 1917 "perfect" game. (Shore replaced the ejected starter, hot-headed southpaw Babe Ruth.) Former Northwest League president and current Portland Rockies owner Jack Cain spoke of old and recent events in local baseball, and discussed the economics of minor-league ownership. **Clem Hamilton** gave a detailed analysis of the overall patterns of baseball's postwar racial re-integration, and architect John Vosmek showed scale models and drawings of some reconfiguration and expansion options for Civic Stadium, including single A, AAA, and major-league use.

Several kranks stayed to see the Rockies beat Everett 5-1 under a full moon that night, and Boise squeak past Salem 14-2 in the next afternoon's sunshine. The collective opinion was that Portland's 71 year-old downtown park was far preferable to Salem's two-month-old suburban facility. Some Seattleites were amazed that the sport could also be played outdoors, without so much as a retractable roof.

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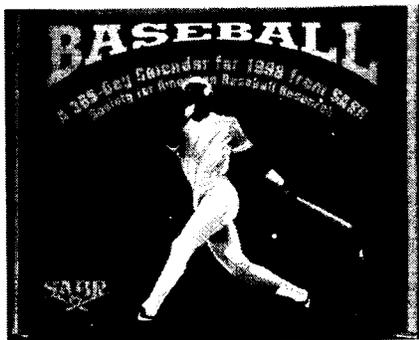
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Jim Martin, 4322 E. Baywood Ave., Mesa, AZ 85206, seeks books, articles, personal recollections about the 1929 World Series between the Cubs and Athletics.

Kalvin Zitterkob, 1333 N. Southminster, Moore, OK 73160, 405-794-0386, seeks information on players, team, owners, and ballpark of 1824 Okmulgee Driller of the Western Association.

Cesar Love, 3219 23rd St. #9, San Francisco CA 94110, seeks the date in which the St. Louis Brown Stockings Franchise of the American Association was founded. It was probably sometime in the fall of 1880.

Les Cooper, 27 Highland St, Exeter NH 03833, 603-772-3151, e-mail: chrisles@hammurabi.nh.ultranet.com seeks information on the life and career of Timothy James Shinnick. Played for the Louisville Colonels in 1890 and 1891, for Lowell MA in 1889, Springfield MA 1894, Pawtucket RI 1894, Toronto Canada, 1895 and Auburn NY as captain in 1896.

Bob Allen, 61 Providence Square Drive, Charlotte, NC 28270, 704-362-0720, e-mail: JustBob898@aol.com, needs information on the early days of professional baseball in Charlotte, particularly the 1902-1913 period. He is also looking for copies of books on the Southern League (Association), the South Atlantic League and the Piedmont League, all published several years ago. Bob will either buy them if they're for sale or borrow them if the owner is willing.

Dr. Tim Wolter, 716 W. Columbia, Chippewa Falls WI 54729, e-mail: taran@eau.net seeks information on baseball activity in forts on the frontier in the 1870's. Particular interest in Dakota Territory, and in US Seventh Cavalry.

Jim Sargent, VWCC, PO Box 14007, Roanoke VA 24038, e-mail: vwsargj@vw.cc.va.us, will highlight the 1947 season in "Remembering the All-Americans" at the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League Players Association Reunion at Myrtle Beach on October 25, 1997. Jim is gathering as many pictures (not baseball cards) as possible of former All-American Players for a PowerPoint presentation. He would appreciate hearing from anyone willing to loan or copy photos or snapshots of All-Americans.

RESEARCH EXCHANGE

Here are some articles recently added to the SABR Research Library, along with earlier articles that may be of interest. Copies of articles are available on request from **Len Levin**, 282 Doyle Ave, Providence, RI 02906-3355. The cost for copying and mailing 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.

-----: Index to "Ball Four," by Jim Bouton, compiled for the SABR Bibliography Committee by J.Thomas Hetrick. 21 pages.

-----: Earle Combs correspondence, 1924-1936. 120 pages. Letters and telegrams to and from Combs; copies given to SABR by his grandson, Craig Combs. Most of the correspondence is with the Yankees front office, generally involving contracts. Available for \$10.00 for copying and mailing.

-----: Jacques Fournier's successor. 2 pages. Copy of article in Baseball Magazine, January 1927, about Babe Herman.

Adell, Ross: Home run happenings, 1996. 12 pages. Various home run milestones and other homer happenings in the 1996 season.

Burgos, Adrian Jr.: Jugando en el Norte: Caribbean players in the Negro Leagues, 1910-1950. 22 pages. Copy of article in Journal of the Center for Puerto Rican Studies, Vol. 8, 1 & 2/1996. One of the winners of the 1997 Macmillan-SABR Award.

Cline, Scott: "To Foster Honorable Pastimes": Baseball as a civic endeavor in 1880s Seattle. 10 pages. Copy of article in Pacific Northwest Quarterly, Fall 1996, Volume 87, Number 4.

Daly, Steve: Newcombe and Campanella in the New England League, 1946. 12 pages. Copy of article in The Telegraph, Nashua, N.H.

Dunn, Geoffrey: Diamond dreams. 6 pages. Copy of article in Metro, San Jose, Calif., about Expos scout Ron Walters.

Fullerton, Hugh S.: Wagner: The greatest baseball player in the world. 8 pages. Copy of article in a 1916 issue of the American Magazine.

Kahn, Jerry L.: 20-century players who died during their careers. 2 pages. Lists players who died while they were still active major leaguers, along with cause of death.

Kinlaw, Francis: If Herb Score had remained healthy. 31 pages. What might have been if he hadn't been hit by Gil McDougald's line drive. Related to a presentation given at the Louisville convention.

Levitt, Daniel: Projecting batting ability from minor league statistics. Update through 1996. 26 pages.

Macht, Norman L.: For 26 innings, Oeschger just kept throwing and throwing. 1 page. Oeschger's recollections of the record 26-inning game between the Braves and the Brooklyn Robins in 1920. Copy of article in the Sporting News, January 9, 1984.

McMahon, William: Farm clubs, 1940-1946. 10 pages. Expanded version of earlier Research Library article; includes list of farm teams, by league, during the period.

McDonald, Mark: Roswell slugger Bauman recalls 72-homer season. 2 pages. Copy of article in the Dallas Morning News, July 20, 1997.

Nack, William: The breakthrough. 10 pages. Day-by-day story of the 14 games in May during which Jackie Robinson proved he belonged in the major leagues. Copy of article in Sports Illustrated, Volume 86, No. 18, May 5, 1997.

Overmyer, Jim: Jackie Robinson breaks the big league color barrier. 22 pages.

Riley, Jim: Irvin was original selection for Jackie Robinson role. 7 pages.

Williams, Frank J.: The 1914 Boston Braves. 24 pages. An analysis of the "Miracle Braves" season, including their day-by-day record.

Williams, Frank J.: The Boston Beaneaters, 1897 National League champions. 31 pages. Originally appeared in Grandstand Baseball Annual.

Williams, Frank J.: The Boston Beaneaters, 1898 National League champions. 14 pages. Originally appeared in Grandstand Baseball Annual.

Vintage Base Ball at SABR 27

Vintage Base Ball was part of the 27th Annual SABR National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky on Friday, June 20, 1997. The Great Black Swamp Frogs Base Ball Club of Sylvania, Ohio, and The Vintage Base Ball Association (VBBA) and a Picked Nine of SABR members engaged in a well-played match by the New York rules of 1860.

The event was a cooperative one bringing together the researched-based SABR group and the presentation-based VBBA on common ground.

The SABR nine consisted of members of several clubs and at-large SABR members wearing uniforms provided by The Old Time Base Ball Program at Old Bethpage Village Restoration, Old Bethpage NY. In all, ten different uniforms representing the Civil War era were on the field.

The match was officiated by **Richard "Always Right" Schuricht** of the Ohio Village Muffins, Columbus, Ohio. Game Keepers (Scorers) were Kevin "On the Square" Lehr, also of the Muffins and **Jay Ferguson** from Louisville. Team Captains were **Greg Rhodes** of the Sharon Woods Shamrocks from Cincinnati and Rick "Amazin" Mazzei of the Frogs. The Frogs won the match 12-6.

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Chicago, Illinois: On August 17, fifteen members of the Emil Rothe Chapter gathered to talk baseball. **Rich Hansen** and the seven local attendees recalled their favorite SABR 27 memories. Rich also described his trip to the HOF Induction ceremonies. **Dave Shiner** read a paper he gave at the Jackie Robinson Conference. **Bill Slankard** led a discussion on preferences for filling out and storing scorecards. **Dave Zeman** again won the trivia contest.

The next Chicago meeting will be held on Sunday, November 16, 1997, at 1:00pm, at the University of Illinois at Chicago, 750 S Halsted, Room 509/510. The cost is \$10.

The Social Dinner will continue on the third Thursday of the month, but it is moving to Arlington Heights. Call for specifics.

The Chicago SABReport is the bi-monthly newsletter of Chicago Area SABR (ten dollars for a year's subscription). For more information, contact (and make checks payable to) Bill Slankard, 1909 Birchwood Lane, Arlington Hts IL 60004-3501, 847-604-2382, BillSlankard@compuserve.com.

Arizona: Please note that the Flame Delhi Chapter (AZ) now has a home page. The address is <http://members.aol.com/fdelhicht/index.html>.

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sportswriter **Rene Molina**.

The newsletter also includes articles on the History of the Winter League, Puerto Rico baseball, the history of the Caribbean World Series and a comprehensive list of Latino Players in the Major Leagues.

Scouts

ASSISTANT CHAIRMAN NEEDED

The Scouts Committee is looking for an Assistant Chair to maintain the database of the "player - scout who signed him" list.

Presently, the list is split between a Symphony 2.2 spread sheet, and a Wordperfect 5.1 spreadsheet. The Assistant Chairman would be responsible for updating the list, which includes a reference to where the info was gathered, and for publishing a copy of the list for distribution at the committee meeting at each National Convention. The necessary software can be provided. Contact **Jim Kreuz**, 70 Bayberry Court, Lake Jackson TX 77566.

The 1996-1997 Tom Greenwade Award winner for the individual who submitted the most "player - scout who signed him" combinations was **Brad Sullivan**, who submitted 1,054 combinations. Brad received a Louisville Slugger Lou Gehrig Bat. Runner-up was **Chris Rogers** with 41. Chris received a Ty Cobb. Third place went to **Jerry Vickery**. Many thanks to these three gentlemen, and all those that submitted "who signed who's" to the committee.

Statistical Analysis

The June issue of the Statistical Analysis Committee highlights a paper by **Bill Gilbert** regarding the astonishing outburst of offensive performances last summer. According to Bill, a strong case can be made that the 1996 season was the greatest offensive year ever. The major league batting average was up three points (.267 to .270), on-base average was up two points (.338 to .340), and slugging average was up by ten points (.417 to .427, second only to .434 in 1930). To measure a complete picture of total offensive performance, Bill uses the following elements: the ability to hit safely; the ability to get on base; the ability to hit with power; and the ability to add value through baserunning. With these elements and a formula to calculate bases per plate appearance (BPA), Bill created two lists topped by Mark McGwire (.765) and Barry Bonds (.730) in 1996 and Albert Belle (.692) and Edgar Martinez (.681) in 1995. The major league average BPA in 1996 was .471, up from .463 in 1995. The newsletter also addresses a variety of committee housekeeping issues.

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of 42 research presentations given at the 1997 convention.

Baseball today was well represented on Saturday, June 21, with a panel featuring Louisville Redbirds manager **Gaylen Pitts**, players **Kevin Koslofski** and **Brian Maxcy**, and major league umpire **Charlie Reliford**. The luncheon featuring former Brooklyn Dodgers **Pee Wee Reese**, **Carl Erskine**, **Don Lund**, **Ed Stevens** and **Tot Pressnell** ranks with the all-time SABR convention highlights. Reese was visibly moved when SABR President **David Pietrusza** presented him with the third SABR Hero of Baseball Award. Reese wondered aloud if he deserved such an honor, but those in attendance let him know they concurred with his selection.

The convention also featured an all-star line-up on Saturday evening. **Ned Garver** started the evening by telling stories and answering questions. Following Garver was a panel of Negro Leaguers, **Bill "Ready" Cash**, **Connie Johnson**, **Butch McCord**, **Thomas Turner** and **Slick Surratt**. Rounding out the guest line-up was keynote speaker and Hall of Famer **Jim Bunning**, introduced by Garver, his teammate with the Tigers when Bunning was a rookie in 1955. The congressman from Kentucky spoke about the state of the game and how his career in baseball prepared him for a career in politics, citing teamwork and competitiveness as attributes common to both professions. Activity continued late into the evening with the trivia contest semifinals and **Doak Ewing's** presentation of the original telecast of the first game of the 1955 World Series.

Louisville baseball past and present dominated the Sunday morning and afternoon schedule. A panel of ex-Louisville Colonels, **Mel Parnell**, "Junie" **Andres**, **John Mason** and **Buddy Kern**, was followed by the annual SABR baseball outing to see the Redbirds host the Iowa Cubs. In the evening, **Branch Rickey III**, President of the American Association, and **Dale Owens**, General Manager of the Redbirds, spoke about the current state of minor league baseball. Sunday night's schedule also included the SABR Annual Business Meeting (see page 9), the trivia contest finals (see August *Bulletin*, page 12) and a late show hosted by **Rob Edelman** featuring *Rawhide* and *The Jackie Robinson Story*. Monday's trip to Churchill Downs capped another successful SABR convention.

If you were there, you probably can't wait for SABR 28. If you weren't there, make plans now to attend SABR 28 (see page one).

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Summary of Board Meetings at SABR 27

The SABR Executive Board met on June 19 and June 23 in Louisville, Kentucky, and SABR's 1997 Annual Business Meeting took place on June 22.

Board members present at the June 19 meeting were President **David Pietrusza**, Vice President **Dick Beverage**, Secretary **Norman Macht**, Treasurer **Paul Andresen**, Directors **David Vincent**, **Rick Salamon**, **Larry Gerlach**, and **Jim Riley**. Also present was Executive Director **Morris Eckhouse**, Publications Director **Mark Alvarez** and members at-large. The Board voted unanimously to rehire Alvarez as Publications Director for six months (July 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997), pending the outcome of his election campaign in Woodbury, Connecticut. The Board also unanimously accepted the report of the Teller's Committee (see August *Bulletin*, page seven). The Board voted against a proposal to revise Nomination Committee guidelines (Macht, Gerlach, Vincent in favor, Salamon, Pietrusza, Andresen, Riley against, Beverage abstained). A motion to adopt specific criteria for the SABR Hero of Baseball Award was tabled. Vincent and Alvarez were authorized to proceed with an outline and proposal for team home run handbooks.

At the annual business meeting, President Pietrusza thanked all the Louisville area members and others, volunteers, and those at the Louisville Slugger Museum for their efforts in presenting a good convention. Treasurer Andresen reported on SABR finances (see page 11, August *Bulletin*) and talked about the financial consequences of future development and untapped sources of revenue, such as planned giving.

Convention Committee chairman Salamon recognized the work of **Henry Mayer** and **Harry Rothgerber** as local chairs for SABR 27. Rick introduced **Chris Rogers** and **Barry Mednick** as SABR 28 co-chairs and **Rodney Johnson** (not present) as SABR 29 chair. Salamon also discussed a proposal to have a full-fledged trade show in conjunction with the annual SABR National Convention.

Paul Adomites proposed a SABR Youth Initiative (below). **David Paulson** encouraged members to petition the US Postal Service to get more baseball players on stamps (see August *Bulletin*, page eight), and **Richard Frank** suggested that SABR encourage more scorekeeping.

A motion by **Doug Pappas**, second by **Steve Krevisky**, to adopt an Ethical Standards Resolution was tabled. A motion by **Andy McCue** to thank the SABR 27 organizers passed by acclamation, as did a motion by Beverage to praise Pietrusza's efforts

as President, and a motion by Pietrusza to recognize the contributions of outgoing Board members Macht and Vincent for their service to SABR. No motions tabled at the 1996 Annual Business Meeting were taken off the table, thereby expiring.

Incoming President Gerlach was invited to address the members and introduced SABR's new "no-tie" era. Gerlach reflected on joining SABR in 1978 and attending his first convention in 1979, being welcomed by **Cliff Kachline** and thanked by **Eddie Gold** for a presentation on Ernie Stewart, and being one of 115 convention registrants in 1979 and now part of over 400 registrants and 6,500 total members in 1997.

Gerlach judged that SABR is stable in its publication, finances, and web presence and now needed to decide where to go from here. He advised that the SABR leadership listens to members, wants to be connected and receive input from members.

Board members present at the June 23 meeting were President Gerlach, Vice President Beverage, Secretary Pietrusza, Treasurer Andresen, and Directors Salamon, Riley, and **Tom Shieber**. Also present was Executive Director Eckhouse and members at-large. President Gerlach established an ad-hoc committee to explore outreach activities for young people and appointed Adomites to chair the committee. Gerlach also initiated task forces (chairs in parenthesis) on archives (Shieber), internet (Andresen), super regionals (Pietrusza), publications (Riley), office and personnel (Beverage), research (Gerlach), and sponsorships (Salamon) (see August *Bulletin*, Page 2). The photo and clipping collections acquired by SABR from the Minneapolis Public Library were designated as the SABR-Ottoson Photo Archive and SABR-Ottoson Clipping Archive respectively (see August *Bulletin*, page one) in honor and memory of **Ken Ottoson**. Documents and criteria for use of the collection were also approved. The Board voted unanimously to confer complimentary one-year memberships to all guest speakers and panelists at SABR 27 and to thank the SABR 27 organizers for their efforts.

Steve Gietschier was appointed to a one-year term to fill the vacant Director position on the Board. **Bob Boynton** was chosen by President Gerlach to succeed **Jim Overmyer** as chair of the Nominating Committee. **Claudia Perry** and **Marge Daniels** were appointed by the Board to fill out the committee.

(Minutes from SABR Executive Board meetings are available by sending an SASE \$.55 to SABR, PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101; specify meeting requested.)

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

David D'Antonio was on WBNS-AM, KNBR and KFRC, was featured in *Newsday*, *San Leandro Times*, *The Hayward Daily Review*, *The Stockton Record*, and received a review in *The Sporting News* for his book *Invincible Summer*...**Kent Morgan** is now co-writing a twice-weekly sports people column called "Toast and Coffee" for the *Winnipeg Sun*. When Northwest Chapter President **John Pastier** visited Winnipeg on his recent ballpark tour, he and his family took in a game at Winnipeg Stadium as Kent's guest. His visit was featured along with a photograph in "Toast and Coffee" July 6 and his interest in defunct ballparks was mentioned July 9...**Jeff Campbell** appeared on NPR radio on July 24th promoting his new CD of baseball songs, "Diamond Cuts." The CD includes songs written by SABR members **Jim Riley**, **Chuck Brodsky** and **Jeff Campbell**. For information on ordering the CD, contact Jeff Campbell c/o HFM, 2020 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, #384, Washington DC 20006 (202-994-4875; e-mail: hfm@clark.net)...**Jim Kreuz's** article "An Unforgettable Evening With 'Unser Choe' Hauser" appeared in the August 8 issue of *Sports Collectors Digest*. The article recounts a dinner with Kreuz, Hauser, and **Norman Macht** in March, 1996...**Steve Acee's** article on the rivalry between the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants in general, and Jackie Robinson and Sal Maglie in particular, appeared in the *Niagara Gazette* on April 15...Local publicity for the 1997 SABR National Convention included articles in *LEO: Louisville's Eccentric Observer* (June 25) and the *Louisville Courier-Journal* (June 20, June 21). The *LEO* coverage focused on **Francis Kinlaw's** research presentation regarding the career of Herb Score. Also mentioned in the article were **Bill Treese**, **Jeff Samoray**, **Richard Peterson**, **Ted Knorr**, **Richard** and **Jessica Frank**,

Ron Gabriel, and **Joseph and Anthony Colosi**. The *Courier-Journal's* coverage of the convention's vintage base ball game (see page 7) mentioned **Richard Schuricht**, **Charles Trudeau**, **Kazuo Sayama**, **Al Dieckmann**, **Greg Rhodes**, and **Jay Ferguson**. **David Anderson's** presentation "Umpires and Umpiring in 1908" was the subject of an article in *The Elkhart (Indiana) Truth* on July 2...SABR was also prominently featured in the first issue of *Legends*, the newsletter of the Louisville Slugger Museum...**John Husman's** article "Ambition, Vision & Baseball" about Armory Park in Toledo appeared in *Toledo Magazine* in *The Toledo Blade* on May 25. Armory Park was home to the Toledo Mud Hens from May 29, 1897, to 1909. **Ralph Lin Weber**, **Alyce** and **Chuck Lutomski** provided research materials for the article...When **Al Ogletree** recently retired, he was the winningest active NCAA Division 1A coach with 1,217 wins vs. 711 losses. Coach Ogletree is a member of several Hall of Fames including Texas A & M University and the American Baseball Coaches Association. He also played professionally in the Evangeline League in 1952 and 1955...**Arthur K. Miller's** painting "Jackie Robinson" was selected by the National Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Robinson's entry into major league baseball. The image appears on the cover of the 1997 Hall of Fame yearbook. Miller's work can be seen at The Art of the Game web site (www.artofthegame.com)...**Eddie Frierson's** acclaimed off-Broadway play, "Matty: An Evening With Christy Mathewson" was performed at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in its Grandstand Theater July 3-5...**Dennis LePore's** website (www.sandlotshrink.com) was left out of an earlier Names in the News.

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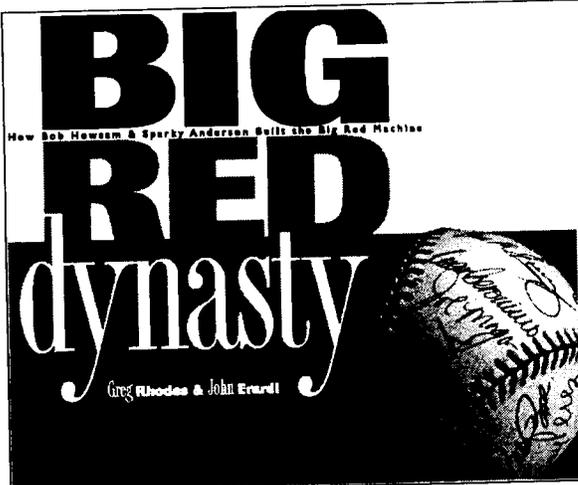
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Clark, son of Olympic champion Ellery H. Clark, wrote three books on the Boston Red Sox; *Red Sox 75th Anniversary History*, 1975; *Red Sox Forever*, 1977; and *Red Sox Fever*, 1979. He participated in the Olympic Torch Relay in 1984.

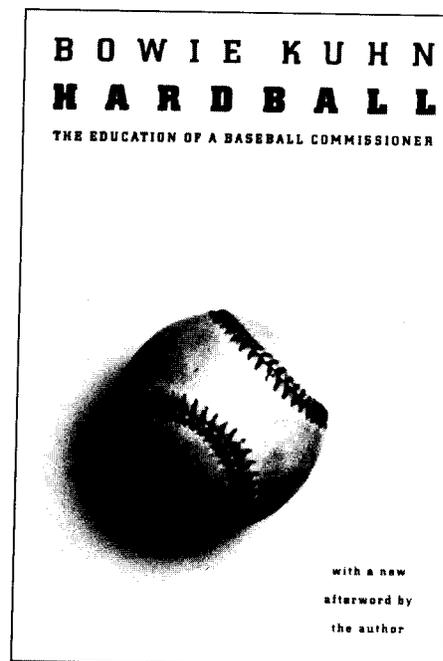
Victor Fernandez Reguero, who became a SABR member in 1996, passed away on April 11. He was 74. A well known Puerto Rican baseball announcer for the Puerto Rico Winter League "Criollos" of Caguas, Reguero was inducted into the Caguas City Sports Hall of Fame in October 1996. Reguero was known as "El Del Estilo Verdadero" (The One of the Right Style) and for such phrases as "Hasta Manana, Si Dios No Dispone Lo Contrario" (Until Tomorrow, If God Will Permit It) and "No Hay Duda, Es Un Jonron" (It is no doubt, it is a home run).

Carl Briggs, of Youngstown, Ohio, father of **Rick Briggs**, and a member since 1994, died recently. He was 76.

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Convention Updates

Bay area baseball will be prominently displayed when SABR 28 takes place June 25-28, 1998, at the San Francisco Airport Marriott. The SABR 28 line-up is scheduled to include a game at Candlestick Point featuring the National League Western Division Champion San Francisco Giants and a California League contest with the San Jose Giants. If possible, we'll even try to squeeze in an Oakland A's game.

Bay area baseball legends invited to attend SABR 28 include Charlie Silvera, Gino Cimoli, Frank Zupo, Mike McCormick, Orlando Cepeda, and Hank Sauer. Watch for updates in *The SABR Bulletin*, or check the SABR Website (www.sabr.org) for the latest information.

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.

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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 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:

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Call for Nominations

The nominating petition for SABR's annual awards can be found on page 9 of this issue of *The SABR Bulletin*. Descriptions of the awards are on page 8.

The Seymour Medal, named in honor of pioneering researchers Dr. Harold Seymour and Mrs. Dorothy Seymour (now Mrs. **Dorothy Mills**), honors the author(s) of the best book of baseball biography or history published in 1997. The Macmillan-SABR Award will honor the author(s) of the best articles or papers, published or unpublished, on baseball history or biography completed in 1997. The Sporting News-SABR Award will recognize outstanding baseball research in areas other than history and biography. Please give some thought to potential nominees for these awards, use the form on page 9, and help honor the best in baseball research. Also upcoming in 1998 will be the 13th presentation of SABR's highest honor, The Bob Davids Award and the sixth annual *Baseball Weekly* award for the best research presentation given at the 1998 SABR National Convention.

*(Please note that photocopies of the enclosed nominations form are accepted. Also note that **no publication or project should be nominated in more than one category.**)*

Membership Record Set

Once again, SABR has set an all-time membership record, finishing the 1997 membership year with 6,739 members.

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Correction

*There were two incorrect pieces of information on last month's summary of **Dictionary of Literary Biography Volume 171**. It only comes in hardcover and the price is \$149. We apologize for the inconvenience (but we did say look for it in your local library).*

THE PRES BOX

Like Baseball operatives, SABR's staff and officers are devoting the off-season to preparations for the next season and beyond.

The various Task Forces mentioned in the August *Bulletin* are hard at work and will submit preliminary reports to the board at its meeting in January -- tentatively scheduled, symbolically, for Super Bowl weekend. For now, I'd like to comment on a few things that have been done and are being done.

SABR office operations. Sparked by an excellent on-site evaluation by **Dick Beverage** and **Norman Macht**, changes major and minor in the office operations are underway. Some of you already know that we now have a voice mail system offering multiple message options ranging from membership information to research requests. Rest assured that voice mail is not intended as a substitute for answering the telephone, but instead as a mechanism to provide information and access when staff is unable to answer calls. More expeditious procedures for depositing checks and processing credit card charges are being instituted.

These and future innovations will allow the staff to serve the membership more efficiently and help retain their sanity. You can help, too. I would encourage the submission of routine research requests via e-mail or fax as a means of both saving SABR time and money and ensuring that you receive a precise and timely response.

Publicity. Several of you mentioned the need for a Publicity Task Force. Several years ago, **Richard Puff** prepared a report on the topic of public relations and publicity options for SABR for the Board that was never acted upon. Rich, whose profession is Public Relations, is updating the report in consultation with the Executive Director.

Inventory. As discussed elsewhere in the *Bulletin*, we have an unacceptably large inventory of publications. Reductions in print-runs will curb the problem in the future, but we must eliminate existing back issues by putting them a) in the dumpster, b) in the recycling bin, or c) in the hands of persons who can benefit from reading about baseball. The preferred choice is clear to me. Let's not let our research go to waste.

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Research. Future planning discussions invariably turn upon a sense of what SABR is. Some have suggested that the name be changed to reflect the diversity of our membership. That issue aside, it's important to remember that we ultimately define our organization not by name, but by what we do. And this is what we do, first and foremost: some of us engage in research, some of us publish the results of that research, and all of us read the results of that research.. The operative term is "research." A rose is a rose, and the bloom on SABR's flower is research.

One way to encourage and appreciate research is through periodic "How To" columns in the *Bulletin*. In the January issue **Rick Bradley**, chair of the Oral History Committee, will offer some pointers on talkin' baseball -- i.e. conducting oral interviews with baseball personalities.

--Larry Gerlach

The next meeting of the SABR Board will be held at a site to be determined on January 23-25, 1998. All SABR Executive Board meetings are open to all SABR members. If you have business to bring before the Board, it must be received by President Larry Gerlach, 950 N Bonneville Dr, Salt Lake City UT 84103 no later than January 2, 1998.

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Ballparks Committee

The latest committee newsletter covers a wide spectrum of ballpark news, including diminishing park capacities. Anaheim Stadium has, at least temporarily, the smallest capacity of any park in the major leagues (33,851), 74 seats less than Fenway Park. Other parks (besides Anaheim's) that have reduced capacity recently include Oakland, Detroit, Florida, Montreal, Pittsburgh, and St. Louis. Average seating capacities are 52,062 for the NL and 47,346 for the AL. New parks are, or may be, on the horizon in Arizona (for 1998), Cincinnati, Detroit (for 2000), Houston, Milwaukee, Minnesota, Montreal, New York (Yankees), Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, San Francisco (for 2000), Seattle (for 1999) and Boston.

Baseball Records Committee

Cliff Kachline, building on extensive research done by **Bob Soderman**, has found that Hack Wilson had 191 RBIs in 1930. The official sheets missed an RBI in the third inning of the second game of an August 28 doubleheader. The *Chicago Daily News*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* all show Wilson driving in Cuyler with a single.

This issue first surfaced almost 20 years ago when James Braswell discovered the error while trying to confirm that Wilson had RBIs in 11 consecutive games, which was then a record. Paul MacFarlane, editor of ***The Sporting News Hall of Fame Fact Book***, showed Wilson with 191 RBIs in 1930 on page 139 of the 1932 edition. Unlike "Most right fielders used in a game" this is a record that would not be easy to get Major League Baseball and the baseball record books to change. But neither was getting them to accept Walter Johnson's 417th win; now all have or will shortly.

Biographical Research Committee

The August Find of the Month was awarded to **Fred Lenger** for his work in verifying the birth and death locations for all major league players. Fred has done an incredible amount of work, writing to post offices, libraries, and town historians and consulting old maps and gazettes. Although he is recognized for the month of August, it has taken him several years to complete this data and he deserves praise for his work.

The August Mystery of the Month came from **Al Quimby**. Frank Charles Bates, also known as Creed Bates, was a star pitcher for

the 1899 Cleveland Spiders with a 1-18 record. Little is known of Bates' personal life, other than he was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee about 1876. Using the name Creed N. Bates, he married Selma Bowe in Newport, Kentucky on April 25, 1900 and divorced a year later. Before they divorced, the Bates' listed the place of residence as Cincinnati. In 1909, Bates was convicted of disorderly conduct in Quincy, Illinois, and sentenced to serve 104 days in the House of Correction. Nothing has been found on Bates after that time. Al was able to put together quite a bit of information on Bates' father, mother, 2 sisters, 3 brothers, 2 nieces and an uncle. If anyone has any information on Creed Bates, please send it to either Al Quimby or **Bill Carle**.

Business of Baseball Committee

One feature of the Summer 1997 issue of *Outside the Lines*, the SABR Business of Baseball Committee newsletter is a list of national baseball broadcast deals. The 50th Anniversary of the first World Series telecast and the 75th anniversary of the first World Series radio broadcast are being celebrated in 1997. From 1922-1933 there was no rights fee charged, with Ford being the first to pay a rights fee of \$100,000/year from 1934-37.

Complementing that list is a bibliography of Broadcasters and Broadcasting from **Andy McCue** and the Researching Baseball Index.

Minor Leagues Committee

The committees' first newsletter by new chairman **Ernest Green** networks committee members and disseminates information on committee and committee-related events, projects, and publications. **John Pardon** will continue to assist Green by serving as a telephone contact for research questions on the minor leagues. Also noted is the Triple-A realignment from three leagues to two and the unveiling of a statue of Jimmie Foxx in his home town (Sudlersville MD). The newsletter also includes sections for research requests, research resources, articles, and publications.

Pictorial History Committee

The August Pictorial History Newsletter has been coined "The Magical Mystery Picture Issue." In all, five mystery photos appear in the newsletter.

John McMurray, Project Coordinator of the SABR Pictorial History Commit-

New Committee Created

At its last meeting (September, 1997), the SABR Executive Board established a new research committee for songs and poems. The SABR Songs and Poems Committee is chaired by **Jeff Campbell**, Executive Director of Hungry for Music, Inc., and Executive Producer of *Diamond Cuts--A Compilation of Baseball Songs and Poetry*.

If you wish to join the committee or learn more about it, contact Jeff c/o HFM, 2020 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 384, Washington DC 20006 or via e-mail at hfm@clark.net.

tee Player Image Index Update, expressed his thanks to those who have made submissions to the Index over the past few months, including **Marc Okkonen** who located literally hundreds of quality photos of major leaguers from the first half of the twentieth century. Also, Marc has provided the project with invaluable research into the Pre-major league history of our "cup-of-coffee" players. For the majority of "cup-of-coffee" players, Marc has found minor league and college affiliations.

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Florida Regional Meeting at Space Coast Stadium in Brevard County; Contact Jim Riley, 407-636-1952
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December 6: Allan Roth Chapter Meeting (Los Angeles); Contact Chuck Carey, 714-761-3580
December 13: Forbes Field Chapter Meeting (Pittsburgh); Contact Ed Luteran, 412-443-0231

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- January 24: Halsey Hall Chapter Hot Stove Meeting; Contact Stew Thornley, 612-415-0791
Jan 23-25: SABR Executive Board Meeting; Site TBA, see page 3.
January 31: Tentative Ted Williams Chapter Meeting (San Diego); Contact Tom Larwin, 619-231-1466.
June 25-28: 28th Annual SABR National Convention at the San Francisco Airport Marriott in Burlingame CA

Regionals

Houston, Texas: The Houston Chapter of SABR held a Regional Meeting at the Astrodome Museum on September 24, prior to the game between the Chicago Cubs and the Houston Astros. Forty members and guests were in attendance to hear Astros' President **Tal Smith** speak about the status of the proposed new stadium and realignment.

Harold Jones gave a presentation on Pitcher's Game Scores and **Daniel Levine** presented his work on Prospects, Projects and Suspects. Local members enjoyed meeting former Brooklyn Dodger **Ed Stevens**, a panelist at the SABR Convention in Louisville, attended his first Houston Regional Meeting.

The group then adjourned to their seats in the Astrodome to, hopefully, watch the Astros clinch the National League Central Division. The Cubs didn't cooperate however and the celebration had to wait until the following night.

Lefty O'Douls Closing

Unfortunately, by the time SABR 28 arrives, Lefty O'Doul's Restaurant and Piano Bar will be gone. The saloon, a fixture on Geary Street since 1958, will close around the end of the year due to a large rent increase. O'Doul's is almost as much museum as eatery with walls full of baseball pictures and barstools made from baseball bats. Owner Don Figone says O'Doul's may relocate to a less expensive space. (Thanks to **Jim Price** and **Mort Levitt** for helping with the preceding information.)

Phoenix, Arizona: On August 28 the Flame Delhi Chapter (AZ) met to celebrate the last-ever regular season home game for the Phoenix Firebirds. The PCL franchise is moving to Fresno after this season ending a 34-year stay in the Phoenix area. Thirty members and guests joined the fun at a wind-storm shortened tailgate party before the game, then watched the Firebirds beat Tucson 10-8 at Phoenix Municipal Stadium. Following the game fans were treated to a spectacular fireworks display and then got to see 'the fat lady sing' under the spotlight at second base. The front office staff of the Arizona Diamondbacks were introduced to the crowd as the 'Birds passed the professional baseball torch to the D-Backs. The first copies of the Arizona Baseball Journal were distributed to chapter members. The journal is a 65-page collection of articles about Arizona baseball written by chapter members. Anyone interested in buying a copy may do so by sending a check for \$10 (postpaid) payable to ASABR to **Al Gwinnell**, 1296 E. Horseshoe Ave. Gilbert, AZ 85296.

The chapter plans to attend an Arizona Fall League game as a group in November. Date and time TBA. On December 6 the Flame Delhi Chapter rummage sale will be held to raise funds for chapter projects. Call **Steve Mau** 602-491-4388 for details. In February the Flame Delhi Chapter annual business meeting will be held at Arizona State University.

For information on Flame Delhi Chapter events, members can visit our home page at: <http://members.aol.com/FDelhichtpt/index.html>

Worcester, Massachusetts: Drawn by the presence of Impossible Dream team member, Rico Petrocelli, over 30 people attended the Fall meeting of the Central Massachusetts Regional held at Assumption College on Sunday, September 28.

Petrocelli recounted his years with the Red Sox, crediting manager Dick Williams with creating a winning attitude on the 1967 team. He said the season's turning point was the 10-game win streak after the All-Star break. Rico talked about today's players (they don't get enough fundamentals in minors), Bob Gibson (threw a heavy ball, one of best he'd faced), strike zone (today's ump's have their own zone, up and down is biggest difference), Williams' firing (differences in Yawkey's ratings of best Sox managers--not player dissension), today's pitching (poor, due to the "pitching system": afraid of hurting prospects' arms, minors' managers limit pitchers to 100 pitches/game), record 40th HR in '69 (credited inability of 6'8" Frank Howard to jump not more than 2", ball just cleared his glove). He credited his own development as a player to his participation in every sport around while growing up.

Ron Marshall presented the trivia quiz, based on Petrocelli's stint of service with the Red Sox. Also featured was **Steve Krevisky's** presentation on Jimmie Foxx' 500th home run.

Bill Ballou (*Worcester Telegram-Gazette*) presented his views on criteria for season and career awards. MVP (player's team has to win something and "what would happen to his team if the player was not able to participate?"); Hall of Fame (must be good but also: "did fans buy tickets just to see him play?"); Manager of Year ("a stupid award", but: did manager do the best job with the player resources that he had?). His picks for 1997 AL Manager of the Year: 1.) Phil Garner, 2.) Davey Johnson, 3.) Buddy Bell.

A video presentation of controversial World Series Plays included: Jackie Robinson's steal of home in Game 1, 1956; Freehan blocks Brock from plate, Game 5, 1968; Cleon Jones' "shoe polish" HBP in Game 5, 1969; Bernie Carbo "tagged out" at plate while ump is down & play behind him, Game 1, 1970; Roberto Clemente HR called foul (follows with 2B), Game 4, 1971; Ed Armbrister/Carlton Fisk "no interference" bunt play, Game 5, 1975. The latter three plays were notable for the fact that Managers Weaver, Murtaugh and Johnson were miked for audio.

Diamonds in the Desert Conference

Diamonds in the Desert Conference: A Celebration of Baseball will be held at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona, March 18-21, 1998.

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The third annual series of the Chicago Seminar on Sport, Culture, and Society will meet in 1997-98 at the Newberry Library, 60 West Walton, Chicago, Illinois. The meetings are on Fridays from 3:30-5:00pm.

The seminar is currently preparing its program for 1998-99. Any suggestions are appreciated.

For more information contact **Steven Riess**, 773-794-2836; s-riess@neiu.edu.

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.

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Send your abstract and biographical sketch to:

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Index to "The Milwaukee Braves." 3 pages. Compiled by Brad Sullivan for the SABR Bibliography Committee. Index covers the additional chapters in "The Boston Braves" (Harold Kaese), written after the Braves moved to Milwaukee.

Boynnton, Bob: Are "one-run" games of special importance? 6 pages. Related to a presentation given at the Louisville Convention.

Burgos, Adrian Jr.: Jugando en el Norte: Caribbean players in the Negro Leagues, 1910-1950. 22 pages. Copy of article in Journal of the Center for Puerto Rican Studies, Vol. 8, 1 & 2/1996. One of the winners of the 1997 Macmillan-SABR Award.

De Vries, Jack: The original Cleveland Indian. 5 pages. Copy of article in Indians' 1997 game program about Louis Sockalexis.

De Vries, Jack: Cleveland's great Achilles, Hal Trosky. 5 pages. Copy of article in Indians' 1997 game program.

Gold, Eddie: One-sided swaps. 1 page. 10 one-sided trades. Copy of article in Oldtime Baseball News, Volume 7, Issue 6. Plus 1-page article by Steve Krevisky: Trades which changed the course of baseball history (lists 8 trades).

Grosshandler, Stan: Youngest no-hit pitchers in major league history. 2 pages. Copy of article in Baseball Digest Best Rookies Yearbook, 1988.

Hageman, William: Chicago's 55-year-old secret: Jackie Robinson's tryout with the White Sox. 3 pages. Copy of article in the Chicago Tribune, March 26, 1997. The tryout, about which little is known, took place in 1942.

Hines, Elliot: More than 2,000 hits, less than 500 walks; more than 1,000 walks, less than 2,000 hits. 1 page. A list.

Jarvis, John F.: Stolen bases and caught stealing: A statistical study. 9 pages.

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Geoffrey Dunn, 729 Trevethan Avenue, Santa Cruz CA 95065, 408-423-4338, is seeking biographical information, photographs and statistics on William "Red Brick" Devereaux, who played in the California League in the late 1890's and early 1900's.

John Gilmore, 7522 Ridgefield Drive, Charlotte NC 28269, 704-571-2621 or e-mail: John_Gilmore@Sealand.com seeks information on his grandfather, Frank B. Gilmore, who pitched in the Manufacturers' League of Providence RI in the 1920's for the Centerdale Worsted team. He also pitched in the Providence Amateur League of the 1920's and 1930's. Any articles, books or other reference sources would be appreciated.

David Driver, 4004 74th Ave, Hyattsville MD 20784, 301-306-9751 (eve), 301-725-2000, ext. 533, is interested in any articles on former big league pitcher Lew Burdette, especially pertaining to his growing up in West Virginia and his minor league days. Would appreciate stories from newspapers, personal memories, etc. Also would welcome copies of stories from any of his three wins (and complete games) over the Yankees in the 1957 World Series, and recollections of Milwaukee Braves' fans. Will reimburse expenses if requested.

Bill James, 2703 Corabel Lane, #254, Sacramento CA 95821, 916-483-6252, seeks to obtain photos of San Francisco Seals players for a research project. Especially wanted are photos of individual Seals (in Seals uniform) during the 1930's and 1940's.

Michael Miranda, 59 Nassau Ave, Atlantic Beach NY 11509, mvmiranda@aol.com, seeks SABR members to participate in his research study exploring the early development of present-day baseball fans. Contact him to express your willingness to complete a short questionnaire regarding how and why your interest in baseball began.

Mark Vatavik, 1158 Appletree Lane, Erie PA 16509-3917, seeks information about Terrance "Cotton Top" Turner. This Sandy Lake, PA native was an infielder for Cleveland (1904-18), amassing 1499 hits and 256 stolen bases. Mark is especially interested in Turner's pre-ML days and his activities post-retirement (he died in Cleveland 7/18/60).

Tom Mark Grace, 209 Walton Drive, Amherst NY 14226, 716-839-3910, would appreciate hearing from people knowledgeable about any aspect of Al Smith (AL, 1953-64; Cleveland, Chicago, Baltimore, Boston; also played for the Cleveland Buckeyes and spent almost six seasons in the EL, PCL and AA) for a graduate research paper. Photos, newspaper clippings, and the like are welcome.

Mort Levitt, Carmel Bay Publishing Group, Box 222543, Carmel CA 93922, 408-375-3517, seeks information regarding the ship "Empress of Japan" on which the American All-Star Team that went to Japan in 1934 sailed from Vancouver on October 19, 1934. The information is needed for a Japanese documentary on Lefty O'Doul, Babe Ruth, and the 1934 All-Stars.

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Jay Langhammer's article on major leaguers from the Big 12 Conference was featured in the 1997 Big 12 Conference Baseball Championship program...**Mark Millikin** had two more articles published recently on Jimmie Foxx. In early July, the Delmarva Shorebirds (South Atlantic League) published Mark's article, "Jimmie Foxx: A Personal Look" in that club's second edition of its scorebook/program. In mid-July, the Boston Red Sox published Mark's article, "Jimmie Foxx: Double X was Premier Red Sox Slugger," in the fourth edition of its scorebook/program. Mark also gave lectures about Jimmie Foxx on September 6 for the Talbot County Historical Society and October 14 for the Queen Anne's County Historical Society...**Sam Nader**, owner of the NY-Penn League Oneonta Yankees, was a guest of Don Mattingly as the Yankees retired Mattingly's uniform number on Sunday. Mattingly once played for Oneonta...The site of Gilmore Field, once home to the PCL Hollywood Stars, now the site of CBS Television City's Studio 46, was recently commemorated with a large bronze plaque and a pair of photos of the park. Pacific Coast League Historical Society President and SABR Vice President **Dick Beverage** organized the tribute. Beverage, **Larry Zuckerman**, and **Larry Rubin** were noted in an article about the event in the *Los Angeles Times*...Judge **Frank Ceresi** is leaving the bench to become Director of the National Sports Gallery in Washington DC. The Gallery is scheduled to open in early December. Members with questions or comments about the Gallery can contact Judge Ceresi at 3600 N Nelson St, Arlington VA 22207, call 703-522-5450, or fax 703-522-0611. Ceresi and the gallery were the subject of an article in *The Arlington Journal* on September 12...The Ted Williams (San Diego) Chapter of SABR has begun a baseball research library project, designed to foster baseball research in local

libraries. An article on the subject was written by **Joe Naiman** for *The Santee Star*. **Anna Newton** is heading up the project...**Angel Torres** has written *La Leyenda Del Beisbol Cubano, 1878-1997*. It is available for \$19.95 plus \$3.50 for shipping and handling from Angel, 6111 Dennison St, Los Angeles CA 90022...**Richard Luetzinger's** book *Lefty O'Doul: The Legend Baseball Nearly Forgot* from Carmel Bay Publishing Group is being translated into Japanese by Baseball Magaensha LTD of Tokyo and also being serialized in its magazine, *Weekly Baseball*. The translation is being done by **Kazuo Sayama**. Luetzinger and his research of O'Doul was the subject of a June 8 article in *Gallery Magazine*. The book can be ordered from SABR...**William Simons** and **John Thorn** were quoted in an article about the academic side of baseball and related events in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* on June 24...**Jeff Campbell** appeared on NPR radio on July 24th promoting his new CD of baseball songs, "Diamond Cuts." The CD includes songs written by SABR members **Jim Riley**, **Chuck Brodsky**, and **Campbell**. For information on ordering the CD, contact Jeff Campbell c/o HFM, 2020 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, #384, Washington, D.C. 20006 (phone 202/994-4875) (e-mail: hfm@clark.net)...**Peter Bjarkman** has several projects in the works, including *Revolutionary Baseball - The National Pastime in Fidel Castro's Cuba* (McFarland), *The Biographical History of Basketball* (forthcoming from Masters Press), and a juvenile biography of Reggie Miller. Peter and **Mark Rucker** are working on a second Cuban book, a pictorial tentatively entitled "Smoke - The Romance of Cuban Baseball"...**Fred Stein**, author of *Under Coogan's Bluff*, is writing a biography of Mel Ott...**Dennis McCreight** spoke about his experience in the San Diego Padres Fantasy Camp in an article in *The El Cajon Eagle* on September 2. McCreight's wife, Linda, assisted with the camp. **Tom Larwin** and **Dennis Moeder** also participated...Major League Baseball Properties and **Hillerich & Bradsby Co.** have reached a licensing agreement which makes Louisville Slugger the official Wood Bat Supplier of Major League Baseball. H & B will also have rights to use the 30 Major League Baseball team names and logos and the Major League Baseball logo. Newly licensed products will appear at retail outlets in the spring of 1998...**Jack Kavanagh** has moved to Apartment 309, The Village at Waterman Lake, 715 Putnam Pike, Greenville RI 02828; 401-934-2769. Call him.

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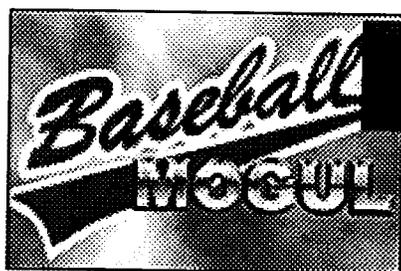
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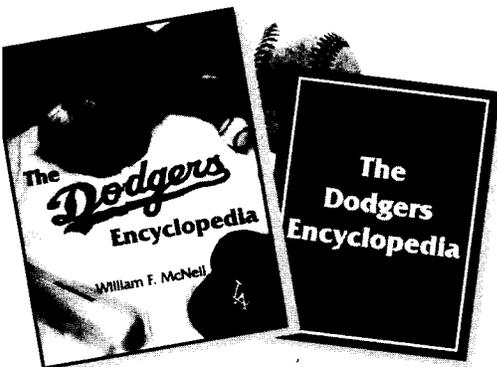
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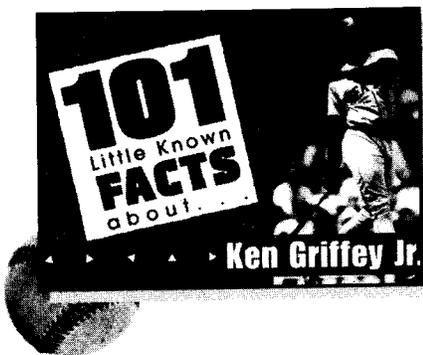
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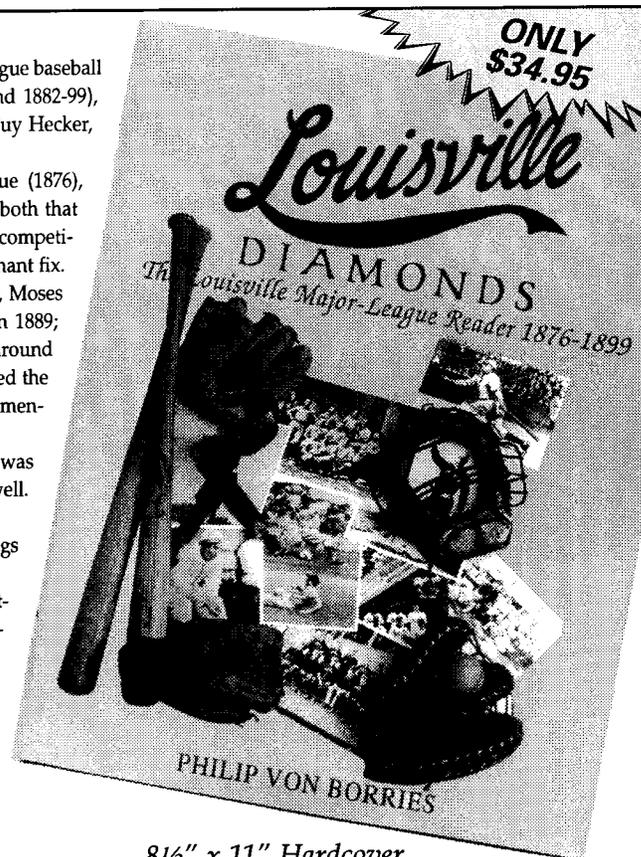
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