

SABR BALLPARKS COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

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I NEW MEMBERS

We welcome these new members to our committee:

Bob Brady
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Major and minor lgs after 1920; arch. & photos; suggests compiling major/minor lg. park seating plans; seeks info on Boston's Congress St. Grounds; Boston Braves Soc. member

Akihiro Ito
259-21 Kisomachi
Machida-Shi Tokyo
194 Japan

All parks after 1920; esp. Cleve/Boston/Chicago/S'klyna-LA; collects ballparks photos in US, Canada, & Japan; suggests a world-wide pictorial book on ballparks.

Mark Carty
2421 Chickasaw
Janesville, WI 53345

All levels after 1900; suggests the documentation of the demise and dismantling of all former major/minor lg. parks. Welcomes assistance on the subject.

Paul Janeczko
RR 1 Box 260
Marshall Pond Road
Hebron, ME 04238

All levels/eras; working on a children's book on ballparks and welcome suggestions/assistance; would like to contact stadium model builders.

Joe Dulle
2127 Pembroke Dr.
Fort Worth, TX 76110

All levels after 1900; a new member of SABR.

Tom Harris
66 Harvard Avenue
Pt. Pleasant, NJ 08742

Major lgs up to 1950; interested in placing markers in Newark & Weehawken, NJ. Interested in NYC & NJ parks.

Bob McGee
1690 North Point St.
San Francisco, CA 94123

Major lgs 1900-1950; Ebbets Field; doing book on Ebbets and welcomes hearing from former players, workers, neighbors of Ebbets, fans, etc.

Brian Ten Eyck
36945 SE Deming
Sandy, OR 97055

Pre-1900 parks, esp. 1869 Reds home/away park sites;

Please contact these gentlemen if you see areas of common interest.

II BALLPARKS IN MOVIES & TV

Steve Csik sent a supplement to our growing list of ballparks in tv/movies. He included some recent items (Major League II in Camden Yards) and classics (It Happens Every Spring--LA Wrigley Field). Send in your additions and we'll publish the updated list in the next newsletter.

III BALLPARKS BIBLIOGRAPHY

At the Arlington business meeting, Bibliography Committee chairman Andy McCue discussed the progress and assistance needed to compile various baseball-theme bibliographies. We need more volunteers to add to the current lists of ballparks books. To help: contact Andy at 4025 Beechwood Pl., Riverside, CA 92506. To review the 205-item list thus far, send a 75¢ SASE (no copy charges) to Bob Bluthardt.

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IV RESEARCH REQUESTS

1. Mark McGuire of the Albany Times-Union called recently and he is researching a "backwards ballpark" somewhere in western Mass. Call him at (518) 454-5467 by day or (518) 427-1018 by night if you can assist.
2. Albert Hilliard of 3226 Cumberland, Waco, TX, seeks info on the ballparks of various Texas minor leagues such as the Texas League, Big State, and West TX leagues---and he is researching Katy Park in Waco with hopes of making a model of the place. Please write him if you can assist/advise.
3. Irv Stein needs the exact OF dimensions of White Sox Park of 1906 vintage at 39th and Princeton. Write him at 8708 Ridgeway Avenue, Skokie, IL 60076.
4. Tom Lazzaro, 8111 Stickney Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53213, of our committee, is researching the origins of the "pepper" games at ballparks and those "No Pepper" signs at ballparks. Any thoughts? Photo copies of any pictures or references to pepper games/signs would be appreciated.
5. Who, if anyone, "invented" the dugout at ballparks; where did they first appear? Write Arthur B. Leopold at 17 Arcadian Way, Suite 207, Paramus, NJ 07652 if you have an answer.
6. In its earliest years Forbes Field in Pittsburgh had a Studebaker dealership as part of the park. Tom Downey of the Studebaker National Museum, 525 So. Main Street, South Bend, IN 46601, seeks any info/documentation on the dealership.
7. Ed Crosby of SABR asks about the home team dugout at Yankee Stadium. He believes that it started on the third base side, but moved to the first base side sometime before 1941. If you can pin this one down, call him at (914) 336-4204.
8. Kevin Grace is assembling info on ballparks-related master's and doctorate papers plus other formal writings in the academic setting. Send any listing to his home at 51 W. Charlotte Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45215.
9. Saving Miami Stadium is a project of SABR member Kurt Schweizer of 5865 SW 99th Terrace, Miami, FL 33156. He seeks any advice and suggestions on how to approach local officials. You may call him at (305) 666-5020 or 666-4353.
10. New committee member Tom Harris would like to investigate the possibility of a marker for Ruppert Stadium in Newark, NJ. Does anyone know the current status of the site? Who owns the land? Is the orginal park block intact? Please write Tom at 66 Harvard Avenue, Point Pleasant, NJ 07442.
11. New committee member Brian Ten Eyck of 76945 SE Deming, Sandy, OR 97055, is writing a book on the first five years of the NL. He seeks any specific on the parks, ground rules, fans, field conditions, neighborhoods, etc.

THANKS for contributing to this month's newsletter go to Bill Cahill, Keith Danish, Warren Corbett, Steve Csik, Mike Frank, Tom Harris, Jerry Gregory, Bob Bailey, Jay Stanford, Dick Clark, Fred Schuld, Barbara Koerble, Jim Peters, Brian Powers, David Pietrusza, Jim Nitz, Phil Gruen, John Kaup, Dick Kaufman, John Matthew, Bob Brady, John Holway, Bob Boynton, Don Coffin, Andy McCue, Ken Caranno, Elias Dudash, Joe Gusky, Paul Janeczko, and Joe Naiman. Our apologies if anyone was left out. Keep those letters coming!

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V MAJOR LEAGUE NEWS/ARTICLES

1. The 7th annual Old Timers Game takes place on July 17 at the reconstructed Crosley Field in Blue Ash, OH. Send 50¢ for the press release detailing the game, players, city, and directions.
2. Bill Cahill sent us a sample of the text for the Washington Park, Brooklyn, marker. Con Edison, owners of the ballpark site, have accepted the text. For a copy send a 29¢ SASE.
3. The Rangers aren't doing well on the field, but attendance at the Ballpark in Arlington is averaging 39,000! For a series of misc. articles on the park, the incident of the fan falling over the rail, Tom Schieffer (team president), send \$1.25.
4. Reports are that Arlington Stadium is coming down in July. I'll be in the neighborhood on the 17th and take some photos if anything is happening.
5. Another article on ballparks travel programs, Det. Free Press, 6-19-94 (3 pgs)
6. John Matthew reports that Toronto Sun had a survey of some writers/baseball people on the AL parks. Points of 3-2-1 were awarded. The results: Camden Yards 12, Kauffman 8, SkyDome 4, Comiskey 3, Fenway 2, Oakland 1.
7. Financial Times of Canada says (11-6-93) that the SkyDome is the champ when it comes to ads in the park. It has 26; the average is 16.
8. A Rich Dubroff wrote a book, How was the Game? (Baltimore Sun 5-22-94). Has anyone read it? He covers most of the major's 28 facilities, noting that "no one should shed a tear if they decide to tear down Detroit's Tiger Stadium."
9. Two of the game's classic parks weren't kind to the home club as the Cubs had a losing streak at 12 games breaking a 92-year mark dating before Wrigley; the Red Sox did as well matching a 1920s home futility streak.
10. The Yankees and the city are looking over up to eight sites for a new stadium. For a selection of articles on the future of Yankee Stadium, send 75¢.
11. "A League of Their Own," Civil Engineering, (Cleve/TX), May-1994, (2 pgs)
12. Remodeling the Metrodome on Hold, AP, 5-12-94 (1 pg)
13. New ballparks & city environment, Chi. Tribune, 5-8-94 (2 pgs)
14. Photocopy of portions of original arch. model of Braves Field, (1 pg)
15. "Baseball & Beer," All About Beer, May-1994 (11 pgs) lists parks/beer sold
16. Marge Schott buying out Riverfront Stadium? AP 5-16-94 (1 pg)
17. "The New Ballparks," (TX & Cleve), Detroit News, 5-13-94, (3 pgs)
18. Selling Beer in the SkyDome, NOW, 4-21/27-94 (1 pg)
19. Sale of SkyDome and debt situation, misc. articles, (4 pgs)
20. "Good Riddance, My Fair Lady," (Cleve. Stdm), Dugout, October-1993 (3 pgs)
21. Red Sox and new Boston stadia proposals, AP (1 pg) 5-17-94
22. "Mile High & Handsome," (Denver), (5 pgs) by John Holway
23. Jacobs Field built with TV in mind, Cleve. Plain Dealer, 6-26-94 (3 pgs)
24. "Shibe Park Died an Ugly, Painful Death," SCD, 7-1-94 info on seats (3 pgs)
25. "Bread & Circuses," Forbes, stadia building boom, 6-6-94 (3 pgs)
26. Two pages on 19th c. games in Phila. ballparks.
27. The Ken Burns baseball program, Smithsonian, July-1994 (9 pgs)
28. Local Beer Now Sold at Camden Yards! Balt. Sun, 4-4-94 (1 pg)
29. Where the big shots sit at Camden Yards, Balt. Sun, 4-4-94 (2 pgs)
30. Cancellation Insurance for baseball games, Bus. Insurance, no date.

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31. Review of book, "Murder at Fenway Park," Boston Herald, 4-17-94 (1 pg)
32. Playing with the wind currents at ballparks, WSJ, 6-30-94 (1 pg)
33. Mayor Archer's new stadium pitch, Detroit Free Press, 5-13-94 (3 pgs)
34. Funding for new Milwaukee park & architect making model of proposed dome for Milwaukee on County Stadium, Milw. Journal, 4-19-94 (4 pgs)
35. Front Page stories for opening day at Jacobs Field, Cleve. Plain Dealer 4-5-94 (7 pgs)
36. First game at Cin. League Park in 1884, Timeline, May/June 1994 (4 pgs)
37. Escalator accident at Camden Yards, AP 6-21-94 (1 pg)

VI OTHER NEWS NOTES

1. Chad Kreuter of the Tigers became the 18th player to hit a ball out of Tiger Stadium, clearing the RF roof on May 19.
2. John Matthew notes that Mickey Mantle needs to be added to the May/August '93 newsletter piece (XXII.9) about Hall of Famers hitting the first hr in a stadium. Mantle did this for the Astrodome in an exhibition game.
3. A City of Denver study noted that Mile High Stadium is quite sound.
4. Houston SS Andujar Cedeno hit one of the longest hr's seen in the Astrodome in early April at 443' to the stadium's sixth level.
5. The scoreboard in CF at Montreal no longer gives off a glare or interferes with batters and fielders.
6. If the Rams leave Anaheim Stadium, the Angels want the city to bring back the open section in the OF, the way the park appeared before the 1980 renovations.
7. Ken Griffey's early May hr at Camden Yards went 438 feet over the RF fence, the longest yet to that side. He hit the warehouse at the 1993 All-Star Game contest.
8. The National Trust for Historic Preservation holds its annual meeting in Boston, MA on 25-30. One of the special tours covers Fenway Park and the Kenmore Square neighborhood. For registration info on the conference, call (202) 673-4000 or 1-800-344-NTHP.
9. The Indians home record joins other cases of teams perking up in new parks over the shortterm. The Rangers are at .500 at this writing; the Indians at .725. SI noted that four of the last five teams that moved to new parks had a first-year improvement:

Euro 1976-77	Jarry Park to Olympic Stadium	338-489	Blue Jays 1988-89	Exhibition Stadium to SkyDome	.586-.618
Twins 1981-82	Metropolitan Stadium to Metrodome	400-457	White Sox 1990-91	Comiskey Park to new Comiskey Park	.513-.563
10. More talk in Philadelphia about a baseball-only stadium, leaving Veterans Stadium for the Eagles.
11. The top three attendance levels in the AL are: Toronto at 46,741/game, followed by Baltimore at 46,830 and Texas near 39,000. The Rangers passed 1 million on their 27th home date and the Orioles passed 1.5 million on their 33rd date, both club records.
12. Scott Erickson tossed a no-hitter in the Metrodome, the first for that park and the first for Minnesota in 27 years. It will be interesting to see how long the new wave of parks go before their first no-hitters. Forbes Field never had one!

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VII MINOR LEAGUE ARTICLES & NEWS

1. Thanks to Bill Cahill for donating three minor league programs to our research collection (Jamestown, NY; Erie, PA, & Williamsport, PA).
For his short summaries of the three ballparks plus news on Buffalo, send a 29¢ SASE.
2. Renovation of Heritage Park, Albany-Colonie, NY 8-7-93 (1 pg)
3. "History of Baseball in NJ," no source. (3 pgs)
4. New stadium for Bowie BaySox, misc. Wash. Post articles, (4 pgs) June-1994
5. Renovation of McKechnie Field, Tampa Tribune, 3-14-93 (1 pg)
6. Razing of Tampa's Al Lopez Field, Tampa Tribune, May-1989 (5 pgs)
7. "Last Days of Edmonton's John Ducey Park," Dugout, Dec. 1993 (3 pgs)
8. Trenton, NJ park delayed; team plays in Vet. Std., April-1994 (3 pgs)
9. Frankford Township NJ park delayed, but open, A Ball, NY Times, June-94 (2 pgs)
10. The San Antonio City Council voted 10-1 against a 1 million dollar offer by a local beer distributor to have the naming rights to the new AA ballpark.
11. Salt Lake City has a new ballpark. A good selection of photos and articles on Quest Field. (14 pgs)
12. Promotions at the minor league level, Dugout, December-1993 (1 pg)
13. Thanks to Warren Corbett for donating his notes and draft for a piece on Nashville's Sulphur Dell that ran in the June Diamonds magazine. Did anyone see it?
14. Ballpark traveler Michael Jaffee has kindly sent us pocket schedules for the following teams. First come-first served! 29¢ SASE should cover them:

Wilmington, DE Blue Rocks	Syracuse, NY Chiefs
Rochester, NY Red Wings	New Britain, CT Red Sox
Binghampton, NY Mets	Cleveland Indians
Trenton, NJ Thunder	Pawtucket, RI Red Sox
Pittsburgh Pirates	Harrisburg, PA Senators
Portland, ME Seadogs	New Haven, CT Ravens
Canton, OH Indians	

Mike has sent summaries of his impressions of many of these ballparks.
Four pages; add another stamp to any schedule request.

15. Bob Boynton recently visited Silver Stadium (Syracuse, NY) for a game and found the facility in fine shape. Nevertheless the pressure is on for a new park. Bob counted 40 ads in fair territory; 20 elsewhere. We wonder about a record number.
16. Tim Rask caught a game at Winnipeg Stadium in the Northern League, a CFL facility that does not translate well for baseball. He recommends Indianapolis for a SABR meeting in a minor league city. Bush Stadium is a great old park!
17. Rickwood Field is well represented in our files now! The federal project: Historic American Building Survey is complete and work is ongoing on baseball's oldest professional structure. For a SASE we'll send you the summary of the project from the National Building Museum journal and the Historic Preservation newsletter.

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VIII COMMITTEE/NEWS NOTES

1. The "Field of Dreams" exhibit on ballparks design continues to travel. The long-range schedule is as follows: June 9 - August 11 at the Elmhurst, IL Historical Museum; September 1 - October 14 at the Buffalo & Erie Co. Historical Society in Buffalo; November 4 - January 7 (1995) at the Butler Inst. of American Art in Youngstown, OH; January 28 - March 16 at the Just Hershey Museum in Hershey, PA; April 6 - May 19 at the Clinton, NJ Historical Museum; June 9 - August 11 at the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus; September 1 - October 14 at the National Building Museum, Wash., DC; January 28 - March 16, 1996 at the New Visions Gallery in Marshfield, WI, with a possible visit in June-August at Charlotte, NC. For the full info on phone numbers and contacts, send a SASE. Our thanks to exhibit curator Barbara Koerble for the update.
2. The National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, is offering a "historic ballparks" study tour in July of 1995. Write them for information.
3. Congratulations to committee member Chris Jennison whose baseball math book has appeared on the market. He is now working on a baseball portraits with ballpark artist Andy Jurinko. Publication expected in 1996.
4. Congratulations to Jim Nitz of our committee whose articles about the Milwaukee Chicks will be published soon by the Milwaukee Journal and Magazine. Jim and the family recently visited the site of the Rockford, IL Peaches of the women's baseball league. "All that is left of Beyer Stadium is the grass and the ticket booths." The park was located just a few blocks from the Class A park, Marinelli Field, of the Rockford team.
5. Many thanks to Madison McEntire who donated an impressive collection of recent color photos of Ray Winder Field of Little Rock. These were given to our ever-expanding photo collection.
6. Charles Wilson of our committee and the Carolina Regional Chapter of SABR did the presentation honors at McCormick Field for the NC Minor League Player of the Month.
7. John Holway reports that he is up to 46 or 47 big league parks visited. John is among several folks competing for the "honor" of most parks visited. How about an award at the next SABR convention?
8. Joe Gucky visited his second opener at Camden Yards and had upper deck seats that were "very high," but he notes that the Orioles do rent binoculars!
9. Paul Janeczko, a recent addition to our committee, found Comiskey "bland" with annoying noise and ads throughout the game on the PA/scoreboard.
10. We appreciate the "little extra" members donate in stamps and funds, and a special thank-you to Charles Wilson, Bruce Genther, Jim Nitz, and Don Spoon for their recent donations.
11. Thanks to Bill Cahill for his recent donation of color shots of minor league parks in Erie, PA; Williamsport, PA; and Jamestown, NY.

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Valerie, Natalie, & I were sorry to miss this year's convention in Arlington. Just days before the meeting Natalie was diagnosed with "Mistiocytosis X," a very rare but treatable disease. Natalie has been receiving excellent care in San Angelo and Fort Worth; she is responding very well to the chemo treatment; and our doctors are very positive about a recovery. We appreciate the expressions of concern and look forward to seeing you in Pittsburgh in 1995.

Many thanks to those who covered all committee duties in Arlington; a full report in our next newsletter for July-August..

June 16, 1994

Dear Ballpark Enthusiast,

The ballpark building boom in the last few years have provided cities with many new parks, but unfortunately retires the older parks in the process, such as Comiskey Park, Arlington, Memorial, and Municipal Stadiums. The demise of these parks have caused myself and other members of SABR think seriously about initiating an architectural preservation project. The project concerns developing comprehensive sets of as-built record drawings of endangered ballparks- particularly Fenway Park, Tiger Stadium, Wrigley Field, Yankee Stadium and some minor league facilities. With few original blueprints and many subsequent additions over the years (including preservation studies such as the Cochran Plan for Tiger Stadium), current drawing information of our older ballparks is limited or out of date. Producing measured as-built drawings of our older parks would meet the strict guidelines set forth by the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) and archived to be used for historical research, restorations and a vast range of other preservation purposes.

I am currently unaware of any efforts (past or present) which have made an attempt to architecturally document each park comprehensively. I had spoken with HABS, headquartered in Washington, DC about their records of ballparks. With exception of Rickwood Field in Birmingham, AL, there are no other ballparks among their collection of 45,000 drawings. The ballpark documentation can be separate from HABS, but will use the same standards of documentation fit for records in the U.S. Library of Congress.

The scope of the project would be as follows:

1. Determine which ballparks need to be recorded. Stadia in danger of demolition or vacancy should be given preference. I believe Tiger Stadium and Fenway Park are the most endangered.
2. Assess existing documentation. Efforts should be made to obtain as much information as possible through existing working drawings, utility maps, etc. and compile them into basesheets to help aid in the verification process. Help from architects (such as Osborn Engineering Co. in Cleveland), city archives, and hobbyists would be beneficial.
3. Verification and documentation. All remaining info is measured on site to verify and detail current as-built conditions. Time will be spent on site measuring, compiling field notes and sketches which will be used to verify and adjust existing basesheets.
4. Final presentation. All drawings should be inked (or plotted) on mylar and be suitable for archives. Each set of drawings shall have the adequate information needed to fully delineate each stadium. (HABS needed 26 sheets to document 9,000 seat Rickwood Field.) Due to the size and complexity of each park, I suggest that documentation be done with CAD for accuracy and efficiency.

The ambitious nature of this project requires this project to be a team effort. It will require much help and enthusiasm from many people. Organizational details such as sponsorship, stadium access, equipment, and putting together work teams also need to be considered. My involvement in the documentation and restoration of Rickwood Field proves that this project can be a possibility. I would welcome your input and ideas.

Sincerely,

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SABR Ballparks Committee Financial Report

January 1, 1993 - December 31, 1993

Cash & stamps on hand: 12-31-92: \$156.28

Income & Expenses

	In	Out	+/-
January	\$216.45	\$254.28	- \$ 37.83
February	\$ 63.53	\$ 25.82	+ \$ 37.72
March	\$ 5.80	\$206.66	- \$200.86
April	\$ 80.15	\$132.89	- \$ 52.74
May	\$ 40.00	\$ 2.85	+ \$ 37.15
June	\$ 93.91	\$214.53	- \$120.62
July	\$ 99.45	\$ 55.20	+ \$ 44.25
August	\$162.44	\$395.63	- \$233.19
September	\$100.97	\$ 56.89	+ \$ 53.08
October	\$700.05	\$126.48	+ \$573.57
November	\$ 35.00	\$116.45	- \$ 81.45
December	\$210.75	\$274.10	- \$ 63.35
	\$ 1811.50	\$1861.83	- \$ 50.33 for 1993
			12-31-93 +\$105.95 (1992 surplus - 1993 deficit)

Many thanks to all committee members who donated funds and stamps to the committee in 1993.

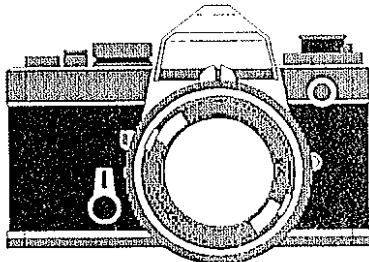
1993 expenses included postage, stationery, copying, and some phone calls.

19th Century Ballparks Project

The Ballparks Committee is well into the research and writing of essays to document the wooden ballparks that have hosted Major League Games. So far we have found the correct siting of parks in Middletown, CT; Louisville, KY, and Washington, D.C. We have even found a new park in Petersburg, VA that hosted one game. We need your help in the cities that have nobody handling the research. If you can help, come by the Ballparks Committee table at the Arlington Convention or contact Bob Bailey, 12129 Briargate Lane, Goshen, KY 40026- Phone (502) 228-5629.

Cities Unassigned	Cities with Essays Drafted	Cities with Research in Progress
Albany-Troy, NY	Buffalo, NY	Altoona, PA
Baltimore, MD	Dayton, OH	Boston, MA
Brooklyn, NY	Dover, DE	Canton, OH
Cleveland, OH	Grand Rapids, MI	Chicago, IL
Elizabeth, NJ	Keokuk, IA	Cincinnati, OH
Elmira, NY	Louisville, KY	Columbus, OH
Ft. Wayne, IN	Middletown, CT	Detroit, MI
Hoboken, NJ	Milwaukee, WI	Hartford, CT
Indianapolis, IN	Minneapolis, MN	Kansas City, MO
Jersey City, NJ	Rockford, IL	New Haven, CT
Meadville, PA	St Paul, MN	Philadelphia, PA
Newark, NJ	Washington, D.C.	Providence, RI
New York, NY	Worcester, MA	Richmond, VA
Pittsburg, PA		Rochester, NY
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