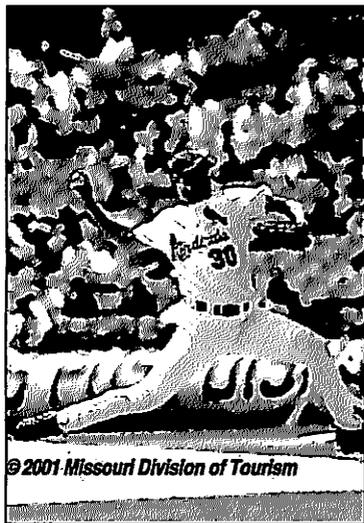


See Baseball Legend Joe Garagiola and World Champion Cardinals at the Annual Convention



For the second time in SABR's history, the SABR convention will be held in the city with the defending World Series Champion. In 1988, Minneapolis was the host to the SABR convention the summer after the Twins won the World Series. In 2007, members will see the World Champion Cardinals in new Busch Stadium.

Beginning the evening of Wednesday, July 25, the SABR Convention will be packed with exciting and interesting programming. Join us at the Adam's Mark Hotel in downtown St. Louis, right next to the Gateway Arch, and stick around Sunday afternoon and watch the Hall of Fame Inductions with your fellow conventioners.

We're also excited to announce that baseball legend Joe Garagiola, former major league catcher and longtime announcer for NBC, has agreed to be the luncheon speaker at the annual convention. Everyone who attends the luncheon will receive an autographed copy of Joe's new book, *Just Play Ball*.

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Sacramento Member Leaves SABR's Largest Bequest

A bequest of over \$30,000 has been received from the estate of **William B. James** of Sacramento, California.

"This is the largest bequest SABR has received in the sixteen years I have been with SABR," said **John Zajc**, Executive Director. "This gift reflects the strong belief Mr. James had in the mission and purpose of SABR."

A SABR member who joined in 1992 after he retired from a long career as a teacher in the Sacramento City Unified School District, Mr. James passed away in November 2004 at age 73. His baseball interests were focused primarily on the San Francisco Seals and the Pacific Coast League. A lifelong bachelor, he held San Francisco Giants season tickets for many years, and when he could not attend the games, he listened or watched every Giants game keeping score along the way. Among his other interests were stamp collecting and investing. He was also a student of the Dow Theory.

At the recent SABR Board of Directors meeting in San Mateo, California, the board considered several ways to use the gift in a manner that Mr. James would appreciate. An announcement will be made at the appropriate time.

For more information on the many ways you can support SABR and its mission to help people do baseball research and to provide an outlet to publish it, see page 3.

Deadlines for Board Nominations February 1

This spring SABR members will be electing a SABR President and two SABR Directors. These positions are currently held by **Dick Beverage** (President) and **Tom Hufford** and **Norman Macht** (Directors).

All members with the requisite interest, skills and experience are encouraged to run.

Nominees must prepare a Candidate Statement Form, following guidelines which will be available from any Nominating Committee member, and must be received by the Nominating Committee chair no later than February 15, 2007.

Self-nominations are welcomed. If you would like to nominate yourself, or another member, or need more information about Board service, contact a nominating committee member (listed at the end of this article).

The deadline for nominations for office is February 1, 2007, at 11:59pm Pacific Time.

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The President is elected to a two-year term. The President presides over the annual business meeting and chairs the Board of Directors; works with the Executive Director to ensure that the organization maintains positive and productive relationships with media, funders, donors, and other organizations; signs contracts and letters of agreement approved by the Board of

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American Association Almanac (Vol.5, #4)	ed. Rex Hamann	A.A. Almanac		\$ 6.00, bklt	
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Selected Book Summaries

Minnesota Sports Almanac by Joel A. Rippel offers the comprehensive history of men's and women's sports from high school and amateur to pro in the region.

The Bill James Handbook 2007 by Bill James is one of the most complete annual baseball reference guides available today and includes an extensive glossary that contains explanations and even mathematical formulae for the multitude of statistics now used in

baseball.

Early Exits: The Premature Endings of Baseball Careers by Brian McKenna recounts the individual histories of those men and women who, for one reason or another, forfeited their participation in America's pastime.

The 2005 Washington Nationals: Major League Baseball Returns to the Capital by Ted Leavengood follows the National's first season from Open-

ing Day to season's end from an appreciative fan's perspective.

Base Ball in Philadelphia: A History of the Early Game, 1831-1900 by John Shiffert traces the rise of the National Pastime in Philadelphia, from the world's first baseball club through the 19th Century.

Baseball in the Classroom: Essays on Teaching the National Pastime, edited by Edward J. Rieley, presents ar-

Selected Book Summaries (cont'd from page 2)

ticles by 20 teachers, with subjects from Archival Research to Social History, on how they have used the game to teach their subjects.

The Red Sox in the Playoffs: A Postseason History, 1904-2005 by Joshua R. Pahigian covers the 19 times Boston's American League entry has appeared in postseason playoffs, whether the 1903 World Series, the 1948 playoff against the Indians or the many playoff eliminations before 2004.

Red Faber: A Biography of the Hall of Fame Spitball Pitcher by Brian E. Cooper traces the career of the spitballer from early success with talented White Sox teams to starring for the struggling teams after the Black Sox scandal.

The 100 Greatest Minor League Baseball Teams of the 20th Century by Bill Weiss and Marshall Wright consists of teams from coast to coast, including Canada and Mexico. Each entry contains all available stats for that particular team, as well as an informative essay, placing the club in historical context.

Once Upon a Game: Baseball's Greatest Memories by Alan Schwarz assembles a delightful collection of personal memories about baseball from some of the game's all-time legends and its most famous fans.

The Hardball Times Baseball Annual 2007 edited by Dave Studenmund contains a wealth of graphs, unique batted ball stats, and Win Share breakdowns for each player in the major leagues.

American Association Almanac (Vol. 5, #4) edited by Rex Hamann features Ballparks of Columbus part one: Neil Park I (1900-1904).

Elysian Fields Quarterly Vol. 23/No. 4 edited by Tom Goldstein is their special edition 50th issue. Features articles "Stanley Frank Musial (A Paean)" by Glen Singer and "Bon Chul Koo and the Hall of Fame" by Jason Koo.

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Encourage a friend to join, or buy him or her a gift membership

2) Make a donation to fund operations

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3) Make a donation to SABR's Endowment

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4) Keep SABR in mind when formulating your estate plans

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BIBLIOGRAPHY

In the October Bibliography Committee Newsletter, committee chair **Andy McCue** made his quarterly appeal for fresh volunteers for The Baseball Index, their core project. Said McCue, "This is the project which is the core of the committee's reason for existence and everything we can do to expand and improve fulfills our mission."

McCue also highlighted a recent suggestion that **Skip McAfee** posed to the committee. The idea is to create an annotated listing of baseball Web sites with their contents, strengths, holes, and odd features. McCue wrote that this would probably be posted on the committee Web site and could be used by anyone wanting to find the site which contains IBB statistics or a complete listing of the books about Babe Ruth.

Anyone interested should contact **Andy McCue** by email at agmccue44@earthlink.net.

BIOGRAPHICAL

Included in the October newsletter of the Biographical research committee is the 2006 rookie list. Thanks went to **Dave Vincent, Tom Hufford, Pete Palmer, Bill Weiss,** and **Arnie Braunstein** for helping **Bill Carle** get the list together.

According to the list, there were 221 rookies this year. Wrote Carle about the list, "I thought we had 220, but the A's decided to activate Mark Kiger for the playoffs and he became the only guy to debut in the postseason. I am listing his debut date as 10/13/2006. His last date will be 10/14/2006 unless he plays next year. We don't list anyone else with a postseason last date even though many players ended their career in the postseason. Kiger is just going to be different."

The committee reported two new countries represented this year on the list. Tom Mastny was born in Indonesia, actually on the island of Borneo. Mastny brewed up in Indiana and debuted for Cleveland, said Carle, "Meaning he went from Indonesia to Indiana to the Indians."

BIOPROJECT

New bios are being added all the time to the project's Web site: <http://bioproj.sabr.org>, so be sure to check often to see what's new.

Recently uploaded biographies include *Billy Stage*, by **Peter Morris**. Stage was a world sprint champion, National League umpire, scholar, and longtime civic leader in Cleveland. A remarkable life was his.

Ted Lewis, by **Rory Costello** is another bio now available. Wrote Costello, "'The Pitching Professor,' was not just the finest ballplayer Williams [college] ever produced – like Sir Thomas More, he was a man for all seasons. Educator, elocutionist, natural leader—Lewis embodied an array of talents but always retained a winning humility."

DEADBALL

The November 2006 edition of the committee's newsletter, *The Inside Game* featured guest columnist **John McMurray** discussing his role as the new chair of the Ritter Award committee. To learn more about the Ritter Award, visit <http://world.std.com/~pgw/Deadball/ritter.html>. There, you can also find a list of nominees for each year's award in addition to the respective winners. Also, if you would like to nominate a book to be considered for the 2007 award, please contact McMurray by email at jmcmurray04@yahoo.com

The newsletter also featured the article *Milwaukee's First American League Ballpark: Lloyd Street Grounds*, by **Ron Selter** and several book reviews including: *When Chicago Ruled Baseball*, reviewed by **David Anderson**; *The Old Ball Game*, reviewed by **John McMurray**; *Ee-Yah: The Life and Times of Hughie Jennings*, Reviewed by **Paul Zinn**; *The Greatest Ballpark Ever*, reviewed by **John Zinn** and **Honus Wagner**, reviewed by **John Saccoman**

LATIN AMERICAN

The Autumn edition of *La Prensa de Beisbol Latino* highlighted the opening of an exhibit devoted to Latin

American baseball at the Reds Hall of Fame. **Baseball! ¡Béisbol!**, an exhibit saluting the impact of Latino baseball on America's national pastime opened recently providing special programs that featured Reds Hall of Famer **Leo Cardenas**. Cardenas, a native of Matanzas, Cuba, played for the Reds minor league affiliate, the Havana

Sugar Kings, making his Major League debut in 1960. He played shortstop for the Reds for nine seasons and had a 16-year Major League career. He was elected to the Reds Hall of Fame in 1981.

MINOR LEAGUE

In the Autumn 2006 Minor League committee newsletter, **John Schleppe** announced that he will relinquish chairmanship of the Minor League Committee after the St. Louis Convention in July. Anyone interested in the position should contact the national SABR office in Cleveland.

The newsletter also highlighted the All Star 2007 game sites. Announced thus far are:

- AAA - Albuquerque
- South. League---Pearl, MS
- East. League-- Norwich, CT
- Texas League--Corpus Christi, TX
- California/Carolina--Stockton,CA
- Flor. St. League--Daytona Beach,FL
- Midwest League--Geneva, IL
- So. Atlantic League--Rome, GA

NEGRO LEAGUES

The December edition of the *Negro Leagues Courier* announced that planning for next year's 10th Annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference is in full swing. So mark your calendar for June 14-17, 2007, as we honor the great independent and Negro League teams and players who barnstormed across this great nation. The conference will be held in Portsmouth, Virginia at the beautiful Virginia Sports Hall of Fame and Museum.

For more information contact **Tom Garrett** at 757 686-0912.

Upcoming Events

JANUARY 15

BOSTON, MA

The next Boston regional will be Monday, January 15 at Friends Meeting House, 5 Longfellow Place, Cambridge. Contact **Seamus Kearney** at seamus@cs.umb.edu or 781-321-0681.

JANUARY 20

AUSTIN, TX

The Rogers Hornsby Chapter will meet at the LBJ Student Center on the campus of Texas State University, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Contact **Bill Gilbert** at billgilbert@sbcglobal.net or 512-261-0516.

JANUARY 27

ARLINGTON, VA

The Bob Davids Chapter will hold its annual meeting 9:30am - 4:30 pm at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn at Key Bridge. Contact **Barry Sparks** at bspark243@aol.com or 717-848-8925.

FEBRUARY 3

CLEVELAND, OH

The Jack Graney Chapter will meet 9:30am-3:30pm in the Jacobs Field Media room. For more information contact **Steve Johnson**, 440-775-0567 or sjohnson3@oberlin.net.

MILWAUKEE, WI

The Ken Keltner Chapter will meet 10:30 am at Long Wong's Chinese-American Sportsbar. Please RSVP. For more information, contact **Rick Schabowski** 414-322-4997 or RICKIU76@aol.com.

FISHERS, IN

The Oscar Charleston Chapter will meet at the Conner Prairie Museum 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. For more information, contact **Trey Strecker** at tstrecker@bsu.edu or 765-285-8477.

FEBRUARY 9-10

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

SABR Board of Directors will hold its annual strategic planning board meeting in Southern California.

Details to be announced. For more information, contact **John Zajc** 1-800-969-7227 or jzajc@sabr.org

FEBRUARY 10

NEWYORK, NY

The Casey Stengel Chapter will meet for its annual winter meeting at the Mid-Manhattan branch of the NY public Library on 5th Ave. and 40th Street, on the 6th floor 10:30am - 4:30pm. Contact **Evelyn Begley** at ebegley2@juno.com

FEBRUARY 17

PORTLAND, OR

The Northwest SABR will meet 12:00pm - 5:00pm at the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame. Contact **Bob Russon** at russons@earthlink.net or 503-245-4790.

MARCH 3

LITTLE FALLS, NJ

The Elysian Fields Chapter (New Jersey) meets at the Yogi Berra Museum and Conference Center in Little Falls 9:00am - 4:00pm. Contact **Sam Bernstein** at sammsw@verizon.net or 973-736-4040.

APRIL 27-29

CLEVELAND, OH

Seymour Medal Conference The 9th Annual Seymour Medal Conference April 27-29. Contact **Ryan Chamberlain**, 1-800-969-7227 rchamberlain@sabr.org.

MAY 4-5

ST. LOUIS, MO

The SABR Board of Directors holds its Spring Board Meeting at the Adam's Mark Hotel in St. Louis. For more information, contact **John Zajc**, Executive Director at 1-800-969-7227 or jzajc@sabr.org.

JUNE 14-17

PORTSMOUTH, VA

The 10th Annual Jerry Malloy Negro Leagues Conference will be held in Portsmouth at the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame, June 14 to June 17. Contact **Tom Garrett**, 757-686-0912, or portsmouthbuck@aol.com.

Boxscores of Past Meetings

Des Moines, October 14

Chapter: Field of Dreams Chapter.
Guests: Major Leaguer Jackie Collum and 1940s Iowa minor-leaguer Don Howig.

Trivia Winner: **Steve Bennett**
Place: Stewart Public Library in Gwinell.

Long Island, October 21

Chapter: Ford Harrelson Chapter.
Presenters: **Mickey "The Lip" Tangel**, "19th Century Baseball in Suffolk County;" **Tom Fesolowich**, "Vintage Baseball Program at Old Bethpage Village Restoration;" **Jane Jacobs**, "A Biography of Leo Fishel;" and **Al Blumkin**, "Game Seven of the 1960 World Series Revisited."
Place: Old Bethpage Village Restoration.

Hamden, October 21

Chapter: Smoky Joe Wood Chapter (CT).
Guests: Linda Tosetti, Babe Ruth's Granddaughter and Matt Eagan of the Hartford Courant.
Presenters: **Peter Handrinos**, "Great Debates in NY Sports;" **Stan Rothman**, "Baseball Statistics Class;" **Marc Wise**, "Buck O'Neil."
Elections: Larry Levine was elected Vice-President, Joe Williams elected Treasurer/Archivist.
Trivia Winner: Marc Wise.
Place: Quinnipiac University.

Boston, November 4

Chapter: Boston Chapter.
Guests: Dr. Charles Steinberg, Red Sox current VP of Public Affairs and Seth Mnookin, "Feeding the Green Monster."
Presenters: **David Laurila**, "Interviews from Red Sox Nation;" **Allison Binns**, "Short-term Effect of salary Arbitration on Performance;" **Ron Anderson**, "Biography of George Scott;" **Joanne Hulbert**, "19th Century African-American Player William Selden;" **Bill Nowlin**, "Where the Red Sox played in Championship, league and exhibition games."
Trivia Winner: **Joe Benedetti**.
Place: Boston University.

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SABR NINE QUESTIONS

By Ryan Chamberlain

One of the highlights of last year's convention was the PCL panel discussion featuring former Portland Beaver **Ed Mickelson**.

This year, Ed will be sharing his major league perspective at SABR 37 in St. Louis. From being a teammate of Satchel Paige on the '53 Browns to getting his first major league hit as a Cardinal against Warren Spahn, Ed's experiences have made him a local treasure.

Before the major leagues or PCL, Mickelson was a recruit for Lynchburg in the Class B Piedmont League where he maintained a league-leading .393 batting average. He was then traded to the Southeastern League and along the way of his 11 years in professional baseball also did a stint in the Texas League.

All of his playing days are chronicled in his upcoming book, ***Out of the Park: Memoir of a Minor League Baseball All-Star*** published by McFarland. Chronicling everything from Mickelson getting the last hit of the Browns franchise, to having the second-highest batting average in the PCL, this book tells his unique story. We're happy to share a literary appetizer with this edition of SABR Nine.

Who influenced your professional baseball career the most?

My father, who always played catch with me. Later Harry Walker and Tommy Holmes influenced my batting stroke and other mechanics after I was in baseball.

Throughout your playing days, were you always a first baseman?

I was always a first baseman, although, I did a brief stint at 3rd and outfield during spring training with the Browns in '53.

Do you have an up-close-and-personal Satchel Paige story from your days with the 1953 Browns?

I was playing first base for the St. Louis Browns in a game against the Chicago Cubs. A runner was on first base and I was holding him on giving

Satch a target with his back to me. Not looking, he lifted up his left leg and with a flick of the wrist he threw the ball into my glove. I tagged the runner coming back to first base. Satchel surprised me and the runner, and the umpire. If Satch had not made a perfect throw, the ball would have hit me in the gut. The umpire being fooled too called the runner out but quickly came to his senses when he realized Satch did not step with his left foot toward 1st base. Satch knew he had balked and bent over in laughter. He had fooled everybody. A few innings later after he had gone into his single, double and triple wind up he stepped with his left foot and hesitated for several seconds and threw the ball in an arching manner about 12 feet in the air. Both the batter and umpire were bewildered as the ball descended toward home plate. The batter did not swing and the umpire did not know what to call. Again, the sound of laughter came from the mound.

One day Satch called all the pitchers around him and asked if they had ever seen a pitcher pitch to a match box on home plate and hit the inside or outside cornered of the match box. They all scoffed at the idea. Satch took ten pitches to warm up with Les Moss our catcher. Satch stepped on the mound as someone placed the match box on home plate. He said, "This is going to be inside." He missed his call by an inch. Out of ten pitches, only one pitch was more than 2 1/2 inches from the corner. The scoffers were now believers.

During your playing days in both the majors and minors, who were some of the players who won your respect

My roomie Sam Calderone. Sam liked everybody and he would talk to anybody.

He was a lifetime .292 in the Major Leagues, but he never told me that. He caught a split doubleheader on opening day in Portland. The 1st game went

9 innings, but the 2nd game went 17 innings. Sam caught 26 innings that opening day.

You were called up from the minors by the Cardinals to sub for Stan Musial and got your first major league hit off of Warren Spahn, what thoughts were running in your head that day?

I was nervous before the game and Red Schoendienst came over and talked to me and gave me encouragement by saying, "I know you are nervous. I have seen you play. You will be okay. The butterflies will go away around the third inning."

You played in several minor leagues during your professional career. Which league did you enjoy the most?

No doubt about it! The Pacific Coast League. We traveled by plane, instead of train, up and down the coast. We stayed in one city for a whole week, with a double header on Sun and Monday off for travel. When we went to LA and Hollywood, it was a two-week trip and we could stay in the same hotel for the duration. Likewise for SF and Oakland. Seattle, San Diego, Sacramento, and Portland were the other teams in the league. We played in big ball parks, with LA, SF and Portland all seating 25,000 fans. The pay was almost as good as playing in the Majors. The conditions were much better, including the weather.

What was your favorite stadium you played in either majors or minors and why?

LA, Wrigley Field was the best because they had short alleys in left and right center. I hit a lot of home runs there. In the All-Star game of 1957, I hit a home run off of Mudcat Grant, and my North Team won 3-1.

What were some memorable moments in the Pacific Coast League for you?

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Looking up and seeing movie stars admiring us ballplayers from the stands. I met Nat King Cole, George Raft, Walter Brennan, Edger Buchanan, Liz Taylor, and James Dean, three weeks before he died. Batting .308 in '55, .309 in '56 and .338 in '57. In 1955 I set a fielding record of .996, handling 1600 chances, with six errors.

What factors led to your decision to finally stop playing baseball professionally?

I went up with the Cubs at the start of the 1957 season only after I was told by Bob Scheffing that I would play against left handed pitching and Dee Fondy would play against right handers. I sat on the bench for three weeks before starting my first game. In another three weeks on cut down day, I got to start again. I was called in after that game and told that I would have to go back to Portland. I had a passion for the game, but that experience pretty much killed it. I was frustrated and depressed and at 31 I decided to give it up and get on with life.

Box Scores, cont'd from p. 5

Houston, November 10

Chapter: Larry Dierker Chapter.
 Event: Texas Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony
 Inductees: Rusty Staub, Terry Puhl and Pam Gardner (Astros); R. E. "Bob" Smith, Judge Hofheinz and George Kirksey (Colt .45's); and Alva Jo Fisher, Marie Mahoney, and Ruth Lessing, Texans from the AAGPBL.
 Presenters: Greg Lucas, "A Video Tribute to the AAGPBL."
 Place: J.W. Marriot

Greenville, November 16

Chapter: Lajoie-Start Chapter (RI).
 Guests: Former major league Pitcher Bill Monbouquette.
 Presenters: Dave Clark, "Best New York Sports Arguments;" Peter Keating, "Dingers: A Short History of Long Ball;" David Laurilla, "Interviews from Red Sox Nation;" Richard Letarte, "One Glorious Season." Program also included presentations by Doug Lyons, Steve Krevisky, Dixie Tourangeau, Joanne Hulbert and Mickey "The Lip" Tangel.
 Place: St. Philip's Parish Center

Denver, November 16

Chapter: Rocky Mountain SABR Chapter.
 Guests: Matt Vinnola, Manager of Professional Scouting for the Rockies; Thomas Harding, Rockies beat writer for MLB.com.
 Event: Ninth Annual Rocky Mountain SABR Banquet.
 Award: Third annual John Zajc Award was presented to Chip Atkison, the chapter's first president.
 Place: Denver Athletic Club.

On Friday night, November 10, more than 20 SABR members and friends attended the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony. The highlight of the evening to many was the attendance of 70 former players of the All American Girls Professional Baseball League who gathered in recognition of Texas women in baseball. SABR member Greg Lucas had prepared a stirring video tribute to the girls and at the end, they all rose and sang their now famous "Victory Song".

There were a number of inductions into the Hall including former players Rusty Staub, Terry Puhl and Astros President Pam Gardner. The founders of the Colt 45's, R. E. "Bob" Smith, Judge Hofheinz and George Kirksey were each presented for induction by Houston Astros President of Baseball Operations (and SABR member) Tal Smith. In addition, three Texans from the AAGPBL, Marie Mahoney, Alva Jo Fisher and Ruth Lessing were also inducted. A very busy night to be sure. Kudos to fellow members Bill McCurdy and George Scroggins for putting together a delightful evening.

To find out more about the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame, visit their Web site at <http://www.tbhof.org>.



Greg Lucas of FOX Sports Houston interviews 2007 TBHOF inductee, Marie "Red" Mahoney, the only living Texas alumna of the AAGPBL

SABR Adds Three New Regional Chapters

SABR is excited to announce that the organization's executive board recently approved the creation of three new regional chapters.

The three regions added to the roster are:

WEST TEXAS (ABILENE)

Steering chair Warren Simpson

SOUTH CAROLINA

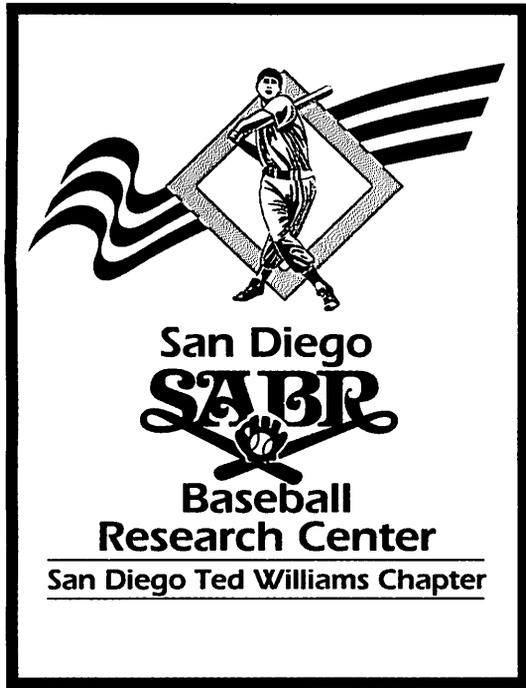
Steering chair John Strubel

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Steering chair Kevin McCann

In order to share both research and the love of the game, SABR members throughout the country hold regional meetings. These gatherings provide an opportunity to enjoy energetic discussions, research presentations, guest speakers, trivia contests and (in season) take in a baseball game. Participation is not required, but it's a great chance to make new friends and swap stories.

Get Involved with the San Diego SABR Baseball Research Center



In 2000 the Ted Williams Chapter partnered with the San Diego Public Library to inaugurate the San Diego SABR Baseball Research Center (BRC). The BRC is housed at San Diego Public Library's Central Library and identifies, organizes, preserves and promotes the research and study of baseball.

The primary objectives of the Center include:

- Promoting interest in the history of baseball in San Diego
- Organizing, enlarging and preserving a baseball research collection available to the general public
- Creating and preserving a unique collection of baseball research materials specifically related to the history of baseball in San Diego
- Creating a working and ongoing research relationship between SABR and the Library

Areas of local interest include:

- San Diego Padres (Pacific Coast and National Leagues)
- Collegiate baseball in San Diego
- Ted Williams baseball achievements in San Diego
- Professional baseball players born and raised in San Diego and their local achievements
- San Diego Surf Dawgs (The Golden Baseball League)

Through financial donations as well as contributions of books and related materials, the BRC has continued to expand. The SABR Chapter-Library partnership includes a matching program that has resulted in substantial expansion of BRC resources over its six-year history.

Further helping the BRC, Hall of Famer Ozzie Smith, who also serves as education ambassador for the National Baseball Hall of Fame, teamed with Upper Deck to produce a baseball card distributed to area youths touting the BRC. In March 2006 the BRC-library partnership was further strengthened when **Dale Petroskey**, President of the **National Baseball Hall of Fame**, joined with the chapter and library management to announce the BRC's acquisition of over 300 microfilm reels of unique records heretofore only available in Cooperstown at the Hall of Fame.

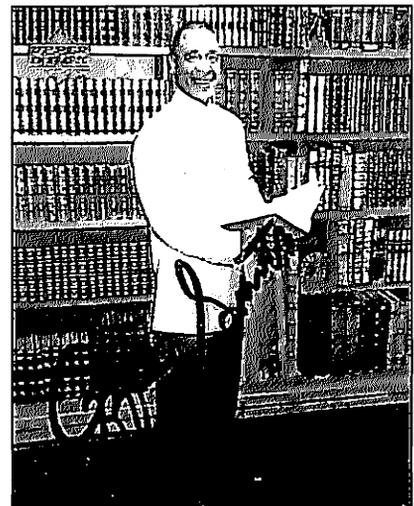
Continuing expansion of the BRC is planned. For more information about the San Diego SABR Baseball Research Center and how to contribute financially or otherwise, you can contact either the chapter or the library:

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SABR Executive Director John Zajc Addresses International Sports Heritage Association

SABR Executive Director **John Zajc** was recently featured as keynote speaker for the joint conference of the International Sports Heritage Association (ISHA)/The North American Sport Library Network (NASLIN) held in Memphis, November 1-3. The event was hosted by ISHA vice-president and Redbirds GM **Dave Chase** at Autozone Park. The event also featured baseball owner Mike Veeck.

Other conference highlights included panel discussions on topics ranging from techniques for selling and tracking ticket sales to strategies for working with local media.

SABR members in attendance included **Wayne Wilson** representing the Amateur Athletic Foundation; **Steve Gietschier** of *Sporting News*; **David Kelley** of the Library of Congress; and **Mike Gibbons** of the Babe Ruth Museum.

In its 35th year, ISHA's membership includes 120 sports heritage organizations from five continents and is dedicated to helping member institutions better preserve history and educate future generations on the importance of sport as history.

Founded in 1986, NASLIN's goals are to facilitate communication and resource sharing among sports librarians, archivists, and information specialists through conferences, educational programs and other cooperative projects.

W. P. Kinsella Award for Excellence in Baseball Short Fiction

Sandlot Media, Inc. has extended the deadline for submissions for the W.P.Kinsella Award for Excellence in Baseball Short Fiction from December 29, 2006 to April 29, 2007. The Kinsella Award will be awarded to the writer of the outstanding short story related to baseball and its relationship to culture, history, and community.

Sandlot Media will be awarding \$25,000 in prize money with the winners to be announced on June 9, 2007. The top five stories will be published in the Fall 2007 issue of *IO8*. The Kinsella Competition is open to any author with a baseball story and the skill to tell it.

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First through tenth place winners will receive a one-year subscription to *IO8*. Entry Fee: \$15 for each story submitted.

For contest rules and entry form contact *IO8* magazine by visiting <http://www.io8mag.com/> or writing to:

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Happy New Year and a very prosperous 2007 to each of you.

The Board held its fall meeting in November, and as usual for this meeting we spent the better part of a day examining, discussing and approving the Operating Budget for the coming year. Revenues are projected to be a little less than the 2006 number as we expect some attrition of membership because of the loss of the Proquest subscription. But we still expect to show a slight surplus for the sixth year in a row. We're building a war chest that will enable SABR to take advantage of certain opportunities as they present themselves. That was not possible in years past when finances were tight.

This year the Board spent almost as much time in reviewing the plan presented by Research Services Manager **Rod Nelson** to grow and enhance SABR's Web site. In his first formal report since assuming the post in February, he outlined the steps to be taken over the next several years to enable SABR to be recognized as the foremost authority on the history of the game. They involve the further development of the SABR Encyclopedia along with the acquisition of important research assets that can benefit all SABR researchers.

A lively discussion followed with Nelson available on a conference call to the Cleveland office to answer questions that the Board had. Although there are many issues to be resolved with more information

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needed in order to proceed, the consensus was that this is the general direction that SABR should be headed in over the next several years. It is exciting to think of the possible ways that SABR can expand its resources. Much planning and effort will be required to reach this worthy goal, and the end result will be a comprehensive website that all SABR members can use and be proud of.

The dates for the 2007 convention in St. Louis are now finalized, and the event will be held July 26-29 at the Adam's Mark hotel in downtown St. Louis. This is the same hotel that we used in 1992, and it is within walking distance of the new Busch Stadium. The Cardinals will be playing the Cubs and Brewers during the convention. This weekend conflicts with the annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony at Cooperstown, and some members expressed concern about this choice of dates. We recognized that this date would not meet with everyone's approval, but there was little SABR could do about it. The Cardinals are home on only three weekends during what is considered prime convention time. On the first weekend there was a conflict with a Baptist convention, which will fill virtually all of the city's hotels, the second was immediately after the July 4th holiday, not acceptable to

most members. That left only the last weekend of July.

Not too long ago, I received a note from Tom Larwin promoting the San Diego SABR Baseball Research Center at the San Diego Central Public Library. Over the past several years the Ted Williams chapter of SABR has partnered with the library to create the Center. The objectives of the Center include promoting interest in the history of baseball in San Diego, creating a working and ongoing research relationship between SABR and the library, creating and preserving a unique collection of baseball research materials specifically related to San Diego baseball and organizing and enlarging its baseball research collection available to the general public. The Center has acquired a substantial reference collection of printed books, audio books, videos and the like. It's a tremendous success with heavy use by the public, and more materials are being added all the time.

The chapter and the library combined to prepare a brochure that promotes the Center, and Tom suggested that it could be used to publicize the Center more broadly. By making other SABR chapters aware of what can be done, the brochure can serve as a model for what can be done in their area. Contact Tom for more information. This is a fine example of the "can-do" spirit of so many devoted SABR members.

IN MEMORIAM

DR. KEN GRISWOLD

Dr. Ken Griswold, of Rockford, IL, passed away on October 31, 2006. He was 68.

A SABR member since 2001, Ken was the author of the book *Baseball in Rockford* and a longtime RiverHawks (Frontier League) fan.

According to the RiverHawks, Ken was a familiar face in the stands. Said RiverHawks general manager Josh Olerud, "I will take with me the countless talks about baseball and the many great stories and experiences shared."

Actively involved with the Midway Marauders, an area vintage baseball team, Ken also presented a paper A.G. Spalding at the **National Baseball Hall of Fame** in 2000.

Oldest Living Professional Baseball Player of All Time Passes Away

We are saddened to announce that Si Simmons, honored as the oldest living professional baseball player of all time, died October 29, 2006 in a retirement home in St. Petersburg, Fla. He was 111. An article about his life was featured prominently in the Nov./Dec. *SABR Bulletin*.

A link to highlight footage of Mr. Simmons video interview with *New York Times* journalist **Alan Schwarz** is available via www.sabr.org.

Before his passing, friends, fans, family and former Negro Leaguers gathered to celebrate the birthday and remarkable life journey of Mr. Simmons.

Simmons, a lefty pitcher for the 1926 New York Lincoln Giants, turned 111 years young on October 14, and SABR members were there to help celebrate his unique longevity with an outpouring of gifts.

Member Pays Tribute to John "Doc" Lavan

SABR member **David Vincent** participated in the "Wreaths Across America" program at Arlington National Cemetery the foggy morning of Dec. 14, 2006. Hundreds of volunteers placed wreaths on the graves of two sections at the cemetery as part of the fifteenth anniversary of the program. Vincent placed his first wreath on the grave of John "Doc" Lavan, who played shortstop for four major league teams from 1913 through 1924. Commander Lavan served in the Navy's medical corps during both World Wars. The wreaths are donated each year by Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, ME.

Great Things Planned for SABR Members in 2007

SABR begins 2007 coming off a record-setting year. We finished the 2006 membership year with a record number of members - 7,181. Members whose membership had lapsed are returning to the membership ranks at a record pace. We received corporate support not only from our advertisers, but also at our convention from **McFarland & Company**, the Seattle Mariners, **Louisville Slugger Museum**, and **R. Plapinger's Baseball Books**, and in helping with funding for **Green Cathedrals**, from HOK. At the time of writing this, we were very likely to finish our sixth consecutive year in the black, bringing our reserve fund ever so closer to 40% of our operating budget, which is the average amount that studies show associations have in reserves. We received our largest bequest ever (see page 1), and our donation program continues to get incredible support.

So what's ahead in 2007? First, we have yet another SABR publication being distributed to the trade with **The SABR Baseball List and Record Book**, edited by **Lyle Spatz** and published by Simon & Schuster. This will be the first SABR publication of the year, so you won't need to buy from your local bookstore. Tell your friends about the book and brag to them how you, as a SABR member, had the book sent to you as part of your membership. Later in the year, you'll receive **The National Pastime**, the book produced by the St. Louis Convention committee (and edited by **Bob Tiemann**), and **Baseball Research Journal**.

The Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research grants will give their third set of awards. The deadline for submitting a grant application is April 30. Get the submission guidelines online by going to www.sabr.org and clicking on Research in the menu on the left. Click on the sub-menu item "Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research Grants." You can also get the guidelines mailed to you by requesting them from the SABR office.

We plan to announce some interesting research initiatives in 2007 and the roll-out of several new data sets on the SABR Online Encyclopedia, located on the members-only side of the SABR web site (members.sabr.org).

There are many ways to get together with your fellow SABR members in 2007. The Annual SABR convention will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in St. Louis, July 26 to July 29. Joe Garagiola will be the luncheon speaker and all those attending the luncheon will receive a copy of his new book. We are planning to watch the Hall of Fame Inductions together on Sunday afternoon, as well. John Thorn is the keynote speaker for the Seymour Medal Conference in Cleveland, April 28-29. The Jerry Malloy Negro Leagues Conference will be held in Portsmouth, Virginia, June 14 to 17.

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2006 CASEY Award Finalists Announced

Spitball: The Literary Baseball Magazine recently announced that the following books have been named as finalists for their 2006 CASEY Award:

- **Baseball** (Empire Editions) by David Levinthal

- **The Big Bam: The Life and Times of Babe Ruth** (Doubleday) by Leigh Montville

- **Clemente: The Passion and Grace of Baseball's Last Hero** (Simon & Schuster) by David Maraniss

- **The Echoing Green: The Untold Story of Bobby Thomson, Ralph Branca and the Shot Heard Round the World** (Pantheon) by Joshua Prager

- **Fantasyland** (Viking) by Sam Walker

- **A Game of Inches: The Stories Behind the Innovations that Shaped Baseball; The Game on the Field & the Game Behind the Scenes** (Ivan R. Dee) by Peter Morris

- **Money Pitcher: Chief Bender and the Tragedy of Indian Assimilation** (The Pennsylvania State University Press) by William C. Kashatus

- **Sayonara Home Run! The Art of the Japanese Baseball Card** (Chronicle Books) by John Gall & Gary Engel

- **Spalding's World Tour: The Epic Adventure that Took Baseball Around the Globe-and Made It America's Game** (Public Affairs) by Mark Lamster

- **A Well-Paid Slave: Curt Flood's Fight for Free Agency in Professional Sports** (Viking) by Brad Snyder

The date and site of the 24th Annual CASEY Banquet was not determined at press time. Judges for the 2006 CASEY will be Butch Callery, the Honorable Mayor of Covington, Kentucky; Anne Jewell, Director of the Louisville Slugger Museum; and baseball historian John Skurkay.

Norm Coleman, PO Box 1577, El Granada, CA 94018-1577, normcoleman36@hotmail.com, (650) 712-1879, seeks humorous anecdotes, stories, jokes on a not to humorous man. Also, witty, funny stories about baseball.

Neil Lanctot, nlanctot@juno.com, (610) 524-1376 seeks any unique leads, stories, or suggestions for his new Roy Campanella bio for Simon & Schuster.

Trey Strecker Department of English, Ball State University Muncie, IN 47306-0460, (765) 285-8477, tstrecker@bsu.edu seeks to purchase reprints of the Reach Guides from 1886, 1887, and 1888.

George Skornickel, 1416 Sun Mine Rd Tarentum, PA 15084-3500 (724) 224-1159 seeks information on RP ElRoy Face. Any anecdotes or information would be greatly

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Bain Collection Project Completed by Pictorial History Committee

The Pictorial History Committee has completed its review of the baseball-related photos in the George Bain Collection on the Library of Congress website. They found 2,325 photos which were related in some way to baseball. They provided to the Library's staff the following information on each photo: Correct identification of the player(s) pictured, approximate year or exact date of the photo, and identification of the uniform in which the player was pictured. The Library of Congress staff will use this information to update the captions of the baseball-related photos on their Web site. Each new caption should have the word "baseball" in it, so that a user can easily search for those photos which are related to baseball.

The committee is also in the process of adding to the online SABR Encyclopedia many of the Bain photos. They hope to complete this by March or April. Once these records have been added, members will be able to search for an individual player to see if he has a Bain photo which we have catalogued. If such a photo exists, the exact Web page reference for that photo will be provided.

For those who have not yet used the online SABR Encyclopedia to search for information about photos of major league players, the process is to log into the members-only section of the SABR Web site, click on Research Tools, click on the SABR Encyclopedia tab, and then search by the last name of the player. When you arrive at the player's basic biographical data, look for the word "Pictures" and the camera icon. Click on Pictures and, for most players, you'll see at least one descriptive record of where an image has been published or otherwise seen. More than 25,000 Player Image Index records are already in the online SABR Encyclopedia.

The following Committee members reviewed at least 200 photos in the process of conducting the Bain Collection project: (Most reviewed at least 300). **Bill Carle, Joe Dittmar, Bill Hickman, Bill Loughman, Joe Murphy, Tom Shieber, Mark Stang.**

The project also had help from three additional Committee members who provided assistance in photo identifications when they had difficulty reaching conclusions. The additional three were **Matt Fulling, Marc Okkonen, and Ron Selter.** Thanks go to all those who helped out.

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—: **Ted Williams** the author. 3 pages. About the books on which Williams' name appeared as author. From Contemporary Authors Online, Gale 2004.

—: **Major league baseball 2006 attendance trends**. 13 pages. Text of study by Sports Business News, dated October 22, 2006.

Andriessen, David: The gyroball, miracle or myth? 4 pages. Copy of article in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, October 18, 2006. Includes a full-page diagram of the pitch.

Branch, John: Where do rivals draw the line? 6 pages. Photocopy of article in the New York Times, August 18, 2006, about where the geographic line is that separates Yankee "country" from Red Sox "country."

Carson, Bob: A burning passion. 6 pages. Photocopy of article in the October-December 2006 issue of Timeline, a publication of the Ohio Historical Society, about the destruction of the Chillicothe minor league ballpark by fire in 1906.

Crehan, Herb: Mike "Gator" Greenwell. 6 pages. A profile. Photocopy of article in the Red Sox scorecard magazine, Sixth Edition 2006.

Dudurich, Mike: The Pirates of yore. 4 pages. Text of article in the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, October 5, 2006, looking back at the 1903 World Series from the Pirates' point of view.

Fulks, Matt: Former Yankee had hero's life. 3 pages. Text of article from the Kansas City Star, in which Hank Bauer reminisces about his wartime service in the Marines and his baseball career.

Gilbert, Bill: Triple milestones, 2006. 3 pages. Players with at least a .300 average, 30 home runs and 100 RBIs.

Gilbert, Bill: Who were the most productive offensive players in 2006? 4 pages. Ratings based on Bases Per Plate Appearance.

Grossfeld, Stan: Rock Bottom – ex-Sox pitcher Stewart threw it all away when he succumbed to drugs. 4 pages. Text of article in the Boston Globe, October 25, 2006, about Sammy Stewart, who is serving a prison sentence in North Carolina on drug charges. (See Jarrett article, below).

Grossfeld, Stan: Toughest save – grief-stricken Reardon tries to pull himself together. 4 pages. Text of article in the Boston Globe, November 25, 2006, on the travails of former pitcher Jeff Reardon since his 20-year-old son died of a drug overdose.

Haupt, Michael J.: Fair Pay for Fair Play: A preliminary analysis of race-based wages in MLB and the Negro Leagues. 10 pages. The author, a SABR member, teaches economics at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Hawthorne, Tom: The strange, sordid death of a ballplayer. 3 pages. Text of article in the Globe and Mail, Toronto, September 17, 2005, about the incident that resulted in the death of Len Koenecke.

Heyman, John: Shot in the heart. 4 pages. Ralph Branca talks about Bobby Thomson's home run. From SI.com, October 3, 2006. (See Robinson article below)

Holmes, Dan: "The duel of the century": The epic duel between Feller and Newhouse in September 1946. 2 pages. Copy of article on the Hall of Fame web site.

Holmes, Dan: "A night to end all nights" Indians owner Bill Veeck honored an everyday fans as part of one of his legendary promotions. 3 pages. Copy of article on the Hall of Fame web site.

Jarrett, Keith: Throwing it all away: Drugs ruin life of ex-major leaguer Stewart. 5 pages. Text of article in the Asheville Citizen-Times, October 15, 2006. (See Grossfeld article, above).

Jones, Mike: A pitcher "dying inside." 4 pages. Copy of article in the Washington Times, November 14, 2006, about Jay Franklin, a pitching phenom whose career and subsequent life were affected by physical and mental problems.

Kates, Maxwell: The Expos emerge. 12 pages. Text of article in Elysian Fields Quarterly, Vol. 23, No. 4, 2006, about the Expos' breakout seasons.

Kuper, Simon: Sports stars saved from ultimate pitched battle. 2 pages. Text of article in the Financial Times, May 6, 2005, about how some players in the armed forces in World War II were kept from combat.

Maoz, Jason: The vanishing Jewish ballplayer. 4 pages. Actually a history of some of the more prominent ones. Text of article in the Jewish Press, May 29, 2005.

Robinson, Ray: A talk with Bobby Thomson. 2 pages. Text of article in the New York Times, October 1, 2006. (See Heyman article above)

Verducci, Tom: A-Rod Agonistes. 6 pages. Photocopy of the article in Sports Illustrated, Sept. 25, 2006, about Alex Rodriguez that caused a late-season stir.

Yellon, Al: The 30th annual Bottom-of-the-Heap Awards, 2006. 4 pages. Annual listing of the season's "worsts."

Zacharias, Pat: Ernie Harwell and Tiger Stadium: Two old friends. 4 pages. Text of article in the Detroit News, 1999.

Southern League Conference Dates Announced

The Friends of Rickwood Field are timing their 2007 Southern League Conference to tie in with the Birmingham NL players group's annual banquet on Saturday March 31, 2007, at Rickwood Field.

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Mr. Garagiola is a native of St. Louis and a boyhood friend of Hall of Fame catcher Yogi Berra. He played for the Cardinals (1946-51), the Pirates (1951-53), the Cubs (1953-54) the Giants (1954) and is a renowned speaker. His first book, *Baseball Is a Funny Game*, co-written with Martin Quigley, was a best-seller.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Members can make reservations at the Adam's Mark Hotel at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/sabr07> or by calling 1-888-409-2326. For members outside the U.S., please call 1-314-993-2326. When calling in, please identify yourself as part of the Society for American Baseball Research meeting in St. Louis, July 26 to July 30.

SABR has negotiated a room rate of \$95/night plus tax (currently 14.866%) for a single or double; \$105/night plus tax for a triple, and \$115/night plus tax for a quad. We have rooms blocked from Monday, July 23 to Monday, July 30. Reservations must be made by June 22, 2007.

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Want to make a research presentation at SABR 37 in St. Louis?

Oral presentations are expected to last 20 minutes, followed by a five minute question-and-answer period. Submission of abstracts for poster presentations is very strongly encouraged. Abstracts covering all aspects of baseball research are welcomed.

For proposed research presentations, the abstract should be no more than 500 words in length, and must include the abstract's title, review of previous work on the subject, a summary of the research methodology, and

the expected contribution to the field of baseball research offered by this work.

When submitting an abstract, indicate whether the work is to be reviewed as a poster or oral presentation (or both) and which presentation medium is preferred. The author should also describe anticipated audio-visual needs for an oral presentation. Authors may submit multiple abstracts, and may request to have abstracts considered for double-length presentation slots.

All research submissions will be evaluated by blind review. While it is not mandatory, we very strongly encourage researchers to submit their abstracts electronically, either in a standard word processor format (Microsoft Word preferred) or as plain-text email.

The email address for submitting abstracts is :

sabr37-presentations@comcast.net

The submission deadline for SABR 37 abstracts is midnight PST, Sunday, March 11, 2007.

Through on-site judging, the best presentations will receive the Doug Pappas Award (courtesy of USA Today Sports Weekly) for best oral presentation and the USA Today Sports Weekly Award for best poster presentation. The above-listed email address sabr37-presentations@comcast.net should be used for all abstract submissions, as well as for questions and information requests regarding research presentations at SABR 37.

Volunteers seeking to participate in the blind review process and/or on-site judging are also requested to apply by sending a message to

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Submission Opportunities and Deadlines

2007 is shaping to be another great year for baseball and baseball research. It's not too early to think about participating in or attending some of the great conferences in the upcoming year. Here's an early list of the conferences and awards looking for submissions

SEYMOUR CONFERENCE

Honors the best book of baseball history or biography

Cleveland, OH - April 27-29

Deadline: February 18th

Contact: **Ryan Chamberlain** at
 info@sabr.org or 800.969.7227.

JERRY MALLOY CONFERENCE

Negro Leagues History

Portsmouth, Va - June 14 - 17

Deadline: unknown

Contact: **Leslie Heaphy** at
 lheaphy@stark.kent.edu

SABR 37

SABR's annual convention

St. Louis, MO, July 26 to 29

Deadline: March 11

Contact: sabr37-presentations@comcast.net

MCFARLAND AWARD

Honors authors of best articles or papers, published or unpublished, on baseball history or biography completed the preceding calendar year

Deadline: February 15, 2007

Contact: **Len Levin** at
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Honors those whose outstanding research projects completed during the preceding calendar year have significantly expanded our knowledge or understanding of baseball

Deadline: February 1

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Editor's note: PAGE 15 will be your place to find SABR information, such as upcoming regional meetings, quickly. We will try to rotate lists of contacts throughout the year.

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SPIRIT OF SABR SALUTE

In each *Bulletin*, this space will be devoted to recognizing SABR members who, on their own initiative or on request, have assisted other members in their research projects - what SABR is all about. The only source of names will be you, the membership. There will be no judges, no committees, no competition. All names submitted will be printed; their nominators will not be identified.

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Yoseloff-SABR Grant Recipient to Publish Bob Motley Memoir

A forthcoming memoir by Negro League umpire Bob Motley is a great example of the Yoseloff-SABR Grant in action.

Ruling Over Monarchs, Giants & Stars: Umpiring in the Negro Leagues and Beyond will be published in February 2007 by Sports Publishing, LLC. Edited by his son, SABR member **Byron Motley**, the memoir was made possible in part through a 2006 grant by the Yoseloff Grant program.

Per the grant's requirement, a portion of his research will be made available to SABR members. Details regarding that were still being determined at the time of publication.

With generous funding from The Anthony A. Yoseloff Foundation, SABR is pleased to award grants to conduct baseball research and have that research published by SABR. A minimum of \$4,000 will be allocated for awards annually, but distribution is dependent upon the quality of the proposal pool. The maximum grant award will be \$1,000, and individuals are limited to one grant per year.

The Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research grant program is a useful member benefit and a great way to offset some of the myriad of expenses one incurs during the course of personal research projects. Because any aspect of the history of baseball is acceptable for funding from this grant program, most baseball research projects are eligible for full or partial grant funding.

Proposals are currently being accepted for the 2007 calendar year. You must be a member of SABR to receive a Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research grant. To have a grant application mailed to you call or email **Ryan Chamberlain** at info@sabr.org or 800.969.7227. You can also download an application off of SABR's Web site by logging on to www.sabr.org, clicking "Research" on the left green menu and finally selecting "Yoseloff-SABR Research Grants" in the sub-menu.

Deadline for proposal applications is April 30, 2007.

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SABR37 CONVENTION INFO & SABR ELECTION MATERIALS

Celebrate the Best in Baseball Research and Writing at the Seymour Medal Conference

Attend the Seymour Medal Conference in Cleveland April 28-29 to meet authors and other interesting speakers including noted baseball historian **John Thorn**. Others scheduled to speak include **Cait Murphy**, author of *Crazy '08: How a Cast of Cranks, Rogues, Boneheads and Magnates Created the Greatest Year in Baseball History* and **Trey Strecker**, editor of *Dead Balls and Double Curves: An Anthology of Early Baseball Fiction*.

Friday evening, attendees get the Hall of Fame's traveling exhibit, "Baseball as America" to themselves at the Great Lakes Science Center. From meeting some of the writers of the best baseball books and taking in a private tour of the *Baseball as America* exhibit to learning more at Saturday's schedule of research-oriented presentations, you will have access to members and special guests throughout the conference.

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SABR 37 Registration Materials Enclosed

In the center section of this *Bulletin* you will find information and registration materials for this summer's annual convention held from Thursday, July 26 to Sunday July 29 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in downtown St. Louis.

The registration form is on the back page of this special pull-out section of *The SABR Bulletin*.

Highlighting the convention events will be luncheon speaker **Joe Garagiola**, a former major league catcher and long-time announcer for NBC as well as several panels, with panelists including 1974 Cy Young Award winner **Mike Marshall** and former St. Louis Brown **Ed Mickelson**.

We expect over 600 members from around the world to attend what is shaping up as another excellent convention. We hope you will join us!



SABR 37 featured luncheon speaker Joe Garagiola

Vote in the SABR Elections

Included as a special section inside this *Bulletin* is the 2007 Voter's Guide and Ballot. Please look it over and cast your ballot for the candidate of your choice for the offices of President and two Directors. You are encouraged to ask any or all of the candidates whatever questions you feel are relevant in deciding how to vote, and email contact information is included in the guide. We thank all the candidates for making this commitment to share their time and expertise with SABR.

There is also a revision to the bylaws on the ballot that needs 2/3 approval to pass. The revision to the bylaws will affect SABR's Objectives, so please look over the recommended changes and cast your vote.

Special thanks also to the Nominating Committee of **Stephen Roney** (chair), **Dan Levitt**, and **Tom Ruane** for their work on getting the slate of candidates.

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See ordering information in the summary text .

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Deadball Stars of the American League edited by David Jones is the much anticipated sequel to **Deadball Stars of the National League**.

When to Stop Cheering?: The Black Press, the Black Community, and the Integration of Professional Baseball by Brian Carroll documents the relationship between the black press and black baseball beginning with the Negro National League, which started in 1920, and ends with the dissolution of the Negro American League in 1957.

The St. Louis Cardinals in the 1940s by Mel R. Freese presents a year-by-year chronicle of the Cards from 1940 through 1949. Freese also presents material on the death of Landis and the Mexican League raids.

Before the Curse: The Glory Days of New England Baseball, 1858-1918, Revised edition by Troy Soos updates the 1997 original with additional research and images

The Eastern League in Baseball: A Statistical History, 1923-2005 in two volumes by Marshall D. Wright presents a brief summary of each season followed by statistics by team for all players. The first volume covers through 1972 while the second brings it through the 2005 season and includes appendices, an index and bibliography.

British Baseball and the West Ham Club by Josh Chetwynd and Brian Belton traces the history of baseball in Britain with a focus on the highly successful West Ham club of the 1930s.

Jews and Baseball: Vol I, Entering the American Mainstream, 1871-1948 by Burton A. and Benita W. Boxerman profiles Jewish players and the issues they dealt with in the first eight decades of professional baseball.

The Chicago American Giants by Paul DeBono chronicles all the African-American teams from Chicago that played under the American Giants rubric, whether members of the formal Negro Leagues or barnstorming outfits. It includes year-by-year summaries, game logs, and player profiles.

The 1969 Seattle Pilots: Major League Baseball's One-Year Team by Kenneth Hogan contains a review of the season, transcripts of interviews with 14 players, many pictures and an

analysis of why the team was moved to become the Milwaukee Brewers.

A History of Cuban Baseball, 1864-2006 by Peter C. Bjarkman provides a narrative history of the game in Cuba as well as a number of useful appendices on players and seasons. Appendices also include U.S.-Cuba international play, defectors and their fates,

Fifty Years by the Bay: The San Francisco Giants, 1958-2007 by Chuck Nan is a detailed account that commences with the move West in 1958 through the 40 seasons at Candlestick Park, to a new Pac Bell beginning.

Baseball and the Media by George Castle traces the changes in baseball coverage from the days of the old-time players and scribes to the no-holds-barred sports-talk radio of our time.

Opening Day: The Story of Jackie Robinson's First Season by Jonathan Eig offers new insights into events of Robinson's MLB entry and punctures some familiar legends.

The Gashouse Gang: How Dizzy Dean, Leo Durocher, Branch Rickey, Pepper Martin, and Their Colorful, Come-from-Behind Ball Club Won the World Series and America's Heart During the Great Depression by Jason Heidenry delivers a colorful account of the 1934 Cardinals.

Johnny Vander Meer, Hank Borowy and Dutch Leonard by John Phillips can be obtained by emailing the author at jphil36@yahoo.com.

Sal Maglie: Baseball's Demon Barber by Judith Testa provides a colorful narrative about the son of poor Italian immigrants who rose far beyond his family's and his own early dreams.

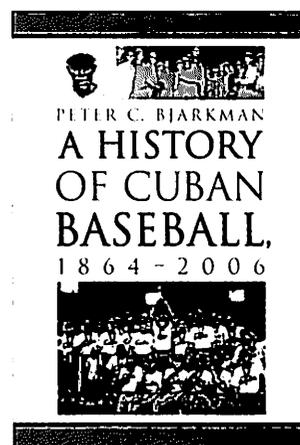
Ruling Over Monarchs, Giants & Stars: Umpiring in the Negro Leagues & Beyond by Bob Motley with Brian Motley shares the life of the last surviving Negro Leagues umpire Bob Motley.

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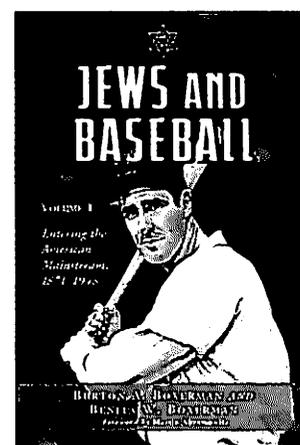
Waiting for Cooperstown:

Baseball's Veterans (1901-1972) and the Hall of Fame by Sam Reich includes his unique framework for selecting candidates and the "Reich Top 10," based on his analysis of who should be inducted in the Hall of Fame by the Veterans Committee.

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BASEBALL RECORDS

The February newsletter of the Baseball Records committee announced that *The SABR Baseball List & Record Book* was sent to the publisher on January 20, and it is their hope that all SABR members will be receiving a copy starting sometime in late March.

It was also announced in the newsletter that **Peter Morris** discovered that the print and online encyclopedias have confused the playing record of Frank Mahar and Tom Maher, both of whom played briefly for the 1902 Philadelphia Phillies. Tom joined the Phillies in late April and was then released; Frank joined the team in late August. But, according to the newsletter report, their playing records do not appear to be correct based on the research done on them by **Bill Haber** and **Bob McConnell** and passed along to Peter by Bob.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Andy McCue wrote in the January newsletter that he hopes to encourage the committee's interest in producing indexes for baseball books that were published without them. He indicated that **Skip McAfee** has produced an excellent guide for doing indexes and he would be happy to talk to any member about finding a book that needs an index.

McCue also indicated that over the next few weeks he'll be sending members lists of books they're pretty sure were published in recent years, but haven't received a form for TBI. If you have a copy of the book, it would be great to help other SABR members by ensuring a quality listing in TBI. This remains their committee's core project and they are in need of volunteers.

The work can be done either on line or via paper forms Andy McCue can send you.

BIOGRAPHICAL

Bill Carle announced in the December newsletter that the committee finished the year with a flourish. December was the best month they've had

since he's been committee chairman. He indicated the breakthrough was due in part to genealogybank.com putting the *Philadelphia Inquirer* online 1860-1918. The state of Pennsylvania has always been tough and they hope that more newspapers like that will be added.

BIOPROJECT

New bios available on the BioProject Web site (<http://bioproj.sabr.org>) include *Doc Daugherty* by **John Wickline**; *Goose Goslin* by **Cort Vitty**; *Dick Gyselman* by **John Green**; *Jack Sutthoff* by **Brian Cooper**; *Bill Hawes* by **Charlie Bevis**; *Charlie Maxwell* by **Jim Sargent**; *Elmo Plaskett* by **Rory Costello**; and *Joe Brovia, Jim Northrup* by **Jim Sargent**.

BUSINESS OF BASEBALL

The winter edition of *Outside the Lines* features the article, "Fair Pay for Fair Play: A Preliminary Analysis of Race-Based Wages in MLB and the Negro Leagues" by **Michael J. Hauptert**

This article serves as a preliminary study of how black and white players were paid in their segregated leagues, how those salaries compared to blue collar workers and how the salaries changed when MLB reintegrated beginning in 1947. The data available cover the years 1917-59.

DEADBALL

The February Issue of the Inside Game features an interview with *Three Finger: The Mordecai Brown Story* author **Cindy Thomson**, the article, "Davy Jones gets his due: David Stalker honors another Deadball Hero" and book reviews of *The Cleveland Indians*, reviewed by **Mark Sternman**; *Professional Baseball in North Carolina*, reviewed by **Mark Dugo**; *Early Latino Ballplayers in the U.S.*, reviewed by **Chris Hauser**; *The Cincinnati Reds*, reviewed by **Cindy Thomson**.

NEGRO LEAGUES

The February edition of the *Negro Leagues Courier* announced that in less than 5 months it will be time for the 10th Annual Jerry Malloy Negro League

Conference. This year's conference will take place June 14-17, 2007, in Portsmouth, Virginia. The new and beautiful Virginia Sports Hall of Fame and Museum located in Portsmouth will play host to the conference.

Dr. Layton Revel, Director of the Center for Negro League Baseball Research, Carrollton, Texas, will be bringing an exhibit on "Barnstorming Baseball" to the conference. According to the *Courier*, the Center for Negro League Baseball Research has amassed the largest collection of original artifacts related to Negro League baseball history in the country. The exhibit will support this year's conference theme: *Barnstorming Across America: Local stars and National Heroes*

Registration for the Jerry Malloy Conference is available online via <http://store.sabr.org>.

ORAL HISTORY

The Oral History Committee will be holding its annual meeting at the SABR Annual Convention in St. Louis on Friday, July 26 at 11AM. For the past 3 years they have had a "live" oral history as part of their meeting. They are hoping to again have a baseball personality participate and hope as many as possible SABR members will attend.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

The November issue of *By the Numbers* features the articles *Academic Research: Errors and Official Scorers* by **Charlie Pavitt**; *Few Saves, Little Glory - a New Way of Measuring Middle Relievers* by **Gary Gillette** and **Pete Palmer** and *Numbers Behaving Weirdly - the At-Bat Conundrum* by **Abbott Katz**.

The newsletter also listed committee members who have volunteered to be contacted by other members for informal peer review of articles.

These members are available on an as-needed basis - that is, if you want someone to look over your manuscript in advance, these people are willing to give detailed comments on your work.

Upcoming Events

APRIL 14

CHICAGO, IL

The Emil Rothe Chapter will meet at the Chicago History Museum from 12:30 to 3:30. For more information contact **Merle Branner** at merleab@mac.com or 847-579-1770.

DES MOINES, IA

The Field of Dreams Chapter will meet at the Iowa State Historical Building. Details TBA. For more information contact **Tim Rask** at 319-351-6537 or timrask@worldnet.att.net.

APRIL 27-29

CLEVELAND, OH

Seymour Medal Conference
The 9th Annual Seymour Medal Conference April 27-29. Contact **Ryan Chamberlain**, 1-800-969-7227 rchamberlain@sabr.org.

APRIL 28

ATLANTA, GA

The Magnolia Chapter will meet Saturday, April 28 from noon - 4:00. For more information contact **Terry Sloope** at 770-382-2899 or magnoliasabr@mindspring.com.

APRIL 30

SPRINGFIELD, MA

The Rabbit Maranville Chapter will meet April 30 from 7 to 9. For more information contact **Larry Green** at 413-594-4231 or Piratesatthecove@aol.com.

MAY 4-5

ST. LOUIS, MO

The SABR Board of Directors holds its Spring Board Meeting at the Adam's Mark Hotel in St. Louis. For more information, contact **John Zajc**, Executive Director at 1-800-969-7227 or jzajc@sabr.org.

MAY 5

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

The Halsey Hall Chapter will meet Saturday May 5th at the Grace University Methodist Church in Minnesota. For more information contact **Howard Luloff** at 952-922-5036 or Hfan77@webtv.net.

CLEVELAND, OH

The Jack Graney Chapter will meet Saturday, May 5 at the Parma-Snow Road Library. For more information contact **Brad Sullivan** at bradwcp@yahoo.com or 440-749-3198.

DAYTON, OH

The Dayton Chapter will meet May 5 at 5/3 Field. For more information contact **John Schleppe** at 937-294-1137 or John.Schleppe@notes.udayton.edu.

MAY 26

TOLEDO, OH

The Roger Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter will meet followed by a Mud Hens-Columbus Clippers game at 5/3 Field. For more information contact **Steve Lauer** at 419-882-1301.

JUNE 2

PHILADELPHIA, PA

The Connie Mack Chapter will meet at 9 am at Citizens Bank Park. For more information contact **Joe McGillen** at 215-698-0476 or jmcg2838@aol.com.

JUNE 9

CHICAGO, IL

The Emil Rothe Chapter will meet at the National Italian-American Sports Hall of Fame and Museum from 1 to 4. For more information contact **Merle Branner** at merleab@mac.com or 847-579-1770.

JUNE 14-17

PORTSMOUTH, VA

The 10th Annual Jerry Malloy Negro Leagues Conference will be held in Portsmouth at the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame, June 14 to June 17. Contact **Tom Garrett**, 757-686-0912, or portsmouthbuck@aol.com.

JUNE 16

PAWTUCKET, RI

The Lajoie-Start Chapter will meet on Saturday, June 16, at McCoy Stadium from 10:30 to 3. For more information contact **Len Levin** at 401-351-3278 or LenLevin5@hotmail.com.

Boxscores of Past Meetings

St. Louis, January 20

Chapter: Bob Broeg Chapter.
Event: Annual Hot Stove Luncheon.
Award: **Barbara Sheinbein** for meritorious service.
Guests: **Neil Fiala**, former Cardinal and Red; **Ron Jacober**, former Cardinal Announcer; and **Rick Hummel**, St. Louis Post-Dispatch beat writer.
Trivia Winner: **Vic Witte**, **Bob Tiemann** and **Pat Rieck**.
Place: Mike Shannon's Steak and Seafood Restaurant.

San Marcos, January 20

Chapter: Roger Hornsby Chapter (Central/South Texas).
Guests: Former major league pitcher **Carl Scheib**; Long time scout **Al LaMacchia**; Texas League President **Tom Kayser**; Sportswriter **David King**.
Presenters: **Monte Cely**, **Gilbert Martinez**, **Norman Macht**, **Bill Gilbert**.
Trivia Winner: **Bill Stein**, **Tom Wancho**, **Gilbert Martinez**.
Place: Texas State University.

Cooperstown, January 27

Chapter: Leatherstocking Chapter.
Presenters: **Joanne Hulbert** "William Selden, "The Best Player from Boston that You Never Heard Of;" **David Scopac**, "Jackie Robinson: Changing the Face of Baseball;" **Scott Shafer**, "Epic Poem Honoring Boston Red Sox;" **Ira Coopermann**, "Roy Gleason, the Vietnam Vet Who Batted 1.000;" **Scott Fiesthumel**, "New York State League," and **Jim Gates**, "Microfilming the Garry Hermann Collection."
Place: HOF's Bullpen Theater.

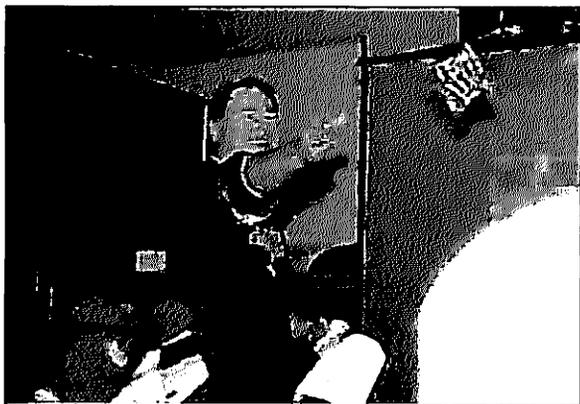
Arlington, January 27

Chapter: Bob Davids Chapter.
Guests: **Mike Cabbage**, former major league player, coach and manager.
Presenters: **Scott Rogers**, "The Chesapeake and Potomac Vintage Baseball Club;" **Brad Snyder**, "Curt Flood;" **Norman Willis**, "Baseball in 1880s Washington;" **David Vincent** "Record-Breaking Controversy;" **Barry Sparks**, "Frank 'Home Run' Baker vs. Walter Johnson;" **Dave Smith**, "Unusual Retrosheet Media Requests;"
Place: Holiday Inn Rosslyn.

Record Numbers Attend Jack Graney Chapter Event

The Jack Graney Chapter held its winter meeting on Saturday, February 3 at Jacobs Field in Cleveland. Although outside it was frigid, inside we had a great day of presentations and good fellowship. A record 78 members and guests attended the event.

Chapter elections were held and there are new officers. **Brad Sullivan** will take over as chapter president and **Greg Crouse** will remain as treasurer. **Cathy Gerland** and **Tom Nemec** will serve as directors.



Mike Trabert tosses the Cracker Jacks to the audience during his presentation

SABR Executive Director **John Zajc** gave the inside scoop on all the national news including a preview of the St. Louis convention and plans for the 2008 convention in Cleveland. **Steve Johnson** presented a proposed set of chapter bylaws for consideration.

Bob Dolgan, former *Plain Dealer* columnist and author of the book, *Heroes, Scamps & Good Guys* told of his life as a columnist and beat writer. He had great stories to tell of ballplayers and others in the game. **Bob Carson** shared his passion for the minor leagues with travel advice and anecdotes about different teams.

Fred Schuld told of the history surrounding Willie Kamm's dismissal from the Indians in 1935. **Jeff Cranston** presented the third in his series of lectures on defunct major leagues. This year's edition was about the

Federal League. **Mike Trabert** finished the day with a PowerPoint™ presentation on the "Evolution of the Ballpark" highlighting his travels to more than 50 major league parks.



Steve Johnson (right) handing over chapter presidency to Brad Sullivan

New Tennessee SABR Chapter Has its First Meeting

The first meeting of the Nashville chapter of SABR was held in Sluggers' Sports Bar at Greer Stadium in Nashville, Tennessee on Saturday, January 27, 2007 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Nine members and five guests were in attendance.

Their guest speaker was fellow SABR member **Clinton "Butch" McCord**, who shared his memories as a former Negro Leagues and minor league player.

He gave a lively, entertaining, and thought-provoking account of his playing career that spanned almost 15 years.

Three members shared their research projects: **Peggy Gripsover** shared her studies of the Lakeview neighborhood that surrounds Chicago's Wrigley Field and how it makes a Cubs game a unique experience compared to other major league parks. She is also considering writing a biography of Charles Weeghman, owner of the Chicago Whales (Federal League) and the Cubs and builder of what is now Wrigley Field.

Jerry Wood discussed his research for a biography of Smoky Joe Wood. He has met the son of the former Boston Red Sox and Cleveland Indians pitcher, who shared with him many interesting documents relating to his father's career.

Skip Nipper shared photographs of Sulphur Dell ballpark and the Nashville Vols in a PowerPoint presenta-

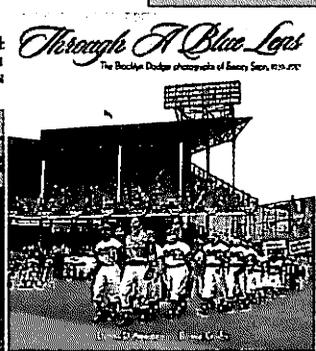
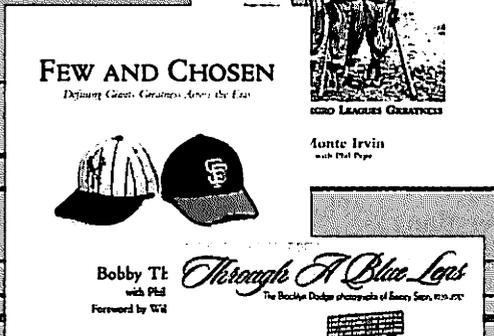
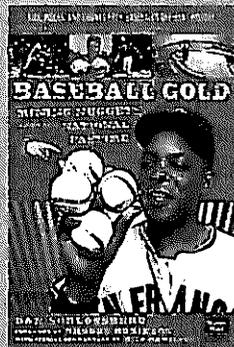
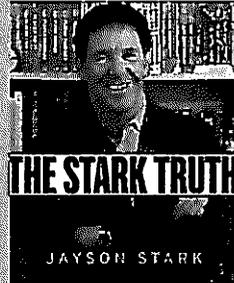
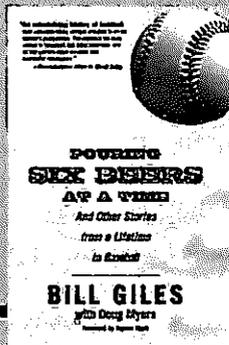
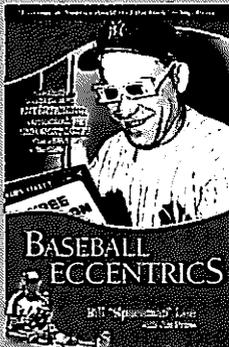
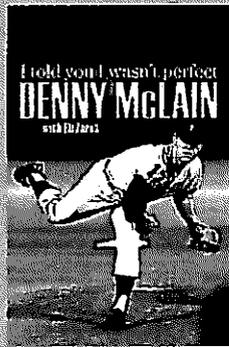
Larry Dierker Chapter Represents SABR at the 2007 Houston Baseball Dinner

SABR was represented by more than 3 tables at the 2007 Houston Baseball Dinner honoring area amateur and professional baseball for the year 2006. Among those honored were Lance Berkman, Astro MVP, Luke Scott, Astro Rookie of the Year, Roy Oswalt, Astro Pitcher of the Year, Carl Crawford, Houston Area Major League Player of the Year and Brad Ausmus, winner of the Darryl Kile Award. Ausmus's remarks in particular were both humorous and touching.

A highlight of the evening was when SABR Member **Jo Russell** presented the 2007 Allen Russell Distinguished Achievement Award to Jeff Bagwell. Jeff received several heartfelt ovations from the crowd of 1,500 for his outstanding performance, both on and off the field, during his 16 years with the Astros.

Other featured speakers included Astros owner Drayton McLane, Astros Manager Phil Garner and fellow SABR member and Astros General Manager **Tim Purpura**. Recognition was also given to SABR members **Larry Dierker** and **Bill McCurdy**. It was a highly entertaining evening and one that set the tone for the upcoming baseball campaign.

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SABR NINE QUESTIONS

By Ryan Chamberlain

If there was anyone with the ability to capture the folksy, wry wit of Dizzy Dean, it might be actor and former Congressman Ben Jones. Known popularly for his characterization of "Cooter Davenport" on the TV show Dukes of Hazzard, one can begin to see how that role would be the perfect training ground to capture the colloquial genius of "Deanisms." In fact, if you heard Jones utter the phrase, "The doctors X-rayed my head and found nothing," you might be hard-pressed to attribute it to the fictional mechanic or Jones simply testing some dialogue for his one man show, Ol' Diz, about the Hall-of-Fame pitcher. (Many St. Louis SABR members will know of course that the quote came from Dean after being hit in the head by a thrown ball in the 1934 World Series.)

Beyond the actor's façade, Ben Jones embodies Dean's notion of "practice, work hard, and give it everything you have." He was born on August 30, 1941 in Tarboro, North Carolina, and spent his high school years in Portsmouth, Virginia. After high school he enrolled in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he discovered acting and received his Bachelor's degree in 1964. Since then, according to his Web site bio on www.cootersplace.com, Jones has appeared as an actor in "over two hundred films, television shows, and theatrical productions." Along with his wife Alma, Jones is also the proprietor of "Cooter's Place," the Dukes of Hazzard museum, and produces Dukesfest, an annual gathering of show enthusiasts which drew 40,000 to the Bristol Motor Speedway in 2006.

Not resting on his acting laurels, Jones was elected in 1988 to a seat in the House of Representatives from Georgia as a Democrat. He was reelected in 1990 but lost the 1992 election. Jones has maintained his political prowess as a writer/contributor in such publications as The Washington Post, USA Today, and The Weekly Standard and as a TV pundit for Crossfire and Hardball.

But his latest passion has been rec-

reating the life and times of Dizzy Dean. At the SABR 37 convention in St. Louis, attendees will be able to see a rendition of Ol' Diz, written and performed by Jones, who has been a SABR member since 2006. According to Jones, plans are in the works for a musical version of the play. If Dizzy Dean was still around, he might say this is a play about the greatest pitcher who had ever lived.

What was the inspiration for "Ol' Diz?" How much research went into the play?

I saw an actor named Eddie Frierson do his one-man show about Christy Mathewson at a neighborhood playhouse in Studio City, California in the late nineties. It was clear to me that he had worked very hard on it, and he did a nice job, he had some great baseball history in it, but I left the theater thinking that somebody should do a show about Dizzy Dean, because frankly Ol' Diz was a lot more entertaining character than was Mathewson. And Diz was an enormous influence on my generation of baseball fans. For us Southern kids, watching the Game of the Week, Diz taught us a love of the game in a language that we could really relate to. And then I realized that I just might be the actor who should take a whack at it. The next day I went to an old bookstore, dug around, and found a biography of Dizzy. I opened it to him telling the story of how they "lost" his brother Elmer for five years when they were all migrant cotton pickers. I was hooked. I started gathering everything Dizzy ever said. He was a great storyteller, a natural performer, and he had a classic rags to riches American story. So in a way, Dizzy had already written this show. I just put some structure to it. As for the research, it never ends. And I've gotten to know his family, Paul's children and grandchildren. They are the salt of the earth, just like Diz and Paul were.

How did the musical version of the play evolve?

I had always thought of it as an idea with musical potential. I can remember Dizzy launching into his capella rendition of "The Wabash Cannonball" whenever a game got boring. You know he recorded that in the 1950s. Of course, the Gashouse Gang Cardinals of the 1930s always had music going with their "Mudcat Band" and Diz would join in. So I hooked up with a couple of my Nashville buddies, David Olney and John Hadley, and they came up with some terrific songs. The musical version features The Mudcat Band, brother Paul, Diz's wife Pat, and a cameo appearance by his pal Satchel Paige. It was a big hit in Nashville!

Are there certain things about Dizzy Dean's life that you connect with personally?

Well, I grew up in a railroad shack without plumbing or electricity, and I've always loved baseball and country music. And like Diz, I've always been kind of a natural performer. And I suppose that is why I've always identified with him. He came out of the cottonfields and right onto the cover of *Time Magazine* and never changed a bit. I admire that, and I really admire the joyful way he had with people and his zest for living.

What was it like performing your play at the National Baseball Hall of Fame?

I've performed it there twice and it was an honor. I've been making pilgrimages to Cooperstown for forty years now and I never get tired of it. The last time I was there I met Lennie Merullo, the old Cubs infielder. He had played with Diz when Diz was working out his arm problems in the Texas League, and he told me that they all ate a lot better while Diz was with the club. Lennie also had a bat which Babe Ruth had given him, and I got to take a few swings with it.

What advice would you give actors/playwrights trying to produce their own sports-themed play or musical?

Well, first you've got to have a great passion for the game you are writing about, and you need to understand the role of that sport in our culture. And it would be a good idea to study plays and films that have become classics, like "Field of Dreams" or "Hoosiers". And you can never do too much research. The details have to be right.

Growing up in Portsmouth, VA, home of the 2007 Jerry Malloy conference, what were some of your favorite childhood baseball memories?

Portsmouth was a great baseball town. When I was a kid, the Portsmouth Cubs were the Piedmont League franchise and they were owned by Frank Lawrence, who had that club for fifty years. "Skeeter" Scalzi, who had been a Giants shortstop, was the manager. My favorite players were Ken Guettler, who later hit 62 homers in the Texas League in 1956, and Charlie "Mule" Peete, a local kid who went up to the Cardinals but died in a plane crash playing winter ball. He would have been a great one. Brooks Lawrence was the best pitcher I saw there. But my biggest thrill was seeing Connie Mack come through during spring training. He was born during the Civil War, so he was close to 90 years old. This was in 1951 and he had just retired as manager, but of course he still owned the Athletics. They played the Whiz Kid Phillies. Robin Roberts against "Little" Bobby Shantz. I don't remember who won, but I sure remember Mr. Mack, ramrod straight and impeccably dressed. Forty years later I served with his grandson, Senator Connie Mack of Florida, when I was a member of Congress.

How did you and veteran Reds announcer Marty Brennaman become friends? Are you still close?

It seems like I've known Marty all of my life. He lived in Pinners Point, a neighborhood on the docks in Ports-

mouth, which has long since been destroyed. I lived on the other side of the freight yard, by the Sugar Hill neighborhood. We went to grade school together, played ball together, traded baseball cards, traded *SPORT* magazines, and his parents were always great to me. Marty and I took different paths after high school, but I've kept up with his career and I'm really proud of him. Many summer nights when I'm "on the road" I'll pick up Marty's call with the Reds and stick with it until I lose the signal. He is one of the best, of course, but I think his son Thom might be even better. Marty is in Cooperstown, and that's pretty good for an old Pinners Point kid!

Speaking as a former Congressman, what role do you think government should take in the steroids controversy?

Well, I think the recent Congressional hearings brought a lot of attention to the issue, but it is up to baseball to enforce a "zero tolerance" policy on steroids. You know, there has always been "cheating" in sports, but it was usually about the equipment, spitballs, loaded bats, cut balls, etc. But this isn't about equipment, this is about the athletes creating enhanced performances by using illegal and dangerous substances. That creates a very unfair short-term advantage, and we have all seen the results. It's deplorable. Shoot, if Mickey Mantle had used steroids he would have hit 90 dingers a year. The fans have to trust the game to be on the level, and every time I see Bonds come to the plate, I doubt it, fairly or unfairly.

What do you expect from the 500+ SABR members you'll be meeting in St. Louis?

I expect to be among a group of baseball lovers that has forgotten more about the game than I will ever know. I love SABR, love the idea, love the literature, and the enthusiasm. And isn't St. Louis the perfect place to honor Jay Hannah Dean, the Pride of St. Louis??

Regional Box Scores, cont'd from pg. 5

Nashville, January 30

Chapter: Nashville Chapter.
Event: First-Ever Meeting.
Speaker: **Clinton "Butch" McCord**, former Negro League and Minor Leaguer.
Presenters: **Peggy Gripover**, "Lakeview Neighborhood Surrounding Wrigley Field;" **Jerry Wood**, "Smoky Joe Wood;" **Skip Nipper**, "Sulphur Dell."
Elections: **Kevin McCann**, President; **Skip Nipper**, Vice-President;
Thanks: Doug Scopol of the Nashville Sounds.
Location: Greer Stadium.

San Diego, February 3

Chapter: Ted Williams Chapter.
Theme: "Baseball As Religion" with Andy Strasberg as emcee.
Presenters: **Joe Price**, "Rounding the Bases: Baseball and Religion in America;" **Phil Lowry**, "Green Cathedrals;" **Jim Smith**, "Christians in Baseball History: A Starting Line-up;" **Tom Larwin**, "A Line-up of Jewish Ball Players;" and **Dan Boyle**, "Sandy Koufax."
Place: College Avenue Baptist Church.

Cleveland, February 3

Chapter: Jack Graney Chapter.
Guests: **Bob Dolgan** former Plain Dealer columnist and author of "Heroes, Scamps & Good Guys."
Presenters: **John Zajc**, "Preview of SABR 37 and 38;" **Bob Carson**, "Minor Trips;" **Fred Schuld**, "History behind Willie Kamm's 1935 Dismissal;" **Jeff Cranston**, "Federal League;" and **Mike Trabert**, "Evolution of the Ballpark."
Elections: **Brad Sullivan**, President; **Greg Crouse**, Treasurer; **Cathy Gerland** and **Tom Nemeec**, Director.
Place: Jacobs Field.

Milwaukee, February 3

Chapter: Ken Keltner Badger Chapter.
Guests: **Felix Mantilla**, former player; **Johnny Logan**, former player; **Doak Ewing**, "Rare Sportsfilms."
Place: Long Wong's Chinese-American Sports Bar.

A Quick Look at SABR Demographics

Looking closely at the data in the SABR database, we find that we only have employment information for about 70% of the membership. But the information we do have suggests that

1 in every 6 SABR members (or more) work in Education, whether teaching at the collegiate level, K-12, or working in an education related field like as a librarian. Educators are the biggest group of members, when classified by occupation.

Writers/Editors are the second largest group of members. Included in this grouping are authors, journalists, editors, free-lancers, and reporters.

Other areas that many SABR members work in include financial services (>6%), the law (>5%), civil service (>3%), medicine (~3%), and science/engineering (~3%). Business owners (including CEOs, presidents, proprietors, etc.) and students both have around 2.6%.

Some interesting occupations held by members include actor (6), cartoonist (4), bartender (3), lobbyist (2), nightclub manager (2), forensic accountant (2), brewer (1), fishery manager (1), horticulturist (1), casino floor supervisor (1), candymaker (1), and fur designer (1).

Because many members leave these data fields empty, there may be more candymakers or lobbyists in SABR. If you are a member, you can update your membership record at any time by logging into the members-only site and editing your record using MySABR.



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Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference

Be sure to get ready for the 10th Annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference. This year's conference will take place June 14-17, 2007, in Portsmouth, Virginia. The new and beautiful Virginia Sports Hall of Fame and Museum located in Portsmouth will play host to the conference.

SABR's Negro League Committee and the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame and Museum are proud to announce that Dr. Layton Revel, Director of the Center for Negro League Baseball Research, Carrollton, Texas, will be bringing an exhibit on "Barnstorming Baseball" to the conference. The Center for Negro League Baseball Research has amassed the largest collection of original artifacts related to Negro League baseball history in the country, and conference planners are fortunate to be able to bring some of these items to the conference. The exhibit will support this year's conference theme: *Barnstorming Across America: Local stars and National Heroes played each other in the era of the Negro Leagues.*

Registration for the Jerry Malloy Conference is available online via <http://store.sabr.org>

The 10th Annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference is presented with the support of the Beazley Foundation, Towne Bank, Vandeventer Black LLP and others.

Funny You Should Mention Louisville Gray Al Nichols...

Imagine you're at a party and in an effort to make small talk, you happen to mention a missing ballplayer from the 1870s. The person you're talking to responds with, "Funny you should mention that. I know his great-great-granddaughter. She can tell you all about him." Absurd? Preposterous? Fodder for a science fiction novel? This is precisely what happened to SABR member **Peter Morris** recently.

Peter was at a baseball conference in Maryland and was speaking with someone from **McFarland Publishing**. He happened to mention an error in one of their books in which Al Nichols, one of the players banned for throwing games in 1877, was mentioned as dying in Ohio in 1937. Peter knew that to be Sammy Nichols. The person he was talking to responded that Al Nichols's great-great-granddaughter had complained about the same thing. After someone tossed some cold water on Peter's face and he came to, he asked if he could make contact with the woman. She sent Peter a whole package of material including letters Nichols had written asking to be reinstated. We had known that Nichols played under an alias and the great-great-granddaughter informed us that his real name was Alfred Henry Williams. Needless to say, had Peter not made this offhand remark, we would never have found him. We didn't even know his real name. This is a pretty incredible find.

From the *Biographical Research Committee* newsletter edited by **Bill Carle**. The committee collects birth and death data, as well as other vital statistics, on the more than 14,000 players and managers to appear in the major leagues since 1871. The committee provided more than 7,000 corrections to the 1988 edition of *The Baseball Encyclopedia*, and also supplies data to *The Sports Encyclopedia: Baseball* and *Total Baseball*.

Welcome to Baseball Town, USA!

Garagiola, Browns, Cardinals Highlight St. Louis Convention

Joe Garagiola, former major league catcher, broadcaster and author, will be the luncheon speaker at SABR 37, set for July 25-29 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri. Also appearing during the convention will be a panel of former St. Louis Browns players, a panel of former St. Louis Cardinals players, 1974 National League Cy Young winner Mike Marshall, and others.

Garagiola, a native of "the Hill," St. Louis's Italian-American neighborhood, played with the Cardinals, Pirates, Cubs, and Giants from 1946 through 1954. He later wrote (with Martin Quigley) a best-selling book, *Baseball is a Funny Game*, and became a broadcaster, starting with radio station KMOX and later switching to television. Garagiola called the Game of the Week and the World Series for NBC and was the winner of the 1991 Ford C. Frick Award.

Everyone who attends the luncheon on Saturday, July 28, will receive an autographed copy of Joe's new book, *Just Play Ball*.

SABR 37 Panel Discussions

The committee from the Bob Broeg chapter organizing the convention has put together an exciting array of panels and presentations:

St. Louis Browns Panel

The Browns came to St. Louis from Milwaukee in 1902 and left after the 1953 season to become the Baltimore Orioles. Along the way, they finished last in the American League ten times and won the pennant once, in 1944. Our panel will include several former Brownies, including Don Lenhardt, **Bill Jennings**, Babe Martin, **Ed Mickelson**, and Roy Sievers.



Umpires Panel

Larry Gerlach, former SABR president and founder of the Umpires and Rules Committee, will moderate a panel discussion featuring former American League umpire Dave Phillips. Also invited are an umpire from the crew handling Cardinals' games during the convention and an umpire from the Frontier League, the independent league that has two teams in the St. Louis area.

St. Louis Cardinals Panel

The Cardinals opened new Busch Stadium in 2006 and won their tenth World Series championship in October, defeating the Tigers in five games. A large number of former Cardinals players, including four members of the Hall of Fame, live in the St. Louis area, and invitations have been extended to participate on this panel. Chapter chair Norm Richards will emcee.

Mike Marshall

Dr. Marshall, who spoke at SABR 36 in Seattle, has graciously accepted our invitation to make a follow-up appearance. Marshall, who pitched 208 innings in relief in 1974 and specialized in Kinesiology and Motor Acquisition, will discuss how to eliminate all pitching injuries.

Our Mother's Game (and ours): Tales from the Women's Side of Baseball

SABR's Women in Baseball Committee has organized a panel discussion on the contributions of women to the game. Those scheduled to appear include **Dorothy Seymour Mills**, **Judith Testa** (author of *Sal Maglie: Baseball's Demon Barber*), **Cecilia Tan**, and **Erma Bergmann**, former AAGPBL player. **Jean Ardell** (author of *Breaking into Baseball: Women and the National Pastime*) will moderate.

So You Want to Build a Ballpark?

Jim Chibnall from HOK Sport in Kansas City will give a presentation on the design and construction of the new Busch Stadium. HOK Sport has designed Great American Ball Park, Jacobs Field, Oriole Park at Camden Yards, PETCO Park, PNC Park, AT&T Park, and minor league parks in Memphis, Staten Island, Norfolk, and Albuquerque among others.

Independent Baseball

Bill Lee, Frontier League commissioner since 1994, will speak on the present and future of independent league baseball. Lee, who played in the Braves organization, was the Southern League's Marketing Executive of the Year in 1991. The Frontier League began play in 1993 and now has twelve teams in seven states, including the River City Rascals (in O'Fallon, Missouri) and the Gateway Grizzlies (in Sauget, Illinois).

Retrosheet Pre-Con Workshop

You've heard about Retrosheet and seen the amazing facts found by using it. Learn some of the basics by attending this pre-convention workshop, "How to Work with Retrosheet's Event Files."

Taught by Retrosheet founder **David W. Smith** and assisted by **Clem Comly** and **David Vincent**, each student should bring his/her own laptop computer and a willingness to learn.

A Call for Judges

Here's a way you can help SABR while at the convention: participate as a judge for the Doug Pappas Memorial Award, presented by *USA Today Sports Weekly*, given to the best oral presentation; and for the *USA Today Sports Weekly* Award for the best poster presentation at SABR 37.

All convention attendees are urged to participate in judging oral and/or poster presentations. The more, the merrier!

It's not hard at all. Volunteer judges will be sent a guideline sheet prior to the convention. Judges won't be preassigned to specific presentations. Instead, they'll simply be asked to evaluate all the presentations they choose to attend.

Evaluations will be returned to the registration table after each evaluation by the judge.

Potential judges, please contact **Neal Traven** before July 12 at the following e-mail: sabr37-presentations@comcast.net to let him know of your willingness to help out.

Committee Meetings

An important part of every SABR convention is the opportunity for all of our Research Committees to hold a meeting to report on activities during the previous year and plans for the future. This year the convention will also include a Committee Open House, a chance for prospective members to find out what each committee does.

Any member can attend any research committee he or she chooses. In fact, you are encouraged to attend as many committee meetings as interest you so that you can learn more about what projects they are working on.

The schedule for committee meetings can be found below.

Committee Meetings		
<u>Wednesday, July 25</u>		
7:00 pm	Research Committee chairs	
<u>Thursday, July 26</u>		
8:30 am	Spring Training	
4:30 pm	Nineteenth-Century	
5:30 pm	Scouts	Baseball & the Arts
6:30 pm	Ballparks	Business of Baseball
<u>Friday, July 27</u>		
8:30 am	Collegiate	Armed Forces
9:00 am	Negro Leagues	Retrosheet
11:00 am	Oral History	Pictorial History
12:00 noon	Statistical Analysis	Origins of Baseball
1:00 pm	Records	
3:00 pm	Women in Baseball	
4:00 pm	Minor Leagues	Science of Baseball
5:00 pm	Deadball Era	BioProject
<u>Saturday, July 28</u>		
8:00 am	Education	
8:30 am	Asian	Umpires and Rules
9:00 am	Biographical	Bibliography
10:00 am	Latino	

Wednesday, July 25

The first day of the convention will feature two innovations: a pre-convention workshop and a reception for first-time attendees.

At 1:00 pm, **Dave Smith**, founder of Retrosheet, will open SABR's first pre-convention workshop, "How to Work with Retrosheet Event Files." Dave will be assisted by Clem Comly and David Vincent.

At 8:00 pm, executive director **John Zajc** will host a social for those attending their first SABR convention.

Other events on Wednesday include a meeting of SABR's Board of Directors, the annual meeting of local chapter chairs, and the annual meeting of the research committee chairs. Registration will open at 3:00 pm.

Board of Directors Meeting

All members are welcomed, and encouraged, to sit in on any, or all of the Board of Director's meeting. An agenda will be available approximately one week prior to the meeting upon request from the SABR office.

Retrosheet Workshop

Many people use the Retrosheet website to look up box scores or specific totals. However, it is possible to go well beyond that and to ask detailed research questions by using the play-by-play data files that are on the website. To make this research easier, the Retrosheet site also provides free software that will parse the data files and produce custom output that may be easily imported into a spreadsheet or database program for manipulation.

Dave Smith and **Clem Comly** will explain the detailed structure of the files and how to use the software. Specific examples will be presented step-by-step to demonstrate the basic procedures. Workshop participants will be invited to suggest other studies and those will be developed as well. Bring your laptop and join the fun!

Workshop is limited to 30 students.

Chapter Chairs Meeting

Chapter leaders from around the country get together to share ideas, and stories of successes and failures to do a better job of holding local meetings.

Research Chairs Meeting

Research Committee chairs get together to discuss their successes over the previous year and share ideas on how best to tap into and serve the baseball research community.

First-timers Social

Those attending their first SABR convention are encouraged to stop by the Rose Garden Room on the 4th floor at 8pm to meet with convention chair **Steve Gietschier** and SABR Executive Director **John Zajc**, board members, and other leaders of SABR. You'll meet people from around the country and get tips on how to get the most from your convention experience.

The convention's opening ceremony will occur at 9:00 am. It will be followed by the annual business meeting chaired by President **Dick Beverage**. Following the Annual Business Meeting will be another innovation -- the research committee open house. Today will also feature two panel discussions, one starring former St. Louis Browns players and the other starring former St. Louis Cardinals players. Also on tap today will be the SABR Book Expo, an event hosted at the St. Louis Public Library. **Jean Ardell**, author of *Breaking into Baseball*, will host a panel discussion among several recent SABR authors after which these authors will sign copies of their new books.

Thursday will also see an array of research committee meetings, research presentations (including one by photo expert **George Michael**), an off-site tour, and the preliminary round of the annual trivia competition.

Opening Ceremony

The Bob Broeg Chapter will roll out the welcome mat to open the 37th Annual meeting of the Society for American Baseball Research.

Annual Business Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting of SABR is your chance to hear about how the organization is doing and what its near-term plans are. Get the results of the recent SABR election, and hear reports from Executive Director **John Zajc**, Treasurer **F. X. Flinn**, and Publications Director **Jim Charlton**.

Research Committee Open House

Following the SABR37 Opening Ceremonies, attendees will have a chance to get a brief overview of SABR's 24 topical research interest groups. All members, especially first-time attendees, are encouraged to meet committee chairs, pick up a copy of a recent newsletter and sign-up for online discussion forums. Make the most of this opportunity to plan the balance of your convention schedule.

St. Louis Browns Panel

The first panel presentation at SABR 37 will be the St. Louis Browns panel. It will include several former Brownies, including **Don Lenhardt**, **Bill Jennings**, **Babe Martin**, **Ed Mickelson**, and **Ray Sievers**.

Lenhardt served two terms with the Browns, 1950-1951 and 1952-1953, and played also with the White Sox, Red Sox, Tigers, and Orioles. He hit .317 in 97 games in 1953.

Shortstop **Bill Jennings** played with the Browns in 1951. A native of St. Louis, he is a regular at the Bob Broeg chapter's monthly meetings.

Catcher **Boris (Babe) Martin** got into two games in the Browns' only pennant-winning season, 1944, and remained in St. Louis for two more seasons before going to the Red Sox as a Rule 5 draftee. He returned to the Browns for one game in 1953.

Mickelson, also a regular at Bob Broeg chapter meetings, played with the Cardinals, Browns, and Cubs. He was part of the PCL panel at SABR 36 in Seattle.

Sievers played with four clubs over a 17-year major league career. He was the AL Rookie of the Year in 1949 when he hit .306 for the Browns.

St. Louis Cardinals Panel

The Cardinals opened new Busch Stadium in 2006 and won their tenth World Series championship in October, defeating the Tigers in five games. A large number of former Cardinals players, including four members of the Hall of Fame, live in the St. Louis area, and invitations have been extended to participate on this panel.

At press time, former outfielder **Ted Savage**, who played with the team from 1965 through 1967 and is now the Cards' director of target marketing, had agreed to be on the panel.

Chapter chair **Norm Richards** will emcee.

SABR Book Expo

Following upon the success of last year's book signing at the Elliott Bay Bookstore, SABR 37 has made arrangements with the St. Louis Public Library to host our first Book Expo, a panel discussion featuring several authors of recently published books followed by a book signing. **Jean Ardell**, author of *Breaking into Baseball*, will moderate the discussion. The St. Louis Public Library is located at 1301 Olive Street, just a 9-block walk from the hotel. Admission is free, of course.

Trivia Preliminaries

Have you ever wondered how your knowledge of baseball history, especially of trivial pieces of information, stacks up against other SABR members? Do you enjoy reading questions that you have no idea what the answer is? Then take the written trivia test that determines which four individuals and which four teams will compete in the SABR Trivia Contest.

Bring a writing utensil to the SABR Trivia preliminary test at 7:30pm on Thursday, July 26. You'll need to decide ahead of time whether you will compete as an individual or as a member of a team (teams consist of four individuals). You will be given the appropriate test (different questions appear on the individual and the team test, with a few overlapping questions). The time limit on the test is 30 minutes, and the scoring of the test follows immediately after.

The highlight of today's agenda will be the ball game between the Cardinals and the Milwaukee Brewers at 7:10 pm. Also on tap will be a presentation by former Cy Young Award winner Mike Marshall and a panel discussion on women in baseball, "Our Mother's Game (And Ours): Tales from the Women's Side of Baseball."

Research committee meetings continue today as do research presentations. Executive Director **John Zajc** will host the annual donor's breakfast.

Donor Breakfast

As part of the SABR Donor Program, all donors of \$100 or more since the last convention are invited to a special breakfast in their honor to learn about how their gifts have made a difference from SABR Executive Director **John Zajc**, and the SABR Board of Directors.

For more information on the SABR Donor Program, contact program director **Paul Hirsch** via email, plhirsch30@aol.com or **John Zajc** at the SABR office (1-800-969-7227) or by e-mail, jzajc@sabr.org.

Baseball Agent Matt Sosnick

Agent Matt Sosnick, the subject of **Jerry Crasnick's** book, *License To Deal: A Year in the Life of a Maverick Baseball Agent*, is scheduled to speak today on his experiences as an agent. Among his firm's clients are Dontrelle Willis and 2006 National League batting champ Freddy Sanchez.

A Word About Cardinals Tickets

Tickets to watch the Cardinals play at home are about as scarce as Cubs' World Series championships. The Cardinals not only opened a new ballpark last season, but they also won the World Series. Tickets are, therefore, at a premium.

For Friday night's game featuring the Cards against the Milwaukee Brewers, SABR has purchased 780 tickets in Sections 269-272. These are very good seats surrounding the left-field foul pole.

Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. When you get your registration packet on-site, you will receive a "chit" for the ticket(s) you have purchased. If you do not care who you sit next to, you can exchange your chit for ticket(s) right away. If you want to sit with certain friends, be sure to turn in your chits together so that you can get seats next to one another. **Chits must be exchanged for tickets no later than 5:35 pm Friday.**

The Cardinals will also be at home on Wednesday and Thursday against the Cubs, and Saturday and Sunday against the Brewers. Tickets for all these games will be hard to come by. Ticket agencies may have some, and some may be available through the Cardinals Prime Seat Club, a service that allows season ticket holders to sell their seats at a premium. Go to www.stlcardinals.com and click on "Tickets" for details. Some tickets will also be available from street entrepreneurs.

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SABR's Women in Baseball Committee has organized a panel discussion on the contributions of women to the game. Those scheduled to appear include

Dorothy Seymour Mills is the author of *A Woman's Work*, which tells of her life in baseball research with her deceased husband Harold Seymour and much more. The Seymour Medal, awarded to the best book of baseball history or biography, is named in honor of Harold and Dorothy.

Judith Testa a former university professor and a SABR member since 2003, is the author of *Sal Maglie: Baseball's Demon Barber*.

Cecilia Tan, a SABR member since 2002, has written and edited numerous baseball books and is a past recipient of the *USA Today Sports Weekly* Award for best poster presentation at the 2004 SABR convention.

Erma Bergmann, was a pitcher in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, throwing a no-hitter in 1947. In her career she went 64-91 with a 3.28 ERA. After her baseball career, she became a St. Louis police officer.

Jean Ardell, author of *Breaking into Baseball: Women and the National Pastime*, will moderate.

Mike Marshall

Dr. Marshall, who holds a Ph.D. in Exercise Physiology from Michigan State University, spoke at the Science & Baseball Committee meeting last year about his work training and instructing pitchers. This year he will bring his message of the proper pitching motion to eliminate all pitching injuries to a wider audience.

Marshall pitched in 723 major league games with an amazing 106 appearances and 208 innings in 1974. He compiled a record of 97-112 and an ERA of 3.14.



Outside Busch Stadium are statues of many of the great players in St. Louis history. Here is Stan "The Man." (photo by John Zajc)

Today is the day for our annual luncheon and awards presentation, featuring our luncheon speaker, former major leaguer and winner of the Ford Frick Award, Joe Garagiola. Awards to be presented include our research awards and SABR's highest honor, the Bob Davids Award.

Saturday's schedule also includes an umpires panel discussion, a presentation by the architectural firm HOK, a presentation by the commissioner of the independent Frontier League, the annual vintage baseball game, and the trivia semi-finals. Research presentations continue today as do research committee meetings, and the day is capped off by **Ben Jones'** performance of his one-man play, *O! Diz*.

Vintage Base Ball

At press time, we were still unsure where the annual vintage game might be played, but right now it is tentatively scheduled for Saturday morning from 9am to 11am.

Umpires Panel

If the arbiters of the game interest you, be sure to attend the umpire panel, moderator by *Men in Blue* author, **Larry Gerlach**.

Dave Phillips, a professional umpire for 32 years, many of them spent with the American League, was the umpire who confiscated Albert Belle's bat in Chicago in 1994, which was later pilfered by teammate Jason Grimsley. He was on the field for Disco Demolition Night. And he threw Gaylord Perry out of a game.

Also invited are an umpire from the crew handling Cardinals' games during the convention and an umpire from the Frontier League, the independent league that has two teams in the St. Louis area.

Independent Baseball

The present and future of independent league baseball will be the topic of discussion on Saturday afternoon as Frontier League Commissioner Bill Lee addresses SABR members. Lee, who played in the Braves organization, was the Southern League's Marketing Executive of the Year in 1991. The Frontier League began play in 1993 and now has twelve teams in seven states, including the River City Rascals (in O'Fallon, Missouri) and the Gateway Grizzlies (in Sauget, Illinois).

So You Want to Build a Ballpark?

Last night 700+ SABR members and friends saw a game at one of HOK's most recent ballparks. Today, members can hear from one of the chief architects on the project. HOK Sport's Jim Chibnall will give a presentation on the design and construction of the new Busch Stadium.

HOK Sport has designed Great American Ball Park, Jacobs Field, Oriole Park at Camden Yards, PETCO Park, PNC Park, AT&T Park, and minor league parks in Memphis, Staten Island, Norfolk, and Albuquerque among others.

O! Diz

"O! Diz", a one-actor play featuring actor **Ben Jones**, chronicles the life and times of Hall of Fame pitcher Jay Hannah "Dizzy" Dean, the fireballing right-hander who led "The Gashouse Gang" Cardinals to victory in the 1934 World Series and later became America's most beloved baseball announcer. The show captures Dean's meteoric rise from barefoot cotton picker to his perch as the most recognizable character in baseball during the tough Depression years.

Using the charismatic and flamboyant Dean's own words, "O! Diz" pays homage to the one-of-a-kind country boy who rode his great right arm and outsized personality to a permanent place in baseball lore. Ben Jones, who created "O! Diz", is an actor, writer, and former Congressman who is perhaps best known for his role as "Cooter" the mechanic on the classic TV hit, "The Dukes of Hazzard."

Sunday, July 29

The convention wraps up with the finals of the trivia competitions, a second meeting of the Board of Directors and our Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Party.

This year the SABR Trivia Finals will be produced and filmed by MLB.com. The Trivia Contest has always been an amazing display of baseball knowledge, and this year it should be even more exciting with the addition of the production values of MLB.com.

After the Trivia Finals, stick around to enjoy "Cooperstown West" as we gather together to watch the Induction Ceremonies live on television. Not quite the same as being there (the crowds won't be in the 50,000 range at the Adam's Mark), but the level of knowledge and passion for the game could not be higher. Registrants and their families who delay their departure from St. Louis can enjoy "ballpark food" and watch the ceremony on a big-screen television, and afterwards, we will have a bus to whisk people to the airport.

Our Sunday bus to the airport will leave the Adam's Mark at 11:30am, 1pm, and fifteen minutes after the conclusion of the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Enjoy the ease of loading your bags into a coach bus and sit back as our shuttle goes from the Adam's Mark directly to the airport, rather than stopping at other hotels like the commercial shuttles. The cost, \$14, is also less expensive than a one-way shuttle service.

Frequently Asked Questions

Must I preregister?

You do not have to preregister, but it is a good idea. First, you save some money if you register before June 30. Second, not preregistering cuts into the time you get to spend having fun. Third, your name badge doesn't look nearly as nice as everyone else's.

Do I get a confirmation of my registration?

While an attempt will be made to send confirmations to everyone (especially through the use of email), the only way to guarantee a confirmation of your registration is to send a SASE with your registration.

What do I do when I get to the hotel?

After you have checked into the Adam's Mark (and assuming the SABR 37 registration desk, located in the coatroom on the 4th floor, is open), you should head to the SABR Registration Desk. Once there, you should find the proper alphabetical line (A-K, L-R, etc.) and tell the person working the desk your name. He or she will give you your SABR 37 name badge (don't lose it!), your tickets for the luncheon and chits for game tickets (assuming you have ordered them), and goody bag (which contains your convention program, convention publication and other "goodies," many donated by baseball clubs and baseball organizations throughout the country). You are now ready to have fun!

Is there a dress code?

The SABR convention is an eclectic, mostly casual affair and has no dress code. For Research Presentations, Player Panels and general scouting of the convention, wear something comfortable. Shorts, jeans, slacks, polo shirts, T-shirts, whatever you are most comfortable in. At the Awards Luncheon, you will find members dressed from a suit and tie down to a t-shirt and shorts, although the majority of members at the food functions wear either "dress-casual" or suit and tie.

What about autographs?

Many of our guests in the past have been kind enough to stick around after their talk to sign autographs. There is never any guarantee of autographs made by anyone and the key is to *remember to respect the player or panelist as well as other members*. Many conventioners use their convention program for an impromptu autograph book.

Are there exhibitors?

There is a Vendors Area at every SABR convention, so be sure to budget some spending money. Exhibitors include baseball book publishers and book dealers/sellers. SABR also has a limited number of hours at its table where you can pick up your favorite SABR merchandise.

The vendor area is a good place to hang out during the convention; lots of good conversation and networking take place. Plus, many vendors sell at a discount.

One travel tip is to bring an empty suitcase with you to fill and bring home with you.

How do I enter the trivia contest?

Show up for the preliminaries on Thursday at 7:30pm in the proper room and follow the directions given to you. The preliminaries are a written test. There are separate tests for the Individual competition and the Team competition, and you must decide beforehand in which competition you will participate. The finals are expected to be filmed by MLB.com for MLB.com programming.

My spouse wants to attend only the ballgame; must s/he register?

Spouses, children, or friends who will attend only additional fee events that are NOT included in registration (ballgames, awards luncheon) may pay for those events only and need not register for the convention. If they will attend any programming included in the registration, they must register.

TIPS FROM MEMBERS:

Hang out. While the formal affairs are usually wonderful, make sure you spend plenty of time wandering around listening and talking to people. The informal gabfests are always the most fun and the most interesting, and sitting in your room looking at your goody bag is a drag.

Attend as many presentations as possible. It is amazing what people have discovered.

Supporters of SABR 37 include:

**Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory
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The 2008 Convention will be held in
Cleveland, Ohio
dates to be determined
after the MLB schedule is set

The convention site for 2009 will be set later this year.

Information on how your city can be considered to host a future convention can be requested from the SABR Office

2007 SABR Voter's Guide and Ballot

Thank you for reading the 2007 SABR Voter's Guide.

On the following pages you will find the statements of the candidates for the office of President and Director (2 slots). In the pages following the candidates' statements are the candidates' responses to the two questions posed by the Nominating Committee in an effort for the SABR membership to get a better idea of who the candidates are and what each stands for. These are grouped by question and by office so you can easily compare the candidates and make a more informed decision. You are also encouraged to contact the candidates directly to ask them any questions that will help you decide your vote. To facilitate this, an e-mail address is given for each candidate at the top of his biographical section.

Printed below are the functions of each office according to the current SABR Bylaws.

3.1. Officers and Directors. SABR's elected officers shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who along with four Directors shall collectively comprise the Board of Directors. All elected officers and directors shall have been individual members of the Society continuously for four years prior to taking office. No person may hold more than one seat on the SABR Board. Any incumbent officer or director elected or appointed to a second office or director's position shall be deemed to have resigned the first office immediately upon assuming the second position.

3.2. President. The duties of the President, who shall be elected in odd-numbered years to a two-year term, shall include:

- (a) Presiding over the annual business meeting and chairing the Board of Directors.
- (b) Working with the Executive Director to ensure that the organization maintains positive and productive relationships with media, funders, donors, and other organizations.
- (c) Signing contracts and letters of agreement approved by the Board of Directors. The President may delegate signatory power, as appropriate.
- (d) Ensuring that the Board of Directors and its members: 1) are aware of and fulfill their governance responsibilities; 2) comply with applicable laws and bylaws; 3) conduct board business effectively and efficiently; and 4) are accountable for their performance.
- (e) Such additional duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Board of Directors.
- (f) Except as otherwise provided by the Bylaws or explicitly delegated by the Board of Directors, the President shall have no greater authority than any other member of that body.

Section 3.6. Directors. The four Directors, who starting in 2004 shall be elected to three-year terms, shall serve on the Board of Directors and perform such duties as may from time to time be assigned by the Board of Directors.

On the last page of this Voter's Guide is the ballot. Vote for or against by-laws changes by making a mark next to the appropriate vote. Make a mark on the line next to the candidate for whom you want to vote. You are provided with a space to cast any write-in vote you wish.

The deadline for your vote to be received is June 5, 2007.

- ◆ The Instructions for Voting are printed on the last page of this Voter's Guide
- ◆ The Ballot can be found on the last page of this Voter's Guide
- ◆ If, after you vote, you want a new, intact copy of this Voter's Guide, request one from the SABR office. It will be mailed AFTER balloting has been completed.

For President

Dick Beverage

Member Since: 1980

E-mail: RBEVERAGE@aol.com

SABR Experience: Vice-President, 1994-97; Secretary, 1998-2002; President, 2003-present; President, Allen Roth Chapter, 1990-95; Member of the Minor League, Umpire and Rules, Deadball, Ballparks and Business of Baseball Committees; Contributor to the *Baseball Research Journal*, *The National Pastime*, *SABR Review of Books*; *SABR Guide to Minor League Statistics*; Member of several SABR *ad hoc* committees. Have attended every national convention since 1984.

Other Relevant Experience: Secretary-Treasurer and Chief Operating Officer of the Association of Professional Ballplayers of America, a non-profit organization which assists former players who are in need; Founder and President of the Pacific Coast League Historical Society; Editor and Publisher of the *Pacific Coast League Potpourri*, a bimonthly newsletter on Pacific Coast League history; Contributor to *Nine and Baseball America*, *Encyclopedia of Major League Teams* (California Angels) and several Pacific Coast League scorecard-magazines. Author of three books on the Pacific Coast league—*The Angels-Los Angeles in the Pacific Coast League 1919-57*, *The Hollywood Stars-Baseball in MovieLand, 1926-57* and *A Pictorial History of the Hollywood Stars*. Chairman of the Pacific Coast League Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

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

Occupation: Secretary-Treasurer of the Association of Professional Ballplayers of America. Previous experience as a Chief Financial Officer and Human Relations Director in industry. Public accounting and consultant in office management and human relations.

Candidate Statement

For four years now, it has been my privilege to serve as the President of SABR. When I assumed the office, my first priority was to see that financial equilibrium was restored to the Society. That was essential if SABR were to fulfill its mission that the Founders so carefully laid out in 1971. We've achieved that goal. Our organization has operated at a surplus for the past five years, and that has given our organization the necessary financial strength to respond to opportunities that present themselves.

We have accomplished a lot during the past four years. We've reduced our dependency on dues revenues by establishing a fundraising committee that has greatly increased our donations. We are increasing our Web presence by incorporating the Palmer data base into the SABR Encyclopedia, which makes it the most complete and accurate data base of its kind. We invested the resources that resulted in the seminal two volume work by the Deadball Committee. We encouraged the work that led to the Bioproject. We've partnered with the Amateur Athletic Foundation to digitize *Sporting Life*. Our stronger financial position has enabled us to create the new position of Research Services Manager, which will lead to an even greater emphasis on research. And most important of all, we have developed an organizational structure that features a strong Executive Board that focuses on long term issues and avoids the tendency to micromanage the office staff.

In the immediate future SABR will continue to invest in the development of an even stronger web presence that fits the dynamic organization that we are becoming. I believe that I have made important contributions in the past, and I look forward to the challenge of continuing to participate in leading SABR. Once again, I respectfully ask for your vote.

For Director - Position #1

Tom Hufford

Member Since: 1971

E-mail: hufford@mindspring.com

SABR Experience:
 Founding Member - August 10, 1971
 Secretary - 1976; Director - 2004-present
 Former Member - Bob Davids Chapter (Baltimore/Washington); Member - Magnolia Chapter (Atlanta)
 Contributor to Baseball Research Journal
 Member of Biographical Research, Collegiate Baseball, Latin American, Minor League, Pictorial History, Scouts, and Umpires & Rules committees
 Member of Bob Davids Award selection committee, 1986-87

Other Relevant Experience:
 Worked for Pulaski Phillies (Appalachian League) 1969-72 as season ticket seller, scorer, and ballpark organist
 Atlanta Baseball Old Timers Association - former member
 Old Time Ball Players Association of Wisconsin - former member
 Atlanta Braves 400 Club - President (1991-92) and member of Board of Directors
 Was member of the Atlanta Stadium Design Team - designers of 1996 Olympic Stadium/Turner Field
 Traffic and parking consultant for Atlanta Braves, 1996-97
 Artifacts lender to Ivan Allen Jr./Braves Museum and Hall of Fame at Turner Field

Education: Bachelor of Architecture degree - Virginia Tech, 1973; graduate studies in Transportation Systems - George Washington University; Guest Lecturer - Georgia Tech School of Engineering, 1997-99

Occupation: Traffic engineering/transportation planning consultant (part-time)

Candidate Statement

I was fortunate to be invited by Bob Davids to go to Cooperstown and be one of the participants in SABR's organizational meeting, and I have been very privileged to serve as a Director for the past three years. Believe me, we have come a long way since 1971! In 2006, we had our highest membership ever, we are now on a firm financial foundation, and the future is bright for SABR. Thanks to the generosity of our members, our Donor Program has allowed us to increase our staff, to venture into the area of actually helping to preserve baseball research material, and to not have to rely solely on our membership dues to meet day-to-day expenses. In addition, our endowment is growing, and will help to assure the future of SABR.

Make no mistake, though, we still have much to do - the possibilities for our website are endless, there are interesting opportunities to expand our publishing program - both in print and on-line, and we need to continue to identify and finance research tools that will be of benefit to our members. We need to continue reaching out to younger members - and our internet presence is helping in that regard. The real success in our growth, though, will come from personal contact. SABR is more than just baseball research - it is about the friendships and relationships that can be built. Our growth will come from strengthening and expanding local chapter activities, getting new members involved in research committees, and by having veteran members taking an interest in nurturing newcomers.

If re-elected to another term, I will do everything within my power to help SABR continue its growth, increase its service to the baseball community, and help our members in the research and dissemination of the history and record of baseball. SABR has been an important part of my life for 36 years, and will continue to be. I will devote my time to promoting the continued growth and good health of SABR, whether or not I'm re-elected to the Board - but I *would* appreciate your vote!

For Director - Position #2

Paul Hirsch

Member Since: 1983

E-mail: plhirsch30@aol.com

SABR Experience: Member, National Fundraising Committee, Member; Umpire and Rules Committee; Member, 1998 Local Convention Committee; Chapter Leader, Lefty O'Doul Chapter.

Other Relevant Experience:

1974 Ballboy, California Angels; 1976-1980, Ticket seller, California Angels; 1996-2001, Contributor, *Giants Magazine*; Volunteer, 2007 All Star Fan-fest; 2005 to present, Sports Columnist, *Alive East Bay Magazine*.

Education: B.A. Communications, California State University, Fullerton

Occupation: Owner of Privately-held Marketing and Public Relations Firm. www.nowville.com/paulhirsch

Candidate Statement

As a 24-year veteran of SABR I have seen the organization grow in terms of influence and impact. We are on the precipice of the next step, but we have been too reticent regarding taking the credit we have earned. I plan to help change that.

I plan to bring the marketing of our ideas and contribution into the 21st Century. I plan to use my skills in fundraising and public relations to help increase corporate sponsorships and decrease our dependence on dues. I plan to reach out to those who can help us tell our story and raise our profile.

The organization is rich in members who can bring baseball research to life. What we have lacked is the will or interest in telling our story as well as we develop our story. I hope to have a hand in changing that.

My professional expertise is in marketing and public relations. If elected, I plan to put that expertise to work for the organization through the bully pulpit of a board position. I respectfully request the support of the general membership.

Norman L Macht

Member Since: 1985

E-mail: nlm@grandecom.net

SABR Experience: Treasurer 1992-94; Secretary 1996; Director since 1999; Founder Oral History Committee; co-founder Scouts Committee; member Deadball, Scouts, BioProject, Oral History committees; created Spirit of SABR Salute; chair, National Convention Committee 1999-2004, Baltimore Baseball Weekend 1998-2000; contributor TNP; President's Administrative Task Force 1997, 2001; co-chair Texas spring training sites committee, Rogers Hornsby chapter

Other Relevant Experience: Minor league business manager 1951, 1956-58; Author 19 baseball biographies

Education: PhB, U of Chicago; MA, California State (Sonoma)

Occupation: writer/editor

Candidate Statement

A member who was considering running for the SABR Board (and decided not to) asked me how much of an impact I thought I had made on the organization as a result of being on the Board.

I replied that it couldn't be measured on an individual basis; a Board member is one of eight and their impact is a collective one. His question, I said, would be more appropriately put: how much impact could I have on the other Board members?

I never claim to have all the answers. But asking the right questions can be an important contribution toward finding the right answers, and this I try to do.

Ideas are a valuable commodity. I look for new ways to do things and reexamine the cost-effectiveness of the things we're doing. We're in sound financial shape, but cutting costs where it's feasible is never out of style

Examples;

- creating the National Convention Committee when it was needed, and eliminating it when it was no longer needed
- assessing and reorganizing the SABR office as a member of two administrative task forces

During my time on the Board I have seen SABR grow from a precarious financial condition to fiscal soundness. Our Executive Director's office has attained an unprecedented level of professionalism. Membership is at a record high. Board meetings have gone from contentious to compatible. Unanimity is not necessary; concordance is. I thank those of you who have made it possible for me to be part of these changes, and all of you for your support of SABR.

For President

What are your goals for the organization over the next two or three years? Are there specific things we need to do in the short term to realize these goals and how do you see yourself contributing?

Dick Beverage

I want to see the SABR website become the best of its kind on the Internet. This goal is not an end in itself. It is a means to elevate our organization to the long term position that we have all sought— wide-spread recognition that SABR is the premier source of baseball information and research. We've made great improvements to the site in the last two years. Now we need to proceed even farther. Our next step is to develop a strong electronic publishing program. The creation of the Research Services Manager position has provided the opportunity to devote time and energy to getting this done. It will be important to develop an effective strategy and execution plan, a necessity if SABR is to fulfill its mission in the rapidly changing times that we live in.

What will be necessary is a plan for the program that will include a statement which will define what will be published, where the material will come from and the necessary resources which should be provided to researchers to make the material possible. Our strong financial position will enable us to acquire research assets as they become available.

At the same time that we are enhancing the electronic side of our publications program, we will continue to maintain and improve the print publications that have been the hallmark of SABR over the years. A number of new ideas have been floated in this area, and we plan to explore many of them. The task of the Executive Board will be to make productive decisions that will lead us to the desired goals. I will take the lead in continuing to develop an environment that leads to a team effort with everyone working together on the collective agenda and will lead to ultimate success. It is a challenge that I look forward to.

If expenses continue to increase, the board may be forced to choose between raising dues or cutting back on programs and services, like a publication. Which do you feel is more important - maintaining the current level of service and benefits or maintaining the current dues?"

Dick Beverage

I believe that our members have become accustomed to the current programs and services they receive, and at the same time no one relishes the thought of an increase in dues. But there is a third option to consider that would make the need to choose between the two alternatives less pressing. SABR must increase its revenues by seeking other sources, and here is how we will do it. Our revenue from donations will increase. We've formed a fundraising committee that has produced great results in the past two years. Its efforts have resulted in more dollars, and the committee has been successful in changing the mindset of the SABR community. Giving to SABR has now become an accepted part of our members' personal charitable contributions program. It is tax deductible and gives the member the pleasure of helping his favorite organization grow and prosper. The number of donors is increasing and will continue to do so. We're encouraging our members to remember SABR in their estate planning. We've created a Legacy Circle to recognize those members who do so. I expect that number to grow considerably in the years ahead. Donating is something every member should consider, and it's much more desirable to give than to pay higher dues.

There will be greater emphasis on seeking grant money to finance some of our projects. Historically, SABR has not done much of this in the past, but funds are available for worthy projects. With the aid of a good grant writer we will be able to tap this resource and won't have to rely as heavily on our internal sources.

As a third option, SABR must explore opportunities to license our proprietary data base materials to outside sources. We've traditionally made our research available at no cost to non-SABR members, but times are changing, and other similar groups have found it necessary to charge for their products and services. What SABR has to offer can be of great value to outsiders, and if the market is there, we should take advantage of it.

If we are successful in each of these three measures, and I believe we will be, SABR will be able to postpone the need to make what would be an unpalatable choice.

**Deadline for votes to be received is
June 5, 2007**

For Director - Position #1

What are your goals for the organization over the next two or three years? Are there specific things we need to do in the short term to realize these goals and how do you see yourself contributing?

Tom Hufford

Two goals immediately come to mind – 1) Preservation of baseball resource materials; and, 2) Increased member participation in local chapters and in research committees.

We are at a point where we are in danger of losing valuable baseball resource materials, and we are now financially situated to do something about it. The archives of several sports publications are vulnerable to becoming lost or unavailable, and the SABR board has begun to take steps to preserve these materials. The microfilm quality of *Sporting Life* (1883-1917) is generally poor, and one of the very few complete runs of the paper, owned by the Baseball Hall of Fame library, is so fragile that it cannot be used by the general public. The SABR board has facilitated an arrangement whereby the Amateur Athletic Foundation of Los Angeles (AAFLA) will digitize the HOF's holdings of *Sporting Life*, and we have provided seed money to assist in the project. When completed in early 2008, every SABR member will have free access to this valuable research tool. We are currently in negotiation with *The Sporting News* to digitize their contract card archives, which detail the careers of over 200,000 professional players, and it is anticipated that this information will be made available as part of the on-line SABR Baseball Encyclopedia. The board is investigating and pursuing other similar projects which will not only encourage baseball research, but will give our members previously unavailable materials and resources to conduct that research.

It is a fact that while virtually all of our members enjoy reading and hearing about baseball research and history, not everyone is interested in being a researcher. We need to foster the idea that members can participate in discussions and research groups where they have an interest, even if they do not want to conduct formal research themselves. We also need to encourage local chapters to have regular get-togethers, even if research presentations are not part of the program, as a way to provide fellowship and camaraderie among members.

I will work with the board in identifying opportunities in support of these goals.

Over the last several years, SABR has expanded its presence on the internet and invested more of its time and money in developing resources available only to people with computers. In what specific ways should SABR expand or reverse this trend?

Tom Hufford

In 2006, our SABR website had 49.5% more hits than in 2005. Much of that increase can be attributed to members taking advantage of Proquest before it went away. However, much of the increase can also be attributed to more widespread use of the internet, in general. The internet seems here to stay, and it provides us with the chance to provide access to large databases – statistical and otherwise - that are just not feasible to publish in paper format. It would cost SABR about \$10,000 annually to publish a Membership Directory like we used to – which would be obsolete before the ink could dry. By having our directory on-line, we can update the membership records daily, and we can still provide a printed copy to any member who requests one. Likewise, a database like our on-line encyclopedia can be updated as new biographical data becomes available or to add a new season's statistics, without the need to publish a paper version.

I think that we have to keep a balance between what we spend on electronic resources vs. the cost of printed materials. And so far, I haven't heard a valid argument for eliminating our printed publications altogether (and I wouldn't support it, even if I did hear such an argument). At last count, we have e-mail addresses for just over 85% of our membership. However, with 7,000 members, that means that about 1,000 still do not have internet access (or don't tell us, if they do). We simply cannot, and should not, forget about these members. I worry about websites or files that disappear. I'm concerned about recent minor league records that are kept on team websites, but that are deleted at the end of the season, possibly to be lost forever. I like to take a SABR book to bed, or to the bathroom, or on a cruise ship. I like it that someone browsing in a bookstore can run across one of our publications. We need to keep our core publications in printed format, and use our website for materials where printed publication would be prohibitive.

**Deadline for votes to be received is
June 5, 2007**

For Director - Position #2

What are your goals for the organization over the next two or three years? Are there specific things we need to do in the short term to realize these goals and how do you see yourself contributing?

Paul Hirsch

My primary goal for SABR is to raise its profile. The number-one way to do that is to call attention to our accomplishments. The Dead Ball Era books are brilliant, but far too secret. The thinking pioneered within SABR has had significant impact within several Major League Organizations, but there has been scant mention of this in the media. What is typically labeled, "Moneyball Thinking" should instead be labeled "SABR Thinking."

The big idea is to provide a list of SABR thought leaders (Bill James?, Dave Smith?, David Vincent?, Phil Lowry?, John Thorn?, etc...., assuming their consent) with their areas of expertise and contact information to the national baseball beat writer at every paper and magazine that has a national baseball beat writer. What this would lead to, in my professional opinion, is regular credit to SABR and its membership when a writer uses one of our sources.

My other goal for SABR is to decrease its dependence on member dues as a primary source of operating funds. I envision the day when SABR has a large enough endowment that it is able to meet its regular expenses through interest generated by that endowment. Member dues would be used to fund research projects, build research networks, develop data bases so that we reduce dependency on outside vendors like Proquest, and publish and distribute our work to and for a wider audience.

Over the last several years, SABR has expanded its presence on the internet and invested more of its time and money in developing resources available only to people with computers. In what specific ways should SABR expand or reverse this trend?

Paul Hirsch

According to Nielsen, nearly 75 percent of Americans between 10 and 80 have regular access to the Internet. SABR membership is unusually well-educated with enough disposable income to devote to a hobby. The society would be foolish to proceed in any way other than it does now. Serious research requires a computer and an online connection. We're a research organization. Enough said.

Specifically, SABR should devote significant discretionary resources toward building its own online database(s) independent of those that are poorly administered or those which can deny us access on a whim. Whether we need to hire a consultant or the expertise exists within our membership is unclear. I do know that a key learning from 2006 should be that we cannot depend on others to supply us with the tools we need to accomplish our mission.

Norman Macht

I have one overriding goal: to add value to your SABR membership.

This can be done in a variety of ways:

- supplementing our publications with baseball books from other publishers on an advantageous basis

- adding to and improving our internet research resources by finding a way to replace Proquest, expanding our online network to enable more members to share ideas; debate baseball's unresolvable mysteries, or just talk baseball within and outside our chapter and committee structures; and completing negotiations for archives already identified

- making it possible for more members to attend our conventions by continuing to try to find suitable facilities in the Philadelphia and Baltimore/Washington areas at affordable rates and registration fees

Board members set policy. Our function is to come up with ideas, look ahead, ask the right questions, evaluate programs and proposals, set priorities, and allocate our resources. We can't afford everything. It's up to us to decide what's most worth having.

Norman Macht

I wasn't born with a mouse in my hand. I came late to the age of technology. For years I was forced to trudge to libraries or depend on the uncertainties of interlibrary loans, staring red-eyed at faded, grainy microfilms on antiquated equipment, trekking to Cooperstown in the slow but snowy off-season to do the research for my books and articles.

Gradually many resources became available on the internet: home run log, biographies, Retrosheet, e-books, newspapers, magazines, interviews, photographs - not the whole world at my desktop but a big slice of it.

I still retained my membership in the Lead Pencil Club and was concerned about spending the dues of all SABR members on developing these wondrous resources that only a small percentage of those members actually used.

Then things happened:

- our acquisition of Proquest brought in new members, encouraged non-researchers to try their hand at it, and greatly enhanced the quantity and quality of the research that underlies the fulfillment of SABR's basic missions

- the percentage of members reporting e-mail addresses rose from 68.8 in 2003 to 86.74 in 2007

- new opportunities to acquire archives as internet resources appeared

It's true that the great majority of SABR members remain consumers of the results of the research of the minority. But anything we can do to improve the quality of that research and its dissemination benefits all of us who read and enjoy and learn from the fruits thereof. That's why I'm in favor of spending time and money to acquire and develop unique and invaluable resources when the opportunity arises and the funds are available.

Bylaws Revision Proposal

At the February 2007 SABR Board of Directors meeting, the board voted to place the following change to the SABR Bylaws on the 2007 ballot:

Current Bylaw

1.2. Objectives. The purpose of SABR is to foster the research and dissemination of the history and record of baseball. SABR shall carry out that mission through programs:

- 1) To encourage the study of baseball, past and present, as a significant athletic and social institution;
- 2) To encourage further research and literary efforts to establish the accurate historical record of baseball; and
- 3) To help disseminate educational, historical and research information about baseball.

Proposed Bylaw

1.2. Objectives. The purpose of SABR is to foster the research, preservation, and dissemination of the history and record of baseball. SABR shall carry out that mission through programs:

- 1) To encourage the study of baseball, past and present, as a significant athletic and social institution;
- 2) To encourage further research and literary efforts to establish and maintain the accurate historical record of baseball;
- 3) To encourage the preservation of significant research materials; and
- 4) To help disseminate educational, historical and research information about baseball.

The two changes are adding "preservation" in the first sentence of Objectives and adding an additional program listing (now #3, to encourage the physical and virtual preservation of significant research materials).

The Board of Directors unanimously supports this change in the bylaws and encourages you to vote in favor of the change. By making preservation of research assets an explicit part of the Society's mission statement, we will be asserting SABR's role in an area that requires careful attention during a time when critical historical documents are at risk because of their age, but potentially more available than ever through the wonders of digitization. SABR is committed to expanding access to research materials, and preserving them to begin with is a necessary first step. While this change is not necessary to enable SABR to take action in this area, making the change will ensure that future SABR board, staff and membership remain committed and attentive to this important task.

**Official
2007 SABR Election Ballot**

By-Laws Revision Proposal

Change to Article 1.2. Objectives; addition of a 4th mission and an additional purpose

___ Yes

___ No

For President (2007-2009)

*elected to a term of two years,
beginning at the conclusion of the business meeting at SABR 37 to the
conclusion of the business meeting of 2009*

	1st Choice	2nd Choice
Dick Beverage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

___ Write-in:

For Director (2007-2010)

*elected to a term of three years,
beginning at the conclusion of the business meeting at SABR 37 to the
conclusion of the business meeting of 2010*

	1st Choice	2nd Choice
Tom Hufford	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

___ Write-in:

For Director (2007-2010)

*elected to a term of three years,
beginning at the conclusion of the business meeting at SABR 37 to the
conclusion of the business meeting of 2010*

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
Paul Hirsch	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Norman Macht	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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___ Write-in:

**Voting Instructions
for 2007 Elections**

Ballot Printed To the Left

1.) For each office for which more than two candidates are running, rank the candidates in order of preference. Check the circle under "First Choice" for your first choice of candidate, "Second Choice" for your second, and so on. You do NOT need to rank every candidate. If you only are comfortable voting for one candidate, mark only the first choice for him/her.

Example:

	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice	4th Choice
Yogi Berra	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mickey Mantle	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Babe Ruth	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

2.) Only votes submitted on official ballot (printed to the left) will be counted; **reproductions are not acceptable.**

3.) Ballots must be placed in an envelope and **your name must appear on the outside of the mailing envelope (so we can check eligibility)**. If you wish to ensure the confidentiality of your vote, place your ballot inside a blank envelope and place both inside the mailing envelope. **Only members who have paid 2007 dues are eligible to vote.**

4.) Ballots must be **received** by 7am on June 5, 2007. (SABR cannot be responsible for any ballots not received as indicated.)

5.) Ballots must be sent to: Tellers Committee, c/o SABR, PO Box 93183, Cleveland OH 44101.

6.) Be sure to affix proper postage when mailing your ballot.

Results will be announced at the Annual Business Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, and published in the July-August SABR Bulletin.

Unofficial results will be posted online as soon as they are known.

**Deadline for votes to be received is
June 5, 2007**

Things To Do In St. Louis

Even without a SABR convention, St. Louis is a wonderful city to visit in the summer. Here are just a few of the many attractions that visitors frequent:

Don't just look at the Gateway Arch. Walk down the stairs into the Museum of Westward Expansion, see the film, "Monument to a Dream," on how the Arch was built, and then take the tram ride 630 feet up to experience a view of the city unlike any other.

Forest Park has been the city's big backyard for more than 130 years. It was the site of the 1904 World's Fair and at 1,370 acres, is one of the nation's largest urban parks. Within Forest Park, visitors will find the world famous St. Louis Zoo, the St. Louis Art Museum, the Missouri History Museum, the St. Louis Science Center (with an OMNIMAX® theater), and The Muny (formally the St. Louis Municipal Opera), the nation's oldest and largest outdoor theater where summer stock musicals attract thousands every night. Admission to almost all of these venues is free. Even the Muny has some free seats!

Just a few blocks west of the hotel is the St. Louis City Museum, an interactive wonder that encourages climbing, sliding, and exploring and features magic, secret caves, an aquarium, and lots of hands-on activities. Admission charge.

Not too far from the hotel is the Missouri Botanical Garden, a world leader in ecological research and a pleasure every day of the year. Besides thousands and thousands of plants and flowers, the garden features a Climatron, a Japanese garden, a children's garden, a restaurant, a wonderful gift shop, and a collection of porcelain birds once owned by C.C. Johnson Spink, former publisher of the *Sporting News*.

Shoppers and people watchers might want to visit the Loop, an exciting district filled with shops, restaurants, and theaters. Visitors to the Loop often stop at Blueberry Hill, a popular bar/restaurant where Chuck Berry still performs, and they won't want to miss the stars on the St. Louis Walk of Fame.

For those interested in a game of chance, St. Louis has three casinos on the Mississippi River (the President Casino, the Casino Queen, and the Argosy Alton Casino) and several others on the Missouri River, several miles west of downtown.

Where Do I Stay?

The site of SABR 37 will be the **Adam's Mark Hotel** in downtown St. Louis. This same hotel served as the site of SABR's 1992 convention. It is located at 315 Chestnut Street at the corner of Chestnut and North Fourth Streets. The Adam's Mark features two restaurants, two lounges and a sports bar and is within easy walking distance of the Gateway Arch and the new Busch Stadium.

Reserve Your Hotel Room Today

You can reserve your room online or over the phone. To book your room online, visit, <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/sabr07> and follow the prompts. To reserve by phone, call 1-888-409-2326. For members residing outside the United States, please call 1-314-993-2326. When calling in, please identify yourself as a member of the Society for American Baseball Research meeting in St. Louis, July 26 to 29.

SABR has negotiated a room rate of \$95/night plus tax (currently 14.866%) for a single or double; \$105/night plus tax for a triple; and \$115/night plus tax for a quad. SABR has rooms available at that rate from Monday July 23 to Tuesday, July 31. **Reservations must be made by June 22, 2007.**

At presstime, over 200 SABR members had already reserved a room for the convention.

How Do I Get There?

From the Airport to the Hotel

For those who will not be driving, SABR recommends getting from Lambert International Airport to the hotel by using **Metrolink**, St. Louis's light-rail system.

Metrolink has two stops within the airport, one on the upper level of the main terminal and one in the parking garage of the east terminal. A one-way ticket costs \$4.00 with a discount for

seniors. The stop that serves the Adam's Mark is called "8th and Pine." It is located four blocks west and one block north of the hotel.

After you are settled in at the hotel, you might also want to use Metrolink to explore the city. See the Metrolink website at: <http://www.metrostlouis.org/>

Lambert is also served by a variety of rental car companies, taxi services, shuttle vans provided by GEM Shuttle/Trans Express Transportation and limousine services. All ground transportation leaves from the baggage claim areas in both terminals. A one-way taxi ride will cost approximately \$36 while a shuttle ride will cost about \$15 one-way and \$25 round-trip.

See the airport's website for further details:

<http://www.lambert-stlouis.com/index/ground.html>

Driving

Driving directions can be found on page 10.

Parking

SABR has negotiated a discounted parking rate at The Adam's Mark for self-park. Normally \$19/day, SABR members registered at the hotel can park for a 50% discount. Valet parking, with in-out privileges is also available. At press time the cost was \$22 per day.

Show Me St. Louis: Tours During SABR 37

With the convention schedule packed as it is with interesting sessions from beginning to end, registrants may never leave the hotel except to go to the ballpark. But if you do need a break or if you're traveling with family members, the convention committee, working with a professional tour company called Discover St. Louis, has planned a few tours to give you a sense of St. Louis and its place in baseball history.

For Your Information

Tour reservation forms can be found online at www.sabr.org/cmsfiles/s37tours.pdf or requested from the SABR office. Payment information is included on the reservation form. Reservations will be confirmed by e-mail. *Advance tour reservations close at 5:00 pm on Friday, July 6, 2007.*

All tours will depart from the 4th Street side of the Adam's Mark Hotel. Motorcoaches begin boarding fifteen minutes prior to departure time. Tickets will be available for pick-up at the Tour Desk located in the registration area. Tickets will also be sold on-site where space and logistics allow with an additional charge of \$4.00 per ticket.

Discover St. Louis reserves the right to cancel a tour if the minimum number is not met or if an attraction becomes unavailable for reasons beyond its control. Any attendee cancellation received after July 11, 2007 is subject to a \$5.00 processing fee, as well as the possibility of other penalties where guarantees have been made and are not refundable.

Stadium Tours

The Cardinals—Up Close and Personal! Busch Stadium & Cardinals Museum Tours

Wednesday, July 25 – 1:30 – 4:30 pm - \$20.00 per person (Stadium & Museum)

Thursday, July 26 – 11:00 am – 2:00 pm - \$20.00 per person (Stadium & Museum)

Saturday, July 28 – 9:30 – 11:00 am - \$14.00 per person (Stadium Only)

Meet your guide at the hotel for a walking tour to Busch Stadium III. The St. Louis Cardinals inaugurated their new stadium in 2006 with a world championship, the tenth in franchise history!

These special SABR members-only Busch Stadium tours will include visits to a party room, the Redbird Club, the Press Box, the Cardinals Club, the Warning Track, and the Cardinals Dugout. (Locations included are subject to change without notice.)

Another short walk will take you to the International Bowling Hall of Fame and the Cardinals Hall of Fame. A special docent will provide SABR members with an up close look at the Cardinals museum which also includes items related to the St. Louis Browns. You'll have time on your own to browse the bowling side of the museum.

During your walk you'll also see the site of Busch Stadium II which is set to become the location of the new Ballpark Village development.

Tour price includes a professional Discover St. Louis guide, admission to Busch Stadium Tour and Museum, and gratuity.

Thursday, July 26

1:00-5:30 pm “Discover St. Louis”

Discovering St. Louis is more than just the Arch. St. Louis is chock full of intriguing places to visit and experience. So come away with us for a narrated tour that will give you an up-close look at the best of the Gateway City.

Laclede's Landing, a nine-block historic area named for Pierre Laclede, the city's founder, showcases century-old warehouses filled with nightspots and restaurants. Bumping along the original cobblestone streets will bring you to the riverfront where it all began in 1764. Soaring above the Mississippi is the magnificent 630' Gateway Arch, symbol of St. Louis's role as the Gateway to the West.

Before leaving downtown you'll also see the oldest cathedral west of the Mississippi, the Old Federal Courthouse where the Dred Scott case began its way through the legal system, as well as the new Busch Stadium, home of the World Series champions, and the Edward Jones Dome, home of the St. Louis Rams.

The oldest surviving residential neighborhood in St. Louis, Soulard, centers around an outdoor market that dates from the 1700s where you can find everything from live rabbits to alligator meat. A drive through the area features red brick row houses built in the 18th century and the seventy-city block area that encompasses the Anheuser-Busch Brewery.

The first public park west of the Mississippi, Lafayette Park is the centerpiece of a neighborhood that boasts the largest collection of Victorian-era architecture in the nation (and the boyhood home of Harry Carabina, later Harry Caray). It has been named one of the “ten prettiest painted lady neighborhoods” in the country.

A “must stop” is the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. Its interior is covered with 83,000 square feet of mosaics, the largest such collection in the world. Your guide will conduct a tour of its interior.

No trip to St. Louis is complete without a drive through the curving paths of Forest Park, one of the largest public parks in the United States. Filled with some of the city's major attractions, it was the site of the 1904 World's Fair and has been magnificently restored. A stop will be made at the Missouri History Museum where you'll have time to visit the permanent World's Fair exhibit. At the entrance to the Reflections Gallery on the second floor is an exhibit on the St. Louis Cardinals, including items from the second Busch Stadium.

Cost is \$30 per person. Cost includes a deluxe, 46-passenger motorcoach, a professional Discover St. Louis guide, and gratuities for the guide and driver.

Friday, July 27

8:30 am-2:00 pm “Baseball Heaven: Where Baseball Greats Grew Up, Played and are Buried”

“Welcome to Baseball Heaven,” was the greeting Jim Edmonds heard when he came to St. Louis to be the Cardinals centerfielder in 2000. Most players and fans would agree. Players from other teams like to play here because the fans are knowledgeable and acknowledge great play even when it’s on the other side.

That’s because baseball roots go deep in St. Louis. On your tour today you’ll see just how deep. We’ll show you the sites of former major league ballparks, including Robison Field and Sportsman’s Park (a/k/a Busch Stadium #1). You’ll also see where Federal League and Negro Leagues teams played.

North of downtown St. Louis are two large cemeteries that are the final resting places of many noted St. Louisans, including many who were important in baseball history. One of the most remarkable monuments in Bellefontaine Cemetery marks the gravesite of Chris Von der Ahe. He didn’t play the game, but he was a key “player” in the early days of St. Louis baseball, at one time owning the St. Louis Browns. Calvary, the Catholic cemetery just to the north, has more major leaguers buried there than any other cemetery in the country – over 70. In St. Peters Cemetery is the gravesite of Hall of Famer and legendary Negro Leagues player James “Cool Papa” Bell. The black monolith marking his grave is covered with his amazing baseball accomplishments.

Then, of course, there is The Hill, St. Louis’ Italian neighborhood that gave Yogi Berra and Joe Garagiola to the baseball world. The two boys grew up across the street from each other and later a broadcaster named Jack Buck moved into a house on the same block. Elizabeth Street is now known as “Hall of Fame Place” and you’ll see this modest neighborhood. And, of course, you can’t be on The Hill without enjoying some of that great Italian food. Lunch will be served at Favazza’s, just a few blocks from Yogi’s house.

Cost is \$48.00 per person. Cost includes a deluxe 54-passenger motorcoach, a professional Discover St. Louis guide, a buffet lunch at Favazza’s, and gratuities for the guide and driver.

Saturday, July 28

9:00 am-2:00 pm “Clydesdales and Concretes”

There is so much to discover about St. Louis, and this adventure will let you sample two of the best things that the city has to offer.

Grant’s Farm is the 281-acre estate of the Busch family, as in Anheuser-Busch brewery fame. The name comes from the fact that Ulysses S. Grant once farmed a portion of this land. It is now home to more than a thousand animals from around the world. A tram ride through the Deer Park allows you to see such animals as bison, elk, antelope, zebras, ostriches, and Sika deer from China.

Upon arrival at the Bauernhof, you can have lunch on your own, enjoy free samples of Anheuser-Busch products, see the family’s carriage collection, and get up close and personal with golden eagles, gibbons, kangaroos, and baby goats. Animal shows are offered during the day and a “must-see” is the Clydesdale Stable, home to the breeding and training operation for the Budweiser Clydesdales.

Save room for dessert because there’s another stop on the itinerary. Ted Drewes Frozen Custard has been a legendary stop on Historic Route 66 for 75 years. Try a cone, a sundae, or one of Ted Drewes’s famous concretes—a concoction so thick that you can turn it upside down! Your treat is on your own, so pick your favorite!

As you travel around St. Louis, your guide will also share the fascinating history and stories of this city on the Mississippi.

Cost is \$30.00 per person. Cost includes a 46-passenger motorcoach, a professional Discover St. Louis guide, and gratuities for the guide and driver.

Saturday, July 28

6:45-9:45 pm “Dixieland Dinner Cruise”

A moonlight cruise on the Mississippi River aboard a replica of a 19th-century paddlewheeler provides an enjoyable evening for everyone! There’s Dixieland music for dancing if you wish, a prime rib dinner*, and a dramatic view of the St. Louis skyline. What better way to spend an evening in St. Louis?

*Three other menu choices available upon request.

Cost is \$59.00 per person with a maximum of 54. Cost includes a deluxe 46-passenger motorcoach, a professional Discover St. Louis guide. Does not include alcoholic beverages or gratuities for the escort and driver.

*To sign up for any of these tours, download a tour registration form from
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or request one from the SABR office.*

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Time	Wed, July 25	Thurs, July 26	Friday, July 27	Saturday, July 28	Sunday, July 29
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Driving directions from the south: I-55 to the I-70 West exit (Exit 251C). Take slight left to take the ramp toward Arch/Stadium. Stay straight to Memorial Drive, left onto Market Street and right onto North Fourth Street and right onto Chestnut Street.

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- I have a room that I am willing to share
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Any preferences (smoking, non-smoking, night-owl, early riser, etc.)?

Other Information

Consult the SABR web site, www.sabr.org (click on "Convention") for other more up-to-date information. You can also call the SABR office if you do not have Internet access.

1) Complete the form to the right. Make checks payable to: "SABR" and mail to SABR 37, 812 Huron Rd E #719, Cleveland OH 44115. **Photocopies are acceptable.**

2) Registration must be postmarked by June 30, 2007, to receive the early registration discount.

Registration includes: SABR 37 Convention packet (printed program; convention publication; & other "goodies," including access to panels, trivia contests, committee meetings, and research presentations.

3) To **ensure** a confirmation, you **MUST** send us a SASE, or register online at <http://store.sabr.org>.

4) **Cancellations & Refunds:** A full refund is available if cancellation is received by July 1, 2007; 50% if received between July 2 and July 16. No refunds will be given if cancellation is made after July 16.

To cancel registration, call SABR at 1-800-969-7227 or email execdir@sabr.org.

5) On-Site registration will be offered July 25 to 29 at the "after June 30 rate."

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- ___ Pre-Con Workshop: Retrosheet (Wednesday, 1 - 5pm) \$29 \$ _____
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- ___ Tickets (sec. 269-274) to Brewers-Cardinals Game (Fri, 7:05pm) \$34 \$ _____

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- Will SABR 37 be your first SABR Convention?* Yes No
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Are you planning to stay in the area before or after the convention? Yes No
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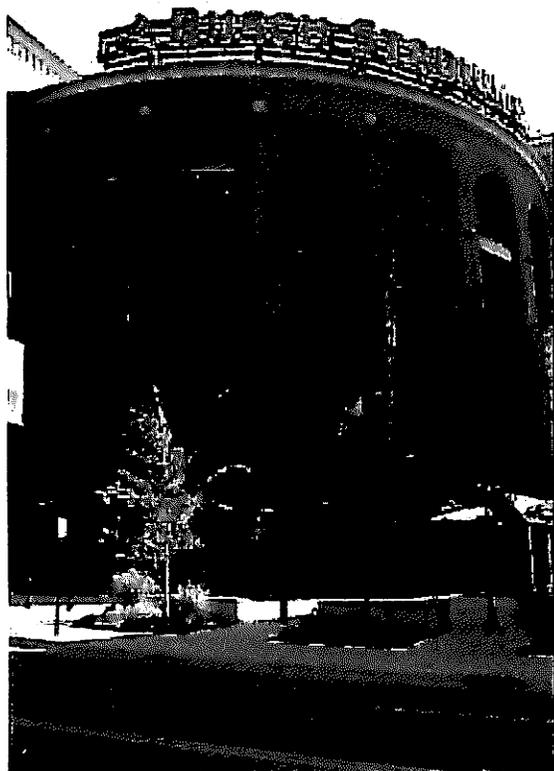
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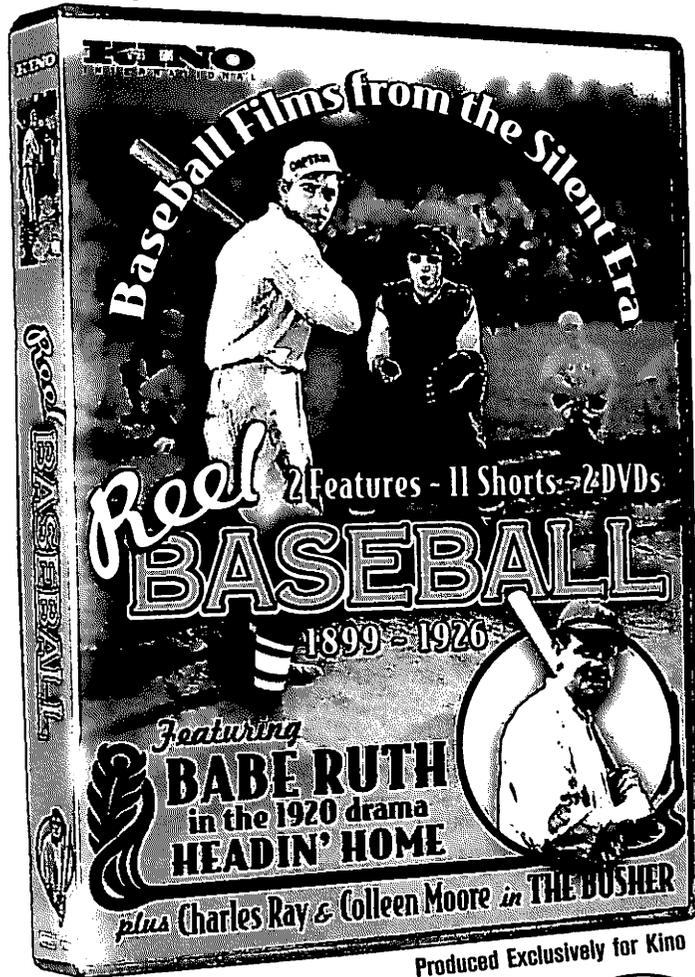
Notice of Annual Business Meeting

The annual business meeting of the Society for American Baseball Research, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, will be held Thursday, July 26, 2007, at 9:15am in a 4th floor ballroom of the Adam's Mark Hotel, 4th & Chestnut, St. Louis, Missouri.

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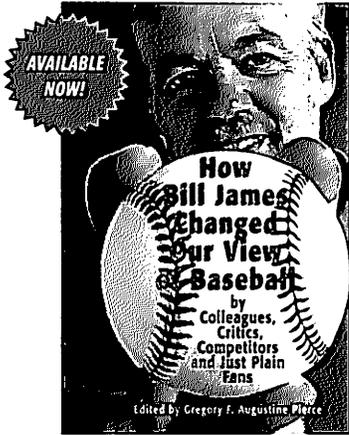
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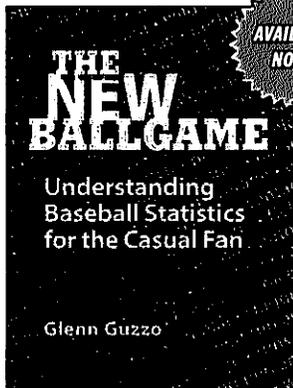


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tion. These and other photos are part of his book entitled *Baseball in Nashville* scheduled for publication this year. He also brought photos of the 1923 and 1924 Paris, Tennessee teams of the Class D Kitty League as well as a Paris jersey circa 1923 that belonged to former major league pitcher and Nashville native Jim Turner.

The membership chose **Kevin McCann** and **Skip Nipper** to lead the chapter in 2007 as president and vice-president respectively. The selection of a chapter name was deferred for 30 days, although it was decided that it should be known as the Tennessee rather than Nashville chapter to represent members across the state.

Once the name is chosen, there will be a chapter Web site constructed with Skip Nipper serving as webmaster. Members rejected a chapter newsletter as they felt the Yahoo message board and the Web site would provide sufficient communication for the group.

There will be two chapter meetings a year, one in January and another in June or July. The idea to rotate the summer meeting around the state at a minor league ballpark with a game afterward was approved.

Special thanks go to Doug Scopol with the Nashville Sounds for letting the chapter hold our first meeting at Greer Stadium.

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The Seymour Medal is named in honor of **Dr. Harold Seymour** and **Dorothy Seymour Mills**, the first historians to write baseball history. Awarded by the Society for American Baseball Research to the best book of baseball history or biography first published in the preceding year, the Seymour Medal has been awarded annually since 1996.

HOTEL INFORMATION

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I am mourning the loss of a very old friend.

In January The Sporting News (TSN) announced that it would not publish its annual Baseball Guide in 2007. Although there were no specific reasons given for the demise of the Guide, economics was certainly the prime mover in this decision. There weren't enough copies being sold to justify the continuation of the book. Decisions like this are made every day by companies, and life goes on.

But for those of us who first developed our interest in baseball during the '40s and '50s, the Sporting News Official Baseball Guide (as it was known then) was special. It was first published in 1942 as a replacement for the Spalding/Reach guides which had become defunct. Commissioner Landis didn't like the attitude of TSN Publisher, J. G. Taylor Spink and produced the Commissioner's Guide in 1943 as a competitor, but it was published in only that year. After Landis died in 1944 the Guide was designated as the official record of baseball and retained that imprimatur until the early '90s.

I bought my first guide in 1946 at Brain's Sporting Goods in Omaha, Nebraska. The price was 50 cents, two weeks allowance for a kid and a lot of money in those days. The Guide was only available for sale at sporting

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BY DICK BEVERAGE

goods stores as there were no mega-book stores like Borders around. The Guide came out in late March, and it was the first harbinger of spring. Baseball season was about to begin, and here was this wonderful book crammed with information about the game. There was a review of the 1945 season, written by future SABR Executive Director **Cliff Kachline**. A game by game and play by play account of the 1945 World Series—little did I know that it would be the last time I'd see my beloved Cubs featured in this section until—forever? Team photographs. Complete statistics of the previous season for the major and minor leagues. Home runs by park. Diagrams of the playing fields. Schedules for the 1946 season. I learned a new word—Necrology, a list of all of the baseball people who had died in 1945. And a gigantic section on the rules of the game, including the ground rules in every major league park.

I bought the Guide every year through my college years, missed a few years in the '60s, and returned as a faithful customer every year thereafter. And each year my reaction was the

same. It was the beginning of the season for me each year. And when I became more serious about baseball research, the Guides became an indispensable tool. Most of my SABR colleagues who are of a similar age feel the same way about the Guide.

The Guide gradually changed over the years as TSN tried to modernize the product. The rules went elsewhere in 1963. The team pictures disappeared in the early '80s and were replaced by detailed descriptions of each major league club's season along with the results of each game played. The size of the book was changed in 1982; it was taller and wider to match its companion, the Baseball Register. The covers were more colorful. But inside, it still had the same wonderful information that hooked us on baseball many years before.

Now the Guide is gone. I know times change, and much of the information that it contained can be found on various Web sites as the electronic age flourishes. Baseball America has produced its Almanac in recent years as a strong competitor to the Guide, and perhaps it will emerge as a worthy successor. That remains to be seen, of course. In the meantime those of us who loved the Guide will miss it tremendously. But we'll survive.

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An Additional Game-Played Found for George Stone of the St. Louis Browns

SABR member **Marty Friedrich**, who recently completed a book on consecutive game playing streaks (*The Iron Men of Baseball*), discovered that George Stone of the St. Louis Browns had played in a game in 1905 that was left off of his day-by-day sheet.

Fellow SABR member **Trent McCotter** went through Stone's 1905 sheets and found the source of the error and the statistics for the missing game. Stone's sheets show that he played only the first game of the Browns September 30 doubleheader at Washington.

Actually, Stone played in both games of the doubleheader. He went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and a stolen base in that second game. He played left field and didn't have any chances offered.

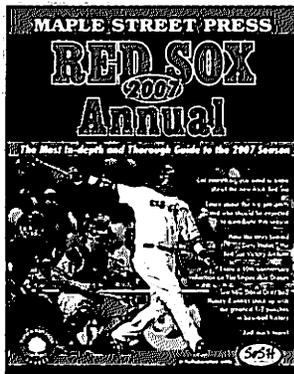
Here are some, but not all, of Stones corrected 1905 and career totals.

George Stone, STL AL, 1905: 155G, 635AB, 78R, 189H, 27SB, 155G(OFF-LF)

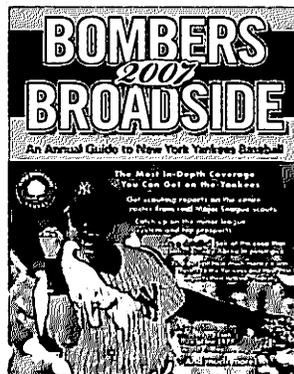
George Stone, career: 849G, 3,274AB, 428R, 986H, 133SB, 838G(OFF), 814G(LF),

— From the *Baseball Records Committee Newsletter* edited by **Lyle Spatz**

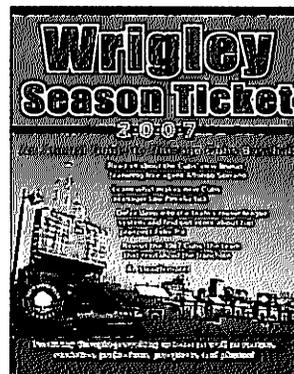
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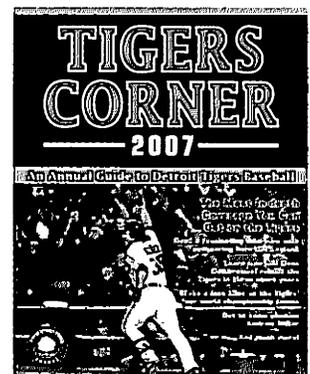
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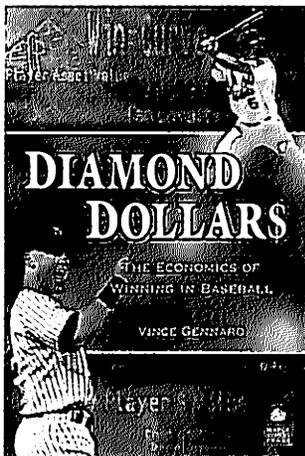


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RESEARCH GRAPEVINE

Library of Congress Recognizes Work of Pictorial History Committee

Congratulations to the Pictorial History committee for their outstanding work on The George Grantham Bain Collection. Here is how the committee was recently recognized:

*Special thanks go to the Pictorial History Committee of the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) and its members **Bill Carle, Joe Dittmar, Bill Hickman, Bill Loughman, Joe Murphy, Tom Shieber, and Mark Stang** for reviewing the entire collection to identify the baseball-related images and providing dates and player identifications.*

This special thanks to SABR's Pictorial History Committee is displayed in the introduction to the Bain Collection on the Library of Congress website. There's also a link to their committee's Web page on www.sabr.org. Per the Library's policy, the link to the SABR site passes through an intermediate page that notifies users that they are navigating to a non-Library Web site. See the following webpage: <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/pp/ggbainhtml/ggbainabt.html>

According to committee chair Bill Carle, the Library's staff has begun to incorporate SABR's corrections into the caption associated with the individual Bain photos. Each descriptive page gives credit to SABR, this time without naming the individuals involved.

SABR Style Guide Available Online

The SABR Style Guide is available on the BioProject Web site. It is recommended that this style sheet be followed for all materials submitted to SABR for publication. To find an electronic copy of the document, log on to www.sabr.org and in the search function type: SABR Style Guide.

This style guide comes from many sources, drawing initially on an ongoing document offered by **Jim Charlton**, which was compiled with the help of: **John Payne, Mark Alvarez, Scott Flatow, Clay Dreslough, Jim Charlton, Len Levin, Skip McAfee, and Norman Macht**. **Bill Nowlin** then compiled this document considering other style sheets provided by the *Boston Globe*, *The Sporting News*, the **University of Nebraska Press**, and SABR's BioProject style sheet, and considering comments from **Mark Armour, Jim Charlton, Fred Ivor-Campbell, Len Levin, Norman Macht, Cecilia Tan, Rod Nelson and Nick Frankovitch**. Any style sheet is inevitably (and should be considered) a work in progress.

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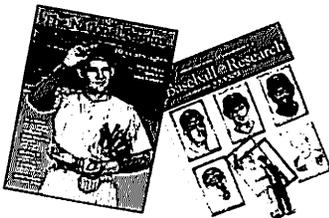
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—: An online chat with Bob Feller. The Hall of Fame pitcher answers fans' questions. 3 pages. Text of interview posted in the Hall of Fame Web site on April 6, 2005.

—: Rules for election to the Baseball Hall of Fame. 2 pages. The eligibility rules, procedures and methods by which members of the Baseball Writers Association of America send players to Cooperstown. (This does not cover election of players by the Veterans Committee.)

—: Bushwicks had Hilda, her cowbell and a definite landlord-tenant split. 3 pages. Reminiscences about the semipro team in Brooklyn. Text plus pictures of article in the online Times Newsweekly, October 16, 2004.

—: Two articles on the gyroball.

Sheinin, Dave: Is the gyroball real? 4 pages. Copy of article in the Washington Post, December 23, 2006.

Edes, Gordon: Fact or fiction, it's a great story. 2 pages. Text of article in the Boston Globe, November 14, 2006. The writer doesn't think the gyroball exists.

Baade, Robert A., Mimi Nikolova and Victor A. Matheson: A Tale of Two Stadiums: Comparing the Economic Impact of Chicago's Wrigley Field and U.S. Cellular Field. 16 pages. A faculty research study by the Department of Economics at Holy Cross College.

Bisher, Furman: The discovery of Cecil Travis. 2 pages. Text of article in the Atlanta Journal Constitution relating how Travis was "found" on a farm by a "bird dog" scout.

Bloom, Howard: The death of Triple A baseball in Canada – a lesson in what not to do. 4 pages. About the impending demise of the Ottawa Lynx.

Boes, Lawrence W.: Grave site, birth & death dates of Charles W. Reipschlagel, catcher, NY Metropolitans and Cleveland Blues, 1883-87 (AA). 9 pages. A report based on the writer's investigation of the player's vital statistics and his burial site. With pictures of his grave.

Cely, Monte: Bullpen Cy Young Awards – When and why do relievers win it? 9 pages.

Fatsis, Stefan: Team owners play hardball on revenue sharing. 4 pages. Text of article in the Wall Street Journal, May 1, 2006.

Fraleigh, Gerry: World Series winner reap benefits but also pay a price. 3 pages. Text of article in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, December 31, 2006.

Fraleigh, Gerry: 10 players who should be in the Hall of Fame (but aren't). 2 pages. Text of article in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, January 8, 2007.

Gilbert, Bill: Rating the 2007 Hall of Fame candidates based on win shares. 3 pages.

Gilbert, Bill: Win shares and the Hall of Fame – 2007 update. 3 pages.

Haupt, Michael J.: Fair pay for fair play: A preliminary analysis of race-based wages in MLB and the Negro Leagues. 10 pages.

Henning, Lynn: "My alcoholism cost me." 6 pages. Text of article in the Detroit News, January 26, 2007, about Larry Sorensen, the former All-Star pitcher who is trying to put his life back together after being felled by alcoholism.

Hoban, Michael: A Hall of Fame Monitor: Using win shares to find which baseball players had the best careers. 9 pages.

Hoban, Michael: 2007 Hall of Fame ballot: Who really has HOF numbers? 6 pages.

Hoban, Michael: Relief pitchers: Is Mo [Mariano Rivera] the best ever? 3 pages.

Lukas, Paul: Photo reveals Buckner's double curse in '86. 5 pages. A somewhat tongue in cheek essay on the ESPN Web site, with pictures that show Bill Buckner was wearing a Cubs batting glove under his first baseman's mitt when he made the fateful error in the 1986 World Series.

Martin, David: Baseball and Boosterism: Henry W. Grady, the Atlanta Constitution, and the Inaugural Season of the Southern League. 74 pages. A master's thesis. A study of how businessmen created the SL in 1885 as a way to bolster the reputation of their locales in the post-Reconstruction South.

Picker, David: Baseball: Blood, sweat and Type O. 2 pages. Playing off the signing of Daisuke Matsuzaka by the Red Sox, describes how the Japanese use blood type to determine a person's character. Text of article in the New York Times, December 14, 2006.

Rhor, Monica: Former teammates question ex-Tiger's fiery death. 3 pages. Associated Press dispatch, January 7, 2007, about the former major leaguer who most recently worked as a truck driver in Iraq and died in a fire in his house.

Smith, David W.: Expansion: Does it add muscle or fat? 16 pages. A statistical study.

Stone, Larry: The Art of Baseball: Flipping the switch. 8 pages. Text of article in the Seattle Times on switch-hitters.

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IN MEMORIAM

JACK LANG

Jack Lang, of Kings Park, NY died January 25 of liver disease. He was 85.

A SABR member since 1985, Jack worked for the *Long Island Press* from 1946 until its demise in 1977 and then covered baseball for the *Daily News* until 1989. Jack was a member of the Major League Baseball Scoring Rules Committee and was an official scorer at the World Series. He was the 1986 recipient of the J.G. Taylor Spink Award for sportswriting.

In his obituary in the *Washington Post*, it noted that as secretary-treasurer of the BBWAA, Mr. Lang administered the Hall of Fame voting process from 1967 through 1994.

RON JOHNSON

Ron Johnson, of Philadelphia, PA passed away on January 19 from multiple sclerosis. He was 59.

A SABR member since 1987, Ron was a regular attendee at the Philadelphia regional meetings and members remembered that he always exhibited a keen sense of humor and a very good grasp of baseball history. He enjoyed corresponding with pre-World War II major league stars. He will be greatly missed by his fellow SABRites.

MARC WITKES

Marc Witkes, of Durango, CO, died December 10, 2005 unexpectedly of a heart attack at the 21.5 mile marker of the Tucson Marathon. He was 40.

Marc was president of the Durango Motorless Transit Club. He accomplished a long list of running achievements including at least 30 marathons and 25 ultramarathons.

Marc was also a writer and had a weekly column in *The Durango Herald*. In addition his free-lance writing was published in numerous publications. He was also an avid Red Sox fan.

His family has indicated that donations in remembrance may be made to the Durango Motorless Transit Scholarship c/o Fort Lewis College Foundation, 1000 Rim Drive, Durango, Colorado 81301.

Board Proposes New Objectives; Forms Legacy Circle

A bylaws revision, research committee items, policy review and changes, and creation of a way to recognize a certain type of donors were some of the actions taken by the SABR Board of Directors at its Winter Board meeting February 9 and 10 in Orange, California.

In your Voter's Guide and Ballot you will see the recommended change to the bylaws proposed by the SABR Board adding to SABR's objectives. To take effect, the bylaws revision must be approved by 2/3 of the members voting.

In light of the recent receipt of a bequest from **William B. James** and an earlier bequest from **Jim Karn**, the SABR Board of Directors approved the creation of a "Legacy Circle" to recognize the contribution made by supporters who have made a lasting commitment to baseball research by naming SABR as a beneficiary in their estate plans. The Legacy Circle is a way for SABR to recognize this profound contribution to SABR's future. More details on this will be online in the next 2-3 weeks and in an upcoming issue of *The SABR Bulletin*.

The board also approved **John McMurray** as the new chair of the Deadball Era Committee, to replace **David Jones** at the conclusion of the convention. Similarly, **Kevin McCann** was named to step in for **John Schleppe** as chair of the Minor Leagues Committee, also after the convention. In other research committee news, the name of the Latin America Committee was changed to the Latino Baseball Committee, and the Music & Poetry Committee had its name (and mission) change to Baseball and the Arts approved.

Several policies were also changed, involving the Bob Davids Award and guidance to SABR Board members, staff, and research chairs concerning ethics.

The minutes of the meeting can be found online at the members-only website (members.sabr.org) under "Organization," "Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes" or by request from the SABR office.

KC Announcer Denny Matthews to Receive 2007 Ford Frick Award

The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum announced on February 22 that longtime SABR member **Denny Matthews**, the voice of the Kansas City Royals for 38 years, has been named the 2007 recipient of the Ford C. Frick Award, presented annually for major contributions to baseball broadcasting. Matthews will be honored with the award during Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies on Sunday, July 29 in Cooperstown, N.Y.

According to the Hall of Fame, Matthews is just one of eight announcers in Major League Baseball history to spend an entire career with one club with at least 35 consecutive seasons behind the microphone. He joins Vin Scully (Dodgers, 56), Jack Buck (St. Louis, 47), Jaime Jarrin (Los Angeles, 44), Joe Nuxhall (Cincinnati, 40), Phil Rizzuto (Yankees, 40), Mike Shannon (St. Louis, 35) and Richie Ashburn (Philadelphia, 35) as the only broadcasters to accomplish the feat.

"Denny Matthews is synonymous with the Kansas City Royals, as his calm demeanor and comforting delivery has influenced generations of baseball fans throughout the Midwest," said Dale Petroskey, President of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in a press release. "His memorable career has been justly rewarded with the 2007 Ford C. Frick Award, and we are looking forward to honoring him this summer."

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Errata

In the Jan/Feb SABR Nine interview, one correction describing Ed Mickelson's encounter with Satchel Paige during his playing days transcribed incorrectly. Here's how the account should have read: *Satchel got into the set position on the mound when I was holding a man on 1st base. He did not turn his head to look at me or my glove, but just lifted up his left forearm and flicked his wrist underneath the forearm as he released the ball. It was a balk because he did not step toward 1st base as he threw.*

REPORTING DEADBALL ERRORS

A Web site is being constructed in March for *Deadball Stars of the American League* errata and will be available by logging on to: <http://deadballstars.sabr.org>

SABR members are encouraged to refer to this Web site should they find any errors or omissions. For questions about the Web site or Deadball Stars of the American League errata, please contact Research Services Manager **Rod Nelson** at rnelson@sabr.org or call 800.969.7227

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A recent article by Dr. Michael J. Hauptert in the Winter 2007 edition of *Outside the Lines*, newsletter of the Business of Baseball Research Committee, is a shining example of how SABR is fueling new research and ideas.

Financial support to complete the research for *Fair Pay for Fair Play: A Preliminary Analysis of Race-Based Wages in MLB and the Negro Leagues* was made possible by a Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research Grant.

This article serves as a preliminary study of how black and white players were paid in their segregated leagues, how those salaries compared to blue collar workers and how the salaries changed when MLB reintegrated beginning in 1947. The data available cover the years 1917-59. The article is available on www.sabr.org.

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SABR 37 Book Expo Author Panel Finalized

Authors have been chosen for the SABR 37 Book Expo at the St. Louis Public Library, July 26th, 4-6pm. Admittance is free. The panel includes:

- Cait Murphy, *Crazy '08: How a Cast of Cranks, Rogues, Boneheads, and Magnates Created the Greatest Year in Baseball History*;

- Vince Gennaro, *Diamond Dollars: The Economics of Winning in Baseball*;

- Lee Lowenfish, *Branch Rickey: Baseball's Ferocious Gentleman*; and

- Benita W. Boxerman and Burton A. Boxerman, *Jews and Baseball, Volume 1: Entering the American Mainstream, 1871-1948*.

The moderator will be Jean Ardell, *Breaking into Baseball: Women and the National Pastime*.

SABR 37 will also feature an author's table in the vending room. Contact Steve Gietschier for details. Must sign up in advance to participate.

Bloom Wins Member-Get-A-Member Campaign

Burt Bloom won the grand prize of the member-get-a-member campaign. His name was drawn at random from among all members who referred a new member during the contest period. He receives all convention registration and events at SABR 37 in St. Louis.

Fifty-eight new members were referred by 49 existing members during the year-long campaign, up 31% from last year. Larry Gibbs referred the most new members, 4.

Thanks to all who participated in the member-get-a-member campaign!

SABR 37 Hotel Update

The incredible excitement surrounding the annual convention has left all \$95 rooms at the Adam's Mark reserved (except when a SABR cancellation gets processed). Rooms are available on the Concorde Level, which includes Continental breakfast and hors d'oeuvres and desserts in the evening. These rooms cost \$125/night. Call 1-888-409-2326, and ask for the Concorde Level rooms reserved for the Society for American Baseball Research, July 25 to 30.

SABR has negotiated a rate of \$95/single, \$105/double, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 200 North Fourth Street (one block from the Adam's Mark). In order to receive the discounted group rates,

all reservations require a three-night minimum stay. Call (800) 925-1395 by June 28 to make your reservation. Identify yourself as a member of the Society for American Baseball Research. Reservations must be guaranteed and accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card. Deposits are refunded or credited only if notice is received 48 hours prior to arrival date and cancellation number must be obtained by guest.

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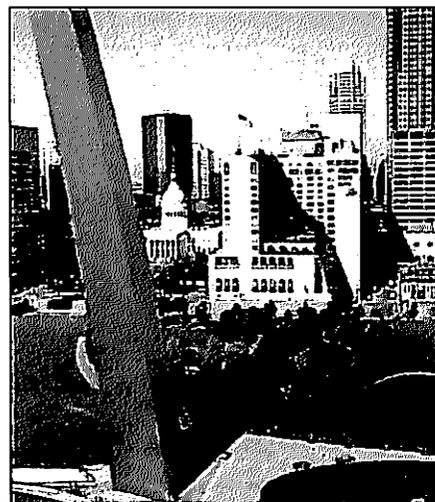


Image of the Adam's Mark Hotel behind the St. Louis Arch, home to the SABR 37 Convention

Game of Inches Honored with the Seymour Medal

SABR is happy to announce that the multi-volume *Game of Inches: The Stories Behind the Innovations That Shaped Baseball* (Ivan R. Dee) by Peter Morris was selected to receive this year's Seymour Medal, which honors the best book of baseball history or biography from the preceding year.

Game of Inches was selected from a group of five finalists for the Seymour Medal Award. The judging remarks about the multi-volume work included: "The scope of these books evoke the spirit of the Seymours' books...comprehensive, well researched, exhaustive." The remaining finalists included (in alphabetical order by author):

• *When to Stop The Cheering?: The Black Press, the Black Community, and the Integration of Professional Baseball* by Brian Carroll (Routledge)

• *The Origins and History of The All American Girls Professional Baseball League* by Merrie Fidler (McFarland & Co.)

• *Spalding's World Tour: The Epic Adventure that Took Baseball Around the Globe - And Made It America's Game* by Mark Lamster (PublicAffairs)

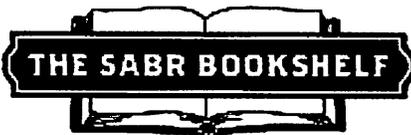
• *A Well-Paid Slave: Curt Flood's Fight for Free Agency in Professional Sports* by Brad Snyder (Viking)

Members of the Seymour Medal judging committee were Richard Johnson (chair), Jon Daniels and Ron Kaplan.

Morris was presented the medal at the Seymour Conference, which was held at the Baseball Heritage Museum in Cleveland on April 27-29 and sponsored by the Cleveland Indians. A recap of the conference will be in July/August issue.

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The SABR Baseball List & Record Book: Baseball's Most Fascinating Records and Unusual Statistics edited by Lyle Spatz is an expansive collection of baseball records, many not available online or in any other book. 2007 calendar year members will receive this as part of the 2007 publication cycle.

Out of the Park: Memoir of a Minor League Baseball All-Star by Ed Mickelson recounts the author's career; from driving in the last run of the St. Louis Browns franchise to having the second highest batting average in the Pacific Coast League.

Baseball and the Mythic Moment: How We Remember the National Game by James D. Hardy, Jr. discusses how some baseball moments seem to transcend the game while others remain just the inside story of the fan.

Dizzy Vance: A Biography of the Brooklyn Dodger Hall of Famer by John C. Skipper follows the career of the hard-throwing right-hander who won nearly 200 major league games.

Blue Jays 1, Expos 0: The Urban Rivalry that Killed Major League Baseball in Montreal by David Luchuk follows the 2002 baseball season of the Canadian teams after Bud Selig painted a bullseye on the Expos with talk of contraction.

An Indian Summer: The 1957 Milwaukee Braves, Champions of Baseball by Thad Mumau follows the Braves from spring training through the World Series.

Extra Innings: The Joys and the Pains of Over-30 Baseball by Patrick Smith follows a team of baseball junkies through a season that reveals their love of the game.

Baseball Barnstorming and Exhibition Games, 1901-1962: A History of Off-Season Major League Play by Thomas Barthel tracks the development, ups and downs, and eventual demise of the post-season barnstorming tours and exhibition games by major league players.

Rico Petrocelli's Tales from the Impossible Dream Red Sox by Rico Petrocelli and Chaz Scroggins gives long-time fans an opportunity to relive that unique season.

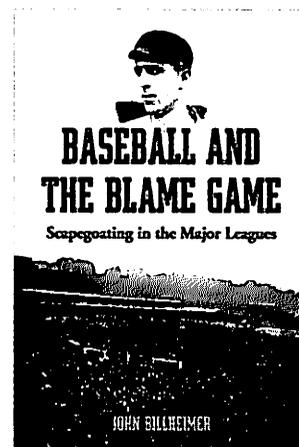
The Year Babe Ruth Hit 104 Home Runs: Recrowning Baseball's Greatest Slugger by Bill Jenkinson takes readers through Ruth's 1921 season, in which his pattern of batted balls would have accounted for more than 100 home runs in today's ballparks.

Baseball: Never Too Old To Play The Game by Al Spector explores the role of baseball in our culture and our personal lives.

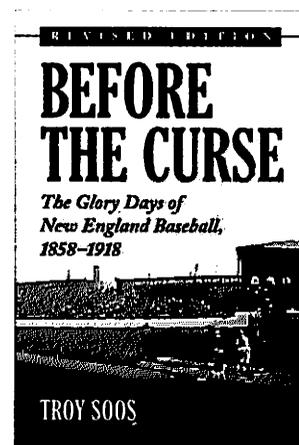
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SABR research committees are a rewarding way to participate in many of the areas of baseball that interest you. The choice is yours whether to participate in a research committee or not. But if you do, committee memberships are open to all SABR members and there are no limits to the number of committees you can join. If you are interested in joining a committee, contact the chapter chair and he/she will let you know if there are any participatory requirements necessary to keep your committee membership active, and add you to the committee mailing list.

BASEBALL RECORDS

The April edition of the Baseball Records newsletter discusses the demise of the *Sporting News Guide*, along with the decision to not print the *Sporting News Record and Fact Book* this year. Because of all the rumors concerning their demise, committee chair **Lyle Spatz** asked **Steve Gietschier**, the Senior Managing Editor for research at *Sporting News* to tell him exactly what happened. Here was Steve's response:

Early in 2007, American City Business Journals of Charlotte, North Carolina, parent company of Sporting News, halted publication of the Baseball Guide and the Complete Baseball Record and Fact Book. Simultaneously, ACBJ halted work on our other guides and registers and on our "coffee table" books. These decisions were taken for business reasons. At this point, it appears that the Guide and the Register (the 2007 edition of which was published before ACBJ made its decision) will not be revived, but the company is considering several proposals to continue the Record Book."

The committee is celebrating the publication of *The SABR Baseball List & Record Book*, which is on bookshelves now and part of the 2007 publication cycle for SABR members.

BIOGRAPHICAL

According to the January/February

edition of the committee newsletter, a new player has been discovered.

John Burke Glaiser had been credited with pitching 9 games for Detroit in 1920. He started the season with Detroit and pitched in 8 games between April 20 and May 31. On June 4, he was sold to Portland of the Pacific Coast League and pitched with them through September 10. Shortly thereafter he got married and according to reports "decided to lay off playing ball for the rest of the season" and was placed on Portland's voluntarily retired list. He was reinstated over the winter and his contract was assigned to Omaha.

Norman Matt Glaser was signed by Detroit in 1920 and was optioned to Rocky Mount of the Virginia League. At the end of the Virginia League season on September 11, he was recalled by the Tigers and on September 21 pitched 2 1/3 innings in relief against Washington. This game had been incorrectly credited to John Burke Glaiser. Norman was placed on Detroit's reserve list for 1921.

Congratulations to Bob Hoie for discovering this and winning the Biographical committee's *Find of the Month* award.

MINOR LEAGUES

The Spring issue of *Beating the Bushes*, the newly revamped committee newsletter, announced that **Kevin McCann** has been named new chairman of the Minor League Committee. He will assume his responsibilities following the SABR 37 Convention. Until then he will serve as vice-chair. The committee and the SABR membership thank outgoing chair **John Schleppe** for his service.

McCann will also serve as editor of the committee newsletter, which he plans to publish four times a year. Those that follow should arrive in July, October, and January as long as he has enough material to work with. To that end, McCann is looking for volunteers to write book and publication reviews. In addition, he encourages members to share their completed research in the minor league newsletter, whether it be a league or team season

or a player biography or a compilation of unpublished league research.

PICTORIAL HISTORY

Bill Hickman announced in the March committee newsletter that the images of major league managers are now described as part of the SABR Encyclopedia. The procedure is the same as finding images of major league players. Log into the members-only section of the SABR website. Click on Research Tools. Click on SABR Encyclopedia. Look up the biographical record of the manager who interests you, and click on the word "Pictures."

Through the end of the 2006 season, there have been 665 major league managers. Their committee has located images for 641 of them, or 96%. For 545 of them, they know of images which show them as managers, coaches, or executives. For the other 96 in their file, they only know of images which show them as players.

The names of the 24 managers for whom we lack images are: Andy Allison, (unknown first name) Bickerson, Freeman Brown, Ed Curtis, Mordecai Davidson, Harry Deane, Joe Ellick, George Frazier, Mase Graffen, Charlie Hackett, Bill C. Henderson, Ed Hengle, Fred Hoey, Jim C. Kennedy, George McManus, Felix Moses, Bill J. Smith, Pat Sullivan, George Taylor, Fred L. Thomas, Mike J. Walsh, John Waltz, Harvey Watkins, and Al Wright.

If you have images showing any of these missing managers, please contact **Dave Davis** (dfastpitch5@yahoo.com) or **Bill Hickman** (bdhickmn@aol.com)

WOMEN IN BASEBALL

The February committee newsletter reminded those members who are attending SABR 37 that in addition to their regular committee meeting they also have a one hour panel devoted to women's baseball. This session will take place on Friday July 27 from 2 to 3 pm.

Upcoming Events

MAY 19

NEW ORLEANS, LA

The Schott-Pelican Chapter will meet May 19. Details TBA. For more information, contact **S. Derby Gisclair** at derby@neworleansbaseball.com or 504-232-4142.

HOUSTON, TX

The Larry Dierker Chapter will meet May 19 at Minute Maid Park prior to the Astros-Rangers game. Details TBA. For more information, contact **Bob Dorrill** at BDorrill@aol.com or 281-361-7874.

SEATTLE, WA

The NWSABR Chapter will meet from noon to 5 at the Fremont Branch of the Seattle Public Library. For more information, contact **Bob Russon** at russons@earthlink.net or 503-245-4790.

MAY 26

TOLEDO, OH

The Roger Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter will meet followed by a Mud Hens-Columbus Clippers game at 5/3 Field. For more information, contact **Steve Lauer** at 419-882-1301.

JUNE 2

PHILADELPHIA, PA

The Connie Mack Chapter will meet at 9 am at Citizens Bank Park. For more information, contact **Joe McGillen** at 215-698-0476 or jmcg2838@aol.com.

JUNE 9

CHICAGO, IL

The Emil Rothe Chapter will meet at the National Italian-American Sports Hall of Fame and Museum from 1 to 4. For more information, contact **Merle Branner** at merleab@mac.com or 847-579-1770.

JUNE 14-17

PORTSMOUTH, VA

The 10th Annual Jerry Malloy Negro Leagues Conference will be held in Portsmouth at the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame, June 14 to June 17. Contact **Tom Garrett**, 757-686-0912, or portsmouthbuck@aol.com.

JUNE 16

PAWTUCKET, RI

The Lajoie-Start Chapter will meet on Saturday, June 16, at McCoy Stadium from 10:30 to 3. For more information contact **Len Levin** at 401-351-3278 or LenLevin5@hotmail.com.

JUNE 16

LONDON, UK

The Bobby Thomson Chapter will meet June 16 at the Kings of Clerkenwell pub in London. For more information, contact **Michael Olenick** at michael.olenick@tesco.net or 718-832-9447.

JULY 14

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Bob Davids Chapter will meet 9 am at the Longate Shopping Center Barnes & Noble. For more information, contact **Dave Paulson** at d2244p@yahoo.com or 301-854-2244.

JULY 25

ST. LOUIS, MO

The SABR Board of Directors will hold its summer Board Meeting at the Adam's Mark Hotel. Details TBA. For more information, contact **John Zajc** at jzajc@sabr.org or 1-800-969-7227.

JULY 26

ST. LOUIS, MO

The SABR Annual Business Meeting will be held just following the Opening Ceremonies of SABR 37 on Thursday morning. For more information, contact **John Zajc** at jzajc@sabr.org or 1-800-969-7227.

Boxscores of Past Meetings

Bay Area, February 21

Chapter: Lefty O'Doul Chapter (San Francisco).
 Event: A visit to AT&T Park, home of the San Francisco Giants, which included story behind the building of the park, tour of the press room, the luxury suites as well as the visitors clubhouse and Giants dugout.
 Speaker: Chuck Nan, "50 Years by the

Place: Bay.
 AT&T Park.

Detroit, February 24

Chapter: Don Lund Chapter (Ann Arbor)
 Speakers: Mark Patrick, "The Ernie Harwell Collection at the Detroit Public Library;" Peter Morris, "Level Playing Fields: How the Groundskeeping Murphy Brothers Shaped Baseball;" Herm Krabbenhoft, "Determining Which former Detroit Tiger Holds the Record for Most Consecutive Games in Which He Scored a Run;" Jeff Wattrick, "Greater Corktown Development Corporation's plans for Tiger Stadium."
 Place: Detroit Public Library.
 Trivia: Lou Matlin, Steve Lauer and Peter Morris tied for first place. Gary Gillette was a close second. Test prepared by Larry Katz.

Little Falls, March 3

Chapter: Elysian Fields Chapter (New Jersey).
 Performance: "Brooklyn" Bradley Shaw performed Casey at the Bat.
 Panel #1: "Current State of Vintage Base Ball" with panelists: Jim Bouton, Erik "Express" Miklich, of the New York Gothams Base Ball Club, Bradley Shaw, Captain of the Flemington Neshanock and Ken "Trolley Car" Schlapp, Captain of the New York Gothams Base Ball Club. Discussion moderated by Irv Goldfarb.
 Panel #2: "Author Panel" with panelists Dr. Stanley Teitlebaum (*Sports Heroes, Fallen Idols*); Gene Carney (Burying the Black Sox); and Dan Schlossberg (*Making Airwaves, Designated Hebrew, and Mining Nuggets from our National Pastime*).
 Guests: Brad Taylor, general manager of the Trenton Thunder, AA-Yankee affiliate.
 Presentations: Cait Murphy, "Myths of Deadball;" Mike Gimbel, "Theoretical Statistical Talk on Baseball Performance;" Roberta Newman, "Advertising and Race Relations in Baseball Before the Negro Leagues."
 Place: Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center.

SABR NINE QUESTIONS

*If any one person exemplifies Indianapolis baseball, it may well be current Indianapolis Indians President and Chairman of the Board **Max Schumacher**. After starting with the team as ticket manager in 1957, Schumacher's role with the team grew into publicity work and then eventually general manager of the team 1961. "I was 28 years old and boy general manager," as Schumacher puts it.*

Fast forward to 2007, his 51st season with the Indians, the Tribe has turned a profit for 34 consecutive years under Schumacher's leadership. Following the opening of Victory Field after years of work and persistence on his part, Schumacher earned American Association Executive of the Year honors and the franchise garnered the Bob Freitas Award as the top Triple-A club.

A SABR member since 1984, Max Schumacher's contributions to professional baseball are more than can be summed-up in a few short pages. Nevertheless, we are pleased to highlight the formidable achievements and indelible imprint that he has left on the game.

What made you decide to pursue a career in minor league baseball?

Well, I always loved baseball. I was journalism major at Butler University and thought that I would probably end up working for a newspaper or the public relations department for a corporation or some such job. But I was in the army at Ft. Sheridan, Illinois and I was receiving the Indianapolis Star, this was in the fall of 1955, and there was a one-paragraph article that the ticket manager was leaving the [Indianapolis] Indians. I was to get out of the service a month later, so I contacted a gentleman I knew named J.R. Townsend, Sr. who I knew, knew Frank McKinney, Sr. who was chairman of the board of the Indianapolis Indians and I asked him if I could interview for that job. He scheduled an appointment for me to meet with Mr. McKinney right after I got back into Indianapolis

By Ryan Chamberlain

in early December, and I was hired by him after the interview. They started me right after the first of January of 1957. I've been at it ever since then.

Who influenced your love of baseball?

My father was probably the greatest influence. My father was a professional musician. He played in the symphony orchestra and he also played popular music. He had his own band around Indianapolis that played in a 500-mile radius. But he didn't make that good a living out of the music business and he really never encouraged my interest in music. But he loved baseball. We would play pitch and catch out next to the house. He'd fungo flies to me and ground balls. Take me to Indians games and we'd go over to Cincinnati occasionally to a major league game, up to Chicago and so forth. It would have to be my father that really encouraged that interest

What has been your favorite role with the team?

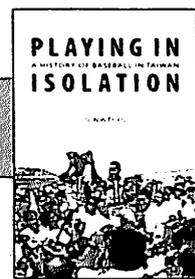
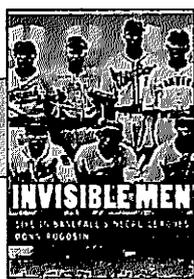
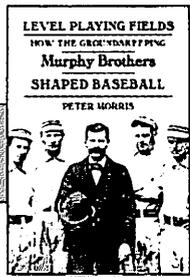
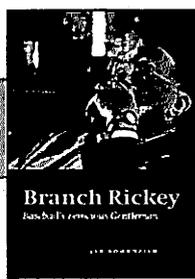
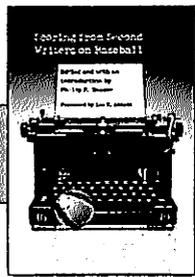
Well certainly the most challenging position was general manager. I was general manager from 1961 through 1996. Then in the fall of 1997 I appointed my long-time assistant Cal Burleson to general manager. I was already president and chairman of the board and there was enough to do in those roles. I was 65 at the time, so I thought that was a good time to turn over the day-to-day operations, the "nuts-and-bolts" I call it of the operations to Cal Burleson. Certainly those years that I was general manager were the most challenging, but when you look back on it, the most satisfying.

What would you count as your biggest successes as general manager?

Well I guess there's two ways [to look at it], both financial and on the field. Because in the early years, we had a lot

to do with the team on the field. Back when I started, the major league club still had what we called the "working agreements." Now they call them player development contracts. But they would allow you to juggle some players on the roster. So you could trade players, with the idea being at the end of the season those players would go back to the team that owned their contracts. Juggle personnel around to make our teams stronger. My first three years as general manager when we were active in player "juggling," "manipulation," "trading," whatever you want to call it, we won pennants each of those three years: '61, '62 and '63. So that was a great thrill. My first three years to have pennant races each of those years. When the business began to change, it wasn't practical for us to own any player contracts any longer. So in the early '60s we began to phase out any ownership of any contracts we had. There weren't a lot of them, but there were maybe four or five player contracts. Then we began to take the contracts of the major-league teams that we were affiliated with. Still, there was a lot of consultation that took place between the major-league team and the Triple-A general manager, so we were active in those discussions with the Montreal Expos, in 1986, '87, '88 and '89 when we won four straight championships. So that was of course a tremendous thing to win four straight. There were other championships that were interspersed in there, in-between. But to have a streak of three your first year as general manager and then have a streak of four later on was very rewarding. From a financial standpoint, minor-league baseball was very difficult to earn profits from back in the early '60s, when I took over and all through the decade of the '60s. We began to see the public's attitude toward minor-league baseball change in the early '70s. To be a part of that financial renaissance of the Indianapolis Indians, from a position where we would make a little money one year...by a little I mean \$20,000 or \$25,000 dollars to the next year lose

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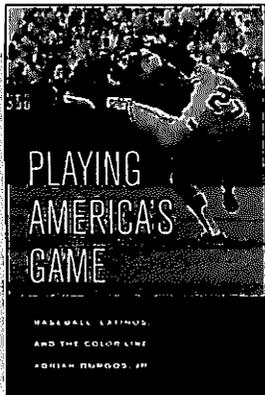
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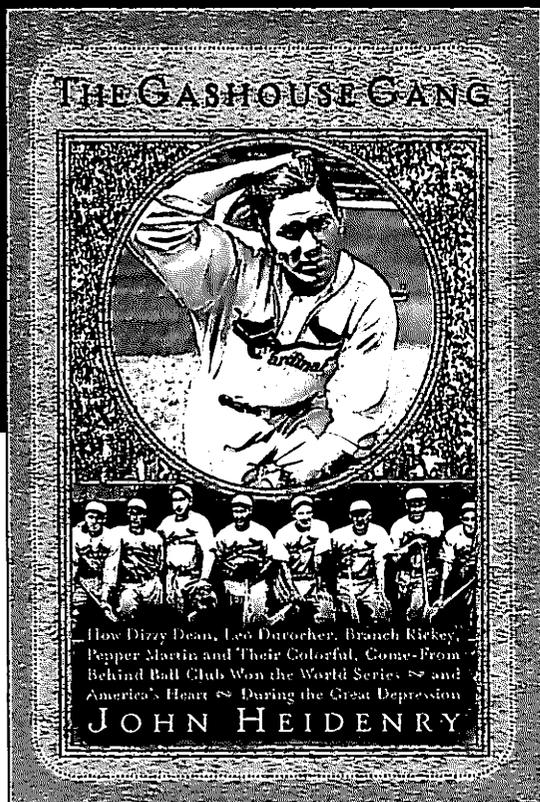
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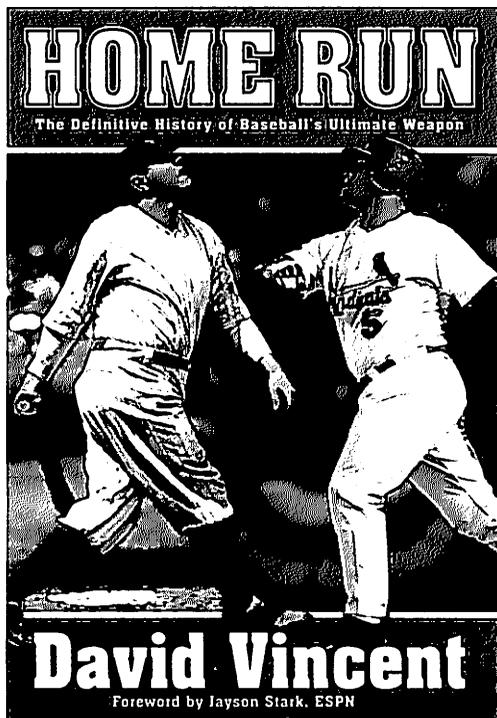
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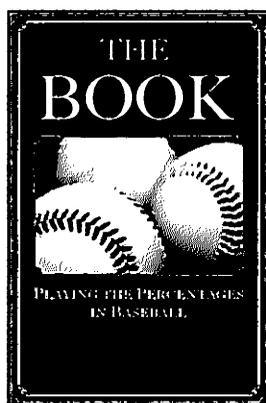
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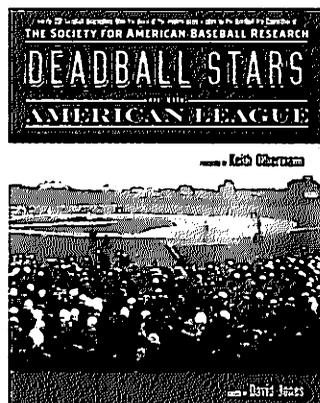
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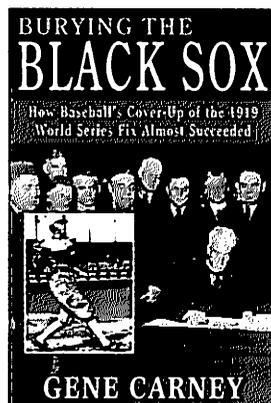
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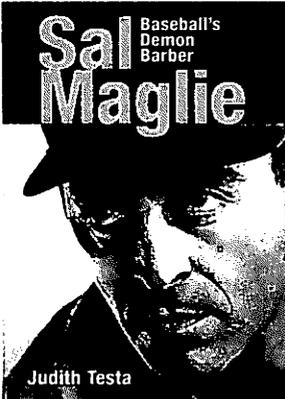
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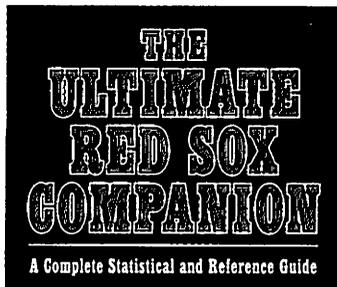
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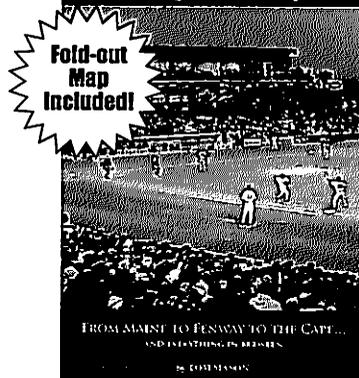
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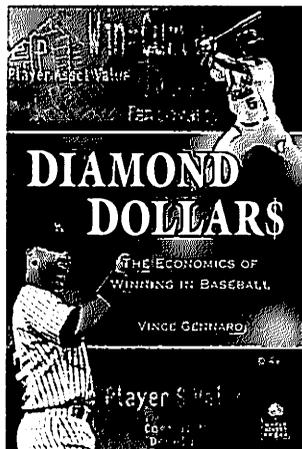
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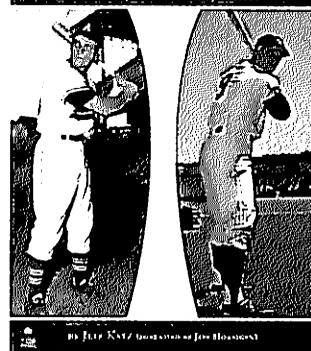
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Rolando Andreassi of San Diego, CA, passed away on April 11, 2007. He was 73.

A SABR member since 2001 and an avid member of the Ted Williams Chapter, Ron served as chapter treasurer for the past several years. According to chapter chair **Tom Larwin**, "He was a great friend of ours and a friendly, valuable SABR contributor even though not in the traditional research ways. He was a good guy...and he will be missed."

DALE HAINS

Dale Hains, of Boca Raton, FL, died March 28, 2007. He was 64.

In addition to his 32-year career as an umpire, Dale was also an active researcher who loved combing through old box scores to add to the Retro-

Sheet. A member since 1975, Dale also attended and presented at the annual SABR conventions since 2000.

FRANCIS JOSEPH O'BOYLE

Francis Joseph O'Boyle, of Burlington, VT passed away April 6th at age 75.

A SABR member since 1985, Francis was a St. Louis Browns fan and stalwart member of the Gardner-Waterman chapter,

WILLIAM E. O'NEIL JR.

William E. "Bill" O'Neil Jr. passed away on March 28. He was 91

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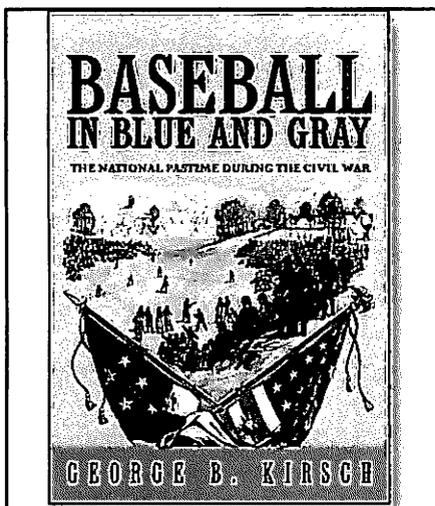
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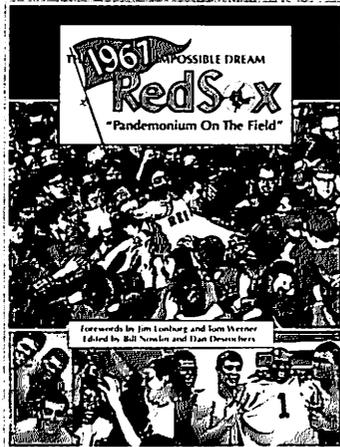
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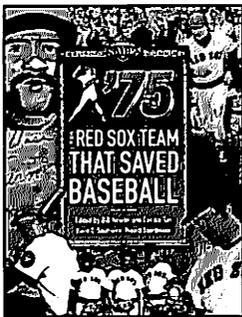
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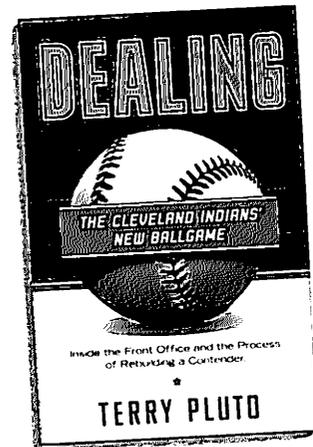
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As I write this, I am just returning from my annual trips to the Arizona and Florida spring training camps. I speak to the minor league players there as part of my duties as Secretary of the Ballplayers Association. It's the one time of the year that I can get all of the minor league players together, to get our message across. Onerous work, perhaps, but someone has to do it.

I usually run into SABR members on these trips, and this year was no exception. I attended the Flame Delhi Chapter annual spring tailgate at Diablo Stadium in Tempe and enjoyed their company again the next day at the formal meeting held at Chase Field in Phoenix. They're good guys and gals with a lot of enthusiasm for SABR and what it stands for. The chapter has always had good relations with the Diamondbacks, as witness the free meeting room at the ballpark, and former SABR Board member, **Rodney Johnson**, is one of the official scorers for the Diamondbacks.

In Lakeland, Florida I was pleased to encounter **Ed Luteran** in the press box at Joker Marchant Field, the spring home of the Tigers. Ed was responsible that day for transmitting the play by play account to MLB, the data that eventually finds its way to your computer. After the game, he and I had a nice visit. Ed was a longtime resident of Pittsburgh, actively involved in the

THE PRES BOX

by Dick Beverage

Forbes Field Chapter, a devout Pirate fan and an expert on the club's history, who moved to Florida a few years ago after he retired from industry. If anything, he's more active today than during his working years. During his first few years he did the MLB transmittal from the Tampa Bay Devil Rays before he decided that the driving distance from his home in Winter Haven was too far. He promptly connected with the Florida State League where he became an official scorer and last year took on the same duties with the short season Gulf Coast League. He's so busy with his work that he was forced to miss the SABR convention in each of the last two years. Last year Ed thought he saw over 200 ballgames. Obviously, his plate is full.

After I left Ed, I thought about other SABR members who I know who have important baseball connections. **David Vincent** is another whose scoring duties parallel those of Ed. David has been the official scorer of the Potomac club of the Carolina League for a number of years, and when the Expos became the Washington Nationals, he promptly took over the scoring duties there as well.

Joe Santry has been the Director of Media

Relations for the Columbus Clippers for many years. I spent a pleasant evening with him in 2004 after the Cincinnati convention and was amazed at the depth of his knowledge about Columbus baseball. He's considered Mr. Baseball by the baseball people in that city and has been designated as the official historian of the Clippers.

John Guinozzo holds a similar position with the Memphis Redbirds, where his boss is SABR member **Dave Chase**, who is the president of the club. John has been the official scorer for virtually every professional team in the city of Memphis at one time or another. He's been the official scorer with the Redbirds since they joined the Pacific Coast League in 1998.

Other SABR members that we know are active in major league press boxes are **Stew Thornley** with the Twins and **Stu Shea** with the Cubs. **Tom Kayser**, a tremendous researcher of Texas League history, is President of the Texas League. **Mark Langill** is the official historian for the Dodgers. The point of this disjointed essay is simply this. These positions inside baseball are filled by knowledgeable SABR individuals, their work reflects well upon our organization and they help strengthen the SABR relationship with Organized Baseball. We'll see more examples of this in future years.

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game. They had the hope to get to the major leagues so they would continue to play Triple-A baseball. And that was a wonderful thing for us. You look at a Ramon Conde years ago, you look at a Lenny Johnston, who still is working for the Baltimore Orioles as their minor league camp coordinator. Lenny is 78 years old. You look at a Razor Shines, who had that "cup of coffee" in the major leagues. He was a tremendous producer on the Triple-A level now coaching third base for the White Sox. Guys like that, in one sense of the word, are more memorable than the "Randy Johnsons" and "Andres Galarragas" who have gone to the major leagues in more recent years. A guy like Joe Sparks, who was probably the best manager we ever had. He was here three years. He managed those championship teams, the first three of those four I mentioned earlier in 1986, '87 and '88. To me, that's a mini-tragedy that a

guy like Joe Sparks never got an opportunity to manage a major league team. Those are some of the people that I remember more fondly than some of the guys who were here for a few months or one year and went to the major leagues.

What advice would you give to someone who wants to pursue a career in a minor-league front office?

The thing that I fervently believe in is the internship program. We have about a dozen interns every year that start to work for us in January and work until Labor Day when the season ends. These are college students who in most cases have made the decision that their going to pursue a career in sports administration. One of the things I tell them is that you need to make up of your mind, first of all, do you want to be in baseball? Or did you just happen to end up with an internship with us,

but you could be just as happy or perhaps more happy in football, basketball, hockey, whatever? Decide which sport you want to pursue. Once you've decided that, then [ask yourself], do you want to work in the major leagues or the minor leagues? I have known people who have come into minor league baseball who feel like that's the stepping stone to the front office in Major League Baseball. It doesn't usually work that way. So if you want to work in Major League Baseball, that's your goal, then get there in any capacity. We've had some people who've had internships in "A" or "Double-A" and have another internship with us in Triple-A. Eventually, those people find their way to good jobs. It doesn't always end up in a minor-league front office with a full-time job, but they'll have a job in sports administration somewhere. This is to me, a sure-fire path to success for a young person is to start out with an internship.



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Errata

MARCH/APRIL "IN MEMORIAM"

A SABR member wrote in to comment on two errors in the "In Memoriam" column of the March-April 2007 *Bulletin*. **Marc Witkes** died December 10, 2006, not 2005. Also, Mr. Witkes died less than a quarter-mile, approximately 700 feet, from the finish line of the 26.2 mile race, not at the 21.5 mile marker as reported.

A BIG BILL BLUNDER

Our apologies to **Bill Hickman**, current chair of the pictorial history committee, for writing in the March/April Research Grapevine that Bill Carle was the chair of the Pictorial History committee. Bill Carle is the chair of the Biographical research committee.

BOB GROOM SIGNATURE SNAFU

The Bob Groom signature published in *Deadball Stars of the American League* was not that of the signature provided, and authenticated, by a Groom family member. The published signature and the one provided by the family differ significantly. The signature's publication was an error on the part of the editorial staff.

REPORTING DEADBALL ERRORS

A Web site is being constructed in March for *Deadball Stars of the American League* errata and will be available by logging on to: <http://deadballstars.sabr.org>

SABR members are encouraged to refer to this Web site should they find any errors or omissions. For questions about the Web site or *Deadball Stars of the American League* errata, please contact Research Services Manager **Rod Nelson** at rnelson@sabr.org or call 800.969.7227

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SABR Boston Chapter Turns "Impossible Dream" Publication Into Reality

SABR recently announced the publication of *The 1967 Impossible Dream: Pandemonium on the Field*, produced from the collective efforts of more than 60 SABR members and friends of the Boston Chapter.

Edited by **Bill Nowlin** and **Dan Desrochers** and published by Rounder, this book is a tribute to the men of the 1967 Red Sox. Featured within its pages are individual original biographies (many based on fresh interviews) of all 39 players that year, plus each of the four coaches, manager Dick Williams, and GM Dick O'Connell. The bios are supplemented with appreciations of this remarkable season by an all-star lineup. This line-up of writers features **Andy Andres, Gerry Beirne, Joe Castiglione**, the late **Ken Coleman, Dan Desrochers, Gordon Edes, Peter Gammons, Tom Harkins, Dick Johnson, Jim Lonborg, Bill Nowlin, Harvey Soolman, Glenn Stout, Dan Valenti, Tom Werner, and Saul Wisnia**.

Contains a selection of over 150 rare photographs and memorabilia from this special Red Sox season.

With Forewords by: Tom Werner, current chairman of the Boston Red Sox, and Jim Lonborg, 1967 Cy Young Award winner.

The 1967 Impossible Dream: Pandemonium on the Field is available through Rounder Books (www.rounderbooks.com) and major book stores.

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Beverage, Hufford and Hirsch Elected to Board; Bylaw Revision Passes

SABR members nearly unanimously voted to add objectives to SABR's bylaws, namely adding "preservation" to what SABR fosters, including the physical and virtual preservation of research materials.

In addition to the passage of the bylaws, voters elected **Dick Beverage** of Placentia, California, to another term as President, and **Tom Hufford** of Marietta, Georgia, to another term as Director. In a closely contested race, **Paul Hirsch** of Danville, California, edged incumbent **Norman Macht** of San Marcos, Texas, for the second Director seat up for election.

Beverage will begin his third term as president. Under his leadership, SABR has set a membership record and grown both the Endowment and Reserve Funds, strengthening the fiscal strength of the organization.

Hufford, one of the sixteen founding members of SABR, begins his second term as Director.

Hirsch, who has served on the Fundraising Committee the past several years, will begin his first term on the SABR Board. As a marketing and public relations professional, Hirsch campaigned to help SABR take the next step in influence and impact.

Macht has served on the SABR Board longer than any individual. He has served as Director in consecutive terms since 1999, and also was on the SABR Board in 1992-94 and 1996. He has served on several working committees over the years, lending his insight and expertise to the Convention Committee and an Administrative Task

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Seymour Medal Conference Recap

SABR members and baseball enthusiasts assembled in Cleveland for the Ninth Annual Seymour Medal Conference (April 27-29) sponsored by the Cleveland Indians. Throughout the weekend they were treated to a unique collection of programming and research presentations all in celebration of the legacy of **Dr. Harold Seymour** and **Dorothy Seymour Mills**.

FRIDAY

The festivities commenced on Friday evening with an author mixer at the Great Lakes Science Center, which included private access to the traveling Hall of Fame exhibit "Baseball As America." It was full of great artifacts including such things as a pair of spikes worn by the immortal Ty Cobb and the world's most valuable baseball card: a Honus Wagner T206 of 1909.

SATURDAY

Seymour Conference registrants convened early Saturday morning at the Baseball Heritage Museum to take part in the day's presentations and speeches.

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L to R: Seymour Medal Finalist Merrie Fidler, Medal Winner Peter Morris and Dorothy Seymour Mills.

Meet Me in St. Louis: Annual Convention Draws Near

Without a doubt, organizers have created a packed agenda from beginning to end of the SABR 37 annual convention July 26-29 in St. Louis. Headquartered at the Adam's Mark Hotel, SABR37 will have several panel discussions on the agenda, including sessions featuring former Cardinals and former Browns. They will have the annual awards luncheon with **Joe Garagiola** as the featured speaker. They will also have meetings of every research committee and lots of research presentations, and will cap the convention with a party during which convention-goers will watch the annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony on a large-screen television.

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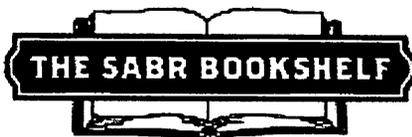
Research presentations are a major component of the convention, so important that *USAToday Sports Weekly* sponsors the Doug Pappas Award for the best oral presentation and an additional cash award for the best poster presentation. To determine which paper earns those awards, we need SABR members who will volunteer to evaluate the presentations. Although convention organizers already have some great judges on the roster, it would be highly valuable to have more. It is literally impossible to have too many judges.

Oral presentations will be given on Thursday (12:30-2:00pm, 3:30-6:30pm), Friday (10:00-11:00am, noon-6:00pm), and Saturday (11:00am-noon, 3:00-6:00pm). The poster session, when presenters stand with their posters, is scheduled for late afternoon on Thursday, though poster evaluation can (and preferably should) be done when the posters are unattended ... they'll stay up throughout the convention.

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Home Run: The Definitive History of Baseball's Ultimate Weapon by **David Vincent**, the keeper of SABR's home run log, delves into the long history of the home run with great detail and color.

Base Ball: A Journal of the Early Game Vol. I, No. 1 edited by **John Thorn** promotes the multidisciplinary study of baseball's early history, from its folk roots to 1920, and its rise to prominence within American popular culture. The rate for U.S. residents per volume (two issues) is \$40 for individuals and \$120 for institutions. Subscriptions include print issues and online access.

College Baseball: Essential Facts About All Division I Teams, compiled by **Rick Benner** provides a guide to the college affiliations of major league players. While the basic listings are organized by college, there are separate indexes for players and coaches so searching is easy.

El Birdos: The 1967 and 1968 St. Louis Cardinals by **Doug Feldmann** contains profiles and extensive season summaries of the Cardinals teams that went to the World Series two years in a row.

More Ghosts in the Gallery: Another Sixteen Little-Known Greats at Cooperstown by **David L. Fleitz** provides profiles of Hilton Smith, Cristobal Torriente, Mickey Welch, Billy Hamilton, Sam Thompson and others.

Branch Rickey: A Biography, Revised edition by **Murray Polner** updates the original 1982 edition. While there are new pictures, a fresh preface and a new foreword, there appears to be only minor textual changes from the original.

The Erosion of the American Sporting Ethos: Shifting Attitudes Toward Competition by **Joel Nathan Rosen** is not specifically focused on baseball but draws considerably on ex-

amples from both professional and youth baseball.

Reynolds, Raschi and Lopat: New York's Big Three and the Great Yankee Dynasty of 1949-1953 by **Sol Gittleman** builds the story of those Yankee teams around profiles of the three pitchers who were the core of their staff.

The Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture, 2005-2006, edited by **William M. Simons** collects the papers presented at the annual conference. The topics range from steroids to the examination of Negro League playing styles as cultural expression

One Day in Mudville: A Look at Some of the Most Unique Baseball Games of All Time by **Rip Pallotta** chronicles 22 games, all of them singular in some way.

Through a Blue Lens: The Brooklyn Dodgers Photographs of Barney Stein, 1937-1957 by **Dennis D'Agostino** and **Bonnie Crosby** captures the Dodgers in all their glory, both on and off the field. Foreword by **Peter O'Malley**.

The Stark Truth: The Most Overrated and Underrated Players in Baseball History by **Jayson Stark** compiles the author's findings, based on years of research to engage readers in a fascinating debate about some of the greatest players of all time.

When Towns Had Teams by **Jim Baumer** takes the reader back to the days when semi-pro and town team baseball was king in the state of Maine.

Is This a Great Game, or What?: From A-Rod's Heart to Zim's Head--My 25 Years in Baseball by **Tim Kurkjian** argues that baseball is the "ultimate skill sport," far superior to football, basketball and all other sports.

What Dreams They Have by **Scott P. Shafer** highlights the history of the Boston Red Sox in the heroic rhythm of an epic poem.

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BASEBALL RECORDS

The June newsletter of the Baseball Records committee announced that the response to the *SABR Baseball List and Record Book* has been very positive, both from SABR members and from the media. Some SABR members assumed the numbers in the index were page numbers and not list numbers, and that caused some confusion. In the newsletter, book editor **Lyle Spatz** explained that he planned to put a specific note explaining that they were list numbers, but it slipped through the cracks.

"Though we aimed for perfection, and checked and rechecked," said Spatz, "We knew that a book with this much data was bound to have some errors and some omissions."

According to Spatz, the worst goof

was List (431) *Most Career Games Allowing One or No Hits*. Somehow the number in the Total Column is actually the number of one-hitters the pitcher had. The Total should actually be the sum of the no-hitter column and the corrected one-hitter column.

For a complete list of errata, visit the Baseball Records committee page on www.sabr.org.

BIOPROJECT

New bios on the BioProject Web site (<http://bioproj.sabr.org>) include *Lou Boudreau* by **Ralph Berger** and *Wayne Ambler* by **Jim Sargent**.

Boudreau was chosen in 1942 as player-manager of the Cleveland Indians. He would do his job well enough to lead the Indians to a World Series title in 1948.

Ambler, a versatile infielder with a slick glove, averaged .224 in three ma-

ior league seasons for the Philadelphia Athletics before World War II. But unlike most big leaguers of his era, he attended college first thanks to the sponsorship of Athletics owner and manager Connie Mack.

COLLEGIATE

According to the June Collegiate committee newsletter, the group is seeking a volunteer with expertise in Web design and maintenance. Anyone interested in assisting in the design of their Web site please contact **Rick Benner** at r.benner@mchsi.com

MINOR LEAGUES

The Minor Leagues research committee is compiling a list of all the old ballparks built by the WPA (Works Progress Administration). This was under the Roosevelt administration

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Do you want to have a story published? Read on.

At five years old, the Baseball Biography Project is just getting started. We have more than 500 articles posted on our web site (bioproj.sabr.org), and several hundred more in progress. A cynic, noting that more than 500 players have debuted in the major leagues since our project started, might suggest that we are actually falling behind. What is the point? The point is the tremendous amount of research the project has done, much of it by brand-new researchers, and all of the great stories we have shared with SABR members and the world.

Our biographies, almost exclusively, tell the life stories of people who are either no longer with us or long out of baseball. In many cases, BioProject researchers have been able to locate surviving family members and sometimes elderly ballplayers themselves, while they are still able to provide information that might otherwise soon be lost.

If you have ever wanted to dig into the story of your favorite player from the past, this project is for you. Many of our biographers are first-timers. Please don't feel you lack the ability. We will help you get started, point you to the best places to look for information, help you find a subject (from your hometown

RESEARCH INTEREST SPOTLIGHT

THE BASEBALL BIOGRAPHY PROJECT

BY MARK ARMOUR

or favorite team?), and provide you help along the way. Once you have a story, an editor will help you with the final product. All SABR members are perfectly capable of contributing to this project, and your efforts will be rewarded with your story being permanently shared on our web site. But wait, there's more. Once posted, many of our biographies have resulted in feedback from family and friends of the subject who find it on our web site, leading to an even fuller story.

So what's ahead? Well, one of our original goals was to foster local or topical subprojects. We cannot take credit for the two great Deadball books, as their genesis predated ours. However, in the last two years SABR's Boston chapter has produced two wonderful books honoring the 1967 and 1975 clubs, which are exactly what we were hoping for. With those fine examples in hand, we are suddenly awash in group projects, with at least six slated for the next two years and a few others in the planning stages. Many of these will

result in books, and all the biographies will eventually end up on our web site. If you have an interest in forming one of these projects, please contact **Bill Nowlin** (bnowlin@rounder.com).

When this project was dreamed up five years ago it was hoped that it would lead to other on-line SABR publishing efforts, with the BioProject being a strong veteran presence on the team. While we are patiently waiting, our project is now accepting "biographies" of ballparks (we have four in the editing stages) and we hope to branch out to other material soon. Stay tuned.

Like all SABR research committees, our project is as strong as its membership. We have four Vice Chairmen--**Jan Finkel**, **Bill Nowlin**, **Lyle Spatz**, and **Trey Strecker**--and they are far from ceremonial. We have a few other people whose efforts are critical to keep the project moving forward, including **Warren Corbett**, **Tom Ruane**, and **Mike Cooney**. If you want to play a larger role in making this project better, we can put you right to work.

But the heroes of the project, make no mistake, are the writers. Some have long publishing resumes, but most were relative novices at baseball research until recently. Now that we have them hooked, their best is yet to come. The next person we want writing for us is YOU.

Upcoming Events

JULY 14

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Bob Davids Chapter will meet 9 am at the Longate Shopping Center Barnes & Noble. For more information, contact **Dave Paulson** at d2244p@yahoo.com or 301-854-2244.

JULY 25

ST. LOUIS, MO

The SABR Board of Directors will hold its summer Board Meeting at the Adam's Mark Hotel beginning at 10 am. For more information, contact **John Zajc** at jzajc@sabr.org or 1-800-969-7227.

JULY 26

ST. LOUIS, MO

The SABR Annual Business Meeting will be held just following the Opening Ceremonies of SABR 37 on Thursday morning. For more information, contact **John Zajc** at jzajc@sabr.org or 1-800-969-7227.

JULY 29

COOPERSTOWN, NY

The Leatherstocking Chapter will meet at 6 pm on Sunday of induction weekend at Tillapaugh's Funeral Home, Pioneer Street, a block from the HOF. For more information, contact **Jeff Katz** at kkatz@stny.rr.com or 607-547-1876.

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MEMPHIS, TN

The Robinson-Kell Chapter will meet at Autozone Park in Memphis. Contact **Madison McEntire** at madcris@sbcglobal.net or 501-847-1734 for more information.

COLUMBIA, MD

The Bob Davids Chapter will hold their "Talking' Baseball" meeting at 9 am at East Columbia Library in Columbia on August 11. For more information contact **Dave Paulson** at d2244p@yahoo.com or 301-854-2244.

GENEVA, IL

The Emil Rothe Chapter will meet at the Kane County Events Center.

Meeting activities TBA. For more information contact **David Malamut** 630-886-6970 or email david@malamut.net.

OCTOBER 13

PITTSBURGH, PA

The Forbes Field Chapter will meet at the Heinz History Center for a morning meeting. For more information contact **Joseph Elinich** at jelinich@comcast.net or 412-486-2510

Boxscores of Past Meetings

Fort Smith, March 10

Chapter: Robinson-Kell Chapter (Arkansas).
 Guest: Former St. Louis Cardinal catcher Hal Smith.
 Speaker: **Jim Sanders**, "History of Baseball in Ft. Smith."
 Activity: Tour of Andrews Fields, one of the oldest surviving minor league parks.

Hamden, April 7

Chapter: Smoky Joe Wood Chapter (Connecticut).
 Agenda: Breakfast meeting regarding future chapter activities.

Atlanta, April 28

Chapter: Magnolia Chapter (Georgia).
 Guests: Kevin Davidson (Director of Media Relations) and Kash Beauchamp (VP/Director of Player Development) of the South Coast League, "Developing a New Independent League."
 Speakers: **Jim Riley**, "Former Negro Leaguer James 'Red' Moore;" **Larry "The General" Taylor**, "My Friendship with Ted Williams;" **Ted Golden**, "CardPricer.com."
 Place: Turner Field.

Dayton, May 5

Chapter: Dayton Chapter.
 Guests: Doug Bair, former Cincinnati Reds pitcher and present Dayton Dragons pitching coach; Rafael Gonzalez, Dragons Pitcher; Don Oschner, Dragons Groundskeeper.
 Presenters: **Jeff Cranston**, "The Players League 1890;" **Jack Carlson**, "Hall of Famers Who Have Played in Dayton."
 Activity: Meeting followed by Dayton-Kane County Game.
 Place: Fifth Third Field.

Cleveland, May 5

Chapter: Jack Graney Chapter.
 Guests: **Russ Schneider**, former Indi-

ans beat writer for the Plain Dealer discussed his new book, "Whatever Happened to 'Super Joe'?: Catching Up With 45 Good Old Guys From The Bad Old Days of Cleveland Indians."

Presenters: **Eric Thompson**, "1961 American League Expansion;" **Dave Pugh**, "A Potential 1953 Indians Lineup;" and **Bill McMahon**, "Update on the Farm Club Project."
 Place: Parma-Snow Road Library.

Houston, May 19

Chapter: Larry Dierker Chapter (Houston).
 Guests: **Tim Purpura**, Houston Astros General Manager, Paul Ricciarini, Senior Director of Player Personnel and Scouting for the Astros.
 Presenters: **Bill Gilbert**, "History of Expansion Teams Since 1962."
 Activity: Rangers-Astros Game followed meeting.
 Trivia Winner: **Tom White** and **Bill Gilbert**.
 Place: Minute Maid Park.

Philadelphia, June 2

Chapter: Connie Mack Chapter.
 Guests: Pat Gillick, Phillies General Manager; Dallas Green, Senior Advisor to the Phillies' General Manager, former major leaguer and manager; Dick Welteroth, former Senator Pitcher; Bill Hockenbury, former minor league third baseman/pitcher; Bill Witmer, former minor league short stop; Dewey Gray, former minor league pitcher; Paul Fritz, former minor league catcher; **Rich Wescott**, author and former Phillies official scorer; Charles Donovan, son of Patsy Donovan.
 Presenters: **Jerry Crosson**, "Almost No. 1--Comparing the 11-year Dynasties of the 1991-2001 Braves and the 1946-1956 Dodgers;" **Larry Wentz**, "Why I believe in Gil Hodges;" **Bruce Brown**, "Interesting Trivia About the Phila. A's;" **Barry Sparks**, "A Philadelphia A's Dynasty, 1910-1914;" **Jim Vankoski**, "100 Yrs. of Delco League Ball--Oldest in U.S.;" **Peter Mancuso**, "In Tribute to Matty McIntyre--A 1920 Poem;" **Paul Fritz**, "Grover C. Alexander's 16 Shutout 1916 Season;" **Jimmy Lindberg**, "From the Iron Horse to the Moose;" **Jerry Casway**, "Origin and role of Camac Woods Ballfield;" **Skip McAfee**, "The Last Words Spoken Before They Expired;" **Joe Dittmar**, "Little Known Baseball Records and Baseball Character Quiz;"
 Phillies Game followed meeting.
 Place: Citizens Bank Park.

SABR NINE QUESTIONS

By Ryan Chamberlain

The iconic Ernie Harwell is a man who needs no introduction to SABR members. To multiple generations, he is as Fox Sports announcer Joe Buck once described during the 2002 All-Star Game: "Listen to that voice, man. That's baseball."

A fixture for 42 years as the Tigers announcer, he first began as a reporter for Sporting News, then as an announcer for the Atlanta Crackers in 1943 before he broke into big league announcing with the Dodgers in 1948 and became the first announcer for the Orioles in 1954. Along the way, Harwell found additional time to publish several books, announce football and golf, and have 66 of his songs recorded by various artists. His energy is seemingly boundless.

Even though he officially retired in 2002, it should be no surprise then that the "voice of the turtle" has barely slowed down after 91 years. Recently, he served as a guest color commentator for two Tiger games on Fox Sports News Detroit on May 24 and 25, 2007. Of that experience, Harwell remarked, "I kind of felt like I was starting over again. But Mario Impemba, who did the play-by-play, was very receptive and very kind to me."

He's also recently produced a 4-cd audio scrapbook that is, in a word, "exhilarating" to listen to. From a scratchy recording of his 1940 interview with Connie Mack to recordings of his encounters with Willie Mays and Ted Williams, Ernie Harwell's Audio Scrapbook opens a unique door into the world of one of the all-time greats to sit behind a microphone. Not to mention his encounters with the men who have influenced baseball for over a century.

A SABR member since 1985, Mr. Harwell graciously shares his time with us for this edition of the SABR Nine.

Who would you consider your biggest influence?

I think my dad probably. He was an invalid, but he was interested in a lot of things, especially baseball and sports.

He gave me a love for the game. He was also a model for showing what a good attitude could do. I looked up to him and he was a very strong influence on me.

If you had to change one thing about the way games are broadcast today, what would it be?

My change would be to give the score more often and probably use less statistics and more human interest stories about the players. But I have to give you a caveat on that, because everybody does it his own way and that doesn't mean the way I like to do it is any better than anybody else's. It's a matter of style. I think you have to select your style when you start out and more or less stick with it.

What is your opinion about the "bells and whistles" sound effects that have emerged lately in TV game broadcasts?

I've got sort of an old-school approach to that. I think that most real fans tune in to hear or see the game and they don't need any added dramatic effect. They're happy to see the drama of the game develop and get to the climax and let it really be the story in and of itself. They don't want the announcer or the sound effects to encroach on the game.

What part of the game do you enjoy the most?

I think that I enjoy the game that is close. Maybe not 1-0 but something like 4-3. A game that contains a lot of situations where a man might be at third with nobody out, doesn't score, the bases loaded, nobody out and then the other team gets a double play, the pitcher gets out of trouble. A good clutch hit, maybe a 3-base hit, with the bases loaded where everybody has to run and you see the fielders going through their actions. There are a lot of facets to the game that are just great.

Along those same lines, you've encountered individuals who have affected the professional game for over a century, what things stand out to you the most?

Connie Mack is certainly one. It was a real pleasure and a blessing for me to meet him and interview him. But I think probably the most influential baseball man I've met was Branch Rickey. He hired me to come to Brooklyn in 1948 and of course his role in the "noble experiment" of Jackie Robinson breaking the color line is I think the most important event that has happened in sports history. But he was very far ahead of the other owners and he knew what was going on long before the others, I think.

If you could choose one of your songs to be a popular hit, which one would be and who would perform it?

I've got a song named, "What Else, Elsie?" and either Tony Bennett or Stevie Wonder would be great for that song. But you know that's a dream. I've been lucky to have about 66 records cut and some pretty good people did them so I feel lucky enough with the songwriting.

Who is someone in baseball that you've seen along the way who you think never got the credit they deserved?

I think Vada Pinson was one. He was a great hitter and didn't get enough credit. Tony Oliva is probably another one. I think Jack Morris, who I was very close to when he pitched for the Tigers, was the outstanding pitcher of his decade in the 80s and he's been pretty much shunned. But there are a lot of guys like that and it's just too bad everyone can't get into the Hall of Fame.

What is unique about Detroit baseball that you've connected with personally?

Well, it's one of the original fran-

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chises, it's been here forever. And it's one of the cities where you have a generational situation: the dad brings his kid to the ballpark in 1915, the kid grows up and he brings his kid to the ball park, and then another 30 years later...it keeps going generation after generation. Not too many of the original franchises have that touch, I don't think.

How important do you think oral histories such as the ones contained in the audio scrapbook are to preserving the history of the game?

I think it is important. I don't look at my voice itself as important but the interviews where we heard Connie Mack and Jackie Robinson and Willie Mays and those people. Then the calls by the great announcers that we had and some of the discussion brings out things people might not [already] know, because sometimes an article has to be a little more condensed than an oral history. You know, **Larry Ritter** set the pathway for that. He was fantastic. I think it was a great contribution that he made and people followed on after that.

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and the period is approximately 1934 -1941. Many of the structures had WPA identifying plaques near the cornerstone or side of the building. If you have any knowledge of one of these in your area, please contact committee chair **John Schleppe** at John.Schleppe@notes.udayton.edu.

NEGRO LEAGUES

The June 2007 edition of the *Negro Leagues Courier* announced that the Cleveland Indians on August 10 will recognize the legacy of Larry Doby. Every Cleveland player will wear his retired number 14.

Larry Doby, Jr., will throw out the ceremonial first pitch. Each honored jersey will be autographed and auctioned off by the Cleveland Indians Charities to benefit the Larry Doby RBI Program.

ORAL HISTORY

At the St. Louis Convention on Friday, July 27 at 11 am, the Oral History Committee will present a video interview by **Dr. Millard Fisher** of Jimmy Lanier-Ty Cobb's personal bat boy!!

Dr. Fisher interviewed Jimmy (who is in his 90s) earlier this year and many fascinating stories of the "Georgia Peach" are revealed. Everyone is invited.

Award to Honor Librarian for Promoting Baseball and Literacy or Library Services

Applications are available for "Batting for literacy @ your library," a new award in conjunction with the Step Up to the Plate @ your library program. The award will honor an individual librarian who has used baseball to enhance literacy or library service.

The recipient will be awarded a trip to the 2008 Baseball Hall of Fame Game, an annual exhibition game between two major league teams at the **National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum** in Cooperstown, NY. The trip will include a behind-the-scenes tour of the library and museum.

Applications and guidelines are available at www.ala.org/baseball. Librarians can nominate a colleague or themselves. Submissions should include a one-page description of how the nominee has used baseball to enhance literacy or library service and must be accompanied by examples of baseball-related programming, publicity for programming or other supporting materials. Applicants are encouraged to send examples of how the nominee promoted the Step Up to the Plate @ your library program.

All applications must be received by September 1, 2007. Nominees must be ALA members in order to be eligible.

Step Up to the Plate @ your library, developed by ALA and the Baseball Hall of Fame, encourages kids between 9 and 18 years of age to go to their library, check out a baseball book and write about how a character inspired them. The program runs through September 1, 2007. More information and free tools to help librarians promote the program locally are available at www.ala.org/baseball.

SCOUTS

The June issue of *20 to 80*, the newsletter of the Scouts committee, announced that **Bill Nowlin** and **Jim Sandoval** have agreed to spearhead a committee book project. Lou Gorman has contributed an interview. **Ron Anderson** interviewed long-time Red Sox scouts George Digby and Ed Scott.

Plans for the book included highlighting different aspects of the profession, including amateur scouts, cross checkers, pro scouts, advance scouts etc. If you are interested in participating in the project, please contact **Jim Sandoval** at casandman@aol.com.

SPRING TRAINING

Committee chair **Kevin Saldana** announced in the June *Spring Flings* newsletter that the Spring Training Committee has enjoyed great growth over the course of the last year. They currently stand at 149 members and have added **Dave Nemetz** as the editor of *Spring Flings*.

He also announced that the committee has several projects that are progressing nicely and a few that will need a little extra help. To find out how you can participate, contact Kevin Saldana at sabrkev@gmail.com.

Remembering "Steel Arm" Johnny Taylor

The dedication of the memorial honoring John Taylor, former Negro Leagues player and manager, took place at Springdale Cemetery 3014 N. Prospect Rd., Peoria, Illinois on Sunday, May 6, 2007.

Jonathan Boyce Taylor, "Steel Arm" Johnny, retired to Peoria and died in 1956 and was laid to rest in Springdale in an unmarked grave. Through the efforts of local anesthesiologist and SABR member **Dr. Jeremy Krock**, Melinda Figge and the Pekin YWCA, the students of District 108 and other contributors a stone was purchased and placed on the grave of this baseball pioneer.

According to organizers, it is most appropriate that John Taylor's final resting spot is along the section of the Rock Island Trail as it passes through Springdale, because the trail will unite communities and people as baseball has done for generations.

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Force. SABR thanks Mr. Macht for his service to the Society.

SABR also thanks the Nominating Committee of **Stephen Roney**, **Dan Levitt**, and **Tom Ruane**, as well as the Tellers Committee of **Stephen Johnson III**, **Jim Hanson**, and **Tom Nemeck** for their efforts.

COMPLETE ELECTION RESULTS

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Statue Commissioned for Hall of Famer Elmer Flick

The Elmer Flick Recognition Committee of Bedford, Ohio recently announced that they have commissioned local sculptor Ron Dewey to do a life-size bronze statue of National Baseball Hall of Fame Inductee and lifelong Bedford resident Elmer Flick. The statue will be displayed prominently in Bedford's downtown area.

According to the committee, Elmer Flick was one of the games' great hitters at the turn of the century. He batted .378 for the 1900 Philadelphia Phillies, second only to the .381 mark posted by Honus Wagner. Five years later he won the American League batting title with the Cleveland Naps, and he hit .315 for 13 seasons. He was also a fine base runner, leading the league in triples three times and in thefts twice. In 1910, a mysterious stomach ailment ended his career. Flick played 9 seasons (1902-1910) with the Naps and ranks third in club history with 106 triples and sixth in steals with 207. The speedy outfielder enjoyed a 13-year big league career and was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame and the Indians Hall of Fame in 1963.

Mr. Dewey is the owner of Light Sculpture Works, Art Foundry and Studio in Cleveland. He has many commissions in the area including "To the Ballgame" which is located at Cleveland's Jacobs Field.

Donations can be sent to:

The Bedford Historical Society (on note line specify "*Elmer Flick Statue*")

PO Box 46282

Bedford, OH 44146

For information on this project feel free to contact SABR member:

Jim Wagner

Chairman, Elmer Flick Recognition Committee, 440-241-3119

Fundraising Report, June 1, 2007

SABR members have made it another extremely successful annual fundraising drive, once again exceeding the previous year's total. Participation is at an all-time high.

	<u># of Donors</u>	<u>Donations</u>
2006-2007	756	\$ 67,378
2005-2006	576	\$ 66,265
2004-2005	590	\$ 52,993
2003-2004	593	\$ 41,462
2002-2003	643	\$ 31,000
2001-2002	577	\$ 26,450
2000-2001	590	\$ 29,681

Total Amount for Drive = the amount of donations raised between October 1 and September 30 of the years listed

Looking at the number of donors at certain levels during this campaign versus the previous campaign, we see an increase in the number of donors at the higher levels.

	<u># Donors</u> <u>\$100 or more</u>	<u># Donors</u> <u>\$250 or more</u>	<u># Donors</u> <u>\$500 or more</u>
2006-2007	233	73	32
2005-2006	216	31	23

Since October 1, 2006 we have had 219 new donors. The average gift from a new donor was \$54.

Finally, reviewing the time members spent volunteering on SABR efforts, also showed an increase. Service hours from SABR volunteers showed 15,978 hours reported. That's up from the previous year's 12,182 hours reported.

Thank you to everyone for their support of SABR!



ERNIE HARWELL'S Audio Scrapbook

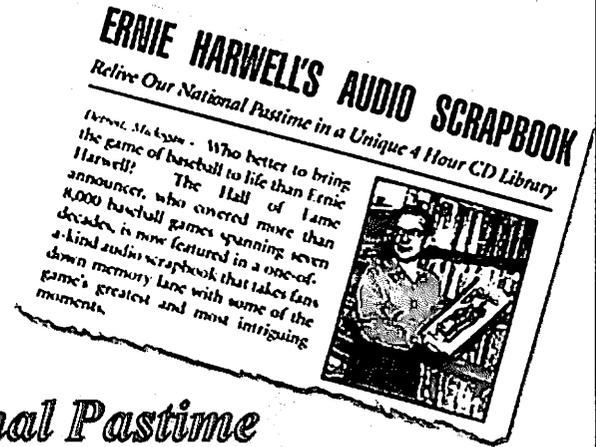
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A must-have for every baseball enthusiast!

While Harwell announced for the Detroit Tigers for 42 of his 55 years in the game, the audio book does not focus on the Tigers, but on baseball history as told by one of the most recognizable and elegant voices. The four-hour, four-disk series, the first of its kind by fans of Harwell legends DiMaggio, Berra, and this when occurred Bobby pennar

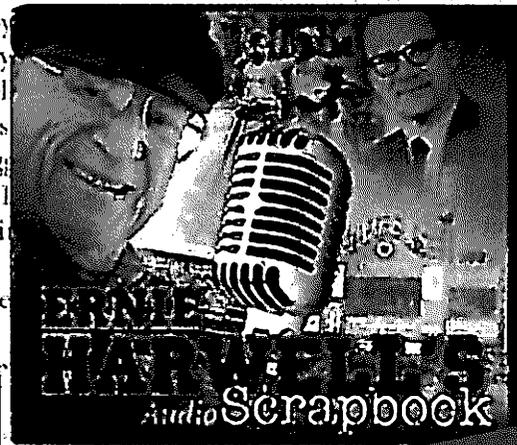


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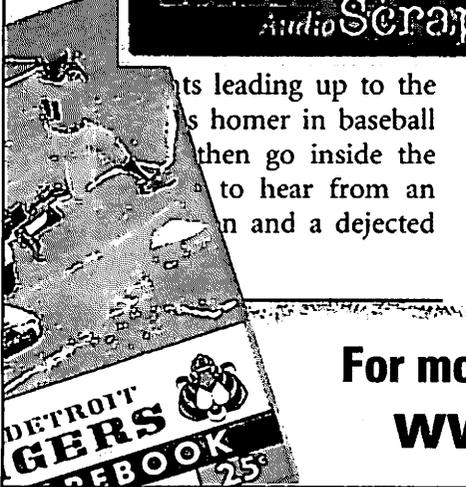
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Winners of the Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Awards Announced

The Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) and Sporting News are happy to announce that **John Dewan**, **Ed Koszarek**, and **Jeff Sackmann** will receive Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research awards at this year's annual convention in St. Louis.

Dewan will be recognized for the research he did to prepare his book, *The Fielding Bible*, published by ACTA sports.

Koszarek, for the research he did to prepare his book, *The Players League: History, Clubs, Ballplayers and Statistics*, published by McFarland.

Sackmann, for the research and innovation he showed in developing the excellent web site, www.minorleaguesplits.com

The Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Awards honor those individuals whose outstanding research projects completed during the preceding calendar year have significantly expanded our knowledge or understanding of baseball. It has been awarded annually since 1995 and each winner receives a plaque and a cash award, sponsored by Sporting News. Nominations for the award are sought beginning in October.

Recipients of the McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award Also Announced

The judges for the McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award are pleased to announce that this year's winners are (in alphabetical order) **Brian Carroll** for "Early Twentieth Century Heroes: Coverage of Negro League Baseball in the Pittsburgh Courier and the Chicago Defender;" **Mitchell Nathanson** for "The Irrelevance of Baseball's Antitrust Exemption: A Historical Review;" and **Steve Steinberg**, "Matty and the Browns: A Window Onto the AL-NL War."

The McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award honors the authors of the best articles or papers, published or unpublished, on baseball history or biography completed during the preceding calendar year.

One judge described "Early Twentieth Century Heroes: Coverage of Negro League Baseball in the Pittsburgh Courier and the Chicago Defender" (Published in "Journalism History" 32:1 (Spring 2006): 34-42) as "an important look into how the black press covered its baseball heroes in the days before the color line fell."

Of "The Irrelevance of Baseball's Antitrust Exemption: A Historical Review," (published in *Rutgers Law Review*: "58 Rutgers L. Rev. 1 2006") the judges responded by calling it "well researched and analyzed, a good read, changed my understanding of the shift of franchises."

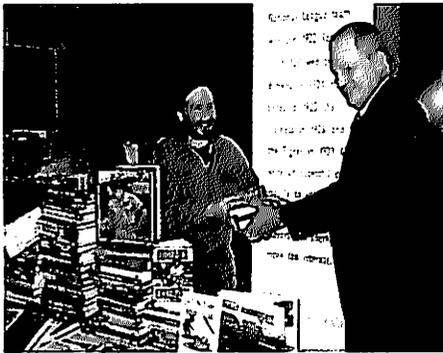
One judge remarked of, "Matty and the Browns: A Window Onto the AL-NL War." (Published in "Nine," Vol. 14, 2006) that it "opened my eyes to an event . . . that could very easily have changed baseball history and the story of one of its greatest players."

Works eligible for the McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award include magazine and journal articles, previously unpublished chapters or articles in anthologies or other books with multiple authors, unpublished research papers and written versions of oral presentations. Authors honored for unpublished work may not later receive a SABR research award for that work (or work that is substantially the same) in published form.

SABR will honor this year's winners at their annual awards luncheon on July 28 in St. Louis.

This year's judges were **Phil Bergen**, **William Humber**, **Fred Ivor-Campbell** and **Len Levin**, chairman

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David Bohmer purchasing a book from Andy Rubin of www.baltimorechop.com at the 2007 Seymour Conference

The presentation theme this year was *How Did We Come to Understand Baseball History?*

Research presenters included **Monica Nucciarone**, *The Controversial Contribution of Alexander Cartwright to Baseball History*; **Gene Carney**, *What Have We Learned Lately About the Black Sox Scandal*; **Trey Strecker**, *Reading Ruth: Reality and Romance in Heywood Broun's 'The Sun Field'*; **Dr. David Bohmer**, *Nine*

Non-Players Who Have Shaped Major League Baseball; **Cait Murphy**, *Myths Surrounding the Book Crazy '08: How a Cast of Cranks, Rogues, Boneheads and Magnates Created the Greatest Year in Baseball History*; **Dorothy Seymour Mills**, *The Way We Learned About Baseball History*; and featuring a keynote speech from noted baseball author/historian **John Thorn** entitled *Pots & Pans and Bats & Balls*. In his speech, he called on baseball historians to produce works that are driven more by event and driven by character and narrative.

Said Thorn, "In short, we may not, in the name of accuracy, neglect the speculative and aesthetic possibilities in baseball history."

Saturday's presentations also included the conferring of the Seymour Medal to **Peter Morris**, for his work on the multi-volume set *Game of Inches*. **Merrie Fidler**, a Seymour finalist for her book, *The Origins and History of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League*, was also in atten-

dance. **Brian Carroll** a finalist for his book, *When to Stop The Cheering?: The Black Press, the Black Community, and the Integration of Professional Baseball* could not attend because of a medical condition.

Other Seymour finalists not in attendance were **Mark Lamster** for *Spalding's World Tour: The Epic Adventure that Took Baseball Around the Globe - And Made It America's Game* and **Brad Snyder** for *A Well-Paid Slave: Curt Flood's Fight for Free Agency in Professional Sports*.

SUNDAY

Sunday's events started with a private access tour of *Heritage Park* at Jacobs Field, which included an address by Cleveland Indians Vice-President of Public Relations **Bob DiBiasio** and ended in the bleacher seats of the Tribe for an exciting game against Baltimore. A good time was had by all!

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You will not be asked to judge a presentation if you're participating in another optional or scheduled SABR event at that time, but they can accommodate all availability patterns. The basic idea is that judges should evaluate every research presentation they choose to attend.

Organizers anticipate holding a brief (15-20 minutes) judges' meeting at the beginning of the convention, mainly just to touch base with the judges on basic procedures for filling out and collecting the evaluation forms. After the presentations have taken place -- either Saturday evening or Sunday morning -- they'll have a final judges' meeting to go over the leading award candidates and choose the winners. Again, while attendance at that meeting would be highly advantageous, it is non-mandatory if you have other items on your plate at those times.

The principal qualification needed for presentation judges is fairness and

honesty in applying the evaluation criteria. You *don't* have to be a great expert in baseball research methods (though it wouldn't hurt :-)).

If you're interested in volunteering to be an on-site judge for SABR37 presentations, please contact **Neal Traven** at beisbol@alumni.pitt.edu.

OFF-SITE BASEBALL EVENTS DURING SABR 37

Under the adage, "you can never have too much baseball," there will also be a couple of other baseball-related activities going on outside of sanctioned SABR 37 events.

BROWNS REUNION DINNER

Members of the St. Louis Browns Historical Association are planning a St. Louis Browns Player Reunion on Wednesday evening, July 25. Anyone interested in attending is welcome. Following are the details: Location- Missouri Athletic Club, 405 Washington

Ave. St. Louis, Mo. Crystal Rm. on the third floor (It is five short blocks north of Adams Mark Hotel, easy walk) The cost is \$65 per person/Cocktails with cash bar 6PM. Dinner 7PM and attendees are encouraged to dress casual. Reservations are required. For more information contact **Fred Heger**, President, 314-961-5874, e-mail, fheger@prodigy.net.

VON DER AHE TOAST

A toast to Chris Von der Ahe, owner of the St. Louis Browns 1882-1898. Location will be Von der Ahe's grandiose burial site at Bellefontaine Cemetery in St. Louis. Toast will include readings from his biography and a one-act stage play. Media welcome. Details, dates and times TBD. For more information contact **Joseph Hetrick** at chrisandtom@starpower.net.

Tom Swift, 825 Headley Court, Northfield, MN, 55057, swifty@nickelcurves.com is interested in hearing from anyone who witnessed Harmon Killebrew's 500th home run. No. 500 (and No. 501) came on Aug. 10, 1971, at Metropolitan Stadium in Minneapolis versus the Baltimore Orioles.

Rudy Marzano, 1233 Woodsend Rd, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742-4053 (732) 899-9352, rymarzano1@verizon.net seeks information on Heinie Zimmerman's "once and future" Triple Crown. Aware that he won it in 1912 but it was taken away from him in the 1960s when researchers at Information Concepts Inc. reduced his RBIs to 99 and took away the Crown. Wondering if it has been restored?

Dr. Robert Cvorynek and Dr. Ben Lombardo (both of Rhode Island College, blombardo@ric.edu, 401-885-4925) seek information on the Brooklyn Dodger player development strategy of the late 40s and early 50s, known as the "Dodgers Against the World." Any information, leads, stories, etc. would be greatly appreciated.

George Matthews, 306 Colorado Ave., Trinidad CO, 81082, 719-846-2127, geomatt44@hotmail.com, seeks 1. 1908 Chicago Cub scorecard, players guide with Frank Chance and Uncle Sam on cover. 2. Photo of entrance to West Side Park in 1908 Chicago including life size statues of Frank Chance and Cub pitchers. 3. 1908 medallion or photo of medallion given to Chicago Cub players for winning the 1908 World Series.

Research Needs is a free member service. Send your research need, written in the format found above to SABR, 812 Huron Rd E #719, Cleveland OH 44115 or e-mail to: info@sabr.org.

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RESEARCH GRAPEVINE

SABR ENCYCLOPEDIA

SABR Internet committee chair F. X. Flinn announced in May that the SABR Encyclopedia has been updated to include Pete Palmer's historical player data and is now considered the most accurate source of player performance data available online.

SABR will also be making the encyclopedia accessible for private research use in the coming months. According to Flinn, members will be able to download various data sets or work online to create personal queries. The exact timing and details of this are not finalized, but coordinators are hoping for a late summer deployment.

Members who use this access model will be asked to agree to a terms of use contract that will appear when you first access the encyclopedia, similar to the way ProQuest access was set up where once you've agreed to the terms, you won't see it pop up again until the terms are modified or the membership year rolls over.

DIAMOND SPORT LIBRARY

SABR member Bill Dunstone has made a simple bibliographical list of his extensive baseball library available online via the Web site <http://diamond-sport-library.com> to assist researchers. According to Dunstone, the list will be updated several times a year as his library grows.

Over the years, he has used his library to help locate information for others. It is his hope that in the future he will be able to move the library into a store front and serve the members of the major & minor leagues, media & historical societies. His best coverage at this time is from 1940 to date.

Dunstone welcomes researchers to contact him via email at whdstone@family-net.org. Because he does this on a volunteer basis, it may take a few days to turn around the request.

NEWLY DISCOVERED OLD-TIME PLAYER

The Biographical Committee has reported an addition to the major leaguers of the 1920s. Norman Matt Glaser pitched in one game for the 1920 Detroit Tigers. Previously, the Biographical Committee had thought that the game on 9/21/1920 had been pitched by John Glasier. Up to the challenge of this new finding, Marc Okkonen discovered an image of Norman Glaser in the 1925 Spalding Guide (page 171) as seen in the 1924 Toronto team photo.

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The following articles have been added to the SABR Research Library. Articles are available on request from **Len Levin**, 282 Doyle Ave, Providence RI 02906-3355. The cost for copying and mailing is 12 cents a page for up to 99 pages, 11 cents a page for 100 or more pages.

A complete list of the more than 4,500 articles in the Research Library is available from Len Levin at the address above. The cost is \$3.00 for copying and mailing.

You can contact Len at the postal address above, by phone at 401-351-3278, or by email at: lenlevin5@hotmail.com. Len welcomes your additions to the Research Library. Feel free to send them to him at the address above, or to call or send him an email if you have any questions.

——: The 1915 Philadelphia Phillies, National League champions. 3 pages. Photocopy of article in *Along the Elephant Trail*, the newsletter of the Philadelphia Athletics Historical Society, Vol. XI, No. 1, 2007.

——: Baseball salaries, 2007. 3 pages. Team-by-team list of salaries for all major league players on Opening Day rosters and disabled lists. From *USA Today*, April 4, 2007.

-----: Walter Johnson talks about pitching. 6 pages. Text of article in *Baseball Magazine*, June 1925.

Beverage, Richard: Champion batters of the PCL. 2 pages. Photocopy of Pacific Coast League Potpourri, February 2007, with an overview of PCL batting champions since the early years of the 20th century.

Borawski, Brian: Mickey Stanley and the 1968 Tigers. 2 pages. That was the Series in which outfielder Stanley played shortstop.

Coffey, Wayne: Forgotten hero. 4 pages. Photocopy of article in the *New York Daily News*, March 4, 2007, about Stanley Jefferson, a former Mets and Padres player who became a New York City policeman and was traumatized by the events of 9/11.

Czerwinski, Kevin: Ken Guetter a surprising home run champion. 4 pages. Text of article from the minor league baseball web site about a career minor leaguer who set home run records.

Engelhardt, Brian C.: Grand dames of Berks County softball. 8 pages. Photocopy of article in the *Historical Review of Berks County*, Spring 2007, about leading women's softball players in the Berks County (Pennsylvania) area, some of whom played in the AAGPBL.

Goold, Derrick: Stan Musial, still "The Man." 4 pages. A look at Musial at age 86. Text of article in the *St. Louis Post Dispatch*, April 1, 2007.

Haupt, Michael J.: Age, experience and salary during the era of integration. 7 pages. The relationship between experience, age and salary for a sample of black and white players active between 1947 and 1962.

Katz, Mark: A conversation with Lou Limmer. 7 pages. Photocopy of a two-part article in *Sports Collectors Digest*, April 27 and May 4, 2007, in which the former Philadelphia Athletics first baseman recalls his career.

Keeler, Sean: Hard loss: Reds' catcher Hershberger took life in '40 flag race. 2 pages. Text of article in the *Cincinnati Post*, April 20, 1999, about the suicide of Willard Hershberger.

Korth, Joanne: Memories of a baseball lifer. 3 pages. A Q&A with Don Zimmer. Text of article in the *St. Petersburg Times*, April 2, 2007.

Krajicek, David J.: Death of the goofball pitcher. 1 page. Photocopy of article in the *New York Daily News*, March 25, 2007, giving lost details of how Ed Morris, a Red Sox pitcher, was killed before the 1932 spring training year.

Madden, Bill: A pioneer behind the plate. 2 pages. Photocopy of article in the *New York Daily News*, February 4, 2007, about Osibee Jelks, a pioneer black umpire who never got the call to the major leagues.

McGrath, Ben: Waiting for Manny. 8 pages. Photocopy of article in the *New Yorker*, April 23, 2007, about Manny Ramirez.

Nevius, C.W.: Why baseball is now so white. 2 pages. Text of article in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, April 22, 2007.

Pajot, Dennis: The 1892 Western "Lottery" League. 8 pages.

Picker, David: Fight money. 3 pages. Text of article in the *New York Times*, April 17, 2007, about the Japanese leagues' practice of rewarding players for exemplary achievements.

Schott, Arthur O.: Minor league single season records. 1 page. A list of the minor league one-season record holders in various hitting and pitching categories.

Shaughnessy, Dan: On eve of 90th birthday, DiMaggio still on his game. 2 pages. A conversation with the former Red Sox outfielder. Text of article in the *Boston Globe*, February 11, 2007.

Thurber, James: The Hoosier Cyclone. 6 pages. Photocopy of profile of Amos Rusie from the *New Yorker* magazine issue of September 17, 1938. Article was written under the pseudonym Jared L. Manley.

Vardi, Nathan: A Royal mess. 3 pages. Photocopy of article in *Forbes* magazine, May 7, the publication's annual look at the values of major league franchises. 3 pages. The article focuses on the Kansas City Royals, whose value has tripled despite declines in attendance.

Wride, Charlie: Players from the New York-Penn League who played in the major leagues in 2006, were on 2007 rosters or were 2007 Spring Training invitees. 7 pages. Includes players' major league and NYP League teams, plus year(s).

Young, Bill: Red Hayworth's short, eventful stay in St-Jean. 1 page. Photocopy of article in the *Sherbrooke (Quebec) Record*, November 21, 2006.

Call for SABR 38 Articles

In conjunction with the 2008 SABR Convention, a call goes out for articles connected to Cleveland and Northern Ohio baseball history.

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Paul Hirsch's victory over me in the recent election is a good thing for SABR.

It carries lessons that, if heeded, may ensure continued effective leadership into SABR's future.

His candidacy chipped away at the recent disturbing pattern of incumbents running unopposed. Some of the reasons for this pattern may be apathy (I hope not), contentment with the way things are (boards like to think this is the case), an exaggerated concept of the burdens of office, and perceived invincibility of incumbents.

Nobody should run unopposed. This may be the norm in Russia and Syria. Our members deserve a choice.

Paul Hirsch demonstrated that an incumbent can be defeated, even one who isn't under indictment, civil or criminal. Nobody's indispensable. Nobody's invincible. There are no Daley machines in SABR.

Contentment breeds stagnation. Long-term office holders, like baseball fans, tend not to challenge their own long-held ways of thinking. They are less likely to ask, "Why are we doing this?" and more likely to live with "the way we've always done it," than a new

THE PRES BOX

On Departing the SABR Board

by Norman Macht,
Guest Columnist

board member. Any policy-making group benefits from new people with new ideas, opinions, viewpoints. And all of SABR benefits thereby

There are plenty of regional and committee leaders who have demonstrated their commitment to SABR, ability to work with others, and fertility of ideas. It's time for them to step up to another level of service, where their experience in those positions and contacts with their chapter and committee members would be valuable assets to the board. And they'd probably find their duties as board members took up less time than their present duties.

Board members generally see their service as a pleasure and a privilege, not a sacrifice. Some offices require more time than others - I've been secretary, treasurer and director - but none are as onerous as many people imagine. Most of the people I've served with over the

years have been very busy people outside of SABR with families, jobs, careers to deal with at the same time. As far as I know, attending a few weekend board meetings a year didn't do them any harm.

Paul Hirsch's election brought down the average age of the Board. I'd like to see more younger members run for office, and if they lose the first time - as I did - try again. Shucks, I lost a few other times too, but didn't give up my belief that I could contribute something. You younger members, not curmudgeons like me, are SABR's future. It's up to you to shape that future.

As for me, I'm not going to run for any SABR office again. But I'll continue to pursue the basic purpose for which Bob Davids founded SABR: seeking the true history of baseball insofar as we can ever really know the truth, and sharing what I find with anyone who's interested. In the pursuit of that goal, I retain the one thing I have in common with Ty Cobb: what Branch Rickey called the desire to excel.

(My thanks to Dick Beverage for the use of his Bulletin Skybox.)

IN MEMORIAM

SOLOMON SIEGEL

Sol Siegel, of Cleveland, OH, passed away March 9, 2007. He was 76.

A SABR member since 1989, Sol was a member of the Jack Graney Chapter and his research interests included the Cleveland Indians, hitting streaks, home run streaks and pitching streaks.

"Sol always had interesting and provocative questions to ask at SABR meetings," said SABR Executive Director John Zajc. "He will be missed."

JAMES BOSTAIN

James Bostain, of Baltimore, MD, passed away on April 7. He was 85.

A SABR member since 1979, he was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Oberlin College, with a Master's Degree in Linguistics from Yale.

According to his obituary, he worked for the US Department of State's Foreign Service Institute for 26

years, helping design foreign language instruction curriculums. He gave 8500 lectures on cross-cultural communication to government, military, academic and public audiences in 49 states (missed Idaho), plus a few in foreign countries during his 40 year career. He won 2 Emmys for work performed with WETA (1965, 1969), as well as numerous awards and accolades for acting and/or directing 120+ plays - college, summer stock, off-Broadway, Arena Stage (DC.), Wolf Trap, The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and countless area theaters from 1948 to 1986. He loved linguistics, baseball and acting, and was passionate about sharing his enthusiasm for them with everyone he met.

JIM HEKEL

Jim Hekel, of Newport, TN, passed away on May 25. He was just 46.

A SABR member on and off since 1987, Jim was an active member of the Rice-Russell Tennessee SABR chapter and a managing editor for the *Newport Plain Talk* newspaper. He maintained a life-long interest in baseball and sports, as a writer and fan. He was passionate about his church service, and in recent years took a keen interest in and supported cancer research.

LARRY HADLEY

Larry Hadley, of Dayton, OH passed away on June 11 of a neuromuscular disorder. He was 62.

A SABR member for 15 years, he was a sports economist at the University of Dayton who coauthored a study concluding that large public subsidies for major league baseball stadiums were unnecessary.



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Reminder that a Web site has been set up to correct misstatements or clarify the content presented in both *The Deadball Stars of the National League* and *The Deadball Stars of the American League*. The Web site is connected to the Deadball research committee page on www.sabr.org

A Web page has also been set up for *The SABR Baseball Lists & Record Book* errata. This Web site is connected to the Baseball Records committee page located on www.sabr.org.

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Due to a lack of demand and as a way to cut cost, it was decided in 2003 that membership cards would be issued only upon request.

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SABR 38 will be held next year in Cleveland. Exact dates will be announced after MLB releases its 2008 schedule.

Editor's note: this is your place to find SABR information, such as upcoming regional meetings, quickly. We will try to rotate lists of contacts throughout the year.

SPIRIT OF SABR SALUTE

In each *Bulletin*, this space will be devoted to recognizing SABR members who, on their own initiative or on request, have assisted other members in their research projects - what SABR is all about. The only source of names will be you, the membership. There will be no judges, no committees, no competition. All names submitted will be printed; their nominators will not be identified.

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A new exhibition at the Denver Art Museum (denverartmuseum.org) *Capturing America's Game: Photographs of Babe Ruth & Lou Gehrig* showcases vintage photographs revealing the role of sports photography in establishing baseball as America's game.

Baseball's popularity took off in the 1920s, a period when several major cities built large baseball stadiums. At the same time, many urban newspapers added sports sections to their papers, sparking a golden era of New York-based photography agencies such as Underwood and Underwood Photography, Acme News Pictures, and United News Pictures, all of whom provided the papers with key images of the game. Moreover, their photos were paired with witty captions such as "Watch Your Laurels Babe! Lou's getting Speedy" for a 1929 photograph of Lou tearing towards another base.

Comprising 20 photographs of Ruth and Gehrig, *Capturing America's Game* also includes two baseball bats, four rare baseball cards, and a poster featuring the two players. All of the objects are on loan from SABR member Marshall Fogel, a Denver attorney and world-renowned collector of sports photography and memorabilia. The works will be on view on level three of the Hamilton Building.



Lou Gehrig image on display at the Denver Museum of Art.

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Andy McCue Wins SABR's Highest Award



This year's Bob Davids Award Award Winner Andy McCue. Photo by Austin MacDonald.

Andy McCue, a Riverside, California resident, was this year's winner of the SABR's highest honor: The Bob Davids Award.

Presented at SABR's annual convention in St. Louis, this award honors members 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. Voluntary activities in the area of administration and research are among those contributions considered.

A SABR member since 1982, McCue's long list of accomplishments include chairing the Bibliography research committee since 1992 and helping to coordinate the

thousands of entries in The Baseball Index (www.baseballindex.org). In addition to serving SABR's Board of Directors since 2002, he has also served the Allan Roth Chapter (Los Angeles) president and has been an integral member of the convention committee, the nominating committee, the committee to create a Research Services Manager, and the committee on research committees.

"He is friendly, outgoing, gregarious and genuinely helpful to all who approach him. I remind you that the award description refers to 'ingenuity, integrity, and self-sacrifice' in contributing to SABR and the baseball research community in general. Andy McCue possesses all of those attributes in abundance," said 2005 BDA winner David W. Smith in his award introduction.

St. Louis SABR Convention Breaks All-Time Attendance Records

It is official, the 37th Annual SABR convention was the most well-attended event in the 36-year history of the organization. The final St. Louis convention count was 726 registrants, breaking the previous record of 712 held by the Boston convention in 2002. Many vendors also reported that they had record sales during the convention.

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Held July 26-29th at the Adam's Mark Hotel in downtown St. Louis, this year's schedule once again included many great research presentations and panel discussions. Cait Murphy, author of *Crazy '08: How a Cast of Cranks, Rogues, Boneheads and Magnates Created the Greatest Season in Baseball History*, won the Doug Pappas Research Award sponsored by *USA Today Sports Weekly* for her presentation entitled, "Cover-up: Gambling, Corruption, and the Wild Finish of the 1908 Season." Patrick Kilgo received the *USA Today Sports Weekly*

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2007 Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research Grant Recipients Announced

In their continuing efforts to encourage serious study of the game, SABR is pleased to announce the recipients of this year's Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research Grant.

(alphabetical order)

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- **Michael Bowman** for the proposal "Working, Learning, and Playing 'in the Field': Organized Baseball as Intercultural Education in the Yakima Valley, 1930-1940."

- **Brian Carroll** for the proposal "Wichita 1925: Monrovia vs. the KKK."

- **Mike Hauptert** for the proposal "Segregation, Integration and Compensation: Wages and Performance of Black and White Major Leaguers."

- **Kevin McCann** for the proposal "1903-1924 Kitty League Player League Index."

- **Geri Strecker** for the proposal "Oscar Charleston."

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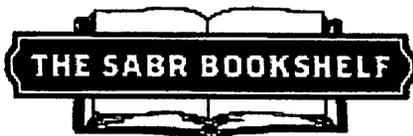
Kavanagh Memorial Youth Baseball Research Award Recipients Announced

This year's Jack Kavanagh awards were announced at the annual St. Louis Convention. The Kavanagh Award may be presented each year for either a research presentation given at the SABR National Convention (papers

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Baseball Over the Air: The National Pastime on the Radio and in the Imagination by Tony Silvia is a history of baseball radio broadcasting from its beginning through the 1950s. The author draws on broadcasters, listeners and historians for his material.

The Arrival of the American League: Ban Johnson and the 1901 Challenge of the National League Monopoly by Warren N. Wilbert traces the formation of the Western League and its transition into the American League, with close attention to the 2001 season.

Forbes Field: Essays and Memories of the Pirates' Historic Ballpark, 1909-1971, edited by David Cicutello and Angelo J. Louisa contains 11 articles on the park, split between historical research and the memories of the fans who attended games.

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Baseball and the Blame Game: Scapegoating in the Major Leagues by John Billheimer looks at why certain players (Fred Merkle, Bill Buckner) become eternal villains while others who committed similar mistakes (Tony Fernandez, Eric Byrnes) have their errors quickly forgotten.

Playing in Isolation: History of Baseball in Taiwan by Junwei Yu chronicles the value of baseball in the lives of Taiwanese, which has been a constant since the game was introduced in 1895.

Just Joe: Baseball's Natural, as told by his wife by Thomas K. Perry imagines a biography of Shoeless Joe Jackson as told by his wife. While fictional, Perry did research and spent time with Katie Jackson.

The Fade-away by George Jansen is a comic novel which follows a washed up, Native American big leaguer leading a Northern California town team to unimagined heights.

The ESPN Baseball Encyclopedia (Fourth Edition) edited Gary Gilette and Pete Palmer features totally revised and up-to-date statistics in its quest to become one of the most complete and accurate portraits of the game of baseball ever compiled.

Ty and the Babe: Baseball's Fiercest Rivals; A Surprising Friendship And The 1941 Has-Beens Golf Championship by Tom Stanton conjures the rollicking cities of New York, Boston, and Detroit and the raucous world of baseball from 1915 to 1928, as it moved from the Deadball days of Cobb to the Lively Ball era of Ruth.

Baseball Skippers and Their Crew by Thomas W. Brucato is the biographical and statistical history of every major league manager and coach from 1871 to the beginning of the 2007 season.

Mets Essential: Everything You Need to Know to Be a Real Fan! by Matthew Silverman gives the team's complete history through insiders' accounts, anecdotes, stats, trivia, and dozens of photographs.

Welcome to Pottersville by Neil Spagna is a humorous, informational, and satirical look at the ongoing battle between New York's two famous baseball teams (Mets and Yankees) and their fans.

The Book: Playing the Percentages in Baseball edited by Tom M. Tango, Mitchel Lichtman and Andrew Dolphin provides a revolutionary way to think about baseball with sabermetric principles that can be applied at every level, from high school to the major leagues.

Fair Dealing and Clean Playing The Hilldale Club and the Development of Black Professional Baseball, 1910-1932 by Neil Lanctot traces the roots of the club and the three-tiered relationship between the Negro leagues, white semi-professional teams, and the major leagues.

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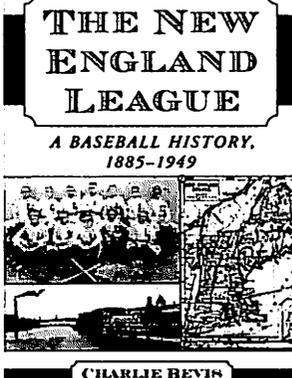


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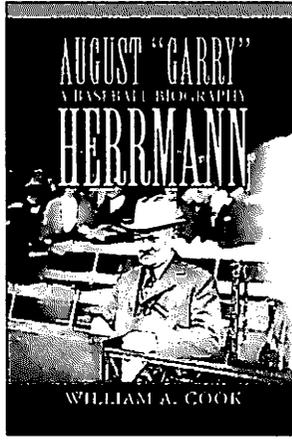
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ASIAN

In July, the committee sent out copies of the newest version of their newsletter called *The Asian Baseball Committee Journal* produced by **Dave Snyder** and the staff and students at SUNY Cortland.

In this issue, they have an article on the 1935 Yomiuri Giants tour of the US by **Yoichi Nagata**, a article by **Bob Whiting** on the state and future of Japanese baseball, an article on why MLB teams are offering such large contracts to Japanese players by **Deana Lykos** and **Taryn Donovan**, a discussion of the Japan Baseball Hall of Fame by **Merle Branner**, a notice of a new movie of Japanese American baseball, and a review of the new Matsui biography.

BASEBALL RECORDS

Committee Chair **Lyle Spatz** an-

nounced that the Record Committee Newsletter reached 100 with the August issue. Wrote Editor and Committee Chair **Lyle Spatz**, "I started publishing this newsletter in February 1991 and have done it bimonthly ever since."

He also indicated that he is currently working on an index, to be posted online, which will allow members to find all issues in which a specific player's name appeared.

BIOPROJECT

New bios on the BioProject Web site (<http://bioproj.sabr.org>) include *Mike Kahoe* by **Chris Rainey**; *Bennie Huffman* by **Jim Sargent**; *Lee Maye* by **Clifford Blau**; *Roy and Bessie Largent* by **Jim Sandoval**; *Skeeter Shelton, Joe Cleary* by **Charlie Bevis**; *Joe Hoerner* by **Brian Cooper**; *Vic Keen* by **Marty Payne**; *Sulphur Dell* by **Warren Corbett**; *John Montefusco* by **Bob Hurte**; and *Jose*

Morales by **Rory Costello**.

BIOGRAPHICAL

The latest edition of the Biographical Committee Newsletter reported that **Peter Morris** found himself.

Here are the details. A man named **Morris** played one game at shortstop for the Washington Unions in a game at Chicago on May 14, 1884. They had few clues to his identity and it seemed unlikely we would ever determine who he was. Peter Morris researched this player and found that there was a shortstop called Peter Morris who played shortstop for the Milwaukee Maple Leafs in 1883 and 1884. On May 13, 1884, the Milwaukee team traveled to Chicago to play a series of games with the Chicago Blues.

Peter Morris played shortstop in all those games except the one on May 14, the same day Morris played shortstop

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SABR's Deadball Era Committee studies and analyzes baseball from 1901 through 1919, one of the most exciting eras in baseball history. Since the Committee's creation in 2000, members have contributed to *The Inside Game*, the DEC's quarterly newsletter, and have also attended 'Boiling Out,' a gathering held every other year in Hot Springs, Arkansas to simulate spring training of a century ago. Our committee also maintains a spirited e-list.

Now, the Deadball Era Committee is on the threshold of a new era. For most of the past seven years, Committee members have devoted their primary efforts to producing two volumes of player biographies. With the release of *Deadball Stars of the American League* this past spring, this project involving the publication of a total of nearly 300 vintage biographies was complete.

The Committee, which now includes more than 300 members, is ready to take on a new major research project, and you can help de-

RESEARCH INTEREST**SPOTLIGHT****DEADBALL ERA**

BY JOHN McMURRAY

termine our direction going forward. Following in the footsteps of **Tom Simon** and **David Jones**, I recently became the third Chair in the history of the Deadball Era Committee. I welcome your ideas for new initiatives at deadball@sabr.org. Would you like to become involved with a subcommittee that will assess the feasibility of a potential new project? Please let me know.

There are also other ways you could contribute. You can, for instance, help us conceptualize the new DEC website, which is at <http://www.sabr.org/sabr.cfm?a=cms,c,264,5,0>. We also need volunteers to catalog back issues of *The Inside Game* for SABR's Baseball Index so that researchers can easily locate articles that have been published.

Our newsletter, which is edited by **Charles Crawley**, regularly includes several reviews of recently-released books focusing on the Deadball Era,

and we welcome you to take on a book review assignment. It is also possible to serve on the Ritter Award subcommittee, chaired by **Gabriel Schechter**, which presents an award annually to the best book on Deadball Era baseball published during the year prior.

In addition, we would like members to write biographies of Deadball Era players and executives for the BioProject, SABR's online biographical initiative. Even with the publication of our two books, there are well over a thousand lesser-known players of the period whose biographies still need to be written. Sometimes, the more obscure players have the most interesting stories.

Whether your niche is writing, research, or you just enjoy learning more about the period, there is a place for you on the Deadball Era Committee. Should you have an interest in joining our committee, please contact me at the above e-mail address. We want your contributions as well as your input as to how we can best examine this vibrant era.

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER 29

TORONTO, CANADA

The Hanlan's Point Chapter will meet in Toronto. For more information contact **Maxwell Kates** at BUS79@sympatico.ca.

LOS ANGELES, CA

The Allan Roth Chapter will meet at the Amateur Athletic Foundation Library from 10 to 3. For more information contact **Stephen Roney** at sronney@acm.org or 949-481-7633.

OCTOBER 13

CLEVELAND, OH

The Jack Graney Chapter will meet at the Western Reserve Historical Society at 9:30 am. For more information contact **Brad Sullivan** at 440-749-3198 or bradecwp@yahoo.com.

PITTSBURGH, PA

The Forbes Field Chapter will hold a morning meeting at the Heinz History Center. For more information contact **Joseph Elinich** at jelinich@comcast.net or 412-486-2510.

OCTOBER 20

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

The Halsey Hall Chapter will hold their fall meeting at the Grace University Lutheran Church. For more information contact **Howard Luloff** at 952-922-5036 or Hfan77@webtv.net.

HAMDEN, CT

The Smoky Joe Wood Chapter will hold its next meeting on October 20, at the Quinnipiac University at 12:30. For more information contact **Steve Krevisky** at 860-344-8747 or Skrevisky@mxcc.commnet.edu.

NOVEMBER 3

DENVER, CO

The Rocky Mountain SABR Chapter will hold their 10th annual banquet at Coors Clubhouse at Coors Field. The event is sponsored by the Colorado Rockies. Scheduled keynote speaker is Earl Averill, Jr. For more information contact **Paul Parker** at 303-447-8140 or

ParkerP@coloradorockies.com

BOSTON, MA

The Boston Chapter will meet to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the 1967 "Impossible Dream" Red Sox. Details YTBD. For more information contact **Dan Desrochers** at desrochsox@comcast.net or 603-742-8284.

NOVEMBER 16

CLEVELAND, OH

SABR Board of Directors will hold its annual budget meeting. For more information contact **John Zajc** at jzajc@sabr.org or 800-969-7227.

NOVEMBER 24

GREENVILLE, RI

Lajoie-Start Chapter (Southern New England) will meet at St. Phillips Parish Center in Greenville. For more info contact **Len Levin** at 401-351-3278 or LenLevin5@hotmail.com.

Boxscores of Past Meetings

Seattle, May 19

Chapter: NWSABR Chapter.
 Guests: Mike Carter, former major-league umpire.
 Speakers: **Mark Armour**, "Baseball Integration after Jackie Robinson;" **Mike Rice**, "Strange Game Between the Bosox and Chisox in 1958;" **Tim Herlich**, "Series Sweeps of Great Teams by Poor Teams During the Regular Season;" **Dave Eskenazi**, "Remembering Edo Vanni;" **Bill Woodward**, "Ballpark Trivia Quiz."
 Place: Fremont Library.

Chicago, June 16

Chapter: Emil Rothe Chapter.
 Speaker: **Judith Testa**, "Sal Maglie: Baseball's Demon Barber;" **Brian Bernardoni**, "Efforts to Install a Historical Marker at the site of the West Side Grounds."
 Activity: Tour of the of the Italian America Sports Hall of Fame and Museum.
 Place: National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame.

Providence, June 16

Chapter: Lajoie-Start Chapter (Southern New England).
 Guests: Members of the Pawtucket Red Sox: **Mike Tamburro** (President),

Speakers:

Ron Johnson, (Manager), Mike Griffin (Pitching Coach) and Dick Berardino (Various positions).

John Daly, "Billy Southworth;" **Mickey "The Lip" Tangel** and **John Vorperian**, "The Umpire;" **Dave Clark**, "The Knuckleball;" **Rip Pallotta**, "One Day in Mudville;" and **Bob Wirz**, "Independent Leagues."

Panel:

Father Gerry Beirne, **Ray Birch** and **Harvey Soolman** about the experiences writing and researching "1967 Impossible Dream Red Sox."

Place:

McCoy Stadium.

Round Rock, June 23

Chapter: Rogers Hornsby Chapter (Central and South Texas).
 Guests: **Mike Capps**, Director of Broadcasating for the Round Rock Express.
 Speakers: **Cy Morong**, "Are Balanced Teams More Successful?;" **Bill Gilbert**, "Expansion Team History;" **Chuck Kaufman**, "Interview with Jim Piersall;" **Monte Cely**, **Tom Wancho** and **Chuck Kaufman**, "Identifying and Commemorating Spring Training Sites in Texas."
 Trivia Winner: **Cy Morong**.
 Place: Dell Diamond.

San Francisco, July 7

Chapter: Lefty O'Doul Chapter.
 Guests: **Norm Coleman**, "Ty Cobb."
 Speakers: **Mark McCrae**, "Pacific Coast League Hall of Fame Stories;" **Chuck Nan**, Local All-Stars and All-Star Games."
 Place: Lefty O'Doul's Restaurant.

Cooperstown, July 29

Chapter: Leatherstocking Chapter.
 Event: HOF Induction weekend.
 Presenters: **Rob Edelman**, "Movie Clips Related to Baseball;" **Gabe Schechter**, "Worthless RBI's When Teams are in Blowout Situations."
 Place: Tillapaugh's Funeral Home.

Memphis, August 11

Chapter: Robinson-Kell Chapter.
 Guest: **Phil Ford**, "Major League Memorabilia."
 Speakers: **Fred Worth**, "Statistical Oddities;"
 Tour: **Redbirds GM Dave Chase** provided ballpark tour.
 Place: Autozone Park.
 Trivia Winner: **Madison McEntire**.
 Event: Memphis-Omaha Game.

SABR NINE QUESTIONS

*When asked the universal question "What do you want to be when you grow up?" many young men and women do not have an answer. By the time he entered college, though, SABR member **Bob DiBiasio** knew exactly who he wanted to be: the public relations director of the Cleveland Indians.*

DiBiasio achieved this goal in 1979 and has worked for the Indians for nearly 30 years. During that time he has watched the Indians morph from a consistent loser playing in the old, cavernous Cleveland Municipal Stadium, into a perennial division contender with the opening of Jacobs Field and Cleveland's baseball renaissance in the 1990s.

In this edition of the SABR Nine, DiBiasio tells the story of how he was hired by the Indians, one that shows the persistence he devoted toward achieving his dream. He also discusses some of the challenges of his job, how he measures success while working in public relations, as well as next year's SABR 38, to be held in his native Cleveland.

How did you get your start with the Indians?

I was one of those young men who, when I went to college as a freshman at Ohio Wesleyan University, I had a focus of what I wanted to do, and that was to be the PR man of the Cleveland Indians. That was the job that I wanted. I researched how people who were in the business gravitated towards that position, and 90 percent of them in the late 70's were products of the journalism profession. They were mostly sports writers who ended up becoming PR people. I went to Ohio Wesleyan to get my journalism degree to become a sports writer with the knowledge in the back of my mind that I was doing that to gain experience to become PR man of the Cleveland Indians. I wrote the PR man of the Indians at that time, Harry Jones, letters starting in freshman year telling him that I wanted his job some day, and here is what I am doing to gain experience in order to some

By Guest Columnist Rick Balazs

day work for him. I don't know how many letters I sent him, but there were many.

When I graduated from Ohio Wesleyan, I earned my Master's Degree in journalism at Ohio State, and I kept on writing Harry. From there, I was the assistant sports editor of the Fremont News-Messenger in Fremont, Ohio. On one afternoon in the winter, I received a phone call from Harry Jones, asking me if I still wanted to work for the Indians and would I come to Cleveland for an interview. This was the first time I had heard from Harry. Obviously, I made the trip to Cleveland for the interview. It was scheduled for a Tuesday afternoon at 1:30pm. I showed up at noon, not taking any chances with this incredible opportunity. Unfortunately, Harry forgot about the interview and did not show up until 6:00pm to the office. I was still there when he walked in. I thought my chances were slim. When he came in, we had a five, ten-minute discussion, and then he asked me to get up and go into another room. Within minutes he enters the room where I was sitting, offers his hand and says, "Well, kid, welcome to the big leagues." That was in 1979, and I've been enjoying this job ever since. Oddly enough, after three months, Harry retired, and I ended up being promoted to PR Director of the Cleveland Indians at the age of 23.

What was it about the PR position that you wanted it more any other position?

I believe an important element of doing well in your chosen profession is knowing who you are. Ohio Wesleyan afforded me the opportunity to be a journalist as well as a PR person, because I also worked in the sports information department. I was the one who wrote the news releases promoting our college sporting events, while, at the same time, being the sports editor of the newspaper. So I had the opportu-

nity to learn both sides of the ball, if you will. I had the opportunity to write and experience the differences in the two crafts. I just felt that based on my personality, coming from a family with a father who was a teacher and a coach, two older brothers who played athletics, and the fact that I played both baseball and basketball in college, I wanted to be on the team side. I wanted to be on the inside, instead of being on the outside always questioning, or providing commentary.

What are some of the challenges that you face on a day-to-day basis?

With the plethora of sports talk on radio and the Internet—not to mention the blog phenomenon, there is more misinformation disseminated than ever before. The media is more concerned with being first, rather than accurate. You tend to be out there chasing that misinformation. The constant flow of information is another challenge, but not in the negative sense. We have so much going on, each and every homestand, from a baseball perspective, a personnel perspective, special events and promotions perspective, retail perspective, broadcasting perspective—many organizational messages that need to be managed and strategically and efficiently executed. The challenge of directing all of that is fun.

How do you measure success in your position?

We measure success in different ways. Ticket sales are certainly at the top of the list. That's our core business, of course. TV ratings and radio ratings are right behind that. So are merchandise sales. How do people engage our product and at what level? These are very tangible measuring sticks of our success.

Another source of measurement is how much exposure we can generate for our organization in the non-sports media. That is a challenge that we have put forth to ourselves the last few years.

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We want stories in the Business Section, in the Arts & Life Section, in the Metro Section. We want stories in the TV newscasts, not just the sports reports. Our goal is to reach a larger audience with the hope it will grow our casual fan base. And then it's our job to take that casual fan and turn him or her into a frequent fan, and then, hopefully, an avid fan.

What is it about your job that you enjoy the most?

The daily, monthly and yearly challenges. Every year brings a whole new set of circumstances and challenges. There is nothing more exciting than the daily drama that is Major League Baseball. That is why it is the greatest game. It is the ultimate reality show. You have no idea, once a game starts, what is about to unfold when you watch these superior athletes do their thing. Just when you think you have seen it all, something crazy happens. Like any other business, there is routine, but every year, there is a new flow, a new identity that is created. You'll be blessed and go through a period like we did in the mid-90s when you're the king of the world, and then you'll go through a period when no one wants to talk to you. Both present interesting challenges. That's the beauty of this business.

The other thing that I love about the job is that I have a very healthy respect for the men and women in the news business. I enjoy dealing with them. I have a very healthy respect for what they do on a daily basis.

What is unique about Cleveland baseball that sets it apart?

The rich history. To be one of only four charter members in the American League, circa 1901 is special. Pro baseball has been in Cleveland since the late 1880s. We're one of the oldest institutions in this city, so that alone puts us in a very special, unique place. As one of the oldest institutions in this city, we have a unique opportunity to make an impact in this community, helping those in need, providing educational

and recreational resources to the youth to enhance their growth and development. That's the special nature of what we can bring everyday.

The one thing that also sets us apart professionally is we have leadership that is progressive, innovative, creative; from Mark Shapiro and the culture that he has built within baseball operations, and Paul Dolan, our president and owner, and the approach that he takes in leading this company. It has a wonderful energy to it.

What can SABR chapters do to foster relationships with major league teams?

We're extremely fortunate here at the Indians that SABR's national headquarters are in town. In my 30 years, we've had an incredibly strong relationship with both the national organization and the local Jack Graney chapter. One example is the fact we open the ballpark to the local chapter for their annual meeting. We do so because we respect what SABR stands for, and the important role it plays in fostering the game of baseball. We have a wonderful partnership. SABR members need to keep on doing what they are doing—providing a remarkable service that separates baseball from all other sports.

What message would you send to SABR members visiting Cleveland next year?

I think that they need to, first, and I know they will, spend some time in Heritage Park in Jacobs Field, which you can access before, during, and after the game. The during-the-game access is extremely unique to Jacobs Field. Cleveland, with its rich baseball history, will provide a wonderful backdrop for next year's convention. We're in the process right now of hammering out some of the details without knowing what the Major League schedule will bring.

Did you expect to have the job that you wanted, with the team that you wanted to work for, as long as you have?

Your dreams and your expectations are two different things. As much as being the PR man for the Cleveland Indians was my "dream," I understood the reality of the situation. But, I made sure I was prepared when the opportunity presented itself. I have enjoyed every day—well, maybe not every day. The ending of Game 7 of the 1997 World Series at Pro Player Stadium was not real fun.

SABR Bookshelf Cont'd from pg 3

Burying the Black Sox: How Baseball's Cover-Up of the 1919 World Series Fix Almost Succeeded by Gene Carney is the paperback version of his award-winning book.

Maple Street Guide to New England Ballparks by Tom Mason is the first comprehensive guide to the various ballparks of the region and provides a detailed look at each of these places complete with important statistics; quirky stories about teams, players, and mascots among other interesting info.

The Ultimate Red Sox Companion: A Complete Statistical and Reference Guide by Gary Gillette and Pete Palmer looks at the history of the team's farm system and player development, including in-depth information on both free-agent signings and draft picks—the good, the bad, and the ugly. If it's Red Sox-related, you'll find it here.

If I Never Get Back: A Novel by Darryl Brock finds that time has stretched and mysteriously transported Sam Fowler back to 1869 and an encounter with the Cincinnati Reds.

Two in the Field: A Novel by Darryl Brock is the sequel to *If I Never Get Back* where an auto accident sends Sam Fowler hurtling back to the middle of 19th century base ball.

American Association Almanac (Vol.6, No.2) by Rex Hamann features the Minneapolis Millers 1910-1911 in this issue of the journal.



Browns Panel: Roy Sievers, Bill Jennings, Don Lenhardt, Ed Mickelson, and Bud Thomas

Award for best poster presentation for his work entitled, "Historically Atypical Performance: Quantifying the Unusualness of Players' Seasons."

THURSDAY

The Bob Broeg chapter rolled out the welcome mat for the opening ceremonies of the 37th annual meeting of the Society for American Baseball Research. Host committee chair **Steve Gietschier** and Executive Director **John Zajc** greeted attendees and set the stage for the weekend to come. Former scout **Bill Clark** was given the **Roland Hemond** award for his service to the scouting profession.

Other Thursday highlights included a St. Louis Browns Players Panel moderated by **Fred Heger**. Panelists included several former Brownies such as **Bill Jennings**, Don Lenhardt, Bud Thomas, **Ed Mickelson**, and Roy Sievers. The panel was lively and fun with members sharing stories of



Cardinals Panel: Al Hrabosky, Ricky Horton, Ted Savage and George Altman

Satchel Paige, Bill Veeck and Sportsman Park.

In a special presentation, **George Michael** (Sports Machine) brought his "Identifying Cardinals and Browns Photographs" expertise for SABR members to examine.

Also on Thursday, **Norm Richards** moderated a St. Louis Cardinals Players Panel. Players on the panel included Al Hrabosky, Ricky Horton, Ted Savage and George Altman.

Thursday night featured the preliminary written test for the annual SABR trivia contest, determining which four individuals and which four teams would compete in the SABR Trivia Contest.

Members competed either as an individual or as a member of a team (four individuals per team) and were given different tests with very few overlapping questions.

FRIDAY

Conventions events on Friday started with the Donor Breakfast. As part of the SABR Donor Program, all donors of \$100 or more since the last convention were invited to a special breakfast in their honor to learn about how their gifts have made a difference. The breakfast was hosted by SABR Executive Director John Zajc, and the SABR Board of Directors.

Friday morning's schedule also included the vintage base ball game. With special permission from the National Park Service, this year's vintage game was played on the grounds of the Gateway Arch. Hosts for the game were members of two of St. Louis's vintage teams, the Perfectos and the Unions. Players were dressed in period uniforms and were "in character." Highlights of the game including a YouTube video can be found on the St. Louis Chapter Web site: <http://stl.sabr.org/fungoes>.

Friday saw another full round of research presentations and panel discussions including, "Our Mother's Game (And Ours): Stories from the Women's Side of Baseball," moderated by author **Jean Ardell**. Panelists for this event were **Erma Bergmann**, Sara Blasingame, **Dorothy Seymour Mills**, **Cecilia Tan**, **Judith Testa**, and Melody



Dr. Mike Marshall continuing his presentation in the Lobby

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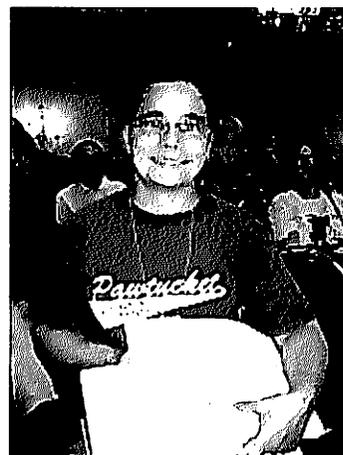
The Women's Panel was followed by a special presentation by former Cy Young Award Winner **Dr. Mike Marshall**, who holds a Ph.D. in Exercise Physiology from Michigan State University. He spoke for an hour on his theories of the proper pitching motion to eliminate all pitching injuries. When his hour was up, he continued his talk for nearly two hours in the lobby taking questions and interacting with the SABR audience.

Friday night's events were capped off by a great baseball game at Busch Stadium attended by several hundred SABR members.

SATURDAY

The morning's convention events lead off with several committee meetings and the Umpires Panel moderated by **Larry Gerlach** and featuring Bill Haller.

The day's events also included a panel on independent baseball featuring **Bill Lee**, commissioner of the Frontier League. Lee's league has two



Our Mother's Game Panelist, Cecilia Tan



SABR President Dick Beverage, Executive Director John Zajc and Joe Garagiola

teams in the greater St. Louis area, the River City Rascals, once managed by Jack Clark, and the Gateway Grizzlies, once managed by Danny Cox.

Undoubtedly, the main event of Saturday was the annual awards luncheon featuring former major league catcher **Joe Garagiola**, who had the audience in stitches with his humorous anecdotes and baseball insights. A native of "the Hill," St. Louis's Italian-American neighborhood, Garagiola played with the Cardinals, Pirates, Cubs, and Giants from 1946 through 1954. He became a broadcaster, starting with radio station KMOX and later switching to television. Garagiola called the Game of the Week and the World Series for NBC and was the winner of the 1991 Ford C. Frick Award. Everyone who attended the luncheon received an autographed copy of Joe's new book, *Just Play Ball*.

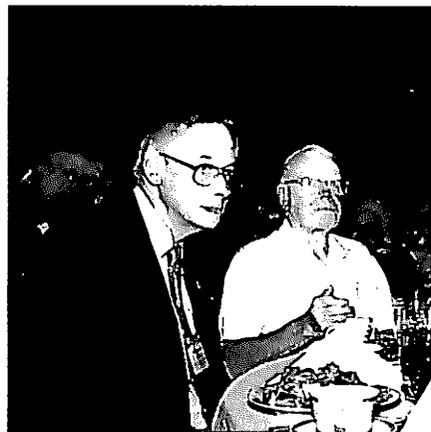
Bob Tiemann emceed the ceremonies. Also during the ceremony **Andy McCue** was presented with the Bob Davids Award, SABR's highest honor. (see page 1). Other awards presented were the McFarland-SABR Awards (announced last issue) to (in alpha order by author) **Brian Carroll** for "Early Twentieth Century Heroes: Coverage



Donna Gietschier and her husband Local Convention Chair Steve Gietschier.

of Negro League Baseball in the Pittsburgh Courier and the Chicago Defender;" **Mitchell Nathanson** for "The Irrelevance of Baseball's Antitrust Exemption: A Historical Review;" and **Steve Steinberg**, "Matty and the Browns: A Window Onto the AL-NL War." This award honors the authors of the best articles or papers, published or unpublished, on baseball history or biography completed during the preceding calendar year.

The *Sporting News*-SABR Baseball Research Award recipients were also recognized. Honorees included **John Dewan** for the research he did to prepare his book, *The Fielding Bible*, published by ACTA sports;



SABR Founders John Pardon and Bob McConnell at the Luncheon

Ed Koszarek, for the research he did to prepare his book, *The Players League: History, Clubs, Ballplayers and Statistics*, published by **McFarland**; and **Jeff Sackmann**, for the research and innovation he showed in developing the excellent Web site, www.minorleaguesplits.com.

Later in the day, HOK Sport's Jim Chibnall gave a presentation on the design and construction of the new Busch Stadium. HOK Sport is designing the new Yankee Stadium and has designed Gre at American Ball Park, Jacobs Field, Oriole Park at Camden Yards, PETCO Park, PNC Park, AT&T Park, and minor league parks in Memphis, Staten Island, Norfolk, and Albuquerque among others.

Saturday evening saw actor **Ben Jones** ("Cooter" from *Dukes of Hazzard*) perform his one-man show



Award Luncheon Crowd Looks On

called *Ol' Diz*. Animated and informative, he captivated the audience while capturing the folksy mannerisms and humor of the gashouse gang original.

Saturday night's events were capped off by the team semi-finals of SABR's annual trivia contest. **Damian Begley** was the master of ceremonies for this fast-paced display of superior baseball trivia recall in quiz-bowl style fashion. By the end, the field was whittled down to two teams competing in the finals.

SUNDAY

Anchoring Sunday's events was the finals of SABR's annual trivia contest. Emceeding the finals this year was **Corey Schwartz**, of MLB.com who also filmed it for a future broadcast in some form on their Web site. As usual, the trivia finals were an amazing display of baseball knowledge. The team winners were the "Bobby Shantz All-Stars" comprised of **Mark Kanter**, **Dave Zeman**, **Rich Klein** and **Bruce Boxdorfer**. The winner in the individual trivia finals was **David Fleitz**, who was also last year's individual winner.

After the trivia finals, many members gathered together at "Cooperstown West" to watch the Induction Ceremonies live on television. Not quite the same as being there (the crowds weren't in the 70,000 range at the Adam's Mark), but the level of knowledge and passion for the game could not have been higher. Convention-goers enjoyed free "ballpark food" including **Ted Drewes** Frozen Custard while watching the ceremony on a big-screen television. A perfect way to end a truly spectacular

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Indiana Baseball HOF Celebrates Expansion

The opening for the new expansion of the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame is Saturday, October 6 in Jasper at the current hall. They are having events leading up to that day and including a book signing with authors **Susan Dellinger, Scott Brown and Cindy Thomson, W.C. Madden** (author of several Indiana baseball books) and **Pete Cava** and his Cubs book since his book about Hoosiers enshrined in Cooperstown is not yet completed. This signing is taking place on Wednesday, October 3, at 6 p.m. at the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame.

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convention in St. Louis.

Thanks go to **Steve Gietschier** and the rest of the Bob Broeg St. Louis Chapter for all their hard work. Thanks also to **Austin MacDonald** and **Seamus Kearney** for contributing their convention photos for use in the bulletin. Check out www.sabr.org for more great images in the online recap.

CALL FOR SABR 38 ARTICLES

Next year's convention will be held in Cleveland, OH. In conjunction with SABR 38, a call goes out for articles connected to Cleveland and Northern Ohio baseball history.

While the bulk of articles figure to be connected to the Indians, other options are available. For more information, please contact **Brad Sullivan** at bradcwp@yahoo.com.

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must accompany any oral presentation), or for a research paper that is submitted to the awards committee between the end of one SABR Convention and no later than June 1 of the following year by a researcher in grades 6-8 (middle school category), grades 9-12 (high school category), or undergraduates 22 and under (College Category). This year's recipients were:

MIDDLE SCHOOL CATEGORY

1ST PLACE

Max Robbins, Short Hills NJ: "Determined Win - Percentage; A New Tool for Evaluating Pitcher Performance"

2ND PLACE

Scott Davis, Montville, NJ: "The Rise of Baseball's Popularity"

HIGH SCHOOL CATEGORY

1ST PLACE (TIE)

Victor Wang, Bloomington MN: "The OPS Dilemma"

1ST PLACE (TIE)

Scott Powers, LaGrange, IL: "Evaluating the Effectiveness of Bill James' Win Shares"

3RD PLACE

David Scopac, Clinton NY: "Alex Rodriguez: Chasing the Record"

4TH PLACE

Derek Panzica, Clinton NY: "The World of Baseball"

COLLEGE CATEGORY

1ST PLACE

Trent McCotter, Winston-Salem, NC: "Babe Ruth's Game Log & Splits"

Judges for this award were: **Thomas Mueller, Dean Hoke, Robert Palazzo.**

The Jack Kavanagh Memorial Youth Baseball Research Award was established in 1999 by SABR in recognition of Kavanagh's writing and research achievements and his contributions to the organization.

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the generosity of the **Anthony A. Yoseloff Foundation**. This year's recipients mark third cycle of SABR's program in which it will award no less than \$4,000 in baseball research grants each year. This is only the third time in its thirty-five year history that SABR has offered monetary grants to baseball researchers to assist them in carrying out their research.

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for Washington. Less than a week later, Washington signed John Deasley off the Milwaukee team.

Obviously, the Washington Unions had a connection with the Milwaukee team and it would seem to be a pretty odd coincidence if Peter Morris played shortstop in all the Milwaukee games in Chicago except May 14, the day Morris appeared at shortstop for Washington, and he was not the Morris with Washington.

Writes newsletter editor **Bill Carle**: "I think we can be reasonably safe in assuming that the shortstop for Washington was none other than Peter Morris. Researcher Peter Morris was able to find a report of the death of ballplayer Peter Morris in the Milwaukee Sentinel of December 11, 1884. He died while coupling cars on a train and the paper identified him as a member of the Milwaukee Maple Leafs."

BUSINESS OF BASEBALL

The summer issue of *Outside the Lines* includes the continuation of **Mitchell Nathanson's** study of the irrelevance of baseball's anti-trust exemption, focusing on The Continental League and the push for expansion in Major League Baseball.

It also contains another significant contribution by **Mike Hauptert** on baseball compensation. Here he looks at bonus clauses—Finessing the Standard Player Contract.

Also included is the committee's Annual Report and a discussion of the exciting things going on at <http://www.BusinessOfBaseball.com>, the committee's Web site.

The committee is always looking for research contributions to *Outside the Lines*. The deadline for the Fall 2007 issue is late September. If you have research that you would like to share, please contact **John Ruoff** at jruoff@bellsouth.net

DEADBALL

At SABR 37, John McMurray became the third Chair in the history

of the Deadball Era Committee, succeeding **David Jones**. At the Committee's annual meeting in St. Louis, **Gene Carney** received the 2007 Ritter Award, given annually to the best book from the proceeding year set primarily in the Deadball Era, for *Burying the Black Sox: How Baseball's Cover-Up of the 1919 World Series Fix Almost Succeeded*.

Gabriel Schechter will serve as Chair of the DEC's Ritter Award subcommittee. Also, **Mark Dugo** is the new Assistant Editor of the committee's newsletter, *The Inside Game*. Now that *Deadball Stars of the American League* has been published, the Committee is working to determine a new long-term project. SABR members who wish to propose a project idea, to volunteer their time to committee initiatives, or who wish to join the committee can e-mail John at deadball@sabr.org.

MINOR LEAGUES

The summer issue of *Beating the Bushes* announced that **Kevin McCann** has officially become the new chairman of the Minor League Committee, taking over the reigns from his predecessor, **John Schleppe**, who has been chair over the past three years.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

The May, 2007 issue of "By the Numbers" was recently sent out to committee members. Articles include, "Academic Research: Do Countries Specialize in Certain Types of Ballplayers?" by **Charlie Pavitt**; "Reply to 'Are Career Home Run Trends Changing?'" by **J.P. Caillault**; "Quantifying the Impact of Opponent Quality," by **David Roher**; "Do You Have Any Idea How Fast You Were Going?" by **Russell Carelton**; "ERA By Innings Pitched -- 'No Wonder He Doesn't Pitch Much.'" by **Fred Worth**; and "The Effect of Travel on Home Field Advantage" by **Andrew Boslett**, **Matt Hoover**, **Thomas Pfaff**.



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Cindy Thomson, PO Box 298, Pataskala, OH, 43062, cindy@threefinger.com, seeks contact information for relatives of players on the 1908 Cubs team.

Jim Reisler, reisler_james@ne.bah.com, 914-591-4565, seeks to interview someone who actually saw TY COBB play, and can call upon vivid memories of the same for a book. Since Cobb's career ended in 1928, This person would likely be pushing 100 years of age. Any contacts or suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Anthony G. DiFiore, anth623@verizon.net, 610-565-2099, New SABR member writing a book on Gavvy Cravath. While detailed stats are widely available, I'm seeking info about the man and his life outside the game. Looking for contact info for family and teammates, photos, anecdotes.

Monte Cely, cely@swbell.net, 512-310-9777, Seeks information on Spring Training in Marlin Springs, Texas - anything related to the spring training for teams (White Sox, Reds, Cardinals, A's, and Giants) that trained there during 1904 (White Sox), 1905 (Cardinals), 1906 (Reds), 1907 (Reds, A's), and 1908-1918 (Giants). Especially interested in any photos of those teams at their spring training grounds.

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THE PICTORIAL HISTORY DATABASE

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Note: Some of the articles are based on presentations given at the SABR convention in St. Louis. More of these will be included in the list in the next SABR Bulletin.

——: Chronology of Japanese baseball, 1872-2005. 5 pages. From the Japanese Baseball Hall of Fame web site.

——: Hit sign win suit. 1 page. Brief article from the Hall of Fame web site about the legendary sign for Abe Stark's clothing store at Ebbets Field. With a picture of the sign.

——: Professional baseball in Rome, New York. 7 pages. Photocopy of article in Annals and Recollections, the journal of the Rome (N.Y.) Historical Society, April 1997.

Ackman, Dan: Sultan of Stats: How Bill James's analysis has helped make the Red Sox into winners. 3 pages. Text of article in the Wall Street Journal, June 20, 2007.

Abady, Sam: Elliott Maddox profile. 11 pages. From Diamond Justice, May 28, 2007, as presented on Baseball Library web site.

Barry, Bill: Prime time: The best hitters in baseball in the 20th century. 17 pages (8 pages of text plus 9 pages of spreadsheet data)

Carney, Gene: New clues in baseball's cold case. 3 pages. About the Black Sox case.

Carroll, Brian: Early 20th-century heroes: Coverage of Negro League baseball in the Pittsburgh Courier and the Chicago Defender. 10 pages. Photocopy of article in Journalism History, Spring 2006. A winner of the McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award.

Gilbert, Bill: Is 2007 a big milestone year? 2 pages. Though the season is a big one for career milestones, offense is down by every measure in both leagues.

Hamilton, Frank: Interleague play in the minor leagues. 8 pages. In-season games between the Texas League and Mexican League, the Texas League and the Southern Association, the International League and the American Association, and others. League standings, season descriptions, etc.

Henning, Lynn: Baseball 101, texts of a series of articles on aspects of baseball, from the Detroit News. Available are: contracts (2 pages); signs (4 pages); the cutoff (3 pages); the free agent draft (2 pages); the traveling secretary (2 pages); options (2 pages); and the checked swing (2 pages)

Hummer, Steve: Injured athletes gravitate to Dr. Andrews. 3 pages. Text of article in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, June 11, 2007, about Dr. James Andrews, the orthopedic surgeon in Birmingham, Alabama, who has operated on many baseball players.

Nathanson, Mitchell: The irrelevance of baseball's antitrust exemption: A historical review. 44 pages. Photocopy of article in Rutgers Law Review, Fall 2005. A winner of the McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award.

Nathanson, Mitchell: Gatekeepers of Americana: Ownership's never-ending quest for control of the baseball creed. 11 pages. A historical overview. Photocopy of article in Nine, Vol 15-1.

Newman, Roberta: Let's just say it works for me. Rafael Palmeiro, major league baseball and the marketing of Viagra. 14 pages. Photocopy of article in Nine, Vol. 14-2.

Pankin, Mark: Should pitchers bat 9th? 16 pages. A statistical study.

Parr, Royse M.: The lost years of home run king Joe Bauman. 12 pages. Photocopy of article in Nine., Vol. 14-2, about the minor league slugger's seasons outside of organized baseball.

Passan, Jeff: Outside pitch. 9 pages. Text of article from the Yahoo! Sports web site about Mike Marshall, his radical ideas about pitching and the difficulty he has getting the major league establishment to accept them.

Price, Jim: Vic Picetti. 3 pages. About the promising young player who was killed in crash of the Spokane Indians' team bus in 1946, the worst accident in the history of American professional sports.

Puerzer, Richard J.: The Chicago Cubs' College of Coaches: A management innovation that failed. 38 pages.

Steinberg, Steve: Matty and the Browns: A window into the AL-NL war. 8 pages. Photocopy of article in Nine, Vol. 14.2, about the battles over players' contracts when the American League was created, with a focus on Mathewson. a winner of the McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award.

Stone, Larry: The Mariners' 10 worst free agent signings. 5 pages. Text of article in the Seattle Times.

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The 37th SABR convention is now history, and from the many favorable comments I heard, this may have been the best of them all. I thought last year that the convention in Seattle would be hard to beat, but the experience we had in St. Louis may have done just that. 726 members and guests were registered, the largest number in our history, surpassing the previous record of 712 set in Boston in 2002. They spent four fun packed days, enjoying the fine presentations, the Cardinals and Browns player panels, the reunion with SABR friends and making new ones, a wonderful luncheon that featured keynote speaker Joe Garagiola at his best and a ball game at beautiful new Busch Stadium.

The convention opened in grand style on Wednesday evening with a social for first time attendees. All of those who were attending their first SABR convention were invited to meet with Executive Director **John Zajc**, board members and other leaders of SABR, and committee chair **Steve Gietschier**. To many first timers, SABR can be very intimidating, and this affair was designed to break down the barriers and make the newbies feel welcome. This event was one of the highlights of the week.

Each year I am amazed at the depth of knowledge that our members have. As usual, I did not attend as many presentations as I would have liked, but those I heard were outstanding. **Brad Snyder** discussed the impact of the Civil Rights movement on Curt Flood's fight for free agency. **Jim Provenzale's** description of the impact of

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neurological disease on the careers of many ballplayers—these were examples of the type of research that our members engage in. **Dr. Mike Marshall** was with us again this year and convincingly demonstrated to a large audience how pitchers can avoid the injuries that afflict so many young arms.

There was a note of sadness interjected into the proceedings when I learned that **Marge Daniels** had passed away early on Wednesday. Marge and her husband, Jon, were among my oldest SABR friends. We first met in 1982 at the Towson convention, and we immediately related to each other. Perhaps it was because Marge was a Cub fan. Over the years we socialized at many conventions and usually got together at a separate baseball weekend each year. Marge was a nurse by profession and had a dynamic personality. She never hesitated to express her opinion about baseball or anything else for that matter, and if you didn't agree, that was your problem. Marge served on the SABR board with distinction during the late '80s and was very active in the Chicago chapter. She had fought a long battle with cancer in the last several years and her health prevented her from attending recent conventions. But she was a fighter to the end and it is safe to say that she did not go gentle into that good night.

At its pre-convention meeting that Wednesday, the Board approved the choice of Washington, DC as the site of the 2009 convention. This promises to be a very exciting event with a new ballpark for the Nationals probably opening that year. Executive Director John Zajc presented a list of hotel possibilities in the metropolitan area, and one thing was abundantly clear. If we are to hold the convention in expensive Eastern areas, the days of \$99 hotel rooms are over. Expect to pay considerably more than that. We've had very favorable room rates for the Seattle and St. Louis conventions, rates that can't be duplicated in this part of the I-95 corridor, unfortunately.

In spite of the high lodging costs the Washington convention could show a mega-attendance, perhaps as much as 1,000. Would an event that size change the convention environment? Probably. More people make it more difficult to see everyone you want to see, and that is always one of the joys of the convention. But having a larger attendance means that more people will experience what SABR is all about, and that is a major benefit to our organization. First time attendees, if they like what they see, will quickly become active SABR members who will become important contributors in the years ahead. I saw a lot of enthusiasm at the social that week and expect to see many of those young people become very involved with SABR in future years. We'll be a stronger organization for it.

IN MEMORIAM

ART CRAIG

Art Craig of Belmont, MA passed away on August 5. He was 82.

A SABR member since 1971, Art was member #39 in the organization. A retired math teach and baseball coach, his research interests included minor league ballparks and book collecting.

MARGE DANIELS

Marge Daniels of Chicago, IL passed away on July 25. She was 59.

A member since 1981, Ms. Daniels was a Director on SABR's Executive Board from 1986 to 1990 and was an RN by trade. She is survived by her husband **Jon Daniels**.

In her candidates statement during her Board tenure, she wrote, "I have enjoyed my work for SABR, and I have the time and energy to give more to the Society I love."

WAYNE HENSLEY

Dr. Wayne Hensley, of St. Paul, MN passed away on May 6. He was 71.

A SABR member since 1996, Wayne had been retired from Bethel College since 2001. When asked what he was going to do with his free time, he remarked, "I plan to travel and also to attend Baseball Spring Training, which is something I have always wanted to

do but never had the chance until now."

JAMES WELDON

James Purdy Weldon, of Palisade, CO passed away on May 3. He was 66.

A SABR member since 1998, James an avid baseball fan and his knowledge of statistics was incredible according to those who knew him. He was a member of the Minor Leagues research committee, coached Little League and was a member of several fantasy pools.



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Reds Hall of Fame Now Featuring New Pete Rose Exhibit

PETE: The Exhibit, a comprehensive retrospective of the playing career of Pete Rose is now on display at the Reds Hall of Fame and museum thanks to a little help from SABR member **Chuck Lumb**, who loaned over 50 items to the exhibit from his personal collection.

"I am very pleased with the exhibit because it puts the focus back on Pete Rose's positive characteristics, said Lumb regarding the exhibit. "When we remember what made him such an outstanding ballplayer, we are motivated to emulate those same behaviors in our own lives."

Filled with dozens of pieces of game-used equipment from throughout Rose's playing career, the exhibit is highlighted by a dramatic presentation of the record-breaking 4192 bat and ball surrounded by most of Pete's other hit balls from the 1985 season.

Said Lumb, "I was born in 1963 in Cincinnati and was fortunate to grow up and play little league baseball during the Big Red Machine era. Pete Rose was a very positive role model in those days...I believe that it is important for SABR members to contribute to museums like the Reds Hall of Fame and Museum."

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Call for Candidates

The SABR Nominating Committee seeks nominations for candidates for the Spring 2008 elections as well as your input for questions to ask candidates on the Candidate Statement Form. All candidates must have been members of the society for at least the preceding four years before being eligible for election.

Deadline for nominations is February 1, 2008. Nominees must prepare a Candidate Statement Form, following guidelines, which will be available from any Nominating Committee member, and must be received by the Nominating Committee chair no later than February 15, 2008.

The offices to be filled are:

- 1) **Vice President** (2-year term, currently **Bill Nowlin**)
- 2) **Treasurer** (3-year term; currently **F. X. Flinn**)
- 3) **Director** (3-year term; currently **Fred Ivor-Campbell**, who has informed us that he will not seek another term)

The Nominating Committee seeks your input. We seek questions that are office-specific for each of the offices open in this election. We also seek input on general questions for every nominee.

Regional Chapter Leaders and Research Committee Chairs are especially encouraged to pass along this request to their respective members, to better address member's needs. Self-nominations are welcomed. If you would like

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Come to Cleveland Next June for SABR Convention

Clear out your calendar for June 26 to 29, 2008, and make plans to come to Cleveland, Ohio, for the SABR Annual Convention. When we last met in Cleveland in 1990, both Cleveland and SABR were very different. Cleveland now has Jacobs Field (although it may have a new name next year), a new wing for its amazing public library, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, a Sports Archives featuring the SABR Archives and the Frank Phelps Collection at Western Reserve Historical Society, and the Great Lakes Science Center.

The host Jack Graney Chapter is planning a wonderful program for the convention and hopes that you will attend. Hotel details were being finalized at press time. Check the convention web pages at www.sabr.org for more information on how to make your hotel reservations.



The Official SABR 38 Logo by Jeff Suntala

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Charlton Steps Down as SABR Publications Director

At the convention in St. Louis this summer, SABR Publications Director **Jim Charlton** announced he will be leaving that position effective January 1, 2008.

Charlton was named SABR's Publication Director in March 2002, succeeding Mark Alvarez in that position.

As Publications Director, Charlton was responsible for several SABR publications being published or co-published by trade publishers. Most recently, Scribner's published *The SABR Baseball List and Record Book*, edited by Lyle Spatz. In 2006, Walker & Company published the latest edition of *Green Cathedrals*. Potomac Books (and its earlier name, Brassey's) co-published and distributed *Deadball Stars of the National League* and *Deadball Stars of the American League*.

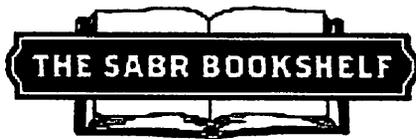
Also under his leadership, the SABR convention publications became a full membership publication, beginning with *Dominionball*, the official publication of the 2005 convention in Toronto.

The position of SABR Publications Director will become a staff position in the Cleveland office, reporting to the Executive Director. A search is underway.

Renewal Season Begins

Thanks once again to all SABR members for their financial and volunteer support throughout the 2007 calendar year. The first renewal notice was mailed to members who had not renewed for 2008 as of October 16. You can renew online at the SABR Store, <http://store.sabr.org>. A comments field at the end of the process allows you to give any special instructions. If our online renewal feature is not for you, please continue your support of SABR by mailing in a renewal check or money order.

Also please consider joining over 700 other SABR members in making a contribution to SABR (see pg. 14-15). SABR is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization and your donation is deductible as allowed by law. It is through the generous support of members that SABR is able to fulfill its mission.



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See ordering information in the summary text .

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A Game of Brawl: The Orioles, the Beaneaters, and the Battle for the 1897 Pennant by Bill Felber gives a spirited retelling of the season, giving life to greedy owners, rabid fans, drunken ballplayers and terrorized umpires.

Mets Fan by Dana Brand is a series of essays about the history of the New York Mets from the fan's point of view. The subjects range over a wide swath of topics and incidents in the team's history.

Black Baseball Out of Season: Pay for Play Outside of the Negro Leagues by William F. McNeil traces the histories of African-American ballplayers outside of the Negro Leagues - barnstorming, winter leagues, Caribbean tours and the other ways they found to make a living playing ball.

Baseball Hitting Manual by Ballard Rutherford is a self-published tool that claims to be for the beginner at any level, and a guide for giving even veteran players a chance for improvement.

"The Greatest Game Ever Played in Dixie": The Nashville Vols, their 1908 Season, and the Championship Game by John A. Simpson quotes Grantland Rice on the importance of the last game of that Southern Association Season. Rice is a constant factor as he covers the team's season.

Baseball Books: A Collector's Guide by Mike Shannon covers what to collect, what to pay for them, how to take care of them, all with extensive lists.

The Yankees in the Early 1960's and *The Amazin' Mets, 1962-1969*, both by William Ryczek are companion books on New York's teams in the decade of the 1960s. While the Yankees were going down, the Mets were coming up and Ryczek chronicles both.

Diamond Dates: The Baseball Birthday Book by Glen Harness includes over 16,000 major league baseball players from all eras.

MLB Game Worn Jerseys of the Double Knit Era (1970-2007), 4th edition by Bill Henderson is offered as a full color "Reference Book on CD" and is over 1000 pages long, with each one detailing a different uniform style, team patches worn, and correct uniform lettering.

Haunted Baseball: Ghosts, Curses, Legends, and Eerie Events by Mickey Bradley and Dan Gordon contains a wealth of anecdotes that have never been told. The authors present an entertaining and eerie look at our national pastime.

Rumor in Town: A Grandson's Promise to Right a Wrong by Matt Dahlgren is about the failures of Kenesaw Mountain Landis and Albert "Happy" Chandler to punish the likes of Joe McCarthy and Branch Rickey for spreading a rumor throughout baseball while Babe Dahlgren played under a cloud of suspicion.

Hey Batta Batta Swing!: The Wild Old Days of Baseball by Sally Cook and James Charlton is packed with interesting baseball facts and history, and written in a light-hearted style that both children (ages 6-10) and adults will enjoy.

Spoke: A Biography of Tris Speaker by Charles Alexander details not only every significant major league game in which Speaker played, but also describes the careers of his teammates and opponents, the baseball of their day, and the way it changed within the context of the larger world around them.

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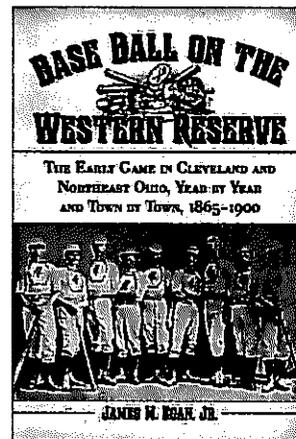
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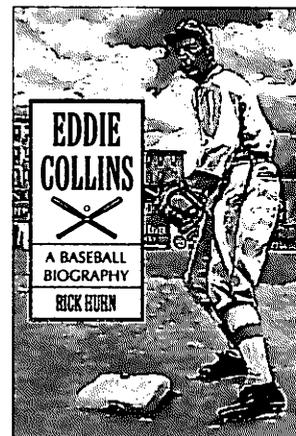
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BIBLIOGRAPHY

The August 2007 Bibliography committee newsletter contains a SABR 37 overview by chair Andy McCue and book reviews on several books including: **Baseball Confidential: Secret History of the War Among Chandler, Durocher, MacPhail, and Rickey**, by Arthur Mann. David McKay, 1951; **The Lords of Baseball**, by Harold Parrott and **1947: When All Hell Broke Loose in Baseball**, by Red Barber. DaCapo Press. This issue also contains an annotated bibliography of Yankees Books.

Also available is the latest edition of *Current Baseball Publications*, Volume 22, Number 1. (Jan. - Sept. 2007) compiled by **Richard W. Arpi** of the SABR Bibliography Committee.

BIOPROJECT

As part of a growing series of books

celebrating anniversary seasons of notable teams utilizing (along with much other material) biographies written for the SABR BioProject, the committee announced recently plans for a book to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the pennant-winning 1959 White Sox team.

Along with biographies of each of the members of the team (including the owner, front office, manager and coaching staff), the book will include articles covering the pennant race, the World Series, the ballpark, the broadcasters and the experience of rooting for the White Sox in the late 1950s.

For more info about the project or how to get involved, contact **R. J. Lesch** (rjlesch_usa@yahoo.com) or **Don Zminda** (zeeman66@roadrunner.com)

BIOGRAPHY

In the July/August Biographical Research Committee Newsletter, **Bill**

Carle declared that the uncovering of "Ri Jones" was an amazing find. A player they knew only as Ryerson L. Jones (also known as Ri Jones) played for Louisville in 1883 and Cincinnati in the Union Association in 1884. The committee knew little about him other than he later worked for the railroad and he was from the Cincinnati area. They also knew he played with Springfield in the minor leagues in 1883. But they had never been able to locate him in any census and it appeared they would never find him.

Carle reports, however, that SABR member **Richard Malatzky** was trying to find information on him and decided to try looking for L. Ryerson Jones rather than Ryerson L. Jones. He came across the name Uriah L. Jones and decided to trace him. Uriah Jones was listed in the census all the way up to 1930 when he was living in Fresno. Fortunately, the Fresno Bee is available

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Did you know Henry Chadwick wrote articles about baseball for Scientific American? An 1886 article – on "Scientific Batting" – is one of the over 230,000 books, articles and other research materials catalogued in The online Baseball Index (www.baseballindex.org), the main project of SABR's Bibliography Committee.

Chadwick's piece is actually one of 35 articles in TBI from Scientific American, six of them from the 19th Century. It's just one example of the breadth of the database and of its utility to baseball researchers. And, it's also yet another example of the willingness of a handful of SABR volunteers to create an asset of value to all baseball researchers.

TBI is, by definition, a never-ending project as new baseball material is published every day. And, there remains a treasure of older material that still needs to be included. We have pretty good coverage of books, and improving coverage of baseball and sports periodicals, but we've barely scratched the surface of daily

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newspapers.

We can always find data-entry projects that dovetail with any volunteer's interests. This summer and fall, for example, volunteers have catalogued over 7,000 obituaries in *The Sporting News*, covering the years from 1932 to 1993. You do not even have to volunteer your time solely to TBI. Simply converting the footnotes and/or bibliography from your current research into the TBI format would ease and enrich the path of future researchers. If you're interested in ballparks, or statistics, or women in baseball, we can tailor a project to fit your interests.

When **Frank Phelps** created the Bibliography Committee over 20 years ago, he said its purpose would be to "discover, organize and provide information about books and other research materials which might be of interest to SABR members and other baseball

researchers." That is a definition of what TBI seeks to do.

TBI is, by far, the Committee's largest and most important project, but we have a number of other projects that might pique your interest. Our quarterly committee newsletter publishes book reviews as well as committee news. Those reviews form the core of the book review cache on SABR's website. The newsletter is always accompanied by **Rich Arpi's** Current Baseball Publications, an up-to-date list of recent books and periodicals.

Our members also create indexes for important baseball books that were published without them. The recent re-publications of the Putnam team history series were made much more useful by our members' indexes, which were included. We also connect authors with volunteer indexers for their books.

If you are interested in contributing to any of these projects, please contact Committee chair **Andy McCue** at agmccue44@earthlink.net.

Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Selects Collegiate Player of the Year

Sam Demel, Texas Christian University's all-time saves leader with 20, and the 120th pick in the 2007 Major League Draft's third round by the Oakland A's, is the 15th annual recipient of the Howard Green Collegiate Player of the Year Award presented by the Hall-Ruggles Chapter of SABR.

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER 16

CLEVELAND, OH

SABR Board of Directors will hold its annual budget meeting. For more information contact **John Zajc** at jjzajc@sabr.org or 800-969-7227.

NOVEMBER 17

PITTSBURGH, PA

The Forbes Field Chapter will hold its annual Fall Meeting at the H.J. Heinz History Center in Downtown Pittsburgh from 9:00 to 3:30pm. For more information, contact Joe Elinich at jelinich@comcast.net or 412-486-2510.

NOVEMBER 24

GREENVILLE, RI

Lajoie-Start Chapter (Southern New England) will meet at St. Phillips Parish Center in Greenville. For more information contact **Len Levin** at 401-351-3278 or LenLevins@hotmail.com.

NOVEMBER 24

LOUISVILLE, KY

The Pee Wee Reese Chapter will meet at the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory at 10:00. Details are YTBD, but the Roberto Clemente exhibit is on display. For more information, contact **Harry Rothgerber** at caohrothgerber@hotmail.com or 502-259-91521.

JANUARY 19

SAN MARCOS, TX

The Rogers Hornsby Chapter will hold its second annual Winter Meeting on Saturday, January 19, 2008 at Texas State University in San Marcos.

Ken Keltner Chapter Members Participate in Milwaukee Braves Reunion

SABR members from the Ken Keltner Chapter helped make the Milwaukee Braves reunion banquet a night to remember on August 30.

Hosted by the Milwaukee Braves Historical Association, 14 players from the team attended, including Hall of Famers Hank Aaron and Red Schoendienst. Some of the introductions were recorded by Brewers announcer Bob Uecker, and coordinated into the presentation.

Bob Buege, and **Rick Schabowski** assisted in producing multimedia presentations that were shown during the banquet. Bob wrote the introductions for all 40 players, which included the living and deceased members of the 1957 team. Rick put together the over 80 pictures, getting assistance from Bob Buege, fellow SABR member **Bob Koehler** and the Wisconsin State Historical Society in Madison.

The attendees loved the show. SABR has done encore showings at the State Historical Society, and the Milwaukee Public Library.

Milwaukee Braves: The Golden Legacy, a DVD of the event, has been produced by the Milwaukee Braves Historical Association and is available via their official website, www.57braves.com. SABR member **Bill Povletich** served as Executive Producer.

For more information, contact **Bill Gilbert** at 512-261-0516 or billgilbert@sbcglobal.net.

FEBRUARY 2

MILWAUKEE, WI

Ken Keltner Badger State Chapter (Wisconsin) will meet at Long Wong's Chinese-American Sportsbar in Milwaukee at 11:00. For more information, contact **Rick Schabowski** at 414-322-4997 or RICKIU76@aol.com.

Boxscores of Past Meetings

Chicago, August 11

Chapter: Emile Roth Chapter.
 Guests: Kane Cougars radio announcer Jeff hem, Cougars manager Aaron Nieckula, Cougars Assistant GM Jeff Ney and Cougars team bus driver Richard Gertiksen
 Speakers: **Bob Yahr**, **Pam Rasmussen** and **Kathy Baumann** "Kane Cougars Baseball History;"
 Event: Cougars vs. the Peoria Chiefs.
 Place: Elfstrom Stadium.

Frederick, August 18

Chapter: Bob Davids Chapter (D.C. Area).
 Speakers: Frederick Keys' manager Tommy Thompson.
 Event: Game, picnic and Stadium Tour followed by fireworks. Chapter Leader **Bruce Brown** threw out the first pitch.
 Place: Harry Grove Stadium.

Tamarac, August 24

Chapter: South Florida Chapter.
 Speakers: **Dr. Susan Dellinger**, Ph.D., "Edd Roush and his Colorful Career;"
 Event: 12 minutes of vintage 1919 World Series film footage, and audio interview conducted by Lawrence Ritter one-on-one with Edd Roush and numerous memorabilia items.
 Place: Tamarac Public Library.



SABR NINE QUESTIONS

By Ryan Chamberlain

As an assistant GM for the single-A Macon Braves, **Jim Tessmer** played a central role in the South Atlantic League team for much of the 1990s. During the season, a typical day for Tessmer inside the historic Luther Williams Field might have seen him working the pass-gate, running concessions, going down to get the line-ups, or announcing, among a myriad of tasks.

“Long hours and short pay, everyone knows that’s how minor-league baseball is,” said Tessmer. But because the Macon team was owner-operated, they would receive many of the benefits of the Atlanta team. Said Tessmer about those days, “I got five championship rings out of the deal so that’s not all bad.”

Armed with a love for the game and a strength in sales and marketing, Tessmer moved around a lot in his early minor league work before Macon. By his account, between the years of 1983 and 1991 he worked for eight different teams including the Waterbury Reds Double-A Eastern (1983), the Pawtucket Red Sox Triple-A International (1983, Intern), the New York Yankees (1985, Sales Yankees Magazine/Yearbook), the Watertown Pirates Short Single-A NY Penn (1986, Assistant GM), Jacksonville Suns Double-A Southern (1987, Assistant GM), Charleston Wheelers Single-A South Atlantic (1987, Macon Pirates), Salem Buccaneers Single-A Carolina (1988, Assistant GM) before settling into the Macon Braves from 1991 to 2002 until the team moved to Rome.

As SABR member since 1981, Tessmer says he wishes he had the time in his life to do more research, but considers the facts and figures its members generate and uncover as an “invaluable” service to the game. Currently, Tessmer works as an athletics event coordinator at Mercer University and hopes to for many more years to come. However, he was happy to share some old war stories from his minor-league past in this edition of the SABR Nine.

Why did you decide to pursue a front-office career in professional baseball?

The reason why I tried to pursue a front-office career was because I was into sports in college. I went to Quinnipiac; now it’s “university” but it was “college” back then. I did baseball stats and stuff for four years and was basketball manager for three, so I kind of liked that because it kept me involved and got me into places I normally wouldn’t have gotten to. It worked out well that way—I enjoyed baseball the most.

Who was most influential in helping you break in to the minor-league front office and how did you transition into the assistant GM position?

The person who helped me the most was Bob Zeig. He was general manager for the West Haven Yankees back in the late ‘70s. I was still going to college then. He had put a thing in the college newspaper that said, “If you’re interested in working in minor-league baseball we want you to be a clubhouse manager.” And I talked to him and he said, “We need you to quit college and start.” I told him I didn’t want to quit college, I wanted to get my degree. I was only a couple of hours short of my degree so I wanted to finish that up. Four years later he called me, I was still in the same area he was: Waterbury, Connecticut. He was the assistant GM with the Waterbury Reds Double-A team in the Eastern League, and he called me in ‘83 in the middle of the summer and said, “I’ve got an opening here to sell tickets. If you want to get into baseball in the worst way, this is the worst way.” And it sure was. Mike and Anthony DeVito ran the club back then in Waterbury for years and it was just a family operation. They basically paid me, I would guess it was five or ten dollars a game, really a low amount of money. But I poured beer, did pizza, I sold souvenirs, did crowd control. I did everything and

it was a great way to break in for half a season in Double-A baseball. We had eight of the players on that team make it to the big leagues eventually with the Reds. So it was a team loaded with superstars, but we were terrible and didn’t play that well. It was a good experience to get involved with baseball that way because there was no pressure for me. I just went out and talked to people, made some money and had some fun.

I ended up getting an offer to go to Triple-A the next year with the Red Sox. I had gone to the winter meetings in Nashville, Tennessee and there were no job offers. [However], the one sales person at Pawtucket had a heart attack over the Christmas holiday so they had an opening that way. I drove two and half hours, or whatever it took to get there, and they hired me for that next Monday. That’s how I got into that. Ironically, when Bob Zeig got back in the big leagues he was with the Yankees. He called me back in ‘85, the next year after that and wanted me to work for Yankees magazine/yearbook. So it kind of went full-circle that way. I was there for a year.

I had gone into the big-league level for little over a year when one of the guys from the Yankees told me there was an opening in minor-league baseball in Watertown, New York if I wanted to be an assistant GM. I enjoyed the minor-league level so much and I didn’t like being in New York City, dealing with the traffic, dealing with congestion, dealing with other [city-related] problems and situations that I jumped right back in the minor-leagues and decided to go into the Pirates organization in Watertown.

In 1987 you were Assistant GM for three teams. What made you decide to work for all three teams and what were some of the challenges?

After I got to Watertown, I went to the winter meetings again looking for a more stable position. Peter Bragan in Jacksonville hired me as an assistant GM, and I was there for a brief time

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	10. Bibliography	21. Baseball Music and Poetry
	11. Book Collecting	Other: _____

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and then Dennis Bastien in Charleston, West Virginia, called me about six weeks after I got to Jacksonville and asked me if I wanted to run the team in Charleston, because he needed someone really strong in sales and marketing. He knew of my reputation. So I ended up going from Jacksonville to Charleston. Got to Charleston and survived two ice storms in five weeks, and we decided it just wasn't my opportunity there. Len and Ann Monheimer, who were owners of the team in Greenwood, South Carolina, before moving to Macon from 1984-87, called me into Macon six weeks after that. It was March 1 of 1987 and they wanted me to come to Macon and I had never been there before. [They wanted me] to run the ball club there because they were getting older and they knew that they needed someone to at least put the program together and get the season going for that year. It was going to be their last year in Macon, before they moved to Augusta.

What made you decide to settle in

with the Macon Braves from 1991 to 2002 and what were some high points for you during that period?

I enjoyed living down here because of the South. The weather's much better than the North, obviously, with less snow and less problems. It was a territory that hadn't been worked very well because there were so many different clubs between the Peaches, and the Cardinals, and the Pirates. There was always a constant change over of office personnel and there was no real stability. I figured that if someone was going to stay here and work the area, there was money to be made here. But no one wanted to stay and take a chance. The first year I was here with the Pirates, it was terrible. Nobody would talk to me, doors slammed in my face. But they said, "If you hang around and get another big league team in here, we'll talk to you." Then of course, in the interim, the Braves ended up coming in here as an ownership team and then I ended up staying here. After one year in Salem, I moved back down here out of

baseball for a couple of years and just worked with the American Legion team here and knew the Braves were coming in here. I talked to the [Macon] Braves general manager and said, "I'm here, you need to hire me." He hired me on commission-basis only to start with. And after a few months, he hired at full-time salaried position as well.

[In terms of high points], the first year was ironic that in '91 the [Atlanta] Braves went from worst to first. Immediately we had a decent team on the field. We didn't win anything but we had Chipper Jones and Tyler Houston here and a lot of publicity that way because those were high draft picks. Of course the media follows that, where they go and where they've been. And then of course the big team, the big Braves 90 miles up the street goes and wins it all. They go and win the National League [pennant] and everyone goes nuts. Then we had a situation we never had before, the Braves were first! Nobody has ever seen that before on a consistent basis where they go from last place to first place and the excitement

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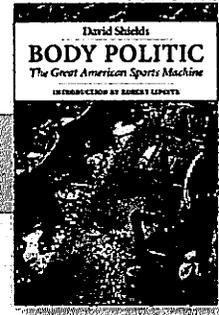
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around the area between here [Macon] and major cities in the area was amazing. It was Braves fever everywhere.

Years ago before that in the late '70s and '80s if you got to September 1 it was always the Falcons, and the Braves got forgotten about. But now, of course with them being in the pennant race the first year, '91, '91 and along down the line--souvenirs are great, everybody's spending money, they're wanting to jump on the bandwagon, the "Tomahawk Chop" and the whole deal. We're part of that because we're an owner-operated team in Macon, Georgia.

What are some interesting things about Luther Williams Field that people might not know?

Well, they remodeled it completely, a good bit of it, between the time the Pirates left and the Braves came in. They put \$650,000 into the stadium. They redid the roof, redid the seats, redid a lot of different things. Of course, it still had the feel of 1929. A lot of team

stadiums from Camden Yards on up try to go retro, we've already got the retro here. People [Snowbirds] would come in from going down to Florida for winter time. They would come in and take pictures in October, November, December and January, then come back up from Florida again and see a game later that year. Nine out of ten people would come in and take pictures just because they knew it was one of the ten oldest ballparks in America. Just to see it. We're the only ballpark that's got "base ball" in two words outside the stadium.

We had a "turn-back-the-clock" day one year when the Braves were [still] in town. A lot of the older members of the Peaches from years ago we contacted and they were real excited about coming back. We did old-time uniforms, throwback tickets, we did dollar prices, things like that. So it was quite an event where we brought back the nostalgia of 40 and 50 years ago. A lot of folks came in and said, "My dad took me here when I was..." or "My grandfather took me here when I was so-and-so age." They saw Pete Rose play in '62

and they saw all the history before and they were back again. So I think that is a real tie-in...you don't sell the team, as much as you sell the history of the ballpark in this case because it is so unique.

Who were some notable players who played on your teams and what were your thoughts of them at the time?

David Justice was here for a rehab start. Jason Schmidt was with us briefly. He wasn't worth much of anything. He was 0-3 with us. We saw these guys a lot when they were really struggling. Andruw Jones was here in '95 the full year. The only time he was at a minor-league level one full year. He hit .277, had 25 home runs and 90 RBIs and made a fantastic catch every other game. He had eight or nine home runs before he turned 18! I mean that was amazing. The day before he turned 18 he hit three home runs against Hickory. You just don't see that every day. We did some TV games here and the first

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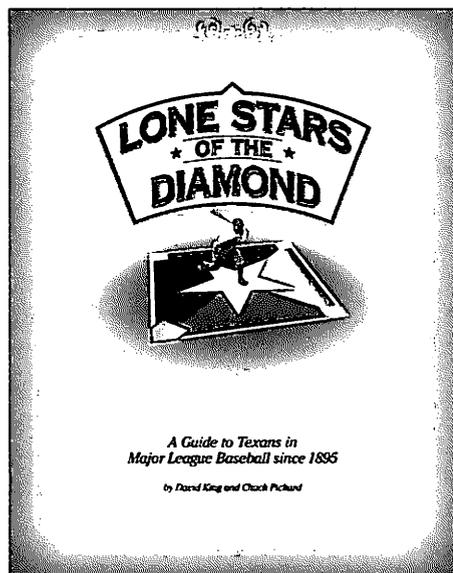
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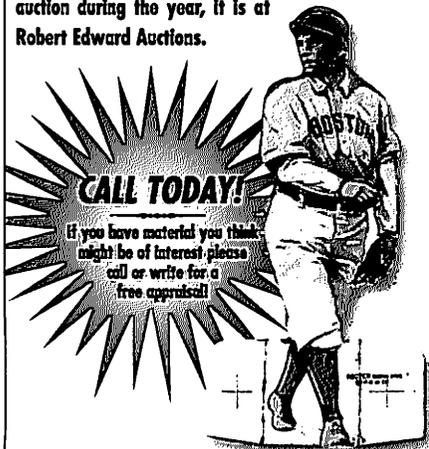
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NINE Conference Call for Papers

NINE: A Journal of Baseball History and Culture recently announced that their 15th Annual Spring Training Conference on the Historical and Sociological Impact of Baseball will be held March 13-16 at Clarion Hotel Tucson Airport-Tucson in Arizona.

The conference will have limited registration and include morning sessions, a Saturday evening banquet, and opportunities for afternoon field research. **Lee Lowenfish**, author of the new biography, *Branch Rickey: Baseball's Ferocious Gentleman*, is scheduled to be the keynote speaker for the event.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Original, unpublished papers that study all aspects of baseball with particular emphasis on history and social policy implications are invited. Abstracts only, not to exceed two pages, should be submitted by December 1, 2007, to: *NINE Spring Training Conference*, c/o **Trey Strecker**, Department of English, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana 47306-0460, Email: tstrecker@bsu.edu

Email abstracts are preferred. Authors will be notified as quickly as possible if their papers have been accepted. Authors are required to register for the conference and present their work in person.

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TV game we did was a no-hitter.

What were your feelings when the Macon Braves moved to Rome and what was your role in getting the Peaches established after they left?

What had happened was the Braves had decided to leave after the 2002 season. I was involved trying to get a team back in there. We were in a unique situation in this town because normally you have people who want to invest to start a team, but they don't have anybody to run the team. In this case, I could run the team but didn't have any money behind me. So that was the frustrating part. I tried to get folks involved that had money but they said, "We're not interested." So the independent Peaches came in 2003 and folded. Now of course, the Macon Music signed for a two-year deal through next year.

How has your work in minor-league baseball prepared you for your position as Athletic Events Coordinator at Mercer University?

I worked here [Mercer] part-time to help out with [things like] the basketball scorebook, or the time clock, or the shot-clock for about the last nine years before I started here. So everyone knew me, which was a real plus. So when I

was hired it was kind of an easy fit, because I just walked right in and said, "I'm here full-time. You just won't see me at basketball." It worked out well because they came to me and said, "Can you handle big crowds here at Mercer?" And I said, "Well for me a big crowd is 3,000 on up." Well, we don't have a baseball field [at Mercer] that holds maybe 800. I can handle that with one hand behind my back. It's not a big deal. So, [for instance] when Georgia came in last year we packed the place and it was fine. It was just another day, just add more people. That's all. Just deal with it. There's less pressure here because it's a college...you're not part of huge organization. It's a little more laid-back here.

What is your favorite part about minor-league baseball?

I guess my favorite part is all the coordinating that goes on before the game. Because I would be in charge to make sure the "lucky number" prizes got out, make sure the programs got sorted, make sure the inserts got in, that type of thing. That's why I enjoy this job [at Mercer] because of the details.

Plans Underway to Celebrate Red Barber Centennial

On the evening of Feb. 16, 2008, Red Barber's hometown of Columbus, Mississippi, will host a centennial banquet for their native son featuring award-winning radio host Bob Edwards, noted broadcast historian and SABR member **Curt Smith** and **Ron Gabriel**, also a SABR member and the founder/president of the Brooklyn Dodgers fan club.

In 1981, Barber was introduced to a new generation of admirers by Bob Edwards, host of National Public Radio's Morning Edition. Each Friday for 12 years, Red and the Colonel (as Barber dubbed Edwards) would chat about topics ranging from sports to gardening to world history. In those conversations, as in his baseball broadcasts, the Ol' Redhead's wide-ranging intellect and down-home "Southernisms" had the same mesmerizing effect on the listener as did his baseball broadcasts decades earlier.

Barber, the son of a school teacher and a railroad engineer, lived the first 10 years of his life in Columbus, Mississippi. It was not uncommon in his Friday morning chats with Edwards, to hear the Ol' Redhead make fond reference to his early years in Columbus.

As part of the celebration of Barber's centenary, a state historical marker will be dedicated near Barber's first home in Columbus.

Tickets for the banquet are \$25.

For more information, see <http://rememberingredbarber.com>

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in the Newspaper Archive. One simple search turned up a 1931 interview with Uriah L. Jones. The article said that he played with Springfield in the minor leagues, Louisville, and Cincinnati when it was in an outlaw league. He also worked for many years for the railroad after leaving baseball. His obituary appeared in the paper in 1936. So Jones was missing for 123 years until Richard looked for Uriah L. Jones and Richard found him in an hour.

NEGRO LEAGUES

In celebration of the 75th anniversary of the East-West All-Star Classic, the Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference returns to Chicago for the 2008 conference (pending date availability).

The national conference provides a forum for educators, historians and researchers to give scholarly presentations on a variety of baseball disciplines connected to the Negro Leagues.

Over the years, academic-type presentations have focused on individual players, team histories, economic impact, social barriers, and racial issues.

For registration details and conference information contact Chicago site coordinator **Eddie Bedford** at

ebedford@emich.edu or visit the conference Web site at <http://larrylester42.com/jerry-malloy-negro-leagues-conference>

NINETEENTH CENTURY

As the new 19th Century committee newsletter editor, **Bob Bailey** is interested in receiving articles (anywhere from several hundred words on up), items that researchers come across, lists, opinions, and research questions and requests. Other possibilities include:

-Got a topic that piqued your interest but does not appear to be likely to generate a full-length article for BRJ or TNP? Send it to the committee.

See something as you were perusing a dusty roll of microfilm that was different, new, exciting? Send it to them.

Have a list of left-handed Lithuanians who served as umpires in the 19th Century? Send it.

For more submission information, Bob Bailey can be contacted via email at bobbailey@cox.net or snail mail at 10233 SW 49th Lane, Gainesville, FL 32608.

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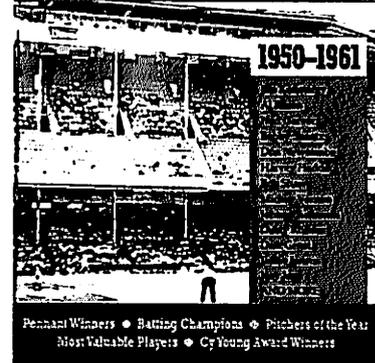
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Announcement of Staffing Changes

This past June, Publications Director Jim Charlton informed me that he would not seek to renew his contract for 2008. Jim's announcement led to discussions between the board and me regarding how to best staff the office to most effectively serve the members.

My first conclusion was to make the Publications Director's position a full-time staff job in Cleveland reporting to Executive Director. After careful deliberation, the Board agreed.

I also took this opportunity to examine the strengths and weaknesses of our organizational structure, and the kinds of jobs done by staff and what tasks were done by volunteers. Afterwards, I shared with the Board a new organizational chart I thought most efficiently and effectively served the SABR membership and strengthened our ability to achieve the board's and my strategic goals.

One recommendation, incorporating our IT needs as a staff function, cannot be done effectively by current staff, and our budget will not allow for another staff expansion. Therefore, on October 17, I offered severance packages to Rod Nelson and Ryan Chamberlain rather than keep them on during a time of transition to a new organizational structure that unfortunately, does not effectively utilize their all their many talents. I thank each of them for their many contributions to SABR and wish them the best of success in the future.

We are currently engaged in a professional search to fill the Publications Director position to ensure that the most outstanding candidates possible are considered and eventually hired. The remaining staff position will be filled as soon as feasible.

As always, my focus will be on providing the very best experience to SABR members as we move forward. Jim is leaving us in good shape regarding 2008 publications and I expect to have a new staff in place early next year. Please join me in thanking Jim for his work and long-lasting contribution to SABR as Publications Director.

John Zajc, Executive Director

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CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Abstracts for poster presentations are very strongly encouraged. Abstracts covering all aspects of baseball research are welcomed.

Abstracts of proposed research presentations should be no more than 500 words in length, and must include the abstract's title, review of previous work on the subject, a summary of the research methodology, and the expected contribution to the field of baseball research offered by this work.

When submitting an abstract, indicate whether the work is to be reviewed as a poster or oral presentation (or both) and which presentation medium is preferred. The author should also describe anticipated audio-visual needs for an oral presentation. Authors may submit multiple abstracts, and may request to have abstracts considered for double-length presentation slots. SABR membership is not required in order to submit an abstract.

All research submissions will be evaluated by blind review. While it is not absolutely mandatory, we very strongly encourage researchers to submit their abstracts electronically, either in a standard word processor format (Microsoft Word preferred) or as plain-text email. The email address for submitting abstracts is sabr38-presentations@comcast.net. Members who cannot submit their abstracts electronically may send them (clearly labeled as *SABR38 presentation abstract*) to **Eileen Canepari** in the SABR office. The submission deadline for SABR38 abstracts is midnight PST, Sunday, March 11, 2008.

Through on-site judging, the best presentations will receive the Doug Pappas Award for best oral presentation and the *USA Today Sports Weekly* Award for best poster presentation.

The above-listed email address (sabr38-presentations@comcast.net) should be used for all abstract submissions, as well as for questions and information requests regarding research presentations at SABR38. Volunteers seeking to participate in the blind review process and/or on-site judging are also requested to apply by sending a message to the sabr38-presentations@comcast.net email address.

LAST CALL FOR SABR 38 ARTICLES

Next year's convention will be held in Cleveland, OH. In conjunction with SABR 38, a call goes out for articles connected to Cleveland and Northern Ohio baseball history.

While the bulk of articles figure to be connected to the Indians, other options are available. For more information, please contact **Brad Sullivan** at bradcw@yahoo.com. The deadline is January 1, 2008.

HOTEL INFORMATION

The Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, located on Public Square and extremely convenient to and from the airport, Jacobs Field, and other attractions, is the host hotel. The room rate is \$119/night plus tax for a single or double (plus tax, currently 15%). To make your hotel reservation, please call 1-800-HOTELS-1 and mention that you are making reservations for the Society for American Baseball Research annual convention. For more information, check the SABR web site.

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We now have over 270 members who contribute more than \$100 a year in addition to their dues, and the number of gifts above \$250 also increased with more than 80 members making a gift at that level. This past year, 35 members were able to make gifts of \$500 or more. This support helps SABR fulfill its mission of helping its members do baseball research and provide an outlet to publish it. We have now added preservation of baseball research to our mission, and your donations help us participate in projects to do just that like our partnership with the Hall of Fame and the LA84 Foundation (previously known as the Amateur Athletic Foundation) to digitize *Sporting Life*, which will be ready in 2008.

Let's not overlook the huge contribution made by dozens of SABR volunteers. Research committee chairs, chapter leaders, and other project leaders contributed just under 16,000 hours of service, which is valued at roughly \$300,000 (using the hourly rate of a volunteer's time estimated by Independent Sector). Without them, SABR could not provide its members with all the great extras such as committee newsletters and local chapter meetings.

On behalf of the entire SABR organization, I thank each and everyone who has contributed to SABR to make it such a wonderful organization.

John Zajc, Executive Director

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Statement of Financial Position				
December 31, 2006				
ASSETS				
Current Assets	2006	2005	2004	2003
Cash and Temporary Investments	475,823	507,668	461,294	\$ 372,773
Investments	106,239	87,255	52,256	43,196
Accounts Receivable	11,075	3,018	1,670	18,238
Publications Inventory	2,272	2,380	2,353	6,863
Prepaid Expenses	8,600	12,182	11,076	7,619
Total Current Assets	\$ 604,009	\$ 612,503	\$ 528,649	\$ 448,689
Property and Equipment – AT COST				
Equipment	41,803	41,803	30,558	28,495
Website	29,523	29,523	29,523	29,523
Net Property and Equipment	71,326	71,326	60,081	58,018
Less Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(59,677)	(53,829)	(47,398)	(38,862)
	\$ 11,649	\$ 17,497	\$ 12,683	\$ 19,156
Other Assets				
Research Collections	26,939	26,939	26,799	25,051
Trademark	1,460	1,693	1,927	2,160
Deposits	1,824	1,824	1,824	1,940
Total Other Assets	30,223	30,456	30,550	29,151
	\$ 645,881	\$ 660,456	\$ 571,882	\$ 496,996
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	\$ 100,365	\$ 94,532	\$ 21,346	\$ 74,948
Deferred Membership Dues – current portion	153,217	221,473	228,088	176,667
	\$ 253,582	\$ 316,005	\$ 249,434	\$ 251,615
DEFERRED MEMBERSHIP DUES	51,860	65,766	67,315	40,206
	\$ 305,442	\$ 381,771	\$ 316,749	\$ 291,821
NET ASSETS				
UNRESTRICTED	286,221	245,791	231,075	188,419
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	41,298	25,866	14,529	10,151
PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	12,290	9,838	9,529	6,605
	\$ 339,809	\$ 281,495	\$ 255,133	\$ 205,175
	\$ 645,251	\$ 663,266	\$ 571,882	\$ 496,996

Society for American Baseball Research				
Statement of Activities				
December 31, 2006				
Revenues	2006	2005	2004	2003
Membership Dues	381,291	369,430	318,319	308,395
SABR Publication Sales	18,919	15,109	9,472	32,989
Advertising and Mailing List Revenue	10,062	15,766	18,980	13,245
Convention Revenue	91,762	64,562	80,762	45,073
Donations and Royalties	83,085	43,952	46,552	32,760
Other Income	2,308	1,154	1,836	1,378
Investment Income	22,854	9,539	5,193	6,257
Net Assets Released from Re	18,288	858	4,102	4,859
	628,569	520,370	485,216	444,956
Expenditures				
Publications	192,765	208,321	137,987	166,549
Internet Expense	26,742	10,586	16,735	6,791
Payroll Expense	149,495	105,548	96,104	91,068
Payroll taxes	11,801	8,426	7,726	7,274
Employee Benefits	17,863	15,034	14,583	17,703
Administrative Expense	26,524	13,395	29,826	31,742
Membership Development	27,313	31,653	29,091	22,519
Convention Expense	59,630	40,939	34,708	10,686
Rent	16,275	15,343	15,171	14,185
Utilities	2,644	2,657	1,989	2,034
Postage and Delivery	9,623	9,359	10,488	12,722
Equipment Rental	4,911	4,708	4,233	4,202
Insurance Expense	9,673	9,615	9,392	5,409
Professional Fees	6,757	6,388	8,123	3,105
Travel, conferences, and meetings	17,028	20,085	16,422	14,317
Bad Debt			1,060	
Depreciation and amortization	6,081	6,665	8,769	8,546
	585,125	508,722	442,407	418,852
Excess of Revenue and Support from	43,444	11,648	42,809	26,104
LOSS ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS	(204)	258	(153)	(947)
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	43,240	11,906	42,656	25,157
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Lammers, Craig: Bob Quinn, father of the farm system. 13 pages. Text of a presentation at the St. Louis convention.

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In the last issue of the Bulletin I described the good time that members had at our annual convention. But it wasn't all fun and games in St. Louis. At the pre-convention meeting on Wednesday, the Board heard and approved a proposal from XML Team Solutions to develop version 2.0 of the online SABR Encyclopedia. XML will begin the work in late fall with a completion date in early spring.

Using the XML team's language, they would make the Encyclopedia more flexible and easier to use. Their technology would make it much easier to add new data into the database behind the Encyclopedia. XML team solutions currently works with several professional sports teams to disseminate accurate sports data. Their work will upgrade the SABR Encyclopedia to a higher level of use and accuracy.

We asked the XML group many pointed questions. Our first concern was how this work will benefit current SABR members. Their reply-SABR will have the most accurate online baseball data, and it will have the capability for members to query the database with their own specific requests. It will be much more user-friendly, allowing members who aren't technically savvy to use the data more effectively than is currently pos-

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by Dick Beverage

sible. More of our members will be able to use it, and the result will be more good research. And the flexibility of the queries will bring the sophisticated web user of baseball data into the SABR fold as well.

This is an important step that we have taken. When the work is complete, we'll have an asset that will be the standard of excellence, and we will want to share it as widely as possible. That is the SABR mission, and the XML agreement will make it happen. Thanks to Treasurer **F. X. Flinn** for making the initial contact with XML and bringing them to the table for what promises to be a long and profitable relationship for both parties.

Shortly before the convention, Publications Director Jim Charlton informed the Board that he would not renew his contract with SABR when it expires at the end of the year. He will be out of the country in the early part of 2008, making it impossible for him to continue. Jim has served SABR since early 2002 as part of a career in publishing that

spans over 40 years. He lives in New York, about five blocks away from his birthplace, but he spent a good part of his youth in Chicago where he attended high school. He is a graduate of Western Michigan University, where he roomed with Jim Bouton for a time, did some graduate work at Wayne State University in Detroit, and took his first job at Doubleday, where he worked in various capacities for 17 years. He's been an agent, an editor and has written over 30 books. During his tenure at SABR, we've seen the publication of *Deadball Stars of the American and National Leagues*, the *SABR Baseball List and Record Book* and the third edition of *Phil Lowry's Green Cathedrals*. I have enjoyed working with Jim over the past several years and learned a lot about the publishing business from him. He's a remarkable man, and I will miss him. Fortunately, we'll still remain in contact each year at the Convention.

The Board meets in Cleveland on the weekend of November 16-17, our annual budget meeting and then will have its annual Strategic Planning meeting in Anaheim on the weekend of February 22-23. There will be much on the table to discuss in each of these two meetings.

Call for Candidates *Cont'd* from pg 1

to nominate yourself or another candidate or suggest a question for the candidates, contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

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Meet a SABR Member

PETER MANCUSO

Peter Mancuso, born in July 1946, grew up in Staten Island, New York. As a youngster, he especially remembers his one and only visit to Ebbets Field in 1956, to see his beloved Dodgers play the Giants.

Growing up, he attended Curtis High School, Staten Island, and went on to earn both a BA and an MA from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice. After working in the New York City Police Department for years, he joined his brother in antique/quilt show management in 1987.

Peter, who joined SABR in 1999, first heard of SABR when he saw it mentioned in a newspaper story, probably *Baseball America*. His best experience with membership so far has been meeting the many wonderful people who are members of SABR, usually at the National Conventions and at the New York City & Philadelphia Chapter meetings.

He likes reading about 19th-century biographies and pieces with 19th-century historical content. His research interests are 19th-century players and baseball personalities with a particular focus on the 1880s/90s players of his native Staten Island. Because of this interest, he assumed the role of 19th Century Committee chair this past summer. In addition to his interest in the 19th century, he belongs to the Pictorial Research Committee and the Oral History Committee.

He is especially proud of his research paper on John (Brewery Jack) Taylor (now at the BioProject Web site), and his more recent research (still continuing) on the original naming of the New York Giants. He is trying to do a good job on his other BioProject subjects, who are all 19th-century Staten Islanders.

Peter lives in New Hope, Pennsylvania with his wife. His son, Joseph, is also a SABR member.



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November 17

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Summer 2008

SABR Annual Convention, Cleveland OH

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Happy Holidays!

The SABR staff and the SABR Board of Directors would like to wish all SABR members a happy and healthy holiday season.

The SABR office will be closed December 25 and 26, 2007 and January 1, 2007. It will be short-staffed December 24 - 28, 2007 and January 2, 2008.

Errata

The editor would like to call your attention to an error in the Sept/Oct. 2007 SABR Bulletin. On Page 9, where the team trivia winners are listed in the convention round-up (the right hand column), **Eric Weiss**, was left off the list, and replaced by **Bruce Boxdorfer**, who was not a member of the winning team.

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In each *Bulletin*, this space will be devoted to recognizing SABR members who, on their own initiative or on request, have assisted other members in their research projects - what SABR is all about. The only source of names will be you, the membership. There will be no judges, no committees, no competition. All names submitted will be printed; their nominators will not be identified.

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At least one, but not more than three, McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Awards shall be given each year. There is no limit to the number of times an individual may win the award, but it must be awarded each time for a wholly new work.

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No more than one Seymour Medal shall be given each year. If, in the judgment of the award committee, a worthy candidate cannot be found, the medal shall not be awarded. There is no limit to the number of times an individual may win the award, but it must be awarded each time for a wholly new work.

The Executive Director solicits candidates for the award from publishers and the three-member judging committee assists in recommending books for review. Recommendations by SABR members will be welcomed; they will be reviewed by the award committee, and if any committee member determines that the book qualifies for medal competition, it shall be added to the list of books to be judged, and review copies shall be requested. The Judging Committee consists of **Dick Johnson**, 268 Middle Street, Braintree MA 02184-4851; **Ron Kaplan**, 23 Dodd St, Montclair NJ 07042-5019; and **Jon Daniels**, 1340 N Dearborn Pkwy #3F, Chicago IL 60610-2064.

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SABR Member Organizing a Monument for Luther H. "Dummy" Taylor

SABR member **Dave Anderson**, of Olathe, Kansas, is organizing a fund-raising drive to honor the legacy of fellow Olathean Luther H. "Dummy" Taylor, best known as a deaf major-league pitcher during baseball's Deadball Era who overcame adversity to enjoy an 8-year career primarily with the New York Giants.

"Taylor attended the Kansas School for the Deaf from 1884 to 1895. He had wanted to be a boxer, but his folks said he would do better at baseball, and baseball became a richer sport as a result," said Anderson, who is also the author of *More Than Merkle* and a frequent contributor to SABR publications including the recent *Deadball Stars of the American League*.

After his professional playing days, Taylor returned to Olathe and coached five different sports at the Kansas School for the Deaf, who subsequently named the Taylor Gymnasium in his honor.

His grave marker, however, is a single stone, next to his first wife Della who died in 1931. It is Anderson's hope to raise enough money to erect a significant monument to honor Taylor's immense contributions to the Kansas-area community.

"While we were there [at Taylor's gravesite]," said Anderson, "I saw a baseball lying next to his tombstone. What a great sign."

To make a donation or to find out more about the project, please contact Dave Anderson, 17934 West 158th Court, Olathe, KS 66062, 913-254-9646, danderson46@comcast.net.

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