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SABR 39 Recap

SABR 39 drew a registered crowd of 664, making it the third-largest SABR convention. It got off to a great start on Wednesday, July 29, as more than one hundred members took tours of Nationals Park and learned some of the ways the new ballpark pays tribute to the old Griffith Park. For example, the lighting fixtures in the Diamond Club are modeled after the old Griffith Park fixtures and the outfield fence has one section that jogs inward to replicate the shape of the old Griffith Park fence, which accommodated an oak tree growing near the fence.

Late afternoon tour-goers were also treated to an informative talk on baseball in Washington by **Phil Wood**, longtime DC baseball commentator and historian. His talk included a "show and tell" of baseball jerseys he's collected from various Washington teams, including ones worn by Frank Howard and Ted Williams.

On Wednesday evening, **Paul Dickson**, the editor of the *Dickson Baseball Dictionary,* gave a presentation on the newly released third edition of the dictionary. Among the many anecdotes he told about baseball terms and their etymologies was the story of how "on deck" and "in the hole" came into baseball. The Boston Red Sox of 1857 (not related to the current franchise) played a team in Belfast, Maine, made up mostly of seafarers and sailors. One of them used the megaphone to announce the batters and referred to the next two batters as the man "on deck" and "in the hold/hole," which was widely reported by and adopted by the press who had followed the Sox to the game.

In addition to a full day of presentations, the main speaker on Thursday was **Christina Kahrl**, one of the founders of Baseball Prospectus (BP). She spoke about the history of BP and the pursuit of knowledge, sprinkling her presentation with quotes from E.O. Wilson and references to both the Treaty of Westphalia and VORP.

Friday morning started with a breakfast to thank all of the members who have donated to SABR's giving program over the past year. The generosity of our members allows the Society to continue and expand its programming. The highlight of the day was a panel in the form of a lively discussion between former Washington Senators great Frank Howard and World Series MVP turned broadcaster Rick Dempsey. Their conversation was moderated by sportscaster and commentator **George Michael**. The three discussed a

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Honoring the Best of SABR at Convention

Bob Davids Award

Tom Ruane accepting the Bob Davids Award

Tom Ruane, a Poughkeepsie, New York resident, is this year's winner of the Society for American Baseball Research's (SABR) highest honor, The Bob Davids Award. 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.

The commendation awarding Ruane with the award read in part:

Subscribers to SABR-L are happily familiar with Tom's varied posts, which are both humorous and definitive. For example, this spring there was a question about George Sisler's batting average in different months in 1922. Tom replied promptly, not just with accurate information, but also with a clear explanation of the source of some of the discrepancies in the official record that are continuing to come to light. Of course, at the end of this mini-treatise, he closed with his trademark "Thank you for your patience." It is we who now, with this Bob Davids Award, thank him for his diligence.

The breadth of Tom's sophisticated research can be seen in the many articles he has written for the research portion of the Retrosheet web site. Tom has also contributed to the Baseball Research Journal, Baseball

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The Pres Box

from SABR President Andy McCue

Community

Every year, I swear I'm going to check out more presentations at our annual convention. I did it again this year.

And every year, I wind up running into people in the lobby whom I haven't seen in a year. "Hello" becomes "What are you working on?" and "That's interesting" becomes "Let's grab something to drink," and I miss a couple more presentations.

I regret this, but over 20 years of attending the convention, I've become convinced it's a highlight of my year—every year—because of these conversations. The SABR publications are great, but it's our various communities that are central to truly enjoying and gaining from SABR.

The convention—with 600 or 700 members, the presentations, the chance meetings in the lobby and the book room, the beckoning restaurants and bar— is the centerpiece. My first year, I knew only a couple of people from my regional. The next year, I knew those people, a couple from my main committee, and two people I'd fallen into conversation with the previous year. It's been exponential since then.

But there's also SABR-L and brsp, which we didn't have until several years after my first convention. SABR-L is about seeking research help and sharing results. Brsp is about how SABR is or, more typically, should be run. Each is another lobby for SABR members to meet and talk, exchange opinions (and, I hope, the hard data to back up those opinions) and ask for help.

That community ethic of help is another, and I think underappreciated, facet of SABR. My 20-something son volunteered to do a profile for Bioproject. He got the player's major league record off Retrosheet (via SABR members) and his minor league record from the work of our minor league database group (now hosted at baseball-reference.com). For the next step, I said, "so and so is an expert on this team and such and such is very good on this minor league and can put you in contact with family and people who played with him." My son's response was that he didn't know these people and they wouldn't respond to him. I said, "Just call. They'll help." He did. They did.

And I haven't even mentioned other parts of the community we've created that brings us together. It's the committees and their newsletters, the regionals and their meetings.

That's why I was particularly excited when Chris Dial, Rob McCullough, and Paul Brewer appeared at the board meeting the last day of the convention. They had an intriguing idea for creating a new kind of SABR community.

Let me give you a little background first. Chris, Mike, and Paul are all active at Baseball Think Factory (baseballthinkfactory.org). It's become a cliché that each of these web sites is a virtual community. Like all clichés, there's a strong element of truth in there. But they're communities by e-mail and postings. This year, they noticed a lot of their colleagues would be at the convention, many of them presenting their research. They thought it would be fun and rewarding to meet in person, not just electronically.

As it tends to do at the convention, this group conversation migrated to a place serving late-night beverages, and soon Paul was noting that their gathering was very much like a regional meeting. The question arose, "why couldn't they be a new kind of regional?" Their excitement over this idea brought them into the board meeting the next morning and both their group and the board are working on adjusting SABR's bylaws to accommodate this kind of community.

As this idea meandered through the SABR grapevine (another community), it's sparked ideas for a group of librarians whose work and expertise centers on baseball and a group of people who regularly blog about the game.

Each of these is a potential community that can add to our mission of preserving and disseminating the record of baseball's history. Like our more established communities, all offer a place to foster baseball research, to deepen and sharpen the work, and to disseminate it throughout SABR, then to the broader baseball world, and, perhaps, even more widely.

I hope other similar ideas will be forthcoming as we move forward together.

Committee Newsletter Roundup

The Right Call (Umpires & Rules)
July 2009

The newsletter notes that Bruce Weber, author of *As They See 'Em*, spoke at the committee meeting during the convention. Other items of interest include an update on the career of Charles Moran, remaining gaps in the committee's game-by-game umpiring log; an update on reversals due to the MLB's instant replay system; and instances when the MLB Scoring Committee has reversed the decision of an official scorer this season.

Records Committee
August 2009

Ev Cope provides a list of Phillies batters with the most seasons accomplishing various offensive benchmarks. **Ron Liebman** adds an addendum to the list of pitchers who spent 15 or more seasons with one AL team. **Jim Charlton** adds to the list of games with the most players caught stealing by one team. **Trent McCotter** gives a list of the most career 20+ game hitting streaks and longest career hitting streaks by foreign-born players. **Peter Ridges** notes a Dusty Rhodes' 1954 World Series record of getting at least two RBI in three games where he did not start. **Walt Wilson** adds to his list of retired batteries with 40 or more starts together without a shutout and lists battery mates for Greg Maddux, Roger Clemens, Al Orth, and Chick Fraser . **Juan Rodriguez** provides a decade-by-decade look at hit-by-pitch totals. **David Frank** lists the most productive players who made their debuts in the years 1961-1965.

Biographical Research Committee
May/June 2009

Peter Morris has the Find of the Month with Jay Budd, who played one inauspicious game for the Cleveland Players League club on September 10, 1890. **Frank Russo** notes that he has a web site devoted to deceased major leagues, called thedeadballera.com and has recently added images of hundreds of death certificates of former major leaguers. The Mystery of the Month is Billy Greer, who played six years in the majors with seven teams.

July/August 2009

A collective effort by **David Nemec**, **Peter Morris**, **Richard Malatzky**, and **Bruce Allardice** had the Find of the Month, tracking down Bill Bowman, who played in 15 games for the Cubs in 1891 (with a .089 batting average). **Peter Morris** also found William Gardner, who pitched three games for Baltimore of the AA in 1887, Alex Donoghue, who played six games for Philadelphia in 1891, and William C. Henderson, who managed Baltimore of the UA in 1884. The new Mystery of the Month is Michael Ledwith, who played in 1874. The newsletter also includes a note about and link to a grass roots movement that is trying to make Pennsylvania death certificates available online and a note about the revamping of the SABR booklet *How to Do Baseball Research.*

20 to 80 (Scouts)
2009 No. 1

This issue includes a reprint of a *Baseball America* article by member **Tracy Ringolsby** on the Marlin's professional scouts. Member **Gary Hughes** will be among the scouts inducted into the Professional Baseball Scouts Hall of Fame by the Goldklang Group. **Lee Lowenfish** offers an in-depth look at the world of scouting. **Craig Lammers** provides a profile of Deadball Era scout Bill Phillips. Other items of interest include recent deaths and updates on the scouts book project and scouts biography project.

Spring Flings (Spring Training)
June 2009

The newsletter includes updates on the Rockies' and Diamondbacks' plans to leave Tucson in 2010 and likely partner in a new facility either in Phoenix or Scottsdale. The Orioles will likely leave Fort Lauderdale in 2010, with Fort Meyers, FL, emerging as the front-running new locale. The Cubs plan to leave Mesa, AZ, and may go to Sarasota. The new Red Sox facility in Fort Meyers will include a stadium with dimensions that match Fenway. Minor League Baseball has taken over the operation of Dodgertown in Vero Beach. Attendance was down in the Cactus League and flat in the Grapefruit League.

Originals (Origins Committee)
August 2009

A tribute to the late **Fred Ivor-Campbell** headlines the newsletter. The newsletter also includes a summary of the committee's meeting at the national convention. One new inquiry is listed: **David Dyte** asks for an ID of an image he found of a game between the Atlantics and Mutuals. Some notable discoveries: **John Zinn** finding an 1857 article in a New Jersey newspaper listing the rules of that season; **Richard Hershberger** started a discussion of the Massachusetts Game in Boston newspapers of 1858-1860; and **David Dyte** posted an 1894 recollection of play in 1837 at Erasmus Hall Academy in Brooklyn.

Black Sox Scandal
Vol. 1, No. 2, July 2009

This issue is a tribute to late committee chair and founder **Gene Carney**. It includes a reprint of Carney's obituary from the *Utica Observer-Dispatch*; a

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Chapter News

Pittsburgh, PA

Chapter: Forbes Field
When: Tuesday, August 4
Activity: Summer "Hot Stove" session
Guests: Pittsburgh Pirates President Frank Coonelly
Attendance: 19

Sacramento, CA

Chapter: Sacramento
When: August 15, 2009
Guest: Carlos Alcala, *Sacramento Bee,* on Sacramento native Clarence "Cack" Henley, who pitched a 24-inning shutout for the SF Seals in 1909.
Presenters: **Doug McWilliams**, sports photographer, on his career shooting for the Oakland A's and Topps baseball cards; **Alan O'Connor**, Sacramento baseball historian, on some of his PCL and Sacramento gamer bats; **Tom Crisp**, on Sacramento Solon and Cub Frank Demaree, inducted into the PCL HOF in 2009.
Attendance: 28

Seattle, WA

Chapter: Northwest SABR
When: August 15, 2009
Guests: Ossie Chavarria, former utility man for the Kansas City A's and Vancouver Mounties, and John Haar, who spent time in the minors for SF and NYY and has contributed immensely to baseball in Canada.
Activities: Game at Nat Bailey Stadium (Canadians vs. Tri-City)

Denver, CO

Chapter: Rocky Mountain SABR
When: August 22, 2009
Guest: Jeff Huson, former major leaguer and current Rockies broadcaster
Presenter: **Matt Mitchell**, "Advances in Baseball Information"

John Haar and Ossie Chavarria at the NWSABR chapter meeting.

Hartford, CT

Chapter: Smoky Joe Wood Chapter
When: August 22, 2009
Activities: chapter breakfast and Bridgeport Bluefish game
Attendance: 12 for breakfast; 20 for baseball game

Little Rock, AR

Chapter: Robinson-Kell
When: August 22, 2009
Guest: Pat Harrison on playing and coaching at USC, Pepperdine, Oklahoma, and Ole Miss.
Presentations: Fred Worth on locating graves of former players; Jim Rasco on the 1937 exhibition games when the Arkansas Travelers beat both the Yankees and Indians; Fred Worth with a pictorial scavenger hunt of baseball "nuts" and "notables"
Attendance: 14

Austin, TX

Chapter: Rogers Hornsby
When: August 25, 2009
Activities: Trivia quiz on nicknames, won by Bill Gilbert
Attendance: 6
Milestones: This was the 33rd consecutive month the chapter has held a meeting

Indianapolis, IN

Chapter: Oscar Charleston
When: September 12, 2009
Presentations: **Roger Snell**, "Root for the Cubs: Charlie Root and the 1929 Chicago Cubs"; **Bob Gregory,** the 1862 Summit City Base Ball Club of Fort Wayne; **David Bohmer**, the Federal League; **Geri Strecker** the rise and fall of Greenlee Field.
Activities: Trivia contest.

Houston, TX

Chapter: Larry Dierker
When: September 15, 2009
Speaker: Gene Dias, Houston Astros Director of Media Relations
Activities: Trivia contest from **Scott Barzilla**

Chapters are an important part of SABR. Local meetings are a great way to meet like-minded baseball fans, learn new facts and insights from presentations, and hear some fascinating guest speakers. To see if there is a chapter meeting near you, regularly check the SABR Calendar at www.sabr.org.

Upcoming Events

Hamden, CT
October, 24, 2009
Who: Smoky Joe Wood Chapter
Where: Quinnipiac University, College of Liberal Arts
Contact: Steve Krevisky, sakrevisky@sbcglobal.net

Colchester, VT
October 24, 1:00 p.m.
Who: Gardner-Waterman Chapter
Where: Sloane Hall, Fort Ethan Allen
Contact: Tom Simon, (802) 999-5449.

Orlando, FL
October 31, 2009 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Who: Auker-Seminick Chapter
Where: Orlando Library Southwest Branch (7255 Della Dr.)
Contact: Rod Caborn, rcaborn@mac.com OR Dave Larson, tazlarson@aol.com.

Kansas City, MO
October 31, 2009 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Who: Monarchs Chapter
Where: Trailside Center (9901 Holmes)
Contact: Roger Erickson, rpe@kc.rr.com

Miami, FL
November, 7, 2009
Who: South Florida Chapter
Contact: Sam Zygner, sflasabr@hotmail.com,

Sacramento, CA
November 7, 2009
What: Sacramento Chapter
Where: Luau Garden, 1890 Arden Way, next to Kohl's
Contact: johnmoist@comcast.net

Phoenix, AZ
November 12-14, 2009
What: Arizona Fall League Conference, featuring four Arizona Fall League games, plus talks by front office personnel.
Contact: Rodney Johnson, FDelhichpt@aol.com

Denver, CO
November 13, 2009
Who: Rocky Mountain SABR
What: 12th Annual Banquet; them is Baseball Music and Art
Contact: Paul Parker, parkerp@coloradorockies.com

Pittsburgh, PA
Saturday, November 14, 2009, 9:00 a.m.
What: Forbes Field Chapter, Fall Meeting
Where: John Heinz History Center
Contact: Bob Sproule, rfsmms@verizon.com

Tokyo, Japan
November 21, 2009
Who: Tokyo Chapter
Where: Amico Mio restaurant, Shiba-Daimon, Tokyo.
Contact: Tomotada Yamamoto, mountainbook91@jcom.home.ne.jp

Greenville, R.I.
November 28, 11:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.
Who: Lajoie-Start Chapter
Where: St. Philip's Parish Center
Contact: Len Levin, lenlevin5@hotmail.com

New York, NY
February 6, 2010, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Who: Casey Stengel Chapter
Where: NYPL Mid-Manhattan branch
Contact: Evelyn Begley, ebegley29@juno.com

Atlanta, GA
February 13, 11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
Who: Magnolia Chapter
Where: TBA
Contact: Terry Sloope, magnoliasabr@mindspring.com

Hot Springs, AR
March 4-7, 2010
What: Boiling Out, a celebration of Deadball Era spring training
Where: Arlington Hotel
Contract: R. J. Lesch, rjlesch_usa@yahoo.com

Cleveland, OH
April 30-May 2, 2010
What: Seymour Medal Conference
Where: Radisson Hotel Cleveland-Gateway
Contact: Susan Petrone, spetrone@sabr.org

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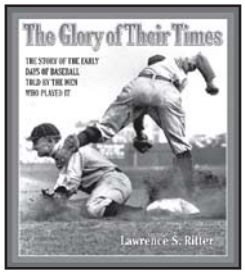

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By The Numbers and Nine. Many of you are aware that Tom is also a member of the Retrosheet Board of Directors and is responsible for the wonderfully interconnected links in box scores and player and team statistics. The members of the selection committee are unanimous that this tireless work has been of tremendous value to SABR and to baseball research in general. The fact that he can make such contributions to both organizations simultaneously is a tribute to his unflagging enthusiasm.

In fact, enthusiasm, diligence, good humor, and dedication to detail are all hallmarks of Tom's baseball research activities. As he explained to me once when I marveled at how much he was doing: "I don't need a lot of sleep." Our organization is much the better for the high quality efforts of this fine man. It is my professional and personal pleasure to present Tom Ruane with the 2009 Bob Davids Award.

Presentation Awards

Tim Herlich of Seattle, Washington, and **Susan Ballentine** of Richmond, Virginia, respectively received awards for the best oral presentation and best poster presentation.

Herlich won the Doug Pappas Award for Best Oral Presentation for "21*," a tribute to Washington player Tom Cheney's forgotten 21-strikeout game. Herlich's presentation detailed that record-setting performance and reviewed Cheney's careers, appealing for proper recognition for this baseball record and record holder. Born in Darby, Pennsylvania, and raised on Long Island, Herlich is now a long-time resident of Seattle and is president of the Northwest SABR chapter.

Ballentine won the *USA Today Sports Weekly* prize for the best poster presentation at the convention for "Rethinking Bill James' Pythagorean Expectation." In her presentation, Ballentine reached beyond James's Pythagorean, which requires only two team stats and one calculator formula, and built multiple regression models. Rather than using offensive stats to predict Runs Scored or defensive data to predict Runs Allowed, her approach was to use stats from both sides of the game as potential predictors of winning percentage. Ballentine is a 12th grader at the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government and International Studies in Richmond, VA.

The scoring of oral presentations was exceptionally close; the judges listed three honorable mentions:

Jen McGovern -- The Promotion of Baseball Players in a Global Market: Major Disparities in the Minor Leagues

Monica Nucciarone -- An Overview of Alexander Cartwright's Life and the Claims for his Baseball Fame

Geri Strecker -- The Rise and Fall of Greenlee Field: Biography of a Ballpark

The SABR Board of Directors (l. to r.): Outgoing President Dick Beverage, Vice-president Bill Nowlin, Anthony Salazar, former director and new President Andy McCue, Treasurer F.X. Flinn, Paul Hirsch, Tom Hufford, and outgoing Secretary Neal Traven.

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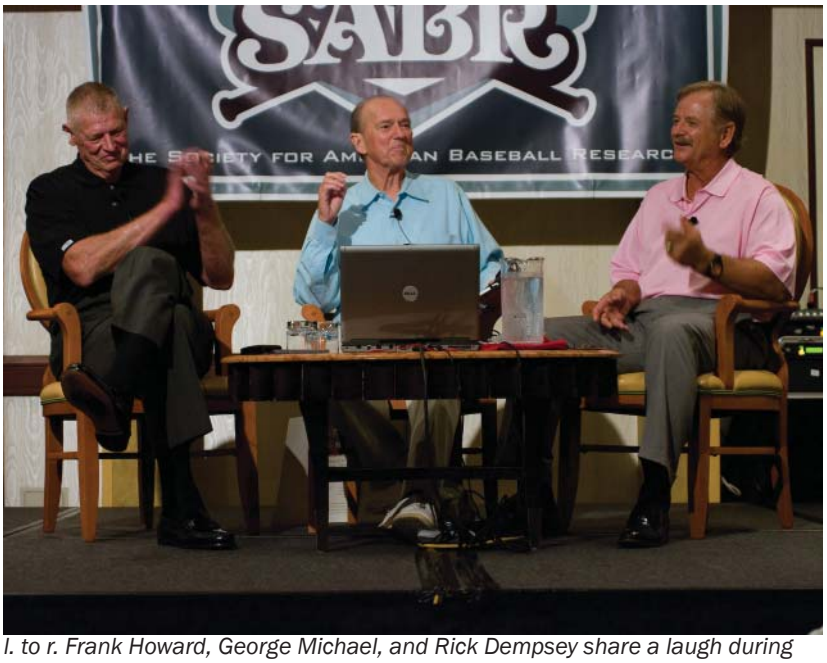
number of former players and managers, such as Reggie Jackson, Earl Weaver, Jim Palmer, and Ted Williams. Member Cecilia Tan has an excellent recap of the convention, including some of the many stories told during this panel at: http://www.whyilikebaseball.com/?p=146.

The featured speaker at the Saturday awards luncheon was Josh Alkin, a lobbyist for Major League Baseball, who replaced Nationals President Stan Kasten at the last minute. He serves as a primary advisor to the Office of the Commissioner of Major League Baseball and acts as liaison between the Commissioner's office and Congress and the White House.

After the Awards Luncheon, more than 300 convention-goers packed one of the presentation halls to hear a panel of former Negro League players, including Mamie "Peanut" Johnson, Sam Allen, Pedro Sierra, and Henry "Hank" Mason. You can listen to the audio recording of the panel by visiting the convention web site at: convention.sabr.org.



l. to r. Frank Howard, George Michael, and Rick Dempsey share a laugh during the Players' Panel.

One of the most intriguing results to come out of the convention was a proposal by a group of members who are also active members of the BaseballThinkFactory.org online community made a proposal at the Sunday morning board meeting about starting a "virtual" SABR chapter. The Board of Directors was receptive to the idea. Member Chris Dial is taking the lead in developing a more detailed plan that would create a model for new chapter-like entities.

As always, the highlight of the convention for many was the camaraderie and community found in spending four days with far-flung friends who share a common love of baseball.

Columnist, historian, and radio host Phil Wood

Speaker Christina Kahrl of Baseball Prospectus

Negro League panelist Sam Allen, Negro League Committee chair Larry Lester, and Negro League panelist Pedro Sierra.

New Members Page

SABR would like to welcome recent new members. They are listed below with their cities and general areas of interest. Please give these new members a warm welcome and help them make the most of their membership by giving them the opportunity to get involved in their local chapter or a research committee or two. (We strive to make this list as complete as possible; any omissions were not intentional.) **Any member can visit http://members.sabr.org to use the SABR membership directory**

NAME	CITY	INTERESTS
New members from 6/9/09-9/16/09		
Frank Adams	Bay Harbor Island, FL	
Alan Anthony	London, ON, Canada	Ballparks, Records, Biographical Research, Minors, Spring Training, Stats
David Antonelli	Somerville, MA	
Rafael Artiles	Medford, MA	
James Asimes	Cleveland, OH	
Julia Baily	Medford, MA	
John Banks	Victoria, BC, Canada	Negro Leagues, 19th Century
Jae Barclay	Derry, NH	Asian Baseball, Baseball & the Arts
Brent Baron	Owings Mills, MD	Ballparks, Records, Biz of Baseball, Minors, Stats
Daniel Berger	Bronx, NY	Ballparks, Baseball & the Arts, Latino, Negro Leagues, 19th Century, Oral History, Origins, Science & Baseball, Stats
Richard Blevins	Greensburg, PA	Ballparks, Deadball, 19th Century
Jonathan Bohall	Quincy, MA	
Travis Bowen	Centreville, VA	
Stephen Bowman	Houston, TX	
Samuel Brandwein	Boca Raton, FL	Records, Biz of Baseball, Science & Baseball
Michael Brown	Boston, MA	
Chamise Campbell	Colusa, CA	All areas
Rick Canale	Chestnut Hill, MA	All areas
Seth Carnahan	Kirkwood, MO	Biz of Baseball, Scouts
Cathy Carr	Sandusky, OH	All areas
Neal Carter	Rock Hill, SC	
Randy Casebier	The Woodlands, TX	Ballparks, Minors, 19th Century
Matthew Casertano	Los Angeles, CA	Asian, Ballparks, Collegiate, Latino, Minors, Negro Leagues, Pictorial History, Scouts, Stats
Donna Chirico	Chestnut Ridge, NY	Baseball & the Arts, Records, Stats
John Collier	Houston, TX	Collegiate, Deadball, Science & Baseball, Umpires
D. Jeanie Cooke	Danville, IL	Ballparks, Biographical Research, Collegiate, Minors, Negro Leagues
James Crabtree	Pflugerville, TX	Ballparks, BioProject, Oral History
Pat Curra	Valley Stream, NY	Biz of Baseball, Collegiate, Deadball, Minors, Scouts, Spring Training, Stats
Kevin Decker	Hillsborough, NJ	Records
Steven Densa	St. Petersburg, FL	
George DiBenedetto	Vero Beach, FL	Collegiate, Scouts
Ron Dungan	Fairfax, VA	
Terrence Dwyer	Poughkeepsie, NY	Biz of Baseball
David Evans	Reston, VA	
John Evans	Murrieta, CA	
Michael Evans	S. Yarmouth, MA	
Mark Fellows	Beavercreek, OH	Ballparks, Biz of Baseball, Science & Baseball, Stats, Umpires
David Filipi	Colubmus, OH	Ballparks, Baseball & the Arts, Records, Biographical Research, BioProject, Biz of Baseball, Latino, Oral History
Benjamin Filippo	Medford, MA	
Jennifer Flatt	Marinette, WI	Latino, Negro Leagues
George Fleet	Hermitage, PA	Negro Leagues, 19th Century
Joshua Folk	Kirkland, WA	Ballparks, Biz of Baseball, Science & Baseball, Stats
Harold Ford	Stone Mountain, GA	Ballparks, Biographical Research, Deadball, Minors, 19th Century
George Franks	Cuyahoga Falls, OH	
Colin Fricke	Grosse Pointe, MI	
Steven Friedenberg	Bethlehem, PA	Biographical Research, Pictorial History
Lawrence Friedman	Somerville, MA	Baseball & the Arts, Science & Baseball
Maria Fulwiler	Medford, MA	
Erin Gallagher	Medford, MA	
Allie Gentry	Eden Prairie, MN	Ballparks, Baseball & the Arts, Records, Collegiate, Minors, Spring Training, Stats
Paul Gerson	Houston, TX	Baseball & the Arts, Pictorial History
Jon Glickhouse	Medford, MA	
Robert Goldstein	Medford, MA	

NAME	CITY	INTERESTS
Stanley Goldstein	Scarborough, NY	Stats
Michael Gority	Seminole, FL	Ballparks, Records, Black Sox, Deadball, 19th Century, Origins, Science & Baseball, Stats, Umpires
Terry Gottschall	College Place, WA	Minors, 19th Century
Joseph Grittani	Mississauga, ON	
Jeffrey Groff	Dresher, PA	Ballparks, Records, Biographical Resaerch, Scouts, Stats, Umpires
Marissa Haarmann	Phoenix, AZ	
Greg Hachmeister	Mount Prospect, IL	
Steve Hanley	Cranberry Twp, PA	Ballparks, Records
Matt Haslbeck	Herndon, VA	Ballparks, Records, Spring Training, Stats
Robbie Havdala	Medford, MA	
Brian Hays	Bothell, WA	
Scott Heikkinen	Duluth, MN	Deadball
Matthew Heine	Alameda, CA	Ballparks, Records, Biographical Research, Spring Training
Aaron Henrich	Colorado Spring, CO	
Bart Hendley	Macon, GA	Biographical Research, Minors
Lawrence Hilliard	Greenbelt, MD	Baseball & the Arts, Science & Baseball
Kyle Hoback	Nebraska City, NE	
Paul Hurst	Manchester, UK	Ballparks, Biz of Baseball, Minors, Stats, Umpires
John Ingham	San Diego, CA	Biographical Research, Biz of Baseball, Negro Leagues
Adriana Jacobs	New York, NY	
David Jacobs	New York, NY	
Marcus Jaiclin	Westfield, MA	Science & Baseball, Stats
James Jones	St. Cloud, FL	
Will Joaquin	Louisville, KY	Records, Biographical Research, Biz of Baseball, Science & Baseball, Stats, Umpires
Thomas Johnston	Niagara, WI	Science & Baseball, Stats
Christopher Kamka	Wheeling, IL	Records, Biographical Research, Deadball, Stats
Jordan Kardos	Washington Crossing, PA	Records, Biz of Baseball, Collegiate, Latino, Minors, Science & Baseball, Scouts, Stats
John Katricak	Sheffield Village, OH	Collegiate, Minors, Negro Leagues, Science & Baseball, Scouts, Spring Training, Stats, Umpires
John Katsinas	Champaign, IL	Ballparks, Records, Biographical Research, Biz of Baseball, Origins, Stats
Jack Kelley	Wood River, IL	Ballparks, Records, Biographical Research, Stats
Adam Kirsch	Englewood, NJ	
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Darwin Shane Koch	Herrin, IL	
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Dennis McGough	Gettysburg, PA	Records, Science & Baseball, Stats
Joseph Melillo	Hopewell, NJ	Ballparks, Records, Bibliography, Biographical Research, 19th Century, Pictorial History, Stats, Umpires

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Joseph Merkel	Bonney Lake, WA	Ballparks, Records, Biz of Baseball, Collegiate, Minors, Science & Baseball, Stats
Brian Meyerhoff	Hazelwood, MO	Records, Biz of Baseball, Deadball, Umpires
Robert Milliman	Springfield, OH	Baseball & the Arts, Umpires
Andrew Misura	Milltown, NJ	All areas
Alexander Mitropoulos	Somerville, MA	
Guy Molyneux	Bethesda, MD	
Samuel Mondry-Cohen	San Francisco, CA	
Stephen Montana	Arlington, VA	Science & Baseball, Stats
David Moon	St. Cloud, MN	Deadball, Negro Leagues, 19th Century, Origins, Scouts, Stats
Greg Moore	Mountain View, CA	Biz of Baseball, Collegiate, Minors, Science & Baseball, Scouts, Stats
Dennis Moreira	San Jose, CA	All areas
Robert E. Murphy	Brooklyn, NY	Ballparks, Origins
Steven Myers	Dayton, OH	Baseball & the Arts
Larry Mynars	McHenry, IL	Bibliography, Collegiate, Origins, Science & Baseball, Spring Training, Stats, Umpires
William Nelson	Eugene, OR	All areas
Kyle Newsom	Conway, AR	Ballparks, Records, BioProject, Biz of Baseball, Stats
Das Nobel	Albany, NY	Asian Baseball, BioProject, Biz of Baseball, Minors, Science & Baseball, Scouts, Stats
Ted Noon	Spokane, WA	Asian Baseball, Ballparks, Stats
Thomas Nygren	Upper Arlington, OH	Ballparks, Records, Pictorial History, Science & Baseball, Stats
Michael O'Hara	Hagerstown, MD	Ballparks, Records, Deadball, Negro Leagues, Stats
Wells Oliver	Austin, TX	Ballparks, Oral History, Origins, Science & Baseball, Stats
Matthew Patterson	Tallahassee, FL	Stats
Jimmy Parker	Greer, SC	Records
Nan Peck	Springfield, VA	
Matt Polka	N. Versailles, PA	Ballparks, Baseball & the Arts, Biz of Baseball, Science & Baseball
Scott Price	Washington, DC	Latino, Minors
Joseph Pulizotto	Staten Island, NY	Ballparks, Minors, Negro Leagues, Umpires
Brett Rees	Boston, MA	Asian Baseball, Records, Biz of Baseball, Minors, Pictorial History, Science & Baseball, Scouts, Stats
Michael Reis	Stillwater, OK	Ballparks, Records, Biz of Baseball, Collegiate, Minors, Science & Baseball, Stats
Nicholas Renner	Medford, MA	
John Richards	Albuquerque, NM	Records, Negro Leagues, 19th Century, Origins, Science & Baseball, Stats, Umpires & Rules
Alex Riedel	Tinley Park, IL	All areas
Matthew Righter	Baltimore, MD	Biz of Baseball, Collegiate, Minors, Scouts, Stats
Scott Romonosky	Downers Grove, IL	Baseball & the Arts, Records, Biographical Research, BioProject, Biz of Baseball, Science & Baseball, Stats, Umpires
Joe Rosano	Somerville, MA	
Andrew Rosen	Armonk, NY	
Joshua Rosen	Tarrytown, NY	Ballparks, Records, Black Sox, Biz of Baseball, Deadball, Negro Leagues, Science & Baseball
Mark Rosenthal	Milton, DE	Ballparks, Records, Stats
Chris Rowley	Pickerington, OH	Ballparks, Black Sox, Biz of Baseball, Deadball
Jamie Ryan	Medford, MA	
Benjamin Sattin	Shaker Hts, OH	Biz of Baseball, Oral History, Pictorial History, Science & Baseball, Stats
Bernard Schaper	St. Louis, MO	Ballparks, Black Sox, Stats
Robert Schnakenberg	Brooklyn, NY	Ballparks, Baseball & the Arts, Biographical Research, BioProject, Oral History
David Schneier	Raleigh, NC	All areas
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Eric Shotwell	Northampton, MA	Deadball, 19th Century
Darrin Silvester	Canton, MI	All areas
Brent Simmons	Havertown, :PA	Ballparks
William Skelton	Morris Plains, NJ	Records, Biz of Baseball, Minors, Science & Baseball, Stats
Brian Sloan	Lincroft, NJ	Asian Baseball, Biographical Research, Collegiate, Minors, Pictorial History, Scouts, Spring Training, Stats
Brian Smith	N. Providence, RI	
David Spenard	Washington, DC	Biographical Research, Negro Leagues, Umpires

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The Baseball Index Adds Sporting News Obituaries

After 25 years and 10,093 new entries, *The Baseball Index* now contains all the baseball-related obituaries that appeared in *The Sporting News* Obituary/Necrology columns from 1933 to 1991.

The work began in the 1980's when Bibliography Committee founder **Frank Phelps** started to record the obituaries. He started with 1933, when the newspaper began a formal obituaries column, and recorded the information by hand, starting with William "Kid" Gleason, who appeared on Jan. 5, 1933, and ending with James "Cool Papa" Bell on March 18, 1991, the last formal obituaries column in TSN. You can see Frank's sheets at http://www.sabr.org/sabr.cfm?a=cms,c,2146,55,214.

Frank's work rested on those sheets for over 20 years, until the SABR office scanned the sheets. Then the volunteers took over. **Brad Sullivan** already had put most of the 1970s and 1980s *Sporting News*, including the obituaries, into TBI. **Mike Grahek** did 1933-35 and 1940-41, while **Bill Nowlin** did 1936-37. But it was Phil Bergen who proved to be the MVP of the project, producing 8,695 (86%) of the new entries. Typing Frank's handwriting into a spreadsheet was tedious work, and all who use TBI in the future are the beneficiaries of these volunteers' commitment.

Peter Garver, SABR's staff computer guru in Cleveland, also provided yeoman service getting the data into the project's creaky administrative software.

The obituaries themselves provide a collage of the first century of professional baseball in the US. The early years of the Necrology column were filled with 19th century players, organizers, managers, and umpires. The later years recorded the passings of those who peopled the widespread minor leagues of the mid-20th century.

For most of this period, *The Sporting News* functioned like a small-town newspaper for the baseball industry. Honus Wagner or Walter Johnson might get a couple of pages, but an amazing range of people earned a mention. It wasn't only the players, managers, umpires, scouts or owners who made the list. Ushers, ticket takers, Western Union telegraphers, Pullman car porters, trainers, fans, and sportswriters all had their day. So did wives, ex-wives, children, mothers, fathers, grandparents, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and in-laws.

The columns reflected the world outside baseball as well. In March 1945, an obscure island named Iwo Jima popped up as the place of death for Lt. Robert D. Holmes, who'd pitched in the minors in 1942-43. Iwo Jima would be listed as the place of death for eight more names over the next two months. In the early years, Negro League greats were missed or mentioned only in passing. By the end, they were getting obituaries worthy of the Hall of Famers they had become.

The TBI database now has just under 239,000 entries and is free to all at: www.baseballindex.org.

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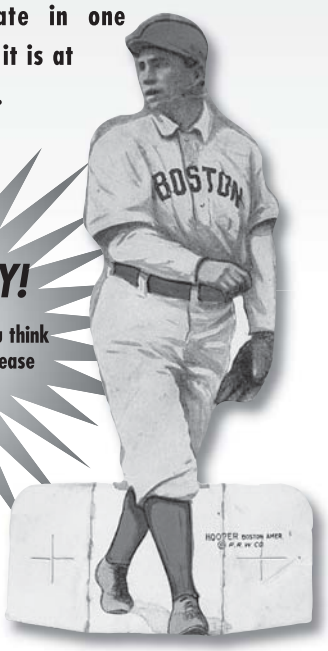

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If you want to get something done, Paul Parker is a good guy to ask. He was the sparkplug who led the Rocky Mountain SABR chapter's rejuvenation in the late 1990s, leading to the chapter hosting the 2003 national convention. In his professional life, he's invented his job as Historian for the Colorado Rockies ballclub.

A native of Brooklyn, NY, Parker was six when the Dodgers left for California and he "became a baseball fan in the small window when New York only had one team." Parker's father was a student of the game and passed that love for baseball along to his son. Parker notes that his father was born and died in the same years as Joe DiMaggio (1914-1999). His uncles were all devout baseball fans as well, and he estimates that his family has been following the game "since the 19-teens." He says "there was no bigger Yankee fan when I was a kid—they had great teams while I was growing up." Then he went to Southern Connecticut State and was around a lot of Red Sox fans. "And it rubbed off," he says. "I was a Red Sox fan until the Rockies were born."

Although he played little league for four years, track was Parker's personal passion throughout high school. After earning a bachelor's degree in history, he moved to California to train in an attempt to make the Olympics [800 meter]. He bounced back and forth between the east and west coasts, but "I wanted to be closer to home, so I moved 1000 miles closer," he says. "I had traveled through Colorado and liked it. And so I moved there in 1977 and didn't know a soul in the state. Wherever I would go somewhere, my mother would say 'Oh, you have a cousin in…' I had a second cousin in Boulder. I knocked on her door—didn't even call beforehand. She answered the door with my grandfather's face so I knew I was in the right place."

Parker started out working in construction and became a journeyman carpenter, but reached the point where he wanted to do something else. "All of my interests and skills intersected at sports," he recalls. He became a freelance sports writer and passed his resume to someone with ties to the committee that was trying to bring an expansion franchise to Colorado. Parker volunteered to help Denver get the franchise and started working for the Rockies in February 1993, right before their first season of play. "My foot in door was the ticket office. Then I moved to season tickets, then merchandising, managing one of their retail stores. For the last almost five years, I've been in community affairs," he says.

Parker had always maintained an interest in history. Early on, he saw that the Rockies "weren't doing anything in terms of history. Memorabilia and artifacts were starting to collect in people's offices and no effort was being made to collect this stuff," he notes. "It was kind of a natural thing for me to move into being the historian since I was the only one thinking about history." Parker convinced the Rockies front office that even a new team needs to start preserving its history, and he was allocated a secure room at Coors Field dedicated to capturing and preserving artifacts (it's commonly referred to as The Archives). He was also given responsibility for nine display cases around the ballpark in which he puts rotating historical displays

Parker joined SABR when someone in the Rockies administration asked if he could go to a meeting and represent the Rockies. "He also thought I might enjoy it," Parker adds. "It was a meeting at the home of Bruce Hellerstein, and I was immediately surrounded by like-minded people, and we went from there." He attended his first national convention the following year in Kansas City but didn't go to another until 2000. In 1998, the local chapter was growing dormant. At the urging of a number of members (and the then-president), Parker

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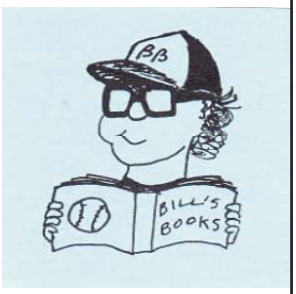

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took leadership of the chapter. He helped create an electoral structure for chapter offices and expanded the geographic scope of the chapter to most of the west. The chapter's core members had a strong interest in hosting the convention. The chapter devoted 1998 to recognizing, then put in a bid to host the national SABR convention and ended up hosting the 2003 convention.

The Rocky Mountain chapter has held an annual banquet each year since 1998. Relations between the chapter and the Rockies are strong enough that the Rockies helped sponsor the banquet for its first ten years. The chapter has found that holding a gala benefit-style event to which members can bring spouses or other family is very popular. This year's banquet is being sponsored by Bruce Hellerstein's B's Ballpark Museum

Parker has been successful in helping to rejuvenate his chapter but acknowledges that his connection with the Rockies club makes him uniquely positioned to get speakers for meetings—something other chapters frequently find to be a challenge. One solution he suggests for chapters that may not have contacts with their local ballclub or that aren't located close to a club is to contact the Major League Baseball Players Alumni Association. "They can give you a list of names of former players in your area," he says. But Parker also recommends that chapters try to foster a relationship with their local ballclub. Ultimately, he says, "SABR is a recreation about another recreation for its members. It's meant to be enjoyed"

The Rocky Mountain Chapter's Annual Banquet...

...takes place at the Denver Athletic Club on Friday, November 13, 2009. This year's event is themed Baseball Music and Art. The chapter is collecting works of baseball art from artists from the Denver area and around the country. There will be a public exhibit of this art before the banquet, with any proceeds from art sales benefiting both the chapter the artists. Whatever does not sell during the exhibit will become part of the silent auction at the banquet.

The evening of the banquet will include a research presentation on the history of the song "Take Me Out To the Ballgame" by Andy Strasberg of the San Diego chapter. Andy co-authored Baseball's Greatest Hit, on the 100th anniversary of the song, which won the 2008 SABR-Sporting News Award. In addition, recording artist Chuck Brodsky will perform his repertoire of baseball songs during the event. Chuck performed at the SABR national convention in Milwaukee in 2001.

The featured speaker for the evening will be former New York Yankees shortstop Bobby Meacham. Topping off the event's lineup will be Keynote Speaker Dick Monfort, owner of the Rockies.

Did you know?

New York has the most SABR members of any state, followed by California? The five states with the most SABR members are listed below.

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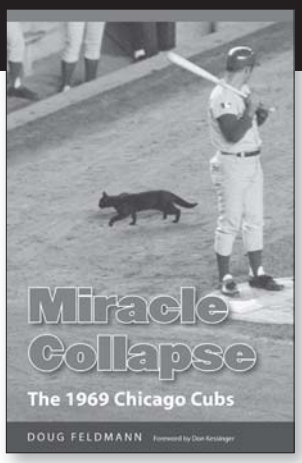

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In Memoriam

Fred Ivor-Campbell, 73, former SABR Director and Vice President and recipient of the Bob Davids Award, was killed in a car crash in Massachusetts on July 24. His wife Alma, also a SABR member, was in the car and suffered serious injuries. Alma is recovering from her injuries.

Ivor-Campbell joined SABR in 1982 and wrote his first SABR article for the 1985 *National Pastime*. Later, he contributed to *Baseball Research Journal*, *SABR Review of Books, Nineteenth Century Stars*, and *Baseball's First Stars* (which won the Sporting News/SABR Award in 1996) . He also contributed to non-SABR publications *Total Baseball* and the *Biographical Dictionary of American Sports*. He chaired the 19th Century Committee from 1992-98 and edited the committee's newsletter, *19th Century Notes*, from 1991 until the early 2000s. He was awarded the Bob Davids Award 2003.

He served as Vice President of SABR from 1998-2002. During this time, he did much to coordinate and energize regional chapters of the organization. Previously, he had been a Director from 1992 through 1996 and was always regarded as a calming voice on the board. He will be greatly missed by the entire SABR community.

Gene Carney, 63, of Utica, NY, died on July 5 while on vacation in Alaska. He was the preeminent scholar on the Black Sox Scandal of 1919 and was the catalyst in the creation of SABR's Black Sox Research Committee. The author of three books, his 2006 book, *Burying the Black Sox: How Baseball's Cover-Up of the 1919 World Series Fix Almost Succeeded,* was a finalist for the Dave Moore award for most important baseball of 2006.

Carney was awarded two Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research Grants, the most recent in 2008 to examine a new trove of papers relating to the Black Sox Scandal that were acquired by the Chicago History Museum. He also wrote the popular column "Notes from the Shadows of Cooperstown" for www.baseball1.com. His death was a great loss to SABR.

Paul Andresen, 63, of Corvallis, OR, passed away at his home on August 26, 2009. He had battled cancer briefly and successfully during summer 2008 and was visibly healthy for several months but failed rapidly after his recent re-diagnosis. Andresen served as president of the Northwest SABR chapter three times and as secretary/treasurer for the past 10 years. Paul served on the SABR board for four years as treasurer. He wrote articles for both of the SABR-published Deadball books. In 2004, he and co-author Kip Carlson published a history of the Portland Beavers (Pacific Coast League). He presented at many chapter meetings and at least one of the 16 national conventions he attended. He served on the nominating committee and other national committees as well. Member and close friend Mark Armour notes that, "Our core group has evolved over the years, but Paul the only constant--were we to have kept track of such things (which only Paul would have done), I am sure Paul attended more chapter meetings than anyone else by a factor of two. He was a beloved figure around here."

William "Doc" Clyde Partin, 84, of Decatur , GA, died at Emory University Hospital on June 16, 2009, from a series of medical complications following a hip fracture. He was past Athletics Director and Chair of the Division of Physical Education and Athletics at Emory University and had also worked at one time as official scorer for the Atlanta Braves. Partin joined SABR in 1974 and was a member of the Records and Biographical Research committees.

Lester Jackson, 77, of Scottsdale, AZ passed away on July 5. He was a member of the 19th Century and Statistical Analysis committees.

James Boyd, 59, of Wooster, OH, died suddenly on June 27. A 20-year SABR member, he was part of the Ballparks and Records committees.

Robert N. Carroll, Jr., 73, of N. Huntingdon, PA, died on August 25. A writer and editor, he was a member of the Biographical Research and 19th Century committees and co-founder of the Professional Football Researchers Association.

Jim Vail, 60, of Phoenix, AR, died on August 31. A member of the Flame Delhi chapter, he had special interest in the Hall of Fame, the All-Star Game, and the St. Louis Cardinals. He was also the author of *Outrageous Fortune: What's Wrong with Hall of Fame Voting and How to Make It Statistically Sound.*

John Dickerson, 67, died of leukemia on August 28, 2009 in North Canton, Ohio. He regularly attended meetings of the Jack Graney Chapter, and was a New Hampshire native and lifelong Red Sox fan.

Founder Dan Ginsburg Dies

Daniel E. Ginsburg, who at 15 was SABR's youngest founding member, died August 12 of pancreatic cancer. He was 53.

"Dan's impact on SABR was huge. He accomplished so much in his life and was able to find time for SABR and to be a strong voice not only for the founders and early members of SABR, but also throughout his 38 years in the organization. His influence will be felt far into the future," said SABR Executive Director, John Zajc.

Born in Pittsburgh, PA, Ginsburg began his baseball research at a young age and his work was mentioned by Lee Allen in his "Cooperstown Corner" column in *The Sporting News.* Ginsburg's baseball research continued throughout his life. Perhaps the highlight occurred in 1995 when McFarland published his book on baseball's gambling scandals, *The Fix is In*. The book was re-published in 2004. Throughout his life, he collected autographs of Hall of Famers and other stars. In the late 1990s, he donated that collection to the Elliot Museum in Stuart, Florida.

Dan served on the SABR Board of Directors, being named to replace Harry Rothgerber in July 2002. He was elected by the membership the following year to complete the term. "Dan brought a new level of professionalism to the SABR board," Zajc added. "He brought the same incisive thinking to the SABR board room as he did to his business career, and we all learned from him."

Ginsburg also served on the SABR Fund-raising Committee and gave leadership gifts annually. He had a special fondness for the Lee Allen Award at National History Day as he considered Allen to be a baseball mentor of his.

Dan was a graduate of Northwestern University and made his professional mark in advertising and marketing, retiring as president of Draft Worldwide in the late 1990s. He became a part owner of the Class AA Norwich Navigators and the majority owner of Champagne de Meric, the only American-owned winery in Champagne. Recently, he started a new chapter as president of TAG Media, India's first In-Store Television Network. He was also president of The Sparrow's Song Foundation, and active in a number of charitable causes.

Of SABR's 16 founding members, nine have died, most recently Ray Gonzalez (#10) in January 2009. The other deceased founders are Bob Davids (#1), John Pardon (#4), Paul Frisz (#7), Keith Sutton (#11), Bill Haber (#12), Tom Shea (#13), and Pat McDonough (#16). The other eight founders are **Bob McConnell** of Wilmington, DE (#2), **Cliff Kachline** of Big Canoe, GA (#3), **Bill Gustafson** of San Jose, CA (#5), **Tom Hufford** of Marietta, GA (#6), **Joe Simenic** of Euclid, OH (#8), **Ray Nemec** of Naperville, IL (#9), and **Dan Dischley** of Concord, NC (#14).

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Fred Steele	Palmetto, FL	Deadball, Minors, Spring Training
George Stein	Napa, CA	
Nick Steiner	Beverly Hills, CA	Stats
Richard Stilinovic	St. Louis, MO	
Aaron Stilley	Kansas City, MO	Negro Leagues
Erich Stroupe	Raleigh, NC	
Floyd Sullivan	Chicago, IL	Ballparks, Biographical Research, Deadball
Ely Sussman	New Rochelle, NY	Ballparks, Records, Biographical Research, Science & Baseball, Stats
Dana Taylor	Fresno, CA	
Robert Topp	New York, NY	
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Nichaolas Vari	McKees Rocks, PA	Records, Biz of Baseball, Stats, Umpires
Kevin Vincent	Medford, MA	
Christopher Warren	Highlands Ranch, CO	
Brandon Weaver	Theodore, AL	Minors
Samuel Webb	Somerville, MA	
Kenneth Winter	La Crosse, WI	Biz of Baseball, Negro Leagues
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Robert Murphy's *After Many a Summer* examines the civic, social, and economic factors that caused the Giants and Dodgers to leave New York City.

In *Baseball's Peerless Semipros,* **Thomas Barthel** gives the complete history of Max Rosner and his great Bushwick teams.

Baseball Visions of the Roaring Twenties: A Fan's Photographs of More than 400 Players and Ballparks of the Era by George E. Outland (photos) and John W. Outland (text) presents over 400 photos from the Pacific Coast League and major leagues in the 1920s.

Black Barons of Birmingham: The South's Greatest Negro League Team and Its Players by **Larry Powell** is the first team history of the Black Barons.

Black Baseball Players in Canada: A Biographic Dictionary, 1881-1960 by **Barry Swanton** and J**ay-Dell Mah** contains hundreds of brief profiles of African-American and Caribbean ballplayers who put in time north of the border.

The Complete New York Clipper Baseball Biographies, compiled by **Jean-Pierre Caillault**, contains 800 profiles of baseball figures from 1859 to 1903. Two volumes of hard-to-find material.

The Early Image of Black Baseball: Race and Representation in the Popular Press, 1871-1890 by James E. Brunson III reproduces and analyzes images from both African-American and white publications.

Fathers and Sons in Baseball Broadcasting: The Carays, Brennamans, Bucks and Kalases by Tony Silvia profiles the four families behind the mike.

Hard-Luck Harvey Haddix and the Greatest Game Ever Lost by Lew Freedman focuses on the left-hander, his life and his extra-inning no-hitter.

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Phil Dixon's J*ohn "Buck" O'Neil* focuses on the pivotal year of 1938, O'Neil's rookie season, to give a snapshot of the Negro Leagues when its players were at the height of their skills.

In The Last Days of Shea, **Dana Brand** chronicles the New York Mets from October 2006, when the team lost the NLCS, to October 2008, when the team began to dismantle the antiquated but beloved Shea Stadium.

Hal Pollock's *Monster at the Bat* is the monsterized version of Casey at the Bat, written in verse for children with wonderful illustrations by Ron Borresen.

Munson is **Marty Appel's** intimate biography of a complex and larger-than-life legend. Appel was a public relations executive with the Yankees who helped Munson write his autobiography some thirty years ago.

My 66 Years in the Big Leagues by Connie Mack is an unabridged republication of Mack's memoirs, originally published in 1950. This edition contains an introduction by **Rich Westcott**.

Ty Cobb's *My Twenty Years in Baseball* with a new the first commercial publication of Cobb's non-ghostwritten

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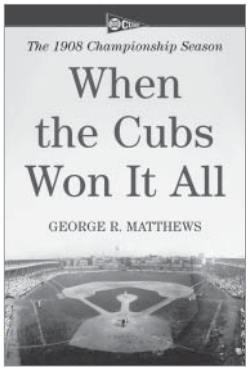

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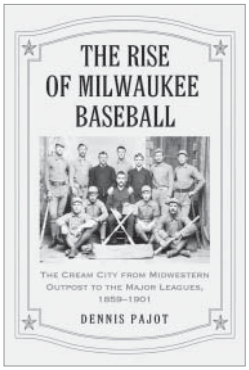

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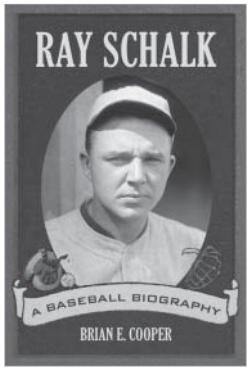

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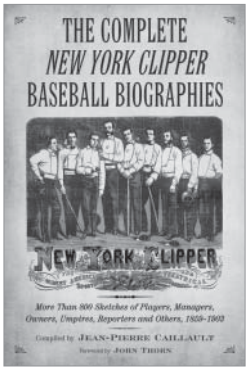

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memoirs in book form. They were first published serially in the *New York Evening Journal* beginning in 1925. New introduction by **Paul Dickson**.

Once Upon a Fastball is Bob Mitchell's baseball fantasy novel in which a college professor finds a baseball that transports him back in time to key baseball events as he tries to find his missing grandfather.

In *The Orioles Encyclopedia*, Mike Gesker provides an exhaustive guide to the Orioles. It includes nearly 400 player profiles, the results of every game since 1954, and short features on managers and coaches.

Lieb and Baumgartner's *The Philadelphia Phillies* was originally published in 1953 as part of the celebrated series of MLB team histories published by GP Putnam. This new edition includes a forward by historian William Kashatus.

In *Ray Schalk,* **Brian Cooper** provides the first book-length biography of the Hall of Fame catcher.

The Red Sox Before the Babe: Boston's Early Days in the American League, 1901-1914 by **Donald Hubbard** covers the first decade and a half of the upstart Beantowners.

When the Cubs Won It All: The 1908 Championship Season by George R. Matthews follows the Cubbies from spring training through the World Series victory over the Tigers.

In *The Wizard of Waxahacie*, **Warren Corbett** paints a full picture of the player, manager, and general manager who participated in many of the changes that marked "the end of baseball as we knew it.

The Wrecking Crew of '33: The Washington Senators' Last Pennant by **Gary A. Sarnoff** charts how rookie manager Joe Cronin led the Nats to the flag.

Committee Newsletter Roundup, continued from page 3

column Gene wrote for a planned special edition of the newsletter that would highlight his trip to the Chicago History Museum to examine its recently acquired documents related to the Black Sox; his preliminary report summarizing some of the contents of the new collection of papers; and tributes from numerous SABR members and friends.

Nineteenth Century Notes
Summer 2009

Peter Mancuso provides a report on the first annual 19th Century Base Ball Conference, held this spring at the Baseball Hall of Fame. **John Thorn's** remarks as the keynote speaker are included, as are **Frank Vaccaro's** review of **Jerrold Casway's** conference presentation on T.P. Sullivan and Charlie Comiskey, **Dean Sullivan's** review of **Paul Dickson's** conference presentation on 19th century baseball vocabulary; and **Tom Shieber's** review of **Ben Robinson's** conference presentation on the spectator in New York City, 1883-1887. Chairman Mancuso's note includes updates on proposed new committee projects and new book titles of interest.

September 2009

The newsletter chronicles a number of the online discussions among committee members over the last month. Among these discussions: several members exchanged information on accessing *Spirit of the Times* through Fultonhistory.com; **Richard Hershberger** inquired about an 1857 note describing a New York club that might have been playing the New York Game; **John Thorn** asked for opinions on where the term "hand" might have originated in early base ball; and **Dennis Pajot** posted two references to baseball in Milwaukee newspapers.

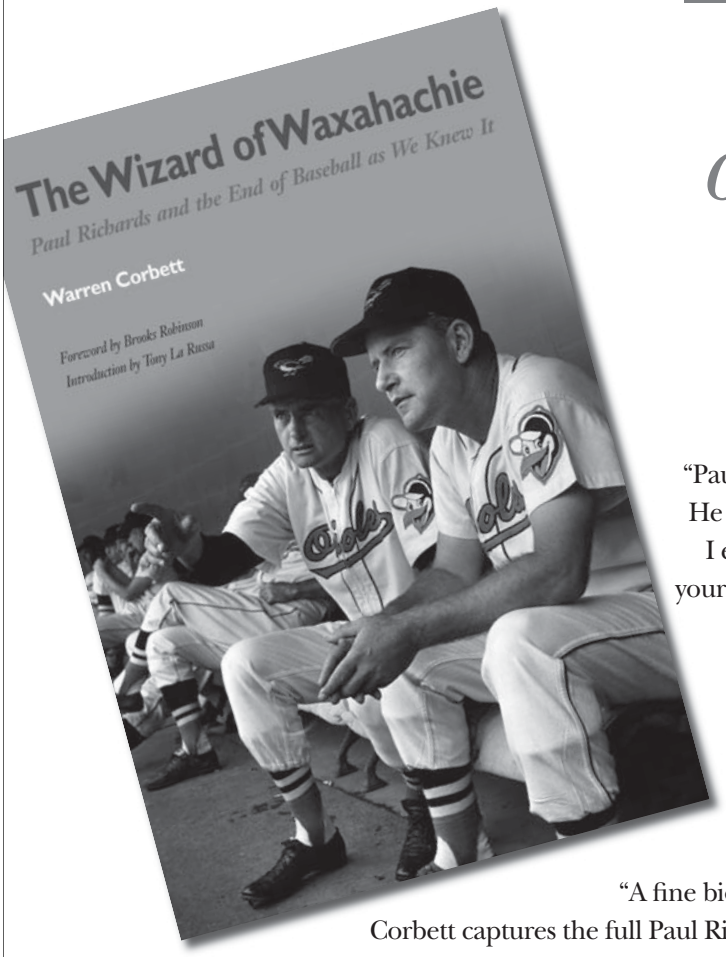
Bibliography Committee
August 2009

The note from committee chair **Andy McCue** includes a summary of the committee meeting at SABR 39. The newsletter also includes a literary recap of SABR 39 and information on *The Sporting News* obituaries, which have all been posted to BaseballIndex.org. Leverett Smith reviews *The Glory Days: New York Baseball 1947-1957*, edited by **John Thorn**, **Ron Kaplan** reviews *The Fall of Roger Clemens and the Rise of Steroids in America's Pastime*, by Thompson, Vinton, O'Keefe, and Red. Kaplan also profiles writer Jonah Winter.

La Prensa del Béisbol Latino
Summer 2009

Committee chair **Anthony Salazar** gives a summary of the presentation of the 2nd Annual Eduardo Valero Award, won by **Kit Krieger**. **Peter Bjarkman** writes about the Cuban national team. **Jennifer McGovern** summarizes her SABR 39 presentation, "The Promotion of Baseball Players in the Global Market." Bruce Baskin writes about a Mexican baseball show debuting on Miami shortwave. **Malcolm Allen** writes about Dominicans that hit for the cycle. **Edwin Perez** writes about Minnie Miñoso. Salazar also writes about former Cuban-born Negro Leaguer **Pedro Sierra**, who spoke at SABR 39, and reviews **George Gedda**'s new book, *The Dominican Connection*.

Warren Corbett and SMU Press



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--Saturday afternoon game between Peoria Saguaros vs. the Phoenix Desert Dogs

--Welcome Breakfast; speakers include AFL founder Roland Hemond, AFL President Steve Cobb, and an MLB General Manger TBA

--round trip bus transportation between the hotel and the ballparks

--an Arizona Fall League Media Guide

--an Arizona Fall League program

--Ballpark dinner on Friday (hamburgers and hot dogs) w/ speakers

The evening of Saturday, November 14, is the Arizona MLB Alumni Dinner featuring prominent guests (TBA). The dinner will also feature the presentation of the Arizona Baseball Awards honoring the top Major and Minor League players from Arizona as well as the top College, Jr. College, and Prep baseball and softball players. Proceeds to benefit BAT; Playball Arizona--The Cactus League Experience; Arizona Youth Baseball; and SABR.

Registration for the Arizona MLB Alumni dinner is sold separately for $75 per person. Proceeds from the dinner and a silent auction benefit SABR B.A.T. (Baseball Assistance Team); Arizona Youth Baseball; and Play Ball; The Cactus League Experience (Exhibit at the Mesa Historical Museum).

You can register for the conference and the dinner at the SABR store: http://store.sabr.org/sabrstore or fill out the registration form below.

Hotel Information

Our host hotel is the Tempe Embassy Suites. A block of rooms have been reserved for November 12, 2009 - November 15, 2009. The nightly rate is $99 plus tax single/double occupancy per night. To make your reservation online, visit: http://embassysuites1.hilton.com/en_US/es/index.do

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SABR 40 Update

SABR was about to begin contract negotiation with Atlanta hotels at press time, and it appeared that the dates would be August 5 to 8 so that we could see a Braves game at Turner Field (San Francisco Giants).

For information on submitting a presentation abstract, keep an eye on the convention web site, http://convention.sabr.org and read your "This Week in SABR" e-mails.

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Meradith, Gillette to Head Ballparks Committee

After twenty-five years at the helm, **Bob Bluthardt** announced his resignation as the Ballparks Committee chair via letter at the SABR convention in Washington D.C.

To replace him, executive director **John Zajc** asked the SABR board to approve **Stan Meradith** and **Gary Gillette** as new committee co-chairs. The official appointment should take place at the November board meeting.

Meradith has led the design of numerous community, collegiate, and professional sports facilities for DLP Group over the past 22 years. He established DLR's sports practice in 1987 with the design of the Cincinnati Reds' Spring Training facility in Plant City, Florida, and has focused solely on sports facility design ever since.

Gillette has been co-chair of the Business of Baseball Committee. His co-chairmanship will be filled by **Steve Weingarden**.

Weingarden, 36, has researched what makes a good baseball executive and has kept up a listing of scholarly work in the business of baseball.

In other committee leadership news, **Irv Goldfarb** has accepted the chair position for the Black Sox Scandal Committee, and **Mark Rappaport** will be taking the helm of the Spring Training Committee.

Remember, any SABR member in good standing can participate in the SABR research committees via the MySABR function at members.sabr.org.

Committee newsletters are delivered via PDF to all committee members and also appear online at the Research section of the SABR web site, www.sabr.org.

SABR Adds More Past Journals to Online Archives

On September 15, 2009, SABR added eighteen issues of *The National Pastime* and an additional thirteen issues of *The Baseball Research Journal* to its online archives.

"We are excited to be able to make more of our past research available online," said SABR executive director **John Zajc**. "This gives more people the chance to learn more about what we do, and hopefully more will get involved as members, or even as contributors to future publications."

These latest additions are PDFs of the original journals. As volunteers step forward to assist with the process of creating separate pages for each article in the journal, they will be available at the article level similar to the 1972 to 1984 issues of The Baseball Research Journal were made available in 2008.

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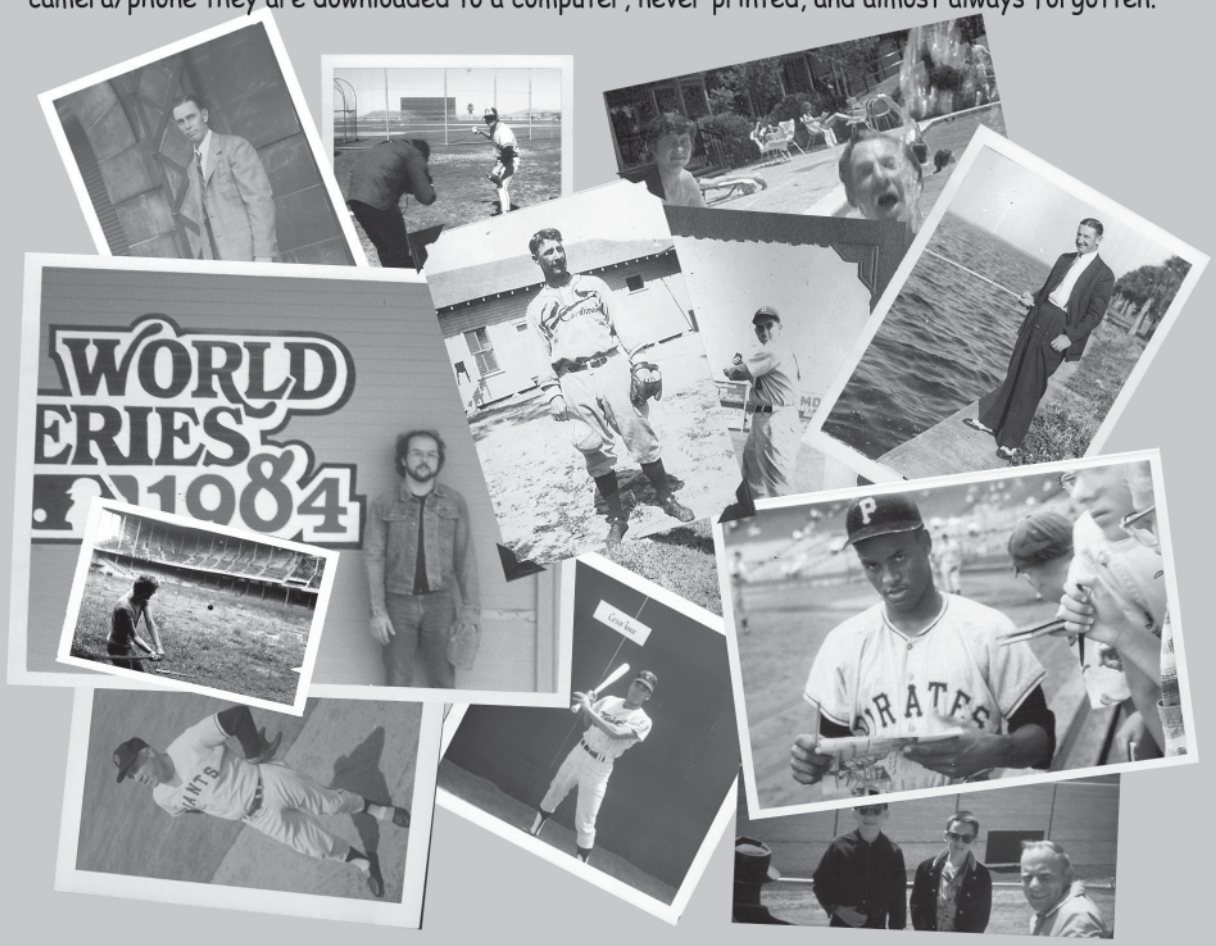

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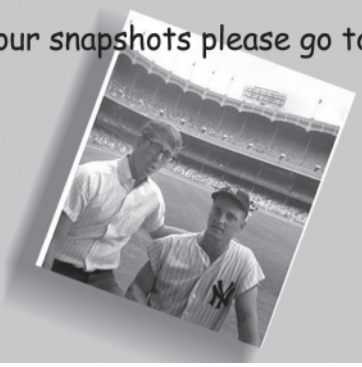

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Research Exchange

The following articles have been added to the SABR Research Library. Articles are available on request from Len Levin, 282 Doyle Ave., Providence, R.I. 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.

Some of these articles are texts from presentations at the SABR Convention in Washington. Lack of space prevented inclusion of other texts; they will appear in a subsequent list.

A complete list of the 5,000-plus 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 E-mail 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 E-mail if you have any questions.

------: 2009 major league salaries. 3 pages. Team-by-team breakdown of salaries for every player on an Opening Day roster or the disabled list.

------: Index to Monumental Baseball, the convention publication of the 2009 SABR convention in Washington, D.C. 7 pages. Prepared by Skip McAfee of SABR's Bibliography Committee.

Baska, Jacob: "I'll Go When They Collar Me": Athletic Heroes, Citizen-Soldiers, and the Press Coverage of Hank Greenberg's 1941 Military Enlistments. 24 pages. A Washington Convention presentation.

Borelli, Stephen: "Shot" lived on for Thomson. 1 page. Photocopy of article in USA Today Sports Weekly, May 20-26, 2009, in which Bobby Thomson reminisces at the age of 85.

Briley, Ron: Danny Gardella and baseball's reserve clause: A working-class stiff blacklisted in Cold War America. 27 pages.

Carroll, Brian: The black press and the integration of professional baseball. A content analysis of shifts in coverage, 1945-1948. 16 pages. Photocopy of article in the Journal of Sports Media, Fall 2008. Each page contains two pages of the article in the digest-sized publication.

Craft, Matthew: Moreno's math. 3 pages. Photocopy of article in Forbes magazine, May 11, 2009, about the owner of the Angels has turned the team into a prosperous franchise. Includes a chart showing the current value, revenues and income of all the major league teams.

Dvorchak, Bob: In 1959, Harvey Haddix pitched perhaps the best game ever – and lost. 10 pages. Text of article in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, May 26, 2009. Includes play-by-play.

Elfers, James: Recreating the Holy Grail of the Deadball Era's lost films. 5 pages. A discussion of the making of the long-lost film of the Giants-White Sox world tour of 1913-1914.

Fleitz, David L.: The Green and the Blue: The Irish-American Umpire, 1880-1965. 10 pages. A Washington Convention presentation.

Greenes, Steven R.: 19 men out: An overview and analysis of Hall of Fame voting for the Negro Leagues. 46 pages. Deals with Negro Leagues players not yet elected to the Hall of Fame.

Groeschen, Tom: Latinos must make major adjustments. 6 pages. Text of article in the Cincinnati Enquirer, August 2, 2009, on some of the problems Latino ballplayers face when they come to the U.S. The focus is on Latino players with the Reds.

Heller, Dave: The 1944-1953 St. Louis Browns. 12 pages. Chronicles the team's pennant year and downhill slide afterwards until the team moved to Baltimore. Lists all the '44 players and tells what happened to them afterward. Text of article on seamheads.com.

Henning, Lynn: Tigers had a whirlwind 35-5 start in 1984. 3 pages. Text of article in the Detroit News, May 21, 2009.

Herlich, Tim: 21*. 13 pages. About Tom Cheney, who struck out 21 batters in a 16-inning game for Washington in 1962. A Washington Convention presentation.

Hill, John Paul: Commissioner A.B. Chandler and the integration of major league baseball: A reassessment. 32 pages. Asserts that Chandler's role in integrating baseball was far from inconsequential.

Huber, Michael: Modeling rare baseball events – are they memoryless? 16 pages. Text of article in the Journal of Statistics Education, Vol. 15, No. 1, 2007.

Joyner, Ronnie: Bob Neighbors: A hero remembered. 4 pages. Text of article on the website of the Philadelphia Athletics Historical Society about a cup-of-coffee major leaguer who became a career Air Force pilot and was killed in action in Korea.

Kelley, Austin: Baseball research veers into left field. 3 pages. Text of article in the Wall Street Journal, July 17, 2009, on some of the esoteric topics SABR researchers and others are delving into.

Krevisky, Steve: Washington Senators 30-plus-game hitting streaks and their impact on pennant races. 17 pages. A Washington Convention presentation.

Kupfer, Alex: Early baseball and electroacoustic technology. 12 pages. A Washington Convention presentation.

Lowenfish, Lee: "Rickey Being Rickey": His February 1948 Wilberforce speech as an ironic Waterloo in his Brooklyn Dodgers career. 5 pages. A Washington Convention presentation.

Lynch, Mike: Punch drunk: The Art Shires Story. 15 pages. The saga of one of baseball's bad actors. Text of article on www.seamheads.com.

Lynch, Mike: The Memorial Day brawl of 1932. 5 pages. Recalls a memorable doubleheader between the White Sox and Indians in which temperatures rose to the boiling point, and which involved players and two noted umpires. Text of article on www.seamheads.com.

Lynch, Mike: Babe being Babe. 4 pages. A look back at Babe Ruth's six-week suspension by Judge Landis in 1922, in light of the suspension of Manny Ramirez. Text of article on www.seamheads.com.

Lynch, Mike: The sobering case of Shufflin' Phil Douglas. 18 pages.. Text of article on www.seamheads.com about the idiosyncratic pitcher who was banned for life by Judge Landis in the 1920s.

McCue, Andy: Baseball's first expansion draft. 6 pages. The 1961 American League expansion draft. A Washington Convention presentation.

McGill, William J.: "The Greatest College Pitcher": George Sisler at Michigan. 34 pages. A winner of the McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award for articles published or written in 2008.

Nathanson, Mitchell: The sovereign nation of baseball: Why federal law does not apply to "America's game" and how it got that way. 50 pages. Photocopy of article in the Villanova Sports and Entertainment Law Journal, 2008.

Nathanson, Mitchell: Major league baseball as Enron: The true meaning of the Mitchell Report. 13 pages. Text of article on the web site of the SABR Business of Baseball Committee.

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Obermeyer, Jeff: War games: The business of baseball during World War II. 62 pages. How the baseball establishment carried on during the war. A master's thesis.

Odenkirk, Jim: Henry P. Edwards: Making a case for his induction Into J.G. Taylor Spink's writers wing of the Hall of Fame. 13 pages. A Washington Convention presentation.

Peterson, Todd: The Whole Show: George Wilson 1875-1915. 8 pages. About a 19th-century black player. A Washington Convention presentation.

Pignolet, Jennifer: 100 seasons of Butler baseball. 4 pages. Photocopy of article in Butler Magazine, a publication of Butler University, Spring 2009.

Schabowski, Rick: Forfeit, the final game of the Washington Senators. 5 pages. Some of the players involved comment. A Washington Convention presentation.

Selter, Ron: Braves Field home runs, 1928. 3 pages. About the wild divergence in home runs during the season because the home run distances were shortened, end lengthened. Home run data by David Vincent.

Smith, Curt: Pull up a chair: Vin Scully's niche in baseball history. 8 pages. A Washington Convention presentation.

Sneddon, Rob: With a 7-run lead at Fenway Park, he was one out away from his first win – and never got it. 5 pages. Text of article on the Examiner.com web site about an eight-run rally with two outs in the ninth that robbed rookie Carl Mathias a victory.

Swider, Neil: The other side of RemDawg. 8 pages. Text of article in the Boston Sunday Globe, April 19, 2009, about Jerry Remy, ex-player and broadcaster for the Red Sox.

Vaught, David: "Our Players Are Mostly Farmers": Baseball in rural California, 1850 to 1890. 31 pages (2 digest-sized pages of text on each sheet). Photocopy of a chapter from "Baseball in America and America in Baseball." A winner of the McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award for articles published or written in 2008.

Walker, Steve: Frank Howard in 1969: Can an old dog learn new tricks to get on base? Greatest improvements in career-high on-base percentage by veteran ballplayers. 6 pages. A Washington convention presentation.

Research Requests

Mark Stang is looking for any member who might have a 1943 Philadelphia Athletics scorecard (number 3-- the cover shows Connie Mack shaking hands with Uncle Sam). The visiting team(s) would be either: Boston, Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit or Cleveland. This is for the home games of September18 thru October 3 (the final two weeks of the season.) Please contact via phone or e-mail. mmstang@tampabay.rr.com 813.837.5046

Michael Tanchevski is looking for information on the development of hitting coaches and hitting instruction. mtanchev@insight.rr.com 614.933.0182

John Evans is commissioning a study that examines statistical data of many prominent major league players. He wants to analyze the following proposition: how many singles, doubles, triples, and home runs will any given player get in any given game. Basically he's looking to develop a formula that incorporates all relevant data to calculate this. If this interests you or you would like to be involved, please inquire for more details. Researchers will be compensated. Please send an inquiry along with your areas of expertise to sportingjohn@gmail.com 314.814.5328

Karen Brown asks: After listening to several talks at the 2009 SABR Convention I was thinking of ways to develop and expand baseball ontologies. I have done some basic research into currently existing baseball ontologies, but I was wondering if anybody has already done work in this area and would be willing to share what they have discovered. Thank you for your help. karenbrown123@comcast.net

Daryl Grigsby is writing a book on the African-American baseball fan; utilizing both research and interviews. Is interested in contacting black fans who regularly attended Negro League games—if you fit that category or know of others, please contact. darylleslie@comcast.net 425.765.1789

Darrin Silvester is a new member of SABR and will be teaching a social studies elective course at his high school this winter titled: "American Culture & Baseball" and was looking for any ideas and or suggestions that might be helpful in the development of this course. The class is designed to work with students who often struggle with the four core areas of social studies: History, Geography, Economics and Civics. Please e-mail suggestions or ideas to: darrinsilvester@gmail.com

Debbie Herman is writing a book that takes place in New Orleans in the late 1800s and would love to speak to someone who has information on: 1. Sportsman's Park at the time (and/or ballparks in general at the time). 2. The New Orleans Pelicans' uniforms. She is also looking for biographical information on Abner Powell (1800s) E-mail: debbie175@earthlink.net: 212.595.3346

Adam Kirsch is working on a book on stadium etiquette, the do's and don'ts of watching a baseball game. If you have any insights, comments, anecdotes, stories, or unspoken rules you wish to share, please e-mail them to him.
E-mail: ajk5.mets@gmail.com Phone: 201-894-862

Chris Jensen is working on a book in which he is compiling all-time teams by players' state of birth. He has completed all the initial research and is looking for feedback on these lists as well as insights, analysis, and perhaps even contributed content about the selections for the different states. He could also use help compiling trivia questions that relate to each state. E-mail: delhiman@hotmail.com Phone: (317)571-8938

Roth Chapter to Host 2011 Convention

At the recent national convention, the Allan Roth chapter was awarded the 2011 convention. The actual dates and site will not be announced until the 2011 Major League Schedule is announced in late 2010. Scheduling also depends on both what hotel can accommodate a group our size and give us the best price. More details will follow as soon as they are available.

The Roth chapters notes that 2011 will mark the 50th anniversary of the Angels and the 50th season of Dodger Stadium.

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A big thank you goes out to these men and women who volunteer their time to run SABR's local chapters, which foster a sense of physical community among members.

We will be exploring ways to include other kinds of communities in the coming months. Look for announcements in "This Week in SABR" and on the SABR web site (www.sabr.org).

SABR Celebrates Its Recent Accomplishments

In 2009, SABR and its members

- published the 2009 edition of *The Emerald Guide to Baseball*, keeping alive a tradition of more than 100 years
- published Bob McConnell's *Going for the Fences: The Minor League Home Run Book*
- created a website specifically for the SABR convention, and added audio files of selected presentations, and a Flickr photo site for convention pictures and more
- licensed data to Sports Reference LLC, who uses it at www.baseball-reference.com, one of the most popular baseball statistical web sites.
- produced (so far) two high-quality journals and will send out its third in December
- established chapters in Charlotte and Tallahassee and revived chapters in Columbus and central Florida
- added more early articles from *The Baseball Research Journal* and *The National Pastime* to http://research.sabr.org/journals
- donated more than $70,000 to SABR for its programs and operations
- increased our Endowment to more than $100,000
- added another 300+ biographies to the BioProject (http://bioproj.sabr.org)
- worked together to produce books of baseball biographies, including *Minnesotans in Baseball* and *Go-Go To Glory*
- (will have) had an exhibit booth at Baseball's Winter Meetings for the first time
- supported 24 research committees and more than three dozen chapters

If you want to read more, you can download the SABR Annual Report from www.sabr.org (click on "About Us" and "Annual Reports").

In 2010, we plan to continue to build this momentum and make public what we intend to make the first stop for all online baseball research — the SABR Encyclopedia. **We will soft-launch it to the membership no later than Thanksgiving and are aiming to make it public by Opening Day 2010.** When it becomes public, it will be among the largest wikipedias at launch, with more than 235,000 articles covering more than 189,000 individuals.

Thank you for being a part of this exciting organization.

John Zajc, Executive Director

Use the Form Below to Renew for 2010

To save on postage, this year we intend to not send the first renewal notice out to all members who need to renew. Instead, we are sending renewal e-mail notices to everyone who needs to renew for 2010. We are including a paper renewal form in the e-mail to download and print, but you can also use the form found below.

You can check for your membership expiration date included with the mailing information on the back page (as of September 24) to see if you are due for renewal.

Members who have not renewed by early January will receive notice in mid-January. In late February we will send a "warning" notice that non-renewed members will be dropped from the membership rolls on April 1.

We are proud of our efforts in the past 12 months (see page 28), and hope that you will continue your support of SABR for years to come.

To learn more about SABR's recent accomplishments, you can download the most recent SABR Annual Report at

http://www.sabr.org/sabr.cfm?a=cms,c,2674,39,238

or request a hard copy be mailed to you.

If you would like some of our new membership brochures to give to your baseball friends, contact Eileen Canepari at ecanepari@sabr.org or Susan Petrone at spetrone@sabr.org.

Refer a New Member and Win

All Convention Registration and Events Fees for SABR 40 in Atlanta, Georgia or Three Years Dues

♦ Have someone join SABR by your referral between October 1, 2009, and March 31, 2010, and you will be entered into a drawing for the grand prize of your choice between convention and events fees paid at SABR 40 or three years of SABR membership.

♦ Use the form found below (photocopies are acceptable) or ask the SABR office to send you some membership brochures.

♦ Make sure that the referral includes your name on the form (SABR is not responsible for referrals not mentioning who referred them to SABR).

♦ Each time someone you refer to SABR joins during the contest period, you will receive one chance in a random drawing to win all convention and events fees paid at SABR 40 or three years of SABR membership and other giveaways.

♦ Each time someone you refer to SABR joins during the contest period, you will also receive a coupon for 10% off all SABR merchandise

On or about April 6, 2010, a drawing will be held and the winners notified. Other prizes expected to be awarded include a free night's stay at the convention hotel during the convention, a gas card, and SABR merchandise.

SABR Membership Form: 2010

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Home Phone: _____

E-Mail : _____

Birthdate: _____ Application Date: _____

This is a

__ Renewal __ Gift Membership ___ Referral

__ Gift from/Referred by:

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2010 Dues:	US	N. America	Overseas
Regular	$65	$75	$84
Three-Year	$175	$205	$232
Under 30	$45	$55	$64
Over 64	$45	$55	$64

NOTE: All figures are in US dollars.

Family Membership: Additional family members living at the same address may join SABR for $15 per year per person. Family membership entitles one to full member benefits except the publications. One set of publications will be sent to each household.

SABR membership is based on the calendar year.

Will you allow SABR to sell your name to baseball-related companies who rent SABR's mailing list? YES NO

Are you interested in chapter meetings? YES NO

Are you willing to research? YES NO

Card# _____

Exp Date_____ Signature _____

SABR Financial Statements

At the Annual Business meeting in Washington, D.C., the society distributed a condensed version of its financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008. Any member can receive a copy of the financial reports as prepared by our accountant, Skoda, Minotti by requesting it from the SABR office.

Below you will find a summary of the past several years' finances, along with a forecast of where we will end the 2009 fiscal year. The financial strength that we have accumulated in the past several years have put us in a position where SABR has continued to invest in its future, even during the economic downturn of the past year. If you have any questions about SABR finances, feel free to contact executive director **John Zajc** or treasurer **F. X. Flinn**.

Thank you for your support of SABR.

SABR 2005-2008 Operating Summary and 2009 Forecast

	2009 Forecast	2009 Budget	Variance		2008 Actual	2007 Actual	2006 Actual	2005 Actual
Revenues								
Membership Dues	366,498	364,000	2,498		373,788	385,313	381,291	369,430
SABR Publication Sales	5,809	7,400	(1,591)		25,059	21,973	18,919	15,109
Advertising and Mailing List Revenue	10,190	10,000	190		12,445	11,403	10,062	15,766
Convention Revenue	15,975	59,200	(43,225)		100,467	109,041	91,762	64,562
Unrestricted Donations and Royalties	73,399	64,000	9,399		60,894	82,209	83,085	43,952
Other Income	15,659	9,300	6,359		4,031	3,907	2,308	1,154
Investment Income	7,054	11,300	(4,246)		8,879	21,933	22,650	9,797
Net Assets Released from restriction					6,877	2,435	18,288	858
Total Revenue and Support	494,584	525,200	(30,616)		592,440	638,214	628,365	520,628
Expenditures								
Administrative Expense	18,119	17,900	219		25,970	24,814	26,524	13,395
Convention Expense					64,097	70,594	59,630	40,939
Employee Benefits	24,650	27,700	(3,050)		17,593	21,306	17,863	15,034
Equipment Rental	5,040	4,600	440		7,420	4,628	4,911	4,708
Insurance Expense	9,752	10,100	(349)		9,335	7,124	9,673	9,615
Internet Expense	23,042	25,000	(1,958)		27,691	35,119	26,742	10,586
Membership Development	22,604	18,600	4,004		22,759	17,252	27,313	31,653
Payroll Expense	242,354	242,400	(46)		179,332	162,760	149,495	105,548
Payroll taxes	22,673	23,700	(1,027)		19,876	17,478	11,801	8,426
Postage and Delivery	13,468	12,000	1,468		8,328	12,425	9,623	9,359
Professional Fees	9,489	8,500	989		7,409	15,913	6,757	6,388
Rent	22,698	22,000	698		20,359	18,101	16,275	15,343
Travel, conferences, and meetings	27,713	26,200	1,513		23,427	20,716	17,028	20,085
Utilities	3,051	3,000	51		2,996	2,858	2,644	2,657
Publications	116,369	105,000	11,369		103,276	158,102	192,765	208,321
Bad Debt								
Depreciation and amortization					5,397	3,288	6,081	6,665
Total Administrative Expenses	561,022	546,700	14,322		545,265	592,478	585,125	508,722
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	-66,438	-21,500			47,175	45,736	43,240	11,906
Net Assets -- Beginning of the Year	331,957	331,957			331,957	286,221	242,981	231,075
Net Assets -- END OF YEAR	265,519	310,457			379,132	331,957	286,221	242,981

Publications Update

The fall 2009 issue of *The Baseball Research Journal* will be mailed in late November and features a section on baseball and law. Included are articles by George Mason law professor **Ross Davies** on Harry Blackmun's actual writing of his opinion in the Curt Flood case of 1972; by Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito on the Federal League case of 1922; and by the late Black Sox expert **Gene Carney** on the findings of a detective agency, hired by Charles Comiskey, to prepare a report that would later figure in the Black Sox trial in Milwaukee in 1924. Also appearing in the fall issue is an excerpt from **Lyle Spatz** and **Steve Steinberg's** forthcoming book on the 1921 season and the rivalry between the Yankees and the Giants (Nebraska, spring 2010).

Many SABR members and friends downloaded *The Emerald Guide to Baseball 2009* this spring. The free download is still available via http://members.sabr.org. Be sure to watch the web site and your e-mails for news of *The Emerald Guide to Baseball 2010*!

To ensure that we can keep you up to date, please check your profile in the Members Only section of the web site and make sure it includes a current e-mail address that you check regularly.

From Executive Director John Zajc

The past year has been one that has reminded me time and time again of the fragility of life. From my good friend and SABR founder John Pardon's lost battle with colon cancer last October to the stunning news of Frederick Ivor-Campbell's tragic death in an auto accident just before the convention to our youngest founder's (Dan Ginsburg) untimely passing only two weeks after a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer, I have been reminded over and over again that we are only given this one day and then we are gone. Friends and family of these and other SABR members who have recently deceased, such as Gene Carney and founder Ray Gonzalez, and Ron Gabriel, who hosted the first SABR chapter meeting, all miss them very much. SABR misses them immeasurably.

SABR celebrated its 38th anniversary this past August and we are still going strong. John Pardon wanted to do his part to ensure our future stability by including SABR in his estate plans. His five-figure gift was a big reason why the SABR Endowment grew to over $100,000 this year. Ron Gabriel also included SABR in his estate plans (more on this in a future SABR Bulletin). He joined a growing list of SABR members in our "Legacy Circle." Members of SABR's Legacy Circle are those who have made an enduring commitment to baseball research by including SABR as a beneficiary in their estate plans. If you would like to learn more about how you can join the Legacy Circle, please contact me.

Spirit of SABR Salute

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

Rick Benner (Lawrence, KS)
Gabriel Costa (South Orange, NJ)
Jay Langhammer (Ft. Worth, TX)
Daniel Levitt (Minneapolis, MN)
John Liepa (Indianola, IA)
Richard Malatzky (New York, NY)
Andy Pepper, Rancho Mirage CA
John T. Saccoman (South Orange, NJ)
Gabriel Schechter (Cooperstown, NY)
Ron Selter (El Segundo, CA)
David Vincent (Centreville VA)

Submit names for the Spirit of SABR Salute to:
Spirit of SABR Salute
812 Huron Rd E, #719
Cleveland, OH 44115
or e-mail to: spetrone@sabr.org

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OVER THE FENCE IS OUT! www.mailinhead.ca 258 pages, photos, statistics, $18.95. From SABR member Jim Shearon, 79 Tiffany Place, Kanata, ON Canada K2K 1W5

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Seymour Medal Conference Dates Selected

The tenth annual Seymour Medal Conference will be held April 30-May 2, 2010, at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Cleveland.

The conference honors baseball research and writing in all forms and celebrates the achievements of the Seymour Medal winner in a special medal presentation ceremony. The Seymour Medal honors the author(s) of the best book of baseball history or biography published during the preceding calendar year.

SABR members are invited to make research presentations at the conference. Presentations should be 25 to 35 minutes in length. Send your proposal (which should include a one-page abstract of the paper, as well as a cover page with your name, address, phone number and e-mail address) to Susan Petrone by e-mail at spetrone@sabr.org or to SABR, 812 Huron Rd E #719, Cleveland OH 44115.

Conference registration information will be available after February 1, 2010. Watch for details in the Winter 2010 Bulletin, the SABR web site, or in This Week in SABR e-mails. For more information, contact: Susan Petrone by e-mail at spetrone@sabr.org or at SABR, 812 Huron Rd E #719, Cleveland OH 44115.

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