

**APPENDIX 1:
CHAPTER REPORTS**

Brooks Robinson – George Kell SABR chapter

Since last summer's report, the chapter has met twice. Highlights included...

October 13, 2013 --- We had a small informal meeting in at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, AR. Member Mike Dugan gave a presentation on his collection of baseball books. Caleb Hardwick, who finished third in the inaugural Greg Spira Baseball Research award, presented “This Weekend in Arkansas Baseball History”. New member Mark Weatherton gave a presentation on the 1928 Boston Braves who played nine consecutive doubleheaders in a 12-day span.

January 25, 2014 (National SABR Day) – Our guest speakers was J.B. Hogan, author of *Angels in the Ozarks: Professional Baseball in Fayetteville and the Arkansas State/Arkansas-Missouri League 1934-1940*. Madison McEntire gave a presentation on the four pitchers who suffered more defeats in a single World Series than they did in that year’s regular season. New member Jim Yeager spoke about the “Rogers Boys” three brothers from Pottsville, AR who played professional baseball in the early 1900s. Caleb Hardwick gave a presentation entitled *The Rise of Professional Baseball in Arkansas*. Fred Worth covered the playing career of three great minor leaguers from Arkansas, Harry Kelley, John Henry “Hank” “Rube” Robinson, and Jimmy Zinn.

-- Madison McEntire

Arizona Flame Delhi Chapter

Since the 2013 SABR Convention, Arizona’s Flame Delhi Chapter has been active in the community, on the web and in the organization.

For the fifth consecutive year, the chapter has organized and presented the Arizona Fall League Conference. Members from more than a dozen states participated in last year’s event. Guests to the conference went to four AFL games at three different venues, listened to speakers and presentations including hearing from 1989 Cy Young winner Mark Davis, enjoyed dinner with members of the Arizona Major League Alumni, and attended the Fall Stars Game in which the top prospects from each organization displayed their talents. The Sixth Annual AFL Conference is scheduled for October 30 – November 1, 2014.

Chapter meetings have included SABR Day at Tempe Diablo Stadium; lunch at Chase Field before a Diamondbacks game; and a pre-game dinner and trip to Packard Stadium to see Arizona State University’s storied baseball team in PAC-12 action.

In addition to these regular chapter gatherings, members have volunteered to participate in community events. For the fifth consecutive year, volunteers from the chapter staffed the SABR table at the annual Diamondbacks Fan Fest at Chase Field. Chapter members also continued our partnership with the Arizona Major League Alumni by helping with registration and guest services for the Alumni’s annual golf tournament. Flame Delhi Chapter members Rodney Johnson, John

Dittrich, Bill Staples, John Tenney, Bernie Pleskoff, Don Drooker, and of course Roland Hemond; have all been active in the community by giving presentations at libraries, museums and to community groups.

The Chapter continues to expand its presence on the web by enhancing our web site (www.sabraz.org), offering regular Facebook postings on our SABR Arizona page, and even opening a chapter Twitter account. In May, the chapter re-launched and reinvented *The Hot Corner*, the premier chapter newsletter that was published in printed form from 1992-2001. *THC* now reappears in digital form as a magazine which can be viewed for free or downloaded in a .pdf file from the chapter website. The cover story in the first issue is Rodney Johnson's *Diary from Down Under*, the story of his trip to Australia with the Diamondbacks and Dodgers for the MLB season opening series. Also available on the site as an e-book is *Mining Towns to Major Leagues: A History of Arizona Baseball*. This out-of-print book was originally published as the convention book for SABR 29 (1999), in Scottsdale.

In addition to hosting the sixth AFL Conference, our chapter goals for 2014 include publishing two more issues of *The Hot Corner*, e-publishing our 1998 chapter publication *The Arizona Baseball Journal*; continuing to hold regular chapter meetings; and to expand our website to make it the place on the web to go for Arizona baseball history.

Rodney Johnson—Flame Delhi Chapter President

ALLAN ROTH CHAPTER / LOS ANGELES

Over 50 SABR members and guests had the pleasure of meeting and touring at the Los Angeles Sports Museum on Saturday, October 26.

The museum houses treasures from the icons of sport, such as Babe Ruth's 1934 tour uniform and record breaking home run bat; Lou Gehrig's New York Yankee warm up jacket worn by Gehrig on the day he ended his consecutive game streak in 1939; as well as more than 10,000 sports items in a huge 32,000 square foot building owned by Gary Cypres, a prominent Los Angeles business executive and leading sports memorabilia collector.

Jay Johnstone, long time major leaguer, was our celebrity guest. He regaled members and guests with many baseball stories from his twenty year career. We heard how to give a "hot foot" to an unsuspecting umpire when he visited a dugout to get a drink of water, along with stories about noteworthy managers like Tommy Lasorda and Billy Martin; and famous players like Ted Williams and Jimmy Piersall who helped Jay become a better ballplayer.

Barry Mednick prepared a Trivia Quiz on Jay Johnstone's career, which everyone enjoyed.

The day concluded with two outstanding presentations by SABR members Andy McCue and Rick Smith. Andy showed slides as he discussed the contentious tenancy of the Angels in Dodger Stadium in the early 60's, which finally ended when Gene Autry built Angel Stadium in 1966. Rick talked about Character Resemblances from the movies "42" and "Eight Men Out." He handed out a well done booklet that contained photos of the actors and the players side by side, as well as quotations from the two movies.

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LA SABR Day Meeting

Thirty members and guests convened in La Habra on Saturday, January 25, for SABR Day in Southern California.

JP Hoornstra is writing a book about the 50 greatest Dodger games. A lively discussion ensued as members presented ideas.

Barry Mednick discussed Mike Trout's remarkable first two years and compared Trout to Hall of Fame outfielders using WAR (Wins Above Replacement).

Tom Nahigian and Stan Perry finished one-two in the Un-ERA trivia contest.

Rocky Skybyrg led a discussion on unbreakable records, such as Cy Young's victories and Walter Johnson's career shutouts mark.

Al Schallau presented research on minor leaguer Rex Carrow, who guarded Hermann Goering at the Nuremburg trials.

Dick Beverage discussed the Seymour Award entries. He was particularly concerned about factual errors in otherwise well-written books.

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40 members and guests of the Allan Roth SABR Chapter met on Saturday, May 3 at the presidential library in Yorba Linda to view the "Presidents and Baseball" exhibit which included rare presidential sports memorabilia and pictures of presidents tossing out the first pitch.

We heard from Rick Smith about running the Bakersfield minor league club. He related stories about how the field had been soaked by sprinklers which automatically came on at midnight and how the field was dried by creating a fire on the basepaths. He also talked about how a watermelon giveaway went sour when the fruit was condemned and had to be destroyed.

Andy McCue discussed opening Day at Dodger Stadium and his new book *Mover and Shaker* about Walter O'Malley.

Gaylon White presented research on Steve Bilko and the 1956 Angels which he incorporated into his book, "The Bilko Athletic Club".

Betty Rothman discussed her father, Seymour Rothman, sportswriter for the Toledo Blade for 55 years.

Jarvis Greiner presented his Pitching Quantification system, which can be used to analyze curve balls.

We also had a review of the SABR Analytics Conference.

SACRAMENTO CHAPTER

The Sacramento Chapter first met November 1994, so our November 2014 meeting will constitute our 20th Anniversary. We hold three luncheons a year, in the spring, summer and November, and purchase of lunch is optional. We meet at the popular East Sacramento restaurant Espanol, and have between 35 and 45 members and guests for lunch.

John Moist and Greg King are co-chairs and share responsibility for inviting guests and conducting the meetings.

We usually have three speakers, including chapter members and guest speakers, such as sportswriters, authors, former players, broadcasters and anyone who can shed light on any aspect of baseball.

Our only funding and expenditures involve the raffle of books, DVDs and baseball collectibles. Members donate raffle items and the proceeds are used to pay for the guest speaker's lunch, the Woody Wilson Award and minor expenses. The Woody Wilson Award, named after our late co-founder, is presented in November to someone (not nec. a member) who makes a contribution to local Sacramento area baseball.

Prepared by John Moist, Co-Chair, Sacramento Chapter, May 7, 2014.

SAN DIEGO TED WILLIAMS SABR CHAPTER JUNE 2013-JUNE 2014

Two Regional Meetings Plus

- August 9, 2013—*Memorable Padres Moments: a Radio Broadcast Recreation*. Our Chapter held a unique and entertaining program on August 9, 2013. An estimated 215 were in attendance at Scripps Ranch Library Auditorium. The bonus for our chapter was the generation of needed revenue to help us offset the cost of acquiring a major collection of baseball research and archival material for our Baseball Research Center.

Featured guests included: Steve Arlin, Kurt Bevacqua, Jerry Coleman, Roger Craig, Dick Freeman, Tony Gwynn, Randy Jones, and Bob Skinner.

Bob Chandler recreated the broadcast of nine great moments in Padres history, and then invited his guests to comment. To those of you not in attendance it is useful for you to have a picture in your mind about how the stage was set up. The library's auditorium stage was set up like a radio studio on one side and an interview area with several cushioned chairs was on the other side. The event was being broadcast for radio and for television, so Bob used special effects to add realism to the listening audience. These special effects included a small bat that he used to strike a wood block (a 2x4 labeled SABR) to simulate a batted ball, along with a pillow that he hit with the bat there was a whiff. After describing the action Bob then would conduct interviews on the other end of the stage.

A highlight was Tony lively comments about about the trip home from

- September 28, 2014—the beautiful new San The new SABR Baseball



Gwynn joined by Jerry Coleman. They provided winning the 1984 National League Pennant and Chicago after being down 2 games to none.

Our **Chapter** was there for the grand opening of Diego Library, across the street from Petco Park. Research Center is an accessible and inviting

space on the 8th floor in the Art, Music & Recreation section. This space will have both circulating and reference baseball books, journals and VHS cassettes, a small reading area, and digital and memorabilia displays. The microfilm, which was originally in the basement, will be close by at our Art, Music & Recreation reference desk along with a microfilm reader. Baseball researchers, therefore, will be able to access most of the baseball collection while never leaving the comforts of the 8th floor.

- The Weiss Collection— A legendary collection of baseball material, including invaluable research, printed materials and historic literature dating back to the 1860s, has found a new home in the San Diego Central Library’s Sullivan Family Baseball Research Center. The donation enhances San Diego’s position as holding the most comprehensive assemblage of baseball research materials outside of the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. The William J. Weiss Collection of baseball history was donated jointly to the San Diego Public Library and San Diego Ted Williams Chapter of the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR). The collection, cultivated by Weiss, a well-respected baseball historian who worked with many minor league baseball teams, provides comprehensive player information equal to that available at the Baseball Hall of Fame. “The Weiss collection adds so much depth and richness to our already outstanding baseball research collection,” said Deborah L. Barrow, the San Diego Public Library Director. “We are grateful to the Weiss’s for sharing this treasure trove of information with local baseball researchers and those who will be attracted to this unique collection from all over the world.”
- February 15, 2014: The Winter Meeting. Our Chapter held its annual winter meeting on 15 February 2014. In years past, we have held our winter meeting at Petco Park in one of their various meeting rooms. This year, thanks to the completion of the Central San Diego Library, we held the event in the new library’s auditorium. Over 100 people attended the February event, at which several interesting and informative presentations were given. That the meeting was held at the Library was especially appropriate, as earlier in the week, in tandem with our Chapter, the Library announced they had acquired the **Bill Weiss Collection** of baseball artifacts and information. Bill Weiss was member #34 of SABR. Presenters included:
 - **Mark McRae**, who heads the Trust established to manage the disposition of Weiss’s baseball archives, gave us an inside look at Bill Weiss, his life, and his passion for baseball.
 - **Tom Larwin** summarized the contents of the Weiss collection: 15 tons, material dating back to the 1870s, 583 boxes, 152 file draws containing player information, and 120,000 player questionnaires.
 - **John Freeman** and **Richard Lister**, who talked about their part in the writing of a new book on Doug Harvey.
 - **Mark Grant**, former pitcher and current Padres television broadcast analyst, delight the audience with stories of his time in a major league uniform, and his experiences as a professional broadcaster working with the Padres.
 - **Andy McCue** talked about another upcoming book, *Mover and Shaker: Walter O’Malley, the Dodgers, and Baseball’s Westward Expansion*, scheduled for release in May.
 - **Tom Romenesko** talked about his experiences after working in baseball for 40+ years, mostly as a scout.
 - **Andy Strasburg** closed out the meeting with a tribute to the late Padres broadcaster Jerry Coleman, whom Andy had known for better than 40 years.
- February 22, 2014: Second Annual SABR Garage Sale. This year we held the event at Randy Jones’ Grill in Mission Valley. Thanks to the great turnout, the Chapter raised over \$1,500 for the BRC.

Two Chapter Steering Committee Meetings and Three e-News Issues

- Our Steering Committee met on December 2, 2013 and on June 2, 2014.

- We produced and transmitted two electronic newsletters to members, called “e-News:” Issue 53 through 55.

San Diego SABR Baseball Research Center (BRC)

- We continue to go through the Weiss collection to identify reference and circulating material for the Library. Our Chapter’s Steering Committee provided a ranking of 2013-issued baseball books for acquisition by the Library for our BRC.

Projects

- San Diego Library-BRC Partnership—acquisition of newly issued baseball books and annuals. (On-going)
- Historical marker for Westgate Park, second home of the PCL Padres—we continue to explore placing the historical marker with mall owners.
- As of June 2, 2014, the Chapter has a balance of \$16,466.09 in checking, savings, and CD accounts. There is also a balance in the Library’s BRC fund.

Lefty O’Doul SABR / SAN FRANCISCO

Annual Report / 2014

The Lefty O’Doul Chapter has enjoyed a productive season; we are currently at 287 members. We are using our Facebook page more and hope to increase our social media presence. I am also very happy with our SABR admin tools that make it easy to communicate with members

August, 2013 brought the always popular Pacific Coast League Reunion. Our chapter has been partnering with the PCL Historical Society to support this wonderful day of memories and celebration of that “third major league”. I hear the best old timers stories at this event. Kudos to Mark Macrae and Dick Beverage for all they do for the PCLHS.

Our 2014 SABR Day was one of my all-time favorite meetings. Sacramento SABR and Lefty O’Doul Chapters partnered with the San Francisco Main Library to celebrate the AAGPBL exhibit “Line Drives and Lipstick”. Over 90 people attended.

Our SABR chapter invited an All Stars panel of speakers to kick off the event. Dorothy Mills, Leslie Heaphy, Jean Ardell, Monica Nucciarone, and David Block came out to share the history and stories of women in baseball. You can watch on Youtube at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvOHL2PWdmc&feature=youtu.be>

Our annual visit to the “Art of Baseball” at the George Krevsky Gallery has unfortunately fallen victim to the current tech boom. The gallery had to vacate its longtime location. We hope that George Krevsky can find a new home for the gallery as this is a very popular event and a unique glimpse into the many ways baseball is captured through the eyes of artists.

Old Candlestick Park is still standing and thanks to chapter member Dan VanDeMortel, over thirty of us visited the former home of the SF Giants. Although few signs of the Giants remain, we enjoyed visit to the press box, the club house and going out on the field. Our tour guide, and new SABR member, Amanda Tugwell, took one of our long time members and Giants season ticket holder into the stands to sit in the seats she had shared with her late husband. No crying in baseball, but I got kinda teary at that.

We might return for another visit, as Amanda invited us to bring gloves and balls and play some catch on the field!

Upcoming: We will host author John Rosengren at the SF Main Library this summer. We hope to visit the RiverCats in Sacramento this season and also take a tour of the new Levi Stadium, new home to the 49ers. We'll be at the PCL reunion in August. I think SABR Day 2015 will be a chapter research report meeting.

We've talked about partnering with the Hispanic Heritage Baseball Museum. I may look into having a SABR table at local Fanfests next year. We also enjoy attending the excellent meetings hosted by our Sacramento SABR colleagues.

I want to thank the Lefty O'Doul Chapter members for their support. Thanks to Pete MacPhail for taking care of our treasury for all these years. Thanks to Mark Macrae for his support of all our efforts. Thanks to Dan Van DeMortel who has come up with some great ideas for meetings and has also taken on some program planning efforts.

Special thanks to SABR HQ for all the support they provide. We appreciate all that you do to run the organization. Deb Jayne has been especially helpful to me.

Thanks also to Board members, old and new!

Might there be interest in (and resources for) chapter leader meetings outside of our annual convention? I remember at least one conference call. Perhaps we could do webinar meetings that could highlight the tools that we have available (i.e., I just noticed we have access to survey monkey), do a walk through of the SABR website, or share best practices/activities. I would be interested in working on something like this.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Vogelsang - Chair, Lefty O'Doul SABR

May 19, 2014

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SABR yearly report 2013+

Monthly lunch every third Wednesday without fail. We average 10-15 people month in month out now for 90 straight months.

GOT'Ms (Game of the Months) - Chapter gathering at Rockies games once a month with proceeds from every ticket sold benefiting RMSABR.

SABR Day in America 2013 -- Location: Highland Tap and Burger

Mark Trylicky led virtual tour of his most amazing baseball card collection. Collection deemed unique by the Smithsonian Museum. Followed by...Umpire Panel: Retired 28 Year Veteran Jim Evans (youngest MLB umpire in history), Chris Guccione, and Cory Blaser (both current MLB umpires with Cory being youngest current) moderated by Root Sports reporter Marc Stout.

Then...The annual game of catch regardless of weather took place.

August Chapter Meeting - Breckenridge Brewery

Pitching at Altitude Panel: Jim Wright - Rockies current pitching coach; Jason Hirsh - former Astro and Rockies starter. Led by Jenny Cavnar of Root Sports

16th Annual November Banquet - Denver Athletic Club

Keynote speaker - Bryn Smith, long time big league pitcher as well as the winning pitcher in Rockies inaugural home game. Also pitched for the Denver Bears while in Expos organization.

Featured speaker - Jeff Bridich, Senior Director of Baseball Operations, Colorado Rockies. Spoke about key aspects of the revamping of the minor league system and how they've streamlined the chain of command as well as too prospects expected to make an impact in coming years.

MC - Ed Henderson, local Radio personality as well as long time scout for the Minnesota Twins.

2014 - SABR Day in America - Breckenridge Brewery

Media Panel - moderated by Root Sports Marc Stout including Thomas Harding of MLB.com, Bill Rogan of KNUS Radio, Ed Henderson (afermentioned)

2014 April - return of our "Managers Series" - Denver ChopHouse

Larry Bowa longtime shortstop, manager and bench coach had lunch and spoke to our chapter for nearly an hour. Very interesting stories followed by a great discussion.

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CONNECTICUT SMOKY JOE WOOD CHAPTER

Our chapter continues to maintain a steady level of activity. We have 2 general meetings, one in February, and one in October. We generally average about 25 to 30 participants at these meetings. We also have chapter outings to the New Britain Rock Cats, who are the AA Eastern League affiliate of the Minnesota Twins. We know people in the front office, and we enjoy going there. We continue to have chapter breakfasts, which have drawn as many as 16 people, which is very good. Last year, our chapter supported a vintage baseball event up in Hartford, and liked the facility enough to have our fall meeting there. Plans are being developed to have a SABR chapter panel up at the Mark Twain house in Hartford in the fall.

We have had a transition in the chapter leadership. We have a new Vice President/Treasurer in Alan Cohen, a new Membership Coordinator in Stan Dziurgot, and a Publicity Coordinator in Karl Cicitto. Long-time VP Larry Levine and Treasurer/ Archivist Joe Williams stepped down, but they are still active in other ways.

Our members sometimes go to the Southern NE Lajoie-Start meetings, or to the Boston chapter meetings. A number of us will attend the annual SABR convention in Houston. We maintain contact with the SABR Board through our connections with board members Ty Waterman and Bill Nowlin. We have some involvement with the Games and Simulation committee, chaired by Steve Krevisky, and we have a diversity of interests in our group, including a few authors. We continue to be a good, solid group.

--SUBMITTED BY STEVE KREVISKY, CHAPTER PRESIDENT. MAY 9, 2014

BOB DAVIDS CHAPTER

The Bob Davids Chapter is SABR's oldest, largest and most active, named for SABR's late founder, a Washingtonian.

Our chapter has nearly 500 SABR members in Maryland, Virginia, the District of Columbia, and parts of Pennsylvania, Delaware. and West Virginia. We're also called the Mid-Atlantic or Chesapeake chapter.

Our chapter boasts a couple dozen published baseball authors. In addition, we hold three annual chapter meetings plus three smaller monthly ones. We operate a chapter web site (<http://chapters.sabr.org/bobdavids/>), publish a quarterly newsletter and are involved in a variety of other baseball-related endeavors. We are proud of our reputation as one of SABR's very best.

Some of our activities include:

n **Annual Chapter Meeting:** Over 130 attended our meeting this year on Saturday, January 25, in Rosslyn, VA. We had a great line-up of speakers: It's always our most popular meeting, traditionally held on a Saturday in late January or early February. This year, we heard from Vince Gennaro, the national president of SABR and several other excellent speakers. It was a great day of baseball and friendship. See the web site for a wrap-up.

n **Annual Major League meeting:** We hold two additional large regional meetings each year, one at a major league park and another at a park of one of the 17 minor league teams we claim. Plans are set for 2014's outing with the Orioles on June 7 for a game against the Oakland A's.

n **Annual Minor League meeting:** The Board has chosen the Bowie BaySox for our 2014 minor league get-together. That will be August 30.

n **Chapter web site:** Visit the chapter's official website at <http://chapters.sabr.org/bobdavids/>. It lists all past meetings and contains details of upcoming meetings as soon as they are firmed up. Our very able webmaster is Jim Sweetman, jim@sweetman.us.

n **The Washington Nationals and Baltimore Orioles:** We are regularly involved in activities with both major league teams in our area as well as a number of minor league teams. Some of our members are even employees of these teams.

n **Hot Stove Meetings, Arlington, VA:** On the second Wednesday of each month, we hold monthly, informal, dinner meetings to talk baseball in an informal setting at the [Hard Times Café](#). About 10-15 members attend each month.

n **Hot Stove Meetings, Silver Spring, MD:** On the third Tuesday of each month, we meet for an informal, dinner (very informal) to talk baseball in at the [Tastee Diner](#) in Silver Spring. They make a very good western omelet. Contact: Peter Cottrell (PCottrell@gaitthersburgmd.gov) 301-208-0029. February 2011 was our first meeting and only a half dozen of us usually attend but that makes it more intimate and the baseball discussions are no poorer for it. Join us next week.

n **Talkin' Baseball:** This discussion group was organized by chapter member Dave Paulson and is now operating in its third decade (1990s, 200s & 2010s). We welcome members and non-members at its monthly sessions. The group convenes at 9:00 A.M. on the first Saturday of each month in [Columbia](#), Maryland. Contact Dave at (d2244p@yahoo.com) 410-740-1145). Our get-togethers are always fun, informative and usually feature a baseball author.

n **Hot Stove Towson:** This is in the final planning stages. No details are available yet, but reliable sources say the first meeting will be in the next few weeks.

n **“The Squibber”, the Chapter’s newsletter:** We have an interesting chapter newsletter, *The Squibber*, ably edited by Walt Cherniak wcherniakjr@aol.com. Current and past issues are on the web site. We invite you to contribute.

n **National SABR Convention:** No chapter sent more attendees to SABR 43 in Philadelphia than we did (not even the Connie Mack Chapter). These are great events bristling with research presentations, camaraderie, awards, a major league game and a shared love of the national pastime. We were proud to be the hosts of the 2009 convention, held here in Washington, DC.

n **Additional events:** We notify members of baseball-related events in our chapter area whether they be SABR-related or not. You will receive e-mails and you can always check the web site.

SABR North Florida – Buck O’Neil Chapter – 2013-2014 Annual Report

The North Florida/Buck O’Neil Chapter, based in Tallahassee, Florida, maintains a substantial level of activity despite its small membership.

The Chapter continues to hold monthly socials, during which Chapter members and local baseball aficionados discuss the latest events in hardball world, typically slanted toward the interests and/or biases of those in attendance. Recurring topics include Florida State University baseball and its elusive pursuit of a national championship; whether Alex Rodriguez is the epitome of a shameless self-appointed martyr bearing the weight of the struggles against the tyranny of Bud’s reign, or whether he may actually have a point to make about fair and equal treatment in the manner and method of the Biogenesis investigations conducted by MLB (the consensus was yes and yes); and the misunderstood and grossly overlooked greatness that was Dave Kingman.

Chapter members continue to generate new and interesting research, and are engaged in the ongoing SABR Bio Project. In addition, this year Chapter members will be attending both SABR 44 in Houston and the Jerry Malloy Conference in Detroit.

The Chapter’s most recent meeting, held on May 17th, 2014, focused on the efforts of Clint Chafin, co-organizer and sponsor of a decade of reunions of alumni of the Georgia – Florida, Georgia – Alabama, Georgia State and Alabama State minor leagues. Leading off with a brief history of each league, including years of operation, key franchises in each league, and players who passed through one or more of the leagues on their way to The Show, Clint regaled the attendees with stories of the reunions (held from 2000 – 2010), his struggles and joys in bringing back together ex-teammates and opponents who had not been in each other’s company in decades. A true labor of love, Clint spoke about how he would still be hosting this event annually, were it not for the declining number of alumni able to attend. His efforts served as a source of inspiration for those Chapter members in attendance, to continue to preserve and share the rich history and deep emotional resonance which baseball embodies for us all.

AUKER-SEMINICK (CENTRAL FLORIDA) CHAPTER

The Auker-Seminick Chapter met in March of 2013 in Lakeland, FL and heard authors and heard from several authors including Roy Kerr and Russell Schneider.

The chapter also met in December in St. Cloud, FL when Peter Golenbock read sections of his new book and the group had presentations from several members.

SABR day 2014 saw members tour the St Petersburg Historical Museum for an exhibit of autographed baseball and displays of the areas spring training history. Other members attended a presentation on the Original Miami Marlins in New Smyrna Beach, FL.

The chapter's next meeting is on June 7th at Tropicana Field in St Petersburg, FL.

DOROTHY SEYMOUR MILLS CHAPTER / NAPLES, FLORIDA

The Dorothy Seymour Mills Chapter had a very stimulating meeting on March 6, 2014, with guest speaker, Jack Goin, manager, Major League Administration & Baseball Research for the Minnesota Twins. His principal function is to conduct player research through the use of scouting reports and statistical analysis to obtain players via free agency, trade, waiver claims, or any other form of player acquisition. He also assists with salary arbitration prep, multi-year contract proposals, and negotiates player contract with less than three years of Major League service. From that meeting we recruited two new members for SABR.

From Mel Poplock, Chairperson

SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER

The South Florida Chapter of the Society for American Baseball Research is pleased to announce that we continue to meet the goals that SABR originally laid out in 1971. The aforementioned lofty goals are the continuation of fostering the study of baseball, past and present, and to provide an outlet for educational, historical and research information about the game.

I am excited about the future of not only SABR, but the Chapter and what it offers to our members, and prospective members. As a Chapter leader, I continue to seek out interesting and thoughtful speakers that share topics that interest everyone. It is a priority that everyone is made to feel welcome and has a forum to share common and budding new interests as they apply to the game of baseball.

My goal is to continue to provide this outlet and promote SABR not only to our membership, but to those who have like interests. I look forward to the upcoming year and all that SABR has to offer.

--Sam Zygmier, Chairman

2013 Chapter Highlights:

Headed up by Chairman Sam Zygner, the South Florida Chapter continued to hold regular meetings, keep active communication lines open with the local members and satellite members as well as promote friends, family and prospective members to attend all of our meetings and get-togethers.

Highlights:

January 26, 2013 - Local SABR members and guests celebrated National SABR Day by attending the final Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Annual Memorial Classic Baseball Legends Game held at Fort Lauderdale Stadium.

May 18, 2013 - Rolando Llanes, creator of the full length documentary, *White Elephant: What Is There To Save* served as the keynote speaker and shared his views on the history of Miami Stadium/Bobby Maduro Stadium. Sean Holtz, Pete Palmer and Steve Smith served as presenters. Gerry Garte hosted the trivia contest.

September 28, 2013 - Joe Arnold representing the South Florida Collegiate Baseball League regaled the audience with stories from his 40+ career as a long-time scout with the New York Yankees, a college coach and his current work with the SFCBL. Authors Anup Sinha and Lou Hernandez served as presenters, and Gerry Garte hosted the trivia portion of the meeting.

Summary:

There were two important contributors, whose assistance was invaluable, towards making a success of the South Florida Chapter. Special thanks to Barbra Zygner who played a vital role in helping to coordinate and organize all of our Chapter meetings. Barbra ensured that all guests were made to feel welcome and her efforts towards helping put together all of our events were important. Without her efforts the meetings would not have been possible. In addition, Gerry Garte has taken on the active role of Trivia Master and donates prizes to the members to encourage participation in our meetings as well as challenge the most trained of baseball minds.

MAGNOLIA CHAPTER (Atlanta, GA)

The Magnolia Chapter held its Fall Banquet in November 2013. The special guest speaker was Alex Sanders, a one-time candidate for the United States Senate from South Carolina, a former judge, former college president, baseball historian, and raconteur. His talk was titled "How Baseball United America after the Civil War," which emphasized the role of baseball as the heritage common to Americans.

The Chapter held two regular meetings in the past twelve months.

- The Hot Stove meeting, combined with SABR Day in America, in February featured economist J.C. Bradbury, who discussed the pending move of the Atlanta Braves to Cobb County and the economic merits of public financing for sports facilities. After an introduction of members, Trivia Master David Washburn moderated a spirited trivia contest.
- Our Play Ball meeting was rescheduled from May to July. It will feature presentations by Ken Fenster, who will discuss his research on the first mixed-race baseball game played in Atlanta, between the all-white Atlanta Crackers and the integrated Brooklyn Dodgers, and by Terry Sloope, who will offer his presentation, "Jumbo Barrett and the Second Battle of Atlanta." Jumbo Barrett was a minor league catcher who played in the 1920's.

In March the Chapter hosted the Eleventh Annual Southern Association Baseball Conference. This subject of this year's Conference was "Baseball in the South," with particular emphasis on its connection to Atlanta. Clarence "Buck" Riddle, a member of the Atlanta Crackers in the mid-1950's, discussed his career as a Braves' farmhand.

Chapter members attended the annual Rickwood Classic, sponsored by Friends of Rickwood Field (Birmingham, AL), which celebrated the 1948 Birmingham Black Barons. The 1948 Black Barons won the 1948 Negro American League Pennant and included on its roster Willie Mays. The Classic featured a minor league game played in America's Oldest Ballpark and an appearance by Ferguson Jenkins.

The 26th Annual Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture included presentations by Chapter members Brian Carroll, who spoke about the use of poetry and verse by baseball writers of the black press from 1920 to 1940, and Margie Compton, who presented an archival video shot before 1920 that showed baseball being played on the Pebble Hill Plantation in Georgia.

Chapter authors continue to be active:

- Gaylon H. White, *The Bilko Athletic Club: The Story of the 1956 Los Angeles Angels*. Before the Dodgers and Giants left metropolitan New York, baseball fans on the West Coast regarded the Pacific Coast League as the big leagues, the Angels as the Yankees, and Steve Bilko as Mickey Mantle.
- William R. (Ron) Cobb, *The Georgia Peach: Stumped by the Storyteller*. The book contains the results of Ron's research into the fraud and forgeries perpetrated by Al Stump, an early biographer of Ty Cobb.
- Larry Taylor contributed the story of his friendship with Ted Williams to *Fenway Fanatics: 50 Boston Red Sox Fans Tell Their Stories*. Larry was also cited in Ben Bradlee's recent biography of Ted Williams, *The Kid: The Immortal Life of Ted Williams*.
- Nathaniel Grow, *Baseball on Trial: The Origin of Baseball's Antitrust Exemption*. This book explains the legal basis for the 1922 Supreme Court opinion that led to Major League Baseball's exemption from antitrust law.

Chapter member Ken Fenster received a McFarland-SABR Research Award at the SABR 43 Annual Convention in Philadelphia. The award recognized his paper "Earl Mann Beats the Klan: Jackie Robinson and the First Integrated Games in Atlanta," which appeared in the Spring 2013 issue of the baseball journal *NINE*.

At the SABR 43 Annual Convention Tom Hufford completed his term as secretary on the national board of SABR. Tom is a member of the 'SABR 16' who attended the first meeting of SABR. We are delighted to welcome Tom back as a full-time member of the Chapter.

Pursuant to the Chapter by-laws Chapter leadership changed, as Mil Fisher was replaced as president by a slate of officers led by John Hill, president.

Chapter members continued to hold informal meetings each month at various settings in and around Atlanta, including The Greater Good Barbeque in Tucker, Manuel's Tavern in Atlanta, the Whistle Stop Café in Kennesaw, and the Tallant Baseball Museum in Cumming. Non-members frequently attend, and the Chapter is pleased to report that many new members have been added to our membership.

We also attended, as a group, games at Turner Field, Gwinnett, and Rome. Chapter members attended the SABR 43 Annual Convention in Philadelphia, the Arizona Fall League Conference, and the SABR Analytics Conference.

--John Hill

Field of Dreams (Iowa) Regional Chapter

Officers:

Umpire-in-Chief (Chair): Tim Rask

First Base Umpire (Vice-Chair): Ralph Christian

Concessionaire (Treasurer): Steve Elsberry

Scorecard Keeper (Webmaster): Steve Smith

Activities for the year:

January 25, 2014 (SABR Day in America)

The chapter held its annual SABR Day gathering at Confluence Brewery in Des Moines with pizza, beer and baseball conversation.

John Liepa showed off some of his unique baseball cards and shared an interesting find, an 1867 diary of the Mt. Pleasant Hawkeye Baseball Club. R.J. Lesch gave an update on his biographical research of Pony Sager, and Ralph Christian shared some information on the relationship between Bull Durham tobacco and baseball.

April 6, 2014 Chapter Meeting at Principal Park, Des Moines, IA

Nineteen members and guests gathered for an opening weekend series at Principal Park in Des Moines. (The Iowa Cubs won their first game of the season, a 4-3 triumph over the Memphis Redbirds).

Ralph Christian presented “Peek-A-Boo Does Des Moines: A Cautionary Tale of Early Des Moines Baseball History,” a profile of William “Peek-A-Boo” Veach, who hit the first professional home run in Des Moines in 1887.

Submitted by Tim Rask, Umpire-in-Chief

Chicago (Emil Rothe) SABR Chapter Activities – 2013-2014

August 24, 2013: Under Armour All-America Game at Wrigley Field

On a hot summer afternoon, seven Chicago and Milwaukee SABR Chapter members took in the Under Armour All-America Game at Wrigley Field. Getting an early preview of the cream of the 2014 draft class, attendees saw Jacob Gatewood launch a number of balls onto Waveland Ave. during the Home Run Derby, watched flamethrower Tyler Kolek hit triple digits on the speed gun, chatted with the parents of impressive Texas right-hander Michael Kopech, and said hello to the game's host, Chicago Cubs owner Tom Ricketts. Great entertainment at a cheap price!

October 12, 2013: Lisle Library Meeting

19 members and friends of the Chicago Chapter attended a meeting on October 12, 2013, at the Lisle Library in Lisle, IL.

Chris Kamka, Comcast Sportsnet Chicago's researcher, baseball historian and trivia junkie, spoke about his experience working behind the scenes to provide stats and graphics to Comcast's various sports broadcasts. He talked about what it is like to work with Hawk Harrelson and speculated on the future of the Cubs media contract.

Harry Pavlidis, founder of Pitch Info LLC and writer for *Baseball Prospectus*, discussed in depth how Pitch F/X data can be used to answer the question "What makes a change-up effective?"

After a short break, members discussed plans for celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Wrigley Field and explored possibilities for how to assist with the 2015 SABR Convention being held in Chicago.

Prior to the meeting, some of the attendees gathered for a brunch at the Schmaltz Deli in Naperville, IL.

November 23, 2013: Austin-Irving Library Meeting

17 members and friends of the Chicago Chapter attended a meeting on November 23, 2013, at the Chicago Public Library's Austin-Irving Branch which feature the work of Chapter members.

Floyd Sullivan spoke about the 1908 season, putting it in the context of the wider world. He ended the talk by looking at how the Merkle game was perceived from different perspectives and sharing what the umpire said in a two page letter to the league president.

Matthew Clifford spoke about the unique career of former MLB pitcher Sylvester Johnson about whom he contributed an article to the 2013 *National Pastime* and whom identified as the major leaguer with the worst luck.

Mark Fimoff engaged the audience in a historical photo analysis from the Cubs 1908 season.

Prior to the meeting, some of the attendees gathered for lunch at the Burgundy Restaurant.

January 25, 2014: SABR Day with the Milwaukee and Chicago Chapters

On Saturday January 25, 2014, in commemoration of SABR Day, there was a joint meeting of the Chicago and Milwaukee (Ken Keltner) SABR Chapters at The Brat Stop in Kenosha, WI. The meeting was co-organized by Rich Schabowski of the Milwaukee chapter and David Malamut of the Chicago Chapter.

Speakers included:

- Christopher Kamka of Comcast Sportsnet
- Jake McGhee, General Manager of the new Kenosha Kingfish team in the Northwoods League
- Wayne Randazzo, radio announcer for the Kane County Cougars and the Score 670 host
- Matt Dennewitz, Sabrmetric library creator
- Dennis Pajot who talked about *The Difference in Baseball in 1902 from Today*
- Bob Buege who discussed *Jim Thorpe: All-American*

April 19, 2014: Wrigley Field at 100: Past, Present, and Future

The Chicago SABR Chapter celebrated the 100th anniversary of Wrigley Field by hosting a symposium in the historic Cliff Dwellers Club. Nearly 50 people attended the symposium, including a descendent of the park's architect. The program was split into four segments that covered the past, present, and future of the ballpark:

- Dan Levitt, author of *The Battle that Forged Modern Baseball: The Federal League Challenge and Its Legacy*, delved into the origins of the park in a segment covering The Federal League and the Chicago Federal League Franchise.
- Brian Bernardoni, Wrigley Field Tour Guide and Cubs Historian, explored the construction and history of the park in a segment entitled Building Wrigley Field and its Renovations.
- Ed Sherman, *Chicago Tribune* writer and 670 the Score radio host, spoke about his recently released book on Babe Ruth's Called Shot in a segment on Great Baseball Moments in Park History.
- Stuart Shea, author of the recently published *Wrigley Field: The Long Life and Contentious Times of the Friendly Confines*, discussed the Future of Wrigley Field.

In addition to the formal program, Dave Zeman tested the audience on its knowledge of happenings at the p

Richard A. Smiley, June 2, 2014

KEKIONGA CHAPTER OF FORT WAYNE

The Kekionga Chapter of Fort Wayne was founded less than a year ago. We had our first meeting late in the summer of 2013, going to a Fort Wayne TinCaps game as a meet-and-greet event. In the fall, we gathered to hear research presentations. On SABR Day this January 2014, we met to discuss goals for the Chapter. In April we once again heard research presentations.

And this is our chapter's basic formula for the next 12 months: take in a game in the summer, have research presentations in the spring and fall, and have a chapter business meeting in the winter.

One of our goals is to be a chapter for researchers in the area, hoping to draw, not just from the extreme northeast part of Indiana, but all of north central Indiana, northwest Ohio and the southern area of Michigan. There are a number of researchers in a 100 mile radius of Fort Wayne, and we want to be a centrally located spot for researchers to share their information.

--submitted by Bob Gregory

Oscar Charleston Chapter Report (Indianapolis and Central Indiana):

On January 25 (SABR Day), chapter members met in Indianapolis for lunch, and we discussed plans to attend an upcoming Indianapolis Indians game and to read *The Summer of Beer and Whiskey* for a late summer/early fall book discussion. The chapter does not maintain a bank account and has no financial information to report.

--Trey Strecker

LOU CRIGER CHAPTER / INDIANA

The Lou Criger SABR Chapter has had informal meet-ups of members around Indiana. A more formal meeting is in the works for this summer.

--Steve Krah

TOKYO CHAPTER- TOKYO, JAPAN

Annual activities from July 2013 to June 2014

July 20, 2013

Masaru Ikei, who had visited Taiwan as a guest professor, told of baseballs in Taiwan.

November 16, 2013

Takeyuki Inohiza, explained his batting theory which is focus on the power made by twisting.

January 18, 2014

Masaru Ikei, explained the Free Agencies in both of US and Japan.

Makio Mukai, reported his recent trip to the baseball sites in rural America.

April 19, 2014

Masahiro Nanbu, is trying to revive the pre-war era games on score sheets by his pen. It is opened for public on internet. He has introduced his project.

Takashi Shinoura, told of constructing data base based on the statistics from Japan Professional Baseball.

Each meeting was followed by free conversation with meal.

PEE WEE REESE (KENTUCKY) CHAPTER

ANNUAL REPORT

June 5, 2014

The Pee Wee Reese SABR Chapter serves all of Kentucky with the largest percentage of its members residing in the Louisville area. Despite our best efforts, Chapter membership has continued to shrink since we hosted the very successful 1997 Annual SABR Convention in Louisville. Our satellite chapter is the Hoyt-Allen Chapter from Cincinnati, some of whose members do reside in Northern Kentucky.

As in the past, the Chapter's primary regional meeting was scheduled for SABR Day in January, 2014 at Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory in Louisville. Snow, ice and inclement weather forced us to postpone that meeting at the last minute. Instead, we met on April 5 at the same location. Approximately 18 members and guests attended. At this successful meeting, several interesting and informative presentations were made, SABR business and news was announced, and everyone present received an attractive door prize. Veteran minor-league pitcher Scott Wiegandt (current Athletic Director at Bellarmine University) was the guest speaker, and Bud Thieman presented on his "Personal Memories of Gus Bell, My Roommate." Dr. Jack Sullivan and his daughter Kathryn hosted an excellent Trivia Contest, won in overtime by Bob Sawyer.

LSM&F, with Anne Jewell as its Director, continues to be an excellent and faithful corporate partner, both to national SABR and to our Chapter. The Chapter is looking forward to the use of the Museum's suite at Louisville Slugger Field for the July 12 game between the Louisville Bats and Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs.

As always, our fiscal status is excellent, and we are always looking for ways to use the funds in our Chapter Treasury to benefit the membership.

Throughout the year, a number of members held informal gatherings in various casual settings to discuss baseball. Our faithful steering committee members are: Harry Rothgerber (Spokesperson, Louisville), Bud Thieman (Treasurer, Louisville) and Craig Combs (Richmond), Brent Kelley (Paris), Bill Marshall (Lexington) and Rodger Payne (Louisville).

The most significant challenge facing the Chapter is its dwindling membership, combined with the wide geographical distance that members in rural Kentucky must travel to attend any meetings or gatherings. Our low membership numbers prohibit an increase in formal meetings.

On a positive note, the Pee Wee Reese Chapter has always excelled in developing and maintaining positive relationships with its local partners, such as the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory, the Louisville Bats Professional Baseball Club, the Louisville Sports Commission, civic groups and political and governmental leaders.

Once again, we look forward to supporting the national mission of SABR during the upcoming new fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Rothgerber

Korea Chapter, Society of American Baseball Research

Annual Report, 2013

The SABR Korea Chapter was officially approved in November of 2013. There are currently eleven members in our chapter, five in Korea and six abroad. We had two meetings this year, on November 24 and December 22.

As a new chapter, we elected officers and spent time this year brainstorming possible activities, events and projects. Additionally, we reached out to other Korean baseball related groups, such as the Society of Korean Baseball, to lay the groundwork for potential collaborations; their responses have been overwhelmingly positive. We also created a Twitter account and Facebook group for our chapter.

After concluding chapter business we opened the meetings to the public and had informal discussions about SABR and Korean baseball.

Chapter Officers:

Co-Chair: Patrick Bourgo

Co-Chair / Treasurer: Thomas St. John

Secretary: Hyun-sung Kim

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Bourgo

SCHOTT-PELICAN (NEW ORLEANS) CHAPTER

The Schott-Pelican (New Orleans) Chapter of SABR met four times during 2013:

- (1) January -- to coincide with SABR Day nationally
- (2) April -- to coincide with Opening Day
- (3) July -- to coincide with Arthur Schott's birthday (July 9th)
- (4) October - to coincide with the World Series

Each of our meetings featured the most recent articles and research of our members, presented and discussed with the larger group. Our July meeting was held at Zephyr Field during a ball game and was a specially fun outing for the group.

Interested parties can check on the chapter's website: <http://www.sabrneworleans.com/> for more details or to contact the chapter.

BOSTON CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORT 2014

What a busy, happy year of triumphs and celebrations it has been for the Boston Chapter since the 2013 convention. As soon as everyone had diffused, disseminated all the information gathered at Philadelphia, chapter members started plans for the fall meeting which is held after the season, a time to reflect, perhaps analyze and carry on the tradition of dissecting what went wrong – or in this year what went wonderfully right with the Red Sox and baseball in Boston. Intending to get an early start, the fall chapter meeting was set for Saturday November 2, a date that was set to not encroach upon the Southern New England and Connecticut fall meetings, we felt confident we'd be in good shape. We had a lineup of great speakers who are well-known for their involvement in players' issues, academic statistics, and independent baseball media. We were even hopeful once again that The Can would be available. But as fate would have it, the Red Sox won, the victory parade was scheduled for November 2, the day produced one of the last best warm days of autumn perfect for a parade, and we cancelled the meeting. We knew what we were up against and we generously stepped aside and went to the celebration. A lovely day it was.

The void left by the fall meeting cancellation inspired us to triple our efforts to make up for it, and plans began immediately to make the MLK Day meeting at the Baseball Tavern even better than usual, if that was even possible to do. The effort paid off. As January 20 loomed closer, the speakers began to line up. We satisfied the stats fans with great presentations by Dan Brooks, about PITCH/fx, and Adam Darowski who spoke about his alternate Hall of Fame populated by a mathematical formula. Neither confused the non-stats people. Tommy Harper, former Red Sox player kept the listeners rapt with stories of 1960s baseball in Boston, and Peter Gammons spoke for an hour about his own fascination with Boston baseball. As if that was not enough, John Farrell wandered over from Fenway Park and took questions from the audience. The SABR publication, *New Century, New Team*, stories of the 1901 Boston Americans was also featured. Several SABR members from Maine were sent home with information and inspiration to start their on Downeast SABR chapter. We congratulate and encourage them in their endeavor. The meeting turned out like a one-day baseball convention. But, regrettably, The Can was not available. At least it didn't snow.

The SABR Day event on Saturday, January 25, although close on the heels of the MLK Day meeting, produced a turnout of diehard Boston baseball fans at McGreevy's on Boylston Street. Peter Nash held court at a table hard by photographs of many late and great Boston baseball icons as we celebrated *New Century, New Team*. Our luck with the weather also held out long enough then as well – flurries and a cold blast later.

The Boston Chapter has also been the community sponsor for the Boston Baseball Hack Day held in March, the third year, our third year of involvement. Information about SABR is always part of the program's outreach.

For three years now as well, the Boston Chapter has joined with Boston's Gibson Museum to present a spring event that features baseball history in Boston. The event also celebrated the SABR publication, *The Miracle Braves of 1914*. Mark Sternman, Bill Nowlin, and Richard Johnson, Curator of the Sports Museum of Boston both made presentations.

The Boston Chapter continues to encourage baseball research, share baseball knowledge and thoroughly enjoy all there is about our National Pastime. We look forward to more baseball at SABR 44 in Houston.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Hulbert

Daigo Fujiwara

David Laurila

SABR Boston Chapter co-chairs

Rabbit Maranville Springfield Massachusetts Chapter

The Rabbit Maranville Springfield Chapter held 2 meetings in the past year. On September 30, 2014 David Proctor was our guest speaker. Mr Proctor is the author of *Pie Traynor: A Baseball Biography*. He brought with him a scrapbook with old clippings and photos about Pie Traynor. We also showed the film *Real Baseball*. The event was attended by approximately 22 people.

Our second meeting was April 28, 2014. At that meeting Andrew Zimbalist and Benjamin Baumer presented their new book *The Sabermetric Revolution: Assessing the Growth of Analytics in Baseball*. They spoke about how sabermetrics are being used in team front offices. One of our members donated 2 Red Sox tickets and they were raffled off for free.

Attendance was approximately 28 people.

SABR Detroit Chapter Report, 2013–14

The Detroit chapter's biggest annual gathering—the SABR Day 2014 meeting scheduled for February 1 at Madonna University in Livonia—was unfortunately cancelled due to a blizzard. The guest speaker for the much anticipated SABR Day event was to be former Tigers outfielder and coach and current Detroit minor-league hitting coordinator Bruce Fields.

On July 12, 2013, the chapter met in the Ernie Harwell Room at the Detroit Public Library to hear John Rosengren speak about his new book, *Hank Greenberg: Hero of Heroes*. The meeting also included a lively discussion of the historical accuracy of the movie *42*.

The next meeting of the Detroit Chapter will be on June 28, 2014. Author and SABR member Rick Huhn will talk about his recently published book *The Chalmers Race: Ty Cobb, Napoleon Lajoie, and the Controversial 1910 Batting Title That Became a National Obsession*. The program will also include a discussion of Wrigley Field's 2014 centennial and why Wrigley and Fenway outlasted Tiger Stadium

The Detroit chapter maintains an informational Web site at www.SABR-Detroit.org that includes audio clips from several of the chapter's previous events.

Submitted by chapter president Gary Gillette

Halsey Hall Chapter / report for 2013.

It was an active 2013 for the Halsey Hall Chapter. In January, Rich Arpi and several chapter members helped run a table at Twinsfest at the Metrodome. A couple of weeks later, the annual Hot Stove Meeting took place at Davanni's in Roseville. A small turnout gather for baseball talk and trivia presided by Howard Luloff.

In April, the Spring Chapter Meeting took place at the Faith Mennonite church in Minneapolis. Former Twins minor league director Jim Rantz was the guest speaker. Research presentations were from Tom Flynn on his great great uncle Tom Sheehan, Stew Thornley talked about statistics and records that changed due to compilation errors, and Rich Arpi's presentation was on the chapter project compiling Minnesota baseball history. Following the meeting, a number of attendees went to see the movie *42* and have dinner at the Davanni's in Roseville.

In July, a number of chapter members took time from the Fourth of July weekend to head up to Duluth to see a Northwoods League game at Wade Stadium featuring the Duluth Huskies and the Alexandria Blue Claws.

The Halsey Hall Chapter returned to the Faith Mennonite Church on November 2 for the annual Fall Meeting. Twins radio broadcaster Cory Provus was the guest speaker. Research presentations were by John Rosengren on the anti-Semitism Hank Greenberg faced in his playing days; Bob Tholkes took us on a tour of Hot Springs, Arkansas spring training sites; Josh Ostergaard did a reading from his book *The Devil's Snake Curve: a Fan's Notes from Left Field*; Stew Thornley conducted an exercise in reconstructing play-by-play from a 1949 Browns-White Sox game and Doug Skipper gave his presentation at SABR 43 in Philadelphia on the history of Shibe Park.

Also in 2013, bi-monthly breakfasts continued at Baker's Square in Richfield.

KANSAS CITY MONARCHS CHAPTER

Since the last SABR national convention, the Monarchs chapter had two very spirited meetings.

Our first hot stove meeting held during the World Series featured Dr. Andrew Hazucha who talked about Jim Bouton and the Zen of the Knuckleball which reprised his keynote address from the Baseball and Literature Conference at Middle Tennessee State University and Bob Dutton Kansas City Royals beat writer for the Kansas City Star who discussed the Royals and reviewed the 2013 baseball season. After the talk, Dutton went to the Tacoma News Tribune to cover the Seattle Mariners. We don't take responsibility for his move.

On SABR day we had two great speakers lined up. Local member Bill Carle spoke about the Biographical Committee and some his finds in his over 35 years as a SABR member.

We also had new member Jeremy Deckard who talked about his book *Capital City Cubbie, Tales and Travel of a Kansas Cub Fan*. Deckard is a baseball blogger for the Topeka Capitol Journal.

After the meeting a new board was inducted. The new board is Roger Erickson, Geoff Mills, Jeremy Deckard, and Michael Engel.

Annual Report of the Bob Broeg SABR Chapter (St. Louis) 2013-2014

The Bob Broeg SABR Chapter continues to meet monthly (February thru December) at The Original Crusoe's in South St. Louis. The average attendance at these meetings is about 20 members and guests.

The meetings are punctuated with lively discussion on a variety of baseball topics, foremost of which, is the ups and downs of the local professional nine. Also included are research presentations, book reviews, today in baseball history, a monthly tribute to baseball players who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of our country, a 13-run pool, and season predictions. The evenings usually conclude with a trivia quiz by Bob Tiemann.

The chapter held its annual Hot Stove Luncheon at Mike Shannon's Steaks and Seafood on SABR Day, January 25, 2014 with 46 in attendance. Featured speakers this year were John Vuch, Director of Minor League Operations for the St. Louis Cardinals, Carter Rethwisch, the 'Cardinal Cowboy', Art Voellinger, longtime area coach and sportswriter, Bud Zipfel, former first baseman and outfielder for the Washington Senators, Glenn Brummer, former catcher for the Cardinals and Rangers, and Dan Gilbert, author of 'Expanding the Strike Zone: Baseball in the Age of Free Agency'.

Officers approved for 2014 are: President – Brian Flaspohler, Vice President – Jeff Ecker, Secretary – Jim Leefers, and Treasurer – Wayne Hebden.

The chapter was saddened this year by the passing of longtime secretary and former chapter president Jim Rygelski, as well as members Claude Rider and Bud Kane.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Leefers, chapter secretary

SABR Rio Grande Chapter Annual Report

June 2014

The Rio Grande SABR chapter has continued speaker meetings and is involved in an important baseball event here in Albuquerque this July. We continued to hold most of our meetings at the Dodger AAA affiliate Albuquerque Isotopes' park.

During the past year, three members of the Isotopes' coaching staff have spoken with us: Lorenzo Bundy and Franklin Stubbs last summer and Glenn Dishman this spring. Bundy, the manager for several years, is now the Dodgers third base coach. Stubbs, a local favorite, played minor league ball here prior to his MLB career. Dishman is the pitching coach and also coached Clayton Kershaw for several seasons in A ball. We were quite pleasantly surprised during Stubbs' talk when Dodger great Tommy Davis stopped by and joined the conversation.

We had our yearly check-in with Ray Birmingham, the coach of the UNM Lobo baseball team. Meeting at Lobo Field, Ray took us through the field upgrades that have recently occurred and spoke of those planned for this year and the future.

We heard from two writers. The visiting Larry Tye graciously accepted our invitation to share his knowledge he gained in writing his book "Satchel: The Life and Times of an American Legend." And we heard from Josh Suchon who has written a book about the 1989 Dodgers' "miracle season."

Others speakers included Bob May and Sam Chavez. May has done much research into Negro League baseball statistics. Chavez is a ex-minor league pitcher, long time scout, and runs a local baseball academy. The timing of Chavez' talk was perfect as it occurred immediately after the Hall of Fame electees were announced, and one of his minor league roommates was Frank Thomas.

From July 19-22, Albuquerque will host the reunion of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (think "A League of Their Own"). Highlights of the reunion of these elderly ladies will be a banquet featuring Bill "Spaceman" Lee as the speaker, being honored at an Isotopes game, and a "fun in the sun" day at a local park during which the ladies will play a "re-enactment" game. All are open to the public. Chapter members are volunteers for the events, from the planning over the past several years, to the upcoming logistics (for the park, for example, we'll arrive for set-up starting at 6 am).

The chapter has not established a bank account and has no financial information to report.

Cliff Kachline Chapter

The Cliff Kachline Chapter had its January SABR meeting in the Bullpen Theater at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. Turnout was solid; about 25 people attended the event on a cold afternoon in Cooperstown.

*Mike Piazza did a presentation on the unknown Mathewson—Henry Mathewson, the brother of Christy Mathewson.

*Jim Gates hosted a talk about the iconography of 1939, in which he looked at the logos and the letterhead used for baseball's centennial celebration in 1939.

*Tom Shieber showed some rare footage of Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, which included some film of Gehrig in 1925, when his streak of 2,130 games started. (This later was covered nationally in *The New York Times*).

*Bruce Markusen presented a "Baseball Card Mystery," in which he showed Dave Collins' 1977 Topps card and proved that it was actually his teammate, Bobby Jones, who was pictured on the card. Jones is perhaps best remembered as a veteran of Vietnam.

Jeff Katz (From notes by Bruce Markusen)

ELYSIAN FIELDS CHAPTER

The Elysian Fields Chapter has been dormant for the last year.

The chapter would like additional leadership and hopes to reconnect with the Yogi Berra Museum as a meeting venue.

New York City Casey Stengel Chapter

By Evelyn Begley, chapter president

The New York City Casey Stengel Chapter had its annual SABR Day meeting on Saturday, January 25, 2014 from 10 am to 3:15 pm. Chapter leader Ernestine Miller welcomed more than 100 people attending the event at the Midtown Manhattan branch of the NY Public Library, and moderated the day's program.

Opening the morning was author Jane Leavy to discuss Sandy Koufax and Mickey Mantle, and whose talk was mostly based on two of her books *Sandy Koufax: A Lefty's Legacy* and *Mickey Mantle -- The Last Boy: Mickey Mantle and the End of America's Childhood*.

Leila Dunbar was up next and, as an appraiser for sports memorabilia, she shared her expertise as well as many behind-the-scenes baseball stories about Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Mickey Mantle, Roger Maris, Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella, and Ted Williams.

In the afternoon, the president of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum Jeff Idelson discussed highlights of baseball's past to celebrate the HOF's 75th anniversary. He included insights on artifact acquisitions, educational programs, and he fielded questions ranging from scouting to Hall of Fame voting. Idelson was patient and generous with his time responding to a variety of questions.

Lee Lowenfish and Damian Begley then talked about the Amazin' year of 1969 when the New York "Miracle Mets" won the World Series.

Teenager Max Maniss shared about youth baseball blogs and Eric Weiss supplied trivia for the younger set as well as the more seasoned baseball trivia enthusiasts.

Ongoing and engaging activities continue to be hosted by local member Jay Goldberg at the Bergino Baseball Clubhouse in Greenwich Village which features book events with authors and former players.

Webmaster Kevin Carter continues to improve the chapter website as with the links to Facebook and other social media he has included as part of the site.

Luke Easter SABR Chapter Report for 2013-2014

The Luke Easter Chapter had a very successful first year in existence, with membership currently standing at fifty, primarily across the Western NY area.

We've had several events, highlighted by a winter hot stove dinner attended by 60 featuring a Q and A session with Rochester baseball legends Joe Altobelli and Johnny Antonelli.

Other events have included outings at Rochester Red Wings and Batavia Muckdogs games, cemetery tours of Rochester baseball pioneers, and vintage baseball games with several more events planned for this summer.

We have worked closely with the Rochester Baseball Historical Society (significant cross membership) to co sponsor and cross promote events.

Looking forward to continued chapter growth in the coming year!

Ryan Brecker
Chair, Luke Easter Chapter

CAROLINA CHAPTER

The North Carolina chapter has unfortunately been inactive due to very low interest and participation. we will try and arrange a Knights game for the summer to see if there is interest.

HOYT-ALLEN CHAPTER, CINCINNATI: Annual Report for 2013

2013 Winter Meeting of the Hoyt-Allen Chapter of SABR, Cincinnati, OH

Approximately 20-25 members and guests attended the 2013 Winter Meeting of the SABR Hoyt-Allen Chapter. We met on December 14, 2013, at 9am in the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum's theater.

Agenda for December 14, 2013 Meeting

- Welcome, Introductions, Chapter Updates
- Speaker 1: Joel Pieper, currently with Provident Travel, once served as the Traveling Secretary for the Cincinnati Reds. Joel will tell us about the job and what it entails, as well as how he thinks the job has changed over the years due to technologies, players, etc. Joel will share some stories from his time with the Reds, including the wire-to-wire 1990 season.
- Speaker 2: Former Lima News columnist Mike Lackey has his new book, "Spitballing, The Baseball Days of Long Bob Ewing." Ewing, who was inducted into the Reds' Hall of Fame in 2001, pitched for the Reds from 1902 to 1909. He anchored a staff on many Reds' teams that frankly weren't very good. But there's so much more to the story. The other big angle to the book was that Ewing was one of first spitball pitchers and one of the most successful. The spitball wasn't outlawed until 1920, but those throwing it were allowed to use it through the end of their career.
- Speaker 3: Chris Rainey has been writing biographies for SABR's BioProject. Along the way, Chris has discovered many fun and interesting facts about the various players. He will share some of the finds as he presents, "You Never Know What You'll Find".

Following the meeting, everyone was invited to tour the museum.

JACK GRANEY CHAPTER / CLEVELAND

The Jack Graney Chapter in Cleveland got together last summer to attend some minor league games, and also had three meetings since the convention in Philadelphia. We met for a hot stove meeting in January, something we hope can become a regular occurrence. The chapter also passed out forms for our 2014 "Guess the Standings" contest and announced that Cathy Gerland was the winner of the 2013 contest.

In the Fall, we met at the Brooklyn, Ohio, public library on September 28 and saw three fantastic presentations. Bryan Fritz, one of the authors of *League Park: Historic Home of Cleveland Baseball, 1891-1946* gave a talk entitled “Rube Marquard’s Troubles at the 1920 World Series.” David Fleitz, talked about his book, *Napoleon Lajoie: King of Ballplayers* and John Daniels gave a talk entitled “Decline of the 20 Game Winners and the Contributing Factors.” Victor Rosenberg put together a trivia contest, and we also had our usual book raffle.

We met for our winter meeting on February 1 at Progressive Field, where we had a very busy schedule. Ike Brooks and Margaret Lynch gave a presentation on the Indians’ upcoming documentary on the team’s impact on social change in the 1940s and 1950s. Jim Albert gave a presentation entitled “Analyzing Baseball with R” while Victor Pinheiro presented on "Using Baseball to Teach Interdisciplinary Subjects in Middle Schools.” Jim Wagner talked about the installation of the new Elmer Flick statue in Bedford, Ohio, and Gary Speidel gave a presentation entitled “Can You Believe This Guy’s Not in the Hall of Fame?” Bill McMahon gave a talk (and connected trivia contest) on "The Cadaco Baseball Game and Pitcher vs. Batter Stats." Rick Bradley also put together a trivia contest and we had a book raffle.

Our spring 2014 meeting was held at the Brooklyn, Ohio, public library on May 10. We heard two great presentations – one from Gary Webster on "How Cleveland Almost Lost the Indians Before They Even Were the Indians." Jim Holl gave a talk entitled "The Indians Declining Attendance - Does It Really Matter?" Rick Bradley put together a trivia contest and we had our usual book raffle.

During the rest of 2014, we plan to attend some minor league games this summer, and will hold our next meeting in the Fall of 2014.

- Stephanie Liscio, Jack Graney Chapter President

HANK GOWDY COLUMBUS (OH) CHAPTER

2013-2014 ANNUAL REPORT

During the past year the chapter continued to sponsor established activities and added new ones. The following is a list of this year’s activities in chronological order:

--June 1, 2013—An Ohio Village Muffins game. The local vintage baseball team plays at the historic Ohio Village on the grounds of the Ohio Historical Society Museum. Several team members are active in our local chapter.

--July 9 and August 29, 2013—Columbus Clippers games at Huntington Park. Prior to each game our members met in the ballpark’s Hall of Fame Bar to talk baseball with Ken Schnacke, Clippers President and GM.

--September 28, 2013—Baseball Book Club—The club met at the Whetstone Public Library to discuss *Fifty-Nine in '84* by Edward Achorn. The author participated by telephone to discuss his book and answer questions. Blake Sherry was the moderator.

--October 23, 2013—In what we hope will become an annual event, members of the chapter met at the BW3 sports bar on Polaris Parkway to watch Game One of the 2013 World Series. The first inning provided enough fireworks to keep the discussions rolling throughout the evening. (A similar event was held on April 2, 2014, to watch an evening of opening day games.)

--January 25, 2014--Winter Meeting—This year's annual SABR Day meeting at the Westerville Public Library was attended by 15-20 stalwarts who braved subzero temperatures and a raging snowstorm. The featured speaker was Ryan Mitchell, Columbus Clippers radio announcer and Director of Broadcasting. Local presenters were Ernie Walther (Spahn/Roberts v. Dodgers, 1949-57) and Tracy Martin (19th Century Baseball Equipment). As usual trivia, a Hall of Fame balloting, and a raffle were included.

--February 8, 2014--Baseball Book Club—Under the guiding hand of moderator Blake Sherry, members held a spirited discussion of *Bill Veeck: Baseball's Greatest Maverick* by Paul Dickson. The meeting took place at the Dublin Public Library.

--May 17, 2014—Baseball Book Club—The Dublin Public Library hosted the spring gathering as we discussed *The Bullpen Gospels* by Dirk Hayhurst. The retired major league pitcher offered candid insights into both major and minor league ball as he participated via phone. Blake Sherry once again moderated.

Other activities included informal gatherings at three Ohio State baseball games during Spring 2014.

--Submitted by Rick Huhn and Blake Sherry

DAYTON CHAPTER

The Dayton Chapter held two meetings this year:

The Autumn meeting was held at the University of Dayton. There were four research presentations, a trivia contest, and a book auction.

The Spring meeting was held at 5/3 Field, home of the Dayton Dragons. Three research presentations were given and afterwards the group had dinner at Brixx restaurant and attended the Dayton v Ft Wayne game in the evening

--John Schleppe

ROGER BRESNAHAN/MUD HENS CHAPTER
SUMMARY OF 2013/2014 YEAR

The Roger Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter of SABR held two events during the 2013/2014 year. On July 8 of 2013 the chapter enjoyed watching a game at Fifth Third Field between the Louisville Bats and the Toledo Mud Hens. Over twenty-five members and friends attended the game in warm humid weather which was won by the home-standing Hens by a close score of 4 to 3. An impressive fireworks display topped off the evening at the conclusion of the game.

On May 17 of this year our chapter held a meeting at the Sylvania branch of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library. Our special guest was Mike Lackey, a retired journalist from Lima, Ohio. Mike gave a very interesting talk about his recently-published book, *Long Bob Ewing*, a spitballing hurler with the Cincinnati Reds in the early part of the 20th century.

Following Mike Dave Fleitz of the Detroit Chapter spoke about Fred Goldsmith, a pitcher for the Chicago White Stockings in the 1880's. The talk centered on the controversy as to whether Goldsmith actually invented the curve ball. After Dave we heard from John Husman of Sylvania, who brought us up to date about the Toledo Mud Hens current season. He also gave us a fun and entertaining oral trivia quiz about the Toledo Mud Hens.

Our final speaker was Don Pinciotti, currently a very active and vigorous 92-year young former ball player still living in his native Toledo. Don told us about his World War II experiences as well as his days as a catcher in the Chicago White Sox system. His career culminated with several years as a member of the Memphis Chicks of the old Southern Association.

After over 3 hours of great baseball talk, the meeting was adjourned. Everyone in attendance agreed that it had been an excellent spring SABR meeting for the Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter of SABR.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

Oklahoma Chapter of SABR annual report 2013-2014

We met twice since the last report:

August 24, 2013 in Norman, OK. Guest speaker was Jim Bryan, who has served the Oklahoma City RedHawks as, variously, play-by-play broadcaster, official scorer and, currently, data-caster. Jim handles play-by-play for the Oklahoma City Barons minor league hockey team.

May 17, 2014 at Chandler, OK. Hosted by the owners of the former Chandler Baseball Camp, the meeting included a tour of the grounds, some camp history, and a review of the state of the renovations, including plans for the future.

--Submitted by Howard Johnson

Hanlan's Point (Toronto) Report

This has been a challenging year for the Chapter. The fall meeting was cancelled due to low sign up numbers. Half the Board resigned and new board members were recruited to allow for the holding of an event in January on SABR day. Severe weather led to a number of last minute cancellations but the event was a success with a guest speaker and a research presentation on Canadian batteries.

The new executive has met and plans are in place to revitalize the Chapter this year.

Allen Tait

CONNIE MACK (PHILADELPHIA) CHAPTER

Throughout the months following our SABR 43 convention, the “Hot Stove” group met monthly on Saturdays for lunch and baseball chat. Our first formal meeting was on SABR Day, January 25.

SABR Day 2014 - Connie Mack Chapter

Dick Rosen emceed the meeting held at Drexel University. We talked a lot of baseball and even raised some funds for the chapter via a raffle. Rock Hoffman was in charge of the registration and George Miller organized the raffle. We had a paid attendance of 43.

Our current goal is to increase the active membership in the Connie Mack Chapter. We hope to post all baseball related programs in the area on a website, on facebook and on twitter. Also we want to have monthly meetings from here on out.

Speakers:

Ed Achorn, author- *The Summer of Beer and Whiskey*. Ed came down from Providence to talk about the AA and its Philly connections.

Mike Gimbel – "The RPA formula: The 'Moneyball' before Billy Beane" Mark former Assistant to Dan Duquette at both Montreal and Boston told of some of his

early work with choosing some key players for both teams. He brought with him a computer full of significant data and displayed it to those interested.

Presentations

Sharon Ullman Using Baseball in a social History course at Bryn Mawr College. Bryn Mawr History professor Sharon Ullman talked about her course in Social History and how she incorporated baseball. Sharon, a Bay Area native is an ardent Oakland A's fan.

Jason Mitchell Spoke about a method to predict RBI based on "Expected RBI" metric.

Jim Hawking After a 24-question trivia quiz in which the answer to all questions was John Montgomery Ward, Jim demonstrated how significant Ward's career was.

James Robinson Communist Party sponsored BB teams and leagues 1939-47 in NY and PA. Researched the Daily Worker to find the interest of building participation in American sport. Red Rolfe sometimes wrote a column.

Lin and Jonathan Crowe Jesse Foyle [aka The Cape Lady], Phillies Fan Extraordinaire. Jesse who passed away a few weeks before was represented by her son-in-law (Lin) and her grandson. Jesse had attended all World Series games and All-Star games since 1960. The presenters brought her famous cape which displayed many of these tickets; they also brought hundreds of photos of Jesse with numerous players, managers, and executives.

Chuck Barksdale provided some insight into scoring of games. He works for STATS LLC. He has made some interesting contacts in the Press Box.

Dick Rosen Presented some work on Santos Amaro the great Cuban player. Amaro was the father of Ruben [Phillies 1960s] and grandfather of Ruben Amaro, Jr. Santos was a great player whose skills have remained fairly unknown to Americans.

Steve Glassman Philadelphia's Brotherly Battery [Bobby and Billy Shantz]. The records of two local players, who practiced together for many years.

Ira Levinton – Players with at least 30 HR, 100 RBI, 100 runs scored, and .300 average. By comparing data among such players, Ira sees some shortcomings in Hall of Fame selections.

We next met for our annual ballpark Meeting at CBP, Sat. May, 17, 2014.

Speakers and presenters covered a range of SABR-friendly topics.

Michael Eckstein – Markerless motion capture - displayed the bio-mechanics of the pitching motion. By monitoring the various body motions, one can detect if a pitcher is consistent with his delivery, and what he is doing when he is not.

Steven Glassman – Rene Montegudo – Short bio of a short-lived Ex-Washington Senator, ex-Phillie who played during the War years. His son, Aurelio had a seven-year career in the '60s.

Mark Carfagno – Dick Allen, Hall of Fame bid – There is an attempt in Philly to get Dick Allen into the NBHF this year. Leading layers, journalists, SABR members, and former fans of Allen are pushing for this recognition.

Mark Kanter – Levittown wins LL World Series

Fran Zimniuch – BBs New Frontier, Expansion and the Westward movement of the teams in the 50s and 60s.

Jack Rossi – The '64 Phillies – a frank, but sad, discussion of that very frustrating year for Phillies fans.

John Lord - Bill Giles. Lord is the biographer of Giles and Bill was scheduled to be with us that Saturday. The format was to have been an interview of Giles by John. However, due to the death of a close friend of Bill, he was unable to attend. Lord talked about his process and especially the interviews he conducted in researching his biography.

Ira Leviton –The best hitting season of the 19 C. The Phillies in 1894 with .350 team average.

Chris Wheeler Long time Phillies color man for the TV broadcast team regaled us with numerous Phillies stories from his long term association with Harry Kalas and “Whitey” Ashburn. He spoke well beyond the allotted time, but no one seemed to mind. He could have gone on forever.

D. Bruce Brown – Trivia. Always read to stump his friends, Bruce brought a non-trivial amount of those fun, but tough, questions

We have instituted a raffle at each of our formal meetings this year. All told, we raised \$255 for the chapter.

Afterwards, we saw the Phillies pounced on the Reds by a score of 12-1.

We plan to continue our Hot Stoves in November and we are planning some additional programs including guests.

Submitted by Dick Rosen

FORBES FIELD CHAPTER - PITTSBURGH
November 16, 2013

Robert Tholkes gave us a presentation on the early beginnings of baseball statistics.

Frank Garland, author of *Willie Stargell: A Life in Baseball*, told of his experiences while researching and writing his book.

Dan Fox, of the Pittsburgh Pirates enlightened us as to how the Pittsburgh Pirates make use of sabermetrics.

Former Pirate, Frank Thomas, told tales of his years in the 1950's with the team.

Brian Engelhardt related a game played between Reading and the Pirates.

Our featured speaker, 2013 National League Manager of the Year, Clint Hurdle answered questions and talked about the 2013 season. We presented Clint with \$150 for his "Wins for Kids" charity.

John Urso did a reading from early Pirates broadcaster Rosey Rosewell's Rosey's ramblings.

Joe Elinich reported on other match-ups between Harvey Haddix and Lew Burdette other than the famous 13-inning almost perfect game.

We concluded the meeting with a trivia challenge prepared by Jim Haller.

SABR DAY – January 25, 2014

Marky Billson introduced us to the Texas Winter League

Sam Reich provided us with a critique of the 2014 Hall of Fame and the selection process.

Bob Recker, Pirates bat boy from 1959-1961 related his experiences with the team including the 1959 All Star Game and the 1960 World Series.

Former Pirate, Bob Friend, related his experiences with the 1960 championship team.

Eliza Marone concluded the meeting with a statistical analysis of "How Often Does a Player Make a Great Play and Lead off the Next Inning."

Our Silent Auction and 50/50 Raffle provided another \$250 for Clint Hurdle's "Wins for Kids" charity.

March 29, 2014

Joe Guzzardi told of his and his mother's relationship with Ted Williams

Craig Britcher did an outstanding presentation on Moses Fleetwood Walker and the Importance of September 4, 1844 when Walker played his last game against the Pittsburg Alleghenies.

Wayne Patterson took us on a humorous and entertaining of Category League Baseball.

Paul Adomites gave an informative talk on "The Ten Best Books You Never Read."

Orlando Cepeda, PR Chapter Report

This report covers from June 2013 to May 2014 time period;

June 20 - 13 - Chapter meeting.

Jul. 23 - 13 - Chapter meeting.

Aug. 10 - 13 - Chapter members Luis Machuca, Angel Colon, Josean Torres, Edwin Perez, Angel Juarbe, Roberto Ortiz & Jorge Lopez gathered for a chat with former PR League Pro player, manager & minor league coach Max Oliveras. In order to recollect info. for a future biography project with him.

Aug. 22 - 13 - Chapter meeting.

Sept. 26 - 13 - Chapter meeting.

Nov. 7 - 13 - Chapter meeting.

Nov. 14 - 13 - Chapter member Angel Juarbe organizes a Seminar about Baseball rules origins & evolution & how to apply them to box score fillings. This Seminar was well attended by many local baseball personalities, such as former players, umpires & sports press people.

Nov. 17 - 13 - Chapter members Luis Machuca & Angel Colon attended the Santurce Sports Hall of Fame 10th induction ceremony, which was dedicated to PR League & Major League legendary player Saturnino Escalera. Also, former PR League & Major League player Juan Beniquez was inducted to HOF.

Dec. 5 - 8 - 13 - Chapter members participate actively in the PR Sports Book Fair. During that Fair, chapter member Daliana Muratti presents her new book: Puerto Rican Sports Bio Poetry, which was an interesting work about former puertorican sports legends biographies, but written in poetry style. Also, members Angel Colon & Jorge Lopez participate in another book presentation about the History of Hiram Bithorn Stadium.

Dec. 19 - 13 - Chapter members Luis Machuca, Edwin Perez, Jorge Lopez & Angel Colon attended an official PR Pro Baseball League winter baseball game at Hiram Bithorn Stadium between the Santurce Crabbers & the Mayaguez Indians, celebrating the return of the Santurce Crabbers to their Stadium in SJ that season.

Jan. 30 - 14 - Chapter members Luis Machuca & Daliana Muratti attended & participate actively in the " Pancho " Coimbre Awards ceremony, organized by the

Francisco Coimbre Museum from Ponce in the legendary Sixto Escobar Baseball Stadium in SJ. This ceremony was dedicated to five former & legendary PR League & Major League baseball players such as Luis R. Olmo, Luis Arroyo, Jose G. Santiago, Saturnino Escalera & Jose Laboy. Our chapter was in charge for the Saturnino Escalera biography read & award given during the ceremony.

Feb. 19 - 14 - Chapter Reunion.

May 1 - 14 - Chapter members Luis Machuca & Angel Colon attended the Santurce Crabbers baseball team press conference at Hiram Bithorn Stadium in SJ. Member Daliana Muratti attended a chat in Ponce at Francisco Coimbre Museum that celebrated the life of former PR League & Negro League baseball player Emilio Navarro.

May 22 - 14 - Chapter Reunion.

Luis R. Machuca
Chapter Pres., SABR-PR

SABR QUEBEC

Report SABR Quebec 2013

There is little to report for this year as the SABR Quebec Chapter has gone dormant, at least for the time being. Because of difficulties with schedules and meeting times, and philosophically, the Chapter only met once, in January 2013, for SABR Day.

SABR-Quebec President Bill Young served as meeting chair, and opened with the announcement that after two years in that position he was not able to continue. Daniel Papillon, our former president, agreed to assume the president's role on an interim basis, declaring that it was time for new leadership to come forward.

The bulk of the meeting was devoted to our guest André Pratte, a man who is almost as much a part of the Quebec baseball story in the last half of the 20th century as the Louisville Slugger. His many and varied roles as player, manager and scout began with the glory years of the 1950s and ranged right through to the arrival of major league baseball in Montreal in 1969 and beyond. Indeed, he spent the final twelve of his baseball career as a scout for the Expos.

No other SABR-Quebec meetings were held in 2013. There were too few active participants and too many different opinions to keep the group viable. We did not gather again until January 2014, and have not met since. Both Daniel Papillon and Bill Young have stepped aside in the hope that new blood will take over, but to date no one has come forward. Stay tuned.

Respectfully submitted
Daniel Papillon and Bill Young
May 30, 2014

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND (LAJOIE-START) CHAPTER

The Southern New England (Lajoie-Start) Chapter continues to hold two meetings a year, one on the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend at St. Philip's Parish Center in Greenville and the other on a Saturday in June at McCoy Stadium, home of the Pawtucket Red Sox. The meetings last several hours and the agenda includes, but is not limited to, research presentations, a trivia quiz, a baseball book raffle and one or more speakers. The speaker at the November 2013 meeting was Gabriel Schechter, a SABR member and former researcher at the Baseball Hall of Fame. Scheduled to speak at the June meeting were former major leaguers Mike Stenhouse and his father, Dave Stenhouse.

The chapter has no treasury. Its expenses are met by proceeds of the meetings (nominal admission, book raffle) and the largesse of some supporters.

Len Levin, Chapter chairman

CHOO CHOO CHAPTER (Chattanooga, Tenn.)

Initial Meeting March 21, 2014, SABR member David Jenkins presiding

In attendance were nine total people, including seven SABR members (two new) and two non-members who indicated an interest in joining.

Introductions were made all around, discovering we had a transplant from the northeast and another from the midwest. Only three locally born Chattanoogaans.

Jenkins indicated a desire to have the membership finds areas of locally tied interest for possible research pieces and would request/assign some the next meeting. Announced that the next meeting would be in late June at the Lookouts' home park, AT&T Field and would be hosted by the Lookouts.

With two attendees leaving early, wasn't much else to discuss, but we had a good dinner.

Grantland Rice-Fred Russell (Nashville) Chapter

- The Grantland Rice-Fred Russell (Nashville) SABR Chapter held one meeting on July 20, 2013 at The Crow's Nest in Green Hills with 4 members present
- A few members gathered at a Nashville Sounds game in August
- Our January 25, 2014 SABR Day meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather
- Several members visited the 11th Annual Southern Association Conference hosted by the Magnolia Chapter in Atlanta
- Five members attended the Nashville Old Timers Baseball Association banquet which featured Bobby Richardson

- Four members presented at the Baseball in Literature and Culture Conference in Murfreesboro: Skip Nipper, Bryan Steverson, Andy Bennett, and Gerald Wood; also attending were Michael Thurman, Christopher Ryland, and John Reynolds
- "Smoky Joe Wood", a biography by member Gerald Wood, won the 2014 SABR Seymour Medal

--Skip Nipper

East Tennessee Chapter Annual Report 2013-14

The East Tennessee Chapter of met four times in the last 12 months. The August meeting was held in Greeneville, TN, which consisted of Lee Landers (President of the Appy League) sharing stories and answering questions. Members who attended watched the Greeneville Astros beat the Kingsport Mets. There was discussion of transcribing the Appy League player statistics from various baseball guides.

The November meeting was a good wrap up to the year, with our chapter 'voting' in an unofficial Baseball Hall of Fame ballot.

We celebrated SABR day in January of 2014 with Tennessee Smokies General Manager Brian Cox, who was our featured speaker, and Bradley Reeves, of the Tennessee Archive of Moving Image and Sound, compiled and shared some footage of baseball in and around Knoxville from days gone by. Adam Alfrey, captain of the Knoxville Holstons (a vintage baseball team - 1864 rules), shared the history and vision of the Tennessee Association of Vintage Baseball.

In May of 2014 we had member Bryan Steverson preview his presentation for the upcoming Jerry Malloy Conference and talk about his quest to get Burnis "Wild Bill" Wright inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame, Class of 2015. Former MLB pitcher, Steve Searcy, shared some stories about his career and many opinions on lots of topics. We finished the meeting watching the Tennessee Smokies host the Mobile BayBears. The Smokies fell, 2-1, but we did get to see Kris Bryant hit his 13th HR of the season.

--Mark Aubrey
Leader, East Tennessee SABR Chapter

2014 WEST TEXAS - Col. Abner Doubleday/Judge Howard Green Chapter

West Texas covers a large area and most members from the original founding group have moved out of the area. The remaining ones are scattered throughout several major towns that are all fairly far apart. I have consistently tried to Recruiting efforts at several local Vintage Base Ball events and in some baseball related collegiate classes.

In April I got to emcee a Baseball & the Civil War event, which included one other local SABR member who spoke at it. I promoted SABR from the stage explaining its great benefits. Several attendees spoke to me about it post-event and I gave them the web contact info. Unfortunately I have no idea if they followed up on the provided info. I will again promote it in classes this fall and am currently working with some local members and former members to try to have a SABR meeting this coming fall.

--Warren Simpson, chair

Rogers Hornsby Chapter / Central and South Texas

Annual Report, June 2013 - May 2014

The Rogers Hornsby Chapter of the Society for American Baseball Research in Central Texas continued its consecutive meeting streak, reaching 90 straight months with a meeting in May 2014.

The chapter's Eighth Annual Winter Meeting in January 2014 was the highlight of the year. Fifty-five members and guests met at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas, and heard Eddie Robinson recount his time in baseball, including as a member of the 1948 World Series Champion Cleveland Indians and later as a scout and general manager. He was also in the Houston Colt .45s front office as head of player development when the team signed future Hall of Famer Joe Morgan. Robinson signed copies of his book, *Lucky Me: My Sixty-Five Years in Baseball*, and was joined by co-author C. Paul Rogers III, professor of law and former dean of Southern Methodist University School of Law. Rogers is also the chair of SABR's Ernie Banks-Bobby Bragan DFW Chapter in Dallas-Fort Worth.

Also at the winter meeting, former major leaguer Matt Kata shared his experiences as a member of the 2003 "Baby Backs" of Arizona and the local AAA Round Rock Express. Members also heard from Mike Capps, director of broadcasting for the Express, and active chapter members Jan Larson, who talked about a recent trip to Cooperstown, and Chuck Kaufman, who shared his experiences watching baseball games in Cuba.

Through the rest of the year, chapter members met for BBQ in downtown Austin, watched Round Rock Express games at the Dell Diamond and gathered to watch the World Series in October at a chapter member's home.

For the fourth consecutive year, Hornsby Chapter member Monte Cely covered the Caribbean World Series, which in 2014 was held in Venezuela. Cely posted updates, summaries and photos on the Hornsby Chapter website, chronicling Mexico's second consecutive championship.

ERNIE BANKS – BOBBY BRAGAN DALLAS FORT WORTH CHAPTER

In January 2014 the Dallas-Fort Worth Hall-Ruggles Chapter formally voted to change the name of the chapter to the **Ernie Banks – Bobby Bragan** Dallas Fort Worth Chapter of the Society for American Baseball Research to honor two area baseball icons.

The newly named **Banks-Bragan Chapter** had two formal meetings during the last year. Our first meeting was on January 22, 2014 at the Legends Museum Auditorium at the Ballpark in Arlington. The meeting featured **Mike Maddux**, pitching coach of the Texas Rangers, who engaged the chapter in a lively discussion about the pitching prospects for the Rangers and about pitching generally. **Rick Herrscher**, a member of the Original 1962 Mets then spoke to us about his memories of that memorable team, including the team's manager Casey Stengel.

The chapter next met on April 17, 2014 also at the Ballpark. The meeting featured **Kostya Kennedy**, *New York Times* best-selling author, who spoke to us about his new book, *Pete Rose – An American Dilemma*. Afterwards Kennedy signed copies of the book. The meeting also featured new Rangers bench coach **Tim Bogar**, who gave us his insights on working with Rangers' manager Ron Washington and on the prospects for the Rangers for 2014.

The chapter also had a booth at the Rangers Winter Carnival in January where chapter members, led by **Jeff Wood**, visited with and encouraged patrons to join SABR. In addition, the chapter, led by **Bo Carter**, awarded its annual **Howard Green SABR Metroplex Collegiate Player of the Year Award** to third baseman-catcher **Duncan MacAlpine** of Dallas Baptist University. McAlpine batted .333 with 58 RBIs in 58 games. The 17th round draft choice of the Detroit Tigers also set a school record with 49 career home runs while compiling a 3.80 grade point average. **Bo Carter** and chapter president **Paul Rogers** presented the award to McAlpine at the DBU Baseball Banquet in February. It marked the 21th year of the award, which is named in honor of the chapter's founder **Howard Green**.

The chapter also awarded the second annual **Carroll Beringer SABR Metroplex Collegiate Division Player of the Year Award**, named for **Carroll Beringer**, long-time chapter member, former Texas League All-Star and Player of the Year (1959) and major league coach with the Dodgers and Phillies. Beringer, who passed away in 2010, was very active in supporting college baseball in the area. The award is for the top Metroplex collegiate player from colleges playing Division II, Division III, or NAIA baseball. The second award winner was shortstop **Elvin Rodriquez** of Northwood University in Cedar Hill, an NAIA baseball program. For the year, Rodriquez batted .360 with a .540 slugging percentage and 50 runs batted in in 57 games. He was named to the first team all-conference and all-region teams while leading Northwood to its first ever appearance in the NAIA World Series in Lewiston, Idaho. Chapter president Rogers and Bo Carter presented Rodriquez his award between innings of a Northwood-McPherson College baseball game at the Northwood baseball park in February.

- C. Paul Rogers III

SABR Larry Dierker / Houston Chapter Annual Report 2013-2014

During the past 12 months the chapter met 17 times with 436 SABR members in attendance not counting the 8 person Planning Team for SABR 44 which met 9 times. These numbers do include the chapter sponsored Vintage Baseball team, the Houston Babies who played 4 times in various cities in and around the Houston area. At each meeting we also had a trivia contest.

June 10. Our regular monthly meeting was held at the Westin Hotel. **Cliff Roberson** spoke about SABR's Analytics Conference, **Joe Thompson** told us about the national symposium in Cooperstown where he made a presentation and **Mike Vance** showed us the tremendous artwork done by **Patrick Lopez** for our book. Attendance 38

July 22. The Babies were invited to play an exhibition game at Constellation Field prior to their regularly scheduled game to show locals how baseball was played in 1860. In attendance were 24 SABR members

July 29. Six members of our chapter traveled to Philadelphia to participate in SABR 43 and learn what our duties might be in hosting SABR 44.

August 24. We met at Minute Maid Park prior to the game between the Astros and Toronto. Newly appointed president of baseball operations Reid Ryan spoke to the group in the Board Room and we had 42 members present. Ryan talked in detail about the numerous challenges he and the Astros are facing because of the team play and front office issues.

Sept 8. Back at our regular meeting place, The Westin Hotel in downtown Houston. Former Astros, Cub, White Sox and Tiger player Bill Heath spoke on his playing days in the 1960's. He is quite proud of his record of never being thrown out as a base runner. He stole one base and never tried again. Presentations were also made by **Chris Chestnut, Mike Vance, Joe Thompson** and **Bob Dorrill**. We had 30 members on hand.

October 14. Rudy Terrasas, scout for the New York Mets was our guest and he gave a most interesting talk on being a Scouting Director for a major league team, who he had drafted and why. **Mike Vance** also spoke about local efforts to "Save the Dome" and **Bob Dorrill** reviewed progress being made on SABR 44. 30 SABR members were on hand

October 26. The Houston Babies went to the George Ranch to play vintage baseball on their Texas Heritage Day. A beautiful day with 7 SABR members participating

November 11. Houston Astros Amateur Scouting Director Mike Elias, was who had recently joined the club from the St. Louis Cardinals, spoke about the trials and tribulations of scouting and the extremes many team go to in evaluating prospects. **Tony Cavender** and **Ira Liebman** also took active part in the session with 33 members on hand.

January 13. Local members **Jim Kruez**, and **Ira Liebman** spoke to the assembled crowd as 42 about various aspects of their baseball expertise. **Kruez** spoke in a show and tell manner about his travels to interview former players and **Liebman** reported on his recent trip to Cuba and the impact of baseball on the economy there.

January 26. Several members attended the Astros Fan Fest at Minute Maid Park in an effort to recruit new members and spread the word about SABR.

February 10. Astros broadcaster **Bill Brown** brought us up to date on Houston signings over the winter and prospects for 2014. **Greg Lucas** is writing a new baseball book about things we never knew. The book should be out this coming summer. **Tal Smith** led a vigorous discussion on how to shorten the length of time it takes to play major league games. We had 34 in attendance.

February 22. On a cold and blustery day the **Houston Babies** played the Katy Combine at the George Ranch. While the crowd was sparse, the ranch treated us royally with an all you can eat buffet of cowboy chow.

March 12. The Babies travelled to Sealy to participate in their Annual Spring Picnic including an egg toss competition. Lots of activity and fun.

March 17. Former Chicago White Sox and Japanese World Series hero Joe Stanka entertained us with stories from his storied career which he call “The Good, The Bad and The Ugly”. Joe pitched 2 complete shutout games in the 1964 Japanese World Series , the last 2 coming on back to back days. Also on the program were **Tom White** who reported on the Astros Fan Fest and **Joe Thompson** who highlighted his Master’s Thesis at the University of Houston on drugs in baseball before the steroid era. 38 attendees

April 14. Jim Kruez was up again to present more interesting interviews he has conducted with various baseball players. **Jim** was followed by **David Skelton** who told of his passion to do research on boyhood baseball idols and **Tom Murrah** spoke at length about local high school and college baseball.. 28 were on hand.

May 6. The chapter released our book 3 years in the making *Houston Babies – The Early Years, 1861 – 1961* with a get together at our publishers office. 33 members and friends were on hand.

May 19. We met again at the Westin with **Chris Chestnut** giving an excellent history of the DH and its impact on baseball, **Tony Cavender** reviewed “The Kid”, **Herb Whalley** talked about his quest to visit all major league ballparks and Duanne Stelly of the Houston Astros offered us the opportunity to be scorekeepers at the Astros Youth Academy. We had 33 members present.

Bob Dorrill

SABR - UK

Sorry to report that for SABR UK in London there is no new news to report.

We have not had a meeting for more than a year and a half. I'm afraid that interest has waned a bit as of late.

bye 4 now...

Bruce Greenberg

GARDNER-WATERMAN (VERMONT) CHAPTER

On January 19, 2014, the Buster Olney (Vermont Kids') Meet-Up of the Gardner-Waterman Chapter met in Tom Simon's attic in Burlington, watched the film *42*, and then met Sharon Robinson, daughter of Jackie Robinson.

On SABR Day, January 25, a handful of members of the Gardner-Waterman Chapter met at UVM's Bailey-Howe Library and performed microfilm research on 19th-century baseball in Vermont. The Chapter is working on a book about early baseball history in Vermont.

The Chapter is hoping to meet on October 18 or 25 for a panel presentation featuring former minor leaguers who hailed from Vermont.

--Tom Simon, co-chair

NORTHWEST SABR

In the period of time from May 2013 until June 2014 the Northwest Chapter of SABR has had four meetings. In November 2013 our meeting had Questions & Answers with Larry Stone (the longtime beat reporter on the Seattle Mariners for the *Seattle Times*) & Mel Stottlemyre (NY Yankees pitching great & pitching coach for the World Champion NY Mets 1986 & NY Yankees 1996, 1998, 1999, & 2000). Mel has agreed to come back next November. There were 3 presentations by Chapter members.

In Jan. 2014 we had our annual Seattle Mariners Fanfest Private Suite for NWSABR with presentations from Chuck Armstrong (longtime Mariners president who retired a few days later), Lloyd McClendon (new Seattle Mariners Manager) & Jack Zduriencik (Seattle Mariners GM) among others. We also had a NWSABR booth during Mariners Fanfest weekend.

In February 2014 we had our Portland meeting with about 5 speakers & were presented with reel to reel audiotapes of interviews with members of the Seattle Mariners from Spring Training 1978. These have been converted into a more up to date format.

In April 2014 we had our Seattle Spring meeting with a Question & Answer of Ryan Divish (new beat writer on the Mariners for the *Seattle Times*), Gaylen White on his new book *The Bilko Athletic Club* about the 1956 Los Angeles Angels, along with 4 other presentations by chapter members. After adjourning a bunch of us went to Safeco Field where the Mariners lost to Texas.

Rick Solomon, Pres. of NWSABR

Ken Keltner Badger State Chapter Report - 2014

The Ken Keltner Badger State Chapter of SABR maintains an active role promoting baseball in our area.

Our meetings are held at J&B's Blue Ribbon sports bar, located near Miller Park. The advantages of this location are easy accessibility for attendees, especially visitors from out-of town; an excellent audiovisual system for presentations; and the proximity to Miller Park, allowing meeting attendees to also attend games at Miller Park. Our recent Guests of Honor have included: Brewers General Manager Doug Melvin, STATS Inc. Reporter David Schultz, and author Gregg Hoffmann.

Our Chapter continues to celebrate SABR Day by having a joint meeting with the Chicago Chapter. The meeting takes place at the Brat Stop in Kenosha, Wisconsin, which is a good half-way point for us to meet. We're planning a meeting in downtown Milwaukee on August 9 at Major Goolsby's.

SABR members Bob Buege and Rick Schabowski are members of the Milwaukee Braves Historical Association and contribute articles to their newsletter, "The Tepee." Larry Baldassaro, and Gregg Hoffmann have articles for the Brewers publication, *Brewers Game Day*, which is distributed for all Brewers games at Miller Park. Gregg Hoffman maintains a web site called the Midwest Diamond Report, which has great info on Brewers, Cubs, Twins, White Sox, and minor league activities.

We continue to donate books to the Milwaukee Public Library system to foster interest in baseball. Whenever an author is a guest at our meeting, we make it a tradition to buy their book(s) and donate them. SABR is always available for any research requests from people seeking information. During the course of the Brewers season, we hold informal tailgate parties, where members obviously talk baseball.

Our chapter officers are:

- President: Rick Schabowski
- Vice-President: Matt Bednarski.
- Treasurer: Dennis Degenhardt
- Secretary: Tom O'Connell

Our chapter has not accepted or requested SABR funding. We have been and expect to remain financially independent and self-sustaining. Our meetings are free and open to all.

The website for our Chapter is at: <http://www.keltnersabr.com/>. Feel free to contact me with any questions at RICKIU76@aol.com or by calling me at 414-322-4997.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Schabowski