

**APPENDIX 1:
CHAPTER REPORTS**

2015 Flame Delhi Chapter (PHOENIX) Report

The past 12 months have been a busy time for the Flame Delhi (Arizona) Chapter. Meetings have generally been followed by ballgames. The chapter held meetings prior to an Arizona Diamondbacks game and an ASU Sun Devils game. In both cases a casual lunch preceded the game at which members engaged in some baseball banter.

Two other meetings provided opportunities for member research presentations. As usual the chapter held our SABR Day meeting in the press box of Tempe Diablo Stadium, the spring training home of the Angels. The meeting was well attended with 39 chapter members and guests present. Additionally, for the sixth consecutive year, the chapter hosted the Arizona Fall League Conference at which members from around the country joined the chapter for a weekend of AFL games, guest speakers, and a chapter meeting featuring member research. The chapter also participated in the Diamondbacks Fan Fest by hosting a table at which volunteers talked with fans and passed out SABR literature.

The Flame Delhi Chapter continues to enjoy productive relationships with the Arizona Major League Alumni; the Arizona Fall League; the Diamondbacks; the City of Tempe and Diablo Stadium; Play Ball: The Cactus League Experience; and the Friends of Warren Ballpark (Bisbee).

SABRAZ.org, the chapter website, was launched two years ago and has just undergone a redesign as it continues to evolve. The chapter also has a Facebook page and a Twitter account.

Goals for the next year include increasing member participation and attendance at chapter functions. The most serious challenge to meeting this goal is the difficulty in reaching members with meeting notices. The SABR Admin tools on sabr.org have proved to be unreliable. Emails sent out through the system are often not received by the majority of members on the mailing list. This has proved to be a formidable obstacle as the Admin tool is the primary means of informing members of chapter functions. In order to better serve members, the system will have to be improved or an alternate means of contacting members will have to be implemented.

Rodney Johnson

Flame Delhi Chapter President

THE JOE QUINN AUSTRALIAN CHAPTER

The Joe Quinn Australian Chapter was approved at the SABR Board meeting in March 2015. One of the chapter leaders, Gerry Myerson, writes: I'm an ex-pat American, been in Australia since 1987, member of SABR since 2000. Another chapter leader is Rochelle Llewelyn Nicholls, Ph.D., the author of a new biography on Joe Quinn himself, entitled *Joe Quinn Among the Rowdies* (McFarland), and looks forward to Quinn taking his rightful place among Australia's sporting legends.

Ryan Broad sent brief capsules on some of the chapter members, so that those of us so far away can have some idea of their interests:

Ryan Broad (SABR 2015-)

A former professional first-class cricketer in Australia, Ryan fell in love with the Yankees on his first visit to New York in 2004. Ryan has a degree in information systems, has a passion for statistics and software design and is greatly interested in studying the analytical breakthroughs pioneered by SABR and applying them to the sport of Cricket. Ryan is a new SABR member, joining in 2015 and worked to establish the first Australian chapter.

Dr. Rochelle Nicholls (SABR 2012 -)

Rochelle Nicholls is a sports scientist, author and freelance writer who most notably authored *Joe Quinn: Among The Rowdies*. This important biography revived the achievements and memory of one of Australia's greatest, yet unknown, major league baseball players, and in fact only player for 90 years until Craig Shipley broke with the in Dodgers in 1986. Rochelle has been a SABR member since 2012 and is a member of the Nineteenth Century Research Committee.

Dr. Gerry Myerson (SABR 2000-)

Gerry Myerson is a senior Mathematics lecturer at Macquarie University, based in New South Wales. On the popular StackExchange Mathematics website, Gerry has answered nearly 3500 questions that have been seen by over 2 million visitors, with a particular interest in number theory. Gerry has been a SABR member since the year 2000.

Rian Crowther (SABR 2014-)

Rian Crowther is a sports science officer working for Cricket Australia - the peak body for administering the game of cricket in Australia - providing analysis and data to players at the elite level. He has also worked as a Biomechanist for the Australian Institute of Sport. Rian joined SABR in 2014.

Scott Levens (SABR 2014-)

Scott Levens is a baseball tragic who visited the USA in 1994 and went to see 14 games of baseball in 16 days throughout Southern California. On every subsequent trip to the USA, Scott always manages to sneak in a baseball game or two. He also played the sport as a junior and has been an avid follower and supporter of the Melbourne Monarchs (old ABL) and Melbourne Aces (new ABL), as well the ever-present cellar dwellers, the San Diego Padres.

ALLAN ROTH CHAPTER / LOS ANGELES

Saturday, September 6, 2014:

29 Members and guests met at LA84 for the southern California SABR regional.

Rob Goldman provided a detailed look at his new biography of Nolan Ryan. Goldman was a batboy with the Angels and developed a lasting friendship with Ryan.

The trivia contest winners were Dave Anderson, Jr., Andy McCue, and Tom Nahigian.

Rick Smith led a discussion about which player you would have liked to have seen in person.

The chapter discussed Bud Selig's legacy and the new commissioner. We also delved into the designated hitter and interleague play.

We viewed a sampling of items from the collection of the late Jim Gordon.

David Holtz and other members who had attended the Houston convention reviewed the highlights.

SABR Day, 2015:

26 members and guests met in La Habra.

Martin Hoerchner, who had lived in the United Kingdom for 30 years, discussed the origins of baseball. His slides included pictures he had taken of early bat and ball games still played in the UK.

Chris Williams discussed Dick Allen's amazing career.

Barry Mednick reviewed statistical oddities of the 2014 season.

The trivia contest focused on the un-batting champions, as researched by Al Blumkin.

Submitted by Barry Mednick

Sacramento Chapter

The Sacramento Chapter first met November 1994, so our November 2015 meeting will constitute our 21st anniversary. We hold three very good luncheons a year, in the spring, summer and after the World Series. Purchase of the lunch is optional. We meet at a popular East Sacramento restaurant, Espanol, and we welcome between 35 and 45 members and guests.

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, sportswriters, authors, broadcasters, former players, 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 proceeds are used to pay for the guest speakers' lunches, the Woody Wilson Award, and any minor expenses. The Woody Wilson Award, named after our late co-founder, is presented in November to someone (not necessarily a member) who makes a contribution to local Sacramento area baseball.

Prepared by John Moist, Co-Chair

ANNUAL REPORT

SAN DIEGO TED WILLIAMS SABR CHAPTER

JUNE 2014-JUNE 2015

Two Regional Meetings Plus

- June 14, 2014 – An Afternoon of Baseball Chat at the BRC in the San Diego Public Library. Featured speaker: The San Diego Chicken.
- August 9, 2014—*Summer Meeting* at the BRC in the San Diego Public Library. Alan Mindell discussed his fictional book *The Closer*. Mike Metzger and Geoff Young from our Steering Committee brought together bloggers who focus on the San Diego Padres for an interesting panel discussion with audience participation.
- January 24, 2015: The Winter Meeting. All 60 chairs were filled and there were several more standing at the Chapter's early afternoon winter regional meeting held on 'SABR Day' at San Diego's Central Library SABR Baseball Research Center.

Weiss Archive Update. First up was Tom Larwin, chapter member, who provided an update on the status of the Weiss Archive, received by the Library in January 2014. He indicated that of the 584 boxes received 519, or 89% have been inventoried. Slightly over one-third of the Archive contains minor league records from some 30 leagues and over the course of 62 seasons. These records comprise the largest part of the Archive.

Efforts are now underway to begin making the material available to the public for research purposes. Library staff is taking the lead on cataloguing an estimated 1,000 books to be added to the Library's book shelves by the end of the year. Separately, the minor league records are being organized by SABR members so that they will be retrievable via phone or email contact. The objective is to have most of this material digitized to make research access even easier. Lastly, there is an ongoing effort to develop an enhanced web site to further guide researchers.

Padres Operations, Behind-the-Scenes. Statistics, analysis, data collection...this is all handled in the Padres Operations department. We had two representatives cover this topic in Q&A for nearly an hour: Brian McBurney (Developer, Baseball Systems) and Wells Oliver (Architect, Baseball Systems). It was a fascinating discussion of their jobs which is largely concerned with how to convert raw data into meaningful analysis. The quality of the data is also important to understand. They can trust the quality of MLB data but as you go down through the minors, and college and high school ball the quality becomes less trustworthy. Data from leagues in different countries present different variables that need to be taken into account. It all adds up

to a complex statistical world for these two men to deal with and yet be able to produce reliable analyses that can be used in making player comparisons and projections.

Brian and Wells each commented on what an average day is for them. They noted that their days differ during the season as opposed to off season, and spring training. During the season on game days they typically work from 10:00 am until 10:00 pm or later. Most of the day is spent updating their analyses based on prior day results. In the off season they will normally be involved in “projects.” New coaches and scouts will want different analyses. They are always looking for new ways of evaluating players.

Their forecasts of Padres wins for 2015? Brian pegged it at 116 and Wells, 96!

“Padres Social Hour.” Our third speaker was from the Padres Content department, Jesse Agler, who is the club’s Director of Content and host of Fox TV’s “Padres Social Hour.” Last season was Jesse’s first with the club. He traced his path here starting from the University of Miami, through broadcasting for a minor league team in Kansas, on to Miami sports radio station and various play-by-play positions with the Florida Panthers (NHL), Dolphins (NFL), and Marlins.

His Padres Social Hour broadcast 185 shows on 186 dates during the season, missing only the night of the All-Star game. He covered a number of issues that he sees ahead for MLB in 2015: pace of the game, instant replay, inclusion, and having a new commissioner.

His forecast for number of Padres wins: 96!

San Diego Baseball. Our final speaker was Kirk Kenney, columnist for 30 years with the *San Diego U-T*. He is a native San Diegan attending Helix High and SDSU. Kirk is also the publisher of *San Diego Baseball*, a high school baseball team guide that he has been publishing for 23 years. His remarks covered the wealth of local high school and college talent in the region. From his experiences of covering the amateur level he offered his opinion that college baseball is equivalent to Class A.

Finally, his prediction of wins was 90...the most pessimistic of our speakers. (Ed. Note: our Padres have reached 90 or more wins in three out of the Padres 46 seasons!)

- 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. Throughout the year, Steering Committee members have been working with Library staff to review and catalogue the extensive holdings in this collection.

Two Chapter Steering Committee Meetings and Three e-News Issues

- Our Steering Committee met on December 4, 2014 and on May 12, 2015.
- We produced and transmitted one electronic newsletters to members, called “e-News:” Issue 56

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 2014-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. Our latest approach is to ask the City Council person representing this area for assistance.
- Historical marker for Lane Field, first home of the PCL Padres—we installed this marker at the Lane Field site several years ago, but due to construction of a new high-rise building on the site, it was removed from public view for several months. It has recently been re-installed (close to the position of home plate) in a public ceremony in the new park that is part of the development
- As of May 12, 2015, the Chapter has a balance of \$20,000 in checking, savings, and CD accounts. There is also a balance in the Library’s BRC fund.

Lefty O’Doul SAN FRANCISCO SABR

Annual Report 2015

The Lefty O’Doul Chapter has enjoyed a productive season, we are currently at 298 members. It got off to a sad start however, as our former leader and SABR Director Paul Hirsch passed away.

Our annual events include:

The PCL Reunion - we look forward to this annual visit with old ballplayers from the Pacific Coast League. Thanks to Dick Beverage and Mark Macrae for their dedication to the league and these players.

SABR Day – highlighted by local Spanish language broadcaster Amaury Pi Gonzalez, and members’ research reports – from statistical analysis to a report on ballpark food choices! This year we met at the legendary local sports bar Ricky’s and heard from Ricky Ricardo himself about this history of the bar. Great memorabilia on display as well.

Partnering with San Francisco Public Library – events included author John Rosengren, screenings of *The Signs of Their Times* and *The Day the World Series Stopped*, and upcoming in July, author Rob Fitts and Masanori Murakami. Cubs fan and SFPL Librarian Joan Jasper is a great partner!

Visit to Levi Stadium – despite disparaging comments from some chapter members about there being no baseball there, we enjoyed a visit and tour of the new stadium.

Plans for the rest of this year include a return to San Jose Giants and/or visit to Stockton Ports; a visit with Cuban filmmaker Ian Padron and a screening of *Fuera di Luega (Dreaming in Blue)* about the Havana Industriales ballclub; and a cohosted event with the Hispanic Heritage Baseball Museum.

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. Thanking Graham Womack and Kate Johnson in advance, as they will be taking on communication efforts...we will be taking advantage of social media!

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

Leslie Heaphy and I have tried to chat about doing some webinar training for chapter leaders about admin tools on the SABR site, but timing hasn't been great. We'll try again this year. It might be fun to do a tour of the SABR site with our chapter members as well. So many great resources there. Thanks for all the work to make it a great site.

Respectfully submitted, Marlene Vogelsang, Chair, Lefty O'Doul SABR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SABR yearly report 2014+

Monthly lunch every third Wednesday without fail. We average 10-15 people month in month out now for 102 straight months beginning Dec 2006 through now May 2015.

GOT'Ms (Game of the Months) - Chapter gathering at Rockies games once a month with proceeds from every ticket sold benefiting RMSABR. 2014 marked the first year of incorporating luxury boxes into the schedule and we will see this continue in 2015 based on the 2014 success in ticket sales.

SABR Day in America 2014 -- Location: Breckinridge Brewery

Media Panel - Thomas Harding of MLB.com, Bill Rogan of KHOW radio, Ed Henderson of KNUS and Turf Talk radio, Ralph Widlic of KSIR Ft.Morgan and moderated by Root Sports reporter Marc Stout.

August Chapter Meeting - Ians Pizza - Bloggers Panel took place with a very small crowd gathered around Drew Cresman of Rockies Purple Row and Richard Bergstrom from Rockies Zingers.

17th Annual November Banquet - Denver Athletic Club - Saturday, November 15th

Keynote speaker - Brad Lidge the dominant closer of the Houston Astros and Philadelphia Phillies was extremely entertaining giving us perspective of winning the World Series and accomplishing a perfect season in terms of closing games. The Cherry Creek (Denver) High School graduate was engaging and had the crowd of some 90 attendees fascinated by the hilarious stories he shared about coming up from the minor leagues and fitting in with hall of fame teammates.

Featured speaker - Hershel Cobb, author of *Heart of a Tiger* and grandson of Ty Cobb. This was an amazing look into the life of Cobb from a very unique perspective. First hand stories of Cobb later in life and what it was like to be related to the great slugger. Ty Cobb III was also in attendance as he accompanied his father Hershel from northern California.

2014 Bob Davids awardee and National SABR board member Leslie Heaphy was on the dais and addressed the crowd and gave us a brief state of the organization.

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

2015 - SABR Day in America - Breckenridge Brewery

The annual game of catch regardless of weather took place before hand.

Moderated by Root Sports Marc Stout we had two separate panels consisting first of Rockies Advanced Scout Chris Warren and former big leaguer Luke French formerly of the Detroit Tigers and Seattle Mariners and was video coordinator for the Minnesota Twins in 2013.

Second panel - Scouts - Charles Ro of the Atlanta Braves, Tom Maloney of the Kansas City Royals, Kent Gregory of the New York Yankees, Ed Henderson of the Twins and Al Blesser of the Seattle Mariners. RMSABR member, former Dodger GM and current super scout with the Toronto BlueJays Dan Evans was also in attendance

--Matthew Replinger

ANNUAL REPORT OF CT SABR SMOKY JOE WOOD CHAPTER

Our chapter continues to maintain a good, steady level of activity. We have outings to Rock Cats ballgames, chapter breakfasts, 2 general meetings per year, and other special events. In September, 2014, we held a BASEBALL IN THE 19TH CENTURY event at the Mark Twain House in Hartford, spearheaded by Karl

Cicitto. It was well attended, and well received. The panelists included John Thorn, David Arcidiacono, Joe Williams, Gary O'Maxfield, and Bill Ryczek. Another one of our members, Marjorie Adams, has spearheaded efforts to get her grandfather, Doc Adams, into the baseball HOF.

On national SABR Day, we had a media panel, centered around the HOF voting, held at Middlesex Community College, which is Steve's home campus. We honored Scott Gray, now retired from radio station WTIC in Hartford, at this event, where people from the media discussed the HOF voting, with audience participation. It again was a successful event, and the college Dean welcomed our members. We also had an annual holiday luncheon at a Middletown restaurant, which members and families enjoyed.

We are doing well for a small chapter, and we do get attendance from folks from Massachusetts and Rhode Island. We now have book sales at our events, and also held a raffle to subsidize the Twain event. We also attend other chapter meetings, such as the Lajoie-Start meetings in Rhode Island, the New York chapter (Casey Stengel), and the Springfield chapter (Maranville). We are usually able to have good research presentations at our twice a year general meetings, and have had some former players present as well. One special presenter was Maureen Hicks, the daughter of Schoolboy Johnny Taylor, who pitched in Hartford and other places for many years. Our own Norm Haussman arranged for Maureen to come up our way from Philadelphia. We lack the budget for big names, but are on the lookout for good speakers. Our leadership team of Karl Cicitto, Alan Cohen and Stan Dziurgot has been of great assistance to me in keeping things moving.

Our members write for the Bio Project, and we do now have a bank account. We hope as well to honor Mike Sandlock, who will be 100 soon, and is baseball's oldest living player. We have a good presence at the national SABR conventions, where our members do presentations, participate in the trivia contest, and serve on committees.

Overall, we are doing well, and should continue to grow and hold other special events in the future.

SUBMITTED BY STEVE KREVISKY, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

BOB DAVIDS CHAPTER

The Bob Davids Chapter, SABR's oldest, is also its largest and most active. Our chapter has over 500 SABR members in Maryland, Virginia, the District of Columbia, Delaware, West Virginia and central Pennsylvania.

This may be the last time we are able to make the claim as the largest as members in the Baltimore area have submitted to SABR to form the Babe Ruth Baltimore Chapter and it's almost certain to be approved. Many of our members will no doubt make that their home chapter. Their first meeting is scheduled for late July and will be held in the very house where Babe Ruth was born. We wish them great success!

Our current activities include:

Annual Chapter Meeting: Over 150 attended our meeting January 31 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. We had an excellent program. Our presenters were:

- The irrepressible David Smith
- Baltimore sportswriter and author, John Eisenberg
- Michael Hand, President and Chief Marketing Officer, MiLB
- Adam Cromie, Assistant GM and Director, Baseball Operations for the Washington Nationals
- Phil Hochberg, longtime Senators stadium announcer
- Crack sabermetrician Richard Thurston
- Phil Wood, sports radio and TB personality, SABR member since 1975
- Mike Wallace, former major league pitcher and Phil's radio co-host
- Jack Greenhouse, former professional baseball player in Australia
- David Hubler discussed the Senators and the 1944 Pennant Race
- And more! You'll find a full report on our web site.

Annual Major League meeting: We hold two additional large chapter meetings each year, one at a major league park and another at a park of one of the 17 minor league teams we claim. About 50 of us had a great time at the game between the Orioles and the Oakland A's on June 7, 2014. Before the game we gathered next to Camden Yards and were treated to relics from the Babe Ruth Museum never previously seen in public. It was, predictably, a great time. This year we met at Nationals Park on Saturday, June 6, prior to an early game between the Nats and the newly dangerous Cubs. Our speakers were;

- Syndicated national columnist and baseball author George Will
- Samuel Mondry-Cohen, Director, Baseball Research & Development for the Washington Nationals
- And more! You'll find a full report on our web site.

Annual Minor League meeting: A game between the Bowie Baysox and the Altoona Curve was the site for our 2014 minor league get-together last summer. The 35 of us who attended were treated to very personal messages from

- Baysox General Manager Brian Shallcross
- Field Manager Gary Kendall
- An excellent buffet in the Owner's Suite and hard-fought AA ballgame.

In 2015, we're scheduled enjoy a meeting, meal and game in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, home of the Barnstormers on Saturday, September 19. We'd love to see you there if you're in the area.

Chapter web site: Our chapter's official website is <http://sabrdaids.org/>. There we list all past meetings and contain details of upcoming meetings. Our very able webmaster is Jim Sweetman, jim@sweetman.us.

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. A few of our members are even employees of these teams. It was very exciting this season to have *both* our teams go so deep into postseason play, both eliminated only by the World Series teams in 2014.

- ≡ **Hot Stove Meetings, Arlington, VA:** On the second Wednesday of each month, we hold a dinner get-together to talk baseball in an informal setting at the [Hard Times Café](#). About 10-15 members attend each month.
- ≡ **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.] A half dozen of us usually attend. It's more intimate but the baseball discussions are no poorer for it.
- ≡ **Talkin' Baseball:** This discussion group was organized by chapter member Dave Paulson and is now operating in its third decade. We welcome members and non-members at its monthly sessions. This is always fun, informative and usually features a baseball author.
- ≡ **"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 will be on the web site.
- ≡ **National SABR Convention:** The Bob Davids Chapter is proud again this year to have the largest attendance of any chapter.

~ Bruce Brown

South Florida Chapter / 2015 Annual Report

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 of the South Florida Chapter, SABR

Co-Chair: Sean Holtz

Events Coordinator: Barbra Zygmier

DOROTHY SEYMOUR MILLS (NAPLES, FLORIDA) CHAPTER

In February, 2015, the Dorothy Seymour Mills Chapter in Naples, FL had as guest speaker, Carlos Alfonso, international Coordinator for the Houston Astros. He led a timely discussion about US normalization of relations with Cuba after 50 years & its effect on Major League Baseball. Carlos was born in Cuba & had many insights to the history of baseball there, past & present.

The meeting was well attended.

Mel Poplock, chairman
Dorothy Seymour Mills Chapter

AUKER-SEMINICK CHAPTER

The Auker-Seminick Chapter had several small meetings after a meeting at Tropicana Field was canceled.

Several members took in a minor league games in Daytona and Fort Myers. The hope was to see top prospect Byron Buxton.

The group also met in January for a belated SABR day meeting. A group of 17 did round table discussions on the upcoming season, hall of fame voting, who could be the new face of baseball, and several other topics.

--Dave Larson.

SABR North Florida – Buck O’Neil Chapter – 2014-2015 Annual Report

The North Florida/Buck O’Neil Chapter, based in Tallahassee, Florida, continues a steady pace 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. Perpetual fodder for discourse includes Florida State University baseball and its ongoing quest for a national championship, MLB news of the day, 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 and SABR Baseball Games Project. In addition, in the past year Chapter members attended both SABR 44 in Houston and the Jerry Malloy Conference in Detroit. Plans are in-place to attend SABR 45 in Chicago and perhaps the Jerry Malloy Conference in Pittsburgh as well.

SABR Day in America 2015 was marked with a gathering hosted by the Chapter president and his wife at their home in Havana (the one almost in Georgia, as opposed to the one south of Key West). While modest, the event proved to be a fine complement to the regular monthly gatherings. Topics that day included the 2015 Mets and their chance for success, Al Pinkston, Bobby Hofman, Alan Trammell and Lou Whitaker, and the man known as Kong.

MAGNOLIA CHAPTER (Atlanta, GA)

The Magnolia Chapter held its Fall Banquet in November 2014. The special guest speaker was John Smoltz, who will be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in July.

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

- Our Play Ball! meeting in July featured presentations by Ken Fenster, who discussed 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 offered his presentation, “Jumbo Barrett and the Second Battle of Atlanta.” Jumbo Barrett was a minor league catcher who played in the 1920’s.
- The Hot Stove meeting, combined with SABR Day in America, in February featured Hart Mizell, who shared his research on the Columbus (Confederate) Yankees, and Craig Brown, who discussed his research into the baseball uniforms of the 19th Century. Craig’s visual history is displayed on his website www.threadsofourgame. Trivia Master David Washburn moderated a spirited trivia contest.

Sean Corcoran spoke at the Twelfth Annual Southern Association Baseball Conference, which was held at Rickwood Field in March. This subject of this year’s Conference was the original Southern League, 1885 – 1899. Sean’s research addressed the “Birth of the Southern League: 1884-1885.”

Chapter members attended the annual Nineteenth Annual Rickwood Classic, sponsored by Friends of Rickwood Field (Birmingham, AL), which celebrated the decade of the Roaring Twenties. The Classic featured a minor-league game played in America’s Oldest Ballpark and an appearance by Dwight (Doc) Gooden.

Chapter members continued to hold informal meetings each month at various settings in and around Atlanta, including The Piccadilly Cafeteria in Tucker, Manuel’s Tavern in Atlanta, 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 44 Annual Convention in Houston, the Arizona Fall League Conference, and the SABR Analytics Conference.

Chicago (Emil Rothe) SABR Chapter Activities – 2014-2015

October 25, 2014: Daley Library Meeting

On October 25, 2014, the Chicago SABR Chapter held a meeting at the Chicago Public Library’s Richard J. Daley Branch in the Bridgeport neighborhood. Twenty people attended the meeting which focused on the recently published McFarland book *Old Comiskey Park: Essays and Memories of the Historic Home*

of the Chicago White Sox, 1910-1991. After a slide presentation by book editor Floyd Sullivan, book contributors Dan Helpingstine, Chris Kamka, and Richard Smiley read passages from their chapters. The meeting concluded with a discussion among all attendees about memories of the old park. A copy of the book was donated to the Daley branch.

January 23-25, 2015: SoxFest

During the 2015 SoxFest, members and friends of the Chicago Chapter manned a booth in the vendor room to promote the upcoming SABR 45 Convention in Chicago. The booth was graciously donated by the Chicago White Sox.

January 31, 2015: SABR Day with the Milwaukee and Chicago Chapters

On Saturday January 31, 2015, 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:

- Ozzie Guillen Jr. – son of Ozzie Guillen and former White Sox Spanish Language broadcaster
- Mauricio Rubio Jr. – minor league talent evaluator at *Baseball Prospectus* and author for *Cubs Den*
- Merle Branner – a multimedia specialist who discussed the leadership of Branch Rickey and Jackie Robinson

In addition to the speakers, a silent auction of autographed baseball books was held which raised \$153 for the Chicago Chapter.

April 25, 2015: Eisenhower Library Meeting

On Saturday April 24, 2015, 24 people gathered for an abridged meeting of the Chicago SABR Chapter at the Eisenhower Library in Harwood Heights. The meeting featured a David Malamut organized donation of baseball books to the Eisenhower Library, a presentation by long-time SABR member Abbey Botkin on the 1967 Cubs, and a report on the status SABR 45 from Lorene Kennard and SABR Executive Director. Marc Appleman. After the meeting ended, many attendees adjourned to Suparossa Pizza to continue the discussion.

Richard A. Smiley

May 21, 2015

Field of Dreams (Iowa) Regional Chapter

Despite having members scattered throughout the state of Iowa, the Field of Dreams Chapter continues to go strong. We attempt to meet two to three times per year.

On October 11, 2014, several members planned and attended the Iowa Baseball Symposium, held at the Veterans Reception Center in Van Meter (hometown of Bob Feller). In addition to baseball presentations, the symposium hosted former MLB players and Iowa natives Mike Boddicker, Bruce Kimm, and Jerry McNertney.

For SABR Day in America (January 24, 2015), 16 members and guests gathered at the 515 Brewing Company in .

The day featured a couple of great presentations. Mike Hauptert summarized the contributions of William Hulbert, the first president (and really the founder) of the National League. The Hall of Fame executive's work in setting league schedules, rules of conduct, and player contracts served as the model for all future professional leagues in the U.S.

John Liepa writes articles for the I-Cubs program each year, and he gave us a preview of an upcoming article about super-scout and Cedar Rapids native, Cy Slapnicka. Slapnicka was a journeyman minor league player, and got two cups of coffee in the Majors, but he's most known as the scout who signed Bob Feller (along with many other noteworthy stars, including Bob Lemon, Hal Troskey, and Roger Maris).

The meeting also featured plenty of good conversation and pizza, along with a trivia quiz supplied by Mike Coveyou. Tim Rask won the trivia honors.

The chapter's annual ballgame outing is will be May 24 at Principal Park in Des Moines for a game between the Iowa Cubs and Tacoma Raniers.

Submitted by Tim Rask

Kekionga Chapter of Fort Wayne's annual report

As a still relatively new chapter, the Kekionga Chapter of Fort Wayne is still endeavoring to be a "research first" chapter. Our Spring and Fall meetings are where we give members (and on occasion, non-SABR members too) a chance to pass along to us what they have discovered from their research. 2014 was no exception. We had such diverse presentations as a sabermetric evaluation of the value of a stud starting pitcher, a biographical sketch of some northern Indiana players, and "whatever happened to" some of the old Fort Wayne ballparks. For our Summer meeting, we took in another TinCaps game.

2015 looks like we will be continuing our basic formula, with Spring and Fall research presentation meetings, and taking in a game sometime this Summer.

Bob Gregory

Indianapolis Oscar Charleston Chapter

The Oscar Charleston Chapter had a quiet offseason, undergoing some changes. The Chapter will now be coordinated by two Co-Chairs, Noel Fliss and Pete Cava. We are looking forward to a "home" SABR Convention just up the road in Chicago. We are looking at a revitalized events schedule, including an Indianapolis Indians game and chapter meeting schedule soon.

Submitted by Noel M. Fliss

LOU CRIGER CHAPTER - SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

The Lou Criger chapter held meetings with former big leaguers on Sept. 6, 2014 and March 28, 2015. Former Notre Dame players Frank Carpin and Tom Carroll attended a session in Mishawaka attending by about 30.

Larry Haney and Ron Hansen were the guests of honor at Notre Dame. Many of gathering of about 25 went on to watch a Virginia-Notre Dame baseball game. The chapter is preparing for a research presentation-based meeting in the coming months.

TOKYO CHAPTER- TOKYO, JAPAN

Annual activities from July 2014 to June 2015

The TOKYO CHAPTER organizes quarterly meeting every year. Two or three of the chapter members would be the speakers for each meeting. They show their own views about baseball. Someone reports their visit to American stadiums. Another one analyzes the statistics. And so on. Each meeting is followed by free conversation with meal.

The meeting date, speakers, themes in this period are as follows;

1. July 19, 2014:

Toshio Toyoda

Stan Musial is the most respected player for Toshio. He has showed his respect to chapter members by speaking about baseball records, and some stories of “The man”.

Masaru Ikei

Masaru had been interested in the record of consecutive defeats in US and Japan. He has introduced some of it with episodes. The Baltimore Orioles’ 21 losing streak in 1988 is one of them.

Yoshihiro Koda

Yoshihiro had attended some MLB games in Texas and Yankee stadium. He has reported his experience with a focus on tourist-related issues.

2. November 29, 2014:

Yasuo Kunugi

As Joe Torre had published *Yankee Days*, some of Japanese field managers who had ever skipped his team to the Japan Series have dictated his experience to writers. Yasuo had picked up 43 of them. He has analyzed what the managers had dictated.

Michael Westbay

Michael is interested in how the facilities make impact to the baseball games. He has analyzed the “Park Factor” at Japanese stadiums.

3. January 10, 2015:

Following MLB all-star team’s Japan tour in 1934, the Japanese Professional Baseball League started in 1935. On the other hand, two of Tokyo chapter members were born in 1935, too. Their names are Masaru Ikei and Isao Chiba.

So Tokyo chapter have special dinner event for celebrate the 80-year anniversary of Japanese baseball, Masaru and Isao. Two of chapter members have given speech about their lives and baseball then.

4. April 18, 2015:

Toshiya Ono

Toshiya has analyzed MLB pitchers’ performances at the games which their side got fewer than two runs. In the last 70 years, Tom Sever won 48 games with fewer than two runs. Sandy Koufax won 37.8% of games at the same situation. They show their pitching skill by these highest records. On the other hand, Nolan Ryan had to struggle for 288 games at the same situation. It is also highest record.

Toshiya arrive at conclusion that more than 20 winners should win even such hard situations. Clayton Kershaw in 2014 has recorded five games won and two games lost with fewer than two runs. He has also recorded 16 games won with more than three runs.

Takashi Shinoura

The Japanese Professional Baseball League use to publish their "Data book." It was an official statistics book of baseball records. But the editor of "Data book," Tetsuya Usami had died in 2009. No one follow his work since 1995. The "Data book" was not published again until now.

But Takashi and his friend had been tried to follow Usami's work. As a result of their effort for 21 months, they have completed their work at last. Then Takashi has announced to the Chapter members that the 2015 version of the "Data book" was just published.

PEE WEE REESE (Louisville) SABR CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORT

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 held on SABR Day, January 24, 2015 at Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory in Louisville. The Pee Wee Reese Chapter's meeting was a resounding success. A total of 27 members and guests from Louisville and Indiana attended, the largest number for at least six years. More would have attended had it not snowed the evening before, no doubt scaring some attendees away, especially those from rural areas around the state.

Featured speaker **Chris Burke**, former MLB'er with three teams, was very entertaining, enlightening and frank about his experiences. He gave a dramatic recreation of the most famous HR in Houston Astro history. **Dr. Rodger Payne**, a die-hard Kansas City Royal roter, gave a research presentation on "Can Small Market Teams Compete" which was outstanding and very timely. It deserves a wider audience. Faithful member **Bud Thiemann** gave a brief remembrance of the '97 Convention in Louisville, and he introduced award-winning front-office executive **Mary Barney**, the first Redbirds staffer hired when Baseball returned to Louisville in 1982. The Trivia Contest overseen by **Dr. Jack Sullivan** was more fun than ever with **Bob Sawyer** winning the \$50 cash prize again, and **Brian Lepley** coming in second. Next year, we plan to have cash awards for the top two finishers.

Everyone present left with a door prize and new friendships. This was the best gathering the Chapter has had in a long time. We will soon be checking with valued partner **Anne Jewell**, Director of the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory, to see if we can reprise a SABR Night at the Bats game in the LSM Suite this July.

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. LSM & F allowed the Chapter the use of the Museum's suite at Louisville Slugger Field for the July 12, 2014 game between the Louisville Bats and Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs. That event included a brief presentation by **P.J. Shelley** of the Museum staff, an appearance by Bats President **Gary Ulmer** and a trivia contest.

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. *There is much support among the active members to host some type of SABR event, meeting or conference in the near future.*

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

Respectfully submitted, Harry Rothgerber / April 25, 2015

Korea Chapter, Society of American Baseball Research Annual Report, 2014

The SABR Korea Chapter was officially approved in November of 2013. There are currently eight members in our chapter. Co-chair Thomas St. John needs to renew his membership. We had two meetings this year, on March 23 and May 25.

As we are still a new chapter, we spent time this year brainstorming possible activities, events and projects. Additionally, we have continued to meet with Society of Korean Baseball in hopes of future collaboration. We also created a Twitter account and Facebook group for our chapter. Our twitter account has 259 followers and our Facebook group has 72 members as of May 2015.

We have been in contact with the SABR Tokyo Chapter and hope to have a joint meeting with them sometime in 2015.

After concluding chapter business we opened the meetings to the public and had informal discussions about SABR and Korean baseball. Starting in 2015, we are hoping to have current chapter members give presentations based on their current research at Chapter meetings.

One point that we have discussed and I have asked to be brought up at the board meeting is the membership fee for international membership. This has been a major impediment in recruiting new members here in Korea.

Chapter Officers:

Co-Chair / Secretary: Patrick Bourgo

Co-Chair / Treasurer: Thomas St. John

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Bourgo

Schott-Pelican SABR Chapter – New Orleans, LA 2014 Annual Report

■ **January 25**

In conjunction with National SABR Day, the Schott-Pelican Chapter of SABR held the first meeting of the year in the Boardroom of the Holiday Inn Westbank. The meeting took off with several presentations.

- **Terry Cullen**
Frazer's Fire Sale was a summary of the various transactions made by the embattled owner of the Boston Red Sox between December 1918 and August 1923.
Bits and Pieces provided a brief but informative look at three topics: Six Hall of Fame Managers, 2013 Payroll versus Win/Loss Records, and Major League Umpires as Major League Players.
- **Derby Gisclair**
Early Baseball in New Orleans: Another Cricket Club gave a brief overview of the formation of the Pelican Cricket Club, a precursor to the Pelican Base Ball Club.
General Admission: DiMaggio's Other Streak provided an analysis of his 61-game hitting streak in 1933 with the San Francisco Seals during which he belted out 104 hits in 257 at-bats for a .405 batting average.
- **Richard Cuicchi**
An updated and expanded version of Richard's *New Orleans Player Database* (version 12.0) was distributed to the members.

■ **April 26**

The chapter held its spring meeting in the Boardroom of the Holiday Inn Westbank to hash out pre-season predictions and to hear several presentations.

- **Terry Cullen**
Louisiana Major Leaguers presented a comprehensive overview of the more notable major leaguers who hailed from the Pelican state.
Baseball Facts was a review of seven unusual and interesting accomplishments gleaned from the 2014 Baseball Prospectus.
- **Derby Gisclair**

Ballparks of the Southern Association was a collaborative effort of several SABR members from across the country. The presentation provided a brief history of each of the eight major teams' ballparks accompanied by a number of photographs of each ballpark at different periods between 1910 and 1960.

Pelican Briefs: Largest Opening Day Crowd gave a quick overview of opening day 1938 when 26,261 fans jammed Pelican Stadium to watch the Pelicans defeat the Memphis Chicks 7 – 2.

Pelican Briefs: New Orleans and Nashville – May 6, 1945 was a recap of a most unusual game during which New Orleans defeated Nashville 32 – 0. Several league records were established during this lopsided contest.

■ **July 12**

To celebrate the 95th birthday of Arthur O. Schott, our chapter's founder and spiritual leader, the chapter gathered together to watch the New Orleans Zephyrs (AAA affiliate of the Miami Marlins in the Pacific Coast League) take on the Nashville Sounds at Zephyr Field. Unfortunately Mr. Schott was still recovering from a recent fall and was unable to attend the game, but fourteen members enjoyed the ballgame from the comfort of one of the suites along with complimentary food and beverages. Former MLB player Ron Swoboda (1965 – 1973), best remembered for his outstanding catch in Game 4 of the 1969 World Series to rob Brooks Robinson of a hit with two runners on in the 9th inning, dropped by to speak with the members.

■ **October 25**

The final meeting of the year began with a spirited discussion of post-season baseball and ended with predictions regarding upcoming Hall of Fame voting. In-between the members were treated to several presentations.

- **Terry Cullen**

Hall of Fame Pitchers versus Hall of Fame Batters was an interesting analysis of how the game's best pitchers fared against the game's best hitters, and vice versa. This was a small sample of a much larger presentation to come.

- **Derby Gisclair**

Pelican Briefs: Sale of the New Orleans Pelicans described the contentious sale of the Pelicans in 1937 and the eventual lawsuit that resolved the matter.

Pelican Briefs: Toby Hart was a brief biographical sketch of the original owner of the New Orleans Pelicans in 1887.

- **Bill Catalanello**

My First Major League Game provided a nostalgic look back to the August 7, 1962 game between the Chicago White Sox and the Baltimore Orioles.

--Derby Gisclair

MAINE CHAPTER REPORT

The first chapter meeting of the new Maine Chapter was held last summer at Hadlock Field, home of the Portland Sea Dogs, on July 11. Thanks to the Sea Dogs, we were able to meet in their Portland Room. Thirteen people in all attended the initial meeting of the Maine Chapter.

At the meeting, Pitcher Mike McCarthy of the Portland Sea Dogs discussed his career, life in the minor leagues as well as some of his charitable work through baseball. SABR VP Bill Nowlin gave out copies of *The Fenway Project*, a book produced by the Boston Chapter in 2004, and talked about SABR, fielding several questions about BioProject.

Chad Finn, the sports media columnist for the *Boston Globe*, then spoke about his years writing about the Maine Guides of Old Orchard, Maine, and how that led to his current work for the *Globe*. He took a number of questions, both about the Guides and today's Red Sox team.

Nate Stone offered a research presentation on "Pitching Change Effectiveness" which stimulated a lot of discussion. The study was an attempt to quantify what happens when the manager pulls a pitcher in mid-inning. One could see a dramatic difference in, for instance, the mid-inning pitching changes of Tony LaRussa as compared to Ron Gardenhire. Nate was encouraged to press on with the project.

In efforts to reach out to other members in our large state, the group celebrated SABR Day on January 24th by holding a meeting at Dysarts Flatbed Pub in Bangor, Maine.

The meeting was attended by four members and guests with some of the afternoon used to discuss individual group interests and projects. Nate Stone also began work on creating a new website under [www. mainesabr.org](http://www.mainesabr.org). At the end of the meeting, new member, Clark Thompson agreed to get the next meeting set up for April at Mahaney Diamond in Orono.

Despite sparse attendance, our latest Maine SABR together was on April 18th at the Mahaney Diamond Clubhouse just before the University of Maine and Hartford College game. We were treated to a presentation by Coach Steve Trimper of UMaine to how he uses statistics and "spray charts" in his analysis of his pitchers and opposing players during a game. Coach Trimper also discussed the time and effort used to scout players and the effects of MLB scouts and the draft on college coaching.

In the coming months, the group will begin to prepare for the annual summer meeting which looks like it will be held again at Hadlock Field in Portland.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Vigue

SABR BOSTON CHAPTER / ANNUAL REPORT 2015

Since the last SABR convention, the Boston Chapter has continued to offer local baseball events of interest to Chapter members as well as interested persons who are always encouraged to join the organization, and several have over the past year. The Boston Chapter attempts to provide at least three meetings each year. The Fall Meeting was held on November 1, at the NonProfit Center of Boston. Forty attendees enjoyed a day inside away from the blustery, rainy weather in Boston. We started to gather over at South Station, and enjoyed a lively lunch trading stories, arguments and jokes and then moved on to predictions for next season after a two minute Pity Party - we all got over it – it was time to move on. To help us get over it, the Boston Renegades, a prominent team of the Beep Ball Association, introduced us to their players, staff and described the way their version of baseball is played. Affiliated with the Association for Blind Citizens,

we urge all SABR members to learn what they do and become involved in promoting their organization. They have a video documentary available for purchase and the film can be acquired via the Association website, as well as film clips that are available on YouTube.

David Kaiser presented his work on the greatest Players of Generation X. Saul Wisnia once again gave a lively presentation about his latest book, “Miracle at Fenway.” Larry McCray and Brian Sheehy from the SABR Origins Committee presented their findings on early baseball, particularly around New England.

The January 19th MLK Day meeting, Boston Chapter’s annual gathering at the Baseball Tavern, was attended by more than 50 this year. As usual a packed lineup of speakers filled the agenda. Donna Halper, always one to keep the meetings upbeat and informative, spoke about Marion Downer, the notable African American sports reporter. Mark Kanter presented his theories on the impact of the 100 mile/hr. pitchers. Guy Zuccarella of the Boston Renegades spoke about the team’s upcoming season, and we also heard interviews, reminiscences and presentations from former Red Sox pitcher Brian Rose and Ryan O’Rourke of the Twins organization. Mike Murov, Assistant Director of Major League Operations from the Red Sox front office gave us insight into what goes on behind that door on Yawkey Way. Last but certainly not least, Rico Brogna, former Red Sox and Phillies first baseman provided a ninth inning give and take conversation on history, baseball theory and practice. Also, a note of gratitude to Jupiter Pluvius and the weatherman for holding off rain and snow until long after the meeting adjourned.

SABR Day 2015 was held at the Bleacher Bar underneath Fenway Park on Saturday January 24, where we could keep an eye on the field and escape the weather outside – a challenge here in Boston during the remainder of the winter.

Baseball Hack Day on March 28th was held at The Boston Globe and was supported by many members of the Boston Chapter thanks to the efforts of local sabrmetricians.

The Boston Chapter will also be supporting and participating in the annual Gibson Museum program celebrating baseball in Boston on Thursday, April 30, 2015. “Early Baseball in Boston: A Look at the Era Through the Lens of Local Baseball History” welcomes Tom Whalen, the featured speaker about his book “When the Red Sox Ruled: Baseball’s First dynasty, 1912-1918. Bob Russo, author of numerous articles on the Boston Braves as well as the story of the demise of the Federal League for the SABR Research Journal will supply the stories about the “other Boston baseball team” lest we forget.

New England, Massachusetts and Boston never disappoint baseball researchers who continue to unearth baseball hidden within every corner of local history. Local historians have a steady, unending supply of factoids, lore and mysteries to uncover. We will continue to do so, virtually on a daily basis.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Hulbert, co-chair

Boston Chapter

SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER

Author David Kaiser was the guest speaker at our September meeting. Mr Kaiser has been researching wins above average. Players of all eras were compared. The discussion became lively with the introduction of the PED issue. Attendance was strong with about 30 members attending.

-- Stephen Maniouakis

SABR Detroit Chapter Report, 2014–15

The Detroit chapter's annual gathering for SABR Day 2015 was held on January 31 at the Detroit Public Library. The SABR Day meeting began with memorials to two renowned and beloved local SABR members, Don Lund and Dick Clark.

Jerry Nechal's tribute to the late Don Lund included a review of his remarkable career, from high school standout to All-American college athlete, to major leaguer, to University of Michigan baseball coach, to Tigers farm director, and finally to UM assistant athletic director.

Rick Meister's tribute to the late Dick Clark discussed the life of peerless Negro League researcher and longtime co-chair of the SABR Negro Leagues Committee. Clark was instrumental in getting many Negro Leaguers into the Hall of Fame, including Detroit Stars slugger Turkey Stearnes.

The featured event of the SABR Day meeting was a panel discussion of Wrigley Field, Fenway Park, and Tiger Stadium. Panelists included John Davids, AIA, co-author of the brilliant Cochrane Plan for Tiger Stadium; Stuart Shea, Wrigley Field biographer and Chicago baseball expert; and Gary Gillette, SABR Detroit Chapter president, former co-chair of SABR's Ballparks Committee, and an officer and director of the Tiger Stadium Conservancy. Steve Weingarden moderated the discussion.

Dave Mesrey of the Navin Field Grounds Crew also spoke at the meeting, along with Jason Roche, director of the *Stealing Home* documentary about the NFGC and the fight to save the Tiger Stadium field.

Other chapter activities in the past year included helping with the 2014 Jerry Malloy Negro Leagues Conference, which was held in Detroit in August, and the unveiling ceremony for a State of Michigan historic marker at the site of Hamtramck Stadium on August 14.

On June 14, 2015, the Detroit chapter met at the Detroit Yacht Club to hear author Charles Leerhsen speak about his award-winning new biography, *Ty Cobb: A Terrible Beauty*. Scott Ferkovich, editor of SABR's recent book *Detroit the Unconquerable* about the 1935 world champion Tigers, also spoke at the meeting.

The Detroit chapter maintains an informational Web site at www.SABR-Detroit.org that includes audio clips and other information from many of the chapter's recent events.

The SABR Detroit Chapter now serves all of Southern Michigan from Lansing to Detroit after it was merged with the former Don Lund/Southeast Michigan Chapter in late 2014.

Submitted by chapter president Gary Gillette

Halsey Hall (Minnesota) Chapter report for 2014

The year started when Doug Skipper recruited chapter members to staff a table at TwinsFest, held for the first time at Target Field. A number of chapter members headed to Bloomington on February 27 for the Celebrating Black History Month through baseball event at Bloomington Civic Plaza. There were presentations from Frank White on Minnesota Black Baseball and Stew Thornley on Met Stadium as well as a proposed ballpark for St. Louis Park that never got off the ground.

On March 29, the chapter held its annual Spring Meeting at the Faith Mennonite Church in Minneapolis. Former Twins shortstop Roy Smalley was the guest speaker. Research presentations were given by Lee Temanson, Thornley, and Dan Levitt.

There were a couple road trips to see Northwoods League games that summer. On June 14, despite heavy rains throughout the day, several chapter members headed to Mayo Field to see the Rochester Honkers in action. Another road trip was to the site of Hank Aaron's first professional game, Carson Park in Eau Claire on August 9.

The chapter returned to the Faith Mennonite Church on October 25 for their annual Fall Meeting. Baseball writers Brandon Warner was the guest speaker and research presentation were from Sarah Johnson, Phil Lowry, Mike Hauptert and Bob Tholkes.

Also, the chapter continued to have its bi-monthly breakfasts at Baker's Square in Richfield.

That's all from the Halsey Hall Chapter in 2014.

Howard Luloff

Kansas City, Missouri (Monarchs Chapter)

Our SABR Day meeting was held at the Trailside Center on Holmes Road. Guest speakers included Dave Webster, whose alter ego is KayCee — when a Royals home game ends in a victory, KayCee comes out and hangs a W on the Royals Hall of Fame building. In addition to those duties, Webster is the stadium's official historian. He gives tours and is a walking encyclopedia of Kansas City baseball. Also speaking was Chris Kamler of Pine Tar Press and the UmpTalk podcast. Chris is a Kansas Citian and tortured sports fan. He is also a freelance journalist and broadcaster. He has a weekly column called "The Rambling Moron" for *The Platte County Landmark* and has contributed content to Sports Radio 810, ESPN 1510, 810Varsity.com, and Referee Magazine.

— Roger Erickson

Annual Report of the Bob Broeg SABR Chapter (St. Louis) 2014-2015

The Bob Broeg SABR Chapter meets monthly (February thru December) at The Original Crusoe's Restaurant in South St. Louis. The average attendance at these meetings during the past year was 18 members and guests.

The meetings normally include open discussion on a variety of baseball topics, research presentations, book reviews, today in baseball history, a 13-run pool and season predictions. In December, Rich Applegate concluded his year-long tribute to baseball players who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of our country. This series has been very informative, moving, and humbling. We give you our sincerest gratitude Rich. The evenings, as always, concluded 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 24, 2015 with 56 in attendance. Featured speakers this year were former major league player and manager Tom Lawless, vintage baseball pioneer Bob "Droopy Drawers" Sampson, St. Louis Cardinals director of scouting Chris Correa, 2007 Spink Award winner Rick Hummel, and St. Louis Cardinals Hall of Fame and Museum curator Paula Holman.

The chapter is pleased to announce that on August 22, 2015 they will host the First Annual Bob Broeg Chapter Research Conference. At this conference the chapter will award the Jim Rygelski Research Award along with a \$200 cash award to the best presentation. The second and third best presentations will be awarded \$100 and \$50 respectively. With the winning author's permission, their paper will be submitted to SABR for inclusion in the "Baseball Research Journal".

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

Respectfully submitted by Jim Leefers, chapter secretary

THE MADDUX BROTHERS - LAS VEGAS CHAPTER

Annual Chapter

During the summer of 2014, all current members of SABR in the Las Vegas area were contacted to gauge their interest in starting a regional Chapter in its area. I received a positive reply from more than half of the members. The Chapter was approved by the Board during the Houston convention.

September 20, 2014: Six members came together and the newest chapter was born, I was voted Chair, and Ben Pawlowski was voted vice chair. We named our chapter The Maddux Brothers -Las Vegas Chapter. Chris Kaempfer, who knows the Maddux Brothers, was asked to inform them. We voted to meet 5-6 times a year, our next meeting will be SABR DAY.

SABR Day January 24: Seven members came together at the Mob Museum in downtown Las Vegas. We welcomed two guest speakers Don Logan COO of the Triple-A Las Vegas 51's who talked about his 30 years in baseball. Russ Langer talked about his 20 years in sport radio as the voice of the 51's. I gave a presentation about the first professional baseball the 1947 Las Vegas Wranglers Chris Kaempfer lead a talk about the chances of Barry Bonds making it to the Baseball Hall of Fame. Dana Marshall won the trivia contest.

March 21, 2015: Spring is here meeting - Six members meet and welcomed Rob Miech, author and sports writer who talked about his book *The Last Natural*, the story of Bryce Harper's Big Gamble in Sin City and the greatest Amateur Season ever. The members then discussed the upcoming season and picking winners and losers for the season.

--Rick Swift

LEATHERSTOCKING (COOPERSTOWN) CHAPTER

On SABR Day, 17 of us braved early morning chill and snow to meet at the Bullpen Theater at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown. Our programs were:

Bill Deane - Larry Doby and the 1954 MVP voting

Presentation of the Cliff Kachline Award to Dick Hunt, former chapter president

Tom Shieber - Straw Boaters and Hilltop Park, another in a series of Tom's incredible accounts of photo research

Gabe Schechter - the unique career of Jack Bentley

Bruce Markusen - Dick Allen and his many controversies

-- Jeff Katz

2015 Annual Chapter Report for New York City

On Saturday, January 26, 2013, the New York City Casey Stengel Chapter held its annual meeting on National SABR Day, at the Mid-Manhattan branch of the NY Public Library. Chapter leader Ernestine Miller coordinated the day's program (10 am-3:30 pm) and served as the moderator. More than 100 people in attendance enjoyed guest speakers sharing research about Frank Robinson, Babe Ruth, and official scoring.

"A Panel on Frank Robinson" opened the morning program and commemorated Frank Robinson's 40th anniversary as the first African-American MLB manager in 1975. Both Peter Keating, author of ESPN The Magazine's feature on Frank Robinson ("The Last Organization Man") and ESPN TV producer Willie Weinbaum (Outside the Lines and SportsCenter) provided in-depth stories, data, and wisdom on F. Robby's career, life, and legacy. Keating and Weinbaum, both award-winners, demonstrated in detail how valuable Robinson has been for Major League Baseball.

Michael L. Gibbons, Executive Director of the Babe Ruth Birthplace Museum in Baltimore, addressed the audience with his talk "Babe Ruth: Found in Baltimore - Fame in New York" and shared recently discovered research about the famous slugger. In addition to historical insight, Gibbons presented artifacts from the Ruth Birthplace Museum.

"Let's See How "They" Score It: A Panel on Official Scoring" by MLB official scorers Billy Altman and Jordan Sprechman allowed the audience intriguing glimpses into the at-times mystifying interpretation of baseball's voluminous (and complicated) rule book. It was the art, as well as the science, of scoring which entranced chapter members as Altman and Sprechman educated and entertained all.

Eric Weiss supplied trivia for the younger set as well as the more seasoned baseball trivia enthusiasts. Major donations, as usual, were added to the raffle prizes by Jay Goldberg of the Bergino Baseball Clubhouse (in Greenwich Village) which features book events with authors and former players each month. Webmaster Kevin Carter maintains the chapter website and updates links to member sites, Facebook, and other social media.

Submitted by Evelyn Begley, chapter president

Luke Easter Chapter (Western NY) Updates

The Luke Easter SABR Chapter was involved with several events this past year as we continue to grow in our second year of existence.

Events included a tour of Mt Hope Cemetery focusing on Rochester baseball pioneers; marking of Grant "Home Run" Johnson's grave site in Buffalo; a vintage baseball exhibition at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown, a concert by The Baseball Project in Rochester, a Rochester Red Wings baseball game; and a Batavia Muckdogs baseball game.

We also held our second annual Hot Stove Dinner; this year on the suite level at Frontier Field with Red Wings team President/CEO/COO Naomi Silver as the featured speaker.

We continued to work closely with the Rochester Baseball Historical Society to cross promote these events and help bring baseball fans of Western New York together.

Elysian Fields (New Jersey) Chapter

The Elysian Fields Chapter has essentially been dormant for the past year, and did not hold any meetings. Any members interested in teaming to revive the chapter would be welcome. Specifically, if anyone interested in connecting with the Yogi Berra Museum, where chapter meetings were held several years ago, and facilitating any meeting opportunities, this would be especially useful in developing chapter activities.

SABR Rio Grande Chapter Annual Report

April 2015

The Rio Grande SABR chapter has continued speaker meetings and provided volunteers and attendees to a very important baseball event here in Albuquerque this past July. We are undergoing a transition as we attempt to gain more participation, both from our current membership and by increasing membership, and by cutting back from the monthly meetings we have held since we began. This has increased the attendance at each of the (fewer) get-togethers.

Our overriding theme this year was history, specifically baseball history here in New Mexico, from Little League to the old t0000ime minor leagues to the little known 150-year history of Indian Pueblo baseball. In addition, we participated in the celebration of the women's pro league.

We heard from Dewey Johnson who wrote a fictional account of his days playing Little League in Roswell, NM in 1956 and about the boys from his league who went on to win the Little League World Series.

Toby Smith also shared his research on minor league baseball in New Mexico following World War II until the early 1960s. Of course, local hitting legends Bob Crues (69) and Joe Bauman (72) who tied and then set the record for most home runs in a professional season were discussed. Interestingly, both made more money playing baseball here then than in the major leagues. Before TV, local baseball games provided the small town summer entertainment.

And while not a SABR meeting, we were fortunate to be invited to a talk at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center by the co-authors, Herbert Howell and James D. Baker, on the Pueblo leagues that have existed for decades in New Mexico and has evolved into a family and tribal tradition. The earliest documented baseball played by Pueblo Indians occurred in 1864, in a letter by a Union soldier.

As volunteers and attendees we participated in the July reunion of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (think *A League of Their Own*). The reunion activities were carried on the national news. Many, many autographs were signed, conversations held and tears shed.

Finally, we met with members of the Albuquerque Isotopes staff spoke with us about the affiliation transition from the Dodgers to the Rockies.

The chapter has no bank account and has no financial information to report.

CAROLINA CHAPTER

The North Carolina chapter had a change in leadership in late summer. For 2015, we are working with the other chapters to re-invigorate the chapter for participation. We have met with the Durham Bulls to set up an event at the park.

Chris Dial

Chapter President

CHARLOTTE CHAPTER

Unfortunately the Charlotte chapter has once again been inactive. Tours of the new Charlotte Knights stadium and also a road trip to Greenville, SC to visit the birth place and last home lived in of Shoeless Joe Jackson for SABR Day this year failed to spark any interest though I did both!

--Mark Dugo

HOYT-ALLEN CHAPTER, CINCINNATI: Annual Report for 2014

2014 Winter Meeting of the Hoyt-Allen Chapter of SABR, Cincinnati, OH

We were unable to hold our annual Winter Meeting in 2014 due to several factors, but mostly due to scheduling conflicts with our normal venue, a second venue, and our guest speakers. As it got closer to the end of the year and the holiday season, I decided to post-pone the Winter Meeting and reschedule it for SABR DAY 2015. We did hold this meeting, which will be included in the 2015 report.

Chapter Bank Account Summary

Beginning Balance for 2013:	\$1,458.12
Ending Balance for 2013:	\$1,453.12

(Difference due to account inactivity fees @ \$5/month)

We had actually incurred several additional months of inactivity fees. All but one month were refunded after discussion with branch manager.

HANK GOWDY COLUMBUS (OH) CHAPTER

2014-2015 ANNUAL REPORT

During the past year the chapter continued to sponsor established activities with a few new twists. Attendance increases were noted at many of the events. The following is a list of this year's activities in chronological order:

--June 13 and August 24, 2014—Columbus Clippers games at Huntington Park. Prior to the June game our members met in the ballpark's Hall of Fame Bar to talk baseball with Ken Schnacke, Clippers President and GM.

--September 20, 2014—Baseball Book Club—The club met at the Dublin Public Library to discuss *October 1964* by David Halberstam. Blake Sherry was the moderator.

--October 21, 2014—In what has become an annual event, members of the chapter met at the BW3 sports bar on Polaris Parkway to watch Game One of the 2014 World Series. (A similar event was held on April 7, 2015, to watch an early season game.)

--December 13, 2014--Baseball Book Club—Moderator Blake Sherry led members in a spirited discussion of *Hank Greenberg, The Hero of Heroes* by John Rosengren. The author participated by telephone to discuss his book and answer questions. The meeting took place at the Dublin Public Library.

--January 24, 2015—Baseball Book Club—The Whetstone Public Library hosted this extra session held in lieu of National SABR Day as we discussed *The Teammates: A Portrait in Friendship* by David Halberstam. Blake Sherry once again moderated.

--April 4, 2015—Annual Meeting—This year's meeting, attended by 30 members and guests, was held at the Westerville Public Library. Local presenters were Len Gucwa (Players of the 1950s and '60s, featuring Grover Powell), Rich Bowering (The Saga of Pitcher Mike Kelly of the 1926 Phillies), and Ernie Walther (Baseball in Words and Music). Guest presenters were Dr. Charles Alexander (The Miracle Braves, 1914-16) and Scott Longert (The Cleveland Indians, 1916-20). As usual a challenging trivia contest, Hall of Fame balloting, and a raffle were included. New this year is a contest to predict wild card, divisional, league championship and 2015 World Series winners.

Other activities included informal gatherings at Ohio State baseball games during Spring 2015.

After most daytime events many of those in attendance gather for lunch and additional lively discussion of baseball issues past and present.

--Submitted by Rick Huhn and Blake Sherry

2015 Annual Report of the Dayton SABR Chapter

Two meetings were held: The Autumn gathering was held at the University of Dayton library. Presentations were given on “Jiggs Donahue”, early Springfield OH player by M. Miller, “Derailed by Injury” by C. Rainey and one talk was cancelled. A book auction and a Trivia Quiz were held, followed by lunch at a local restaurant.

The Spring meeting was held at Dayton’s 5/3 Field. Presentations included; C. Rainey’s trip to Cuba to observe Cuban baseball, M. Lindsay, on his responsibilities as the official scorer for the Dayton Dragons, and R. Huhn discussed his new book on the challenge for the batting championship of 1910. Dayton Dragons hitting Coach L. Bolivar, shared thoughts on working with young professional players.

The attendees then had dinner together at a close-by restaurant and attended the evening game between Dayton and West Michigan.

During the year the chapter set about finding and photographing the present day views of the by-gone ballpark sites of Dayton’s professional teams.

Submitted by the Steering Committee of the Dayton SABR Chapter:

John Schleppi, chair

Jack Carlson

Allen Hye

ROGER BRESNAHAN/SABR CHAPTER SABR

SUMMARY OF 2014/2015 YEAR

The Roger Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter of SABR held two events during the 2014/2015 year. On August 7 of 2014 the chapter enjoyed watching a game at Fifth Third Field between the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs and the Toledo Mud Hens. Over 20 members and friends attended the game on a clear, comfortable

evening which was won by the Phillies farm club from Pennsylvania by a score of 9 to 5. The Mud Hens pitching staff had a tough night, with the visitors from Allentown banging out 16 hits in scoring their 9 runs. But despite the losing effort by the home team it was an enjoyable night of baseball for our chapter.

On January 31 of this year our chapter held a meeting at the Sylvania branch of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library. The special guest for our Hot Stove League meeting was John Poff. John is a native of Findlay, Ohio, and he had an outstanding high school baseball career at Findlay High School. John then played baseball at Duke University, after which he signed a professional baseball contract with the Philadelphia Phillies. During the meeting John talked about his eight-year career in professional baseball, during which he played for a number of minor league teams and had short stints in the big leagues with the Phillies and the Milwaukee Brewers. John's presentation was very entertaining, and we saluted his old high school teammate, Tom Drake, for bringing him to the meeting from his home in Michigan.

Our own John Husman then made an excellent presentation. John, who is the official historian of the Toledo Mud Hens, gave us a recap of the 2014 Mud Hens season. He also spoke about some of the features to look for during the 2015 Hens season. As always, John finished with one of his excellent baseball quizzes that provided us with a lot of interesting information.

Following John, Dave Fleitz of the Detroit Chapter spoke about various baseball oddities he has discovered while researching his many baseball books. After Dave we heard from Craig Lammers of Bowling Green. Craig has spoken to our chapter on many occasions, and during this meeting he provided another informative discussion about the early years of baseball in Wood County.

Don Pinciotti, a native Toledoan now in his 93rd year, spoke briefly at the conclusion of the meeting. . As he did last year, Don regaled us with tales of his World War II service and his baseball playing days as a catcher in the Chicago White Sox system after the war. During his baseball career he played several years for the Memphis Chicks of the old Southern Association when it was a White Sox farm club.

The meeting was adjourned after over 3 hours of lively baseball talk. We all agreed that we were ready for the start of spring training, less than a month away!

Oklahoma Chapter of SABR annual report 2014-2015

We met twice since the last report:

August 16, 2014 in Tulsa, OK. The meeting consisted of baseball talk over dinner at McNellie's Pub and a Texas League game between the Tulsa Drillers and the Frisco Rough Riders at nearby ONEOK field.

January 24, 2015 at Chandler, OK. Hosted by the owners of the former Chandler Baseball Camp, attendees exchanged research notes pertaining to early 20th century minor-league baseball in northeastern Oklahoma.

--Howard Johnson

Hanlan's Point (Toronto) Chapter Report

June 2015

The past year has been a successful one for Hanlan's Point. A refreshed Executive Team has brought a broader range of skills, particularly in social media and communications, and this been a key strategy in reviving Chapter functions.

In September 2014, Hanlan's Point hosted a well-attended event to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Babe Ruth's first regular season professional home run, hit at Hanlan's Point in Toronto. A number of Babe Ruth themed research presentations and trivia contest were held.

In January 2015, for SABR Day in America, three Hanlan's Point executives were invited to be guest lecturers at SABR member Bill Humber's course, Spring Training for Baseball Fans.

We are encouraged by the growth in meeting attendance noted and are looking forward to building on the positive momentum.

Respectfully submitted

Allen Tait, President

SABR – Connie Mack Chapter, 2014-15 Annual report

The Connie Mack Chapter began holding Winter Hot Stove League meetings in November at a new location. We met in the Group Room of the City Institute Library on Rittenhouse Square at Locust and West Rittenhouse Square [a continuation of 19th St] on:

Saturday November 8, 10 am – 2 pm

Saturday December 13, 10 am – 2 pm

Saturday January 10, 10 am – 2 pm

Saturday February 14, 10 am – 2 pm

Saturday March 14, 10 am – 2 pm

In addition to chapter business, our new format will feature speakers, panels and/or research presentations from members--and non-members. Not to worry, socializing will be part of the bill, but--we encourage everyone to BYOL [Bring Your Own Lunch] because they allow food and drink in the Group Room.

If you have a research presentation that you would like to share with the membership at a Hot Stove, let me know ASAP.

The City Institute's Group Room is in the basement. There is no elevator but the stairs are wide and a handrail is there. The room is equipped with AV.

SABR Hot Stove meeting, Nov. 8, 2014

Meeting called to order at 10:05; there were 18 attendees.

The treasury has \$927.20

We had a lengthy discussion on Dick Allen and the Hall of Fame. There is a committee that is lobbying voters to make that happen. The official vote will occur in Dec. at the Baseball meetings in San Diego.

We discussed Hall of Fame credentials and decided that Allen was worthy.

We discussed the potential award winners for this year's MVP, RoY, and Golden Glove candidates.

The issue of Derek Jeter and his grand tour was debated. Jeter had one of the worst years of any shortstop batting first or second in baseball history. The Yankees seemed to be raking in the money from his farewell appearances in the cities where they played away games this year. But it also may have cost them a chance in the playoffs.

SABR Hot Stove meeting, Dec. 13, 2014

Meeting called to order at 10:05; there were 17 attendees; treasury \$927.20

There was no official business to be conducted.

Dick Rosen reported on the MLB meeting that he attended earlier this week in San Diego. A contingent from Philadelphia went to lobby the election committee on behalf of Dick Allen. The membership discussed the plight of the Phillies since they had not done much during the off-season. Allen missed being elected in the Hall of Fame by merely one vote.

A devout Yankee fan contributed an excellent analysis of the Yankees and of their potential for the 2015 season.

It was decided to cancel the meeting of January 10 because of the proximity to SABR Day, Jan.24.

SABR DAY PHILADELPHIA JANUARY 24, 2015 Drexel Univ.

Over 30 brave souls made their way through an Alberta Clipper, dispensing wind chills in the teens, to attend the Connie Mack chapter's SABR Day at Drexel University. Wet snow made for great snowballs, but our search for a Santa Claus to pelt with them, was in vain. We also lost four of our speakers who were unable to make the trip.

Rosen announced that there would be no raffle today because the weather made it impossible to bring books by car.

The treasury has \$927.20.

Since our program was truncated from the outset, we were able to permit the presenters more time and to expand the Q&A. This led to some more extended discussion.

Peter Mancuso talked about the 2014 19th Century and Origins meeting held this past November in New York City. Symposium, this program was unique because it included some professional historians to provide a social and political background to the period. Peter has asked to continue this conference in the future and felt that Philadelphia would be an appropriate venue. He asked the membership to consider hosting a similar conference here in Philly in a year or so. Called the "NYC 19th Century BB Interdisciplinary. We agreed to assign this to a committee for consideration.

Our formal program began with a presentation by Bob Gomberg on "Beep Baseball", a game for blind players. Bob runs the Philly team in the National Beep Baseball Assoc. He brought with him Tony Santiago, a veteran player of Beep Baseball. Tony's goal is to win the Beep World Series in 2015. We were entranced by the presentation and some of us plan to attend a game next summer. If SABR is "anything baseball," we have expanded our possibilities.

Next, Jack Morris reported on the 4th Naval District Baseball team during World War I. The 4th was a local center and several players including future Hall of Famer Eddie Collins played with the team.

James Robinson shared his experience of teaching a BB course at Temple University and the techniques he employs to keep students involved.

Steve Glassman presented "Mickey Cochrane, A's GM, 1950." Cochrane's short-lived stint as GM occurred during Mack's farewell season.

Finally, Dick Rosen gave a talk on the "Cuban-American Major League Clubs Series played during the winters from 1908 to 1913 in Cuba. This was an integrated league with Cuban teams, Negro League teams, and MLB teams.

SABR Hot Stove Meeting – February 14, 2014

City Institute Library, NW Corner, 19th and Locust.

Co-Chair, Dick Rosen called the meeting to order at 10:10; 13 people were present.

Treasury \$1525.02 in bank now

Discussion concerning the potential 19th Century Conference for Philly was continued. We have a committee which will continue to make contacts with other members and historians to see what the possibilities are. Peter Mancuso will report at the March 14 meeting.

Mike Gimbel, former associate of Dan Duquette with the Expos and the Red Sox, presented his analysis of the 2014 season and of the expectations for the coming season. Mike has developed an unique stat model that has proven itself very successful in the past. The members were mesmerized by his prediction of the values of this year's free agents and trades.

SABR Hot Stove Meeting – March 14, 2015

Co-chair Seamus Kearney called the meeting to order at 10:15.

Peter Mancuso presented his second request to have us consider hosting his 19th Century Fall conference in 2016. Our committee will be looking for a venue and some historians to provide the general historical background for Philly baseball in the 1800s. Dick Rosen has been in touch with a former colleague at Drexel and we hope he will join us in the planning stages as well as becoming a potential guest speaker.

Other venues such as the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and the National Museum of American Jewish History will be considered as well.

After some baseball discussions and some trivia questions, we turned to our research presentations. We had a technical problem with the computer so our presenters were forced to work without visuals.

Brian Englehardt presented his long- awaited story about Connie Mack 10 trips to Reading, citing players and events that often linked together in an interesting way.

Dick Rosen presented the story of St. Joseph's College's two games against the 1912 A's, including the famous game with Allen Travers.

The Spring Annual meeting will be held at Citizens Bank Park on Saturday, May 16 starting at 10 AM. We will have several guests and we ask for research presentations. Help was elicited from the membership to help with the Annual Meeting which will be held at CBP in either May or June on a Saturday. Further news will be forthcoming.

--Dick Rosen

FORBES FIELD CHAPTER

On 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 Hurdles "Wins for Kids" charity.

March 29, 2014 meeting:

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."

SABR-PR Orlando Cepeda Chapter 2014 - 2015 Annual Report

This report covers from June 2014 to April 2015 time period;

June 12 -14 - Chapter meeting.

July 17 - 14 - Chapter meeting.

August 15 - 22 - 14 - Roberto Clemente 80th birthday celeb. Co-sponsored by Carolina Municipality & SABR-PR. This was organized by chapter members Angel Colon & Jorge Lopez and consisted of a number of activities such as memorabilia exhibits, religious, & memorial events, a documentary presentation, as well as a special chat with chapter member Angel Juarbe. Most of the chapter members attended & participated actively.

August 29 - 14 - Chapter members Luis Machuca & Angel Colon met with Santurce Crabbers winter league team administration, to discuss possible contributions through special activities from our chapter. Both of them were also active in attending frequent Press Conferences of the Santurce Crabbers, as well as San Juan Senators teams, representing our chapter.

Oct. 9 - 14 - Chapter meeting.

Dec. 12 - 14 - Dominican Night at Hiram Bithorn Stadium. Game between San Juan Senators & Caguas was dedicated to local Dominican fans. This was an idea from chapter member Jorge Lopez. HOF members Juan Marichal, Orlando Cepeda, & Tany Perez attend ceremony.

Dec. 19 - 14 - Chapter member Luis Machuca helped to coordinate the Carolina Giants dedication of their game with the San Juan Senators to local Boy Scouts. This was called the Baseball Scout Night.

Jan. 19 - 15 - Chapter meeting.

Jan 21 - 15 - Chapter member Luis Machuca attend Press Conf. for the 2015 Caribbean Baseball Series.

Jan 24 - 15 - SABR Day Celeb. Visit to former PR winter league & San Francisco Giants MLB star Jimmy Rosario, in order to interview him for future biography work.

Feb. 4 - 9 - 15 - Most of the chapter members attended the Caribbean Baseball Series at Hiram Bithorn Stadium.

April 2015 - Chapter member Daliana Muratti led a book release event regarding Mr. Rafael Martinez Nadal, former Puerto Rican politician & sports person, discussing his contributions in sports in Puerto Rico.

Luis R. Machuca
Chapter Leader

2014 SABR-Quebec Annual Report

The Quebec Chapter had been more or less active for two years when it fell dormant in February of 2014. A meeting was held for SABR Day in January with the purpose of discussing the chapter's future. Interest was deemed low and so the chapter's leadership composed of Daniel Papillon and Bill Young resigned and let the chapter go to sleep.

A group of members took matters in their own hands and decided to bring the chapter back to life in August. When asked in a SurveyMonkey poll if they wanted the chapter to go on, members overwhelmingly said yes. They also indicated that they wanted to have chapter meetings at regular intervals again.

An election was organized under the efficient direction of Norm King. Patrick Carpentier was elected president of the chapter and Robert Duval was appointed Vice-President. Norm King remained as secretary/election officer.

A first meeting took place on November 29, 2015. Jacques Doucet talked about the new book he co-wrote with Marc Robitaille, "Mémoires d'un micro. Jacques Doucet , la voix d'un sport " and Norm King spoke about the many pieces he wrote on former Montreal Expos players for the SABR BioProject. Following the meeting, new members from Quebec signed up for membership in SABR.

There is no doubt that, continuing the efforts of its founders Bill Young and Daniel Papillon, the chapter will carry on the task of studying the history of baseball in Quebec for years to come.

Southern New England (Lajoie-Start) SABR Chapter activities, 2014:

The Southern New England Chapter meets twice a year: in June under a picnic tent beyond right field at McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket, and in November at St. Philip's Parish Center in Greenville, R.I. That is their chronological order – spring and fall – but it's more logical to think of the cycle as fall and spring, and the November meeting, coming on the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend is usually the more heavily attended, so we will consider them in reverse order.

The November 29 meeting at St. Philip's Parish Center had an attendance of 73 members and guests. We had as a guest speaker, Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd. Member presentations included those by Dixie Tourangeau (Why the Red Sox Were So Putrid in 2014); Steve Krevisky (Hank Greenberg); and Bill Nowlin (a visit to Tom Yawkey's home). Oil Can was definitely the star of the meeting, as he held court much longer than expected and was in turn solemn and witty.

Moving back in time, 50 members and guests attended the June 28, 2014, outdoor meeting, held on a blessedly warm day at McCoy Stadium. The featured speakers were father and son major leaguers Dave Stenhouse and Mike Stenhouse. Member presentations were given by Steve Adamson (on Shoeless Joe's literacy); Penelope Corcoran (on her great-grandfather Larry Corcoran); Joanne Hulbert (on a "mystery photo"); Bill Nowlin (on Alaska's Midnight Sun game); and Dixie Tourangeau (on the 2014 season's wacky schedule). Father Gerry Beirne's trivia contest (the topic was 500-homer hitters) was won by Duke Goldman.

We didn't know it at the time, but this may have been one of the last chapter meetings to be held at McCoy Stadium. In 2015 the team was sold to a group headed by Boston Red Sox president Larry Lucchino, and the plan is to leave McCoy Stadium and build a new ballpark in Providence in time for the 2017 season. The plan is controversial because of the group's request for state subsidies, and if no deal is worked out, the team could even be moved out of state. The SABR chapter may have to find a new non-ballpark venue for its spring meetings. We will wait and see. Meanwhile, planning is under way for the June 2015 meeting at McCoy Stadium.

Aside from its two yearly meetings, the chapter doesn't usually schedule any activities, because we don't want to impinge on neighboring chapters' activities.

--Len Levin

CHATTANOOGA CHAPTER

I have been put in a position to not be able to sustain the chapter. I work 3 part-time jobs and did not renew my membership for 2015. Chattanooga has not met since July of last year.

David Jenkins

East Tennessee SABR Chapter

Meeting: Saturday, **July 19, 2014**

Location: Lawson McGhee Library, Knoxville, TN

The July 19th meeting of the East Tennessee chapter of SABR was held at Pioneer Park, on the campus of Tusculum College in Greeneville, TN.

It was attended by five SABR members and four guests. Author L. M. Sutter presented a very nice insight into baseball and mining towns, specifically those in the Appalachian region as well as the southwest.

Marshall Adesman brought old baseball guides to give away. After the meeting we attended the game where we saw the Astros defeat the Danville Braves, 5-4.

My thanks goes out to Hunter Reed, Assistant General Manager of the Greeneville Astros, who provided us with the meeting room and with tickets to the game.

East Tennessee SABR Chapter

Meeting: Saturday, **November 8, 2014**

Location: Lawson McGhee Library, Knoxville, TN

Time: 10am-12:30pm (social lunch followed)

Attendees: Marshall Adesman, Mark Aubrey, Ken Fricke, Joe Gallagher, Drew Jenkins, Brad Ridenour, Ed Ripley, Skip Nipper, Bill Steverson, Bryan Steverson, Bob Watson, Edra Wood, and Jerry Wood

Special Guests:

Gerald C. "Jerry" Wood, author of the 2014 SABR Seymour Medal Award winning biography, Smoky Joe Wood, The Biography of a Baseball Legend. The Seymour Medal honors the best book of baseball history or biography published during the preceding calendar year. Skip Nipper, President, Grantland Rice-Fred Russell Nashville Chapter of SABR

Visitors (potential SABR members): Bill Steverson, Bob Watson

Discussion:

Jerry Wood's discussion of his book and the life of Smoky Joe Wood was captivating. Members received a valuable appreciation for the depth of research involved in the award winning biography. "Smoky Joe" was an outstanding pitcher for the early Boston Red Sox (1908-1915) and later a valuable position player for the Cleveland Indians. He followed up his professional career by coaching at Yale. We all left with an appreciation for the true greatness of this player and the baseball environment of his time.

Ken Fricke's discussion on the Strat-O-Matic game was most interesting. Ken's examples of game he has played and the future enhancements possible had many of us wanting more. Strat-O-Matic is both a card game and a computer based baseball simulation game based upon statistics. More info on the game can be found at <http://www.strat-o-matic.com/>

Skip Nipper gave an informative update on the Nashville SABR chapter, plans for the Old Timers Banquet and the new Sounds ball park in 2015. Nashville is also submitting a proposal to host the 2015 Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference. The city has a rich baseball and Negro League (Norman "Turkey" Stearnes, Jim Gilliam, William Soo Bridgeforth, Henry Kimbro, Butch McCord, Sydney Bunch and Jim Zapp among them) history.

Drew Jenkins discussed his attendance at the 2014 SABR National Convention, his writings on the Tampa Bay Rays and more recently with the St. Louis Cardinals. Drew has just started writing and editing at SportsRants.com. We were all wanting to know more and Drew has agreed to a more in depth talk at the upcoming SABR Day.

Bryan Steverson gave an overview of his recently released book, Baseball A Special Gift from God. Our game is truly a gift and the linkages to scripture are evident as detailed in the book.

On the 2015 Hall of Fame ballot by the Golden Era Committee are the following former players: Dick Allen, Ken Boyer, Gil Hodges, Jim Kaat, Minnie Minoso, Tony Oliva, Billy Pierce, Luis Tiant and Murray Wills. Bob Howsam, the late General Manager of the Cincinnati Reds is on the ballot also. The 16-person Golden Era Committee consists of noted SABR members and meets in December at Baseball's Winter Meeting. A 75% vote (12) is needed for election into the Hall of Fame.

With 13 members present at our chapter meeting Saturday, a secret ballot was conducted with the question as to who (of the 10) we thought should be voted into the Hall.

Only one of the 10 candidates received the required 75% or more votes. It was Gil Hodges and he received votes from ten attendees.. Minnie Minoso came up one vote short.

Other baseball news of note:

Knoxville resident and former Brooklyn Dodger (1949 & 1950) hurler Ezra "Pat" McGlothin passed away on October 24 at age 93. Our chapter had a memorable visit with Pat at his Knoxville home in April of 2012. Mark Aubrey represented our chapter at the funeral service.

Grantland Rice-Fred Russell (Nashville) SABR Chapter Report

The Rice-Russell chapter held a SABR Day meeting on Saturday, January 24th at Slugger's restaurant overlooking the field at Greer Stadium with nine members attending.

Speakers included:

Gerald Wood spoke with us about his book *Smoky Joe Wood: The Biography of a Baseball Legend*. Gerald won the prestigious 2014 Seymour Medal award from SABR for his work.

Peggy Gripshover will talk about her ongoing research on the life and times of Charles H. Weeghman, the man who built what we now know as Wrigley Field in Chicago.

Doug Scopel, Nashville Sounds Vice President of Baseball Operations & Communications gave the history of Greer Stadium and answered questions regarding the new ballpark being constructed in Nashville for the Sounds, First Tennessee Park.

Chris Ryland from the Tennessee Association of Vintage Baseball talked about the league and recent expansion of two new teams in the Chattanooga area this coming season.

-----Skip Nipper

Col. Abner Doubleday/ Judge Howard Green Chapter (West Texas)

Chapter President: Dr. Warren "Spider" Simpson

We continue to promote the SABR association and chapter thru the local university and the local living history program at Fort Concho, which includes a Vintage Base Ball Program that is part of the Texas VBBA.

We hold interest meetings every academic semester in conjunction with local VBBA events and via the graduate program I run in Coaching, Sport, Recreation, & Fitness Administration at Angelo State University. Unfortunately, while we get a decent number of young college age persons, and few older adults, to attend interest meetings we continue to have trouble getting new 'Paid" members. One issue I come across consistently is potential student members raising concerns about, their disposable income and the membership dues. In today's day and age it might be worth our leadership group looking at a lower membership rate for collegiate student members. Today most students work to offset tuition and living costs. Thus, while they have interest in the SABR, the current fee rate; while reasonable in my eyes; does not translate into paid memberships. We will keep trying.

The current plan is to try to get the local independent baseball team to allow us to set up a booth at one of the home game dates this summer and have a SABR info and recruiting night. We also plan on having our graduate sport publications class develop a recruiting and info guide to SABR and the Texas VBBA, as a way to market both programs.

Respectfully Submitted,
WKS

Society for American Baseball Research / Rogers Hornsby Chapter / Central and South Texas

Annual Report, June 2014 - May 2015

The Rogers Hornsby Chapter of the Society for American Baseball Research in Central Texas continued its consecutive meeting streak, reaching 102 straight months with a meeting in May 2015.

The chapter's Ninth Annual Winter Meeting in January 2015 was the highlight of the year. Thirty-five members and guests met at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas, and heard from Wally Moon, the 1954 National League Rookie of the Year and three-time World Series Champion, and MLB.com national correspondent Alyson Footer on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015.

Also at the winter meeting, new Hornsby Chapter member Jim Kenton talked about a successful program in St. Louis called the Baseball Reminiscence League in which volunteers spend time helping Alzheimer's patients by discussing baseball players and games from earlier in their lives. Kenton is working with local groups who help Alzheimer's patients in Austin in hopes of creating something similar and recruiting volunteers.

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. In addition, the chapter met to celebrate the chapter's 100th consecutive month with a meeting in March 2015, and met for lunch on SABR Day.

For the fifth consecutive year, Hornsby Chapter member Monte Cely covered the Caribbean World Series, which in 2015 was held in Puerto Rico. Cely posted updates, summaries and photos on the Hornsby Chapter website, chronicling Cuba's first Serie del Caribe since 1960 and eighth overall.

Submitted by Gilbert D. Martinez / Chapter Commissioner

Ernie Banks-Bobby Bragan SABR Chapter Report:

The **Ernie Banks-Bobby Bragan DFW Chapter** met on December 16, 2014 at the Legends Museum Auditorium at the Ballpark in Arlington. The meeting featured **Jeff Banister**, new manager of the Texas Rangers, who talked about his inspirational baseball career and engaged the chapter in a lively discussion about the prospects for the Rangers for 2015. Chapter president **Paul Rogers** then spoke about his relationship with boyhood hero **Robin Roberts**, who passed away in 2010, and the memoirs he co-authored with Roberts titled *Throwing Hard Easy –Reflections of a Life in Baseball*.

The chapter also had a booth at the Rangers Winter Carnival on January 24 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**. For only the third time, there were co-winners, **Brandon Finnegan** and **Preston Morrison**, both of TCU's College World Series pitching staff. The right-handed Morrison was 9-4 overall with a 1.32 earned run average and was named the Big 12 Conference Pitcher of the Year. The left-handed Finnegan was 9-3 with a 2.04 earned run average and averaged 11.4 strikeouts per nine innings. He was drafted 17th overall by the Kansas City Royals and later made history by becoming the first pitcher ever to appear in the College World Series and the Major League World Series in the same year. This marked the 22nd presentation of the award, which is named in honor of the chapter's founder **Howard Green**.

The chapter also awarded the third 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 2011, 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 third award winner was junior right-fielder **Jake Howeth** of Texas Wesleyan University, an NAIA baseball program located in Fort Worth. For the year, Howeth batted .411 with a six home runs, 11 stolen bases, and 39 runs batted in, all team leading figures, and was named to the first team of the All-Sooner Athletic Conference. Chapter vice-president **Bo Carter** and members of the Beringer family presented Howeth his award during halftime of a Texas Wesleyan basketball game on November 20.

--Submitted by C. Paul Rogers

Larry Dierker SABR Chapter Annual Report 2014-2015

The Larry Dierker Chapter had a super sensational year highlighted by hosting SABR's Annual Convention, SABR 44, here in Houston for over 500 valued SABR members. Our Welcoming Speaker was Reid Ryan, President of Business Operations for the Houston Astros and our Keynote Speaker was Houston Baseball icon Larry Dierker. During the 5-day event we conducted eight panels with 28 nationally known players, executives, broadcasters and media representatives. The final two panels were held in the lobby of Union Station at Minute Maid Park with four Astros' legends speaking prior to the game between the Astros and Toronto.

Our eight-person leadership committee along with 32 chapter members plus a number of representatives from the Roger Hornsby chapter volunteered their time to make the convention run smoothly and customer friendly.

During the course of the year the chapter sponsored 16 events including 10 monthly meetings. Of special significance, in January, we presented the very first Larry Dierker SABR Chapter Award for Long and Meritorious Service to fellow SABR member our own Hall of Fame Player Monte Irvin.

The chapter staffed display tables at both the Houston Astros Fan Fest and the 50th Celebration of the Astrodome where SABR was exposed to in excess of 30,000 potential new members. Our Vintage Baseball team played in a number of festivals and celebrations while in July the chapter had the opportunity to participate in the unveiling of a marker at the former location of West End Park in Houston, an effort spear headed by SABR member Mike Vance.

Last April we released *Houston Baseball – The Early Years, 1861-1961,*” a 362-page book written and published by the chapter, a copy of which we provided to each convention attendee. During the past year the authors attended several book signings and promoted the book locally. Additionally copies of the book we donated to local libraries and high schools to be used as an historical reference of the wonderful history of baseball in and around Houston.

Gardner-Waterman (Vermont) Chapter

On November 8, the Gardner-Waterman Chapter of SABR hosted a very well attended baseball gathering in Burlington, Vt. The meeting included a panel of former local baseball standouts, including Kevin Carney, Bill Currier, and Dale Halvorsen that were drafted by major league clubs. In some instances the experiences of the standouts crossed paths, so it was a reunion of sorts for the panel as well as many in the audience. The question and answer format was chaired by Tom Simon, and included many recollections of specific games and corroborating accolades for local legendary coaches. A very engaging and well-received presentation!

Batting second in this strong line-up was a very thoroughly researched presentation by Karl Lindholm, former Middlebury College professor, about Frank Wurm, a Middlebury graduate. Karl provided terrific material he had acquired through Frank Wurm's family describing Frank's early life, his subsequent military service, and his difficult and protracted effort to return to professional baseball. Frank's efforts culminated in his one appearance on the mound for Brooklyn in 1944. Karl described Frank Wurm's front-line military action in Italy, and his struggles to overcome the burdens he took home with him from the war. Not an isolated nor uncommon tale, either then or now.

Batting third was Richard "Dixie" Tourangeau. Dixie made the trip from Massachusetts to talk about his efforts to locate the gravesite of Frank Doheny. Dixie also spoke about Doheny's sisters and six brothers, and about the mental affliction which terminated Frank's promising baseball career. Well presented by an enthusiastic and entertaining guest speaker!!

The Gardner-Waterman Chapter will be making plans for its next meeting, which will be held in the near future.

Submitted by Acting Chair,

Brian Stevens

The Pacific Northwest Chapter

Over the last year and a half, the Chapter has had two meetings in the Portland, Oregon area, two in Seattle, the regular SABR Day meetings in Seattle, and one in Vancouver, British Columbia. In addition, Chapter members who live in Victoria, British Columbia conduct a more informal gathering every SABR Day.

During the last year, there has been a change in the rotation of leadership positions, as President Rick Solomon was replaced by Bob Russon and Vice-President Mark Armour was replaced by Tip Wonhoff. Chapter officers serve in two year offices, with the Chapter traditionally rotating the president and vice-president roles between residents of Portland and Seattle.

In February 2014, the following presentations were given at a meeting in the Portland area:

- Peter Hepokoski provided an overview of his personal history of taking ballpark tours across the United States and Canada. For the last 20 years Peter has taken tours with Jay Buckley's Baseball Tours out of LaCrosse, WI. He has been to 54 MLB ballparks over the years, 55 if Puerto Rico is included.
- Tom Leip of the Salem Keizer Volcanoes. Tom has had a long career in baseball operations in the minor leagues. His time in the minors goes back many years in the Northwest League and includes time spent working for George Brett and his brothers, as well as his many years in Salem.
- John Simpson spoke on Hub Perdue. John has a recently published book on Hub which is available for purchase.
- Marie Jessup, a veteran of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, with the Fort Wayne Daisies in 1953. Marie was accompanied by many members of her family, and in addition great stories of her time in the league, presented a slide show with personal photos. As a young woman, her brother-in-law, who she said was a really good baseball player, saw an ad for tryouts for a women's professional baseball club. Marie said she practiced in the winter in Maine, where she was from, and when the snow cleared she jogged to get in shape. Then the local Rotary gave her \$50 to take a bus to Michigan for the tryouts in the spring.
- John Henshell on clutch hitting. John looked for pressure situations where pitching performance would also be clutch. This was key to John's presentation, as he stated if you perform with runners in scoring position, you are performing against clutch pitching. John emphasized that context is also important. His presentation included a summary of 30 to 40 studies of clutch hitting.
- Mike Rice, annual preview of the Mariner's season. Mike looked back at the previous season and covered the Mariner's off season, looking at the possibility of improvement in returning players and the pitching staff. Some of the questions that came up were the impact of Robinson Cano, and where players such as Corey Hart and Logan Morrison will fit in and impact existing players such as Justin Smoak. At the end of Mike's presentation, SABR members present went around the room and gave their predictions of wins for the coming season.

The November 1, 2014 Chapter Meeting was held in Seattle.

- The first presentation of the day was from Joe Staton, member of the 1972 and 1973 Detroit Tigers. Joe had a great amateur career in Seattle and Washington State, and brought along many artifacts from his time in high school and college baseball. Aside from his playing accomplishments, Joe helped start the Seattle RBI program. The program is in its 21st year, and has helped 180 kids, 14 of whom have gone on to be drafted.
- Merrianna McCully, Ocean Shores, WA based author, SABR member, and statistician. Merrianna has self published a book about her second career providing stats research to Jim Kaat for his broadcast work. Kaat had hired McCully while he worked as a TV analyst for the Minnesota Twins, as well as CBS and ESPN, and he also wrote the book's foreword.
- Steve Steinberg, on the 1931 Dixie Series of Houston versus Birmingham. Steve presented a great narrative of the wily veteran against a brash youngster. In this case the veteran was Ray Caldwell, who place in the minors was on his way down, against Dizzy Dean, whose star was ascendant.
- Frank Workman on realignment. Frank's concept looked at creating three leagues of 10 teams, an East, Central and West. Each would then be divided into a north and south division. There would be no interleague, instead teams would focus on geographic rivalries during a regular season with a balanced schedule of 162 games against the other 9 teams in their league.
- Mark Brunke, recent audio and video finds. The main part of Mark's presentation was audio from reel to reel tapes of interviews conducted during the Seattle Mariner's 1978 Spring Training.

The next PNWSABR chapter meeting was at Mariners Fan Fest on January 25, 2015. There was also an informal meeting for members in Victoria, BC area that weekend, as part of the SABR Day activities. As usual, the Mariners provided guest speakers from the front office, including General Manager Jack Zduriencik.

Finally, February 14, 2015, annual meeting in the Portland metro area.

- Brandon Grilc, who had received a Yoseloff Scholarship from SABR. For those not familiar with the award, please see <http://sabr.org/latest/students-apply-yoseloff-scholarship-attend-sabr-45-chicago>). Brandon's presentation was titled "Stealing Home: How American Society Preserves Major League Baseball Stadiums, Ballparks, and Fields."
- Larry D'Amato. Larry worked in baseball for 37 years and had great stories about the game. He spent his time with the Pirates, Reds, Yankees, MLB Scouting Bureau, Rangers and, most recently, the Astros. A native of Tualatin, Larry has seen a lot of not just MLB baseball, but Oregon as well.
- Dan Schlewitz, a comprehensive statistical look at Bill James' Law of Competitive Balance, taking the idea from the 1983 James Abstracts and including information to the present day. In short, the information demonstrates that teams that improve tend to decline the following year, and teams that decline tend to improve the following year.
- Mike Rice's annual preview of the upcoming Mariners season. Mike reviewed the current 40 man roster, and looked at the Spring Training non-roster invitees. At the conclusion of Mike's presentation there was the annual prediction of Mariner wins. This year there was a range of 65 to 93, with an average of 85.
- The final presentation was from Ray Dahlgren, son of Yankee great Babe Dahlgren. Ray had great stories of Babe's time in time in the city growing up, then the minors and finally the years in the majors. Ray said Babe got his nickname one day from his mom, when he was called to dinner.

Ken Keltner Badger State Chapter Report - 2015

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 for 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 radio announcer Joe Block, author Joe Niese who has written two books, one about Burleigh Grimes, the other about Andy Pafko, and Patrick Steele who is writing a book about the Milwaukee Braves.

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 July 25 at Major Goolsby's. Our membership is getting involved with the efforts to revive the Wisconsin State Sports Hall of Fame.

SABR members Bob Buege and Rick Schabowski are members of the Milwaukee Braves Historical Association and contribute articles to their newsletter, "The Tepee." The Association holds two Banquets each year. Larry Baldassaro, and Gregg Hoffmann are contributors 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.

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,

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