

**APPENDIX 1:
CHAPTER REPORTS**

BOB DAVIDS CHAPTER -

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

In addition to all the baseball research that our members do...

Annual Chapter Meeting: Over 170 attended our meeting this year on February 2. We had a great line-up of speakers: Tim Kurkjian, Sean Forman, Paul Dickson and Tim Wendel.

Annual Major League meeting: We hold two additional large regional meetings each year, one at a major league park and another at a park of one of the 17 minor league teams we claim. In 2012, we gathered at Camden Yards to watch the Orioles host the Nationals after hearing from Mike Wallace, former major league pitcher and broadcast partner. In 2013 we're headed to Nationals Park on June 8 to watch the Nats host the Twins, but not before hearing presentations by Adam Cromie, Director of the Nationals' Baseball Operations and Phil Wood, outstanding radio and television personality.

Annual Minor League meeting: In 2012 In York, Pennsylvania, we watched the Revolution play the Long Island Ducks. Our party (ahem, meeting) beforehand included presentations from Eric Menzer, the Revolution's President and General Manager; Andrew Ball, Baseball Operations Manager; Darrell Henry, play-by-play announcer and one of the most experienced players on the team, Joe Thurston. This year's speakers are not quite confirmed, but we know where we'll meet in August 17: Hagerstown, Maryland to watch the Class A Suns host the Ashville Tourists. Team officials will first regale us with inside stories and a delicious ballpark meal.

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

The Washington Nationals and Baltimore Orioles: We are regularly involved in activities with both major league teams in our area as well as a number of minor league teams. Some of our members are even employees of these teams. The president of the Nationals' fan club and the official major league scorer at Nationals' games are, among others, fellow chapter members.

FanFests: We frequently operate a SABR booth and trivia contest at the annual Orioles FanFest, Bowie Baysox Open House, Harrisburg Senators FanFest and Washington Nationals NatsFest.

Hot Stove Meetings, VA: On the second Wednesday of each month, we hold monthly, informal, dinner meetings to talk baseball in an informal setting. These are held in northern Virginia and have been continuing for several years.

Hot Stove Meetings, MD: On the third Tuesday of each month, we meet for an informal, dinner (very informal) to talk baseball in Silver Spring. February 2011 was our first meeting and only a half dozen of us usually attend, but that makes it more intimate and the baseball discussions are no poorer for it.

Talkin' Baseball: This discussion group was organized by chapter member Dave Paulson and is now in its third decade of operation. We welcome members and non-members at its monthly sessions. The group convenes the second Saturday of each month in Columbia, Maryland. Our informal get-togethers are always fun, informative and usually feature a baseball author.

"The Squibber", the Chapter's newsletter: We have a very interesting and widely-read chapter newsletter, *The Squibber*. Current and past issues are on the web site.

National SABR Convention: No chapter sent more attendees to SABR 42 in Minneapolis than we did. We were proud to be the hosts of the 2009 convention, held here in Washington, DC and have been happy to lend a hand, however small to the guys doing SABR 43.

Media relations: We always need help getting the word out about our chapter's activities. Contact: Mark Pattison (pattison_mark@hotmail.com, 202-829-9289).

BOSTON CHAPTER

2012 REPORT

There are 453 members on the Boston Chapter list. Many are active members and the meetings throughout 2012 and the four months of 2013.

Since the last convention, members were involved and attended the Connie Mack Day at East Brookfield on September 15. Several activities celebrating baseball history and present occurred in the Boston area during the past year.

The Fall End of Season meeting on November 10 at the Non-Profit Center, Boston, had hoped for an appearance of Oil Can Boyd but was instead treated to a presentation by Mike Shalin who more than adequately filled the void.

The MLK Day meeting, still the mainstay of the Chapter's activities in 2012 and 2013 were held at the Baseball Tavern on Boylston Street and was attended by more than 40 members. The 2013 MLK meeting included Alan Cohen with the Hearst Sandlot classic, Donna Halper on the Loyal Ladies of Baseball, Female Fans and Sportswriters, 1900-1940, and a mock poll on the upcoming Hall of Fame vote. Students from Emerson College presented their film "Brick by Brick: Stories of Fenway Park.

The SABR Day event on January 26, was held at the Bleacher Bar at Fenway Park.

The Boston Chapter joined with the Gibson Museum for the second year on April 29 in an event to celebrate the beginning of the baseball season with a program for members of the Chapter and the Museum. Bill Nowlin, Donna Halper, and Joanne Hulbert spoke about baseball in Boston during the 1901 debut of the American League in Boston, and about the influence of newspapers during the era.

On May 4, several chapter members met to view the Jackie Robinson film, "42" and met after at Boston Beer works to discuss the movie.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Hulbert, co-chair

New York City Casey Stengel Chapter

By Evelyn Begley, chapter president

The New York City Casey Stengel Chapter had its annual SABR Day meeting (see below) and continues improving its website, including links to Facebook and other social media, spearheaded by webmaster Kevin Carter. In addition, there are ongoing activities hosted by local member Jay Goldberg at the Bergino Baseball Clubhouse in Greenwich Village, mainly book events with authors and former players.

On Saturday, January 26, 2013, the New York 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 were in attendance.

Tony Morante opened with his "New York Base Ball and Tammany Hall" research presentation to connect the dots between Tammany Hall (Boss Tweed's political organization) and the early and middle stages of baseball. Morante spoke of the "Tammany Tigers" who played for the New York Giants (Andrew Freedman, John McGraw) and the New York Yankees (Bill Devery, Frank Farrell) and questioned the impact on fan attendance. Morante began working in Yankee Stadium in 1958 and is today the Director of Stadium Tours as well as the Vice-President of the Bronx County Historical Society

Vince Gennaro followed with "Which Hitters Are Successful against Top Pitching and Who Thrives on Weak Pitching?" Gennaro explored how the success or failure of current MLB hitters measures up against different quality levels of pitching, and why hitters who struggle against top pitching are less likely to succeed in the post-season. Gennaro, SABR's (re-elected) president, regularly appears on baseball programs in various media (he is a consultant to MLB teams) and has authored *Diamond Dollars: The Economics of Winning in Baseball*.

The afternoon program began with T. J. Quinn discussing "How Do We Get Out of This Mess? Making Sense of Steroids, The Hall of Fame, and Baseball's Legacy." Quinn, an award-winning investigative journalist for ESPN, included his extensive coverage of performance-enhancing drugs in sports. As a former beat writer for the New York Mets, Quinn answered questions about that experience, and about his years as part of an award-winning sports investigative team for the New York *Daily News*.

Marty Appel's *Pinstripe Empire: The New York Yankees from Before The Babe to After The Boss* is considered the definitive history of the team, and as a former Yankees Public Relations Director and TV producer, Appel shared his depth and breadth of knowledge. He touched upon content in his 18 books as well.

Dr. Stan Teitelbaum ended the afternoon session with "How Sports Writers Influence The Image of Major Leaguers: From DiMaggio, Williams, and Campanella to Rocker, McGwire and Bonds." The discussion of the darker sides of ballplayers was supported by Teitelbaum's work as a clinical psychologist.

Connie Mack Chapter, Society for American Baseball Research

Annual Report, 2013

The Chapter spent much of the year preparing for and planning the national convention, SABR43, to be held in Philadelphia in August. We were also able to participate in SABRDay in January, 2013.

Co-chairs Dick Rosen and Seamus Kearney assembled a team of chapter members and have met monthly since 2011 planning for SABR43. The chapter worked with the SABR43 Planning Committee, the SABR Board, Executive Director, Marc Appleman, SABR President, Vince Gennaro and the National office to create the SABR National Convention program for 2013.

In January, the chapter was able to organize a regional meeting for SABRDay, 2013 at the Peck Center of Drexel University. More than two dozen Connie Mackers heard presentations from 11 members and researchers. The highlight was listening to Dick Armstrong's presentation on his experiences as the Philly A's PR man during the last years of the A's in Philly.

The Chapter plans to continue our activities after SABR43, starting with a slate of informal Hot Stove gatherings beginning in December, 2013.

ANNUAL REPORT OF CT SABR SMOKY JOE WOOD CHAPTER.

Our chapter continues to have a good, steady level of activity. We had general meetings in October, 2012, highlighted by Vernona Gomez, Lefty Gomez's daughter, talking about her book on her father, and in Feb. 2013. We usually get 25 to 30 people at our meetings, and sometimes our own local authors do presentations. We meet down at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT, near New Haven.

On national SABR Day, Jan. 26, Chapter President Steve Krevisky hosted a lively discussion about who should be in the Baseball Hall of Fame, doing so on his campus, Middlesex community College, in Middletown, CT. This helps bring the community to his college.

We also have periodic chapter breakfasts, also in Hamden, CT, where we have lively, informal discussions about baseball, with no particular agenda. We usually get about 10 people to those meetings.

In baseball season, we have chapter outings to the New Britain Rock Cats games, as we know people in their front office, such as Owner/President Bill Dowling, and broadcaster Jeff Dooley. We will attend the July 10 Eastern league All-Star game in New Britain, as a chapter. The Rock Cats are the AA Eastern League affiliate of the Minnesota Twins. One of our members does statistics for the Rock Cats. We also sometimes have chapter outings to the independent Bridgeport Bluefish.

We also have an annual holiday party at a centrally located restaurant, and family and friends of our members are welcome to attend.

We will also support the June 8 Vintage Baseball event in Hartford, and some of us also attended the recent unveiling of home plate at the former Bulkeley Stadium in Hartford (now the site of a nursing home).

We have a wide variety of interests among our members, and have a number of authors in our ranks. We anticipate continuing to have a good level of activity in our chapter, and we also try to attend other SABR meetings near us, such as in NY, RI and Mass. Many of us will also attend the annual SABR convention in Philadelphia from July 31 to Aug. 4, 2013. We maintain a modest treasury, and will sometimes give honoraria to guest speakers, primarily to former players or their families. We also hope to bring in some younger members, as well as other new members.

CHAPTER OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT:	STEVE KREVISKY
VICE-PRESIDENT:	LARRY LEVINE
TREASURER/ARCHIVIST:	JOE WILLIAMS

Elysian Fields (NJ) chapter

The Elysian Fields (NJ) chapter of SABR did not hold any activities in 2012.

I am hopeful that the chapter can reawaken. I spoke with David Krell, a relatively new member of SABR from NJ at the Cooperstown Symposium two weeks ago, and hope to work with him as a potential chapter leader. Likewise, I hope to connect with other local members attending the Jerry Malloy conference this week in Newark. Hopefully we can build some energy and perhaps hold an event later in 2013, and a SABR-day event in early 2014, perhaps in conjunction with the Yogi Berra Museum again.

-Rich Puerzer

FORBES FIELD CHAPTER (PITTSBURGH)

George Skornickel - Chairman

The Forbes Field Chapter of the Society of American Baseball Research enjoyed several occasions of baseball talk and education during the past year.

We began with a hot stove gathering at the So Ho restaurant where a night of baseball talk was enjoyed by all.

October 1, 2012 was our fall meeting.

We met at the Heinz History Center and had a full agenda:

. Craig Britcher and Emilla Boehm on Hall of Famer Pud Galvin

- . George Skornickel –Racial Integration and its Effect on Baseball in Pittsburgh
- . Alex Richert – Producing the Pirates Radio Broadcasts
- . Joe Guzzardi – 1952 Topps Baseball Card Set
- . Marky Bilson – A Season With the Rio Grand Valley White Wings
- . Larry DiNino – Presidential First Pitches
- . Jim Haller – World Series Trivia

SABR DAY 2013

We met in the Tour Theatre courtesy of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

- . Dennis and Jeanne DeValeria – Honus Wagner’s Trick of the Trade
- . Joe Guzzardi – Some Bats From the Past
- . Rob Ruck – Raceball: How the Major Leagues Colonized the Black and Latin Game
- . George Skornickel – Pictorial Trivia Contest
- . Jim O’Brien – Immaculate Reflections on Pittsburgh Sports
- . Ted Knorr - What Was the Best Year in Pennsylvania Baseball History?
- . Jim Haller – Trivia: The First to Do It and the Last To Do It

March 15th

We enjoyed another “Hot Stove” Night at the SOHO Restaurant

April 6th – Spring Meeting

Held at the Heinz History Center

- . Eliza Marone – Home Runs and Stadium Evaluations
- . Joe Elinich – Players With Ten or More World Series Hits
- . Ronnie Tellalian – Swing Mechanics
- . Mr. Sean Gibson, Executive Director, Josh Gibson Foundation
- . Joe Guzzardi – Baseball Cards Kids Could Get While Shopping With Mom
- . George Skornickel – Rip Sewell and the Eephus Pitch
- . Joe Elinich – Trivia – Not So Well Known First Names

The meeting concluded with a \$250 donation to the Pirates Charities and \$250 to the Heinz History Center.

We look forward to another full and exciting year.

Gardner-Waterman (Vermont) Chapter

The Gardner-Waterman (Vermont) Chapter and the Buster Olney (Vermont Kids) Meet-Up held a joint meeting on Saturday, October 13, 2012, featuring presentations by Glenn Stout, author of *Fenway 1912*, and Ron Anderson, author of *Long Taters: A Baseball Biography of George "Boomer" Scott*.

Members brought their favorite item of baseball memorabilia for show-and-tell, and during the break kids and adults played catch on the Burlington Waterfront.

The Buster Olney Meet-Up met every other Sunday from October through April, culminating with a roadtrip to Cooperstown on April 19-21, 2013, where, among other things, they met John Thorn. They also met the Meet-Up's namesake, Buster Olney, before the Vermont Mountaineers Hot Stove Banquet on January 26, 2013.

The Gardner-Waterman Chapter is about to embark on a major research project on the history of early baseball in Vermont. The intent is to produce a book inspired by *Peter Morris's Baseball Fever: Early Baseball in Michigan*.

Tom Simon

Rabbit Maranville Springfield Massachusetts Chapter

The Rabbit Maranville Springfield Chapter held a meeting on Monday April 29, 2013. Paul Hensler, author of *The American League in Transition, 1965-1975: How Competition Thrived When the Yankees Didn't*, spoke of a time when the smaller market teams were competitive. We had a lively Q & A after. Our second speaker was Karl Cicitto. He has done extensive research regarding player nicknames.

Attendance was about 25 people. We expect to have another meeting in the fall. The speakers for that meeting have not been confirmed but things look good for us to have an ex-Red Sox player on board.

Southern New England (Lajoie-Start) Chapter activities, 2012:

The Southern New England Chapter for the past few years has had no activities beyond its twice-yearly meetings: one in June under a picnic tent at McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket, and one in November at St. Philip's Parish Center in Greenville, R.I. Though this report covers the calendar year 2012, most chapter members think of the cycle at fall/spring, rather than spring/fall.

The June 2012 meeting at McCoy Stadium was attended by 38 members and guests. Speakers included Mick Tangel, who spoke on Lipman Pike, and Scott Russell, who presented statistics that he said proved that Gil Hodges belonged in the Hall of Fame. Father Gerry Beirne conducted the trivia quiz, on Italian major leaguers. Officials and coaches of the Pawtucket Red Sox made their annual appearance.

The November 2012 meeting attracted 58 members and guests. The highlight was an appearance by Rich Gedman, the third time he has addressed our group. Other highlights were a panel on the Red Sox of the 1950s, and presentations by Ty Waterman, Steve Krevisky, Dave Gumbley, Bill Lamb and Dixie Tourangeau. Gerry Beirne gave the trivia quiz, on baseball brothers. Mike Darowski conducted a mock Hall of Fame election, which like the real election a few weeks later, produced no electees.

As this report is being written, plans are under way for the spring meeting, on June 15 at McCoy Stadium. The guest speaker will be Dr. Charles Steinberg, senior adviser to Boston Red Sox president Larry Lucchino.

Len Levin

Annual report for the Bob Broeg SABR Chapter, July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013

The Bob Broeg SABR Chapter continued its tradition of a monthly roundtable during the July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013, period. Meetings were held at The Original Crusoe's in South St. Louis, attended by an average of a little more than 20 people.

The annual Hot Stove Luncheon at Mike Shannon's Steaks and Seafood near Busch Stadium on January 26 drew the biggest crowd, 44 people. It also drew the largest number of guest speakers: Frank Baumann, a 1952 graduate of Central High School in St. Louis, who went on to an 11-year major league career with the Boston Red Sox, Chicago White Sox and Chicago Cubs; Brian Boehringer, born in St. Louis, who pitched for 10 years in the majors, for the New York Yankees, San Diego Padres, San Francisco Giants and Pittsburgh Pirates; and Ric Lessmann, a 1955 graduate of Southwest High School in St. Louis, who coached college baseball for 44 years in the St. Louis area.

The hot stove meeting was held on the day of the funeral of Cardinals' legend Stan "The Man" Musial. Hot stove attendees watched the proceedings on a large-screen TV.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch writer Joe Strauss, who covered the Cardinals for 12 years, also spoke at the hot stove luncheon. Dwayne Isgrig gave a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the St. Louis Giants of the Negro National League. Fred Heger, longtime treasurer of the chapter, received a Bob Broeg SABR Chapter Service Award for his many years of tracking the chapter's finances.

Chapter officers for 2013 include President Norm Richards, Vice President Brian Flaspohler, Treasurer Wayne Hebden, and Secretary Jim Rygelski.

Other guests at monthly meetings during the previous year included former Cardinals pitcher Greg Mathews; and Fred Worth, member of the Robinson-Kell SABR Chapter, who spoke on "A Necrological Tour of Missouri Baseball," his nearly decade-long search for gravesites of former professional baseball players. Members discussed such topics as speeding up the game without compromising its integrity; electing Fred McGriff to the Hall of Fame; realigning the major leagues; how many major leaguers various cities have produced; and the month-to-month fortunes and misfortunes of the St. Louis Cardinals, among other discussion topics.

Bob Tiemann continued to provide a monthly trivia quiz for members.

Compiled by Jim Rygelski, chapter secretary.

ROGER BRESNAHAN/SABR CHAPTER SABR

The Roger Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter of SABR held two events during the 2012/2013 year. On June 22 of 2012 the chapter enjoyed watching a game at Fifth Third Field between the Norfolk Tides and the Toledo Mud Hens. Over 20 members and friends attended the game in very nice weather which was won by the Orioles Triple-A affiliate, 5-1. An impressive fireworks display topped off the evening at the conclusion of the game.

On January 26 of this year our chapter joined with the Detroit Chapter and the West Michigan Chapter to celebrate SABR Day in Toledo. The day started at Tony Packo's Café in suburban Sylvania, where those in attendance enjoyed lunch and baseball talk. The regular meeting then followed at the Sylvania branch of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library. A trivia quiz was prepared by Peter Morris and presented by Jim Lannen, followed by a book fair courtesy of the estate of Bob McConnell and Bruce Brown. Our guest speaker was Brian Johnson, a former major league catcher and currently an advance scout with the San Francisco Giants. Brian gave an excellent talk, and he answered numerous questions about his life in baseball.

Following Brian, Dave Fleitz of the Detroit Chapter spoke about his soon-to-be published book, a biography of Napoleon Lajoie. After Dave we heard from John Husman of Sylvania, who gave a very interesting and informative oral trivia quiz about the Toledo Mud Hens.

Following brief announcements from each chapter leader, the meeting was adjourned. Everyone in attendance agreed that it had been a very successful SABR Day in Toledo.

Annual Report –Oklahoma Chapter SABR

Meetings: August 25, Norman – Social gathering at Coach's Brew Pub in Norman

Web site launched September 11

February 9, Tulsa – Chapter met at ONEOK Field in Tulsa. Members voted to change chapter name to the "Oklahoma Chapter" of SABR.

May 11 Tulsa – Group attended a Drillers game in Tulsa.

Web site domain name change to <oklahomasabr.org> on May 28.

Chapter members have placed 5 research reports on the chapter web site.

--Howard Johnson, Chapter President

Dayton Chapter 2012-13

We held two meetings.

Meeting of November 10, 2012 at the University of Dayton:

Tony Capizzi discussed the founding of the Dayton Dragons
Allen Spetter shared materials and memories of the 1947-57 Brooklyn Dodgers
Mike Carter shared his collection of Negro League jerseys
A trivia contest and book auction were held
The attendees also went to lunch at the University of Dayton Union for lunch and baseball talk

Meeting of May ii, 2013 at the Dayton Dragons 5/3 Field:

Carroll Schleppe illustrated the Dayton Art Quilt project on the Dayton skyline, including the Dragons 5/3 Field
Chris Rainey discussed Dan Bickett's 1886 season
Mark Miller talked of his forthcoming biography of Will McEnany
Allen Hye presented "Books, Baseball and the Bible"
The group attended the evening game between Dayton and Ft. Wayne

Respectfully submitted
John Schleppe

SABR Detroit Chapter Report, 2012–13

The chapter held two formal meetings in the past year. On SABR Day in America 2013 (January 26), the Detroit chapter organized a joint meeting at the Sylvania, Ohio, Public Library with the Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter from Toledo and the Don Lund and Wally Pipp Chapters from Michigan.

The featured speaker for the joint meeting was former MLB catcher and current San Francisco Giants scout Brian Johnson. Author Dave Fleitz spoke about his upcoming biography of Nap Lajoie, and Mud Hens historian John Husman regaled the attendees with details of the famous Triple-A club's history.

The chapter also met on October 27, 2012, in the Ernie Harwell Room of the Detroit Public Library before Game 3 of the World Series at Comerica Park. The featured event was a panel discussion of baseball's "Steroids Era in Context," moderated by Steve Weingarden. Panelists included Edward Wyszumiala, Dr. Lisa Alexander, Peter Hoyos, Claudia Perry, and Gary Gillette. Gillette also spoke on "Who Deserves the 2012 AL MVP Award?" And Herm Krabbenhoft spoke on "Correcting Official RBI Records for Hall of Famers."

The chapter maintains a Web site at www.SABR-Detroit.org with information and audio clips from several of the chapter's previous special events.

Submitted by chapter president Gary Gillette

Chicago (Emil Rothe) SABR Chapter Activities – 2012-2013

June 9, 2012: Schaumburg Boomers Game

On a warm June Saturday evening, five Chicago SABR Chapter members took in a Schaumburg Boomers game, enjoyed hearty conversation about the upcoming SABR convention, and remembered back to the days when the Boomers were the Flyers and the scoreboard was operated by hand.

The Boomers, members of the Frontier League, edged out the 1st Place River City Rascals by a 6 to 5 score in front of an inflated “cancer survivors night” crowd. Sitting down the third base line, the SABR members included a member of the Milwaukee Chapter as well as a National Convention intern.

The food was good, the conversation was lively, and a great time was had by all!

December 1, 2012: Eisenhower Library Meeting

23 members and friends of the Chicago (Emil Rothe) Chapter attended the fall meeting on December 1, 2012, at the Eisenhower Library in Harwood Heights, IL.

Steve Steinberg, co-author of the Seymour Medal winning book *1921*, led off with a fine presentation on a unique moment in late 1916 when Giants manager John McGraw walked out on his team.

Harry Pavlidis, founder of Pitch Info LLC, discussed in depth how Pitch F/X data is created, the difficulties in calibrating it and the uses for it.

After a short break, the meeting stepped back in time as Halsey Hall (Minneapolis) Chapter member Bob Tholkes introduced the audience to the *Sunday Mercury* and its letters section. Just as the game of base ball was exploding in popularity, letters were being sent in to the newspaper which sought clarification about the interpretation of rules.

Bruce Allardice wrapped up the meeting with a look at how and where baseball was being played during the Civil War and took a special look at what was taking place in the Chicago area.

January 26, 2013: SABR Day with the Milwaukee and Chicago Chapters

On Saturday January 26, 2013, in commemoration of SABR Day, there was a joint meeting of the Chicago (Emil Rothe) and Milwaukee (Ken Keltner) SABR Chapters at The Brat Stop in Kenosha, WI. Co-organized by Rich Schabowski of the Milwaukee chapter and David Malamut of the Chicago Chapter, the meeting attracted 44 attendees.

Carrie Muskrat, Chicago Cubs beat writer for MLB.com and author of *Banks to Sandberg to Grace: Five Decades of Love and Frustration with the Chicago Cubs*, talked about her book and her Hall of Fame ballot. She gave a compelling explanation for including Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens on or ballot and afterwards took questions from the audience.

Lou Olsen, writer for the Brewers blog *Reviewing the Brew*, talked about Brewers baseball past and future and gave us his thoughts on who should be elected to the Hall of Fame. He took numerous questions about what would happen in 2013 with the Brewers.

Bob Buege of the Keltner Chapter spoke about Eddie Killian, a Racine, Wisconsin southpaw who pitched for the Detroit Tigers in the deadball era.

Dennis Degenhardt of the Keltner Chapter spoke about the games that the Chicago White Sox played at County Stadium in the 1960's. He discussed the exhibition games played in the mid-60's in the wake of the Braves leaving Milwaukee for Atlanta, and recapped the 9 regular season home games that the Sox played in County Stadium in 1969. He focused on the impact it had on White Sox attendance.

April 21, 2013: Northwestern-Michigan Game

A small but hearty group of Chicago SABR members congregated at Northwestern's Rocky Miller Park on Sunday April 21, 2013 to take in a doubleheader between the Wildcats and the Wolverines of Michigan.

Enjoying the somewhat balmy weather (at least when the wind wasn't blowing) and fine conversation, attendees were treated in Game 1 to a fine pitching performance by Michigan's star freshman lefthander Evan Hill and an inside the park home run by freshman Travis Maezes as the Wolverines triumphed by a 5-0 margin.

Those who stuck around for Game 2 witnessed a late-inning Wildcat rally and a 10 inning 3-2 Northwestern victory.

A splendid time was had by all.

Richard A. Smiley

Field of Dreams (Iowa) Regional Chapter

Officers

Umpire-in-Chief (Chair): Tim Rask

First Base Umpire (Vice-Chair): Ralph Christian

Concessionaire (Treasurer): Steve Elsberry

Scorecard Keeper (Webmaster): Steve Smith

Activities for the year:

January 26, 2013 (SABR Day in America):

Eleven members and guests spent an afternoon talking baseball, eating pizza, and sampling some local beer. During the afternoon, we completed our own Hall of Fame ballot, as provided by the Bob Davids Chapter. Our 9 voters "elected" Craig Biggio and Mike Piazza being with 7 votes each. Barry Bonds and Roger

Clemons just missed with 6 votes each, followed by Bagwell (5); Trammell, Raines, and Smith (4); Martinez, Sosa, McGwire and Palmeiro (3); Mattingly, Murphy, Morris and Schilling (2); and Lofton and McGriff with 1 each.

May 19, 2013: Fourteen 14 members and guests gather in Suite 18 at Modern Woodmen Park in Davenport for a chapter ballgame outing.

Steve Elsberry kicked us off with a presentation to remind us that his San Francisco Giants have won 2 out of the last 3 World Series. Steve outlined how often the feat of winning the Series at least two out of three years has occurred. Turns out, it's fairly common, with 17 instances over the years. Steve also listed the streaks of five or more years with different World Series Champions.

The chapter also hosted a special guest. Frank Wulf, the widower of Dorothy Wulf, whose photos provided much of the basis for Tim Rask's book *Baseball at Davenport's John O'Donnell Stadium* took a break from his usual seat to join us in the suite.

In the game, the home town River Bandits lost to the Beloit Brewers, 3-2.

Future Plans: The chapter hopes to have its first meeting in Sioux City in mid-August.

Ongoing: Steve Smith continues to coordinate the posting of articles about the history of baseball in Iowa to the chapter's web site (<http://chapters.sabr.org/fieldofdreams/>).

Submitted by Tim Rask, Umpire-in-Chief

Hank Gowdy Columbus (OH) Chapter 2012-2013 Annual Report

The past year saw the Hank Gowdy Chapter continue its established activities and add new ones.

The year's activities follow in chronological order.

--August 24, 2012--Approximately 15 members and their guests attended a night game at Huntington Park between the hometown Columbus Clippers and the Toledo Mud Hens. Prior to the game Ken Schnacke, the Clippers' President and General Manager, met with the group in the centerfield sports bar to discuss the state of the Clippers and answer questions.

--October 27--Baseball Book Club--About a dozen members met with moderator Blake Sherry at the Dublin Public Library to engage in a lively discussion of Kostya Kennedy's book *56: Joe DiMaggio and the Last Magic Number in Sports*. After each book club meeting the group adjourns to a nearby deli/restaurant to continue the discussion.

--January 26, 2013--Annual Winter Meeting--The chapter celebrated National SABR Day with its first morning/afternoon meeting. The Karl Road Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library was the venue for 25 members and their guests. The featured speaker was Jonathan Knight, author of a number of books on Cleveland professional sports including *Summer of Shadows*. Local presenters were Jim Tootle, Chris Gallutia, Sam Pathy and the late Jeff Cranston. Members cast a Hall of Fame ballot and a spirited discussion ensued. There was also a trivia contest and book raffle.

--February 16--Baseball Book Club--The Dublin Public Library hosted the winter edition of the book club. About a dozen members were present to discuss Glenn Stout's award-winning *Fenway 1912*. The author joined the meeting via speaker phone to discuss his book and answer a myriad of questions about it. Blake Sherry moderated.

--April 19 and 26--Ohio State University Baseball--An intrepid group of members braved varying weather conditions, meeting down the third base line at Bill Davis Stadium to watch the Buckeyes take on Illinois and Penn State respectively.

--May 11--Baseball Book Club--The spring session of the book club welcomed Dr. Charles Alexander for a lively discussion of his award-winning book, *Breaking The Slump*. Many questions for the retired history professor followed on a variety of baseball subjects. As usual Blake Sherry moderated. Fifteen members attended the meeting which was held at the Dublin Public Library.

Submitted by Rick Huhn

HOYT-ALLEN CHAPTER, CINCINNATI: Annual Report for 2012

2012 Summer Meeting of the Hoyt-Allen Chapter of SABR, Cincinnati, OH

Approximately 20 members and guests attended the 2012 Summer Meeting of the SABR Hoyt-Allen Chapter. We met on June 16, 2012 at 9:30am in the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame and Museum's theater.

9:30 – 10:00: Baseball historian and author, Charles Alexander - The 1892 National League Split Season

10:00 – 10:20: Cincinnati Reds Historian, Greg Rhodes - A program concerning the 1938 All-Star game

10:20 – 10:30: Break

10:30 – 11:00: Kent Stephens, Museum Curator & Historian at the College Football Hall of Fame - a mythical 1961 season for the Continental League.

11:00 – 11:15: Chris Eckes, Cincinnati Reds Museum & Hall of Fame's Chief Curator - Update on upcoming activities at the museum.

Following the meeting, everyone was invited to tour the museum and visit the new Big Red Machine and Barry Larkin exhibits.

Cleveland – Jack Graney Chapter

The Jack Graney Chapter had our usual meetings in the past year, and also got together for two minor league games last summer – one Lake County Captains (Indians Class A affiliate) game and one Akron Aeros (Indians Double-A affiliate) game. The chapter also did our “guess the standings” contest where we try to pick the orders of each division, and the various playoff teams.

In October of 2012, we met at the Brooklyn Public Library on the west side of Cleveland. Jim Holl did a presentation entitled “The Strange Odyssey of Ma Brittsan,” while Stephanie Liscio did a presentation on the Indians’ missing 1948 pennant. Bill McMahan did a presentation on deduced play-by-plays with a related trivia contest, while Rick Bradley put together an additional trivia contest.

In February of 2013, we had our annual meeting in the media room in the basement of Progressive Field. Brad Mohr, director of baseball operations for the Cleveland Indians, discussed the team’s environmental initiatives at the ballpark. Deb Shattuck discussed women’s baseball pioneers, while Ronnie Tellalian gave a presentation on quantifying swing mechanics. Bill Graham, from the Whiskey Island Shamrocks vintage baseball team, spoke about his team’s upcoming season, while Bryan Fritz and Ken Krsolovic discussed Cleveland’s response to the Federal League in 1914-1915, an excerpt from their new book *League Park: Historic Home of Cleveland Baseball, 1891-1946*. Bill McMahan did a presentation on using manuscript techniques to reconstruct 19th century baseball records, and Rick Bradley put together a trivia contest.

In May of 2013, we had our spring meeting at the Beachwood Public Library. Alan Kornspan did a presentation on the history of sabermetrics, while Stephanie Liscio led a discussion about the film *42* and the integration of baseball. We listened to an audio recording with excerpts of old Indians broadcasts, courtesy of Bill Ehrman, and Rick Bradley put together a trivia contest. We also had our usual book raffle.

The chapter has planned our fall meeting for September 28, 2013 at the Brooklyn Public Library. We are also attending two Lake County Captains games and one Akron Aeros game this summer.

Ken Keltner Badger State Chapter Report - 2013

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

Our meetings are held at J&B’s Blue Ribbon sports bar, located near Miller Park. The advantages of this location are easy accessibility for attendees, especially visitors from out-of town; an excellent audiovisual system for presentations; and the proximity to Miller Park, allowing meeting attendees to also attend games at Miller Park. Our recent Guests of Honor have included: Raul Galvan, an expert on Latin-American baseball, former ballplayer Felix Mantilla, and Brewers official scorer Tim O’Driscoll.

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 had a meeting in LaCrosse two years ago, and we hope to do this again next year.

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

We continue to donate books to the Milwaukee Public Library system to foster interest in baseball. Whenever an author is a guest at our meeting, we make it a tradition to buy their book(s) and donate them.

During the course of the Brewers season, we hold informal tailgate parties, where members obviously talk baseball.

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

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

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

Lou Criger Chapter

Events:

August 6, 2012 - Informal gathering at South Bend Silver Hawks game.

November 18, 2012 - Meeting at Notre Dame with former major leaguer Craig Biggio.

April 20, 2013 - Meeting at Notre Dame with former major leaguers Larry Haney and Ron Hansen.

Submitted by Steve Krah

MONARCHS CHAPTER (KANSAS CITY) – two reports courtesy of Roger Erickson and Mike Webber.

After the SABR convention. The Monarchs Chapter had a heavy presence at the All Star Fan Fest in Kansas City. Members Roger Erickson, Larry Lester and Dave Starbuck participated in a Kansas City Baseball History panel with former A's player and longtime major league scout Jay Hankins. A good time was had by all, also Mr. Lester moderated two other panels one on the Kansas City Monarchs and one featuring negro historians including our own Todd Peterson.

During the World Series the Monarchs chapter participated in their annual fall meeting on October 20. Nineteen people attended. The first speaker was former major leaguer Brian Holman. Holman discussed his career and his family's success as professional pitchers. His brother Brad also pitched in the majors for the Mariners, and his son David is currently in Seattle's minor league system. Former major league pitcher Dick LeMay scouted and signed him for the Montreal Expos and ten years later would become his stepfather.

Holman pitched 195 innings in 1991 at the age of 26 with a 3.69 ERA for the Mariners. Due to injuries he would never throw a pitch as a professional. He explained that following that season he had the equivalent of four major surgeries, including a rotator cuff surgery and shoulder capsule impingement surgery. Holman was only the third known major leaguer to have impingement surgery, and it was not completely successful in alleviating his pain.

Bud Thomas, shortstop for the St. Louis Browns in 1951, was the second speaker. He spoke about his career in baseball, from the time he was a high school all-American until he left professional baseball. As a high school all-American in he played in a game in the Polo Grounds where his team was managed by Ty Cobb and the opposing team was managed by Babe Ruth.

The SABR scouts database did not have information on which scout signed Thomas for the Browns. He explained that Bill DeWitt Sr. signed him to his actual contract. Jack Fournier was the scout for the Browns who had "recruited" him but when it was time for his visit to St. Louis - where he also talked to the Cardinals - Fournier was away dealing with a problem with a minor league team. So it was the GM DeWitt - this would have been 1947 a year before he bought the club - who signed him.

Next up was local member Jan Johnson, who spoke about her project, The Kansas Baseball History Project. She has done a significant amount of work documenting the history of baseball in Kansas, including barnstorming games, minor league teams, major league players with Kansas ties, and player Bios and Profiles. For those that would like to see her work or get involved in the check out her web site, <http://www.kbhproject.com/>

Finally Rodney O Neil explained a new method of evaluating players he has developed called GUS (Grand Unifying Statistic), which involves tracking each players contributions both through his statistical line and in game observation.

Kansas City, Missouri (Monarchs Chapter): 20 people attended the 2013 SABR Day meeting in Kansas City. The first speaker was Marcus Meade, a writer for the website [Kings of Kauffman](#). Marcus, a graduate student at the University of Nebraska, spoke about the Royals' outlook for 2013 and then answered questions about various Royals' topics for nearly an hour. He detailed why he thought Wade Davis is the make-or-break player in the Wil Meyers/James Shields trade. He believes if Davis is able to be a strong pitcher for the next four seasons while under the team's control, the Royals will win the trade; however, if he does not perform well as a starter ... The next speaker was Bob Meyer, author of "Small Town Baseball ... Big League Dreams" about semi-pro baseball in Iowa. The book is similar in format to "The Glory of Their Times"; Meyer contacted people associated with semi-pro baseball in Iowa and then transcribed the reminiscences. Meyer spoke with a wide variety of people, including four major leaguers, team managers, parents of players, and even a couple of ladies who were nominated for Queen of the Dyersville Tournament. Bob is donating the profits of his book to two charitable organizations, the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging, and Camp Courageous. So far he has donated to over \$1,500 to each cause. If you would like a copy of the book contact him through [Facebook](#). The meeting ended with a game of KC SABR Baseball IQ. Modeled after the "Baseball IQ" show on the MLB Network, the East Side team won handily 18 to 6. The two teams were able go deep in several categories, such as naming 15 of the 16 Royals who have hit 25 or more homeruns in a season (no love for Chili Davis), and nine of the 14 pitchers who have struck out 300 or more batters in a season since 1900. The winning team consisted of Bill Carle, Juanita Erickson, Marcus Meade and Jim Kissane. — **Mike Webber**

Oscar Charleston Chapter Report (Indianapolis and Central Indiana)

On November 3, the chapter held a lunch meeting. Chris Jensen, author of *Baseball State by State*, talked about noteworthy Indiana players and his all-Indiana team. Craig Thompson presented “G>IP (When Game Appearances within a Season Are Greater than Innings Pitched).” For SABR Day in January, chapter members met for lunch and a book discussion of Tom Clavin and Danny Peary's book, *GIL HODGES: THE BROOKLYN BUMS, THE MIRACLE METS, AND THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE OF A BASEBALL LEGEND*. Pete Cava and Dan O'Brien led the book discussion and talked about Hodges's Hall of Fame case. On February 11, several chapter members travelled to Ball State University to hear Oakland Athletics GM Billy Beane speak.

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

Wally Pipp Chapter / Western Michigan

We had two meetings this year. First, at our normal spot, Brann's Steakhouse and Sports Bar. We were disappointed with the turnout, but the members that were there had a great time. We discussed, of course, the Tigers World Series performance and miscellaneous other baseball topics.

We had our second meeting at a West Michigan Whitecaps game. The Whitecaps are the Tigers' low Class A minor-league team. There was a much better turnout.

We had two speakers. First, Dan Elve. Mr. Elve worked for the Tigers back in the 1980s. He's currently the color commentator on the Whitecaps radio broadcasts. He spoke a great deal about baseball strategy and how increased sabrmetrics has, or has not, impacted it (in his opinion!).

Second, the Whitecaps head groundskeeper spoke. He seemed surprised with all the questions. He was asked about grooming the field for bunts (he doesn't) and letting the grass grow longer to slow down ground balls (again, he doesn't). He said that the team leaves him alone to make the field the best that he possibly can. He hopes someday to become a major-league groundskeeper. The initial Whitecaps groundskeeper jumped straight to the Tigers and became the first female head groundskeeper in the major leagues.

--Don Petersen

Auker-Seminick chapter (Central Florida)

The Auker-Seminick chapter (Central Florida) staged two meetings this past year, blending baseball history from more than a century ago with contemporary baseball personalities.

In St. Cloud, Fla., on Oct. 13, 2012, former Cleveland Indians and Washington Nationals manager Manny Acta shared his experiences about the challenges young ballplayers from Latin American nations face as they embark on a professional baseball career in the U.S. Acta also shared his experiences as a manager with the Indians and Nationals. Dr. Susan Dellinger, granddaughter of Hall of Fame outfielder Edd Roush, shared memorabilia from Edd Roush's storied career and fascinating information unearthed while researching her grandfather's career, as well as the careers and experiences of Roush's teammates.

In Lakeland, on March 9, 2013, at the start of spring training, Central Florida members enjoyed lively presentations from Roy Kerr on Deadball Era stars Dan Brouthers and Roger Conner, both featured in new books authored by Kerr, and heard from Retired sportswriter and columnist Russ Schneider talked about his latest book, *The Legends of the Tribe*, about Cleveland Indians greats and recounted his experience while covering the Indians for nearly three decades, starting in 1964. South Florida chapter head Sam Zygnier shared the story of The Night They Played Baseball in the Orange Bowl.

A meeting highlight was the presentation by Carol McKechnie Montgomery, daughter of Hall of Fame manager Bill McKechnie, who recounted her recollection the baseball players her father managed and coached from the 1930s and 1950s.

--Rod Caborn

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

We tried on several occasions to get a group of more than a handful together. We did not have success at getting more than 2-3 members together.

We also looked at a mini subchapter meeting for SC residents at Shoeless Joe's home town of Greenville with just SC residents, but that failed to materialize after several attempts.

We are hopeful that moving the Knights to Uptown Charlotte in 2014 prompts interest by spurring attendance at a more centrally located and brand new park.

Thank you
Mark Dugo

East Tennessee Chapter Annual Report 2012-13

The East Tennessee Chapter of met several times in the last year with meetings in September 2012, January, April, and May 2013. The May meeting was held in Chattanooga which consisted of a tour of Engel Stadium by Lady Walker, a member of the Engel Foundation. Other meetings were based in the Knoxville area and have consisted of short presentations, discussions of possible Hall of Fame inductees, projects that members are researching and topics that they are interested in. Most meetings are have book or baseball card giveaways. A quarterly newsletter is being published.

Mark Aubrey
Leader, East Tennessee SABR Chapter

Dallas-Fort Worth Hall-Ruggles Chapter

The Dallas-Fort Worth Hall-Ruggles Chapter had two formal meetings during the last year. Our first meeting was on August 16, 2012 at the Legends Museum Auditorium at the Ballpark in Arlington. **Wally Moon**, former star outfielder of the St. Louis Cardinals and Los Angeles Dodgers, where he was the author of the famous “Moon Shot” home runs over the short left field screen in the Los Angeles Coliseum, was our featured speaker and signed copies of his memoirs titled **Moon Shots – Reflections on a Life in Baseball**. To commemorate the Rangers’ 40th year in Arlington, we also had a panel of Rangers’ players from the early years including **Ken Suarez**, **Bill Fahey**, **Rich Hand**, and **Mike Bascik**.

The chapter next met on January 16, 2013, also at the Ballpark. The meeting featured **Randy Ready**, who played in the big leagues for 13 years and is the current manager of the Gwinnet Braves in the International League, and **Steve Busby**, current Rangers’ broadcaster and author of two no-hitters during his playing career. Ready spoke about his major league career and managing in the minor leagues today. Busby gave us his insights on the prospects for the Rangers for 2013 (so far he was right on target, predicting a divisional title). We also heard from **Joey Prebynski**, Video Coordinator for the Rangers, and **Adam Lewkowicz**, Rangers’ Advance Scout, who both provided insight into their duties on a modern major league club.

The chapter also had a booth at the Rangers Winter Carnival in January where chapter members, led by **Jeff Wood**, visited with and encouraged patrons to join SABR. In addition, the chapter, led by **Bo Carter**, awarded its annual **Howard Green SABR Metroplex Collegiate Player of the Year Award** to outfielder **Boomer Collins** of Dallas Baptist University. Collins hit .374 with 58 RBIs in 60 games while leading the Patriots to their third NCAA DI Regional Appearance. **Bo Carter** and chapter president **Paul Rogers** presented the award to Collins at the DBU Baseball Banquet in February. It marked the 20th year of the award, which is named in honor of the chapter’s founder **Howard Green**.

Also, the chapter inaugurated the **Carroll Beringer SABR Metroplex Collegiate Division Player of the Year Award**, named for **Carroll Beringer**, long-time chapter member, former Texas League All-Star and Player of the Year (1959) and major league coach with the Dodgers and Phillies. Beringer, who passed away in 2010, was very active in supporting college baseball in the area. The award is for the top Metroplex collegiate player from colleges playing Division II, Division III, or NAIA baseball. The inaugural winner was outfielder **Chase Brown** of the University of Texas at Dallas, which is a DIII baseball program. For the year, Brown batted .413 with a .510 on base percentage and a .700 slugging percentage and was named to the Division III All-America team. Chapter president Rogers, Bo Carter, and several members of Carroll Beringer’s family, including his widow **Jimmie Beringer**, presented Brown his award at half-time of a UTD vs. University of the Ozarks basketball game in February.

MAGNOLIA CHAPTER (Atlanta, GA)

The Magnolia Chapter held its Fall Banquet in November 2012. The special guest speaker was Braves' Super Scout Paul Snyder, who shared his experiences as a player, coach, manager and front office executive during his long association with professional baseball.

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

- The Hot Stove meeting, combined with SABR Day in America, in February featured presentations by Brian Carroll on the Black Press and the Integration of Baseball and by Dick Grapenthin of Mizuno, who discussed Mizuno's glove technology. Bud Wendling showed us a portion of his extensive collection of Atlanta Crackers memorabilia.
- At the Play Ball meeting in May, Rob Weintraub shared stories from his latest book, *The Victory Season: The End of World War II and the Birth of Baseball's Golden Age*. Margie Compton, media archivist at the University of Georgia Libraries, presented 28mm movie film footage taken at a plantation in south Georgia in the late 1910's. The film showed plantation baseball, including what is likely to be the earliest scenes of African American baseball players.

The Ty Cobb Museum in Royston hosted a Chapter program that included a tour of the museum and presentations by Chapter president Mil Fisher, who discussed the life of baseball's serial entrepreneur, Bill Veeck, and by Jim Riley, who summarized some of the biographies contained in his recent book, *Of Monarchs and Black Barons: Essays on Baseball's Negro Leagues*.

On Opening Day, Chapter members attended Eddie Owens' annual Play Ball! salute to the new season at the Red Clay Theatre in Duluth. Singers and musicians John McCutcheon and Chuck Brodsky were joined on stage by Braves' organist Matthew Kaminski for nine innings of baseball songs and stories.

Chapter members attended events sponsored by Friends of Rickwood Field (Birmingham, AL), including the annual Rickwood Classic, which featured a minor league game played in America's Oldest Ballpark and an appearance by Ferguson Jenkins, and the 10th Annual Southern Association Conference, which this year was devoted to "Hollywood and the Ballparks of the Southern Association."

Chapter member Alan Morris was featured in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* for his "Oakland's Boys of Summer Tour" at the Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta. Oakland Cemetery is the burial site of many of Atlanta's most prominent historical figures and includes many citizens who had a connection to baseball. Alan's tour was presented to a group of Chapter members and is available to the general public. He continues to add new stops and stories to his tour.

Mil Fisher presented a biography of John Montgomery Ward, baseball pioneer, at the 25th Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture.

Chapter authors had a busy year:

- Terry Sloope contributed a biography of Rudy York to SABR's BioProject and biographies of Curt Flood and Bob Gibson to *Drama and Pride in the Gateway City: The 1964 St. Louis Cardinals*.
- Joel Gross contributed a biography of pitcher Don Gross (no relation) to *Sweet '60: The 1960 Pittsburgh Pirates*.
- Rob Weintraub's new book *The Victory Season: The End of WWII and the Birth of Baseball's Golden Age*, about the 1946 MLB season, was published in April.

We are especially proud of Chapter member Ken Fenster, who will receive a McFarland-SABR Research Award at the SABR 43 Annual Convention in Philadelphia. The award recognizes his paper “Earl Mann Beats the Klan: Jackie Robinson and the First Integrated Games in Atlanta,” which appeared in the Spring issue of the baseball journal *NINE*.

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

We also attended, as a group, games at Turner Field, Gwinnett, and Rome. Chapter members attended the SABR 42 Annual Convention in Minneapolis, the Arizona Fall League Conference, the SABR Analytics Conference, and the annual Milwaukee Braves Historical Association Hall of Fame Induction.

SABR North Florida – Buck O’Neil Chapter – 2012-2013 Annual Report

The North Florida/Buck O’Neil Chapter, based in Tallahassee, Florida, while small in size, has maintained steady activity in the past year.

In addition to our monthly socials and occasional book discussion groups, held on the first Wednesday of every month, the Chapter has held a series of meetings focusing on topics of local and regional interest in the hardball realm.

Our summer meeting convened in July 2012 in Pensacola at the Pensacola Bay Brewery. Chapter member Scott Brown presented on the history of baseball in northwestern Florida, focusing on Pensacola. Following that, former major leaguer and Pensacola native Kevin Saucier joined the meeting to talk about his life in the game, both as a major leaguer and, currently, as a scout with the MLB Scouting Bureau. The evening concluded with Chapter members taking in a Pensacola Blue Wahoos game at Blue Wahoos Park, situated right on Pensacola Bay.

The Chapter next convened on SABR Day in America, January 26, 2013. Following a short discussion of business matters, three local former semi-professional baseball veterans, Earl Dennard, Emery (Deac) Maddox, Jr., and Larry Roberts, regaled Chapter members with stories of playing at Tallahassee’s Centennial Field in the immediate post-WW II era, as well as barnstorming throughout the southeast. In addition, local author and noted baseball historian Wes Singletary presented on John Henry “Pop” Lloyd, with a focus on Pop’s relationship with Chapter namesake Buck O’Neil. Pop Lloyd, a native of Palatka, Florida, is the subject of Wes’ latest book, published in 2011 by McFarland Press.

Our most recent ongoing book club gathering, in May 2013, met to discuss Rob Fitts’ *Banzai Babe Ruth*, winner of SABR’s 2013 Seymour Medal for Best Baseball Book of 2012. A lively exchange over the book and its recounting of the 1934 All-Star tour of Japan was further enhanced by the participation of the author himself via phone, who graciously engaged members in questions about his research, interests, and future writing plans.

Pee Wee Reese 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 took place on SABR Day in January, 2013 at Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory in Louisville. Approximately 25 members and guests attended. At this successful meeting, several interesting and informative presentations were made, SABR business and news was announced, and everyone present received an attractive door prize. University of Louisville Baseball Coach Dan McDonnell was the guest speaker, predicting that the Cardinals would journey to the College World series this year, which they did. A proposal was made that the Chapter support a fund raising effort to erect KY Historical Markers at the sites of all the former Major League ballparks in the Louisville area; more on this in the future. 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.

As always, our fiscal status is excellent, and we are grateful to a donation that freed up the encumbered funds in our Chapter Treasury and will allow us more flexibility in program planning.

During the latter part of the 2012 season, LSM&F sponsored a "SABR Night at the Louisville Bats game" at its corporate suite for all Pee Wee Reese Chapter members, prospective members and lapsed members. Approximately 25 people viewed an excellent game between the Bats and the Gwinnett Braves and enjoyed refreshments provided by Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory. This event featured an appearance and remarks by Bats President Gary Ulmer. Once again, the LSM&F hospitality was outstanding.

Throughout the year, a number of members held informal gatherings in various casual settings to discuss baseball. A large gathering of members occurred for the February appearance and speech by Oakland GM Billy Beane at Indiana University Southeast. There was much online discussion and answers to research questions that were directed to our attention regarding the history of Louisville baseball. Several Chapter members are routinely contacted by local media outlets to provide background information whenever a baseball question or controversy arises. The Chapter also continued to support the efforts of Ms. Katya Cengel in promoting her book on current professional baseball in Kentucky titled *Bluegrass Baseball: A Year in the Minor League Life* (University of Nebraska, 2012).

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.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that the Chapter awarded its coveted “Home Plate Award” to two dedicated SABR members and supporters, Bob Bailey and Anne Jewell. Bob, who now resides in Florida, made countless valuable contributions while heading up the local Chapter for many years, and Anne has been a consistent and strong supporter in her capacity as Director of the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory. They are only the third and fourth recipients of this honor.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Rothgerber

Grantland Rice-Fred Russell (Nashville) SABR Chapter

The Grantland Rice-Fred Russell (Nashville) SABR Chapter had three informal get-togethers during the past year.

Two meetings took place at the popular Green Hills spot, The Crow’s Nest, where we welcomed new member and Vanderbilt student Ethan Schurkman along with John Reynolds, Pete Weber, and Skip Nipper.

On another occasion our group met at the home of Skip Nipper in Mount Juliet, where Pete Weber related his professional career as a sports broadcaster for several minor league teams. The voice of the NHL Nashville Predators, Weber was selected 2012 Tennessee Sportscaster of the Year by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association.

Support was wholeheartedly given by our Nashville chapter to Bryan Steverson and Mark Aubrey's formation of an East Tennessee chapter.

John Reynolds, Skip Nipper, and Bryan Steverson attended the Baseball in Literature and Culture Conference at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro. Bryan Steverson was a presenter.

Respectfully Submitted,
Skip Nipper

Robinson-Kell chapter

January 28

The guest speaker was former major league pitcher Mr. Kevin Campbell. He spoke of his baseball career beginning with his high school career in Pangburn, AR, of his winning a game in the 1985 College World Series for the Arkansas Razorbacks, and of his time in the majors with the A's and Twins.

Don Duren of Hot Springs then gave a presentation entitled Boiling Out in the Springs: The Cradle of MLB Spring Training, which included dozens of photos from the various spring training sites in the early 1900s in Hot Springs which included such notable players as Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner, Tris Speaker, and famous Boston Red Sox fan "Nuf Ced" McGreevey.

Fred Worth then gave the latest update on his hobby of visiting MLB player's grave sites. Caleb Hardwick followed with a presentation on the launch of his new web site www.arkbaseball.com which he hopes to become a collecting place for original Arkansas baseball research and other not-readily-available baseball data relating to Arkansas.

March 17

Before a crowd of 250 people, the Hot Springs Baseball Trail opened on March 17, 2012, at the site of Whittington Park or Ban Johnson Field as it was sometimes called. The Trail consists of 28 plaques commemorating the colorful history of major league baseball, negro league baseball and spring training in Hot Springs. The first plaque was placed on Ouachita Avenue on the actual site of Cap Anson and the Chicago Colts coming to Hot Springs in 1886 to "Boil out the winter."

Several members of the Robinson-Kell Chapter played major roles in the development of the Trail including Don Duren, Mark Blauer, Caleb Hardwick and Mike Dugan. Other SABR members involved were Bill Jenkinson of Philadelphia, PA and Tim Reid of Jacksonville, FL.

As of the end of May 2013 the Trail has averaged well over 1,000 internet hits a month and over 450 smart phone QR code hits per month. So far visitors from all 50 states and 34 foreign countries have visited the Trail.

July 14

Special guests were eight SABR members who are part of a group they call the Universal Baseball Association (*name taken* from the 1968 novel by J. Henry Waugh). Beginning in 1991, the group has trekked to a different city/area each summer to take in a long weekend of baseball and the local sights. This year their destination was Dickey-Stephens Park to see the Arkansas Travelers.

Playing off the theme of the new Hot Springs Baseball Trail that opened in March, Caleb Hardwick followed with a presentation on what a hypothetical "Little Rock Baseball Trail" would look like. His presentation highlighted several spots of importance in Little Rock baseball history.

After the meeting, the UBA members and several of the Robinson-Kell members journeyed across the street to see the Tulsa Drillers take on the Arkansas Travelers. The group got their money's worth as Tulsa won 7-2 after getting five runs in the top of the 17th inning. It was the longest game in the history of Dickey-Stephens Park, which opened in 2007.

Rogers Hornsby Chapter / Central and South Texas

Annual Report for January 2012 to May 2013

By Gilbert D. Martinez
Chapter Commissioner
Rogers Hornsby Chapter

The Rogers Hornsby Chapter of the Society for American Baseball Research continued its long streak of consecutive months with a meeting, hosted its largest winter meeting thus far, recognized SABR day and organized outings to minor and major league baseball games.

In January 2013, more than 50 members and guests attended the Seventh Annual Winter Meeting in historic Old Main on the Texas State University-San Marcos campus. Featured speakers included Bill Brown, the longtime Astros broadcaster, Tom Kayser, president of the Texas League (AA), Mike Capps, radio broadcaster for the Round Rock Express and Norman Macht, Connie Mack biographer and former SABR board member. In addition, Aaron Baggett, professor of psychology at the University of Mary Hardin Baylor in Belton, presented research examining umpires' objective and subjective tendencies when calling balls and strikes. Also, Bob Tholkes, a longtime SABR member active in the Halsey Hall Chapter in Minneapolis, shared his research about the New York Knickerbockers rules of baseball from the 1840s.

Through May 2013, the Hornsby Chapter has met for 78 consecutive months, a streak dating to December 2006.

The chapter organized outings to watch the Houston Astros play at Minute Maid Park in August 2012. We also had a group outing to watch the Round Rock Express play in June 2012 and a match between the Texas Rangers and the Express in March 2012.

In 2012, the chapter held their Sixth Annual Winter Meeting, which included presentations by Branch Rickey III, president of the Pacific Coast League; Frank Coffland, a retired minor league umpire; Norman Macht, baseball historian, former SABR board member and author of the multi-volume biography of Connie Mack; and Scott Barzilla, author of "The Hall of Fame Index."

Another 2012 chapter highlight was the book signing by Macht of his newly published *Connie Mack: The Turbulent & Triumphant Years, 1915-1931*, the second volume of his biography of the great manager.

For the third consecutive year in 2013, Hornsby Chapter member Monte Cely covered the Caribbean World Series. Cely posted updates, summaries and photos on the Hornsby Chapter website, chronicling Mexico's championship in 2013. In 2012, Cely covered the Dominican Republic's win in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Schott-Pelican Chapter of SABR New Orleans, LA

The chapter recently expanded its meeting schedule from two to four times per year -- for the last Saturday in January, April, July and October. The January meeting to coincide with SABR Day; the April meeting to coincide with Spring Training; the July meeting to coincide with the All-Star break; and the October meeting to coincide with the World Series.

This year's July meeting will be held in conjunction with the New Orleans Zephyrs at the ballpark before they play Nashville. We will have a brief memorial service for SABR member Lenny Yochim, who passed away on May 11, 2013. Hopefully we will also celebrate founding member Arthur Schott's 94th birthday!

Our core group of members in the New Orleans area remains around twelve (12) members and growing older by the minute...

Dorothy Seymour Mills Chapter (Naples, FL)

Dorothy Seymour Mills Chapter (Naples, FL) had a successful meeting on February 27, 2013, with guest speakers, Tommy Watkins, coach in the Minneapolis Twins organization and Bill Spanswick, former Red Sox pitcher. There were many former major league players, scouts and managers in attendance as Naples draws many snow birds during the winter. Visiting SABR members from across the country also attended. There were about 80 people present.

SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER

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

Highlights:

January 28, 2012-Local SABR members and guests celebrated National SABR Day by attending the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Annual Memorial Classic Baseball Game held at Fort Lauderdale Stadium (former Spring Training site of the Baltimore Orioles).

May 19, 2012-Dr. Donald Spivey, author of *If You Were Only White: The Life Story of Leroy "Satchel" Paige* served as keynote speaker. Documentary Filmmaker Sam Bradley and Stephen Smith co-presented and shared their thoughts on the famous 1952 Florida International League pennant race between the Miami Sun Sox and Miami Beach Flamingos.

October 13, 2012-Carol McKechnie Montgomery, author of *The Deacon's Daughter* shared stories from her book and personal life experiences as the daughter of Hall-of-Fame manager, Bill McKechnie. In addition Pete Palmer and Lou Hernandez author of *The Rise of Latin American Baseball 1947-1961* served as presenters.

Allan Roth Chapter (Los Angeles)

August 5, 2012

SABR met at the Los Angeles Museum of Folk Art where we viewed the current exhibit of baseball related items. Fascinating.

Barry Mednick reviewed the 1951 Red Back cards and speculated on why certain players were chosen and other were not.

Don Zminda discussed the 1959 White Sox.

Andy McCue talked about how Chavez Ravine was selected as the site for Dodger Stadium and shot down several myths about the development of the area.

Jon Brusckhe presented new fielding statistics that provided a better analysis of players' glove skills.

November 3, 2012

Twenty two members and guests gathered at LA 84 in Los Angeles on Saturday, November third.

Dr. Richard Santillan presented a video about Mexican American baseball in Los Angeles and discussed his books on the subject. He feels that research into Mexican American baseball is at the same level as research into Negro league baseball was in 1970. He leads a project that will publish several more volumes about Mexican American baseball in different areas of California.

Former Dodger pitcher Tim Leary spoke for over an hour and a half about his career. "A professional athlete is a gypsy. You buy a house and two months later you are traded," he said. He reviewed the highs and lows of his time in the game and displayed his Silver Slugger award. Leary focused on 1988 when he helped the Dodgers win the Series, but he also mentioned that after losing his 19th game in 1990, the Yankees did not let him pitch again.

Leary mentioned his one career home run (hit off Steve Carlton on a 2-0 pitch) and deplored the lack of coaching in his early years. "I started at double-A, and the team did not have a pitching coach." He also mentioned his respect for Kirk Gibson and the importance of scouting, "We knew that Eckersley threw an inside slider on 3-2 counts."

Members displayed collectibles including nineteenth century baseball cards, Japanese League souvenirs, a baseball-themed coin bank, a box of Homers cookies from 1989, Jimmy Reese's bat, and a panorama photograph of the 1906 World Series.

Richard Smith provided a challenging trivia quiz about US Presidents' involvement with baseball and baseball movies.

SABR Day, 2013

Los Angeles, California (Allan Roth Chapter): 24 members and guests convened at the La Habra Library for SABR Day.

Ed Hart discussed his brief career as the general manager of the Fullerton Flyers of the Golden League. He mentioned the difficulty and expense of starting a team from scratch and gave us nine rules for success. Finding players was the easy part. He enjoyed working in baseball and maintains a continuing friendship with manager Garry Templeton.

Dick Beverage auctioned off a box of Bob McConnell's books, raising \$70 for the chapter.

Rick Smith presented a challenging trivia quiz entitled "Little Known Facts About Hall of Famers." Don Zminda had the high score.

We each filled out a Hall of Fame ballot, and there were no blank ballots. Mike Piazza and Craig Biggio were "elected", and no one else came close.

Ron Selter presented a detailed talk about Negro League Ballparks.

Barry Mednick reviewed 2012 Outliers.

June 1, 2013

Former major leaguer Chris Donnels spoke for 90 minutes about his college career at Loyola Marymount, his College World Series experience, the culture shock that resulted from his minor league assignments in Tennessee and Mississippi, his major league career, and his four years in Japan. One of his teammates was Ichiro Suzuki, who was so popular in Japan that he could not go out in public.

George Genovese, the scout who first recommended Donnels, discussed his brief major league career with the Senators and his preference for the Pacific Coast League. He talked about how he had saved the careers of Jesus Alou and Bobby Bonds by assuring the Giants that these players had the talent to play.

Stuart Banner, UCLA law professor, presented his book “The Baseball Trust”. He reviewed the major supreme court decisions on baseball and talked about his research at the Hall of Fame.

Larry Tye offered copies of his book “Satchel” for sale and briefly touched on the highlights of Satchel’s career.

Michael Maleta presented a compelling argument for using batter faced rather than innings pitched when calculating pitching statistics.

Andy McCue explained why the Pacific Coast League’s plan to become a major league never developed. He pointed out the limited resources of the PCL owners and their fear that a major league team would move to the West Coast.

Rocky Skyberg reviewed his favorite books.

Barry Mednick provided a trivia contest involving anagrams of Hall of Fame names.

Flame Delhi (Arizona) Chapter Report

Since last year’s convention, the chapter has been busy with meetings in Phoenix, Scottsdale, Tempe and Tucson. A pre-game meeting at a Diamondbacks game last September featured a season recap from mlb.com writer and chapter member Bernie Pleskoff. In November, Arizona’s Flame Delhi Chapter once again hosted the fourth annual three-day Arizona Fall League Conference in Scottsdale. In February, we participated in SABR Day with a gathering in the press box of Tempe Diablo Stadium, the spring training home of the Angels. The chapter met in Tucson in June where we held a day-long gathering which ended with the group attending the Pacific Coast League game between the Reno Aces and Tucson Padres.

Guests at our meetings have included former players Brett Butler, Matt Williams and Pat Darcy. Writers like Barry Bloom and Pleskoff have also been on the lineup. Of course member presentations are always part of the program.

In June the chapter launched our new website at www.sabraz.org. The site celebrates our Lee William “Flame” Delhi for whom the chapter was named and is uniquely “Arizona”.

Lefty O'Doul SABR / San Francisco Bay area
Annual Report / 2013

The Lefty O'Doul Chapter has enjoyed a productive season, we are currently at 286 members. We are using our Facebook page more and planning to revisit our website and other social media tools.

Our 2013 SABR Day in America was a very successful meeting that highlighted the research work of our own chapter members. SABR researchers are a remarkable bunch! The response was so encouraging that I plan to do it again. We needed more time!

We enjoyed a "Turn Back the Clock" game featuring the Oakland Oaks vs Seattle Rainers at the Oakland Coliseum. Several chapter members provided assistance to the A's on uniform and cap design, as well as contacting some local old timers. I really appreciate how willing our folks are to share their knowledge and expertise.

A San Jose Giants vs Stockton Ports game was also on our schedule. Minor league games are always a draw for our chapter.

We also paid our annual visit "Art of Baseball" at the George Krevsky Gallery and enjoyed lunch at Lefty O'Douls. Speaking of Lefty, the chapter has a letter writing effort in place to support Lefty's consideration for the Buck O'Neil award at the HOF next year.

The PCL Reunion in August is always a big event. Our chapter has been partnering with the PCL Historical Society to support this wonderful day of memories and celebration of that "third major league". I hear the best old timers stories at this event. Kudos to Mark Macrae and Dick Beverage for all they do for the PCLHS.

The Italian American Museum at Fort Mason hosted a fine exhibit called Italian Americans at Bat: From Sandlots to the Major Leagues. Thanks to Irwin and Sandy Herlihy for arranging and assisting with a tour and meeting.

We are sad to bid adieu to our longtime chapter member and former leader, and SABR Director, Paul Hirsch who is moving to Southern California. We honored him at SABR Day and said goodbye again at Lefty O'Douls. Thanks for everything, Paul! We'll be keeping in touch virtually, I am sure.

I want to thank the Lefty O'Doul Chapter members for their support. Thanks to Pete MacPhail for taking care of our treasury for all these years. Thanks to Mark Macrae for his support of all our efforts. Thanks also to Irwin and Sandy Herlihy for their support and assistance this past year.

Much appreciation to the entire SABR Board for all you do to support SABR and share baseball history and information. The upgrade in our communication tools has been fantastic and made a huge difference in our communications. Thank you for taking care of that! Thanks also to SABR HQ for the hard work that goes into putting on successful conferences and posting lots of great content to the website. I appreciate you all .

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

Northwest Chapter of SABR Annual Report

June 16, 2012 Meeting in Seattle @ Seattle Pacific University:

Steve Steinberg spoke on "The Day John McGraw Lost Control of His Team ...And Quit".

John Henshell spoke on Strength of Schedules

Mark Brunke gave a presentation on Leadoff Hitters

November 3, 2012 Meeting in Seattle @ Seattle Pacific University:

Tim Herlich spoke on the 1964 American League Pennant Race

Melissa Booker spoke on "Corporate America's Best Example of Business Intelligence: Major League Baseball".

Mark Brunke spoke on the Spread of Baseball in the Pacific Northwest to 1890

Robert Garratt spoke on "Mathew Fox and the Move West by the Giants & Dodgers".

January 26, 2013 SABR Day Meeting in Victoria, British Columbia:

Holly Jones, GM of the Victoria Harbourcats of the West Coast League spoke.

David McDonald displayed Vintage Baseball cards especially the Victoria Bees starting in 1911

January 26, 2013 SABR Day Meeting @ Safeco Field , Seattle:

For the fifth year in a row the Seattle Mariners gave us our own Suite & had various front office people speak to us.

Chris Gwynn, Farm System Director; Jeff Kingston, Asst. GM; Jack Zduriencik, GM; Eric Wedge, Manager; Wesley Battle, Mariners Baseball Operations Analyst.

We had a Northwest Chapter SABR Booth manned both Jan. 26 & 27.

David Eskenazi exhibited items from his amazing collection of Pacific Northwest Baseball.

February 16, 2013 @ Hillsboro Library in Portland:

President Mike McMurray & GM KL Wombacher of the Hillsboro Hops of the Single Short-Season Team that used to be in Yakima, but is playing in Hillsboro for the first time this year spoke about the challenges they face this year. They are affiliated with the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Pete Ward, a major leaguer who played for Baltimore 1962, Chicago White Sox 1963-1969 & the Yankees 1970, spoke to us about his baseball career while wearing his Yankees uniform.

Dan Schlevitz spoke about ranking pennant races objectively.

Neal Traven gave a talk called "All for One, one for All", which was about major league players who played all nine positions in the course of their major league careers and those who played only one position in the course of their major league careers (other than pitcher).

Mike Rice led his annual discussion called the Seattle Mariners Roundtable.

May 25, 2013, Seattle meeting at Seattle Pacific University:

Bill Mullins spoke about his recently published book about the Seattle Pilots. He'll be giving a condensed version of this talk at SABR43 in Philadelphia

Steve Steinberg gave a talk on Casey Stengel, complete with many photographs.

Melissa Booker made a presentation on Booker T. Washington's connection to Baseball.

Bill Woodward passed out graphs and led a discussion about population shifts in Major League Cities since 1950.

Mike Rice led a talk on four unnamed Major League Pitchers by looking at their statistics. It turns out they were all Hall of fame Left-Handed Pitchers, namely, Steve Carlton, Lefty Grove, Randy Johnson (soon to be HOF) & Warren Spahn.

Respectfully submitted, Rick Solomon / President of NWSABR

SABR Rio Grande Chapter Annual Report

June 2013

The second full year of the Rio Grande SABR chapter has seen a meeting nearly every month, and the membership re-elected its officers all of them—Terry McDermott, Dave Kunsman, Peggy Stevens, and Evan Chavez--during our business meeting in January as well as officially electing Kris Shepard and Gary Herron to the Board of Directors.

We have held speaker's meetings nearly every month, all but one at Isotopes Park, the home of the Dodgers AAA affiliate. It is highly proper to meet at a "green cathedral."

The most memorable speakers we heard this past year were Joyce (Hill) Westerman and Kate Vonderau, both of whom were members of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League (think "A League of Their Own"). Chapter members are assisting in the planning of the league's August 2014 reunion to be held in Albuquerque.

We also heard from two local authors, Lynn Bevill and Mary Darling, who shared their individual research into the old Copper League in New Mexico and Arizona, specifically with respect to its use of players outlawed in the Black Sox scandal, playing under assumed names. In addition, we listened to the stories of a legendary sports caster, Connie Alexander, more known throughout the country for his play-by-play of college football and basketball, but he also, as a high school student, provided the first play-by-play for the Albuquerque Dukes minor league baseball team.

Something different was the talk by Richard Arndt, a former groundskeeper at County Stadium, Milwaukee, who caught Henry Aaron's last home run ball. He gave us the history of that baseball's subsequent travels.

Other speakers included Rodney Tafoya who has pitched in the minor leagues, the Mexican leagues, and, now, semi-pro leagues for more than 30 years (his book appropriately is titled "Ageless Arm.") and Yolanda Acosta, the sister of Oscar Acosta, the former pitching coach of the Cubs and Rangers, who died too young in an accident.

Finally, we had talks from Kevin Andersh, Hank Paskiewicz, and Mike Foote, all former minor league players. Of additional note is the fact that Foote runs the Albuquerque Baseball Academy, where Alex Bregman, the 2013 NCAA baseball freshman of the year at LSU trained and played.

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

SABR Rocky Mountain Chapter

Annual Report

Monthly Lunch – (every 3rd Wednesday for past 78 months)

6 “GOTM’s” a year (Game of the Month) usually held Saturday evenings with portion of ticket price proceed chapter.

August Chapter meeting – August 18, 2012: Guest Speaker – Ozzie Guillen at the Denver Chop House.

15th Annual November Banquet / Denver Athletic Club - Master of Ceremonies – Baseball Tonight analyst and author of New York Times bestseller *The Extra 2%*, Jonah Keri

Featured Speaker – Roland Hemond, recipient of the HOF’s Buck O’Neil Lifetime Achievement Award. Keynote – Maury Wills, National League MVP 1961.

SABR DAY in America / Highland Tap and Burger

-Virtual Tour of Mark Tyliki’s most amazing baseball card collection. Deemed by Smithsonian Institute for depth and uniqueness. Truly and incredible multi-faceted collection.

-Umpires Panel, 28-year legendary veteran umpire Jim Evans (youngest ever 23 years old) as well as current MLB umpires Chris Guccione and Cory Blaser (youngest current) sat on our panel which was masterfully hosted by Marc Stout, Colorado Rockies Foul line reporter as well as host of the Root Sports Program *Rockies Weekly*. This was followed by our traditional en masse game of catch.

Spring Chapter Meeting: Guest Speaker Mark Razum – The only Head Groundskeeper in Coors Field existence. Also has worked under Tony LaRussa in Oakland as well as Gene Mauch while with Angels organization. Fascinating stories about the game from a very different vantage point.

SABR-Sacramento Chapter Report

2012-2013 Fiscal Year

Report prepared by John Moist, June 18, 2013

The Sacramento Chapter first met on the first Saturday of November, 1994. We continue to have a relationship with the Bay Area's Lefty O'Doul Chapter, with about 5 or 6 members of each chapter regularly attend the other chapter's meetings.

The Sacramento Chapter usually holds three lunches a year, in the spring, summer and in November, at Espanol, owned by a local family with a long history of supporting Sacramento baseball. We typically have 30 to 40+ guests, including 3 speakers. We do not charge admission for our meetings, and purchase of lunch is optional. We are self supporting and have not needed reimbursement from SABR since mailed notices and postage are no longer needed.

John Moist and Greg King are the chapter chairs, and share responsibility for inviting guests, getting the restaurant and conducting the meetings. The lunch usually include 2-3 speakers, including chapter members and invited guests, such as sportswriters, authors, former players, broadcasters, and anyone who can shed light on any aspect of baseball.

Our only funding and expenditures involves the raffle of books, videos and baseball memorabilia. Members donate raffle items and the proceeds are used to pay for the guest speaker's lunch, minor expenses, the Woody Wilson Award trophy, or more raffle items for future lunches. We currently have about \$230 on hand.

The Woody Wilson Award trophy, named after our late co-founder, is presented in November to someone who makes a contribution to baseball at the local level. Recent chapter meetings we held August and November 2012 and March 2013.

Our next meeting is in the process of being scheduled for August 2013.

Let me know if you need anything more. See you in Philly, my home town.

John Moist
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BOBBY THOMSON CHAPTER – LONDON, ENGLAND

Greetings from the Bobby Thomson Chapter of SABR UK located in London, England! In a land where football (soccer), rugby, and cricket are the major sports, we are a small, but dedicated, group of baseball enthusiasts who meet annually at the Three Kings Pub in the Clerkenwell area of London.

Our 2012 Annual General Meeting was held in November. Our afternoon of fellowship together was comprised of presentations, discussion, and a trivia quiz all about the sport we love the most...baseball! Our featured guest speaker was Joe Gray of Project C.O.B.B. which is *The Project for the Chronicling of British Baseball*. Joe discussed his recently published book, *Nine Aces & a Joker*, which details outstanding performances by pitchers in British baseball going back to 1890, and continuing up to nearly the present day. Chairman Bruce Greenberg then engaged fellow members with a baseball trivia quiz which was good fun, and enjoyed by all.

Our 2013 AGM is scheduled for October during the ongoing MLB playoffs leading up to the World Series.

Hanlan's Point Chapter (Toronto)

The Hanlan's Point Chapter in 2012 continued several programming trends from 2011 and earlier years. It retained the format of four quarterly events - two regular meetings in the spring and fall, participating in "SABR Day" in the winter, leaving the summer open for members to attend the annual convention.

For the second year running, the Hanlan's Point Chapter invited a speaker from another chapter to appear at a regional meeting. Norm King of the SABR Quebec Chapter spoke in May about the SABR Bio Project, using his biography of Expos pitching legend Steve Rogers as his case study. Norm was joined by Bob Elliott, longtime baseball writer for the Toronto Sun and recipient of the 2012 J. G. Taylor Spink Award. Bob fielded questions about "The Northern Game," his book about baseball in Canada, and his work as a baseball scribe for Canadian newspapers.

The SABR Bio Project also figured prominently in our October meeting, which was dubbed "The World Series of Trivia." Winners of the "Series" were awarded their choice of biographical anthologies on the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Baltimore Orioles. As an encouraging development, more members stepped forward to present research projects. Two research presentations were the focus of SABR Day, both on the subject of matchbooks. Fred Toulch provided a survey history of baseball matchbooks while David Matchett offered a presentation specifically tailored to matchbooks of the Montreal Expos. Meanwhile, John Robertson and Andy Saunders are in the advanced stages of publication of their book about the hapless 1916 Philadelphia Athletics.

Although efforts to form strategic alliances with the local baseball team continue to be shut out, the Hanlan's Point Chapter has perpetuated a strong relationship with the Fergie Jenkins Foundation, which shall reflect itself within its programming for 2013.

SABR, Puerto Rico Chapter

Although this report should be from last year to present time, June 2013, it also includes some important activities that our chapter celebrated during the final months of 2011 because they were never officially included on previous reports. In August 2012, our chapter was marked by leadership changes because of the sudden resignation of former chapter president Jorge Colon Delgado, due to personal reasons. However, the chapter continues active, celebrating meetings and activities by the then presidency of Jorge Fidel Lopez, until we had the opportunity to celebrate official chapter elections on March 27, 2013 when Luis R. Machuca was elected and accepted as new chapter president.

The following report summarizes chapter meetings and activities, from time frame period previous mentioned. Actually, chapter monthly meetings are held every alternate third Wednesday or Thursday.

SABR, Puerto Rico Chapter events recap as follows:

July 14, 2011 - Our chapter, in coordination and sponsored by Puerto Rican Sports Hall of Fame, celebrated a very special recognition ceremony in honor of former Puertorican, one year wonder Major League baseball player Saturnino " Nino " Escalera. Nino was the first Puertorican born player to join the Cincinnati Reds organization. The act took place at the old Sixto Escobar Park in San Juan with the presence of former PR Major League ballplayers: Benigno Ayala, Jose G. Santiago, Jose R. Santiago, Julio Navarro, Luis R. Olmo, Willie Montanez, Jerry Morales, Luis Rosado, and other guests that included PR sports and government personalities, family and friends of Nino. The event was a coordinated group effort of SABR-PR members Luis Machuca, Angel Colon, Edwin Perez, Daliana Muratti, Jorge Lopez, Roberto Ortiz and Ricardo Olivencia. It was a great success!

July 24, 2011 - Seven members of our chapter attended to Roberto Alomar induction ceremony at Cooperstown Baseball Hall of Fame. Jossie Alvarado, Nestor Gomez, Jorge Colon, Edwin Fernandez, Josean Torres, Roberto Ortiz, and Angel Colon were able to be part of that ceremony. Jossie Alvarado and Nestor Gomez were VIPs, invited by Alomar himself. It was a moment of great joy for our chapter.

August 7, 2011 - As our chapter is used to, we celebrated the birthday of one of our most beloved ballplayers, Luis R. Olmo. We met with him, members of his family and friends, in order to celebrate his 92th birthday. The act was held in Jorge Lopez's home and counted with SABR members Jorge Lopez, Luis Machuca, Daliana Muratti, Angel Colon, Edwin Perez and Ricardo Olivencia. Edwin Perez and Jorge Lopez were able to talk on Olmo's great contribution to baseball.

January 28, 2012 – The year began with the traditional SABR Day celebration. This time, former Puertorican Major League player Carlos Bernier was honored. The act took place at the Municipality of Juana Diaz and counted with the presence of former baseball players: Juan Benítez, Jose R. Santiago, Sandy Alomar Sr., Ángel and Pepe Mangual, Francisco Librán, Florentino Rivera, Antonio “Guinea” Alomar, Orlando Gómez, Raúl Mercado, Kermit Schmidt, Axel Vega, and Orlando Rodríguez. Chapter members Jorge Colon, Edwin Fernandez, Angel Colon, Daliana Muratti, Ricardo Olivencia & Roberto Ortiz were able to participate.

March 19, 2012- Chapter meeting.

April 15, 2012 - Chapter celebrates the debut of Hiram Bithorn, first PR born player to participate in the Majors. Sponsored by San Juan Municipality, members Jorge Lopez, Angel Colon, Nestor Gomez & Ricardo Olivencia, reunited to honor our baseball pioneer and legend at the Stadium named after him. Jorge Lopez summarized his research project on Bithorn's legacy. The act was honored with the presence of former player Luis Olmo and PR sports promoter Bob Leith.

August 12, 12 - As it is our annual tradition, chapter met to celebrate Luis R. Olmo's birthday, in order to honor him for his contributions to baseball as our "Americas' Ballplayer" or "El Pelotero de America".

August 25, 12 - Special chapter meeting as a result of sudden resign of former chapter president Jorge Colon Delgado. Member Jorge Fidel Lopez, who was at that time chapter vice president, took interim presidency.

Nov. 28, 12 to Dec. 01, 12 - Our chapter participated in the first Puertorican Sports Book Fair, sponsored by the PR Olympic Committee in San Juan. The chapter had an official booth in which some of our members were able to sell their research publications.

Sept. 17, 12 - Chapter meeting.

Sept. 30, 12 - This day, PR chapter celebrated the 40th Anniversary of Roberto Clemente's 3,000 hit in the Major Leagues. The act was sponsored by the Carolina Municipality and counted with a heavy crowd, that included former major leaguer Jose R. Santiago, first Puertorican Major League manager Edwin Rodriguez, Clemente's family members and friends. SABR members Edwin Perez, Angel Colon and Jorge Lopez were able to discuss the importance of 3,000 Hit with the audience. Also, SABR members Luis R. Machuca & Roberto Ortiz participated in the event.

Oct. 24, 12 – Chapter Interim president Jorge Lopez and Angel Colon published an outstanding commemorative magazine, related to Hiram Bithorn Stadium's 50th Anniversary.

December 31, 12 - Member Jorge Lopez resigns as interim chapter president and Luis Machuca enters as new acting president, until new official chapter elections.

Jan 15, 13 - Chapter meeting.

Jan. 26, 13 - Chapter celebrates annual SABR Day with a special panel on The Rescue of Our Sports Memories. The activity was sponsored by the Francisco " Pancho " Coimbre Sports Hall of Fame at the Municipality of Ponce and counted with the presence of former major leaguers Jose Laboy & Angel Mangual. The VIP Panel was integrated with well known Puertorican sports press members and SABR members Luis R. Machuca, Daliana Muratti & Roberto Ortiz.

Feb. 20, 13 - Chapter meeting.

March 27, 13 - Chapter meeting. On this meeting, we were able to celebrate our official chapter elections and the following members were elected for a period of three years to chapter's board of directors: Luis R. Machuca, president; Josean Torres, vice president; Angel Colon, secretary; Roberto Ortiz, treasurer and Edwin Perez, vocal.

The first week of March, our members were able to attend one of the rounds of the 2013 World Baseball Classic at the Hiram Bithorn Stadium. As part of this tournament events, two of our active members, Angel Colon & Jorge Lopez were proudly able to present the History of the Hiram Bithorn Stadium book in which they collaborated as co authors.

April 27, 13 - Chapter celebrated its monthly meeting. The graphic artists responsible for the creation of a beautiful painting in Bithorn Stadium's main lobby wall, honoring the Puertorican catchers, were our guests. Members Angel Colon, Jorge Lopez, Roberto Ortiz, Luis Machuca & Edwin Perez were able to interact baseball and art themes.

May 16, 13 - Chapter meeting included the joy of Team Puerto Rico success in 2013 World Baseball Classic, defeating teams Venezuela, USA and Japan.

Recap by
Luis R. Machuca
Chapter President
SABR-PR

Report SABR Quebec 2012.

The first SABR Quebec meeting of 2012 was held in conjunction with SABR Day in January. Because of certain conflicts with dates, the meeting actually took place one week earlier on January 21 with 10 members present.

Highlights included both the adoption of a set of procedures to establish a set time for the election and selection of a President and Vice-President (for two-year terms) with the year defined as beginning with the first meeting of the calendar year. And the presentation of the recently published book: *Il était une fois les Expos: Les années 1985-2004. (Once upon a time there were Expos: Volume 2: The years 1985-2004) by Jacques Doucet and Marc Robitaille.*

Both Marc and Jacques are SABR-Quebec members and both were present to talk about their impressive work. Marc is a respected Quebec author and filmmaker; Jacques was the voice of the Expos on French radio for 33 years and these days has been a perennial finalist for H of F Ford Frick Award for broadcast excellence.

Volume Two provides a masterful assessment of the latter years in Expos history. It tells a story of missteps and futility; of good intentions and bad decisions – and it ends with a finality that tears at the heart.

SABR-Quebec met again on May 5. This time our guest was John Elias, a figure on the Quebec baseball scene for almost as long as the Expos were in Montreal. A local lad, he was recruited first to Pasadena City College and then to Michigan State when he obtained a BSc degree.

He then signed a minor league contract with Baltimore but after several years labouring in Florida and elsewhere he returned to Quebec. Here he played in the reconstituted Provincial League and when the Expos came on the scene in 1969, he was brought on as a general go-to guy and batting-practice pitcher. He ran a baseball school with Expos players as instructors, he played for Canada in the Pan-Am games; he was a presence on the baseball scene in all quarters. In later years he has wintered in Florida where he is active in the Major League Legends baseball game/fund-raiser held annually at Fort Lauderdale Stadium in support of the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. A great guest; with great tales to tell of baseball in our time.

The final meeting of the year was held in Quebec City in conjunction with an Old-Timers game involving the local Capitales of the Can-Am independent league. For this meeting our guest was Jonathan Malo, a shortstop in the Mets organization who made a name for himself with Team Canada in 2011 at both the World Cup (played in Panama) and the Pan-Am Games (played in Mexico). Canada finished with the third best record overall in the World Cup, with Joe making the All-Star team. They did better at the Pan-Am Games, defeating the USA to win the Gold Medal, the first time a Canadian baseball team has ever won anything at the international level. In recognition of this accomplishment, the 2011 edition of Team Canada was recently enshrined in the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame. The accompanying plaque includes the name of the team's most valuable player - Jonathan Malo.

As SABR-Quebec looks to the year ahead, priorities include an upgrade to its website; establishing closer links with Baseball Quebec; an ongoing biographies project of Quebecers who played in the major leagues – and a changing of the guard as the founding fathers step aside and turn the leadership of the organization over to newer faces with fresher ideas.

Respectfully submitted
Bil Young

BASEBALL BLOGGERS ALLIANCE CHARTERED COMMUNITY

Chairman: Michael Lynch
Created: 2010

This SABR Chartered Community is an outgrowth of the Baseball Bloggers Alliance as a whole. As the membership is spread out throughout the country and, indeed, the world, there were no physical meetings during the last year.

The BBA as an entity spent the year making new connections between different bloggers as well as honoring players and writers with their awards. The BBA has grown to encompass baseball bloggers across the country and around the globe and has experienced the growing pains that go with that.

The goals for the coming year are the same as they have been in previous years: to encourage more of the existing membership to join SABR and the Chartered Community and to try to do more interactive things with the community, using technological methods such as email and collaborative document tools. We continue to work within the BBA leadership to formulate project ideas and strategies for engaging the Community membership.

Sincerely,
Mike Metzger

CHARTERED COMMUNITY – BASEBALL THINK FACTORY

Since 2009, the Baseball Think Factory Chartered Community has continued to share, collaborate, support, and review each others' research efforts on the Baseball Think Factory website (www.baseballthinkfactory.org). Whether in the field of biographical research, defensive analysis, the Deadball Era, the minor leagues, statistical analysis, or other areas, baseball research and developments always have a receptive audience in the BTF Community, which continues to “spread the gospel” of SABR.

Though members of the BTF Community interact throughout the year on the Baseball Think Factory website and elsewhere, the BTF Community always looks forward to the SABR Convention as an opportunity to reunite, share ongoing research, and hold its annual meeting.

CHARTERED COMMUNITY – Project COBB

In late summer 2012, the first collaborative book to be written by Project COBB members was published in print and as an eBook. Titled *Nine Aces and a Joker*, the work highlighted standout seasons from some of the greatest pitchers to have graced baseball's history in Great Britain and included writing by SABR members Josh Chetwynd, Joe Gray, Joanne Hulbert, and Harvey Sahker.

During the off-season, www.projectcobb.org.uk (the main organizational compendium for the Chartered Community's work) underwent major upgrade work. Among the biggest improvements were:

1. Single-season and career modern top-tier stats can now be sorted and filtered [within the website](#).
2. Statistical findings can now be linked to directly (e.g. Luke Foley set a [modern record](#) for times hit by pitch last season).
3. Event-by-event and career stats are [now available](#) for the Great Britain national team's major tournaments.
4. The illustrated, year-by-year Great Britain national team history can now be browsed [within the website](#).
5. An archive of domestic club and national team British baseball photos has [been launched](#).
6. Great Britain national team player biographies have been [presented more attractively](#).
7. Championship rosters can now be [browsed easily](#).
8. Project COBB Photography galleries can now be changed between and viewed [more simply](#).

Finally, a Call for Papers was recently announced for a new, online-only, peer-reviewed journal on the links between baseball and Britain: *This Diamond Isle*. The first issue is scheduled for later in the year, and enquiries about contributions should be sent to tdi@projectcobb.org.uk.

SABR Horsehide Trivia

SABR Trivia is now four years old as a Chartered Community and serves the membership by:

- 1.) ...writing, editing and presenting the SABR Trivia Contest every year at the national convention. The contest at SABR 42 in Minneapolis was highly praised, said by some to be the best yet.
- 2.) ...designing and presenting an award to the winners of the SABR Trivia Contest.
- 3.) ...spearheading the search for its antecedent history, compiling a list of previous trivia winners that is now available at <http://sabr.org/content/sabr-trivia-contest-winners>
- 4.) ...providing the questions used at the trivia contest and at the Fan-Fest held in conjunction with the 2012 MLB All-Star game in Kansas City. Ready to repeat if called upon.
- 5.) ...providing original trivia questions for the SABR.org web site: <http://sabr.org/trivia>

6.) ...originating daily baseball trivia questions and distributing them via e-mail to subscribers. This is open to non-members as well and has been responsible for many people being introduced to and joining SABR. These questions are from Horsehide Trivia, an organization independent of SABR. However, Horsehide Trivia is comprised of three long-time members and estimate that a majority of its over 1,200 subscribers are SABR members.

Related to the sixth item above, Gregg Gaylord has joined Bruce and Scott as the third member of Horsehide Trivia. Gregg will take an active role in the SABR Trivia contest in Philadelphia and we will also be adding Gregg as one of the SABR Trivia administrators.

Bruce, Scott and Gregg

SABR Librarian Chartered Community 2011 - 2012 Annual Report

Prepared by Lorene Kennard

June 13, 2012

The SABR Librarian Chartered Community met at SABR 42 in Minneapolis. Alas, there was no pool. So, we had to meet on the terrace off the hotel restaurant/bar with a close up view of the back of building next door. Let's hope the SABR 43 hotel in Philly has a pool.

PROJECTS THAT CAME OUT OF OUR MEETING

1. The Minnesota chapter website has a white paper called, "Baseball Research Primer." We would like to see a master list of sources and resources on SABR.org instead of each chapter reinventing the wheel.
2. Len Levin archive - is there an index
3. SABR archives- where are they? Do they need some TLC?
4. Where are collections of papers. Have membership submit info on collections of papers and where they found them. post the list on SABR.org.
5. How to Cite Sources guide. Style manual needs work.

I talked to Jacob after the convention about these projects. Here are notes from our phone call.

The Len Levin archive is indexed and is on SABR.org under Research Resources and it's the lending library.

The Collections of Papers idea is a good one. We need to figure out how to collect and present the data.

The SABR archives are probably still at Case Western. I contacted Case Western and had a great conversation about what SABR material they have. I sent Jacob a detailed email indicating what our charter group could do. He will talk to Marc and let me know how to proceed.

Jacob and I decided the first thing we should tackle is the *How to Do Baseball Research* document. (Involves #1 in our list.) I've read through some of these articles and they could definitely use some updating. I put a call out to our group several times with a list of the articles that need updating, but didn't get responses from anyone wanting to participate.

I will convene another meeting at SABR 43 in Philadelphia and discuss these projects. If there is not an interest level in participating throughout the year, I may have to consider letting SABR Board of Directors retract us from the league.

Union Project Annual Report

The Union Project has been inactive for the past year and I am recommending to the SABR board that it be dissolved as a chartered community. The main reason for this recommendation is that a union of baseball statistics has largely been achieved via the widespread adoption of the Pete Palmer historical baseball database, which has been licensed to important players like SABR, Baseball-Reference.com, Retrosheet, Baseball Prospectus, ESPN, and the Baseball Hall of Fame (via their agreement with B-R). In effect, this has largely accomplished the Project's mission, with a bit of a nudge from the Union Project process.

-- Gary Gillette, Union Project Chair

Larry Dierker Houston SABR Chapter Annual Report 2013

The Houston Chapter met 15 times in the past 12 months, conducting 10 monthly meetings attended by 373 members, played in 3 Vintage Baseball Tournaments and continued to work diligently on our book to be published in March 2014, Early Houston Baseball 1861-1961

September 17th. We honored AAGPBL and Texas Hall of Fame Member Red Mahoney as she described the “best years of her life” playing professional baseball with the South Bend Blue Sox. **Chris Chestnut** presented a program on 1-0 complete games including a no hit loss by former Houston Astro Ken Johnson. **Tony Cavender** reviewed recently published books on Gil Hodges and Sandy Koufax, **Paul Geisler** shared his experiences interviewing players for the SABR Bio project and **Mike Vance** reviewed a history of Spring Training in the Houston and Galveston area. Mike is convinced that 2/3rd of all Hall of Fame players either played, coached or managed in the Houston area.

Finally, and as the highlight of the evening, **Bill McCurdy** serenaded long time Houston Buff star and fellow SABR member **Larry Miggins** on his 87th birthday. At the same time **Mike McCroskey** entered the room carrying the 1951 Houston Buff's Texas League Championship trophy, something Miggins had never seen. Quite an emotional experience.

October 8th. The meeting began with a special tribute to Larry Joe Miggins the heart and soul of our vintage baseball team who tragically passed away on September 14th. Houston Astros broadcaster **Bill Brown** along with Zack Hamm made a presentation about Bill's new book “My Baseball Journey” in which Zack, who suffers from Ectodermal Dysplasia, was featured. A wonderful book about 2 very special people with all proceeds going to ED research. **Tal Smith** talked about the first season of the Sugar Land Skeeters in Independent Baseball and answered question from the group. **Tom Kleinworth** was recognized for his skill in coming the closest to predicting the number of Astros wins in 2012. It wasn't many.

October 27th. The Houston Babies played the Katy Combine in a doubleheader at the George Ranch as part of their Texian Market Days. Prior to the first game we honored the memory of Larry Joe Miggins and all Babies wore a patch “LJM” on their jersey sleeves. After the games we toured the Ranch

November 11th. We welcomed former major league knuckleball pitcher and recently selected to radio broadcaster for the 2013 Astros Steve Sparks. Steve, who graduated from Sam Houston State University told us how he has become a pitcher in college because he couldn't run fast enough to qualify for other positions. He also explained how, even today, he is celebrated throughout baseball for being involved in the top 10 stupid sports events ever. **Tony Cavender** gave a report on “Baseball Anthology” plus “Poems” by Phil Rizzuto. **Tom White** was the trivia contest winner.

December 10th. Our special guest was Gary Gaetti, a 20 year MLB veteran and current manager of the Independent League Sugar Land Skeeters. Gary, previously the batting coach for the Astros, hit 360 home runs in his career, 1 short of 361 homers hit by Joe DiMaggio. He

explained life in an independent league with all the ups and downs.. A very interesting gentleman who joined SABR members for a cool one after the meeting. **Mike McCroskey** gave a book report and **Matt Rejmaniak** outlined activities for the upcoming SABR Day in America.

January 14th. In one of the most outstanding meetings of this or any year we welcomed new Houston Astros Manager Bo Porter. None of us were prepared for the enthusiastic and dynamic individual who will lead our underperforming team. Bo first joined us for dinner before addressing our group. All 45 of us in the meeting room were captivated by the new skipper's vision for the team and his passion for baseball. He has a football mentality mostly learned from his mentor and friend Hayden Frye. The players will play the game the right way, they will play to their potential and they will play fast or they won't play at all. Bo spoke to use for more than an hour and a half and answered any and all questions. **Mike McCroskey** and **Herb Whalley** tied in the trivia contest.

January 26th. The chapter had 2 separate events today. First was to attend the Astros Fan Fest a Minute Maid Park and staff the SABR table to promote our organization. 12 members volunteered their time between 9:30 AM and 3:30 PM by working in shifts. The members were **Joe Thompson, Tom Plemmons, Herb Whalley, Erika Everette, Tom Murrah, Marsha Franty, Tom White, Bob Stevens, Harold Jones, Ira Liebman, Stan Curtis and Bob Dorrill** . 2,800 fans were exposed to SABR

Next came our SABR DAY in America program across the street from Minute Maid Park hosted by **Matt Rejmaniak and Stan Curtis**. Matt gave a report on Stan Musial and Earl Weaver, both of whom had passed away recently. Astros Authentics Manager Mike Acosta brought with him and displayed each of the new uniforms they club would wear in 2013 and described how they had been selected. There were also multiple trivia contests won by **Mike Vance** and **Ira Liebman** and a book exchange.

March 18th. A season high 50 members attended the meeting with our speakers **Ira Liebman**, broadcaster for the Sugar Land Skeeters and Houston Astros icon **Larry Dierker**. Ira spoke about his career path to full time baseball announcer which was quite interesting. He then turned the tables and interviewed Larry. Larry told tons of funny stories about his career and his peers. He then got serious and described the current state of baseball from his standpoint and mentioned some of the many problems recently created by Astros management that appeared to be fan adverse. **Larry Wimberly** reviewed his "Methodology for Viewing and Analysis Day by Day on Player Usage" followed by a **Stan Curtis** designed trivia contest which was won by **Tal Smith**.

April 20th. The Houston Babies returned to the field in Katy, Texas to play a doubleheader as part of the Katy Heritage Day, facing both the Katy Combine and the Sealy White Sox. A nice crowd showed up and numerous vendors set up tents to peddle their wares.

April 10th. Since the last meeting we have added 9 new members. Inspired by a front page photo in the Houston Chronicle showing Jackie Robinson in his first game in organized baseball that also pictured our own **Larry Miggins**, Miggins spoke about the April 18, 1946 game at

Roosevelt Stadium in Jersey City, NJ. As Larry said he, as third baseman, was responsible for 2 of Jackie's 4 hits that day by playing back and allowing Robinson to beat out infield bunts.

David Fanucchi, a local author wrote a book about the 2000 USA Olympic Gold Metal baseball team next shared his experience and book "Miracle on Grass" with us. His relationship with Tommy Lasorda was priceless. **Mike Vance** closed out the meeting by leading a stimulating debate on the background and impact of the DH over its 40 year existence as well as the statistical results. . Lots of strong pro and con comments.

May 4th. 31 loyal SABR members enjoyed an evening at Constellation Field in Sugar Land, Texas watching the first place Skeeters win their 7th game in a row. Skeeters representatives **Tal Smith, Ira Liebman**, Deacon Jones and M.J. Burns stopped by to chat with our group and to make sure we were having a good time.

May 13th. The chapter hosted SABR executives as they toured Houston Hotels in preparation for SABR 44 which will be held here. An oversight committee has been formed including representative from the Rogers Hornsby Chapter in Austin.,

May 23rd. The Babies attended and played in the annual Galveston Island Beach Review and Beauty Contest winning the championship game flanked by the Gulf of Mexico and the Hotel Galvez with the winner of the Beauty Contest throwing out the first pitch. A very good crowd with lots of cool breezes and interesting sights.

June 10th. **Mike Vance** started us off by showing the group artwork prepared by Patrick Lopez for our book. Patrick's renderings show 3 Houston ballparks now long gone and will be made available for sale. **Cliff Roberson**, who attended the SABR Analytics Conference in March, gave us a firsthand report on the 3 day session. **Joe Thompson** then talked about his first trip to Cooperstown and his speech, "Five Women in Baseball" at the National Symposium there.

In addition, during the course of the past 12 months our local researchers, writers and editor completed 10 of the 14 chapters for our book Houston Baseball The Early Years, 1981-1961. We also completed our fund raising campaign and selected a publisher to print the book due in March of 2014.

Bob Dorrill