

APPENDIX 1:
CHAPTER REPORTS

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ALABAMA

Rickwood Field

Greetings from the Rickwood Field SABR Chapter Serving Birmingham and Alabama. We are a rookie chapter but have a wealth of history supporting us. About 25 years ago a monthly baseball club, The Dugout Club, was formed in Birmingham. About fifteen years ago the club was revamped and The Triple Play Club was formed. It was a natural to fold this club into the Rickwood Field SABR Chapter. Many of our members are also board members of the Friends of Rickwood which was founded in the early 1990's to restore and preserve America's oldest professional baseball park. On June 1 the 21st Annual Rickwood Classic was played with the Birmingham Barons hosting the Chattanooga Lookouts. These teams are members of the AA Southern League.

Several of our members have been SABR members for many years and a couple of our members have attended a SABR National Meeting and the Jerry Malloy Conference. We were privileged to be part of the Malloy Conference in 2010 in Birmingham while we were celebrating the Centennial of Rickwood Field. We currently have a great relationship with the Negro Southern League Museum which opened in Birmingham last summer. Several SABR members serve on the Research Committee for this museum.

In March of this year the 13th Annual Southern Association Conference was held in Birmingham. This meeting features presentations on a variety of topics including white papers involving the teams and players of the Southern Association that existed for more than half a century and ended in 1961, to be replaced later by the Southern League. This annual meeting will serve as a major event for our SABR Chapter in the future. Our inaugural monthly meeting was held in April and our May meeting featured 86 year old Laurits Andersen who played with the Birmingham Barons and Montgomery Rebels in the 1950's. He was both informative and very entertaining. Future meetings will feature appearances by our wealth of former and current minor and major league players as well as a large number of former Negro League players who live in the Birmingham area. In addition our meetings will include presentations by our numerous baseball book authors.

Birmingham has been home to a number of prominent baseball professionals and our chapter could have easily been named the Willie Mays Chapter or the Virgil Trucks Chapter or the Alex Grammas Chapter or the Reverend Bill Greason Chapter or the Bob Veale Chapter, et al. As we move forward, we will have a combination of weeknight monthly meetings and Saturday luncheons so that our members from around the State can attend. Meetings will include Barons games and hopefully we can occasionally have meetings in Montgomery and Mobile in conjunction with those cities' Southern League games. We are very excited about our new SABR Chapter and look forward to visits from and visits to other SABR Chapters.

Co-President Lamar Smith Co-President Clarence Watkins

ARIZONA

Flame Delhi

Arizona's Flame Delhi Chapter has once again been active during the past year. Our two major events, SABR Day and the Arizona Fall League Experience were once again very successful.

The SABR Day meeting, as always, was held in the press box of Tempe Diablo Stadium, the Cactus League home of the Los Angeles Angels. (Read a recap of the event at <http://sabr.org/sabrday>)

The Seventh Annual Arizona Fall League Experience drew local attendees as well as members from around the country. The three-day event has become a regular stop for many SABR members. The 2015 experience was held on November 5-7 and featured four AFL games including the premier AFL Fall Stars game at Salt River Fields. Formerly known as the Arizona Fall League Conference, the event's name was changed last year to better reflect the diversity of activity that takes place including the games, two dinners, guest speakers and a chapter meeting with research presentations. Created by Chapter President Rodney Johnson in 2009, the event has become a staple on the chapter calendar. (Read the recap at <http://sabr.org/AFL>)

Other chapter events included participation in the Diamondbacks Fanfest, Scottsdale Spring Training Festival and the Arizona Major League Alumni Golf Tournament and dinner.

Members can stay in touch on the Flame Delhi Chapter website at www.sabraz.org ; on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SABR-Arizona-676847029010157/> ; and Twitter at <https://twitter.com/FlameDelhiSABR>.

Rodney Johnson
Flame Delhi Chapter President

CALIFORNIA

Lefty O'Doul

The Lefty O'Doul Chapter has enjoyed a productive season.

Our annual events include:

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

SABR Day – We partner with the Sacramento Chapter for our SABR Day. This year's SABR Day was highlighted by a visit with filmmaker Jon Leonoudakis and a showing of his wonderful documentary "Hano: A Century in the Bleachers", the story of sportswriter and activist Arnold Hano. SABR Day also serves as our annual Research Reports meeting. My thanks to those members who present their good and interesting work!

Partnering with San Francisco Public Library –We cohost a variety of baseball talks with Cubs fan and SFPL Librarian, Joan Jasper. Last year we welcomed Robert Fitts and Masanori Murikami. Rob's book, "Mashi: The Unfulfilled Baseball Dreams of Masanori **Murakami** Japan's First Major Leaguer" had recently been released. We also welcomed author Dan Taylor who spoke about his book on George Genovese, "A Scout's Report; My 70 Years in Baseball".

Partnering with Mechanics Institute Library: Chapter member Bennett Jacobstein, gave a delightful talk about his book "The Joy of Ball Park Food".

Ball games: We also made a return visit to the San Jose Giants.

Additional plans for this year include:

A visit to "The Art of Baseball", a baseball themed art exhibit, now held in Walnut Creek. This year we will attend a "Baseball Salon" featuring other artists/poets and writers on baseball.

Hosting Jim Gates, Baseball Hall of Fame Library Director, when he visits the Bay Area in August. We are working on plans for meeting him at the Oakland A's game.

Train trip to Sacramento RiverCats. We are trying to find a date that would work for the chapter.

Take me out to the brew pub? We all know that beer and baseball go well together. Thanks to member Dan VanDeMortel, we are looking into a visit and tour of the venerable Anchor Steam Brewery in San Francisco.

I want to thank the Lefty O'Doul Chapter members for their support. Thanks to Pete MacPhail for taking care of our treasury for all these years. Thanks to Mark Macrae for his support of all our efforts. Thanks to Graham Womack and Kate Johnson who have agreed to take on communication efforts...we will be taking advantage of social media! I would like to thank Dan VanDeMortel for his ideas and support; and Briana Schroder for her interest and assistance with the Sacramento trip.

I would like to thank SABR HQ and Board for all the support they provide. We appreciate all that you do to run the organization. Deb Jayne has been especially helpful to me, as has Leslie Heaphy. My thanks to Jacob Pomrenke for being there to help with "technical issues"!

Welcome and thanks to Marisa Elliot, we look forward to working with you.

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

Sacramento

SABR's Sacramento Chapter is now in its 23rd year. The chapter convened for the first time ever in November 1994 (perhaps, not coincidentally during the last major league strike). Originally the Sacramento area was encompassed within the Greater San Francisco Bay Area's Lefty O'Doul Chapter but many members balked at the 100-mile drive and so a separate chapter was established. That said, we have always had a partnership relationship with that chapter, with members of each chapter attending the other, and scheduling our meetings so as not to overlap.

Our general approach since our inception is to host about three Saturday luncheon meetings a year: one each in the spring, summer and fall but for several reasons the chapter did not hold meetings in the summer or fall of 2015. The Chapter has never elected officers and there seems to be little desire to do so on the part of the membership, but that is something we will likely explore in the next year or so. Greg King and John Moist have acted in the role of co-chairs since the beginning but John has decided to take a less active role beginning in 2016. Greg chairs the meetings and now sends out notices; longtime member and Sacramento baseball historian and author Alan O'Connor has stepped in to help organize the most recent and future chapter meetings. Other members have stepped in to assist during the meetings, including selling raffle tickets and organizing the trivia contests.

As it is with many other SABR chapters, our meetings generally feature 2 or 3 key presenters, a trivia contest (with a prize to the winner) and a successful raffle; our meetings usually last about 2 ½ to 3 hours. The raffle often features 50-100 books and other baseball-related items generously donated by our members. We often encourage attendees to take home additional items beyond the ones they won to clear our inventory! While we nearly always center our meetings around an affordable luncheon (\$15 or less), buying a lunch is never required.

The Chapter held a luncheon meeting on February 27, 2016 with 36 attendees; for the first time we met at the Limelight Bar & Cafe, Sacramento. The Limelight features walls festooned with historic baseball photos and scorecards reflecting Sacramento's rich baseball heritage. Our first speaker was member Tom Crisp, author of the recently published: *The \$1,000 Elimination League - A 1915 Sacramento Valley Baseball Experiment*. Tom spoke about his prodigious research on this little-known baseball league, with many players going on to play pro baseball. Our second speaker was member Clay Sigg, author of the new coffee table-type book, *Hometown Heroes*. Only 177 big league players could say they spent their entire long careers (10 years or more) exclusively with a single team. Clay shared his insights on these remarkable players and, as a preview to the presentation, led the trivia contest on the same theme.

The idea of holding a chapter luncheon meeting in Reno, Nevada (2 hour drive from Sacramento), combined with a group outing to attend a Reno Aces game of the PCL (Arizona Diamondbacks) drew some general support in concept. We intend to explore this idea further in June; Chapter member Tom Howell, who often made the trip over the Sierra Nevada Mountains to attend meetings in Sacramento, has offered to get a lunch room for the venue, which could be held on a Saturday in mid-July or late August, if there is sufficient interest.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg King

Ted Williams

Two Regional Meetings

- July 25, 2015 – *Summer Meeting* at the BRC in the San Diego Public Library. Wayne Towers presented his research on the subject of relief pitching, *Emergence of Relief Pitching, 1871-2013*. Rebecca Herman gave a presentation on her research concerning leadership characteristics of major league managers. Glenn Geffner, now a member of the Miami Marlins broadcast team and formerly with the Padres, talked about his career in broadcasting.

- January 24, 2015: The Winter Meeting. We returned to Petco Park due to the generosity of the Padres, who open up their auditorium for our use. Norman Macht led off with a talk about his recently completed trilogy of the Philadelphia A's and Connie Mack. Longtime chapter member Carlos Bauer spoke about his work with minor league statistics, including the treasure trove in the Weiss Collection at the San Diego Public Library. Josh Stein, Assistant General Manager for the San Diego Padres, talked about the team and the analytics that go into decision making. Josh spoke to us several years ago when he occupied a less lofty position with the Padres. Andy McCue did an interesting presentation on Bill Veeck, did he help or hurt his teams. Finally, our own Andy Strasburg gave a preview of his plans for the Summer Meeting during All-Stat weekend.
- Our next regional meeting will be held on July 9, 2016 at the auditorium of the San Diego Public Library in conjunction with All-Star weekend in San Diego. A diverse series of eight one-hour presentations are scheduled.

One Chapter Steering Committee Meetings and No *e-News* Issues

- Our Steering Committee met on December 8, 2015.
- We have produced electronic newsletters, called “e-News,” for Chapter members, but with changes in the position of Secretary, we did not do so this year.

San Diego SABR Baseball Research Center (BRC)

- We continue to go through the Weiss collection to identify reference and circulating material for the Library. Our Chapter's Steering Committee provided a ranking of 2015-issued baseball books for acquisition by the Library for our BRC.

Projects

- San Diego Library-BRC Partnership—acquisition of newly issued baseball books and annuals. (On-going)
- Historical marker for Westgate Park, second home of the PCL Padres—we continue to explore placing the historical marker with mall owners. Our latest approach is to ask the City Council person representing this area for assistance.
- The Chapter has a balance of approximately \$20,000 in checking, savings, and CD accounts. There is also a balance in the Library's BRC fund.

COLORADO

Rocky Mountain

The Rocky Mountain chapter meets the third Wednesday of each month at noon for lunch on a drop by basis. This takes place year-round at the Breckenridge Brewery. In June we gathered for our 115th consecutive monthly lunch. It's a very casual atmosphere of baseball camaraderie and conversation. If you're in LODO or can get there, please join us!

On Saturday, January 30th we had our annual Hot Stove meeting at the Breckenridge. It is held as part of SABR Day in America, in conjunction with chapter meetings across the country. The presentation featured Trevor Patch of the Colorado Rockies, the Club's lead member of their analytics team. Afterwards, we had a mass game of catch, an event we have become nationally known for. Admission is free.

The next chapter meeting was a fundraiser on April 23rd and it was held as a luncheon at the Denver Chophouse. Colorado General Manager Jeff Bridich gave his State-of-the-Rockies address to Rocky Mountain SABR. Cost is \$15 per person, not including lunch.

Later in the day was the first Game-of-the-Month, when SABR went as a group to watch the local nine take on the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Later in the year there will be another chapter meeting (Saturday, June 25th), the SABR National Convention in Miami, our annual trivia tournament (Saturday, August 20th) and finally our big event of the year in November, the 19th Annual Banquet at Coors Field. At this writing we are optimistic that at least a few of the Blake Street Bombers will be joining us. This promises to be a "don't miss" event! Stay tuned for details at www.rmsabr.org.

Yours in Baseball,
Paul T. Parker, President
Rocky Mountain Chapter
Society for American Baseball Research

CONNECTICUT

Smoky Joe Wood

Our chapter again had a busy and successful year. 10 of our members attended the SABR convention in Chicago last year. We now have a chapter newsletter, entitled: The Wood Pile. Several of our members contributed to this fine publication. Karl Cicitto edited it, and Stan Osowiecki designed it. We did a book project, commemorating the life and career of CT native Mike Sandlock. Alan Cohen and Karl Cicitto spearheaded this effort. Some of our members met with Sandlock and his family. He was the oldest living US major league player, and he recently passed, after reaching 100 years old!

Middlesex Community College, in Middletown, CT, home of Steve Krevisky, hosted a chapter meeting in the fall, and national SABR day in January. We enjoyed the HOF discussion, and the resulting give and take. We enjoyed a holiday luncheon at a restaurant in Middletown, organized by Stan Dziurgot. Our Feb. general meeting at Quinnipiac featured a good presentation by Larry Levine on Jews in baseball, and a player panel, which included Ken Mackenzie, and Ron D'Iorio.

We have regular chapter breakfasts, which are informal, and trips to the New Britain Rock Cats games. They are now the Hartford Yard Goats. Our members do research, write books (Paul Hensler and Bill Ryczek), and give presentations at state-wide and regional events. Alan Cohen and Steve Krevisky gave poster presentations at the Chicago convention last year. Our officers were also part of discussions at the Chapter Leaders meeting on how to improve things within the chapters.

We have increased our communication efforts, as Stan works with new members, Alan is our Treasurer, and Karl communicates through Facebook and our web-site. Steve sends out e-mail blasts through the SABR web-site. We have book sales at our meetings, and Alan writes a number of biographies. We will have a group trip to Yankee Stadium for Old-Timers day on June 12, and will screen the Arnold Hano documentary at Middlesex CC on June 18.

We have good participation in our various activities, and our events are open to the public, as well as to members of other chapters. We have a good leadership team, and we expect to continue our development! We are also pleased that Marjorie Adam, a descendant of Doc Adams, is pushing for him to get into the HOF!

Report submitted by Chapter Pres. Steve Krevisky, Treasurer Alan Cohen, Communications Director Karl Cicitto, and Membership Director Stan Dziurgot, on behalf of our members!

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Bob Davids

It's rare that a chapter reports that it got smaller in the last year and that is good news. Traditionally, the Bob Davids Chapter stretched from southern Pennsylvania to southern Virginia, including two major league cities, Baltimore and Washington. In the last year, though, there is a new Baltimore chapter, the Babe Ruth Chapter, which provides another outlet for SABR members in the mid-Atlantic area. More SABR is always good!

That does not mean that we are abandoning our chapter members who are in the physical territory of the new chapter. Since members can participate in as many local chapters as they want, we have encouraged SABR members in the mid-Atlantic area to remain members of the Bob Davids Chapter while also joining the Babe Ruth Chapter (as I have). The two chapters work closely together to promote our events to each other's members and to avoid scheduling conflicts. For example, this year, the Bob Davids Chapter had its winter event on SABR Day and the Babe Ruth Chapter the week after, with more than a few members attending both events.

The Bob Davids Chapter has even given its President to the Babe Ruth Chapter. Bruce Brown was the Bob Davids President for a decade, but announced he would not run for re-election at the 2016 winter meeting, and he was subsequently voted President of the Bob Ruth Chapter. Vice-President David Raglin was elected President, Pete Cottrell was elected Vice-President, and Edward Veit was elected Board member at-large to fill Pete's seat. We thank Bruce for being an incredible President who deserves much of the credit for making the Bob Davids Chapter such an active chapter over the last ten years.

Otherwise, things were pretty much the same for the Bob Davids Chapter this year. We held our three usual annual events: Our minor league game on September 19, 2015, was a joint event at a Lancaster Barnstormers game with the Babe Ruth and Connie Mack Chapters, drew 28 members. Our SABR Day event in Rosslyn VA, went from 9:30 to 4:30 and featured six speakers, including Retrosheet founder Dave Smith and the Washington Post's beat writer for the Nationals, Chelsea Janes, along with trivia from Bruce Brown. Our Nationals game was on June 11 and 55 members heard from the Post's Barry Svrulga and vendor extraordinaire Howie Hart.

We also continued our three monthly events. Talking Baseball, held on the first Saturday of the month in Columbia, MD, is in its 18th year and has had 207 consecutive monthly sessions. Dave Paulson does a great job getting noted baseball authors for the roughly 20 attendees a month to enjoy. The Arlington Hot Stove Dinner, held on the second Wednesday of the month, draws about 10-20 people a month for good food and baseball talk. The Sliver Spring Hot Stove Dinner is held on the third Tuesday of the month and draws six to ten SABR members at the Tastee Diner.

FLORIDA

Auker-Seminick

The Auker-Seminick Chapter had a meeting in August in Lakeland, FL where Cy Young Award winner, Dr Mike Marshall was the special guest. Dave Chimora won a Mike Marshall autographed baseball card for winning a trivia contest about Dr Mike.

Peter Goldenbock read a selection from his latest book on Lenny Dystra, outfielder with the Phillies and Mets. Roy Kerr made a presentation on Big Dan Brouthers and Roger Conners, 19th century sluggers.

A small group met in November for a fun discussion of the 2015 baseball season and predictions for 2016.

The SABR day meeting was actually a SABR day and a week meeting in Orlando. George Gedda talked about growing up in Brooklyn when Jackie Robinson joined the Dodgers.

Gene Brock, former chapter president, talked about meeting Jackie Robinson and other Dodgers. He also related the story of when he met Rachel Robinson. Gene passed around his photo album where he met many of the games greats of the last 60 years.

Jim Bard talked about his book on Nellie Fox. He grew up in Nellie's home town and has many great memories of the Hall of Famer.

The group also had its usual discussions on the Hall of Fame, baseball rules, etc.

North Florida/Buck O'Neil

The North Florida/Buck O'Neil Chapter, based in Tallahassee, Florida, is enjoying something of a growth spurt in its membership, having grown by nearly 35% in the last year.

The Chapter continues to hold monthly socials, during which Chapter members and local baseball fanatics (or "kranks", if you prefer) share in a range of hardball-focused discourse, usually leaning toward the interests and/or biases of those in attendance. Such topical recidivists include Florida State University baseball and its never-ending quest for a national championship, MLB news of the day, the merits of those eligible for the National Baseball Hall of Fame, and the "Magical Year" in baseball that is evolving at the southern end of Lake Michigan.

Chapter members continue to generate new and interesting research, and are engaged in the ongoing SABR Bio Project and SABR Baseball Games Project. In addition, in the past year Chapter members attended SABR 45 in Chicago. Chapter attendance at SABR 46 in Miami promises to achieve a new level of Chapter attendance and participation.

SABR Day in America 2016 focused on an overview of SABR as a national and international organization, its roots, and its ever-evolving research and membership opportunities. Following presentations and discussions, the attendees enjoyed a viewing of Game 7 of the 1960 World Series, enjoyed by even those who favor pinstripes as the pre-eminent fashion statement.

South Florida

Message from the Chair:

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

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

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

Sam Zygmier

Chairman of the South Florida Chapter, SABR

2016 Chapter Highlights:

Headed up by Chairman, Sam Zygmier, 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 24, 2015-Celebrating National SABR Day was highlighted by three guest speakers including Alfred Fors discussing Sabrmetrics and the All-in-one Baseball Effectiveness Stat, Dr. Julio Rodriguez traveled from the Dominican Republic to share his thoughts on the World Baseball Classic, PED's and the Hall-of-Fame, and Judge Lou Schiff topped off the festivities reviewing baseball cases in the Sunshine State. Gerry Garte hosted the trivia contest.

May 16, 2015- Keynote speaker Steve Hertz, legendary Miami-Dade college coach and former major leaguer shared his insights into his career as a coach and player. Guest presenters included Rod Caborn, and David Larson from the Elden Auker Chapter. Gerry Garte returned as the host of the trivia challenge.

Summary:

There were two important contributors, whose assistance was invaluable, towards making a success of the South Florida Chapter. Special thanks to Barbra Zygmier who played a vital role in helping to coordinate and organize all of our Chapter meetings. Barbra ensured that all guests were made to feel welcome and her efforts towards helping put together all of our events were important.

Without her efforts the meetings would not have been possible. In addition, Gerry Garte has taken on the active role of Trivia Master and donated prizes to the members to encourage participation in our meetings as well as challenge the most trained of baseball minds.

GEORGIA

Magnolia

The Magnolia Chapter held its Fall Banquet in November 2015. The special guest speaker was Robert Fitts, author of *Banzai Babe Ruth: Baseball, Espionage, and Assassination during the 1934 Tour of Japan*.

Karl Green spoke at the Thirteenth Annual Southern Association Baseball Conference, which was held at Rickwood Field in March. Karl's research addressed "William A. 'Billy' Smith: The Crackers Manager with the Most Southern Association Pennants." Bob Barrier presented his research, "Trends and Themes in Baseball Kid Lit: Early Young Adult Literature," at Ottawa (Kansas) University's Baseball in Literature and Culture Conference.

Ken Fenster will serve on the Seymour Medal Committee for the next two years and will chair the Committee in the second year. The Committee determines the winner of SABR's annual Seymour Medal.

Craig Brown continues his research on baseball uniforms of the 19th Century, supported by a national network of "diggers." He maintains a web site, threadsofourgame.com, which displays his renderings of uniforms of the period.

Chapter members attended the annual Twentieth Annual Rickwood Classic, sponsored by Friends of Rickwood Field (Birmingham, AL), which celebrated the 1948 season, during which the Birmingham Black Barons won the Negro American League pennant and the Birmingham Barons won the Dixie Series championship. The Classic featured a minor league game played in America's Oldest Ballpark and an appearance by Darryl Strawberry.

Chapter members continued to hold informal meetings each month at various settings in and around Atlanta, including Matthews Cafeteria in Tucker, The Hudson Grille – Sandy Springs, and the Tallant Baseball Museum in Cumming. Non-members frequently attend, and the Chapter is pleased to report that many new members have been added to our membership.

We also attended, as a group, games at Turner Field, Gwinnett, and Rome. Chapter members attended the SABR 45 Annual Convention in Chicago, the Arizona Fall League Experience, and the SABR Analytics Conference.

- John Hill

ILLINOIS

Emil Rothe

In addition to serving as the host committee for SABR 45, the Chicago SABR Chapter did the following ...

August 29, 2015: Lisle Library Meeting

On August 29, 2015, the Chicago SABR Chapter held a meeting at the Lisle Library. The meeting included a presentation by Dale and LuAnn Klein about the Major League parks, minor league parks and countless other baseball-related locations they've visited across the U.S. and Canada; a presentation by Jim Walker, author of *Crack of the Bat: A History of Baseball on the Radio*; a presentation by Rich Hansen on the Eastland Disaster and the response at the time by the Chicago baseball community; and a presentation by Richard Smiley on the rebuild of the White Sox in the wake of the Black Sox scandal.

November 21, 2015: Eisenhower Library Meeting

On Saturday November 21, 2015, five people trudged through a foot of snow to attend a meeting of the Chicago SABR Chapter at the Eisenhower Library in Harwood Heights. The meeting featured presentations by Chris Kamka of Comcast SportsNet Chicago on the 1871 Rockford Forest City team of the National Association and Midwest League historian David Malamut on the 2000 Midwest League All Star Game.

January 30, 2016: SABR Day with the Milwaukee and Chicago Chapters

On Saturday January 30, 2016, in commemoration of SABR Day, there was a joint meeting of the Chicago and Milwaukee (Ken Keltner) SABR Chapters at The Brat Stop in Kenosha, WI. The meeting was co-organized by Rich Schabowski of the Milwaukee chapter and David Malamut of the Chicago Chapter.

Speakers included writer Scott Lindholm, on MLB attendance trends from 1920-2015 with a Milwaukee and Chicago centric theme; Meredith Wills, who has a Ph.D. in astrophysics and has since turned her attention back to baseball; Dennis Pajot, on turn-of-the-century outfielder Charlie Dexter; and representatives from a group that is rebuilding the old Rockford Peaches stadium. In addition to the speakers, a silent auction of autographed baseball books was held.

May 14, 2016: Austin-Irving Library Meeting

On Saturday May 14, 2015, 20 people gathered for a meeting of the Chicago SABR Chapter at the Chicago Public Library's Austin-Irving Branch. The meeting featured Josh Nelson of the *South Side Sox* blog who discussed the evolution of South Side Sox and how the site fits in the White Sox media world; Greg Wolf who edited and wrote a good portion of the recent SABR publication *Winning*

on the North Side: The 1929 Chicago Cubs; and Bruce Allardice who discussed his article in the recent issue of *Baseball Research Journal* entitled 'Playing Rotten, It Ain't That Hard To Do': How the Black Sox Threw the 1920 Pennant.

Richard A. Smiley

June 1, 2016

INDIANA

Kekionga

Bob Gregory was forced to resign due to ill health. We had one meeting in May under Bob, but the idea of combining meetings with TinCaps games was abandoned for lack of interest because only two or three local members showed up at the last one in 2014 and one of those has unfortunately since passed away. I personally have no interest in requiring perspective members to have to buy a ticket to attend a meeting, but, if enough people wish, I will schedule meetings so that those wishing to see a game can slog the arduous two block trek to Parkview Field from our meeting place.

I inherited the job last summer for the sole reason that no one else was willing to do it. We have had three meetings since. Our goals are twofold, to increase our membership and attendance and to correct the plethora of errors by the Hall of Fame, Baseball Reference, and nearly every other source about the location and details of what was long recognized as the first major league game, but is now considered the first game in a professional league.

Our first meeting in September was only attended by five or six people and we had to honestly look at whether it was worth the effort to continue. Fortunately, we had an infusion of new blood and we have tripled our attendance since then. Unfortunately, that may be an illusion because we can't ask Mike Nutter to speak at every meeting. The challenge will be to maintain the increase and then build on it.

The SABR Day meeting was a research presentation meeting and was well received. The last meeting had only an update of previous research. It featured Mike Nutter of the TinCaps as a guest speaker and a lively debate over many assorted baseball ideas. The consensus was that it was our best meeting ever.

In my judgment there is not sufficient interest to sustain our chapter based upon research presentations. We need to expand our membership first and embrace a diverse group of people with a variety of interests. To do that we have to give more people a reason to attend based upon things they would likely find interesting. The average baseball fan has little interest in most research

presentations. We will still have research presentations, but we will not emphasize them as much as I am led to believe other chapters do.

To encourage attendance I have sent out trivia questions that are answered at the beginning of the meeting and instituted a book exchange where members and interested parties can swap a duplicate book or one they are willing to part with for someone else's. I also began sending out a summary of each meeting to anyone remotely interested in hopes of showing them what they missed, which will hopefully encourage them to attend in the future and also show them we do not spend two hours or more "geeking" stats. I also experimented with a newsletter. It was not intended to be an adjunct of SABR, but rather baseball in general. It could therefore be distributed to a much wider audience and hopefully entice baseball fans into "seeking more where that came from." It met with mixed success. It was well received but only one person volunteered to help write the articles. I had hoped it to be a forum where fans could vent or venerate about any baseball related subject. At my age and energy level I am willing to write a few articles, edit and distribute it, but not to commit to doing the whole thing or even most of the thing myself. I therefore suspended it, but will probably make at least one more attempt and see if any of the new people are interested.

I found in my life's work that the best way to engage people is to provide them a personal interest in whatever one is attempting to accomplish. That is and will continue to be my style. I will solicit input from all interested parties and attempt to reflect each person's suggestions whenever possible and practical.

We will have summer and fall meeting at times convenient to the most people.

Bill Griggs

Lou Criger

The SABR Lou Criger Chapter met with former big leaguers Ron Hansen and Larry Haney on March 28, 2015.

The gathering of about 25 discussed many baseball topics with the two gentlemen and many attended a Virginia at Notre Dame baseball game after the meeting.

The chapter hopes to have at least an informal meeting sometime in the next few months of 2016.

We tend to meet as a group about once a year, though we have met more than that in some years.

Oscar Charleston

The Oscar Charleston chapter started the year with a fantastic event on SABR Day, with presentations by Howard Kellman, Dr. Peter Bjarkman, David Bohmer, Dan O'Brien, Pete Cava, and a panel discussion with former MLB pitcher and current pitching coach Dyar

Miller. There are plans for a summer outing to an Indianapolis Indians (AAA) game, and a fall meeting/watch party around the MLB Playoffs.

Thanks,

Noel

IOWA

Field of Dreams

The chapter had close to a full house in Suite 316 at Principal Park on Sunday, May 24, 2015, for a social gathering.

We did have a couple of brief research presentations. Giants fan, Steve Elsberry, presented the list of teams that have won 3 World Series in a five-year span (a club that San Francisco joined last fall, of course). As Steve noted, that feat has been accomplished on 8 other occasions and only one other time by a National League team (that was the Redbirds of the 1940's).

John Liepa brought along some baseball cards from the career of Dazzy Vance. Vance is one of seven Iowa-born members of the Hall of Fame. We should note that John's article about Cy Slapnicka, which he previewed at the January meeting, appears in the current Iowa Cubs yearbook.

Michael Gartner, owner of the I-Cubs, popped into the suite just before the game started and chatted with the group for about ten minutes.

In the game, the Tacoma Raniers scored four runs on two 2-run home runs, one in the first inning and one in the ninth. Between those homers, the I-Cubs tallied seven runs, and took the series finale 7-4 in a snappy two hours and twenty minutes (maybe that new play clock is working).

The next gathering for the chapter is scheduled again for Principal Park on Sunday, June 12, 2016. Presentations are to be determined. Submitted by "Umpire-in-Chief," Tim Rask

KENTUCKY

Pee Wee Reese

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.

The Chapter's primary regional meeting was held on SABR Day, January 28, 2016 at Ekstrom Library at the University of Louisville, courtesy of Chapter Board member Dr. Rodger Payne. The Pee Wee Reese Chapter's meeting was a resounding success. Unlike the ice and snow of past years, spring training-type weather greeted 22 members and guests.

Participants were counted from Louisville, Lexington, Lawrenceburg and Frankfort, KY; Cincinnati and Cleveland, Ohio; and Columbus, Indiana. One featured speaker, Sean Moth, the radio voice of the #2-ranked Louisville Cardinals baseball team for the past 15 years, discussed some of his experiences interviewing MLB players, and he gave pretty darn good impressions of Harry Caray and Vin Scully. Another featured speaker, Cincinnati Reds team historian Greg Rhodes, then gave an excellent review of pageantry, parades and pachyderms in his presentation on Reds Opening Days. Dr. Megan Shreffler followed with a summary of her research study, *The Socialization of Chicagoans into Baseball Fandom*, regarding how Chicagoans become Cubs or White Sox fans. Dr. Jack Sullivan again prepared and conducted the challenging 25-question written Trivia Contest, with cash prizes won by faithful SABR members Jon "Ace" Borie for first place and Robert Sawyer for second place finishes. Everyone present left with a door prize, including Ryan Schroer, who won a one-year complimentary SABR membership; and Roger Snell and Rodger Payne, who each won 4 tickets to the South Atlantic League All-Star game in Lexington. Much laughter and camaraderie filled the day. Next year, this event will return to its usual site at the Louisville Slugger Hall of Fame and Museum.

On Saturday, August 22, 2015, 22 members and guests met at Louisville Slugger field to enjoy the game between the Louisville Bats and the Norfolk Tides. Much food, drink and camaraderie was enjoyed by all. Bill Marshall and his wife Jan were honored for coming the greatest distance--from Lexington. Dr. Jack Sullivan's birthday was celebrated with a huge baseball-theme cake. As always, Jack did an outstanding job overseeing the 10-question written Trivia Contest, narrowly won by faithful SABR member Brian Lepley over SABRite Rodger Payne.

Bats President Gary Ulmer and Senior Vice-President Greg Galiette dropped by to say hello during the evening. In addition, everyone

present received a Todd Frazier Bats bobblehead. In spite of the outcome of the game--the Bats were two-hit in a 1-0 loss—it was a very successful SABR evening.

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 always looking for ways to use the funds in our Chapter Treasury to benefit the membership.

Throughout the year, a number of members held informal gatherings in various casual settings to discuss baseball. Our faithful steering committee members are: Harry Rothgerber (Spokesperson, Louisville), Bud Thieman (Treasurer, Louisville) and Craig Combs (Richmond), Brent Kelley (Paris), Bill Marshall (Lexington) and Rodger Payne, Chris Krebs and Robert Sawyer (Louisville). The most significant, ongoing challenge facing the Chapter is its dwindling membership, combined with the wide geographical distance that members in rural Kentucky must travel to attend any meetings or gatherings. Our low membership numbers prohibit an increase in formal meetings.

On a positive note, the Pee Wee Reese Chapter has always excelled in developing and maintaining positive relationships with its local partners, such as the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory, the Louisville Bats Professional Baseball Club, the Louisville Sports Commission, civic groups and political and governmental leaders. There is much support among the active members to host some type of SABR event, meeting or conference in the near future.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Harry Rothgerber

LOUISIANA

Schott-Pelican

Chapter Membership

The total number of SABR members currently enrolled in the Schott-Pelican Chapter is 46 (per the SABR membership directory on 5/10/2016). A general breakdown of membership by geographic location is:

- 24 from the metro New Orleans area, the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and Southeast Louisiana, and are the most likely candidates for regular attendance at chapter meetings
- 9 from the remainder of Louisiana, outside of the above areas.
- 13 from outside of Louisiana.

Chapter Meetings

The chapter held quarterly meetings in the metro New Orleans area in January, April, July, and October. The meetings were also open to non-SABR members.

The chapter typically had 10-12 attendees at each of its quarterly meetings.

There were usually 3-4 presentations and a baseball trivia quiz presented by attendees at these meetings.

The July meeting was held at a New Orleans Zephyrs home game in honor of the birthday of Arthur Schott, the founding member of the New Orleans-based SABR chapter.

SABR Events

Chapter members David Harlan and Richard Dempsey attended the Annual SABR Convention in Chicago.

Chapter member Ryan Whirty attended the Jerry Malloy Negro League Convention in Pittsburgh. Ryan received the Negro Leagues Committee's Tweed Webb Lifetime Achievement Award for his blog.

Other Noteworthy Member Events

Member Ryan Whirty helped lead the effort to have a grave marker dedicated to Wesley Barrow, New Orleans African-American baseball legend who died in 1965. The grave, which had been previously unmarked, is located at the New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery in Gretna, LA.

Whirty also helped spearhead the support for Negro Leaguer Dave Malarcher to be inducted into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame in 2016.

Member Research/Writing Activities

The following chapter members were active in research and writing published through the following websites:

Neal Golden - <http://goldenrankings.com/baseballpage.shtml>

Chris Rinaldi - <https://medium.com/simply-bases/>

Ryan Whirty - <https://homeplatedontmove.wordpress.com/> Ryan's work is frequently listed in the weekly SABR Notes communications.

Jim Miller - <http://www.jwmillersports.com/>

Don Hammack - <http://donhammack.com/>

Richard Cuicchi - <http://thetenthinning.com/> and <http://baseballrelatives.mlblogs.com/>
Derby Gisclair - <http://neworleansbaseball.com/>
Chapter report provided by Richard Cuicchi, 05/17/2016

MARYLAND

Baltimore/Babe Ruth

This is the first annual report of the Babe Ruth-Baltimore. We are proud to be one of the newest in all of SABR. We feel we are off to a good start.

Our activities since our formation last summer in Chicago have included:

First Chapter Meeting: Our first meeting to choose officers and set the calendar schedule for our first year. A Board of five members were elected, comprising experienced SABR members as well as some in their first year in the Society. The chapter (<http://sabr.org/chapters/baltimore-babe-ruth-chapter>) already boasts over 100 members and is ready to double that number by the time of our report next year.

Annual Chapter Meeting: Our first meeting of 2016 was Saturday, February 6 at Towson University. With 50 in attendance, we knew we were off to a strong start. All were very pleased with the presentations made by Mike Gimbel, John Holway, Brian Engelhardt and SABR's Vice-President Bill Nowlin. Bruce Brown delivered some tough but appropriate trivia (attached).

Annual Major League meeting: We held our first SABR/Orioles meeting at Camden Yards on Saturday, May 14 when they played the Tigers. We met in the DH Lounge, a meeting in the Warehouse at Camden Yards where we had three great speakers. They were former Orioles pitcher Dave Johnson, Orioles Public Relations Director Bill Stetka, and SABR veteran Mark Pattison. As we listened, we enjoyed a very nice buffet spread and then attended the game together. We already have a strong relationship with the Orioles as several of our chapter members work in the Orioles' organization. We'll have a similar one next year.

Annual Minor League meeting: On September 19, 2015, we had a great time enjoying a meeting, meal and game in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, home of the Barnstormers. This was a joint meeting held with our neighboring chapters, the Bob Davids (DC, Virginia) and the Connie Mack (Philadelphia). This year's minor league game and chapter meeting will be on Nymeo Field at Harry Grove Stadium to watch the Frederick Keys host the Potomac Nationals on Saturday, August 13.

Social Media Presence - Chapter web site: Our chapter's official website is going to be ready soon. For now, check us out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SABR-Baltimore-Babe-Ruth-Chapter-1450246771946623/>. Board member and Chapter Secretary Michelle Freeman heads up this effort.

Hot Stove Meetings. We will be copying the success of chapters around the country by holding localized monthly meetings where members can talk baseball and get to know each other. We're will be starting our own version after SABR 46.

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston

Since the last SABR convention, the Boston chapter has continued to offer local baseball events of interest to SABR members and other baseball enthusiasts. Boston and the surrounding cities and towns offer a wide variety of events, and the Chapter has endeavored to keep baseball out front and in the news. David Laurila, and Daigo Fujiwara also join me in steering the Chapter in new ways to bring baseball and all its impact and importance on the local Boston scene. Bill Nowlin is also instrumental in keeping us on the right path in doing so. Many members of the Chapter are active in volunteering their time and expertise writing biographies for the Bioproject and all the anthologies produced by SABR.

As has been the custom, the Boston Chapter holds their fall meeting just after the end of the major league season, all the better to inspire conversation about the what if, or what was. The 2015 season provided much to dissect, and Bostonian fans were able to endure another rather disappointing season, although even such a situation provides much to inspire us, as Boston is quite used to and able to endure outrageous victory as well as defeat. As it appears now, well into the 2016 season, we will surely be able to endure a different outcome this fall.

The fall meeting, held at The Non-Profit Center, welcomed Ken Ryan, former Red Sox pitcher, who described his career from a struggling teenage player all the way to professional baseball, and he also brought along his father who had written a biography of Ken, telling the story of his son's rise through the minors. A great speaker combination, the meeting provided an opportunity to meet a former player who had much to impart about playing major league baseball.

The annual Boston Chapter meeting is held on MLK Day in January, a time when we all are yearning for baseball and a look to the upcoming season. So far, the Chapter has been fortunate to avoid any weather issues, and this year was no different. A balky heating system at the Baseball Tavern did obligate us to hold the meeting in the main bar area this year. Not knowing how that might work out, we dug in down between the front door and the bar area., but as it turned out, many attendees found this abrupt change in venue quite accommodating and perhaps we will have to hold meetings there in the future as a few attendees found it convenient to sit at the bar and enjoy the meeting at the same time. . . . nothing like a stats lesson along with a Sam Adams lager. Thank you, Andy Andres, we now get WAR and all its subtleties.

Thank you also to Donna Halper and her presentation on baseball and radio in Boston. Gordon Edes walked over from Fenway Park and spoke about his new job as historian for the Red Sox. Also, Alex Speier of the Boston *Globe* dropped in and gave a marathon talk about his fabulous baseball column – 108 Stitches.

The Chapter also held a gathering on SABR Day – a walk around Fenway Park paying homage to the Teammates monument and other landmarks and then visited the retired numbers display at the parking lot over by Yawkey Station, and then adjourned to the Bleacher Bar under Fenway Park.

In April, the Boston Chapter again supported the Gibson Museum event that annually celebrates the history of baseball in Boston.

In May, a gathering was held in nearby Natick at the home of John Gregory to meet with Stew Thornley from the Minnesota chapter. At the gathering local baseball historian, Herb Crehan, spoke about the rich history of baseball in Natick.

Throughout the past year, several topics and concerns have been discussed among chapter members. For one, there is always the challenge of putting together a meeting that will resonate with members and inspire them to attend a meeting. The Boston Chapter has a robust list of affiliated members, and yet just a fraction appear at meetings. Location, time, date, cost, and subject matter always play their parts in deciding how to best bring more to the Chapter. We are sure that these challenges in the future will continue to drive how, why, when and who will impact the Boston Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Hulbert, co-chair
Boston Chapter

Rabbit Maranville

The Rabbit Maranville Springfield chapter had a meeting on April 25 of this year. Guest speakers were Tommy Shea and Mitchell Nathanson via skype. Mr Shea was promoting his book Dingers. Mr Nathanson has just written a book about Dick Allen. About 35 people attended. This was our first attempt at skype. It went pretty well with just a few hiccups. Our next meeting will be in September.

MICHIGAN

Detroit

The Detroit Chapter met again on SABR Day 2016 in Midtown Detroit. The meeting began with lunch at a bistro a block from the Detroit Public Library, with the main program being held in the Explorers Room at the Library.

The featured speaker for this year's SABR Day gathering was Jason Beck, hardworking Tigers beat writer for MLB.com. Beck, who is the only remaining beat writer to cover the whole of Dave Dombrowski's tenure in Detroit, spoke at length and graciously took many questions from attendees about his experiences writing about the Tigers since 2002. Jason offered many insights from his intimate view of Detroit's operations under President, CEO, and General Manager Dave Dombrowski.

Following his talk, Beck participated in a panel discussion analyzing the "Dombrowski Era in Detroit" that was moderated by WDIV-TV's ClickonDetroit.com managing editor Jeff Wattrick. Other panelists included Dan D'Addona, Steve Weingarden, and Gary Gillette.

The SABR Day meeting concluded with talks by two Michigan authors. Dan D'Addona, sports editor of the *Holland Sentinel*, spoke about his 2015 book *In Cobb's Shadow: The Hall of Fame Careers of Sam Crawford, Harry Heilmann and Heinie Manush*. Detroit-area sportswriter and consultant Bruce McLeod spoke about researching his forthcoming book on the 1880s National League Detroit Wolverines.

The year 2016 once again brought sad news with the passing of our colleague and friend Fred "Rick" Meister in March, followed by the death of Tigers broadcaster Paul Carey in April.

Meister died unexpectedly in Florida during spring training. Rick was a stalwart member of the former Southeast Michigan/Don Lund SABR Chapter and of SABR's Negro Leagues Committee. He was also key volunteer in the planning for the 2014 Jerry Malloy Negro Leagues Conference that was held in Detroit.

Carey, who partnered with the legendary Ernie Harwell on Tigers radio broadcasts from 1973–1999, was a former SABR member. Carey memorably and movingly spoke in 2010 at a Detroit Chapter meeting honoring Ernie Harwell.

The most recent local SABR news was the publication of *Tigers by the Tale: Great Games at Michigan & Trumbull*, edited by tireless Detroit Chapter member Scott Ferkovich.

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

Submitted by Chapter president Gary Gillette.

Wally Pipp

I'm at the point now where I'm ready to schedule the first meeting of the leadership team, which I'll do in the next day or so, for the middle of July. I think I've got 5-6 folks who are interested in serving on the leadership team, so I've got enough to get started I think.

I'm hoping the leadership team will be willing to get a meeting scheduled, of the larger group, sometime this summer as we make plans for the future.

There are a wide variety of expectations for SABR and what the members want, and need, from the local chapter. So we'll have to sort that out and see where we land. Thanks for your help and I'll copy you on everything I send out.

Doug Redford

MINNESOTA

Halsey Hall

It was a busy year for the Halsey Hall chapter. In January, several chapter members help staff a table at TwinsFest. On April 25, the chapter held its annual Spring Meeting at the Faith Mennonite Church in Minneapolis. There were three research presentations. Joe Niese gave a presentation on two western Wisconsin major leaguers Andy Pafko and Burleigh Grimes, followed by Dan Levitt's presentation on Pat Gillick and his "Many Rivers." The day's final presentation came from Frank White on black baseball in the Twin Cities. The guest speaker was Sean Aronson, St. Paul Saints broadcaster and public relations director.

The Halsey Hall Chapter took a couple of road trips that summer. The first was in June to Rochester to see the Northwoods League Honkers in action. The Northwoods League is one of several college leagues in the nation. The second was July 17 to Delano as the host Athletics squared off with Mound.

On October 24, the Halsey Hall Chapter made a return trip to the Faith Mennonite Church for their annual Fall Meeting. Thirty seven members were in attendance to hear research presentations from Bob Tholkes on The National Base Ball Club of Washington's

Western Tour of 1867; Emma Charlesworth-Seiler on Why Baseball isn't America's National Pastime and John Rosengren on The Fight of their lives-research done for his book on the fight between Juan Marichal and John Roseboro in 1965. The guest speaker was St. Paul Pioneer Press beat writer Mike Beradino.

The chapter also continued its bi-monthly breakfasts. They took place at a new venue, Curran's in Minneapolis due to the closing of the Baker's Square in Richfield. Also continuing was the Book and video club that met every other month.

So it was a very active 2015 for the Halsey Hall Chapter.
Howard Luloff

MISSOURI

Bob Boreg

The Bob Broeg SABR Chapter continues to meet monthly (February thru December) at The Original Crusoe's Restaurant in South St. Louis. The average attendance at these meetings during the past year was 16 members and guests. The meetings normally include open discussion on a variety of baseball topics, research presentations, book reviews, today in baseball history, a 13-run pool and season predictions. The evenings conclude with a trivia quiz. May 5, 2016 saw the chapter begin to hold a second meeting on the first Thursday of each month, that will be held at a different venue and be less formal, with no agenda, good food, and lively baseball discussion. In August the chapter held its first research conference with five excellent presentations and the awarding of the first Jim Rygelski Research Award to Celeste Czarnecki. The chapter held its annual Hot Stove Luncheon at Favazza's on the Hill, on SABR Day, January 30, 2016 with 42 in attendance. Featured speakers this year were Assistant General Manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, Mike Girsch, MLB Columnist Bob Nightengale from USA Today, and a special presentation by Steve Pona and Jeff Kittel on Chris von der Ahe. Several door prizes were also awarded and there was a trivia contest. Officers approved for 2016 are: President – Brian Flaspohler, Vice President – Jeff Ecker, Secretary – Jim Leefers, and Treasurer – Wayne Hebden.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Leefers, chapter secretary

Monarchs

The Monarchs Chapter of the Society of American Baseball Research celebrated the first world championship for the Royals in 30 years with its SABR day meeting which had 40 attendees. Speakers included Mike Groopman who is the Director of Baseball Operations and Analytics who talked about how the Royals team under Dayton Moore was constructed. Also writer Bill Althaus of the Independence Examiner talked about his book From the Guys who were there the Kansas City Royals.

NEBRASKA

Wahoo Sam Crawford

Unfortunately, the Wahoo Sam Crawford chapter is pretty dormant. I am in school in Indiana for most of the year now and there hasn't been much in the way of activity for our chapter in the last couple years. There are still a couple individuals in the area putting out great material however. In particular, Dan Hirsch (@DanHirsch) has really made a name for himself on Twitter and over at www.thebaseballgauge.com.

Submitted by Kieran Kelly

NEVADA

Maddux Brothers/Las Vegas

The past 12 months have been very exciting for our chapter. We have grown our membership to 21 and are having meetings every 2 months.

August 22-Event- Take me out to the ball game. 6 members meet at Cashman Field home of the Las Vegas 51's. Guest speaker Chuck Johnson GM of the 51's. Watched batting practice from the field and touring the park. Talking with the manager Wally Backman who talked about how he used Sabrmetrics to do his job.

September 26- Chapter meeting, planning for our second year as a SABR Chapter presentation from Ben Pawlowski. 5 Members present.

SABR Day- 10 members and 5 guest meet at the Las Vegas Mob Museum. Guest speaker Kirk McKnight, author of "The voices of Baseball", Ron Kantowski sports columnist for the Las Vegas Review-Journal. Duke Sims former Major League catcher. Presentation from Ben Pawtowski and Rick Swift.

March 6 Chapter meeting- 6 members meet in the Press Box at Cashman Field. 3 hours of discussion about the upcoming season.

April 30- canceled Take me out to the game due to wet cold weather. Game to be rescheduled in July.

May 14-Chapter Meeting, Book Report Rick Swift Discussed Billy Martin "Baseball's Flawed Genius" Chris Kaempfer lead a discussion if it was harder to pitch a perfect game or strike out 20 in a 9 inning game. Plans for the rest of the year discussed.

Rick Swift

NEW JERSEY

Elysian Fields

The Elysian Fields Chapter has been dormant for the last year, and has not had any activities.

Looking forward, I would be interested in partnering with others in putting on SABR chapter events. I have access to a meeting location in central New Jersey (Metuchen), and although we have not worked with the Yogi Berra Museum in several years, I would hope that they might be interested in working with us.

Therefore, I am hopeful that we might revive the chapter in the not too distant future.

Take care,
- Rich

NEW MEXICO

Rio Grande

The Rio Grande SABR chapter continued its emphasis shift from many (mostly monthly) meetings, each with relatively smaller attendance, to fewer meetings, each generally with far better attendance. In addition, we have invited the local teenage talent to our meetings. We are successfully tying our “in season” schedule to that of the Pacific Coast League; thus, we have been able to have managers and coaches from clubs visiting Albuquerque speak to us. Of course, we all know that the correct response from a player to the question “Will you speak to us next month?” is “Can’t do it. I’ll be in the show by then!” Off season, we have gotten locally grown players to speak to us since they are out of town during the season.

One friendly, and well timed, interchange we had occurred last July 18th, when we had a Saturday afternoon meeting that started shortly before the Boston Red Sox game that day. As a group—only one typing though—we tweeted congratulations/good luck to our local ballplayer, and our former guest speaker, Blake Swihart, who was about to start his first MLB game, and prior to the start of his game, he tweeted back a “thank you.”

Probably the most notable speaker we had this past year was Frank Viola, former Cy Young Award winner and World Series MVP and current pitching coach for the Mets' AAA affiliate, the Las Vegas 51s. That talk included an incisive discussion of the art of pitching—not throwing, but pitching. Specifically, he discussed the 7th game of the '87 World Series, when the Cardinals made adjustments to his pitching and he made adjustments to their adjustments (and the latter won the World Series) was almost jaw-dropping: the game between the players' ears and the execution of that game. We could easily see why the Mets' pitchers get to the majors with an advanced approach to the game.

We continue to field questions sent to us from throughout the country by other SABR members, about 3-5 a year, almost always concerning a relative who played in New Mexico at some time or other, and we do our best to dig up answers. The Rockies AAA affiliate, the Albuquerque Isotopes, continue to allow us to meet at the park, when they have no conflicts, and for that we are grateful. It is most appropriate to meet at a “green cathedral.”

Lastly, the chapter has no bank account and has no financial information to report.

NEW YORK

Casey Stengel

On Saturday, January 30, 2016, the New York City Casey Stengel Chapter held its annual meeting on National SABR Day, at the Mid-Manhattan branch of the NY Public Library. Chapter leader Ernestine Miller coordinated the day's program (10 am-3:00 pm) and served as the moderator. More than 100 people in attendance enjoyed guest speakers sharing research about Yogi Berra and the 1986 NY Mets.

The salute to Yogi was led by Dave Kaplan ---- founding director of the Yogi Berra Museum & Learning Center and included Pulitzer Prize-winning sports journalist Dave Anderson of The New York Times as well as Lindsay Berra (MLB.com columnist), the oldest grandchild of Yogi and Carmen Berra, The Pearl (30th) Anniversary of the 1986 World Champion New York Mets was led by Jay Goldberg, proprietor of New York City's Bergino Baseball Clubhouse, who provided stories and podcast highlights of discussions and interviews related to the 1986 World Champion NY Mets. Recorded excerpts included comments by Cy Young Award-winner Dwight Gooden, by Pulitzer Prize-winning sports journalist Ira Berkow and some words from Mookie Wilson.

Eric Weiss supplied trivia for the younger set as well as the more seasoned baseball trivia enthusiasts. Major donations, as usual, were added to the raffle prizes by Jay Goldberg of the Bergino Baseball Clubhouse (in Greenwich Village) which features book events with authors and former players each month.

Webmaster Kevin Carter maintains the chapter website and updates links to member sites, Facebook, and other social media.

Cliff Kachline

The Cliff Kachline/Coopersrtown Chapter had a meeting on SABR Day at the Bullpen Theater at the Baseball Hall of Fame. A solid turnout of 20 listened to Gabe Schechter talk about George Moriarty, Bill Deane speak on the futility of using pinch-runners and Pete Henrici laying out the true chronology of those elected to the Hall.

Pics and captions can be found at our Facebook page **SABR - [Cliff Kachline Chapter – Cooperstown](#)**.

Jeff Katz

Luke Easter

The Luke Easter SABR Chapter was involved with several events this past year as we continue to grow in our third year of existence. Our highlight event continues to be the Hot Stove Dinner held on SABR day. We once again held this at Frontier Field, the home of the Rochester Red Wings, and were fortunate to have John Thorn as our featured speaker to a sold out audience.

Other events included a World Series gathering, a tour of Mt Hope Cemetery focusing on Rochester baseball pioneers, a Rochester Red Wings baseball game, and several talks on Rochester baseball history in conjunction with local libraries. This summer will feature some vintage baseball exhibitions and outings at local minor league games.

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

NORTH CAROLINA

Carolina

The North Carolina chapter has been idle but a change in leadership is working to kickstart. For 2016, we are working with the other chapters to re-invigorate the chapter for participation - benefitting from SABR Office information/best practices. We have met with the Durham Bulls to set up an event at the park, and continue that dialogue.

Chris Dial
Chapter President

Charlotte

It's been difficult as best to arrange gatherings. The chapter is split and those in Raleigh and the outlying areas usually do not want to travel to Charlotte and vice versa.

We have done one game as a group and met several times but attendance us varied and sparse and reception luke warm.

The chapter has been dormant for several years as we can never get confirmation from more than a handful to attend a game or an event which as you know has minimums.

Usually 5-6 confirm. I'm still interested in doing what I can but it has been a challenge.

OHIO

Bresnahan-Mudhens

The Roger Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter of SABR enjoyed two events during the 2015/2016 year. On August 29 of 2015 the chapter attended a game at Fifth Third Field between the Indianapolis Indians and the Toledo Mud Hens. Over fifteen members and friends attended the game on an overcast evening which included a 34 minute rain delay. As long-time Hens Manager Larry Parrish approached the end of his Toledo career, the home-town Hens rewarded a sell-out crowd of 11,500 with a walk-off win in the bottom of the ninth inning. Steven Moya led off the final frame with a double to left field, after which Manny Pina ripped the first pitch he saw for a solid single to left field to give Toledo an exciting 4 to 3 victory.

Our chapter started out the 2016 season early, by taking in another game at Fifth Third Field. The game was played on May 9, and it pitted the Mud Hens against the Louisville Bats. Because of cool early-season weather a small group was in attendance, but it was rewarded with a 4 to 1 Mud Hens victory. Australian import Warwick Sappold pitched a complete game for the home nine, allowing only 3 hits and one earned run. Right fielder Steven Moya came up with 2 hits, and Casey McGehee hit a solo home run with a high fly ball to left field in the bottom of the fourth inning. Four different hitters drove in the 4 Mud Hens runs on the night.

Dayton

The Chapter normally meets twice a year. The Fall 2015 was cancelled due to illness.

The Spring 2016 meeting was held at the Dayton Dragons 5th/3rd Field on Saturday, May 14, 2016. A Dragons player, Narciso Crook, and the manager, Dick Shofield, were guests and shared their experiences with the group in a question and answer session. Blake Sherry presented “The Short Life of Addis Joss.” Chris Rainey engaged the group with “A Geographic Tour” of baseball, an intriguing baseball geography trivia quiz. Jack Carlson and John Schleppe presented their on-going research on the sites of the professional baseball parks in Dayton, Ohio.

The autumn meeting is planned for November, 2016 at the University of Dayton Library. Mark Miller agreed to take over the leadership of the Chapter. The steering committee consists of Jack Carlson, Allen Hye, Mark Miller, and John Schleppe.

Hank Gowdy

The chapter now seems to have an established inner core of members who attend most functions. In addition a number of additional members have become active, increasing attendance at many of the functions. What follows is a list of the chapter’s activities for this time period:

--May 1 and May 8, 2015—Informal chapter gatherings at Bill Davis Stadium to watch Ohio State baseball games.

--May 2, 2015—Our baseball book club met to discuss the Black Sox Scandal. Members chose from a list of authoritative books on the Scandal. Jacob Pomrenke, the chairman of SABR’s Black Sox Scandal Committee, joined us via telephone during the last hour. A lively discussion was held concerning baseball’s greatest cold case. Blake Sherry served as moderator for each of this year’s book clubs. The events take place at the Dublin Public Library. Members usually regroup for further discussion at a nearby deli after each meeting.

--August 5, 2016—Our group attended a Columbus Clippers game at Huntington Park. As in the past, Clippers President and GM Ken Schnacke joined us prior to the game in the ballpark's Hall of Fame Bar. He discussed the season to date and answered questions from the 23 chapter members and guests in attendance.

--August 29, 2015—The baseball book club met at the Dublin Public Library to discuss *Big Hair and Plastic Grass* by Dan Epstein. The author took part during the last hour via telephone as we discussed baseball in the quirky 1970s.

--October 27, 2015—A dozen members met at a local BW3 sports bar to watch Game One of the 2015 World Series. (A similar event at the new BW3 was held on April 3, 2016 to watch an early home opener.)

--November 14, 2015—Our last book club of 2015 was held to discuss *If I Never Get Back* by Darryl Brock. It is the first baseball novel the club has chosen to read. Mr. Brock joined us via telephone for an interesting discussion of historical fiction.

--January 30, 2016—This year's National SABR Day event was a special one. The chapter was invited to tour local member Tracy Martin's Vintage Baseball Museum. Housed in Tracy's basement, the museum contains literally hundreds of unique baseball artifacts including early baseball equipment, as well as a number of items loaned to the Baseball Hall of Fame. Tracy graciously furnished rolls and coffee before the tour.

--February 6, 2016—The baseball book club read and discussed *Yogi Berra: Eternal Yankee* by Allen Barra. The meeting drew 20 members, a record attendance for our book club. Mr. Barra spoke to the group via telephone during the last hour.

--April 2, 2016—Annual Meeting—Our sixth annual meeting was held at the Westerville Public Library before a record attendance of 40 members and guests. The meeting was co-chaired by Rick Huhn and Blake Sherry. The guest speaker was Greg Rhodes, the official baseball historian of the Cincinnati Reds. Greg's topic was "Opening Day: Reds Style." The other presenters and their topics were Jim Leeke (Class D: The Nine Eventful Seasons of the Ohio State League), Mike Lackey (Miles and Miles of Microfilm: Researching the Life of an Old-Time Spitballer) and Jonathan Knight (The Making of the Movie *Major League*). A challenging Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame trivia contest was prepared and presented by Chris Gallutia. Hall of Fame votes and MLB predictions were cast before the group adjourned to nearby watering hole, Jimmy V's, for more baseball talk.

One new addition for 2016 is a chapter fantasy baseball league. Local member Aaron Koch is league commissioner. There are fourteen teams each drafted and managed by one of our members.

Submitted by Rick Huhn and Blake Sherry

Hoyt Allen

2015 Winter Meeting of the Hoyt-Allen Chapter of SABR, Cincinnati, OH

The annual Winter Meeting of the Hoyt-Allen Chapter took place on SABR Day, January 24, 2015. We met at the Historic Hauck Mansion in Sharonville, OH. The meeting was attended by approximately 30 people.

Agenda:

9:30 – 10:00: Introductions and General Information

10:00-10:15: Lynne Gibson, Research Presentation

10:15 – 10:45: Steve Colyer, Cincinnati Sports Artist

10:45 – 11:15: Tom Tsuchiya, Sculptor

11:15 – 11:45: Dave Grob, Research and Author

11:45 – 12:15: John Erardi, Sports Writer and Author

Steve Colyer: Cincinnati Sports Artist

Steve developed a strong background in drawing and an excellent eye for design while attending The College of Mount St. Joseph's Art program in Cincinnati Ohio. He usually draws in pen & graphite but enjoys painting as well. Steve also takes some of his sketches and creates digital illustrations out of them.

John Erardi: Author, Sports Writer for Cincinnati Enquirer

John is a long time reporter and columnist for the Cincinnati Enquirer and co-author of several books on baseball. He is the three-time winner of the Ohio Sports Writer of the Year award and an AP award-winner. John will discuss and tell stories about his time covering baseball in Cincinnati.

Lynne Gibson: Baseball Fan, Collector and Researcher

Lynne is a long time baseball fan and fan of the Cincinnati Reds in particular. She has always had an interest in panoramic photographs as well. Lynne will present an original 1914 panoramic photograph and history of an amateur baseball game that took place at Brookside Park in Cleveland, OH. This game was attended by nearly 150,000 people.

Dave Grob: Researcher and Author

Dave has compared the 1947 New York Giants and the 1956 Cincinnati Reds. Each team ended up with 221 home runs for their respective seasons. The teams were similar in many ways. Dave will discuss the similarities also will have some related memorabilia to show the audience.

Tom Tsuchiya: Sculptor

Since 1990, Tom has completed many private and public commissions. In 2000, he unveiled his first major work: the larger than life-size bronze of D'Artagnan for Xavier University. The success of this sculpture led to the commission of the statues of Cincinnati Reds players at Great American Ball Park. He is currently working on Tony Perez for 2015.

In 2009, Tom was commissioned to create the "Madden Most Valuable Protectors Award", the trophy that is annually given to the National Football League's best offensive line.

Chapter Bank Account Summary

Beginning Balance for 2015: \$1253.12

Ending Balance for 2015: \$1253.12

NOTE: I still need to withdraw about \$90 reimbursement to cover fees and gift cards for guest speakers at the 2015 Winter Meeting.

Jack Graney

The Jack Graney Chapter in Cleveland held a winter meeting this past February at the Baseball Heritage Museum at the renovated League Park. We had a number of excellent guests and speakers at this meeting – Jim Odenkirk visited the group from Arizona and spoke about his new book *Of Tribes and Tribulations: The Early Decades of the Cleveland Indians*. Russ Schneider, author and retired writer with the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, told stories connected to his books and career as a journalist. Paul Hoynes, current Indians beat writer with the *Plain Dealer*, talked about the team; particularly he told some stories on the 1990s Indians. Robyn Marcs, author of the fiction book *Out of Left Field* based on the 1913 Cleveland Naps, spoke about the novel. The final presentation of the day was a panel on blogging with a number of local writers that included Dave Scott from *It's Pronounced Lajaway*, Michael Hattery from *Everybody Hates Cleveland*, Bob Toth from *Did the Tribe Win Last Night*, and Nino Colla from *The Tribe Daily* (and also a contributor to *Everybody Hates Cleveland*). We also had a trivia contest put together by Rick Bradley, and a book raffle.

Moving forward, the chapter administration will be handled by a leadership team that includes Morris Eckhouse, Joe Shaw, Joe Wancho, and Stephanie Liscio. Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 17 at League Park.

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma

OK-SABR met at the Chisolm Trail Museum in Kingfisher at an event co-hosted with the museum spot-lighting its on-going exhibit featuring the life and times of Carl Mays, one-time Kingfisher resident and Major League pitcher. Mike Sowell, author of *The Pitch That Killed*, a detailed account of the story behind the pitch that killed Cleveland Indians shortstop Ray Chapman in August 1920 was the featured speaker. In addition to Mr. Sowell's remarks, Kyle Arrington, Mays's grand-nephew, provided the group with further insight into Mays's personality and the impact of the event on Mays's life.

OK-SABR met Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016 at Bricktown Brewery in Owasso, OK. A guest presentation: *Playing between the Lines: An Examination of Negro League Baseball in Oklahoma, 1892 to 1965*, was presented by W. Jacob "Jake" Cornwell. Mr. Cornwell has spent the last three years crisscrossing the state conducting interviews and research on the little-known history of black professional baseball in the state.

PENNSYLVANIA

Forbes Field

MAY 9, 2015

9:30 – 10:00 Opening/Announcements

10:00 – 11:00 Grant Jackson

11:00 – 11:15 Annual End of Season Contest – Herb Soltman

11:15 – 11:45 "MADISON Bumgarner: The Greatest World Series Pitcher Ever?" – Bob Sproule

11:45 – 12:45 LUNCH

12:45 - 1:30 "When in Doubt Fire the Skipper" – Gary Webster

1:30 - 2:00 "The Winter of 1988: My Baseball Correspondence and Conversations on Free Agency With Roger Angell, Bob Costas, Frank Deford, Bart Giamatti, Tony Kubek and Sam Nover" – Alan Steinberg

2:00 - 3:00 Steve Blass

3:00 - 3:15 TRIVIA Contest

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 12 HEINZ HISTORY CENTER

SABR Day

9:00 - 9:30 GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

9:30 -10:00 Craig Britcher: Benefits of being a SABR National member and Possible F.F. projects
10:00 – 10:30 Dave Finoli: Ranking players in the “Pirate Encyclopedia”
10:30 – 11:00 Alan Steinberg: The Winter of 1988: My Baseball Correspondence and Conversations on Free Agency With Roger Angel, Bob Costas, Frank Deford, Bart Giamanti, Tony Kubek and Sam Nover
11:00 – 11:30 Sam Reich: Hall of Fame Update
11:30 - 1:00 LUNCH
1:00 - 1:45 Jim Haller: Growing Up With Baseball In Pittsburgh
1:45 – 2:15 Herb Soltman: Today’s Role Models
2:15 - 3:00 Team Ranking Contest / Trivia Contest

APRIL 16, 2016

9:00 - 9:15 OPENING REMARKS
9:15 - 9:30 TEAM STANDINGS CONTEST
9:30 – 10:00 LOIS THOMSON – THE FIFTY YEAR OLD SCRAPBOOK
10:00 – 10:30 ROBERT ROSS – THE GREAT BASEBALL REVOLT:THE 1890 PLAYERS LEAGUE
10:30 – 11:00 DOUGLAS BRANSON – GREATNESS IN THE SHADOWS:LARRY DOBY AND THE INTEGRATION OF THE AMERICAN LEAGUE
11:00 – 12:30 LUNCH
12:30 - 1:00 ALLISON PETONIC – OHIO’S CAPITAL CITY IN 1884:FLEET WALKER’S MAJOR LEAGUE VISIT TO COLUMBUS
1:00 - 1:30 BOB PRIDDY – FORMER PIRATE, GIANT, SENATOR, WHITE SOX, ANGEL, BRAVE
1:30 - 2:15 FRANK COONELLY – PITTSBURGH PIRATES PRESIDENT
2:15 - 2:30 TRIVIA

NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

RHOAD ISLAND

Southern New England/Lajoie-Start

As I pointed out last year, the Southern New England (Lajoie-Start) Chapter meets twice a year: in June under a picnic tent beyond the outfield at McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket, and in November at St. Philip's Parish Center in Greenville, R.I. While that is their proper chronological order – spring and fall – we prefer to think of the chapter “season,” just like a school year, as fall and spring. The November meeting, on the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend, is the one that's thought of as our “big” meeting, and draws the biggest crowd.

The Saturday, November 28, 2015, meeting at St. Philip's Parish Center had an attendance of 62 members and guests. We always try to have a player or former player as our guest speaker, and this time it was Rich Gedman, making his third appearance at one of our meetings. Our members like to hear Gedman because he is quite frank and pulls no punches. There were two other guest speakers: Steve Payne, a scout for the Miami Marlins, and Rick Elliott, author of a recent book on Clem Labine.

Research presentations were made by Duke Goldman (The Double Victory Campaign); Steve Krevisky (“It was 60 Years Ago Today”); and Dixie Tourangeau (“Red Sox, Red Stockings and a Trivia Casualty”). Father Gerry Beirne's trivia quiz was on the topic “Red Sox by the (Uniform) Numbers.

The previous 2015 meeting, on Saturday, June 13, was held under a picnic tent beyond the right-field bullpen at McCoy Stadium, home of the Pawtucket Red Sox. Though the weather had been rainy and gloomy for several days, it dawned bright and sunny on the meeting day, and 45 members and guests were at the meeting.

As is usual at the McCoy Stadium meeting, members of the Pawsox high command came over to talk to us: team president Mike Tamburro, manager Kevin Boles, and hitting coach Rich Gedman. The trio spent almost an hour answering questions and explaining the major-league club's philosophy of player development.

Two recent authors, Doug Lyons (*100 Years of Who's Who*) and chapter member Mike Lynch (*Baseball's Unknown History: The People*), talked about their books and autographed copies for purchasers. Research presentations were given by Mark Kanter (“An Interview With Marty Barrett”) and Mickey Tangel (“Lipman Pike, the First Jewish Professional Baseball Player”). Father Gerry Beirne's trivia quiz was on the topic of 50-home-run hitters. Chapter member Ty Waterman, a member of the SABR board, brought us up to date on SABR affairs at the national level.

Aside from its two yearly meetings, the chapter doesn't usually schedule any activities, because we don't want to impinge on neighboring chapters' activities. (There are three within a baseball's throw of us.)

Len Levin

TENNESSEE

Choo Choo Chattanooga

The past 12 months have been ones of change and evolution for the Choo Choo Chattanooga Chapter of SABR, but the coming twelve hold great promise for things to come. Brian Purvis became the new leader of the chapter last summer and held the first meeting of his tenure at a Chattanooga Lookouts game in late August. The chapter proceeded to develop its own Facebook page, and nurture a presence in local youth organizations by speaking at schools and baseball games on the connections between the sport and the classroom. This has matured into a collaboration with Lee University where speakers from several local chapters will be featured in professional development for educators in June. A small contingent traveled to the Louisville Slugger museum last fall, and the chapter continues to connect with the staff at Engel Stadium as they labor to preserve the historical field. Over the next year the Choo Choo Chattanooga Chapter hopes to continue to expand its roll with an emphasis on younger membership, as well as partner with Tennessee Association of Vintage Base Ball to bring overall awareness of the earliest days of the sport. A "SABR Night" in in the works for August at a Chattanooga Lookouts game, as well as summer and fall meetings. We continue to meet annually with our sister organization in Knoxville, the East Tennessee Chapter of SABR. Our chapter is in communication with the Chattanooga Public Library for a dedicated "Baseball Research Nook", complete with a small library on the local history of the sport and a dedicated research computer.

Brian Purvis

East Tennessee

The first meeting of the year was held on Saturday, **January 24, 2015** (SABR Day), at the Lawson McGhee Public Library, in Knoxville, TN. There were 11 attendees present, six members and five guests. Presentations were given by former major league LHP Steve Jones who spoke on his very interesting baseball career. Dr. Amber Roessner, journalism professor at the Univ. of Tennessee spoke on her recent book, *Inventing Baseball Heroes - Ty Cobb, Christy Mathewson and the Sporting Press in America*. Lucas Hobbs, Vice President of Bristol Baseball Inc., spoke on the Appalachian League, the teams and the parent club working

arrangements. Drew Jenkins writer/Sabermetrics Columnist at Rant Sports spoke on his columns and the work he does in Prospect and Free Agent Analysis. Mark Aubrey concluded our discussions with a presentation on research University of Tennessee baseball. A plan for the year was outlined. Upon adjournment, lunch was shared at a downtown deli discussions / debates continued.

The second meeting was held on Saturday, **June 20, 2015**, at the Tennessee Smokies Park, in Kodak, TN. There were 11 attendees present, five members and six guests. Lauren Chesney, Director, Community Relations for our Tennessee Smokies, led members on a very informative and detailed tour of the park, including suites, dugouts, batting cages, offices, broadcast areas, etc. Brady Cox, Umpire Clubhouse Manager, gave a very interesting presentation on the duties of a bat boy and answered questions on clubhouse operation. Mick Gillespie, Director of Broadcasting and "The Voice of the Smokies," entertained us with stories from the booth and his travels through the years around the Southern League. Member Ed Ripley presented his nomination of former Univ. of Tennessee Star and MLB LHP, Steve Searcy, for our Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame. Members signed the petition. Mark Aubrey discussed his research on the foreign players who have played for our Knoxville based professional teams in the past.

The third meeting was held on Saturday, **August 29, 2015**, at Malcolm Stadium in Bristol, VA. There were five attendees present, three members and two guests. Jeff Johnson, the Bristol Pirates pitching coach, talked about his time as a player and then as a coach. Guest Tony Hightower shared his experiences of taking an online course in Sabermetrics. Mark Aubrey was honored to throw out the first pitch of the game. Lee Landers, president of the Appalachian League, was in attendance at the game. He informally spoke with Mark and Marshall Adesman during the game.

The fourth and final meeting of the year was held on Saturday, **November 21, 2015**, at the Lawson McGhee Public Library, in Knoxville, TN. There were seven attendees present, all SABR members. Joe Gallagher gave a fascinating presentation on the "10 and 10 Club" of New York City, from 1959-1961. Mark Aubrey discussed the research he and his father, SABR member George Aubrey, were conducting on early baseball (1870s) at Maryville College. Lucas Hobbs discussed the upcoming MLB Winter Meetings in Nashville. Lucas also talked about the Apply League History project that our chapter could help research. Bryan Steverson revealed the 2016 Hall of Fame votes from an electronic poll of candidates emailed to our members. Our chapter would suggest the election Ken Griffey, Jr. (unanimous) and Mike Piazza to the Class of 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Aubrey
leader, East Tennessee SABR Chapter

Grantland Rice-Fred Russell Nashville

We had a meeting last night at a local tavern, publicized via the SABR directory to all chapter members. I received two confirmations, two said “I can’t make it”, two replied “thanks”, and one last night that apologized for not making it. For what it’s worth, I also placed a notice on my Facebook page, although I did not create an event invitation.

There were five who attended: me, my wife Sheila, Matt Arvin, Scott Kelley (neither had attended before), and John Reynolds. I had hoped to have more, but this seems to be the way things have been going over the past two years or so.

I’m attaching the handouts I provided for everyone. We discussed “Baseball” around a couple of beers and burgers. I suggested we meet on a monthly basis, hoping to grow from there, and John suggested that we gather at a Nashville Sounds game; not to sit together, but to meet around the 4th inning at one of the outside stadium bars. I’ll send a notice out about that once I look over the home schedule for July.

I will continue take this responsibility on until we have some sort of quorum to discuss leadership. Please have my title from “President” to “Chapter Leader” here: <http://sabr.org/chapters/grantland-rice-fred-russell-nashville-chapter>

Enjoy the Game,
Skip Nipper

TEXAS

Ernie Banks

The Ernie Banks-Bobby Bragan DFW Chapter had several events during the last 12 months. On May 18, 2015 about 25 chapter members had a group outing to a Frisco RoughRiders game, watching the game from a private patio area behind left field. On September 23, 2015 we met as a chapter at the Legends Museum Auditorium at the Globe Life Ballpark in Arlington. The meeting featured Thad Levine, Assistant General Manager of the Texas Rangers, who discussed the Rangers’ front office, the baseball draft, player personnel issues, the season thus far, and prospects for the Rangers for 2015. Following, Pat Combs, former pitcher with the Phillies and Brewers and former 1st round draft choice out of Baylor, spoke about his career in baseball.

Houston

The Larry Dierker SABR Chapter was busy again this year with 456 members attending 18 different SABR events locally. These included 12 monthly meetings, 2 vintage baseball games, active participation in the Houston Astros Fan Fest event and co sponsoring the 2016 Sugar Land Skeeters "Annual Hot Steve Banquet".

In addition, this past February the chapter helped promote and install a baseball park marker at the site of the former West Side Park, home of the original Houston Babies. Bob Dorrill and Jimmy Wynn also recorded a 30 minute tribute to HOFer Monte Irvin that has been shown on a local television station. Unfortunately we lost both Monte and Marie "Red" Mahoney of the AAGPBL this past year.

Guest speakers included Astros General Manager Jeff Luhnow, Sugar Land Skeeters president Jay Miller, former Astros president Tal Smith plus play by play announcers Bill Brown, Mike Griffin and Ira Liebman for the Astros, Corpus Christi Hooks and Skeeters respectively. Julia Morales of Root TV, Evan Drellich of the Houston Chronicle spoke to the chapter this off season while regulars Jim Kreuz and Bill McCurdy made multiple presentations.

Larry Dierker, former Astros player, manager and broadcaster attended a number of our events and spoke often to our chapter.

This month we were pleased to welcome and hear from Joe Perez founder and president of the OTW Bat Company who discussed the science of making bats to MLB specifications. This locally owned bat manufacturer already has a number of major league players under contract, particularly members of the Houston Astros and Kansas City Royals.

In January the chapter honored long time member and former St. Louis Cardinal Larry Miggins who this week was featured in a "Sports Illustrated" article about legendary Los Angeles Dodgers broadcaster Vin Scully, in it Vin talks about when he and Larry were in high school together in the early 1940's and discussed their individual dreams and aspirations about the future. On May 13, 1952 their dreams came true. Vin Scully was at the microphone for the Brooklyn Dodgers when Larry Miggins came to bat and hit his first ever major league home run for the St Louis Cardinals at Ebbets Field. What makes this event even more amazing is that Vin only broadcast 2 innings each game, the 3rd and 7th and Larry's entire major league career lasted only 43 games. What are the odds? Now if the 2016 Astros could have as good a year as our chapter.....

Regards:

Bob

Rogers Hornsby

By Gilbert D. Martinez
Chapter Commissioner
Rogers Hornsby Chapter

The Rogers Hornsby Chapter of the Society for American Baseball Research in Central Texas continued its consecutive meeting streak, reaching 114 straight months with a meeting in May 2016.

The chapter's 10th Annual Winter Meeting in January 2016 was the highlight of the year. Thirty-nine members and guests met at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas, and heard from Evan Drellich, Astros beat writer for the Houston Chronicle (now with the Boston Herald covering the Red Sox), and Mike Capps, award-winning broadcaster with the Round Rock Express.

Another highlight for the chapter is our baseball reminiscence project with Alzheimer's Texas, now in its third "season." We have held sessions at the local Alzheimer's office, at an area senior living facility, and at the Veterans Administration in Kerrville, Texas. The VA in Texas may have interest in hosting this program at other sites around the state. We have also fielded requests from SABR members in San Diego, California, and Connecticut who are interested in the program. Six chapter members, led by Jim Kenton, are currently volunteering their time for this effort. The project provides an enjoyable and memory-filled program for our Alzheimer's participants and their caregivers, several of whom have joined SABR.

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

In addition, the Hornsby Chapter provided support to chapter member David Skelton for hosting the inaugural Fall Forum in Waco in September. The forum featured former Major League pitcher Lindy McDaniel and a variety of baseball presentations.

For the sixth consecutive year, chapter member Monte Cely covered the Caribbean World Series, which in 2016 was held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Cely posted updates, summaries and photos on the Hornsby Chapter website chronicling Mexico's undefeated run to a fourth Serie del Caribe win in the last six years.

West Texas

We have promoted the SABR at several Vintage Base Ball events in our area of West Texas. We have also promoted it in graduate, and some undergraduate, classes at Angelo State University, where I direct the graduate program in Coaching, Sport, Recreation, & Fitness administration. One of the professors even assigns a project every fall on Baseball History as part of a class.

We market the SABR at all our local Vintage Baseball events. While we do get quite a few college students to come to these events and participate we have been unable to increase membership. I asked several of my students after these events why they wouldn't join

if they “loved” baseball and history. The overwhelming reply is lack of money. I realize the membership fees for those under 30 years of age is quite reasonable, it just may not be cheap enough in today’s current economy. Perhaps it is time to consider a lower special membership fee for students. This is done by several educational associations that design fee structures just for student members. Also, according to some research approximately 80% of college students work while attending classes. Thus, disposable money (for additional outside of education program memberships) seems to be limited and the cause for many, that they just don’t have the money to become members.

That said, we (local SABR members and the local Vintage Base Ball program) did host a local event at Fort Concho. Originally scheduled as a 2 day educational, recruiting, and fund raising event for the local VBBA program and SABR Chapter, it had to be condensed into an all one day event titled: “The 19th Century Base Ball Symposium”. Best of all it was promoted and reported about on local TV, radio, and print media.

The program included 10 presentations that ranged from SABR Recruiting; to a slide show on the History of Baseball Stadium evolution; to Vintage Base Ball skills workout; to umpiring. (see attached program).

Additionally, several folks donated baseball books as giveaway door prizes and the Director of the College Baseball Hall of Fame (Dr. Mike Gustafson) donated media guides from past induction ceremonies as gifts to all attendees.

While we didn’t get the number of attendees we had hoped for, the local committee decided it was well enough received that we would try to hold similar events 3 times a year hopefully beginning this fall..

WASHINGTON

Pacific Northwest

The Pacific Northwest chapter of SABR had a busy year, with Chapter meetings in Vancouver, BC, Portland, and two in Seattle. In addition, the Chapter was once again hosted by the Seattle Mariners at Safeco Field for a SABR Day meeting, and also had a booth to give out information about SABR during the Seattle Mariners Fan Fest. Attendance was good, with between 30 and 40 guests and members for each meeting.

At the Fan Fest meeting, SABR members were able to meet with Jerry Dipoto and Scott Servais from the Mariners, among others. During the year, other guests that appeared at Chapter meetings included Geoff Baker, Seattle Times sports columnist
Lindsay Meggs, University of Washington Head Baseball Coach
Jesse Smith, Seattle Mariners Analytics Manager
Larry D'Amato, retired professional scout
Pete Ward, former MLB player whose time with the White Sox was bookended by time with the Orioles and Yankees; born in Canada, he is the son of 1935 Stanley Cup champion Jimmy Ward
Ryan Divish, Q & A with Seattle Times Beat Writer
Aren Kaser, "Baseball and the Dominican Republic: A Path to the Academies"
Lyle Wilson, "A Photographic History of Washington's African American Baseball Teams"

Chapter member presentations during the year included:

Rob Neyer, "Bill Murray's Baseball Summer"
Missy Booker, "1862: A Second Revolution in Cambridge"
Steve Steinberg, "Ruppert and Huggins, The Odd Couple...Not!"
Mark Armour gave a stunning presentation about baseball cards
Dan Schlewitz, "How much is enough?--A look at minor league seasoning, 1955-2005"
Mike Rice, "Seattle Mariners 2016 Preview"
Chuck Putnam, "The Hit-Walk Combo: The Toughest Hitting Achievement in Major League History"

WISCONSIN

Ken Keltner

The Ken Keltner Badger State Chapter of SABR maintains an active role promoting baseball in our state. Our meetings are held at J&B's Blue Ribbon Sports Bar, located near Miller Park. The advantages of this location are easy accessibility for attendees, especially for visitors from out-of town; an excellent audiovisual system for presentations, and the proximity to Miller Park, allowing meeting attendees to also attend games at Miller Park. Our recent Guests of Honor have included: Brewers TV announcer Bill Schroeder, who wrote a book about the Milwaukee Brewers, "*If These Walls Could Talk: Milwaukee Brewers: Stories from the Milwaukee Brewers Dugout, Locker Room and Press Box*", ESPN Radio's Drew Olson, and Brewers/MLB official scorer Tim O'Driscoll. We also have a lot of presentations from members at our meetings. Our Chapter continues to celebrate SABR Day by

having a joint meeting with the Chicago Chapter. The meeting takes place at the Brat Stop in Kenosha, Wisconsin, which is a good half-way point for us to meet. We're planning a meeting on July 23 at J&B's. Our Guest of Honor is Milwaukee Brewers radio announcer Jeff Levering. Our membership is involved with the efforts to revive the Wisconsin State Sports Hall of Fame. SABR members Bob Buege and Rick Schabowski are members of the Milwaukee Braves Historical Association and contribute articles to their newsletter, "The Tepee." The Association holds two Banquets each year. Larry Baldassaro, and Gregg Hoffmann are contributors for the Brewers publication, Brewers Game Day, which is distributed for all Brewers games at Miller Park. Gregg Hoffman maintains a web site called the Midwest Diamond Report, which has great info on Brewers, Cubs, Twins, White Sox, and minor league activities.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Schabowski

INTERNATIONAL CHAPTERS

CANADA

Hanlan's Point (Ontario)

The Hanlan's Point Chapter had a successful year.

Our annual fall and SABR Day meetings had a good mix of research and discussion with average attendance. Our marquee event for the year was held May 28th 2016. With attendance at a high of 25 including a number of potential new members, the event featured a talk and book signing with former player, Jays Manager and current Jays TV broadcaster Buck Martinez.

Buck provided an interesting perspective on the balance between analytics and traditional scouting. He also cited examples where teams that develop and retain talent tend to have more consistent success as opposed to franchises that dip into the free agent market on an annual basis.

Buck also provided examples on how the influence of big money in baseball has hurt development of player fundamentals and the negative impact this has had on the game.

Coming off a successful event with the potential for membership growth, the Chapter looks forward to the next operating year.
Allen Tait

Quebec

After having been revived in late 2014 following a long period of hibernation, the SABR-Quebec Chapter is slowly coming back to normal. 2015 was the first year in a long time that our chapter held a regular schedule of four meetings.

Our first meeting of the year was on SABR Day. Our own Robert Duval gave a presentation on Tim Harkness, a Quebec-born player who played for the Dodgers and Mets in the 1960s. It was very interesting to hear about Mr. Harkness as he is one of the lesser known players from Quebec as compared to others like Jean-Pierre Roy, Claude Raymond or Eric Gagné.

The chapter met again on June 6, 2015 in Granby, Quebec. Our host for the day was the Granby Minor Baseball Association. Jack Anderson gave a brief presentation on the Negro Leagues and afterwards we headed to the local ballpark for a doubleheader between the Granby Guerriers and the Laval Pirates of the Quebec Junior Elite Baseball League.

We then went to Quebec City on August 8, 2015 for our summer meeting. It was sunny and hot, a good day for a Can-Am League baseball game. The topic of the day was recent events in Montreal where baseball is pretty much on everyone's mind thanks to the efforts of former Expos Warren Cromartie and Mayor Denis Coderre. We all came to the conclusion that Major league baseball would be back in Montreal sooner than later.

Finally, the chapter met for its fall meeting on November 7, 2015 in a room provided by the Quebec Amateur Baseball Federation. The meeting was a total success, attracting the highest number of members since July 2011. Our guest was Fernand Lapierre, former Montreal Expos organist at Jarry Park and Olympic Stadium. Mr. Lapierre was very generous and funny and told us anecdotes about his time working for the Expos.

The Quebec Chapter is alive and well. We are now looking towards the future. We are working hard to book new guests, always searching for new members and expecting to reactivate our old biography project about Quebec-born Major Leaguers.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Juan Marichal (Santo Domingo)

We had kept our monthly meetings during the last year.

In the month of April 16, we had to move our place of meetings and our last two sessions had been in the U League local in Los Prados, a middle to upper class neighborhood in Santo Domingo.

Last night we had the meeting corresponding to May and talked about the rumors of a new supposedly higher strike zone, to increase hitting and lowering the strike outs.

We think the strike outs are also exciting. Proof of that is the K's fans hang in the stadiums and when they reach ten in a game by a pitcher, the loud the number is expressed by the home crowd.

During last year we had as guests to our meetings, retired major league players Julian Javier, Osvaldo Virgil and Juan Marichal who honors our chapter with his name. We had trivia questions about those players and also gave them a plaque to commemorate the occasion.

The average number of fans coming to our meetings is 15.

Receive greetings from Santo Domingo

Julio M. Rodriguez

GREAT BRITAIN

Bobby Thomson (London)

Sadly, SABR UK *still* has not had any further meetings since November, 2012; so, nothing new to report from *across the pond*.

Bruce Greenberg,
Former Chairman of SABR UK

JAPAN

Tokyo

Basically we hold the meeting once in three months in Tokyo.

Out of 42 members some of us are born in the US but they are interested in Japanese baseball as well. On the other hand there are a few Japanese members who are not in Japanese baseball, just in American baseball.

Anyway, our most important topic this year is that two “legends” turned 80 this year. One is Mr. Masaru Ikei and the other is Mr. Isao Chiba.

Mr. Ikei is former professor of Keio University, one of the most famous and prestigious university in Japan. Although he takes major in history of Japanese diplomacy, he has written number of baseball both of Japan, US and the relationship between the two countries. Mr. Chiba was in the organization of Pacific League of NPB and in charge of Record and he is an active writer for Weekly Baseball Magazine the leading baseball magazine in Japan, and he has his column “Notebook of the Record” for over 50 years!

Our annual meeting in 2015 was as follows.

January:

There was no presentation because we celebrated two gentlemen’s 80th birthday by holding a dinner party in Daikanyama, Tokyo.

April:

1. “What is a condition to be a 20-win pitcher in MLB?” presented by Toshiya ONO.
2. “a letter to Mr. Tetsuya Usami, former baseball writer and data analyst in NPB, using NPB Data Book 2015” presented by Takashi SHINOURA.

July

2015/07 :

1. "In order for a team to win" presented by Toshiya ONO.

November

1. "The most brilliant player in the World Series." Presented by Toshiya ONO

2. "In order for a team to win" presented by Toshio MAKI

3. "Has the popularity of baseball really decreased?" presented by Yoshihiro Koda

Reported by Ichiro Shinohara

KOREA

Korea

The chapter currently has nine members, but only two currently residing in Korea. A couple Korea based members did not renew their membership because they got jobs in the baseball industry. After talking with them, they felt that they would not be able to contribute to the group in the ways they wanted, but left open the possibility of rejoining at a later date.

We had two meetings in the past year, on July 18 and December 13. One of the meetings was a get together with an online Korean baseball community MyKBO at a restaurant to watch the KBO All-Star game.

As there were not many SABR members in Korea, the December meeting was mainly a gathering of people related and interested in Korean baseball, in which we discussed Korean baseball.

One main issue regarding this chapter is that I have recently begun working for a Korean baseball team, which significantly limits what I can do for the chapter publically. While I'm still willing to remain involved, and handle administrative related matters of the chapter, I'm looking for someone who can replace me in terms of publicity matters and who is less restricted with the types of limitations I have.

Another issue, which I have mentioned before is related to attracting new members in Korea. The price for a global membership is \$84, which I think is a barrier to recruiting new members as it is quite high. As an overseas member, it's difficult to take advantage of many of the perks of being a SABR member. Honestly, I think that the global membership should be cheaper than a U.S. based

member, or at least the same. Given that electronic options are available for the publications, I'm not sure why the global membership is priced the way it is.

Additionally, I spoke with Dan Evans from the Rocky Mountain Chapter about exploring possible collaborations between the two chapters. We will continue to discuss this. I have also spoken to the Tokyo chapter about doing something with them, but nothing concrete has been set.

My plan for the rest of this year will be to try to have a few informal events to promote SABR here and try to recruit a few more Korea based members and continue talks with the other SABR chapters.

Chapter Officers:

Chair / Secretary: Patrick Bourgo

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Bourgo

PUERTO RICO
Orlando Cepeda (San Juan)

This last year was a slow year for our Chapter. We got a few Chapter reunions. Also, we got two books published. One from our Chapter member Daliana Muratti about the early childhood of Roberto Clemente titled: Roberto Clemente is " Momen " and the other one, published by former Chapter member Jorge Lòpez in collaboration with Chapter member Angel Colòn, about the biography of Puerto Rico's first Major Leaguer Hiram Bithorn. Almost all Chapter members attend to this presentation. Also, both of them present their work in the First Puerto Rican Sports Investigative Forum, sponsored by the Puerto Rico Olympic Committee.

In addition, many of our members attend the local winter league baseball games at different ballparks and also, two of our members: Angel Colòn and Edwin Pèrez are considering to attend the next SABR Convention in Miami Florida.

Luis R. Machuca
Chapter Leader

VENEZUELA

Luis Castro Latin America

SABR's Luis Castro Latin American Chapter was established in 2013 with the goal of organizing meetings and baseball events in the region as well as creating awareness of SABR membership and research opportunities and projects where member can contribute and provide diversity into SABR's structure. Led by Chapter's Chair Leonte Landino, the chapter has organized several conferences and seminars in Venezuela and the Dominican Republic. This past year one of the biggest achievements was the continuation of the open courses: "Sabermetrics Formulas and Baseball Scoring" dictated in Venezuela by our chapter Co-Chair and Director of Operations in Venezuela Gil Reyes. Attendance to these events through the year and held in four different cities in Venezuela surpassed the 150 students with some of them have been getting into the baseball industry in several entry positions.

The chapter organized along with ESPN the Conference: "Perspectivas del Beisbol: Covering Baseball for Hispanic Fans on ESPN Deportes" that will be presented on SABR 46 in Miami, Florida that will feature former World Series Champion manager Ozzie Guillen and Emmy-award winning announcer Ernesto Jerez, the voice of baseball in Spanish.

Future plans for the chapter include organizing the first SABR event in Mexico around the upcoming Serie del Caribe that will be held in Culiacan in February 2017, the expansion of the Sabermetrics and Scoring courses and the offering of these seminars to MLB clubs for their staff in academies in Dominican Republic and Venezuela. Another country where we are working to organize a seminar is Colombia after their recent qualification to the upcoming World Baseball Classic in 2017.

Please let me know if you have any questions,

Thanks,
Leonte Landino