



Society for American Baseball Research

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President's Report

It's been an exciting year for SABR. We've now completed one year at our new home base in Phoenix, worked hard to expand the outlets for our members' research, and successfully launched a new SABR-sponsored annual conference. We've accomplished all of this while stabilizing SABR's financial condition, no small task amidst a difficult economic climate.

At our core we are a research community dedicated to deepening the public's understanding and appreciation of the great game of baseball. We are diverse in that we recognize, support, and foster a wide range of baseball interests, ranging from the origins of the game and its 19th Century history, to women in baseball, games and simulations, and ballparks. Our ability to fulfill our mission is directly related to the diversity of our research committees, as well as the quality of our research. Likewise, the more our work is seen and heard within and outside the SABR community, the better we fulfill our mission.

Over the last year the SABR leadership—the Board, our Executive Director, and our staff—employed three major themes to forward the Society's mission:

- Make SABR's new national headquarters location a strategic advantage for the Society
- Improve our connection to the baseball community—those who have the most to gain from our members' research
- Stabilize SABR's financial base

I'm pleased to say we have made great progress on all three fronts. First, the benefits of being Phoenix-based have exceeded our expectations. Our new home in the western nerve center of baseball has paid quick dividends. It has helped us forge productive relationships within the baseball community—from the western office of Major League Baseball, to the 15 spring training teams, and the 1.5 million baseball fanatics who traipse through Arizona each spring. It also has provided an abundance of intern candidates to support the SABR staff.

Second, we made excellent progress building our awareness and improving our connection to the broader baseball community—from the Hall of Fame to the baseball media and MLB and its teams. These relationships are critical to SABR's mission, namely the dissemination of baseball research and information. It ensures that the work of our dedicated SABR researchers has even greater meaning and impact by reaching the leaders and custodians of our national pastime. One example of a successful initiative over the last year is our first SABR Analytics Conference, which opened the eyes of many baseball insiders, the media, and devout baseball fans to the value that SABR and its members can bring to their appreciation, understanding, and enjoyment of the game.

Finally, we made significant progress on the financial front toward balancing our budget, so that we can reduce our dependence on our reserves to fund our on-going operations. Based on our success over the last year and other initiatives in the pipeline, we expect our positive financial momentum to continue, which will ultimately allow us to make appropriate investments in the coming months to further our mission.

In the end, SABR is a community for those who share a passion for baseball. The goal of your SABR leadership is to support that passion by bringing you together as a community, providing you with the opportunities to collaborate and share in exciting research projects, and creating outlets for your work to be viewed, discussed and debated by others. As your SABR President, I look forward to another year of building on our successes and helping SABR members enlighten the baseball establishment and fans alike about the game we all cherish.

Sincerely,
Vince Gennaro
SABR President

Executive Director's Report

It has been a year filled with accomplishments for SABR. When it comes to its brand, its financial position, its offerings to members, and new initiatives, SABR is headed in a positive direction. I am excited about what we have accomplished and the building blocks we have developed.

Building the SABR brand:

- SABR has become a major part of the baseball community. We are a player and our members are viewed as being part of a well-respected and well-run organization. It is an organization made up of incredibly knowledgeable and passionate baseball researchers, statisticians and fans. It is important for SABR members to realize just how far we have come and how highly respected their organization is. Everyone in the industry wants to talk to SABR about ways in which they can partner with us and can involve SABR's members. Only a number of the exciting opportunities we are working on have been finalized and therefore announced.
- SABR is working with Major League Baseball—including MLB.com and MLB Network—with many of the MLB teams, with the National Baseball Hall of Fame, and with other baseball and media organizations.
- Following up on last year's success at the All-Star Game FanFest, SABR will present a number of SABR-branded panels live at the MLBAM booth at the All-Star Game FanFest in Kansas City this summer. These panels will also air on MLB.com.
- SABR has an agreement to license SABR's Fantasy Game, which was developed by two SABR members attending graduate school.
- Once again, SABR had a major presence at Baseball's Winter Meetings. We met with the leading baseball organizations and I addressed the BBWAA.
- SABR formed an SABR Advisory Board that includes top industry leaders: Hall of Famer Pat Gillick; Diamondbacks President and CEO Derrick Hall; Roland Hemond, a longtime baseball executive who received the Buck O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award at the Hall of Fame last summer; noted author Jane Leavy; MLB executive Laurel Prieb; John Thorn, Official Baseball Historian for Major League Baseball; and Del Wilber Jr., President of The Perfect Game Foundation.

SABR's Publications Program:

- Thanks to Publications Editor Cecilia Tan and the SABR staff, this has been a successful and innovative year for SABR's publications program. The two editions of the *Baseball Research Journal* and the *The National Pastime* have been innovative, well produced, well designed by Lisa Hochstein, and well received. The publications have been enhanced by integrating supplemental content onto SABR.org. We plan to do even more of this in the future.
- SABR launched an e-books publication program. *Can He Play?*; *Run, Rabbit, Run*; *Great Hitting Pitchers*; and *Opening Fenway Park With Style: The 1912 World Champion Red Sox* have been offered to SABR members either free or at a special member discount.
- SABR has finalized a six-book BioProject deal with the University of Nebraska Press. The 1947 Brooklyn Dodgers and 1970 Baltimore Orioles books were published this spring. Upcoming books include the 1964 Cardinals, 1947 Yankees, 1975 Reds, and the 1954 Indians.

SABR's Digital Program:

- “This Week in SABR” (TWIS), our weekly e-newsletter, is a popular feature among our members. Almost 60% of our members open TWIS every week, which is an extremely high rate, and it has been as high as 67%. More SABR members are in touch and reading weekly updates than ever before.
- SABR.org has given the organization credibility in the digital, media and sports communities and has been well received by the general public and most members. Thanks to Jacob Pomrenke, SABR's web content editor and producer, SABR.org has become a destination for daily content. And the traffic bears out the popularity of the website. In April 2012, we set an all-time high with nearly 40,000 unique monthly visitors. To put these numbers in perspective, SABR.org averaged 16,749 unique monthly visitors for the period of August 2010-January 2011. Since SABR 41, we have surpassed 20,000 unique visitors in nine of the next 10 months, and we have surpassed 30,000 unique visitors four times.
- The BioProject was relaunched at SABR.org. There are almost 2,000 published biographies, a major success story for SABR. Special thanks to Mark Armour and all his contributors who have made the BioProject a model example of how SABR can put together a collection of original baseball research that no other organization could.
- All current and past research committee newsletters from 2000 to the present are now available for download at SABR.org.
- A new back-end technology system and community that will make it easier for members to communicate with other each will be launched later this summer.

SABR Membership:

- Of utmost importance to our strong community, there were many chapter and committee meetings, get-togethers and discussions that brought SABR members together throughout the year.
- Since last July, SABR has gained more than 1,000 new members.
- Coverage of SABR's 40th anniversary: The comprehensive coverage on SABR.org received positive reviews and will live for years as a detailed history of the organization. There was also a special celebration held at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown last August.
- Members from 34 chapters participated in SABR Day in 2012.
- SABR members manned tables at Salt River Fields and Scottsdale Stadium during Spring Training.

SABR Events:

- SABR 41: Feedback from SABR members was very positive, speakers and presenters felt it was a great experience, and there was strong coverage from the media. MLB Network's “Behind The Seams: the Stat Story” was based on interviews conducted with SABR members at SABR 41. A full act on the program was devoted to SABR and SABR 41 was referenced throughout the show. The program was narrated by Bob Costas.

- The first SABR Analytics Conference—held in March 2012 during Spring Training in the Phoenix area—was a major success for SABR members, potential SABR members, industry insiders and the many college students who participated in the Case Competition. It was also a financial and branding success, and it was well received by the media. SABR planted the flag for an annual Analytics Conference to be held during Spring Training in Arizona. I am pleased to announce that next year’s conference will be held March 7-9, 2013.
- SABR’s other conferences were also successful: I thoroughly enjoyed the Jerry Malloy Conference held in Indianapolis last summer and look forward to attending the conference in Cleveland this July. The conference continues to grow in stature and attendance. The Arizona Fall League Conference, held in November in Phoenix, was once again well received. The Frederick Ivor-Campbell 19th Century Base Ball Conference was a hit in Cooperstown.
- SABR and the NINE Conference worked together to present the SABR Seymour Medal prior to NINE’s banquet in March.
- The Anthony A. Yoseloff Foundation Inc. Research Scholarship awards were given to eight high school and college students who will be attending SABR 42.

The SABR office:

- Special thanks to our great team in Phoenix: Jacob Pomrenke (SABR Web Content Editor/Producer), Deb Jayne (Membership and Events Director), Jeff Schatzki (new Director of Operations) and Jim Cassandro (outgoing Director of Operations).
- SABR has established a successful internship program. We had interns working in the SABR office throughout the year and currently have five college students serving internships in the SABR office this summer.
- SABR has a number of volunteers who regularly help out in the office.
- The Greg Spira Memorial Library opened at the SABR office.

Special thanks to our full-time staff, consultants, valuable volunteers and to all the SABR members that make this such a special organization. I am looking forward to another successful year.

Sincerely,
 Marc Appleman
 Executive Director

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SABR Committee Reports, June 15, 2012

(All annual committee reports received at the SABR office by June 15, 2012, have been included.)

Asian Baseball

Founded: 2003

Chair: Bill Staples Jr.

Asian Baseball

Coming out of the Asian Baseball Committee (ABC) meeting at SABR 41 in Long Beach, CA, it was decided that a survey was needed to better understand the research interests and communication preference of committee members. Approximately 32 of 126 (25.4%) members responded to the survey. Those results are available for review on sabr.org in the Q1 2012 ABC newsletter.

Committee co-chair Daigo Fujiwara revamped the ABC web site (<http://research.sabr.org/asianbb>), creating new content categories for Asian baseball in the United States, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and China. Each section includes an updated history overview and timeline of key milestones for each region. A Research section was also updated to include: Books on Asian Baseball, Websites on Asian Baseball, and a Research Project Showcase.

In addition to the static website on sabr.org, the committee turned to social media and launched a new Asian Baseball Community in Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/asianbaseball>). The page was developed to share timely information and research, help create a sense of community, and ultimately recruit new members to SABR through a shared passion of Asian baseball.

Another digital initiative launched this past year by the ABC was the Japanese American Baseball Player Registry (<http://www.niseibaseball.com/registry/>). This is an online registry developed in partnership with the Nisei Baseball Research Project in an effort to document those who played in the Japanese American baseball leagues, pre- and post-war, and also inside the Internment Camps during WWII.

During the last 12 months, ABC members added the following titles to the SABR bookshelf:

- *Kenichi Zenimura, Japanese American Baseball Pioneer* (McFarland, 2012), by Bill Staples Jr.
- *The Barnstorming Hawaiian Travelers: A Multiethnic Baseball Team Tours the Mainland, 1912-1916* (McFarland, 2012), by Joel S. Franks
- *Banzai Babe Ruth: Baseball, Espionage, and Assassination during the 1934 Tour of Japan* (Nebraska, 2012), by Robert K. Fitts

And finally, members of the ABC attended the NINE conference in Tempe, Arizona, March 7-10, 2012, to take in some great presentations on Asian baseball during “The Ichiro Suzuki Session” including the informative “The Pioneer’s Pioneer: Masanori Murakami,” by Steve Treder.

The event concluded with keynote speech from Rob K. Fitts, ABC committee founder. Also in attendance was Babe Ruth’s daughter, Julia Ruth Stevens, who shared her personal account of the legendary MLB Tour of Japan in 1934.

— Bill Staples Jr. and Daigo Fujiwara

Ballparks

Founded: 1982

**Co-chairs: Gary
Gillette, Jim Gordon
& Stan Meradith**

Ballparks Committee

The Ballparks Committee has been restructured with three co-chairmen by adding Jim Gordon. A conference call was held among interested Committee members to discuss future activities. The Committee's first newsletter in several years was distributed in March with a second issue planned for June. Our goal is to publish four newsletters per year. In conjunction with the Business of Baseball Committee, we planned a joint panel discussion on the building and financing of Target Field at the Minneapolis convention. The co-chairmen have developed a list of potential projects to be discussed at our business meeting at the convention. We will then kick off a number of these activities. An extensive bibliography on ballparks compiled by Dave Mitchell was made available to all SABR members. This bibliography contains over 1,000 entries on all aspects of ballparks that Dave has been compiling for over 20 years. Each new member of the committee is being sent a welcome email asking about research interests and discussing potential projects.

— Gary Gillette, Jim Gordon, Stan Meradith

Baseball & the Arts

Founded: 1997

**Co-chairs:
Jeff Campbell
& Joanne Hulbert**

Baseball & the Arts

The Baseball and the Arts Committee has continued to encourage research and discussion on a wide range of subjects including music, literature, creative writing and historical research. Several discussions on SABRnation have included opinions on the best books about baseball, and has offered opinions about what makes a great baseball novel. The Committee is active in offering advice and direction on where to find the best research tools, and also has helped to enhance greater understanding about how the arts, in its many ways has enriched the game of baseball.

— Joanne Hulbert

Baseball Records

Founded: 1975

Chair: Lyle Spatz

Baseball Records

The Baseball Records Committee was created in 1975 to reconcile differences and pursue a greater degree of accuracy in baseball's "historical record." The word "record," as we use it, has two meanings. We use it in the sense that some player, or some team, has the most or least of something for an inning, or a game, or a season, etc. For example, Jim Rice holds the Major League record for most times grounding into a double play in a season, with 36 in 1984. We also use the word record to refer to a player's game-by-game, season-by-season and lifetime accomplishments. For example, Bob Purkey won 23 games in 1962, or Ken Singleton had 2,029 career hits. Both aspects of baseball's historical record are of equal importance to us, and we are as diligent with regard to accuracy for the "unknown" players as we are for the Hall of Famers.

Beginning with our formation, committee members have contributed countless corrections, additions, and deletions to the record books. Our ultimate goal of finding all the errors in the historic record, or at least achieving a full reconciliation of differences among all the record books and encyclopedias, remains unlikely; nevertheless, we will continue to pursue a narrowing of the gap. Our role as SABR's Baseball Records Committee is strictly to make the numbers as accurate as we can.

We remain aware that disclosures regarding steroid use by some players raised the question of how the Baseball Records Committee would treat the accomplishments of the players mentioned. These disclosures have placed a special burden on those of us who not only research the game's numbers, but also treasure the history that accompanies those numbers. Nevertheless, we continue in our efforts to make the baseball record as factual as possible, while serving as an advocate for maintaining its integrity. Nevertheless, a record is a record. It is not our role to decide the purity of the conditions under which those records were achieved. Our role as SABR's Baseball Records Committee is strictly to make the numbers as accurate as we can.

— Lyle Spatz and Trent McCotter

Bibliography

Founded: 1994

Chair: Andy McCue

Bibliography

The Bibliography Committee's major project, The Baseball Index (www.baseballindex.org), completed its 10th year of Internet availability during the past year. The site became available May 27, 2002. The site contains over 240,000 citations and is completely free.

When it opened, TBI contained about 175,000 books, articles, book sections, videos, art works, sound recordings, and other research items. The researcher may search it for references to a player, umpire, owner or executive. It may be searched for topics, such as Baker Bowl, Cotton States League, umpire baiting, or changeups. Over 2,000 separate terms are included as well as the names of stadiums, leagues and baseball groups. Usage continues to rise steadily as more researchers try it and find how useful it is.

The project continues to need more volunteers to add listings to the database. It also needs upgraded software. While searches by the public still function properly, the backshop operations of uploading new entries, download the completed database, adding new search terms and similar matters do not function properly.

While TBI is our major project, the committee continues with other work. Skip McAfee oversees our efforts to provide indexes to important baseball books published without them. Rich Arpi produces our 23-year-old quarterly, Current Baseball Publications, which lists all new baseball publications. CBP is distributed with our newsletter, which is edited by Ron Kaplan and contains book reviews by Ron and Terry Smith, among others. Jim Lannen has continued to update and improve the cache of annual reports, newsletters and CBP onto the SABR website. He is also working to expand the number of book reviews from our newsletter that are available electronically.

The committee was founded in 1984 by Frank Phelps. Andy McCue has been the chair since 1992. Its mission is to discover, organize and provide information about books and other materials which might be of interest to SABR members and other baseball researchers.

It is no longer possible to figure out the number of committee members from the society's web page. It had 393 a year ago.

— Andy McCue

Biographical Research

Founded: 1971

Chair: Bill Carle

Biographical Research

This has been a very good year for the Biographical Research Committee. After many years of secrecy, Pennsylvania passed a law to make their vital records accessible. This enabled us to find several missing players with Pennsylvania roots.

We found three players who have long been on our list of most wanted missing players. Matthew Porter was once featured in a Baseball Research Journal article by Harold Dellinger. We finally were able to prove that he died in Pijijiapan, Mexico in 1906. Charley Jones was featured in *Minor League Stars*. A benefit was held for him in Staten Island in 1909, so he was apparently in poor health, but we had nothing on him after that. He died in New York City in 1911. Jack Dalton became a preacher after his baseball career ended. In 1948, he left for church, never arrived at the church, and never came home. Thanks to the Pennsylvania vital records, we were able to learn that he died in Pittsburgh in 1950. Other players we found were Patrick O'Loughlin, William French, Israel Pike, William Wolff, Willard Smith, Franklin Woodruff, John Callahan, John Thornton, John Ward, Fred Siegel, Hugh Gilgan, Herbert Jackson, James McDermott, Robert Gamble, William Farmer, George Meister, Joseph Wiley, John Scott, and Harry Morelock.

New records are being brought online all the time, so hopefully we will continue to be able to find more missing players. On a more somber note, we lost three longtime committee members this year in Bill Weiss, Jose Jimenez, and Bob McConnell. The contributions of these outstanding researchers can't be measured and our committee has succeeded thanks to the fine work they have done.

— Bill Carle

BioProject

Founded: 2002

Chair: Mark Armour

BioProject

The 2012 convention will mark the tenth anniversary of the founding of the BioProject Committee. Our committee manages the Baseball Biography Project, whose purpose is to solicit, write, edit, and maintain high quality journal-length biographies of any player who ever played in the major leagues, as well as any other person connected with baseball in a significant way.

The project includes a large staff of people who help considerably. Lyle Spatz is in charge of maintaining and organizing our lists of assigned subjects and authors. Jan Finkel heads a group of editors who are responsible for turning our submitted biographies into finished products. Bill Nowlin helps foster and advise team or regional projects. Warren Corbett handles comments and help from the public. In January the project launched a brand new website at SABR.org/BioProject, giving our biographies a more useful and attractive place to be shown off.

We continue to encourage and support “group” projects, and these efforts have led to the publication of five books since last year's convention. This makes 14 books since the project began ten years ago. There should be several more in the next year, including the 1947 Yankees, 1964 Cardinals, and 1984 Tigers.

As of today we have completed 1,922 biographies and hope to get close to 2,000 by the convention next month. We have about 900 biographies in progress, hopefully to be handed in at a later day.

The committee looks forward to a productive tenth year. We should approach 2,300 biographies around the 2013 convention, and look forward to the publication of a few new books.

— Mark Armour

**Black Sox
Scandal**
Founded: 2008
Chair:
Jacob Pomrenke

Black Sox Scandal

The Black Sox Scandal Research Committee is scheduled to hold its annual business meeting on Thursday, June 28 at SABR's 42nd national convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Since our last annual report in June 2011, the Black Sox Scandal Research Committee has been hard at work on a BioProject book about the 1919 White Sox. As of this writing, eighteen biographies have been completed, with seven new bios turned in and undergoing the editing process, and nine still out for assignment. A total of 34 biographies on players and team personnel, plus additional essays on the 1919 season, World Series and scandal, will be included in the project. Jacob Pomrenke is organizing the project, with editing by Rick Huhn, Bill Nowlin and Len Levin.

In the past year, committee member Bill Lamb has also been leading the way as the guest editor of a special Black Sox-themed issue of *Base Ball: A Journal of the Early Game*, published in May 2012 by McFarland & Co. Committee members contributed articles on: a 1917 Fenway Park gamblers riot; an analysis of 1919 MLB payroll records to resolve the question of whether the 1919 Sox were underpaid; a Pacific Coast League gambling scandal; a provocative thesis regarding the 1919 regular-season performance of Lefty Williams and Happy Felsch; and last but not least, Lamb's comprehensive account of the judicial proceedings (grand jury, criminal trial and civil litigation) spawned by the 1919 World Series fix.

One newsletter has been published since the last annual report, in December 2011, and as of this writing, another is being prepared for publication in May 2012. The December 2011 newsletter included a preview of the Spring issue of *Base Ball*; an update of the BioProject book's progress; a compiled list of educational levels reached by members of the 1919 White Sox; the little-known connection between the Black Sox Scandal and a man once regarded as the richest man in Mexico, William O. Jenkins; a critical review of Gene Carney's *Burying the Black Sox*; a review of the Gene P. Carney Library Collection housed at the Shoeless Joe Jackson Museum in Greenville, South Carolina; and a recap of the 2011 Gene Carney Award given by SABR's Clinton High School Chapter.

— Jacob Pomrenke

**Business of
Baseball**
Founded: 1994
Co-chairs:
**Steve Weingarden
& John Ruoff**

Business of Baseball

The business of baseball committee activates and supports new baseball research through resources, including completed research, tools and data, and community-building opportunities.

Since the last annual report, the committee produced one new edition of *Outside the Lines*. Thanks to Mike Hauptert and Sandeep Satish for their contributions to *Outside the Lines*: <http://research.sabr.org/business/newsletters>

The committee continues to progress on its research projects. The *History of the Winter Meetings* book chapters are in development and should fill a gap in the baseball history annals. Outstanding work by SABR members and non SABR members has moved the

project forward. A special call out to Marshall Adesman and Barry Deutsch is in order for their willingness to serve as copy editors and their detailed approach to doing so.

The digitization of the originally-filed *Federal League v. American League, National League, and National Commission* case of 1915 also is moving forward. Currently, all associated documentation has been digitized. The vetting process is underway, but is also complex. Job-aids are also in production to assist with use of the files. Hopefully, the end product will be available to SABR members by the end of the year.

A few new data opportunities are also currently being explored. Available resources are always available on the committee website at <http://research.sabr.org/business/> or “businessofbaseball.com”. Ideally, more attention and participation will be devoted towards building up the resources in upcoming years.

In maintaining community, the committee piloted a periodic business of baseball news update. Nearly one hundred SABR members opened the news update document. Adjustments are currently being considered for the prototype and delivery channel. At the annual convention, the committee plans to co-host a panel discussion with the Ballparks Committee around “how Target Field was built”. Plans are also in the works to shut down the Business of Baseball Committee listserv this upcoming year. A committee survey is possible in the ensuing months.

Leadership of the committee is about to undergo a transition. John Ruoff, who has co-chaired the committee for approximately eight years, will be stepping down in the near-future. John’s leadership will be sorely missed, as will his insights into managing the committee and his outstanding and dedicated work on *Outside the Lines*. Congratulations to John on the valuable work he provided to the committee over the years. A new co-chair will be sought for the Business of Baseball Committee.

All SABR members are welcome to join and participate in the committee. If you are interested in getting involved, or believe there is a cross-committee opportunity, please contact one or both of the committee chairs. Further details related to many of the items mentioned in this report can be found on the committee website, in the News section: <http://research.sabr.org/business/news>

— Steve Weingarden & John Ruoff

Collegiate
Founded: 1985
Chair: Karl Green

Collegiate

The Collegiate Baseball Committee held its Annual Meeting at SABR 41 with 15 in attendance.

The Fall Newsletter became available for distribution on Nov. 28, 2011. The Spring Newsletter became available for distribution on May 8, 2012.

Between the 2 newsletters, published all 4 year collegians making their Major League debuts in 2009-2011.

Committee members discovered 2 now collegians with Major League stints.

- Lewis Grover “Sam” Lanford who briefly played for Washington in 1907 had attended both Furman University and Davidson College.
- Gilbert Coan who played 8 seasons with Washington followed by brief stints with the White Sox, Orioles and Giants, attended Brevard College.

Corresponded with members regarding whether the following attended colleges or not:

- Timothy Murnane — He did not attend Holy Cross as commonly reported;
- John Briggs — He did not play baseball for Seton Hall;
- Gil McDougald — He did not play at either Univ. of San Francisco or San Francisco City College as frequently reported.

Corresponded with Ted Turocy regarding how the Collegiate Committee can support Baseball-Reference site on collegiate data. Have started preparing a file for their use.

Corresponded with Pete Garver and Sean Lahman regarding the state of the collegiate data in SABRpedia. Provided Lahman with a data layout of potential collegiate data and links elsewhere within SABRpedia (Major League players, Minor League players, managers & coaches,). Have heard nothing from Lahman since January 2012.

— Karl Green

**Deadball Era
(1901-19)
Founded: 2002
Chair: John McMurray**

Deadball Era

Now in its twelfth year of existence, the Deadball Era Committee continues to grow each year while fulfilling its mission of researching and chronicling baseball history from 1901 through 1919. The Committee remains one of the largest in SABR. In recent years, more than 100 committee members contributed to *Deadball Stars of the National League* (published in 2007) and its companion, *Deadball Stars of the National League* (published in 2004).

The Committee is chaired by John McMurray. The Committee publishes its newsletter, "The Inside Game," four times each year under the editorial direction of newsletter editor Mark Ruckhaus and Assistant Editor Mark Dugo. The newsletter is distinguished by the depth of its book reviews, which are overseen by Book Review Editor Dr. Gail Rowe, and critiques of the period.

Under the supervision of Gail Rowe, the Deadball Era Committee presents the Ritter Award annually to the best book focused primarily on the Deadball Era published during the year prior. This year, the award was voted to Glenn Stout for his book *Fenway 1912: The Birth of a Ballpark* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt).

The DEC continues work on a new project initiated in 2011, co-chaired by Steve Steinberg and DEC Chair Emeritus Tom Simon, to chronicle the World Series of the Deadball Era primarily through photographs. In addition, Deadball Era Committee members have been devoted to writing biographies of contemporary players for SABR's BioProject, which are posted exclusively online.

Committee members remain committed to fulfilling the mission of the Deadball Era Committee and to continuing in the same free-spirited vein which characterizes both our Committee and the baseball era to which it is devoted.

— John McMurray

Latino Baseball

Founded: 1988

Co-chairs:

**Edwin Fernandez
& Claudia Perry**

Latino Baseball

We have prepared a plan for 2012 – 2013 that include a Latinos bio project, a new Newsletter and a possible Latino Baseball Conference in 2013.

The first issue of the newsletter is scheduled for the summer of 2012. The bio project is beginning and a project plan will be ready for June 2011. There is a good possibility we will celebrate the first Latino Baseball Conference in Puerto Rico. The plan will be published on our site in June 2012.

This was another great year for Latinos in baseball. First, Roberto Alomar was inducted to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. Alomar was the eleventh Latino player inducted and the third native from Puerto Rico. Latinos in the 2011 season led Major Leagues in Hits (Adrian Gonzalez, co leader with 213), Doubles (Miguel Cabrera, 48), Triples (José Reyes, 16) and HR (José Bautista, 43). Also both leagues batting leaders were Latinos, Miguel Cabrera in the American League, .344, and José Reyes in the National League, .337.

During the Latino Baseball Hall of Fame this year in La Romana, Dominican Republic, the following ex-major leaguers were inducted: Bernie Williams (Puerto Rico), Tony Peña (Dominican Republic), Ben Oglivie (Panama), Manny Trillo (Venezuela) and Tony Oliva (Cuba). This year the induction ceremony was dedicated to Venezuela.

As in previous years, the activity research in the Latino Baseball area was very busy. Peter Bjarkman continue his Cuban baseball coverage and research contributing to our Committee with sound articles. We have to congratulate Rory Costello, who has written a good number of great Latino players' bios. Jorge Colón-Delgado and Tony Menendez, two of our best researchers, maintain successful blogs on Latino baseball; they will be key individuals in our next newsletter.

— Edwin Fernandez

Minor Leagues

Founded: 1971

Co-chairs:

**Joe Wancho
& Joe Werner**

Minor Leagues

Joe Werner and Joe Wancho began serving as committee co-chairs beginning in June 2012.

We conducted the Committee Meeting at the National Convention (SABR 41) on July 7, 2011 in Long Beach, California.

We distributed a three page survey after the National Convention to gauge the interests of the committee. The response was just under 9% of the committee members.

We answered requests/questions from SABR members and non-SABR folks during the year. Many of these requests were to add information to the Minor League Database. We are still looking for ways to update this database, as neither Joe nor I have the correct access to do so. Nor do we know whom to ask for these updates.

After a four-year hiatus, the Minor League Newsletter made its debut in May 2012. We are working to improve our communication through the newsletter.

— Joe Werner and Joe Wancho

Negro Leagues

Founded: 1971

Co-chairs:

**Larry Lester
& Richard Clark**

Negro Leagues

The Negro Leagues Committee had yet another successful year. The Negro Leagues Courier quarterly newsletter continues to go out to more than 750 readers, as membership continues to grow. The following former Negro League players have passed on since our last report: Gene Smith, Frank James Ensley, Elizie Todd, Joe “Rabbit” Caffie, Willie “Curley” Williams, Bill “Ready” Cash, George “Sonny” Smith, James T. Banks and Herald “Bee Bop” Gordon.

The Negro League Committee continues to raise funds for the purchase of headstones for unmarked graves of Negro League players. Starting in September of 2004, these efforts led by Jeremy Krock, have resulted in purchasing of more than 24 headstones. For more information about the Project, go to Krock’s website: www.nlbgrp.com. Note, Krock was the winner of the Fay Vincent Most Valuable Partner (MVP) Award.

This year’s winners of the \$2,500 scholarships were: Katrina Nguyen from Edmonds-Woodway High School (Edmonds, WA), and Michael Zoorob of Brentwood High School (Brentwood, TN). They beat more than 100 candidates from 35 states and countries.

The two winners of the 2012 \$1,000 library grants were: Windy Hill Elementary School of Jacksonville, Florida, and Buffalo United Charter School in Buffalo, NY.

The winners of the 2011 national art contest were: Bill Cormalis, Jr. for his "Smokey Joe Williams" (Professional category); Michael Massenburg for his "Color Ball" (Amateur), and Seline Warrington for her "Baseball Legs" (Youth). The top prize was \$400.

Other notable events include:

- The Muskegon Museum of Art acquires three paintings from award-winning artist Kadir Nelson. Now part of their permanent collection are paintings: Pittsburgh Crawfords, Mighty Josh and Game Bus.
- Minnie Minoso, 86 years old, received the 2011 Jerome Holtzman Award from the Chicago Baseball Museum, for his promotion of local baseball and the preservation of its history and tradition.
- Pat Scantlebury, former pitcher for the New York Cubans, was inducted into the Latino Baseball Hall of Fame in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

- The Wichita (Kansas) Baseball Hall of Fame inducted 14 Negro League players: Chet Brewer, Bingo DeMoss, Eddie Dwight, Sr., Oscar “Heavy” Johnson, “Topeka Jack” Johnson, Tullie McAdoo, Carroll “Dink” Mothell, John “Buck” O’Neil, Leroy “Satchel” Paige, Wilber “Bullet” Rogan, George Sweatt, Richard Whitworth, Frank Wickware and T.J. Young.
- Sam Hairston was inducted to the Colorado Springs Sports Hall of Fame for his play with the Colorado Springs Sky Sox. Hairston won the MVP of the Western League (1953). Harold Gould was inducted into the New Jersey Sports Hall of Fame. Gould is also author of *He Came from Gouldtown*.
- George L. Williams, formerly of the Cuban Giants, is honored with a Police Hero’s plaque in Philadelphia after being killed in the line of duty as a detective in 1918.
- The Milwaukee Bears are honored with a historical plaque near their old stadium site, Borchert Field.
- The city of Wilmington, Delaware, celebrated their 16th annual Judy Johnson Night, while honoring former Newark Eagle infielder Monte Irvin.

We look forward to your participation at the 15th Annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference in Cleveland, Ohio, on July 19-21, 2012. We expect to have four former players in attendance, along with the last female owner of a Negro League team. Last year’s Trivia champion was Ted Knorr of Harrisburg, PA.

— Larry Lester and Dick Clark

Nineteenth Century

Founded: 1983

Chair:

Peter Mancuso

Nineteenth Century

In the SABR year, June 2011-May 2012, the Nineteenth Century Committee made significant progress toward the publication of its committee book project, “*Inventing Baseball: The 100 Greatest Games of the Nineteenth Century*.” The book is now at the point of being ready to be passed off to SABR’s Publications Director by Editor Bill Felber. Over 40 committee members contributed to the book.

A second major book project, “The Pioneer Project”, which although not a Nineteenth Century Committee project per se, was promoted by our committee and was contributed to by several dozen of our committee members. Initiated by Peter Morris and completed through the group editorial efforts of Morris, Bill Ryczek, Len Levin, Jan Finkel and Richard Malatzky, one volume, “*Base Ball Pioneers 1850-1870: The Clubs and Players Who Spread the Sport Nationwide*” is in print (McFarland) with a second volume now at the same publisher.

The Nineteenth Century Committee held its 4th annual Frederick Ivor-Campbell 19th Century Base Ball Conference in April at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, New York. The day-and-a-half conference filled earlier than in any previous year with a waiting list having developed. Bill Ryczek was this year’s luncheon keynote speaker.

This winter and spring the Committee's Overlooked 19th Century Baseball Legends sub-committee was hard at work developing this year's slate of ten candidates along with playing profiles for each. The committee-wide election was held during the last two weeks in May with the results being announced at the Committee's annual business meeting during SABR 42 in Minneapolis. Last year, Harry Stovey was selected as the third annually named 19th century legend not yet inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. He was preceded by Deacon White who was preceded by Pete Browning.

At last year's committee business meeting, it was announced that Jerry Kuntz was the recipient of the 2010-2011 "Chairman's Award" (a 1880 Burlingame model trophy bat bearing the SABR/Nineteenth Century Committee logo and the recipient's name) for his work chairing a committee that produced a resource document, "How to Do 19th Century Baseball Research."

Our Committee's Vice-Chairman, Bob Bailey, besides working behind the scenes on the planning of all of our committee's activities and projects has again delivered all four quarterly editions of our comprehensive newsletter, "Nineteenth Century Notes" in a timely fashion. New members are always welcomed.

— Peter Mancuso

Oral History

Founded: 1986

Chair:

Tom Willman

Oral History

After a prolonged quiet period, the Oral History Committee showed stirrings of new life during the past year. In the fall of 2011, Tom Willman was named to chair the committee. As of this writing, two committee newsletters have been produced. Each featured an oral history recording contributed to SABR's collection by the new chair. The recordings, however, came out of a personal 'vault.' Both were of interviews conducted in the 1980s, with players now dead more than two decades: Bibb Falk, who had been the last living teammate of the Black Sox players who threw the World Series; and Jimmy Cooney, who had been the last living Red Sox teammate of Babe Ruth. Through SABR staff's technological prowess, portions of these interviews were accessible to members through newsletter links.

These recordings become part of an admirable archive of more than 1,000 interviews contributed by SABR members over the years. Some are in the form of transcripts. Many more are recordings, and of course there's nothing quite like being able to hear the voice of the player, the witness. This archive has long since been a really appreciable historical resource. It will be the committee's goal for this year to resume growing it in more measurable fashion.

— Tom Willman

Origins

Founded: 1994

Chair:

Larry McCray

Origins

The SABR Committee on the Origins of Baseball has the enviable advantage of operating at a time when lucky recent boons to research, digitized records and quick electronic searches, are uncovering more and more data about the early forms of ballplaying. In fact, member David Block (author to the prize-winning 2005 book *Baseball Before We Knew It*) suggests that we have 5 to 10 times the information that was available to our leading scholars in the 1990s.

About 200 SABR members have joined the Committee. Many are too busy harvesting new finds to devote time to Committee activities, but the highlights of the past year include:

- Meeting with the new MLB Official Historian John Thorn to discuss the plans of the MLB Origins Committee, which he chairs, at the Los Angeles SABR Convention.
- The regular distribution of the Committee's monthly newsletter, *Originals*, which is superbly edited by Bob Tholkes. Under Bob's guidance, the newsletter is increasingly the place where new historical finds are registered and described for the community of origins researchers.
- Continued progress in tracking the diffusion of the New York game across the United States and the world. The open SABR "Spread of Baseball" project website now features about 700 accounts of the local origins of the modern game in 41 states and 40 foreign nations. Many of these accounts have been contributed to the site directly by SABR members.

— Larry McCray

Pictorial History

Founded: 1994

Chair:

Bill Hickman

Pictorial History

The primary focus of the Pictorial History Committee is to develop the Player Image Index. The goal of this project is to catalogue at least one photo image of every man who has played in the major leagues. When we are able to catalogue an image, that means that we know where it has been published or in what collection it has been seen. We have been able to catalogue images for about 97% of the players who have been in the majors since the beginning, 1871. The Player Image Index currently consists of over 40,000 records describing image sources for over 17,200 major league players.

During the past 12 months, we continued to find images of missing players and we also captured images for all the new major league debuters as they emerged onto the major league scene. We also catalogued images of major league managers, coaches, and umpires. We began a new project to collect images of those minor league players who appeared on major league spring rosters, but who did not remain with the big league teams into the regular season.

Over the past year, we have been unable to update the pictorial data on the SABR website, but we have been assured that a systems solution is currently being worked on. One systems advance this year related to this committee was the added display of pictorial data to the BioProject portion of the SABR website.

We completed numerous photo identifications from the Leslie Jones photo collection at the Boston Public Library. Staff at the Library was pleased with our work, and SABR was credited with the research as the photos were presented on the Boston Public Library. This project was headed by Mark Stang.

The Library of Congress staff continued to consult with us on photo identifications involving the Bain Collection throughout the year.

A major Mark Fimoff column regarding the Knickerbocker half-plate photo controversy was presented as part of one Pictorial History Committee newsletter this year. The column detailed the opposing views of Mark and half-plate photo owner Corey Shanus, along with the reports of their respective consultants.

— Bill Hickman

Scouts

Founded: 2002

Co-chairs:

Rod Nelson

& Jim Sandoval

Scouts

The Scouts committee was formed in 1994 to compile a complete roster of scouts, with biographical information for each. The committee maintains the Who-Signed-Whom database crediting the scouts who signed each major league player and is building a comprehensive Scouts Roster. With the assistance of the Oral History committee, interviews of scouts are being collected. Two newsletters are produced each year.

SABR and the Scouts committee published in December 2011 *Can He Play? A Look at Baseball Scouts and Their Profession*.

CAN HE PLAY? collects the contributions of 26 members of SABR on the subject of scouts, including biographies and historical essays. The book touches on more than a century of scouts and scouting with a focus on the men (and the occasional woman) who have taken on the task of scouring the world for the best ballplayers available. In *CAN HE PLAY?*, we meet the “King of Weeds,” a Ph.D. We call “Baseball's Renaissance Man,” a husband-and-wife team, pioneering Latin scouts, and a Japanese-American interned during World War II who became a successful scout — and many, many more.

— Jim Sandoval and Rod Nelson

Statistical Analysis

Founded: 1974

Co-chairs:

Clem Comly

& Neal Traven

Statistical Analysis

Founded in 1974 by Dick Cramer and Pete Palmer, the Statistical Analysis Committee is one of SABR's longest-running research committees. Its purpose is primarily one of facilitation, fostering the exchange of research and analysis of empirical baseball data (by members and nonmembers). One of SABR's largest research committees, the SAC counts (according to the SABR website's management tools) 1237 members as we write this report in May 2012.

Statistical Analysis Committee members propose, build, and test statistical models and evaluation techniques, with the goals of describing and analyzing the existing record of baseball data as well as developing empirical models for investigating potential futures trends in the game. The SAC strongly supports peer review as an essential component of high quality research. Under longtime editor Phil Birnbaum, the SAC's newsletter *By The Numbers* presents research studies and critical discussion. *BTN* is available for download either as a group resource at SABRnation or at Phil's website, <http://www.philbirnbaum.com/>. Our Statistical Analysis Yahoo Group, managed by Dan Levitt, is an email list open exclusively to committee members. While message traffic is rather variable, it can be a highly useful forum for SAC member discussions.

As they have for many years, SAC members play leading roles in producing the major preseason annual analytic publications. The extensive participation of MLB officials at the inaugural SABR Analytics conference clearly demonstrates that the value of sabermetric ideas and principles is increasingly accepted and appreciated beyond SABR.

The Statistical Analysis Committee contributes significantly to SABR's research profile and its reputation for important baseball analysis. We urge SAC members to communicate their research findings both through the Committee's own publication media and by submitting research manuscripts to the Baseball Research Journal.

— Neal Traven & Clem Comly

Umpires & Rules

Founded: 1998

Chair: Rodney Johnson

Umpires & Rules

Rodney Johnson was named as the new committee chairman this year. His goal is to reinvigorate the committee by organizing projects and increasing communication and interaction between committee members. To that end the first committee newsletter in three years was published in May. Members were also invited into discussions via SABRNation, and a challenge to committee members to write umpire biographies for the BioProject has been issued. Currently, BioProject features 34 umpire biographies and there are more than 300 umpires who have donned the gear in the major leagues. Members are being asked to complete bios on the six Hall of Fame umpires who are not represented. This modest effort is intended to kick-start a project that will lead down a road that will eventually include a listing for every MLB umpire. Another long-range goal is to create a case book for section 10 of the official rules—the rules of official scoring.

As its more than 200 members illustrate, interest in umpires and rules as a significant part of the game is strong. It is the goal of the committee to channel this interest into productive research that will result in a better understanding and greater knowledge of the rules of the game and the arbiters that call 'em.

— Rodney Johnson

Women in Baseball **Women in Baseball**

Founded: 1990

Co-chairs:

**Leslie Heaphy
& Justine Siegal**

During the year 2011-2012 our committee held its annual meeting at SABR 41 with over 45 in attendance to hear about a documentary film project from Cami Kidder and research projects of other members. We also invited Jan Wood to join us and a number of us had lunch with her and heard about her playing days in the National Girls Baseball League.

Three newsletters went out over the course of the year and we publicized the work of so many with a big highlight being Justine Siegal's work with ML baseball and her new job helping baseball players continue their education. We have also begun slow work on a committee project writing a history of the Colorado Silver Bullets. A number of committee members presented at conferences during the year, starting with the 2011 Cooperstown Symposium and ending most recently at the 50th Anniversary NY Mets Conference where there were 4 female presenters.

We are currently planning for a women in baseball panel at SABR 42.

— Leslie Heaphy and Justine Siegal

SABR Chapter Reports, June 15, 2012

EAST CHAPTERS

Bob Davids Chapter	Washington, DC
Boston Chapter	Boston, MA
Casey Stengel Chapter	New York, NY
Cliff Kachline Chapter	Cooperstown, NY
Clinton High School Chapter	Clinton, NY
Connie Mack Chapter	Philadelphia, PA
CT Smoky Joe Wood Chapter	Hartford, CT
Elysian Fields Chapter	West Orange, NJ
Forbes Field Chapter	Pittsburgh, PA
Ford-Harrelson Chapter	New York, NY
Gardner-Waterman VT Chapter	Burlington, VT
Rabbit Maranville Chapter	Springfield, MA
SE NE Lajoie-Start Chapter	Providence, RI

MIDWEST CHAPTERS

Bob Broeg St. Louis Chapter	St. Louis, MO
Bresnahan-Mud Hens Chapter	Toledo, OH
Central Oklahoma Chapter	Oklahoma City, OK
Dayton Chapter	Dayton, OH
Detroit Chapter	Detroit, MI
Don Lund Chapter	Ann Arbor, MI
Emil Rothe Chapter	Chicago, IL
Field of Dreams Chapter	Des Moines, IA
Halsey Hall Chapter	Minneapolis, MN
Hank Gowdy Chapter	Columbus, OH
Hoyt-Allen Chapter	Cincinnati, OH
Jack Graney Chapter	Cleveland, OH
Ken Keltner Badger State Chapter	Milwaukee, WI
Lou Criger Chapter	South Bend, IN
Monarchs Chapter	Kansas City, MO
Oscar Charleston Chapter	Indianapolis, IN
Wally Pipp Chapter	Holland, MI

SOUTH CHAPTERS

Auker-Seminick Chapter	Orlando, FL
Carolina Chapter	Durham, NC
Charlotte Chapter	Charlotte, NC
East Tennessee Chapter	Knoxville, TN
DFW Hall-Ruggles Chapter	Dallas-Ft. Worth, TX
Houston/Larry Dierker Chapter	Houston, TX
Magnolia/Georgia Chapter	Atlanta, GA
N. Florida Buck O'Neil Chapter	Tallahassee, FL
Pee Wee Reese Chapter	Louisville, KY
Rice-Russell Nashville Chapter	Nashville, TN
Robinson-Kell Chapter	Little Rock, AR
Rogers Hornsby Chapter	Austin, TX
Schott-Pelican Chapter	New Orleans, LA
Seymour-Mills Chapter	Naples, FL
South Florida Chapter	Miami, FL

WEST CHAPTERS

Allan Roth Chapter	Los Angeles, CA
Flame Delhi Chapter	Phoenix, AZ
Lefty O'Doul/S.F. Bay Chapter	San Francisco, CA
Northwest Chapter	Seattle, WA
Rio Grande Chapter	Albuquerque, NM
Rocky Mountain Chapter	Denver, CO
Sacramento Chapter	Sacramento, CA
SD Ted Williams Chapter	San Diego, CA
West Texas Chapter	Abilene, TX

INTERNATIONAL CHAPTERS

Bobby Thomson Chapter	London, UK
Hanlan's Point Chapter	Toronto, ON
Orlando Cepeda Chapter	San Juan, PR
Quebec Chapter	Montreal, QC
Tokyo Chapter	Tokyo, JP

CHARTERED COMMUNITIES

Baseball Bloggers Alliance	Project COBB
Baseball Think Factory	SABR Librarian Caucus
Horsehide Trivia	Union Project

SABR Eastern Chapter Reports, June 15, 2012

(All annual chapter reports received at the SABR office by June 15, 2012, have been included.)

BOB DAVIDS CHAPTER (Washington, DC)

The last year has been a very successful one for the Bob Davids Chapter of SABR, which covers the Mid-Atlantic area from southern Pennsylvania to Virginia.

The chapter features three monthly events. The second Saturday of the month is Talkin' Baseball in Columbia, MD, where a baseball author discusses his or her book. The second Wednesday of the month is the Hot Stove Dinner, in Arlington, VA, where members gather to discuss the baseball topics of the day. The Arlington Hot Stove Dinner celebrated its tenth anniversary this year. On the third Tuesday of the month is our newest Hot Stove Dinner in Silver Spring, MD.

In addition, the chapter had three annual events this past year. Our keystone event is our Annual meeting on SABR Day, January 28, 2012. Over 130 SABR members gathered in Arlington, VA, for a full day of speakers, trivia, and baseball talk. Guests included former Senators pitcher Jim Hannan, Baseball Factory founder Steve Scalfani, Gonzaga High School baseball coach Andy Bradley, and Retrosheet founder Dave Smith. The event also featured a nice buffet lunch, our chapter's raffle, and several vendor tables. We also had events at a major and minor league games. The major league game is scheduled for Saturday June 23, 2012, a week before the convention, and the 75 attendees will hear pregame speakers while enjoying ballpark food, followed by the showdown between the Orioles and the Nationals. Our minor league game will be in York, PA, later this season, and our 2011 minor league game was in Salisbury, MD, as the Delmarva Shorebirds hosted the Hagerstown Suns. We had 20 members there who had a great time despite the game being rained out in the third inning as they got the chance to see Bryce Harper hit.

We look forward to more great SABR events in the Mid-Atlantic region this year, and we invite you to stop on by when you're in the neighborhood.

— D. Bruce Brown

BOSTON CHAPTER (Boston, MA)

The Boston chapter held three meetings between July 2011 and May 1, 2012. A new location has been found for meetings, the Non Profit Center of Boston, a facility very accommodating and practical for our requirements.

On July 30, 2011, a "Mid-summer Gathering" was held, with Kerrie Ferrell presenting her book about Rick Ferrell; Marty Dobrow with his book "Knocking on Heaven's Door"; and a very memorable presentation by Gilbert Fernandez Black, with Cam Perrin, on his experiences in the Negro Leagues.

The Fall meeting, on October 29, was held despite the threatening storm that overtook the region and dumped the only major snowstorm of the season in Boston. Jim Kaplan presented his book, "The Greatest Game Ever Pitched: Juan Marichal, Warren Spahn and the Pitching Duel of the Century," and Al

Hirsch challenged our traditionally held beliefs about the Moneyball approach to baseball scouting, with his book, “The Beauty of Short Hops” and Jim Hirsch, author of “Willie Mays, The Life and Legend” described the challenge of writing an in-depth biography of a baseball legend. After a panel discussion, with Gerry Beirne, Bill Nowlin, Len Levin and Eric Van concerning “What’s the Matter With the Red Sox”, and after finding no solution, the attendees then headed out to rain, sleet snow and wind.

The traditional MLK Weekend Gathering was held on January 16, 2012, at the Baseball Tavern. A very packed agenda included Ron Anderson, with his book, “Long Taters” on George Scott; Michael Foster presented a paper on the Hot Springs Training Trip of 1912; Pam Ganley, director of Media Relations for the Red Sox described the adventures she’s had with the Red Sox organization, from ticket taking to meeting celebrities; Peter Abraham, writer for the Boston Globe also couldn’t explain to us what the matter was with the Red Sox but prepared us for an interesting season soon to begin; Ben Crockett, Director of Player Development hinted at great things being worked in the minors; and Donna Halper, Professor of Communications at Lesley University treated us to a entertaining presentation about the history of Boston radio and the role it played in advancing sports in the city and region.

We also had speakers from the Tufts University Sabermetrics course, as well as a presentation from a group of Emerson College students who are working on a documentary about the Red Sox. And we wrapped up the intense meeting with Patrick Laguzzi making an impassioned plea to elect Dewey Evans to the Hall of Fame.

A special meeting was organized with the Gibson Museum of Boston on April 5 (traditional Fast Day in Boston) where we held a Fast Day celebration and combined Boston history with 19th century baseball history. An eclectic gathering of history buffs, both baseball and local historians, came together for a lively presentation and discussion of Boston’s indelible mark on baseball. As a chapter, we are inspired to continue bringing a unique view of history to local audiences.

The Boston Chapter continues to reach out to local schools and colleges, and community organizations to enhance interest in baseball history in all its aspects.

— Joanne Hulbert

CLIFF KACHLINE CHAPTER (COOPERSTOWN, NY)

The Cliff Kachline Chapter of Cooperstown (and beyond) had its annual Induction Day meeting on July 24, 2011. According to many who attended, it was one of our best meetings ever, with presentations by Mike Piazza (Harvey Pulliam), Bruce Markusen (baseball card photo gaffes), Gabe Schechter (behind the scenes at the writer/broadcaster wing at the HOF), Dennis Corcoran (his *Induction Day at Cooperstown* book) and Marty Dobrow (his *Knockin’ on Heaven’s Door* book).

With our enthusiasm at a high, we met again on October 29 for a post-season get together, with talks by Bruce Markusen (major leaguers who served in Vietnam), Claudette Scrafford (the Tom Shea collection housed at the HOF library), Ira Cooperman (demise of the Dodgers) and Tom Shieber (the mysteries behind the Babe Ruth movie, *Stealin’ Home*). Tom’s presentation had us talking for weeks after. When the meeting adjourned, we all headed for pizza discussion.

For SABR Day, our meeting included a presentation from Jon Arakaki on the cultural relevance of *Sports Illustrated* baseball covers (with examples), Gabe Schechter (relief pitcher follies), Jim Gates (Giamatti Research Center updates) and Mike Piazza (the further adventures of Harvey Pulliam).

In March, our chapter president, Jeff Katz, was elected Mayor of Cooperstown.

We are currently planning for our 2012 Induction meeting. It will take place at 6 PM on July 22, at Tillapaugh's Funeral Home in Cooperstown.

— Jeff Katz

CONNECTICUT SMOKY JOE WOOD CHAPTER (Hartford, CT)

Our chapter continued to maintain a steady level of activity. We met twice in the past year, in October 2011, and February 2012, at our usual headquarters, Quinnipiac University, in Hamden, CT. We usually get about 30 people to our meetings, which feature guest speakers, authors, and research presentations from our members. We also have regular chapter breakfasts in a restaurant, also in Hamden. During the summer, we have chapter outings to the New Britain Rock Cats, as we know people in the front office, as well as their broadcaster.

Our members also attend the SABR regional meetings in NY and RI, and also participate in the SABR national conventions. Larry Levine, our Vice President, and Joe Williams, our Treasurer, ably assist me in keeping the chapter moving, and we have a good group of people in our chapter. We hope to build bridges to the vintage baseball community, and be more visible in other ways.

— Steve Krevisky

PHILADELPHIA/CONNIE MACK CHAPTER (Philadelphia, PA)

Over the past year, the Connie Mack Chapter has made major changes that, we believe, will have positive impacts on our future. During the year, we completed our gradual transition from the founding leadership trinity of Kit Crissey, Joe Dittmar and Joe McGillen to the present leaders, Seamus Kearney and Dick Rosen. In 2011, SABR recognized our commitment and awarded the Connie Mack chapter the SABR National Convention for 2013. Additionally, we have recruited younger, activist members who have strengthened the chapter. These additions enabled us to increase the number of chapter-sponsored activities. Beyond our Annual Meeting, held each spring, we have added a research regional meeting as part of SABR Day activities in January. We are also expanding our informal Hot Stove League gatherings to begin in December and run through March at area pubs and ballpark taverns.

In 2011 we continued our “tour” of area baseball venues by hosting our Annual Meeting at FirstEnergy Stadium, home of the Reading Phillies. In January, 2012, we held our first SABR Day Regional at historic McGillen's Olde Ale House in Center City Philadelphia. Monthly Hot Stove League gatherings occurred at Cavanaugh's in Philly and at the “World Famous Peanut Bar” in Reading Pa. And, on June 9, 2012, the chapter will host its Annual Meeting at Trenton's Waterfront Park, home of the Thunder.

Our SABR 43 Convention Planning Committee has been meeting monthly since September 2011. We have a core of active members committed to making the convention a rousing success. We want to provide a broad perspective of Philadelphia baseball from its early beginnings in the 1830s, to the National League and American Association Athletics, to Connie Mack's A's, the Hilldale Daisies, the Philadelphia Bobbies, the Philadelphia Stars, and, of course, the Phillies. These guidelines will serve us not only for SABR 43 but also for our local chapter in the future.

— Seamus Kearney and Dick Rosen

ELYSIAN FIELDS CHAPTER (West Orange, NJ)

In the period June 2011 – May 2012, the Elysian Fields Chapter (New Jersey) of SABR did not hold any chapter events.

This was a result, in part, of the renovation of the Yogi Berra Museum, which had been the location of the majority of chapter events over the years. The Museum reopened in early Winter 2011, and so hopefully we will be able to work with them once again.

Also, the chapter would be pleased if additional motivated member would assist in the planning and development of events. Any help in this area would be greatly appreciated.

— Rich Puerzer

FORBES FIELD CHAPTER (Pittsburgh, PA)

2011-2012 Highlights

A summary of the Chapter activities for this period is as follows:

- Formal meetings were held on October 29, 2011 and April 28, 2012. Five research presentations were presented by members at each of those meetings.
- Guest speakers included University of Pittsburgh Head Baseball Coach Joe Jordano in October, and *Beaver County Times* columnist John Mehno.
- The Chapter held a SABR Day gathering at PNC Park on January 28. Member George Skornickel put this meeting together and MC'd the day. Guest speaker was former Pirate star Dick Groat.
- Informal "hot stove" sessions were held in August '11 and February '12.

- On May 12, twenty-nine members and their guests will attend the Pirates- Astros game as a group.
- In August 2011, several members attended a Vintage Base Ball game featuring the Pittsburgh Franklins. We hope that this will be a regular event for us.

— Bob Sproule

RABBIT MARANVILLE CHAPTER (Springfield, MA)

The Rabbit Maranville Springfield Chapter had Bob Ryan speak at the fall meeting. Mr. Ryan is one of the foremost sports writers and TV personalities of our era. He spoke of all the great sports teams in the New England area. This spring were lucky to have Richard Johnson of the New England Sports Museum as our speaker. Both meetings drew about 30 people each.

— Stephen Maniouakis

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND (LAJOIE-START) CHAPTER (Providence, RI)

The Lajoie-Start chapter's principal organized activity is its two regional meetings a year. The spring meeting (in June) is held at McCoy Stadium, home of the Pawtucket Red Sox. The June 2012 meeting was attended by 35 members and guests. As usual, the agenda included research presentations, a trivia quiz, a baseball book raffle, an appearance by officials of the Pawtucket Red Sox, including the manager, and a guest speaker. The speaker this time was Brian Rose, a former major league pitcher.

The fall meeting, as always, was held on the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend at St. Philip's Parish Center in Greenville, R.I. Fifty-one members and guests attended. One of the scheduled speakers, former major leaguer Ted Lepcio had to leave early. The other speaker was Dick Flavin, well known in New England as a raconteur and media personality.

The chapter has no treasury. Its meeting expenses are covered by the admission price as well as occasional donations from members.

— Len Levin

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BOB BROEG ST. LOUIS CHAPTER (St. Louis, MO)

The Bob Broeg SABR Chapter continued in 2011-2012 to hold a monthly roundtable, usually on the third Monday or Tuesday of the month, at The Original Crusoe's Restaurant, Osceola and Compton avenues in South St. Louis. The meetings usually drew 20-25 enthusiasts. Meetings always featured lively discussion about baseball, and not all reserved for the St. Louis Cardinals as the chapter has fans of such teams as the Chicago Cubs and New York Mets. Several members gave research presentations on both statistical and biographical subjects, and a few members gave reports and reviews on contemporary baseball books. Nearly all meetings concluded with a trivia quiz compiled by member Bob Tiemann.

The largest meeting of the year was the annual Hot Stove Luncheon on Saturday, January 28, 2012, at the usual location, Mike Shannon's Steaks and Seafood in downtown St. Louis. Fifty-two people, including SABR members and guests, attended the event. Chapter member Joan Thomas received the Bob Broeg Service Award for her leadership in the chapter's project to mark five St. Louis sites that once housed major league ballparks. Guest speakers included former Cardinals outfielder Kerry Robinson and his father, Rogers Robinson, who played in the Cardinals' minor league system. Pat Daly, manager of Cardinals retail sales, described how the club authenticates potential souvenirs and collectors' items. Derrick Goold, one of the reporters covering baseball for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and a guest at past Bob Broeg chapter events, discussed off-season player moves by the Cardinals. Research presentations came from chapter members Jim Rygelski, "Baseball Myths: Old and New," and Dwayne Isgrig, "The Great Bambino and His Three Home Runs in One World Series (Twice)."

Officers and board of directors for 2012 are: President, Norm Richards; Vice president, Brian Flaspohler; Secretary, Jim Rygelski; Treasurer, Fred Heger. Board members: Jeff Ecker, Steve Gietschier, Wayne Hebden, Jim Leefers, Kris Lokemoen, John Schoon, Barbara Sheinbein, Mark Stangl, and Bob Tiemann.

— Jim Rygelski, Norm Richards and Brian Flaspohler

ROGER BRESNAHAN/MUD HENS CHAPTER (Toledo, OH)

The Roger Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter of SABR held two events during 2011. On June 10 the chapter attended a game at Fifth Third Field between the Gwinnett Braves and the Toledo Mud Hens. Prior to the game we enjoyed a picnic supper in the ballpark, after which we enjoyed the game. It was a tight contest, but in the end the Braves prevailed by a 4 to 3 score. An impressive fireworks display topped off the night for our members in attendance.

On November 5 our chapter met for some post-World Series baseball talk at the Sylvania branch of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library. Our special guest was Jason Griffin, one of the radio-television voices of the Toledo Mud Hens. Jason provided a nice overview of the 2011 Mud Hens season, and he also answered numerous questions from chapter members with facts and opinions about minor league and major league ball. He concluded his presentation with a baseball trivia contest that was enjoyed by all of us.

— Steven Lauer

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CHAPTER (Oklahoma City, OK)

August 18 - Norman, OK

Willie Steele presented an entertaining talk about W. P. Kinsella's baseball-oriented fiction. Dr. Steele, an avowed Pittsburgh Pirates fan, took questions and also joined in the groups general baseball discussion. Local chapter members Tom Schott and Kal Zitterkob provided results about their personal research projects. Schott is compiling scoring of 1-0 games in the Majors. Zitterkob provided information about Carl Hubbell's minor league and sandlot days in Oklahoma.

December 10 - Stroud, OK

We had great talks from Mike Sowell and Kevin Johnson. Sowell's talk centered around his recently published book, *One Pitch Away*, about the Los Angeles Angels loss in the 1982 American League Championship Series and the tragic death of Donnie Moore. He also discussed two other of his books, a biography of Ed Delahanty and a review of the incidents leading up to the beaming death of Ray Chapman. Kevin Johnson reviewed the Seamheads web site and invited us all to check out the Baseball Gauge and the Negro Leagues Database at Seamheads.com. The group also heard from Butch Schoenhals and Fred Vint on the developments at the Chandler Baseball Camp. We expect to hear more from them at a future meeting.

January 28 - Norman, OK

Andy Strasberg presented his Roger Maris tribute to an audience of 25, including a number of his friends from the region. Among those visitors was former Major League pitcher Don Stanhouse whose impromptu review of his own career in baseball entertained the audience. Both gentlemen graciously answered questions and participated in the group's general baseball discussion. Both speakers traveled considerable distance to speak to our relatively small chapter. Their presentations were entertaining, informative, and greatly appreciated.

Scheduled June 9 - Oklahoma History Center, Oklahoma City

Pete Pierce on the history of minor league baseball in Oklahoma.

— Howard Johnson

DAYTON CHAPTER (Dayton, OH)

The Chapter held two meetings; the November 2011 gathering at the University of Dayton had the following presentations:

- Lynne Gibson: "The Rosie Reds" The Cincinnati Reds Booster Club
- Charles Alexander: Highlights from his book "Turbulent Seasons"

- Geri Strecker: showed the film “Black Baseball in Indianapolis”

A trivia contest and book auction were also held.

The May 2012 meeting was held at 5/3 Field in Dayton in included these presentations:

- Jack Carlson: “Baseball in Dayton May 12, 1912”
- Eric Thompson: “The National League’s First Expansion Draft”
- Tracey Martin: Discussion of early Baseball Equipment, including displaying memorabilia with the presentation
- Dayton Dragons pitcher Tanner Robles and Dragons pitching coach Tom Browning shared their experiences with the attendees.

Several members attended the Dragons game following the meeting.

— John Schleppe

DETROIT CHAPTER (Detroit, MI)

The Detroit Chapter held two formal meetings in the past year. On SABR Day 2012 (January 28), the chapter hosted a joint meeting at the Detroit Public Library with the other Michigan SABR chapters, the Don Lund and Wally Pipp Chapters, as well as the Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter from Toledo. Featured speakers were Mike Smith, Director of Baseball Operations for the Tigers; Howard Stitzel, engineer for more than a half-century on Tigers radio broadcasts; and local author Dave Fleitz, author of *Silver Bats and Automobiles*.

The chapter also met previously on September 18, 2011, at Wayne State University in Midtown Detroit. WSU professor Lisa Alexander spoke about race, class, gender, and steroids. Local historian, author, and mensch Irwin Cohen spoke about his experiences working in the Tigers’ front office in the 1980s and 1990s as well as about his book, *Tiger Stadium/Comerica Park*.

The chapter maintains an informational website at www.SABR-Detroit.org with audio clips from the chapter’s 2008 symposium and its 2010 tribute to Ernie Harwell.

— Gary Gillette

FIELD OF DREAMS (IOWA) CHAPTER (Des Moines, Iowa)

Here is our annual report for 2011-12:

Officers

Umpire-in-Chief (Chair): Tim Rask

First Base Umpire (Vice-Chair): Ralph Christian

Concessionaire (Treasurer): Steve Elsberry

Scorecard Keeper (Webmaster): Steve Smith

Activities for the year

Eleven members and guests of the Field of Dreams SABR chapter gathered in Suite 212 at Des Moines' Principal Park for a meeting and ballgame on Saturday evening June 25, 2011.

Tim Rask presented a brief history of the Midwest League All-Stars vs. the Iowa Oaks, a 4-year series played during the 1974-77 seasons. Steve Elsberry followed with some research of this season's MLB attendance for inter-league games, finding that, yes, there has been a small bump in attendance over regular AL and NL games.

The group then sat back to enjoy the Iowa Cubs rally to a 4-3 victory over the visiting Albuquerque Isotopes.

Ongoing

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

— Tim Rask

HALSEY HALL CHAPTER (Minneapolis, MN)

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Stew Thornley, Committee Chair

Our chapter has been working on hosting the SABR convention from prior to our bid acceptance in 2010. Dan Levitt was appointed to start working on the convention publication. With others, Dan has done an exceptional job on this project. Our convention committee has been meeting regularly since 2010. In the last year, the committee got to meet with Deb Jayne in November 2011 and with Marc Appleman and Vince Gennaro in April 2012. We have the active support of the Minnesota Twins, and the entire process has been pretty smooth.

Membership

Brenda Himrich, Chapter President for Stew Thornley, Committee Chair

Because of a flaw in the SABR website, the Chapter doesn't know how many new members we got over the past year. In the past we could get a member list anytime and see who was new. We'd write to that person with a greeting and invitation to upcoming events and then introduced them in our newsletter. The new SABR website made this difficult, but it still could be done. Late in 2011, however, we learned that we couldn't get a member list of any kind. Thornley expressed frustration with this in an e-mail to the SABR board. After a follow-up e-mail to Vince Gennaro, Vince called and explained the problems they were having with the new website. Thornley asked about workarounds, including having someone from the SABR office notify chapter leaders of new members.

Events

Howard Luloff, Committee Chair

The Halsey Hall Chapter held its Fall Chapter Meeting October 15, with former Twins infielder Ron Coomer as the guest speaker. There were two research presentations: Rex Hamann looked back at the American Association pennants won by the Minneapolis Millers and the St. Paul Saints and Bob Tholkes talked about The Birth of Baseball Statistics. Twenty-four members and guests attended.

April 21st was the date of the chapter's Spring Meeting. Former Minnesota Twins executive Clark Griffith was the guest speaker. There were four research presentations: Scott Cummings presented his college thesis on Sabermetric Defense in Baseball, Terry Bohn looked back at early Dakota baseball, Mendal Mearkle took members back to 1894 and the Worst Day in Boston Baseball History and Gene Gomes profiled former 19th-century pitcher turned minor league owner Abner Powell. Attendance was 24.

Newsletter

Stew Thornley, Editor

We produced monthly newsletters, which are on-line at <http://www.halseyhall.org/pubs>. The newsletters were posted on our website and a notice sent, through the SABR website, to chapter members to let them know a new newsletter was posted. Because of problems with the SABR website, we had problems with

the notices not going through. Jacob Pomrenke of the SABR office sent duplicate notices in case it would work better coming straight from the office. It has been working better in recent months.

Treasurer

Jerry Janzen, Treasurer

The treasury had a balance of \$455.61. The receipts from the chapter meetings "roughly break even."

— Brenda Himrich

HANK GOWDY COLUMBUS CHAPTER (Columbus, OH)

The chapter's summer meeting was held on Sunday, July 31, 2011 at Huntington Park, home of the International League's Columbus Clippers. Approximately 20 persons attended the event, including members and their families. The featured speaker was Ken Schnacke, President and GM of the Clippers. His talk featured an inside look at the way a minor league executive handles roster moves. Informative presentations were provided by local members Jim Tootle (Vintage Baseball) and Blake Sherry (Addie Joss). John Lewis provided a challenging and creative trivia quiz covering baseball players whose lives or careers touched Columbus and environs. Following the meeting the group watched the Clippers play the Norfolk Tides in a contest that went extra innings.

Approximately 26 members and their guests attended the chapter's annual winter meeting at the Westerville Public Library on National SABR Day (Saturday, January 28, 2012). The meeting featured fascinating presentations by three local members: Mark Lecuru (Gavvy Cravath), Ernie Walther (Earl Alonzo Moore) and Blake Sherry (Columbus Jets). Following the presentations John Lewis moderated a trivia contest. A book raffle raised money for the chapter. Afterwards a number of members enjoyed a lunch and lively baseball discussion at Jimmy V's, a local sports pub.

During the past year the chapter held three sessions of its highly successful book club. All three were organized and ably moderated by Blake Sherry. The first meeting was held on Saturday, October 29, 2011 at the Dublin Public Library. Approximately ten members attended to discuss *Clemente: The Passion and Grace of Baseball's Last Hero* by David Maraniss. The next session was hosted by the Columbus Public Library on Saturday, February 18, 2012. The book for discussion was *Three Finger: The Mordecai Brown Story* by our own Cindy Thomson and her cousin Scott Brown. Cindy was present and graciously answered questions about the research and writing of this fine biography. Approximately a dozen members were in attendance. The final book club meeting was held on Saturday, May 5, 2012, at the Whetstone Public Library. The topic of discussion was *Satchel: The Life and Times of an American Legend* by Larry Tye. Nine members attended. A guest was Paul Droste, former director of the OSU Marching Band. As a young boy growing up in Cleveland in 1948, Mr. Droste saw Satchel Paige pitch for the Indians.

— Rick Huhn

HOYT-ALLEN CHAPTER (Cincinnati, OH)

Here is our annual report for 2011-12:

2011 Winter Meeting of the Hoyt-Allen Chapter of SABR, Cincinnati, OH

Approximately twelve members and guests attended the 2011 Winter Meeting of the SABR Hoyt-Allen Chapter. We met on SABR Day 2011 (January 29th), at the A. B. Cohen Center, Xavier University.

Schedule:

- 9:30 to 10:00 Welcome, Chapter News and SABR Day Rich Gibson
- 10:00 to 10:15 Bill Presnell Honor Stuart Hodesh
- 10:15 to 11:00 Fred Hutchinson and the 1964 Cincinnati Reds Doug Wilson
- 11:00 to 11:15 Break
- 11:15 to 11:30 Who Does and Doesn't Belong in Reds HOF Based on WAR John Snyder
- 11:30 to 12:15 Angel Sleeves Richard Jones

Chapter Bank Account Summary

Beginning Balance for 2011: \$1673.12

Ending Balance for 2011: \$1583.12

(Difference due to account inactivity fees.)

— Rich Gibson

JACK GRANEY CHAPTER (Cleveland, OH)

The Cleveland/Jack Graney Chapter has been participating in our regular events since last summer's convention. We attended an Akron Aeros game as a group last summer, and plan to attend another Aeros game, along with a Lake County Captains game, this summer.

On August 11, 2012, the namesake of our chapter, Jack Graney, will be inducted into the Cleveland Indians Hall of Fame along with Gaylord Perry. We are trying to put together a group outing so we can have a chapter presence at the induction ceremony.

We are also excited that the Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference is in Cleveland from July 19-21 this year. We're looking forward to a great weekend of player panels, author panels, and presentations.

The Jack Graney Chapter meets three times each year, and all three of those meetings took place since the convention last summer.

In October, we meet at the Brooklyn Public Library in Brooklyn, Ohio. Stephanie Liscio gave a talk entitled, "3,000 Miles and 30 Days – Stadium Journey Across the Country" and Randal Doane gave a talk entitled "Karma at the Bat: Notes on the Good Fortune of the 2010 San Francisco Giants." Jim Holl rounded out the day with his presentation on "Knothole Gang Days – Memories of a Time and Place."

In February, we had our large winter meeting in the basement media room of Progressive Field. Plain Dealer reporter Terry Pluto discussed his new book on Joe Tait, and Eric Thompson gave a presentation entitled, "The National League's First Expansion Draft: Did the Colt .45s and the Mets Have a Fair Chance?" Bob DiBiasio, the Indians' senior vice president of public affairs, stopped by to talk Tribe with the group, while Thomas Woodman talked about his project on the original 15 concrete and steel baseball parks built from 1895-1923. Two additional presentations rounded out the day – Bob Sproule, Pittsburgh Chapter President talked about "The First Time," while Joe Werner gave the group "An analysis of how the Indians will finish, record wise, in the upcoming season."

In early June, we met at the Baseball Heritage Museum in downtown Cleveland. We had a great presentation from Peggy Beck on the media and possible conflicts of interest with Major League teams. We also had a "show and tell" with some of our favorite personal baseball items, a Negro League trivia contest, and we also saved time to look around the museum and to chat about baseball.

We look forward to our activities taking place later this summer, and look to our next meeting in October with anticipation!

— Stephanie Liscio

LOU CRIGER CHAPTER (South Bend, IN)

One Aug. 6, 2011, a meeting was held at a South Bend Silver Hawks game in August. Attendees shared baseball stories and trivia. It was the same day that chapter founder Cappy Gagnon retired from Notre Dame.

On June 3, 2012, a monument was dedicated to Criger in Elkhart, Ind., 100 years to the day of his last appearance in a major league game. SABR members Steve Krahn and David Stalker spoke as did the mayor, park board president and members of the family.

— Steve Krahn

MONARCHS CHAPTER (Kansas City, MO)

The Monarchs Chapter had two very spirited meetings during the past year.

In October, members listened to Josh Fisher of www.dodgerdivorce.com for his take on the legal battles facing the Dodgers. Also, local baseball historian Lloyd Johnson talked about the 1923 American Association champion Kansas City Blues, who won the Little World Series that year.

For SABR Day, our speakers included General Manager Chris Browne of the American Association Kansas City T-Bones who discussed trying to promote a minor league team in a major league city and also the hiring of Frank White after his dismissal from the Kansas City Royals. Also, blogger Bill Ivie talked about the St. Louis Cardinals without Albert Pujols, which looks pretty good at this time. Bill runs the website I70baseball.com.

This year we are planning on more meetings and looking forward to hearing local member Todd Peterson's talk on the Minnesota Keystones at this year's National Convention.

— Roger Erickson

OSCAR CHARLESTON CHAPTER (Indianapolis and Central Indiana)

On July 21-24, Indianapolis hosted SABR's Jerry Malloy Negro Leagues conference, where we dedicated a state historical marker for Washington Park, the site of the first Negro National League game. The Oscar Charleston chapter held spring and winter meetings at Conner Prairie museum in Fishers; both meetings included research presentations and a trivia contest. The November meeting also included a screening of the "Black Baseball in Indiana" film that Geri Strecker's Ball State group produced. For SABR Day in January, chapter members met for lunch and a book discussion of Neil Lanctot's *Campy*.

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

— Trey Strecker

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AUKER-SEMINICK CHAPTER OF CENTRAL FLORIDA (Orlando, FL)

The Central Florida chapter last had a meeting at Tropicana Field in September before a Tampa Bay Rays game. A group of 25 gathered for several presentations and a special guest speaker.

Peter Golenbock spoke on his latest project on the history of the New York Yankees.

Mark Stang gave a photo presentation on the Boston Red Sox.

Jim Satterly and Dave Larson led a discussion on the merits of numerous players to see which ones belong in the Hall of Fame or the Hall of Good. The chapter members seem to be tougher at selecting Hall of Fame members than the press.

The special guest was Ray TV broadcaster DeWayne Staats. Mr. Staats has broadcast the Rays since their inception plus also worked with the Cubs and the Yankees. He told some great stories about working with broadcasters like Harry Carey.

A small group of members also got together in February for a round robin discussion on the upcoming baseball season.

Chapter heads Rod Caborn and Dave Larson had an article published in the *Baseball Research Journal* on the 1906 Cleveland Naps. Chapter member George Gedda is completing work on a book on Cuba which will also talk about baseball on the island. Chapter member Roy Kerr has recently published a book on baseball's first home run king, Roger Conner.

— Dave Larson

EAST TENNESSEE CHAPTER (Knoxville, TN)

The East Tennessee Chapter chapter was chartered in February of 2012. In April, several members met with former Brooklyn Dodger Ezra "Pat" McGlothin at his home in Knoxville, TN. An informal interview took place over lunch. From that meeting sprung the idea to have the chapter members write a biography of Mr. McGlothin to add to the SABR BioProject.

Plans are in the works to have a June meeting at Smokies Park. The Tennessee Smokies are the AA Affiliate of the Chicago Cubs. At this meeting we will elect members to leadership positions in the chapter and set forth the plans for the remainder of the year.

Bryan Steverson presented at the "Baseball in Literature and Culture" conference in March at Middle Tennessee State University. Mark Aubrey has been updating East TN college and university data on SABRpedia. Several other members are actively working on their own research projects.

— Mark Aubrey

DFW FLEM HALL – BILL RUGGLES CHAPTER (Dallas-Ft. Worth, TX)

In 2011-12 the Dallas-Fort Worth Hall-Ruggles SABR Chapter celebrated its 21st year with some of its most high-profile area projects. The chapter, with the help of some 72 contributors, voters and submission writers, identified and wrote about the 40 Greatest Moments in the First 40 Years of Texas Rangers history pursuant to a request from Rangers vice-president for communications and SABR member John Blake. Hall-Ruggles chapter member Frank Jackson

wrote one of the lead stories in the Rangers' first four home series programs about the birth of the team in the 1969-72 era and opening night in Arlington in '72. The other 40 moments will be interspersed throughout 2012 game programs and publications, and the project has received extra mention from radio, television, and media following a news conference about the 40-year celebrations.

The chapter's first meeting of the year was on May 31 at the Ballpark in Arlington. Featured speakers were 90 year-old Eddie Robinson, who had just published his memoirs entitled "Lucky Me - My 65 Years in Baseball" written with chapter president Paul Rogers, and Don Welke, special assistant to the Rangers' General Manager. A well-attended November 29 chapter meeting featured all-time relief great Lindy McDaniel and Texas Rangers' bench coach Scott Coolbaugh at the Ballpark in Arlington.

The DFW chapter also presented the 19th annual Howard Green (in memory of the chapter's first president) Metroplex College Player of the Year Award to Jason Krizan of Dallas Baptist's 2012 NCAA Super-Regional team. Chapter president Paul Rogers and Green Award committee member Bo Carter attended a 450-person banquet on the DBU campus to make the presentation and promote SABR.

The chapter also had booths at the Texas Rangers Winter Carnival at the Arlington Convention Center and the Frisco RoughRiders Festival at Class AA Frisco, Texas. At the Rangers event, SABR had a prime booth location and signed up numerous candidates for both national membership and the local SABR email list. An added bonus was being next to the Josh Hamilton Baseball Foundation where Hamilton's wife, mother-in-law and several family members conversed and became acquainted with SABR members.

Several chapter members are active in baseball areas such as Rangers Ballpark tours, the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association, the Dick Howser Trophy (college player of the year), the Rangers Auxiliary, the BAT program, and the DFW Ex-Pros Association. Former Rangers and MLB manager and longtime area SABR member Frank Lucchesi has a ministry to collect leftover bread at area bakeries and distribute the products to area food pantries.

On a somber note, SABR Hall-Ruggles lost two of its longstanding and most active chapter (and wonderful people) with the passing of former Dodgers and Phillies pitching coach and area legend Carroll Beringer and former LSU baseball captain Col. (retired) Fred Burley.

— Paul Rogers and Bo Carter

HOUSTON/LARRY DIERKER CHAPTER (Houston, TX)

The Larry Dierker Chapter met 15 times in the June 2011 – May 2012 time frame with more than 374 members attending the various activities conducted by the chapter.

During that period the chapter held 9 monthly meetings, the Houston Babies, our SABR sponsored Vintage Baseball team, played in 4 tournaments and our group participated in the Annual Houston Astros Baseball Dinner and a separate Fan Fest. Members also prepared a variety of unique trivia contests for each meeting and we even held a surprise birthday party for Jimmy Wynn when he turned 70 in March.

Featured speakers at our monthly sessions included former Astros players and executives Bob Watson, Jim Deshaies, Enos Cabell and Deacon Jones, current Astros General Manager Jeff Luhnow, former St. Louis Cardinal and Los Angeles Dodger Wally Moon, Astros Broadcasters Bill Brown, Greg Lucas and Bob Ford, along with noted baseball authors Stan Curtis, Norman Macht, Bill McCurdy, Tim Gregg along with *Houston Chronicle* writers Zachery Levine and David Baron.

At the Annual Baseball Dinner chapter members Larry Dierker, Jimmy Wynn, Jo Russell, Mike McCroskey and Bill Brown were honored or took an active part in the proceedings.

Members actively worked tables at the Astros' Fan Fest to attract new members and created 4 interesting trivia contests to spike interest in SABR.

Our Vintage Baseball Team played a total of 7 games against opponents in the Katy, Richmond and Sealy Texas areas, normally as part of local festivals, and we were undefeated for the 12 month period. The team and SABR did receive special recognition by being featured along with photographs in the Opening Day Baseball Section of the *Houston Chronicle* for the 2012 season.

A very special project being undertaken by the chapter is the writing of the history of baseball in Houston, Texas for the period 1861 – 1961 when a major league franchise was finally awarded to the city. Editor Bill McCurdy and 12 researchers, mostly SABR members, are involved in the project and we are shooting for a publication date in the spring of 2014.

Finally, and in conjunction with the Rogers Hornsby SABR Chapter, we prepared a proposal to host the SABR Annual Convention for 2013 in Houston. While Philadelphia was ultimately selected, we welcome the opportunity to host the 2014 convention.

— Bob Dorrill

MAGNOLIA CHAPTER (Atlanta, GA)

The Magnolia Chapter held its Fall Banquet in November 2011. The special guest speaker was Tim Gay, who discussed his recent book *Satch, Dizzy and Rapid Robert*. He related stories about how baseball's barnstormers introduced integrated baseball to America before Jackie Robinson.

Mil Fisher, president, and John Hill, vice president, were introduced as chapter officers, beginning three-year terms.

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

- The Hot Stove meeting in April featured presentations by Karl Green, Chair of SABR's Collegiate Baseball Committee, on John Heisman's career as a baseball coach, and by Brandt Ross about 1950's baseball memorabilia.
- At the Play Ball meeting in May, Alan Morris provided an account of the first baseball game played in Atlanta, and Barry Troutman led a spirited discussion of St. Louis Cardinal baseball in the 1960's.

Turner Field hosted the Chapter's SABR Day in America event in January. Attendees were given a tour of the Braves' Museum and heard presentations by Bob Barrier on broadcast radio pioneers and by Mil Fisher, who shared a video interview with the late Jimmy Lanier, Ty Cobb's batboy and lifelong friend.

On Opening Day, a substantial number of Chapter members attended the annual Play Ball! event at Eddie's Attic in Decatur. Singers and musicians John McCutcheon and Chuck Brodsky were joined on stage by Braves' organist Matthew Kaminski for nine innings of baseball songs and stories.

Chapter members attended events sponsored by Friends of Rickwood Field (Birmingham, AL), including the annual Rickwood Classic, which featured a minor league game played in America's Oldest Ballpark and an appearance by Gaylord Perry, and the 9th Annual Southern Association Conference, which this year was devoted to the history of the old ballparks in New Orleans, Nashville, Chattanooga, and Birmingham.

Jim Riley has completed his new book *Of Monarchs and Black Barons*. It has been published by McFarland & Company, Inc.

Chapter members continued to hold several informal meetings each month at various settings in and around Atlanta, including the Golden Dolphin in Tucker, Manuel's Tavern in Atlanta, the Whistle Stop Café in Kennesaw, and the Tallant Baseball Museum in Cumming. Non-members frequently attend, and the Chapter is pleased to report that several new members have been recruited. At one gathering we were joined by local writer Michelle Hiskey, who wrote an article for the *SaportaReport* describing the session.

— John Hill

NORTH FLORIDA/BUCK O'NEIL CHAPTER (Tallahassee, FL)

The North Florida/Buck O'Neil Chapter, based in Tallahassee, Florida, maintains a steady membership of 23. While small in size, the Chapter has been active in the past year.

In addition to our monthly socials and occasional book discussion groups, held on the first Wednesday of every month, the Chapter initiated contact with the director of the Franklin County Historical Society in Carabelle, birthplace of our Chapter's namesake, to discuss what might be possible to do in honor of Buck's centennial. The Chapter also worked to correct the spelling of Buck's last name on the sign marking a local recreational ball field named for him.

At our fall meeting in November 2011, local resident and SABR member Mike Nola gave a presentation on his ongoing research into the life of Shoeless Joe Jackson, and Chapter members Rick Swaine and Jeff English presented on their current research interests. Local Tallahassee resident Ken Silvestri, son of the former Major Leaguer, also joined us and brought along a number of items from his father's memorabilia collection.

The Chapter also convened on SABR Day in America, January 28th, 2012, for a lively social and series of short research presentations, followed by some engaging Hot Stove discussions.

Local author and noted baseball historian Wes Singletary presented on John Henry “Pop” Lloyd on February 27th, 2012, at Tallahassee Community College. Pop Lloyd, a native of Palatka, Florida, is the subject of Wes’ latest book, published in 2011 by McFarland Press.

Plans are in the works for a July 2012 Chapter meeting in Pensacola that will focus on the history of baseball in Pensacola and western Florida, and hopefully will also include taking in a Pensacola Blue Wahoos game at the newest facility in the minors, Blue Wahoos Park, situated right on Pensacola Bay.

— Matthew Keelean

PEE WEE REESE CHAPTER (Louisville, KY)

The Pee Wee Reese Chapter consists of all members in Kentucky. As noted in the past, membership has continued to shrink since we hosted the 1997 National Convention in Louisville. The members that we do have are dedicated and active. Our Treasury is still in great shape. The Chapter participated in National SABR Day this past January with a fairly well attended meeting at the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory. The wonderful folks at LSM&F have been faithful supporters of SABR both on the local and national level. Geographic distance and small numbers prevent us from meeting as often as we'd like.

This summer will see us having our annual warm weather gathering at Louisville Slugger Field to view a Bats game from the friendly confines of the Louisville Slugger Museum suite, with food also provided by LSM&F. Members take part in smaller "hot stove" meetings throughout the winter. We have volunteered our assistance to the Louisville Sports Commission, the Louisville Bats and anyone else who needs baseball research done.

Finally, we are proud that Katya Cengel, a young author whom we assisted and nurtured, will be touring Kentucky at signing events for her book, *A Year in the Minor League Life*, published by University of Nebraska Press. This book is about the rich history of Kentucky baseball, as reflected in the four professional teams that currently play in the Commonwealth. As always, we will continue to recruit new members, and we look forward to supporting the mission of national SABR.

— Harry J. Rothgerber

GRANTLAND RICE-FRED RUSSELL CHAPTER (Nashville, TN)

In March, the Grantland Rice-Fred Russell (Nashville) Chapter members whole-heartedly supported Bryan Steverson and Mark Aubrey's organizing an East Tennessee SABR Chapter and all members were encouraged to attend the formation of the new chapter.

The following members attended the 17th Annual Baseball in Literature and Culture Conference held at Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee on March 30th: John Reynolds, Bryan Steverson, Gerald Wood, and Skip Nipper.

Chapter member Al Quimby discovered missing information about former major league player Tolbert Percy "Jack" Dalton and was mentioned in David Sturm's article in the Baltimore Sun on March 20, 2012.

Bill Traugher continues to write for the Nashville Sounds web site (www.nashvillesounds.com) and for Vanderbilt University athletics (www.vucommodores.com).

Among his many talents, member Pete Weber is the voice of the NHL Nashville Predators and continues to share baseball sound bytes and history through his public appearances.

— Skip Nipper

BROOKS ROBINSON – GEORGE KELL CHAPTER (Little Rock, AR)

Since June 2011, the Brooks Robinson – George Kell SABR chapter has met twice.

On August 27, 2011, we met in Little Rock. The guest speaker was Dr. Robert Reising, who starred as a catcher on Michigan State University's 1954 Big Ten Conference championship team and went on to become the head baseball coach at Duke and Furman universities and the University of South Carolina. Dr. Reising is the co-author of *Chasing Moonlight: The True Story of Field of Dreams' Doc Graham*. He gave an informal presentation on his research of Doc Graham and how Graham has become a cultural icon due to W.P. Kinsella's book *Shoeless Joe* and the subsequent movie *Field of Dreams*. Following the meeting, Dr. Reising, who now lives in Conway, Arkansas, joined SABR.

On January 28, 2012, we held our annual winter meeting in Little Rock. The guest speaker was former major league pitcher Kevin Campbell, who spoke of his playing career in the early 1990s with the A's and Twins. Caleb Hardwick followed with a presentation on the launch of his new website, www.arkbaseball.com, which he hopes to become a collecting place for original Arkansas baseball research and other not-readily-available baseball data relating to Arkansas. Chapter member Fred Worth also gave an update on his hobby of locating and visiting the graves sites of former major league players. His total at that time stood at 2,471.

Chapter members Mike Dugan and Don Duren, along with SABR members Tim Reid and Bill Jenkinson, were involved with the city of Hot Springs, Arkansas, in the formation of the Hot Springs Historic Baseball Trail, which opened on March 29, 2012. This one-of-a-kind "baseball trail" documents Hot Springs' status as "The Birthplace of Spring Baseball". Twenty-six cast-aluminum plaques located all over the city provide information about the rich American baseball history in Hot Springs, which served as the spring training site for baseball immortals such as Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner, Rogers Hornsby, Cy Young, Walter Johnson and Tris Speaker.

For more information visit, <http://www.hotspringsbaseballtrail.com>.

— Madison McEntire

ROGERS HORNSBY CHAPTER (Austin, TX)

The Rogers Hornsby Chapter continued to remain active throughout the year — extending its consecutive monthly meeting streak, hosting winter meetings and SABR Day celebrations, organizing baseball trips for members and honoring the chapter founder with a lifetime achievement award.

The chapter met for the 66th consecutive month in May 2012, a streak dating to December 2006.

Chapter members honored the Hornsby Chapter founder and longtime SABR member Bill Gilbert with the inaugural Rajah Award for his significant contributions to the chapter.

At the chapter winter meeting at Texas State University in January 2011, Houston Astros television broadcaster Bill Brown, Round Rock Express radio broadcaster Mike Capps and his radio booth partner Jerry Grote, former catcher with the 1969 “Miracle Mets,” were special guests. Later that month on SABR Day, members gathered for a viewing of “Field of Dreams” and “The Natural.”

Among the highlights of the year, a dozen chapter members and guests enjoyed the “owner’s experience” at Whataburger Field, home of the Corpus Christi Hooks, the AA affiliate of the Houston Astros, in late April and early May 2011. Other chapter activities in the year included an outing to a Round Rock Express game and hosting a watch party for Game 3 of the World Series. The group also attended a showing of the film, “Moneyball,” and discussed it with Brian McNulty, a production manager on several Hollywood films.

Chapter commissioner Gilbert D. Martinez gave a research presentation at SABR 41 in Long Beach, California in July 2011. The presentation examined the no-decision statistic. More information about the presentation can be found on the chapter website (<http://chapters.sabr.org/hornsby>) under the research and articles tab.

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

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

Hornsby Chapter member Monte Cely completed the last of three years of service as a judge for the SABR Baseball Book Research Award. For more information on these awards, go to the SABR website announcement (<http://sabr.org/about/sabr-baseball-research-award>).

— Gilbert Martinez

DOROTHY SEYMOUR-MILLS CHAPTER (Naples, FL)

The Dorothy Seymour Mills Chapter in Naples, FL, held its most recent meeting on February 22, 2012. It had a presentation by Greg Luzinski, former Phillies and White Sox outfielder. He described what it was like to go directly from high school to the minors to the majors at the age of 19.

Joe DeLucca, former scout for the Indians and Orioles gave his insights of scouting as it was many years ago. His story of his signing Manny Ramirez was highlighted. The meeting was attended by over 140 people including former players Norm Seibern and Joe Pignatano. Dorothy Seymour Mills, who attends most of our meetings, has just published a novel about women in baseball. She will be discussing her recent book and signing at our next meeting.

— Mel Poplock

SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER (Miami, FL)

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

Highlights:

September 10, 2011

Our meeting was held at our usual meeting place at the Tamarac Public Library. Keynote Speaker, Dennis Corcoran spoke to the group about his book, *Induction Day at Cooperstown*. Presenters included Chapter members; Wade Berstler and George Gedda

January 28, 2012

Our first get-together of the New Year, the South Florida Chapter celebrated National SABR Day by attending Joe DiMaggio's Children's Hospital Foundation Memorial Legends Game

May 19, 2012

Our special keynote speaker was Dr. Donald Spivey author of *If You Were Only White: The Life of Leroy "Satchel" Paige*. Presenters included fellow SABR member Stephen Smith and documentary film-maker, Sam Bradley discussing the Florida International League and the exciting 1952 pennant race.

Summary

There were many important contributors, whose assistance was invaluable, towards making a success of the South Florida Chapter. Long-time SABR and regional member John Munns continued to promote the South Florida Chapter by keeping our members and non-members informed through his diligent

work on our website (southfloridabaseball.sabr.org). John also created links through the website that kept members up-to-date on news concerning fellow members and baseball related topics in general.

Special thanks go out to Barbra Zygnier 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 and without her efforts the meetings would not have been possible.

— Sam Zygnier

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ALLAN ROTH CHAPTER (Los Angeles, CA)

We hosted the annual convention in Long Beach. Many chapter members assisted the national organization by planning, working with the hotel staff, and serving on the registration desk.

October 2011 meeting

Wes Parker discussed his career and memories of the Dodgers. Former SABR Executive Director Morris Eckhouse previewed a panel discussion he participated in titled "Shots Heard 'Round the World". Ron Selter presented research about Bounce Home Runs. We held book auction and chapter elections. Barry Mednick was selected as President, Al Parnis, Vice President, and Steve Roney Treasurer.

January 2012, SABR Day meeting

Del Crandall was our special guest. He spoke openly about spitballs, the World Series, and the pleasure of playing in the major leagues. Eddie Alvarez, a high school coach, talked about working with teenagers and developing a winning program. Eric Dearborn will show his photographs of final games at several ballparks. Daryl Grigsby discussed pre-1947 opportunities to integrate baseball and the meaning of the sport to the African American community. He also engaged the audience with trivia. Chuck Polizzi talked about his plans for a movie about an amateur game.

May 2012 meeting

Photographer Eric Dearborn shows pictures of final games at recently retired ballparks. Andy McCue refuted the myth of Chavez Ravine evictions being related to the construction of Dodger Stadium. Ron Selter presented era and ballpark adjusted data for highest batting averages. His research shows that Tony

Gwynn had the most impressive season for batting average. Rocky Skyburg reviewed two books concerning projection and simulation of how ballplayers would have performed in seasons they missed due to military duty, injuries, or suspensions. Richard Smith provided an entertaining trivia contest won by Tom Nahigian. Vic Wilson compared black 20 games winners with their Latino counterparts. Jean Ardell provided information about the Urban Youth Academy in Compton. Several children and teachers from the academy were on hand. Holly Jerger invited SABR to participate in a baseball related folk art exhibition at the Craft and Folk Art Museum in Los Angeles in August.

— Barry Mednick

FLAME DELHI CHAPTER (Phoenix, AZ)

Since the last SABR convention, the Flame Delhi Chapter has held two regional meetings and participated in several other activities. Regional meetings were held in November as part of the Arizona Fall League Conference. Former MLB Umpire Travis Katzenmeier and MLB.com senior writer Barry Bloom addressed the group. Chapter members were also on hand for the Arizona Major League Alumni Awards Dinner which was also part of the conference. Diamondbacks executive, SABR member and Buck O'Neil Award winner Roland Hemond was honored with the Arizona Legacy Award.

In January the chapter held its third annual SABR Day meeting in the press box and Tempe Diablo Stadium, the spring home of the Los Angeles Angels. Barry Bloom, a senior writer/reporter for MLB.com, Bernie Pleskoff, former pro scout for the Houston Astros and Seattle Mariners and currently a writer for MLB.com and RotoWire.com, and Marty Lurie, pregame radio host for San Francisco Giants games on KNBR, formed a hot stove panel. The trio fielded questions, gave opinions about players, teams, prospects and the current state of baseball. Members participated in a show-and-tell session highlighted by 93-year-old Bert Mosher sharing a story about the day he drove Hank Aaron around New Jersey on a promotional tour for Motorola. Bert passed around a commemorative bat that marked the occasion. SABR executive director Marc Appleman also addressed the group and introduced the other three members of the SABR office to the chapter. The portion of the meeting devoted to chapter business was a celebration of the Flame Delhi Chapter's 20th anniversary but was tempered by sadness as we noted the passing of chapter vice president Bob Vostry and founding member Al Gwinell. Barry Bloom was elected as the new chapter vice president.

Flame Delhi Chapter members were active in the Arizona Diamondbacks FanFest as volunteers staffed a table at the event for the third consecutive year. Members also manned a table at a dozen spring training games at Salt River Fields. Our chapter volunteers passed out SABR ligature and talked to fans about our organization. The chapter did not participate in the Analytics Conference that was held in Mesa in March.

Goals for the next year are to hold a meeting in Tucson, another at a D'backs game and to bring back the two-day spring training weekend that the chapter held for 17 years but has not taken place for the past two springs.

— Rodney Johnson

LEFTY O'DOUL CHAPTER (San Francisco, CA)

The Lefty O'Doul Chapter was rather quiet last year, due to the Chapter Chair being on the DL with a leg fracture. However, 2012 has gotten off to a great start with our annual SABR Day event, held once again at AT&T Park, featuring local sports writers and the live video-conference with the Baseball Hall of Fame. We also made our traditional visit to the George Krevsky Gallery for the annual Art of Baseball exhibit.

We are planning for a visit to the farm clubs this summer: plans call for a trip to see the San Jose Giants take on the Stockton Ports in June. We are also looking forward to the Turn Back the Clock game at the Oakland Coliseum on July 8. This game will honor the Oakland Oaks and the Seattle Rainiers. We plan to have a breakfast meeting prior to the game with guest speakers and authors Dennis Stelling.

We all look forward to the annual Pacific Coast League Reunion, hosted by Mark Macrae and Dick Beverage. This very special event offers wonderful opportunity to talk with living baseball history – and those old PCL players love to tell their stories. We are hoping to have a meeting to show the documentary “Holy Land Hardball” and invite local author Aaron Pribble to talk about his book and his experience “Pitching in the Promised Land”.

The SABR communication tools continue to be a challenge, as many members do not receive the announcements posted through SABR Nation. We also post out through our Facebook page. Thanks to SABR HQ we recently received a long membership list which we will work with for backup mailings.

I want to thank the Lefty O'Doul Chapter members for their support. Thanks to Board members Liisa Lyon, Membership; Sherrie Eng, WebMaster; Pete McPhail, Treasurer; and Mark Macrae and Paul Hirsch for enthusiasm and guidance. Our longtime Mailing Chair (remember mailing?) Robert Reider, has relocated to Hong Kong, but plans to visit and take in a ballgame when he returns.

Much appreciation to the entire SABR Board for all you do to support SABR and share baseball history and information. Thanks also to SABR HQ for the hard work that goes into putting on successful conferences and posting lots of great content to the website. I appreciate you all: Marc, Deb, Peter, Jacob and Jeff.

— Marlene Vogelsang

NORTHWEST CHAPTER (Seattle, WA)

The Northwest chapter had another busy and successful year. We improved the quality of our service and our meetings by using last year's membership survey as a guide.

Chapter officers John Henshell (president), Rick Solomon (vice-president), and Tim Herlich (treasurer) continue in their roles throughout 2012. Mark Brunke succeeded Mary Groebner as chapter secretary in February. The presidency and vice-presidency alternate between Washington and Oregon residents with the chapter leader responsible for planning meetings and events in his state. Mark documents meetings and is Webmaster. Tim manages finances. Our chapter currently has about \$100, including funds raised through a book exchange in November.

We published a newsletter in July. You can download it from the SABR Website. The newsletter promoted our August meetings, included our survey results and action plan, and included maps showing the geographic breakdown of our vast chapter.

We conducted four member polls. “Past and present changes in baseball” drew 99 responses. A statistics poll received 48 responses. We added a list of FAQs and answers to our Website. We purchased a used projector with funds for meetings from the national office. It will save us time, money, and risk; and increase flexibility in getting meeting spaces.

Meetings

August 6 at PK Park in Eugene

- Attendance: 15
- Guest speakers: Matt Dompe and Onalee Carson of the Eugene Emeralds
- Presentations: Jim Watson, “Civic Stadium and ballpark history”; Dan Schlewitz, “player movement and roster churn”
- Activity: Emeralds game

August 27 at Nat Bailey Stadium in Vancouver, B.C.

- Attendance: 39
- Guest speakers: former AAA players Simon Pond (who played briefly for Toronto) and Brent Crowther
- Activities: party hosted by Max Weder and Jennifer Ettinger, Canadians game

November 5 in Seattle

- Attendance: 35
- Guest speaker: Jon Wells, publisher of Grand Salami
- Presentations: Bill Woodward, “review of John Thorn’s ‘Baseball in the Garden of Eden’”; Steve Steinberg, “Phillies owner Horace Fogel”; Rob Garrett, “Giants move to San Francisco/Horace Stoneham”; Stan Opdyke, “audio recordings made by Pat Rispole”

January 28 at Safeco Field in Seattle

- Attendance: 35
- Guest speakers: Jack Zduriencik, Eric Wedge, Tony Blengino, Tom McNamara, and Jeff Kingston of the Mariners
- We staffed an informational booth at the Mariners FanFest that entire weekend.

February 18 in Portland

- Attendance: 36
- Guest speaker: Ben Petrick, former Colorado Rockies catcher
- Presentations: Dan Schlewitz, “defensive innings by position”; Greg Rybarczyk, “ESPN Home Run Tracker”; David Alvarez, "Let's Truly Realign MLB"; Mike Rice, “Mariners roundtable”

— John Henshell

RIO GRANDE CHAPTER (Albuquerque, NM)

It’s been an exciting first year for the Rio Grande SABR chapter, which was formed just more than a year ago and has met almost every month.

Thanks to the general manager of the Class AAA Albuquerque Isotopes, John Traub, the chapter has been able to hold every one of its meetings at the nine-year-old ballpark – from behind home plate to the third-base club lounge, to both the visitors’ and Isotopes’ clubhouses – all fitting environments for baseball chat.

The group showed its support for a baseball fundraising project in nearby Madrid, which once fielded top-notch baseball teams made up of its hard-working miners and competed in the Central New Mexico Baseball League before World War II. Some Madrid residents, with some help from some local legislators, were trying to rebuild the old grandstand of Oscar Huber Memorial Ballpark – and SABR members braved nasty winds on Memorial Day 2011 to watch an annual softball showdown between the Madrid Miners and the Edgewood Riff Raff.

Guest speakers have included one local high school product who was drafted by the Florida Marlins and played briefly in “The Show,” John Roskos, as well as two current minor leaguers, Max Walla (Brewers) and Blake Swihart (BoSox), the first-round draft pick of the Red Sox in June 2011.

Among the guest speakers have been two authors – Ron Briley and Mike Capps, also the play-by-play voice of the Round Rock Express – and longtime Albuquerque Dukes broadcaster Mike Roberts.

University of New Mexico baseball coach Ray Birmingham, who takes pride in placing home-grown New Mexican ballplayers on his Lobos roster, was also an enthusiastic guest speaker.

One of the most popular guest speakers was former Albuquerque Dodger Mel Carbo (1964, 1966-68); former Dukes pitcher (1991-92) Dan Opperman, who underwent three Tommy John surgeries after being the Dodgers' No. 1 pick in 1987, was a close second.

Group members were saddened to learn this spring that one of the first visitors to the original meeting, Danny Wright, passed away at age 91 – he had been one of those old Madrid Miners baseball players about seven decades ago.

Meetings often include a “show-and-tell” of sorts – mostly tell – in which we go around the room and members relate their latest baseball experiences, from a visit to Cooperstown to a Cactus League visit.

SABR members participated at the recent Jackie Robinson Day celebration at the ballpark by passing out Negro League information sheets to fans, and the day was highlighted by a visit from former Duke (1952-54) Herb “Briefcase” Simpson, 91, the first African-American to play for the Dukes.

This update would be remiss without mentioning the Rio Grande Chapter's president is a former Albuquerque Dodgers/Duke Terry McDermott, who had a nine-game “cup of coffee” with the L.A. Dodgers in 1972.

— Gary Herron

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER (Denver, CO)

Here is our annual report for 2011-12:

Monthly GOTM's (Game of the Month): One Saturday a month the chapter gathers to go to a ballgame together at Coors Field. Proceeds from tickets go back to chapter (\$9 donation per ticket).

Monthly Lunch: On the 3rd Wednesday of every month members of the chapter gather at Wynkoop Brewery at noon to discuss the game of baseball and often its current events.

The November Banquet: Our keystone event of the year. This year's event was attended by over 100 people total (nearly eclipsing our record of 108). It featured SABR's very own Mr. John Thorn (The Official Historian of MLB) as our Keynote Speaker. In addition SABR's Mr. Rob Neyer was our featured speaker. A silent auction was used to raise funds for chapter and the event was attended by a wide variety of baseball related people from former big league umpire Jim Evans to Rockies Head Groundskeeper Mark Razum to former big leaguer Herb Plews, not to mention several others. Root Sports (local Rockies TV affiliate) also interviewed John and will be featuring said interview throughout this baseball season during broadcasts.

Annual Hot Stove Event (SABR Day): Well attended event featuring our annual “Sylvester Report”; SABR member Walter Sylvester, who works in baseball operations for the local 9, gives us his annual summation of the Rockies Farm System. A research presentation: Major League Expansion and its immediate effect on the Minor Leagues 1951-2011. Credited researcher Alan Rice of Billings Montana, presented by both Alan Rice and chapter president Matthew Replinger.

Spring Chapter Event: This year’s event will feature well-recognized baseball writer Jonah Keri as he presents information regarding his acclaimed book “The Extra 2%” as well as his yet unpublished book regarding the history of the Montreal Expos. This event will be emceed by Rockies TV personality Marc Stout and will coincide with this month’s GOTM (Game of the Month).

— Matt Replinger

SACRAMENTO CHAPTER (Sacramento, CA)

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

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

John Moist and Greg King are the chapter chairs, and share responsibility for inviting guests, getting the restaurant and conducting the meetings. The lunch usually include 2-3 speakers, including chapter members and invited guests, such as sportswriters, authors, former players, broadcasters, and anyone who can shed light on any aspect of baseball. Our only funding and expenditures involves the raffle of books, videos and baseball memorabilia. Members donate raffle items and the proceeds are used to pay for the guest speaker's lunch, minor expenses, the Woody Wilson Award trophy, or more raffle items for future lunches. We currently have about \$110 on hand.

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

- July 2011--Chapter regular and sports attorney Pat Nammany on sports injuries; Judge George Nicholson on Branch Rickey and Jackie Robinson,
- Nov 2011--More from Judge Nicholson on Rickey and Robinson; Bob Hemond, owner of the Sacramento RiverCats of the PCL.
- Mar 2012--Lou Coppola, former Sacramento Solons broadcaster.

Our next meeting is in the process of being scheduled for July or August 2012.

— John Moist

SAN DIEGO TED WILLIAMS CHAPTER (San Diego, CA)

Here is our annual report for 2011-12:

Two Regional Meetings

August 13, 2011—Our Chapter meeting was held at the Mission Valley branch of the San Diego Library. Presenters included:

- Jane Mitchell, a 26-time winning Emmy award broadcast journalist and author of *One on One: My Journey with Hall of Famers, Fan Favorites, and Rising Stars*.
- Luke Yoder, director of field maintenance at Petco Park.
- Jack Murray, an official scorer with the Padres off and on since the 1980s.
- John Green, longtime SABR member, with a presentation on his work for a BioProject biography on Joe Oeschger.

February 4, 2012—Our Chapter meeting was held at Petco Park. Presenters included:

- Tom House, former pitcher and pitching coach and current pitching guru.
- Josh Stein, director of baseball operations for the Padres.
- Tom Shieber, Senior Curator at the Hall of Fame.

One Chapter Steering Committee Meetings and Three e-News Issues

- Our Steering Committee met on December 5, 2011.
- We produced and transmitted two electronic newsletters to members, called “e-News:” Issue 49-July 26, 2011; Issue 50-January 4, 2012.

San Diego SABR Baseball Research Center (BRC)

- Our Chapter’s Steering Committee provided a ranking of 2011-issued baseball books for acquisition by the Library for our BRC. Despite budget cuts, the Library continues to acquire new baseball books at a pace similar to past years.

Projects

- San Diego Library-BRC Partnership—acquisition of newly issued baseball books and annuals. (On-going)

- Historical marker for Westgate Park, second home of the PCL Padres—we continue to explore placing the historical marker with mall owners.
- As of December 5, 2011, the Chapter has a balance of \$9,203.15 in checking, savings, and CD accounts. There is also a balance in the Library’s BRC fund.

— Dan Boyle

COL. ABNES DOUBLEDAY/JUDGE HOWARD GREEN WEST TEXAS CHAPTER (Abilene, TX)

Unfortunately, I have been out of commission for most of the year with major illness and thus there was no attempt to hold a chapter meeting/event. However, promoting of SABR has been done at every local Vintage Base Ball event, which includes folks of multiple ages who have a passion for baseball as historians, ex-players, younger kids and college students. I believe one or two have told me they have joined. Also, this past weekend there was a graduation event where many of the original founding members of the chapter, who have relocated for jobs away from the West Texas area, returned and dined together. It was suggested they consider re-upping their SABR memberships so we could possibly host a reunion /new member meeting in the future.

Sorry, not much else to report.

— Warren Simpson

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HANLAN’S POINT CHAPTER (Toronto, ON)

The Hanlan’s Point Chapter has undertaken a schedule consisting of four seasonal activities per calendar year with SABR Day in January and regular meetings in May and October, while allowing for the SABR Convention in the summer. Four members represented the chapter at the 2011 Convention held in Long Beach, two of which posed as part of “Team Canada” outside the Los Angeles Coliseum on the tour of historic ballparks. In October, we welcomed Steve Krevisky from the Smokey Joe Wood Chapter as a guest speaker. Steve used Z-Ratings to argue why Carlos Delgado is the greater hitter in Blue Jays’ history. Harvey Sahker joined Fergie Jenkins on the short list of repeat guest speakers to discuss “The Blokes of Summer,” his book on baseball in the United Kingdom.

After a two-year partnership with Seneca College, the Hanlan’s Point Chapter organized SABR Day on its own. The meeting featured Fred Toulch’s research on baseball matchbooks and a screening of “Signs of the Time.” Ironically, for a movie about the hearing impaired, the sound system was not working. Jacques Doucet joined us for lunch and a baseball discussion as part of his duties as the French language broadcaster for the Toronto Blue Jays. At press time, Toronto Sun reporter Bob Elliott, along with Norm King of SABR-Quebec, were slated as the guest speakers for a forthcoming meeting in May.

— Maxwell Kates

PUERTO RICO / ORLANDO CEPEDA CHAPTER (San Juan, PR)

The following will summarize 2011-12 chapter activities:

July 2011

Edwin Fernandez, our Chapter Secretary, made a presentation on the Latin Angels during the Latino Baseball Research Committee meeting at the SABR 41 convention in Long Beach, California.

A group of seven chapter members traveled to Cooperstown to watch a native of Salinas, Puerto Rico, Roberto Alomar, be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. The group participated in several activities.

August 2011

Jorge Colón-Delgado, our President, and Dalianna Muratti were interviewed and contributed for a documentary on the Mayagüez Indians Professional Baseball Club, presented during August in Puerto Rico. The Indians are one of the six pioneer teams of the PR Professional Baseball League.

As we have done for several years, on August 11, a group from our chapter led by Angel Colon and Jorge Lopez, celebrated Luis Olmo's 92nd birthday in his home. Olmo is a former Brooklyn Dodger center fielder and the second player from Puerto Rico in the Major Leagues.

December 2011

Edwin Fernandez and Jorge Colon-Delgado were interviewed as part of a documentary on the Latino Baseball Hall of Fame. The documentary, *Sueños Inmortales* (Immortal Dreams) is sponsored by Major League Baseball and prepared by the Latino Hall of Fame located in La Romana, Dominican Republic.

Jorge Colón-Delgado was selected to participate in a very unique activity in Puerto Rico. The Baseball Hall of Fame and its President, Jeff Idelson, brought to Puerto Rico the plaques of Roberto Clemente, Orlando Cepeda, Roberto Alomar and Tony Pérez. This was the first time that Cooperstown let more than one plaque to leave its place at once. The plaques were exhibited in the Puerto Rico Sports Museum and three other cities on the Island.

SABR members Edwin Fernández and Jorge Colón-Delgado actively participated in the Pedrin Zorrilla Award ceremony in Dorado, Puerto Rico, which is the hometown of the 2011 award winner, St. Louis catcher Yadier Molina.

On December 29, 2011, Jorge Lopez, our chapter Vice President, announced he would publish a book on the life of Hiram Bithorn, the first Puerto Rican to play in the majors. The book is scheduled for 2012.

January 2012

Our SABR Day, on January 28, 2012, was an unforgettable one. We honored Carlos Bernier, one of the most exciting center fielders of the 1950s, in his hometown of Juana Diaz. We had a player panel, including José R. Santiago, Juan Beniquez and other players. More than 125 people attended.

— Jorge Colon-Delgado and Edwin Fernandez

QUEBEC CHAPTER (Toronto, ON)

The year began on January 29, SABR Day, with eight members participating in a discussion on a variety of baseball topics. We met in the offices of Baseball Québec, a coordinating organization for the province's many baseball groupings.

SABR-Quebec next met on April 30, with 11 members present, at la Cage aux Sports, a local pub. The programme featured member Robert Duval talking about former major leaguer Gus Dugas, a Quebec-born player raised in the US who enjoyed a long career in organized baseball. Robert's biography now forms part of SABR-Quebec's BioProject featuring the collected biographies of Quebecers with major league experience, and coordinated by Patrick Carpentier. The Dugas' biography was later added to the SABR Biography Project.

SABR-Quebec's summer meeting took place in Quebec City at historic Stade Municipal, on July 9. This gathering coincided with the unveiling of the Quebec Baseball Hall of Fame in a corner of the old ballpark. The Hall, which is overseen by Baseball Quebec, was already extant as a virtual entity, but now occupies physical space, and at a historic site important to the game. As part of the celebration SABR-Quebec was invited to make a presentation on the history of baseball in Quebec. Daniel Papillon and Bill Young undertook this task, in bilingual fashion. The event received extensive newspaper and television coverage. Members attended a Quebec Capitales game following the ceremony.

The last meeting of the year occurred on November 7, once again at la Cage aux Sports, with nine of us present. Maxwell Kates, from SABR's Hanlan Point chapter (Toronto) spoke about his extensive collection of Montreal Expos postcards. He was an excellent speaker and well received, especially as he delivered his remarks in French!

After several years as co-coordinator of SABR-Quebec, Patrick Carpentier stepped down during the summer. He was missed. Bill Young succeeded him on an interim basis.

Accomplishments: The magnificent book, *Il était une fois les Expos*, vol. 2: Les années 1985-2004 by members Jacques Doucet and Marc Robitaille was published in 2011. (The title translates as "Once upon a time were the Expos"). Volume 1 by the same authors came out in 2009. Neither is available in English...yet - another reason to learn French!

Members Philippe Cousineau and Christian Trudeau both had articles published in the Fall 2011 edition of the Baseball Research Journal.

— Bill Young

TOKYO CHAPTER (Tokyo, JP)

The Tokyo Chapter organizes quarterly meetings every year. Each time, two or three members report on their research or a baseball trip. Then participants enjoy free conversation with meal. Fifteen to 20 members have joined in each program. Speakers and themes in this period are as follows:

On July 16, 2011, Haruko Hasumi reported her stadium tour to Yankee and Dodger stadium. Junkichi Harigaya reported his analysis about pitchers at bat. Ryu Ueda reported his plan for publishing baseball books.

On November 19, 2011, Ichiro Shinohara reported his analysis on the success of designated hitters. Michael Westbay reported his analysis on how the Yokohama Baystars performed in bases-loaded situations in 2011. Ryu Ueda introduced his photo collection of scoreboards at old stadiums.

The Tokyo Chapter held its winter meeting on January 21, 2012, at Homeikan Inn in Tokyo, Japan. Takashi Shinoura made a presentation based on his study of the 1956 NPB and 2011 MLB seasons. Yoshihiro Koda looked back over the baseball movies.

The Tokyo Chapter's spring meeting was held April 21, 2012, at Homeikan Inn, Tokyo. Yoshihiro Koda made a presentation about "gaijin" players from Taiwan in NPB, and the barriers faced in Japan's professional leagues. Hiroyuki Matsumoto reported on his trip to Baltimore for Opening Day. And Shin Ishikawa explained his evaluations of the catcher position and how they contribute to their pitchers' performances.

Our next meeting will be held at our regular meeting on July 21, 2012.

— Takashi Shinoura and Yoshihiro Koda

SABR Chartered Communities Reports, June 15, 2012

(All annual chapter reports received at the SABR office by June 15, 2012, have been included.)

BASEBALL THINK FACTORY

The Baseball Think Factory Chartered Community was established in November 2009. It is truly an international community, with members not only through the United States, but also in Canada and in the United Kingdom. Members of the BTF Community have a diverse range of expertise and interests, ranging from biographical research, defensive analysis, the Deadball Era, the minor leagues, and statistical analysis, just to name a few. Through the Baseball Think Factory website (www.baseballthinkfactory.org), BTF Community members not only “spread the gospel” of SABR, but also share, collaborate, support, and review each others’ research efforts.

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

— Mike McCullough

HORSEHIDE TRIVIA

With 565 members, the SABR Trivia Community is the largest Chartered Community in SABR, and also has numbers greater than every SABR Chapter. Only nine research committees have as many members.

The Trivia Contest at SABR 41 in Long Beach was, and at SABR 42 in Minneapolis will be moderated by Bruce Brown, co-chair of this Community.

The historical listing of SABR Convention Trivia Contest winners is now available for public viewing and will soon be incorporated into the SABR website. The site is

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AkIwxgaYtY3edGNCRXg1OHRceE1zeEJQamVvVjVRdFE&pli=1#gid=0>

Individuals competing in the Trivia Contest at SABR 42 will also be able to participate on the team side, with teams consisting of one, two, three or four members.

Winners in the team and individual sides at SBAR 42 will be presented with plaques honoring their victories.

The Community anxiously awaits the launch of the new/updated SABR website later this year.

— D. Bruce Brown and T. Scott Brandon

SABR LIBRARIAN CAUCUS

The SABR Librarian Chartered Community did not meet at SABR 41 because I could not attend the convention.

We participated in a Business of Baseball committee webinar called, “Up Your Skills on Business of Baseball Research.” Also, for the Business of Baseball committee, I found a student to process/archive the NARA – Chicago files of a major anti-trust case.

We are meeting at SABR 42 with an agenda of getting some projects on the schedule for the next year.

— Lorene Kennard

PROJECT COBB

In early June 2011, the uploading of 59 issues of Brit-Ball (1993-1998) set the scene for a year of commitment to sharing digitized materials to aid British baseball history researchers. Another key occurrence on this theme was the announcement in October that the physical artifacts held by Project COBB would be made available to the public via opening a "British Baseball Museum" (a by-appointment-only chance to see the materials).

Also in October came the annual announcement of a new British Baseball Hall of Fame class, which included: Roland Gladu, a future Major League slugger, who played in London in the 1930s; Brian Thurston, a star pitcher from the late 20th Century; and Ted Gerard-Thesingh, an umpire with a formidable resume in the modern era.

During the off-season, a group of researchers congregated regularly at the British Library's newspaper repository in Colindale, London, to research — among other things — chapters for a forthcoming book on standout pitchers from British baseball. Titled *Nine Aces and a Joker*, the book will be published by Fineleaf later this year. Another subject investigated during the research trips was a new earliest date for domestic baseball in Britain. Previously thought to have not started before 1889, the start year has now been moved back to 1876.

In April 2012, Project COBB gained a mobile mini-site, to help embrace the rising tide of handheld devices being used to browse baseball information.

Finally, May saw the launch of a new bimonthly e-newsletter from Project COBB, named *The Cobbler*. This will now become the main communication channel from Project COBB to the members of its SABR Chartered Community.

— Joe Gray

UNION PROJECT

The Union Project has been inactive for the last year. A meeting is scheduled during the SABR 42 convention to discuss its status.

— Gary Gillette

SABR's Annual Meeting

SABR considers the initial gathering of its founders on August 10, 1971, as its first Annual Meeting. All subsequent meetings/conventions have been numbered accordingly. In 2011, SABR 41 was held in Long Beach, California. The SABR Annual Meeting has gone through many changes. In the early days, members sat around and gave presentations to the others there on topics of interest to them. There were no time limits, and certainly no blind review of appropriate topics and level of research. Today, members are asked to submit abstracts that enter a blind review process. With usually about 30 to 40 spots of 20 minutes each (plus five minutes for questions and answers), the Annual Meetings now have plenty of research content of many types. In addition to the oral research presentations, SABR members also are invited to make poster presentations.

The Annual Meeting also features panel presentations. One tradition is to get together several of the alumni of the local team. Other topics of panels might be umpires or players born in the area.

A highlight of the Annual Meeting is the Awards Luncheon where the winners of various SABR Awards are recognized. The luncheon is frequently the venue for the featured speaker of the meeting. In Long Beach, Scott Boras delivered the keynote speech before the Annual Business Meeting, and Dennis Gilbert was the featured speaker at the luncheon.

Another change in the SABR Annual Meeting is that while local volunteers remain a mainstay and essential part of a successful convention, more parts of running the show have been professionalized by bringing functions back to the staff. This has allowed for better hotels and promotion, increasing attendance and helping to make things run more smoothly and portably. The SABR Annual Meeting does raise somewhere between five and eight percent of SABR's revenues, with its registration fees, advertising and vendor sales, and sponsorship income.

The SABR Annual Meeting is the place for members to get together and share their love of the game. It is truly an experience that makes you want to come back year after year.

Year	City	Attendees	Keynote
1971	Cooperstown NY	16	
1972	Washington DC	23	Chuck Hinton
1973	Chicago IL	26	B. Elson, D. Malarcher
1974	Philadelphia PA	40	Fred Lieb
1975	Boston MA	64	Joe Dugan
1976	Chicago IL	45	Lew Fonseca
1977	Columbus OH	74	Johnny Bucha
1978	Paramus NJ	81	Tony Lupien
1979	Saint Louis MO	115	Mike Shannon
1980	Los Angeles CA	85	Roy Smalley Jr.
1981	Toronto ON	127	Panel Presentation
1982	Baltimore MD	227	Sparky Anderson
1983	Milwaukee WI	262	Hal Goodenough
1984	Providence RI	350	Lou Gorman
1985	Oakland CA	300	Roy Eisenhardt
1986	Chicago IL	479	Bill Gleason
1987	Washington DC	631	John Steadman
1988	Minneapolis MN	340	Andy MacPhail
1989	Albany NY	524	Bobby Brown
1990	Cleveland OH	481	Sam McDowell
1991	New York NY	405	Mel Allen
1992	Saint Louis MO	485	Bing Devine
1993	San Diego CA	350	Dick Williams
1994	Arlington TX	405	Robin Roberts
1995	Pittsburgh PA	451	Chuck Tanner
1996	Kansas City MO	431	Steve Fehr
1997	Louisville KY	440	Jim Bunning
1998	San Mateo CA	437	Bill Rigney
1999	Scottsdale AZ	400	Tom Henrich
2000	West Palm Beach FL	302	Elden Auker
2001	Milwaukee WI	574	Allan "Bud" Selig
2002	Boston MA	712	Panel Presentation
2003	Denver CO	494	Jim Evans
2004	Cincinnati OH	644	Marvin Miller
2005	Toronto ON	461	Paul Godfrey
2006	Seattle WA	539	Jim Bouton
2007	St. Louis MO	726	Joe Garagiola
2008	Cleveland, OH	632	Ron Shapiro
2009	Washington DC	664	Joshua Alkin
2010	Atlanta GA	435	John Schuerholz
2011	Long Beach CA	421	Scott Boras
2012	Minneapolis MN		John Thorn

SABR Awards

SABR respects and values the contributions of individuals who have added to the historical record of the game. Every year, baseball writers and researchers add to our knowledge and understanding of baseball with quality scholarship in the form of books, articles, and a wide variety of other media. SABR presents four annual awards for specific research accomplishments among its six annual awards and two discretionary awards. The individuals and projects that follow are an example for current and future baseball researchers to follow as they expand our knowledge of baseball and achieve their own recognition for baseball scholarship.

BOB DAVIDS AWARD

The Bob Davids Award, first awarded in 1985, honors a SABR member of long standing (excepting paid member employees of SABR) who reflects the ingenuity, integrity, and self-sacrifice of the founder of SABR and who makes a significant contribution to the Society in such areas as administrative responsibility, original research, information exchange, or other voluntary and cooperative efforts in the best interests of baseball. It is considered to be SABR's highest honor.

- The 2011 Bob Davids Award recipient is Bill Nowlin.

HENRY CHADWICK AWARD

The Henry Chadwick Award was established in November 2009 to honor baseball's great researchers—historians, statisticians, annalists, and archivists—for their invaluable contributions to making baseball the game that links America's present with its past.

Apart from honoring individuals for the length and breadth of their contribution to the study and enjoyment of baseball, the Chadwick Award will educate the baseball community about sometimes little known but vastly important contributions from the game's past and thus encourage the next generation of researchers.

The contributions of nominees must have had public impact. This may be demonstrated by publication of research in any of a variety of formats: books, magazine articles, websites, etc. The compilation of a significant database or archive that has facilitated the published research of others will also be considered in the realm of public impact.

- The 2012 recipients of the Henry Chadwick Award are: Robert Creamer, Tom Heitz, F.C. Lane, Ray Nemecek and David W. Smith.

DOUG PAPPAS RESEARCH AWARDS, PRESENTED BY USA TODAY-SPORTS WEEKLY (first awarded 1993; as John Cox Award 1990-92)

The Doug Pappas Award, presented by USA Today-Sports Weekly honors the best research presentation at the annual National Convention with a cash prize and a matching amount donated to SABR. One winner will be selected at each convention, and finalists will be named at the discretion of the award committee. It was renamed the Doug Pappas Award in 2004 after the tragic death of the 2000 winner, Doug Pappas.

The award winners at SABR 41 are:

- Oral presentation: "Toolson's Secrets: A Close Call for the Baseball Antitrust Exemption," by Ross Davies.
- Poster presentation: "Pitch F/X as a Scouting Tool: Using Advanced Graphical Methods to Scout Hitters," by Patrick Kilgo, Jeff Switchenko, Hillary Superak, Paul Weiss, Lisa Elon, Brian Schmotzer, and Lance Waller.

SEYMOUR MEDAL (first awarded in 1996)

The Seymour Medal recognizes the author(s) of the best book of baseball history or biography first published during the preceding calendar year. The award was named in honor of baseball historians Harold Seymour and Dorothy Seymour Mills. To be considered for the medal, a work must be the product of original research or analysis. The winning book shall significantly advance our knowledge of baseball and shall be characterized by understanding, factual accuracy, profound insight and distinguished writing. "History," for the purposes of determining the eligibility of a book for Seymour Medal consideration, is understood as analytical nonfiction narrative. "Biography" is the history of a person or persons. No more than one Seymour Medal shall be given each year. If, in the judgment of the award committee, a worthy candidate cannot be found, the medal shall not be awarded.

- The 2012 Seymour Medal is awarded to *Fenway 1912: The Birth of a Ballpark, a Championship Season, and Fenway's Remarkable First Year*, by Glenn Stout (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt).

McFARLAND-SABR BASEBALL RESEARCH AWARD (awarded 1987-2000 as the Macmillan-SABR Baseball Research Award)

The McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award honors the author(s) of the best articles or papers, published or unpublished, on baseball history or biography completed during the preceding calendar year. Eligible works will include magazine and journal articles, previously unpublished chapters or articles in anthologies or other books with multiple authors, unpublished research papers and written versions of oral presentations. Authors honored for unpublished work may not later receive a SABR research award for that work (or work that is substantially the same) in published form.

The 2012 McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award winners are:

- Thomas L. Altherr, "Basepaths and Baselines: The Agricultural and Surveying Contexts of the Emergence of Baseball", *Base Ball: A Journal of the Early Game*, Fall 2011.
- William Lamb, "John B. Day", SABR Baseball Biography Project.
- Geri Strecker for "Dave Wyatt: The First Great Black Sportswriter", *Black Ball: A Negro Leagues Journal*, Spring 2011.

SABR BASEBALL RESEARCH AWARDS (first awarded in 1995)

The SABR Baseball Research Award, formerly known as the *Sporting News*-SABR Baseball Research Award, honors those individuals whose outstanding research projects completed during the preceding calendar year have significantly expanded our knowledge or understanding of baseball. Eligible projects must be the product of original research or analysis and must significantly advance our knowledge of baseball. They must be characterized by factual accuracy and notable insight. Eligible projects will include, but not necessarily be limited to, research in statistics, statistical analysis and statistical compilation, and research in such diverse areas as advertising, architecture, bibliography, collectibles, economics, equipment, labor relations, sociology and technology. Research project may be of any length and, if published, may be published separately or as part of a larger work. Researchers honored for unpublished work may not later receive a SABR research award for that work (or work that is substantially the same) in published form.

The 2012 SABR Baseball Research Award winners are:

- Rebecca T. Alpert for *Out of Left Field: Jews and Black Baseball* (Oxford University Press)
- Gary Ashwill, Scott Simkus, Dan Hirsch and Kevin Johnson for assembling the Seamheads Negro Leagues Database (Seamheads.com)
- Bill Staples Jr. for *Kenichi Zenimura: Japanese American Baseball Pioneer* (McFarland & Co.)

RON GABRIEL AWARD (first awarded in 2012)

The Ron Gabriel Award honors the author(s) of the best research, published or unpublished, on the subject of the Brooklyn Dodgers completed during the preceding calendar year. Eligible works include but are not limited to magazine and journal articles, previously unpublished chapters or articles in anthologies or other books with multiple authors, unpublished research papers, written versions of oral presentations, books, databases and websites. If the committee is unable to find a suitable award candidate, the prize money will be awarded to support the permanent exhibit on the Dodgers at the Brooklyn Historical Society. Ron Gabriel (1941-2009), a native of Brooklyn, New York, and longtime resident of Bethesda, Maryland, was a former Vice President of SABR and instrumental in establishing the Bob Davids Chapter, which serves the Washington-Baltimore region. He was founder and president of the Brooklyn Dodger Fan Club, and a charter elected member of the Brooklyn Dodger Hall of Fame. Gabriel, who earned his Ph.D. in Human Resource Management from American University, was a retired U.S. Government executive, having served with the Postal Service Management Institute, the Department of Defense and the General Services Administration.

- The 2012 winner of the Ron Gabriel Award is Lyle Spatz, *Dixie Walker: A Life in Baseball* (McFarland & Co.)

THE JACK KAVANAGH MEMORIAL YOUTH BASEBALL RESEARCH AWARD (first awarded 2000)

The Jack Kavanagh Memorial Youth Baseball Research Award was established in 1999 by the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) in recognition of Kavanagh's writing and research achievements and his contributions to SABR. The Award is supported with funding from Diamond Communications and was presented for the first time at the SABR National Convention in West Palm Beach, Florida in June 2000. The Kavanagh Award may be presented each year for either a research presentation given at the SABR National Convention (papers must accompany any oral presentation), or for a research paper that is submitted to the awards committee between the end of one SABR Convention and no later than June 1 of the following year by a researcher in grades 6-8 (middle school category), grades 9-12 (high school category), or undergraduates 22 and under (College Category). The awards committee will consist of members appointed each year by the education committee chair. The winner will receive a plaque honoring this achievement and the following, according to his/her category: College (\$200 prize, plus 1 year membership) High School (\$200 prize, plus 1 year membership) Middle School (\$100 prize, plus 2 year membership)

The 2011 Jack Kavanagh Memorial Youth Baseball Research Award winners are:

- College Division: "Look Fastball, Adjust Curveball: A Game Theoretic Approach to Batting", Daniel Cooney, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- High School Division: "Bargain Baseball: How Small-Market Teams Compete With Bigger Brethren Through Economically-Minded Roster Composition", Adam J. Kirsch, Bergen County Technical High School, Teterboro, New Jersey
- No award given in Middle School Division.

Other 2011-2012 Award Winners

GENE CARNEY AWARD (CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER)

SABR's Clinton High School Chapter in Clinton, New York, presents the Gene Carney Award annually to a graduating senior who has been a member of the Clinton High School SABR Chapter and has completed significant baseball research. The award is a tribute to the late Gene Carney, a Utica baseball author and founding chairman of the Black Sox Scandal Research Committee.

- The 2011 winner of the Gene Carney Award is Thomas Debraggio.

LARRY RITTER BOOK AWARD (DEADBALL ERA COMMITTEE)

Each year, SABR's Deadball Era Committee presents the Larry Ritter Book Award to recognize the best new book primarily set in the Deadball Era that was published during the previous calendar year. The Award is presented during the committee's meeting at the annual SABR convention. The 2012 selection committee was made up of Al Blumkin, Jack Carlson, Mark Dugo, David Fleitz, Craig Lammers, John McMurray, Mark Pattison, Gail Rowe (chair), Tom Simon and Trey Strecker.

- The 2012 winner of the Larry Ritter Award is Glenn Stout's *Fenway 1912: The Birth of a Ballpark, a Championship Season, and Fenway's Remarkable First Year* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt).

NEGRO LEAGUES COMMITTEE AWARDS

In 2012, SABR's Negro Leagues Committee awarded \$1,000 library grants to Windy Hill Elementary School of Jacksonville, Florida, and Buffalo United Charter School in Buffalo, New York. School libraries from across the country were invited to submit grant proposals centering on educating students about black baseball and American history.

In addition, the Committee awarded \$2,500 scholarships to two graduating high school seniors as a result of its fourth annual national essay contest. Katarina Nguyen of Edmonds-Woodway High School in Edmonds, Washington, and Michael Zoorob of Brentwood High School in Brentwood, Tennessee, were selected as the winners. The contest was open to high school seniors planning to pursue a degree at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution and carrying a minimum 2.5 GPA at the end of their junior year. Students had to write a 1,000-word essay answering one of the following questions: "What influence or impact did the Negro Leagues have on African American communities?" or "What is the legacy of Rube Foster?" The selection committee was comprised of Tom Garrett, Stephanie Liscio and Mel May.

ROLAND HEMOND AWARD (SCOUTS COMMITTEE)

The SABR Scouts Committee's Roland Hemond Award recognizes the baseball executive who has demonstrated a lifetime commitment to professional baseball scouts and scouting, and player development history.

- The 2011 winner of the Roland Hemond Award is Dennis Gilbert.

Membership Report

Last August, SABR instituted a rolling 12-month membership. Midway through 2012, our current membership stands at 5,922. Of current members, 1,008 are new members, having joined SABR in the last 12 months.

The SABR membership continues to be well educated and professionally diverse. Educators, lawyers, doctors, and accountants are well-represented in the SABR membership, as are writers and editors. SABR members also are well-connected to the Internet, with 94.2% of members sharing an email address with SABR. The median age, for members who have reported their birthdays is 60.91 years old.

Current Members, by Decade/Year Joined

1970s	231		
1980s	1,259		
1990s	1,336		
2000s	1,636		
2010s	1,442		
1971	21	1992	127
1972	12	1993	132
1973	18	1994	177
1974	18	1995	135
1975	16	1996	130
1976	30	1997	160
1977	29	1998	172
1978	38	1999	107
1979	49	2000	142
1980	70	2001	157
1981	64	2002	191
1982	137	2003	129
1983	183	2004	175
1984	131	2005	145
1985	224	2006	158
1986	142	2007	189
1987	142	2008	142
1988	93	2009	208
1989	73	2010	266
1990	80	2011	607
1991	116	2012	569

Current Members, by Country

United States	5,676
Canada	165
Japan	21
United Kingdom	18
Australia	6
France	4
Germany	3
Italy	3
South Korea	2
Israel	1
Mexico	1
South Africa	1
Spain	1
Sweden	1
Switzerland	1
Taiwan	1
UAE	1
Venezuela	1

Current Members, by U.S. State/Territory

AK	2	MS	12
AL	27	MT	10
AR	20	NC	84
AZ	156	ND	8
CA	603	NE	28
CO	102	NH	29
CT	124	NJ	244
DC	39	NM	39
DE	28	NV	20
FL	202	NY	570
GA	112	OH	343
GU	1	OK	26
HI	7	OR	67
IA	44	PA	337
ID	6	PR	13
IL	274	RI	46
IN	90	SC	37
KS	40	SD	13
KY	43	TN	55
LA	23	TX	286
MA	277	UT	14
MD	194	VA	238
ME	33	VT	32
MI	159	WA	128
MN	147	WI	111
MO	116	WV	10
		WY	3

Treasurer's 2012 Mid-Year Report

Treasurer's report to follow.

Philanthropy

SABR began an annual campaign to solicit donations from members during the 1993-1994 renewal drive. That first campaign raised just over \$5,000. Every subsequent year has seen members and friends continue to support SABR through their time and donations. From July 1, 2011 through June 5, 2012, SABR donations are in excess of \$90,000 including more than \$40,000 in unrestricted giving. It is the seventh consecutive \$50,000+ year, and counts more than 600 individual donors to date.

In 2004, SABR adopted a more formal process to recognize its donors, revamping its gift levels and seeking more appropriate ways to recognize those who contribute money beyond annual dues. These initiatives have been very successful, increasing both overall annual giving and giving at all levels above \$100.

The Board of Directors and SABR staff are extremely grateful to the individuals, foundations, corporations and others listed here who have made leadership contributions in the period between July 1, 2011 and June 5, 2012. SABR also thanks all of its donors for their loyal support in 2011-2012. Their names appear on the following pages, arranged by the size of their donation to SABR. The investment each and every donor has made to SABR helps to ensure its future and fulfillment of its mission.

Bequests and Creation of a Legacy Circle

In February 2007 the SABR Board of Directors created a Legacy Circle to recognize those members and friends of SABR who have already included SABR in their estate planning and to encourage future bequests and planned gifts. Members of the Legacy Circle currently include:

Steven G. Breen*	William B. James
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William Hickman	Bob McConnell*
Chuck Hilty	John Pardon*
John Infanger*	Neal Traven
Douglas Jacobs	John Zajc

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History

The Society for American Baseball Research has come a long way since 16 individuals met around two tables at the National Baseball Library in Cooperstown, New York, on August 10, 1971. SABR has grown to nearly 6,000 members and added research committees, regional groups, and a variety of other membership services. Once “SABR Who?” was a familiar question. Today, nearly all baseball publications make some reference to SABR or SABR members. Professional baseball executives and media are well aware of the collective expertise and talents of SABR members. Slowly, but surely, more and more general baseball fans are learning about SABR.

SABR was the brainchild of L. Robert “Bob” Davids of Washington DC. For many years, starting in 1951, he contributed freelance articles to *The Sporting News*. When *The Sporting News* discontinued statistical-history types of articles in the mid-1960s, Davids sought another outlet for his avocations and launched a four-page newsletter, “Baseball Briefs.” The initial response to the publication spawned the idea of forming an organization of researchers, and in March 1971, he sent letters to approximately 40 “statisticians” around the country asking for expression of interest in forming a research group. The 16 willing and able to meet in Cooperstown formulated the Society’s objectives, its name and acronym. The essential constitutional objectives of SABR are to foster the study of baseball, stimulate interest in baseball, establish an accurate historical account of baseball and disseminate baseball information. In addition to Davids (who passed away in February of 2002), the original members included Dan Dischley, Paul Frisz (deceased), Dan Ginsburg (deceased), Raymond Gonzalez (deceased), William Gustafson, William Haber (deceased), Tom Hufford, Cliff Kachline (deceased), Bob McConnell (deceased), Pat McDonough (deceased), Raymond Nemec, John Pardon (deceased), Thomas Shea (deceased), Joseph Simenic, and Keith Sutton (deceased).



Participants at SABR's first meeting on August 10, 1971 at the National Baseball Library in Cooperstown, New York. Back row (left to right): Neil Campbell, Bill Haber, Keith Sutton, Dan Dischley, Dan Ginsburg, Tom Hufford, and Ray Nemec. Front row (left to right): Cliff Kachline, Ray Gonzalez, Bill Gustafson, Joe Simenic, Paul Frisz, Tom Shea, Bob McConnell, John Pardon, and Bob Davids. Campbell, almost hidden behind Kachline, was a visitor at the meeting. Pat McDonough is the only founding SABR member not pictured.

For more on SABR's Organizational History, visit SABR.org/about/history

Society for American Baseball Research Treasurer's Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2011

The board and staff and countless members continue to work together to revamp SABR so that it once again becomes a self-sustaining operation capable of supporting the staffing levels needed to deliver the kind of experience members seek, with a robust set of benefits and opportunities. That is our goal, and we are making progress toward meeting it by the end of 2013. Our 2012 forecast shows that definite progress has been made; not only are we well ahead of budget, we are ahead of budget in the areas essential to establishing a new equilibrium for SABR, namely, events revenue and licensing.

Although the Society incurred the largest deficit in its history in 2011, this was planned. We acknowledge it was over double what we expected. We were not surprised by the costs incurred moving our headquarters and changing staff. We did, though, overestimate our ability to accomplish the move and initiate changes that would attract members, so our aggressive projection for dues and donations numbers were missed; in other words, we missed on the revenue more than the expenses.

For those of you into the numbers, here are two reports similar to what we've provided at past conventions. One is SABR's statement of Financial Position, our balance sheet, which shows our assets – mainly our cash and investments, and our

liabilities, mainly our dues collected in advance. The difference between the two, our surplus, is categorized per the rules for federal tax reporting. Under these strict rules, our reserves and endowment are lumped together as unrestricted funds; we really have only a few funds that meet the test to classify them as permanently restricted. To further confuse matters, some of the temporarily restricted funds are pass-thru amounts, where we get money each year and expense it in the same year, for example the Yoselloff grants; while other temporarily restricted funds, for example the Ross Adell scholarship fund, has traditionally been thought of as part of the endowment monies.

The other report, our cash flow and forecast, is a look at our revenues and expenses with the resulting surplus or deficit adding or contributing to our free cash reserves. These are the monies the board considers available for investment in new research tools or to, for example, move headquarters to Phoenix. The difference between these amounts and our unrestricted retained surplus is considered our endowment, to which we add certain temporarily restricted funds. Internally, the endowment is considered to stand at about \$125K, of which about 70K is not associated with any dedicated use.

The Cash Flow report shows some of the big shifts in SABR revenue and expenses that have led us to re-engineer the Society. Publication revenue, which consisted largely of co-pub deals for Deadball and the Records book in the mid-aughts, is way down as those types of opportunities have faded, while data licensing has grown more important every year as we've learned to leverage the value of our collectively created intellectual property. Membership dues have remained flat, as have donations once extraordinary items are taken into account. Our internet expenses have shot up and we are spending a lot more on membership support and development activity.

SABR's financial stats might best be compared to the shift in numbers witnessed in baseball as players move through their career. Early on hitters exhibit speed-related numbers, and later in their career show improved power and plate discipline. Pitchers dominate and throw hard at the expense of command, but over time learn to pitch to contact and manipulate at bats to win the confrontation with a single accurately placed offering the batter must strike at, on the pitchers terms.

SABR's model is changing, and our financial statistics reflect these changes. As our move to Phoenix puts us squarely inside the largest concentration of baseball industry actors anywhere

in the country, our ability to establish events like the Analytics Conference is greatly enhanced. As SABR's strengths are recognized, doors open to collaborative opportunities we never dared dream might come to fruition.

Thank you for your time considering these reports. It is my privilege to serve the Society as your Treasurer.

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Society for American Baseball Research

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2011 and 2004 - 2010

ASSETS								
Current Assets	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Cash and Temporary Investments	289004	547659	667735	612,328	584,001	475,823	507,668	461,294
Investments	218672	154356	108281	74,322	116,354	106,239	87,255	52,256
Accounts Receivable	0	0	0	1,109	4,154	11,075	3,018	1,670
Publications Inventory	4056	4056	3433	3,607	4,658	2,272	2,380	2,353
Prepaid Expenses	5000	5000	11159	7,269	8,503	8,600	12,182	11,076
<i>Total Current Assets</i>	\$ 516,732	\$ 711,071	\$ 790,608	\$ 698,635	\$ 717,670	\$ 604,009	\$ 612,503	\$ 528,649
Property and Equipment								
Equipment	64,123	64,123	64,123	64,123	44,259	41,803	41,803	30,558
Website	29,523	29,523	29,523	29,523	29,523	29,523	29,523	29,523
	93,646	93,646	93,646	93,646	73,782	71,326	71,326	60,081
Less depreciation and amortization	(87,199)	(81,699)	(75,018)	(67,896)	(62,732)	(59,677)	(53,829)	(47,398)
<i>Net Property and Equipment</i>	\$ 6,447	\$ 11,947	\$ 18,628	\$ 25,750	\$ 11,050	\$ 11,649	\$ 17,497	\$ 12,683
Other Assets								
Research Collections	28,189	26,939	26,939	26,939	26,939	26,939	26,939	26,799
Trademarks net of Amortization	0	528	761	994	1,227	1,460	1,693	1,927
Deposits	722	722	1,824	1,824	1,824	1,824	1,824	1,824
<i>Total Other Assets</i>	28,911	28,189	29,524	29,757	29,990	30,223	30,456	30,550
<i>Total Assets</i>	\$ 552,090	\$ 751,207	\$ 838,760	\$ 754,142	\$ 758,710	\$ 645,881	\$ 660,456	\$ 571,882
LIABILITIES								
Current Liabilities								
Accounts Payable	0	\$ 20,446	\$ 24,786	\$ 8,179	\$ 36,408	\$ 100,365	\$ 94,532	\$ 21,346
Special payroll tax accrual			\$ 45,641					
Deferred Membership Dues -- current portion	\$ 191,053	\$ 174,599	\$ 189,833	208,818	238,088	153,217	221,473	228,088
	\$ 191,053	\$ 195,045	\$ 260,260	\$ 216,997	\$ 274,496	\$ 253,582	\$ 316,005	\$ 249,434
Deferred Membership Dues -- future portion	62,798	64,351	62,694	62,224	66,528	51,860	65,766	67,315
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	\$ 253,851	\$ 259,396	\$ 322,954	\$ 279,221	\$ 341,024	\$ 305,442	\$ 381,771	\$ 316,749
RETAINED SURPLUS								
Unrestricted (free cash and endowment)	199,372	316,057	351,783	379,131	331,956	286,221	242,981	231,075
Temporarily Restricted (eg Yoselloff)	80,990	156,863	145,218	77,913	70,252	41,298	25,866	14,529
Permanently Restricted (Lee Allen fund)	17,877	18,891	18,805	17,877	15,478	12,920	9,838	9,529
<i>Total Surplus</i>	\$ 298,239	\$ 491,811	\$ 515,806	\$ 474,921	\$ 417,686	\$ 340,439	\$ 278,685	\$ 255,133
	\$ 552,090	\$ 751,207	\$ 838,760	\$ 754,142	\$ 758,710	\$ 645,881	\$ 660,456	\$ 571,882

SABR 2004-2011 and 2012 Forecast Cash Flow											
	2012 Forecast	2012 Budget	Variance	2011 Actual	2010 Actual	2009 Actual	2008 Actual	2007 Actual	2006 Actual	2005 Actual	2004 Actual
Revenues											
Membership Dues	369,254	379,346	-10,092	348,277	369,621	367,036	373,788	385,313	381,291	369,430	318,319
Pub & ePub Sales	2,911	24,021	-21,110	1,022	7,192	18,048	25,059	21,973	18,919	15,109	9,472
Advertising Sales	500	1,000	-500	616	5,437	9,395	12,445	11,403	10,062	15,766	18,980
Events Revenue	227,190	195,500	31,690	137,954	136,080	120,245	100,467	109,041	91,762	64,562	80,762
Donations	81,692	90,000	-8,308	72,593	175,720	129,410	60,894	82,209	83,085	43,952	46,552
Licensing, Merch & Misc Sales	53,554	23,200	30,354	28,092	23,617	2,795	4,031	3,907	2,308	1,154	1,836
Investment Income	1,374	2,000	-626	6,232	3,812	13,986	8,879	21,933	22,650	9,797	5,040
Net Assets Released from restriction						27,322	6,877	2,435	18,288	858	4,102
<i>Total Revenue and Support</i>	<i>736,475</i>	<i>715,067</i>	<i>21,408</i>	<i>594,786</i>	<i>721,479</i>	<i>688,237</i>	<i>592,440</i>	<i>638,214</i>	<i>628,365</i>	<i>520,628</i>	<i>485,063</i>
Expenditures											
Administrative Expense	26,942	19,240	7,702	18,595	22,197	15,762	25,970	24,814	26,524	13,395	29,826
Events Expense	158,552	154,363	4,190	110,082	74,585	103,764	64,097	70,594	59,630	40,939	34,708
Equipment Expense	2,502	2,500	2	3,060	6,373	5,160	7,420	4,628	4,911	4,708	4,233
Insurance Expense	10,446	11,500	-1,054	10,267	9,697	8,869	9,335	7,124	9,673	9,615	9,392
Internet Expense	60,369	53,300	7,069	48,607	33,354	22,140	27,691	35,119	26,742	10,586	16,735
Membership Support/Development	31,366	37,600	-6,234	21,681	39,983	24,512	22,759	17,252	27,313	31,653	29,091
Payroll	292,725	291,911	813	328,539	341,241	288,939	216,801	201,544	179,159	129,008	118,413
Postage and Delivery	4,438	6,000	-1,562	4,608	7,121	10,877	8,328	12,425	9,623	9,359	10,488
Professional Fees	13,526	9,900	3,626	22,543	21,908	8,789	7,409	15,913	6,757	6,388	8,123
Occupancy Expense	25,744	25,681	63	29,407	21,791	25,576	23,355	20,959	18,919	18,000	17,160
Board and Staff Travel and Meetings	44,976	53,900	-8,924	55,599	43,220	31,219	23,427	20,716	17,028	20,085	16,422
Publications Expense	88,605	115,000	-26,395	100,774	115,980	116,982	103,276	158,102	192,765	208,321	137,987
Special (09 - Fraud; 11 - Moving)				38,928		45,641					1060
Depreciation and amortization						7,355	5,397	3,288	6,081	6,665	8,769
<i>Total Administrative Expenses</i>	<i>760,192</i>	<i>780,895</i>	<i>-20,704</i>	<i>792,691</i>	<i>737,450</i>	<i>715,585</i>	<i>545,265</i>	<i>592,478</i>	<i>585,125</i>	<i>508,722</i>	<i>442,407</i>
<i>Increase/Decrease as result of operations</i>	<i>-23,716</i>	<i>-65,828</i>	<i>42,112</i>	<i>-197,905</i>	<i>-15,971</i>	<i>-27,348</i>	<i>47,175</i>	<i>45,736</i>	<i>43,240</i>	<i>11,906</i>	<i>42,656</i>
<i>Free cash - Start of Year</i>	<i>137,909</i>	<i>137,909</i>		<i>335,813</i>	<i>351,784</i>	<i>379,132</i>	<i>331,957</i>	<i>286,221</i>	<i>242,981</i>	<i>231,075</i>	<i>188,419</i>
<i>Free cash - End of Year</i>	<i>114,192</i>	<i>72,080</i>		<i>137,909</i>	<i>335,813</i>	<i>351,784</i>	<i>379,132</i>	<i>331,957</i>	<i>286,221</i>	<i>242,981</i>	<i>231,075</i>