



Society for American
Baseball Research

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President's Report

It's been a momentous year for SABR. We have moved our headquarters to Phoenix, hired a new staff, and begun initiatives to expand our membership while continuing our commitment to support and disseminate baseball research.

Last year at the convention, Marc Appleman was introduced as our new executive director and this year has begun to provide the fruits of that hiring.

Our new staff includes Jim Cassandro, Director of Operations, who will be working with Paul Hirsch on the donor program, expanding our sponsorship program, and handling many administrative details. Deborah Jayne has come aboard as Membership and Events Director. Those of you at the convention are seeing the results of her labors as she has striven mightily to make this a good gathering.

You also have seen the results from our other new team member – Jacob Pomrenke. Jacob was already well known within SABR for his work as chair of the Black Sox Committee. Now, you've seen the fresh eye he brings to our website every day and the livelier, more interactive presence it's become.

The new website is just one way we're seeking to reverse the demographic trends which alarmed us a year ago. Our membership base is old, and has been getting older. Most of us joined in our 30s or early 40s, and SABR wasn't picking up similar people from the next generation. These people come to baseball in different ways than my generation did. I doubt any of them got the world's best present for their 10th birthday – a year's subscription to *The Sporting News* – as I did. The information that feeds our shared love of baseball comes in new ways and new forms, and SABR has to have a presence in those media.

This year we've seen a new partnership with the Hall of Fame. We've helped Baseball Prospectus stage an event in New York and FanGraphs hold one at our convention in Southern California. We've created a stronger link with Major League Baseball through their western office in Phoenix. We've established a relationship with the Diamondbacks as good as the one we had with the Indians.

Through all this change, SABR has continued to find ways to create and disseminate baseball research.

The *Baseball Research Journal* and *The National Pastime* once again arrived in our mailboxes. This spring's Cubs-themed BRJ was edited by Stu Shea and the TNP in the convention goody bags was produced under the auspices of Cecilia Tan, who'll be editing the fall BRJ as well. SABR again made available a free download of The Emerald Guide, the combination encyclopedia-guide that continues the long tradition from Father Chadwick through Reach and Spalding and *The Sporting News* until today. Other electronic-book projects, with the possibility of hard copies through print on demand, are in the works.

In addition to our annual convention, SABR held the annual Seymour Award Conference in Cleveland in May, with Steve Steinberg and Lyle Spatz winning the medal for their book on the 1921 season. In addition, the Negro Leagues Committee continued its successful Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference and the 19th Century Committee staged its third Frederick Ivor-Campbell 19th Century Base Ball Conference.

As usual, there's the sad duty of noting those who've passed from our ranks. Ron Menchine, SABR's second president, died during the past year. Angel Torres, one of the first chroniclers of Cuban baseball and its connections with the Negro Leagues, also passed away. Charlie Metro, the former Tigers and outfielder, Cubs and Royals manager and longtime scout, left our ranks as well.

Another long-time member, John Thorn, was selected as Major League Baseball's Official Historian, succeeding the late Jerome Holtzman. John has edited SABR publications and served as mentor and amanuensis to all SABRites interested in the origins and early years of the sport. In addition to John's great personal knowledge and talents, I take this as another sign that the baseball establishment is more open to our organization and its work.

This spring, we elected Vince Gennaro as our new president and returned F. X. Flinn as our treasurer and Paul Hirsch as a member of the board of directors. The number of people voting fell by roughly a third and I hope a more robust slate of candidates will take us back to a higher voting level in 2012.

I leave office after two years as president and nine years on the board grateful for the commitment and support for the organization I have seen from membership

over the years. This is a different kind of an organization. Our employers aren't paying our dues or funding our trips to the convention. We are the ones who fund the organization's infrastructure and do the research that is the whole point of SABR. We are the ones who are responsible for what SABR is today. And through our donations of money and time, and through the quality of our research, we are responsible for its future. I urge all of you to participate fully in the Society – to attend the convention and local meetings, to present your research in oral and written forms, to donate your money and your service, and to vote. Most of all, I urge you to enjoy the organization, the events and the friendships it provides.

Sincerely,
Andy McCue, President

Executive Director's Report

My first 11 months as Executive Director of SABR have been marked by change, transition, and growth. To say it has been a busy year would be an understatement. The organization implemented important decisions in a very short period of time and we have put ourselves in a strong position moving forward. While meeting and talking with many SABR members throughout the year, I have gained a great appreciation for just how passionate and dedicated our membership is. I have had the opportunity to attend many special SABR events, including SABR 40 in Atlanta, the Arizona Fall League Conference, SABR Day in New York, and the Seymour Medal Conference. I am looking forward to spending even more time with members at events and chapter meetings throughout the coming year.

Since last September, we've seen tremendous growth of SABR's brand, stature and reputation within the baseball community, the media, and among baseball fans who are now more aware of our organization. With the opening of its office in Phoenix, SABR has quickly become a major part of a very strong baseball community (Arizona Fall League, Spring Training, MLB Western Operations office, Diamondbacks). SABR has also established strong relationships and partnerships with MLB.com, MLB Network, the National Baseball Hall of Fame, Bloomberg Sports, the Arizona Diamondbacks and other major league teams.

SABR members have produced extensive and innovative research throughout the year. The 2011 Spring BRJ has been very well received. Special thanks to Publication editors Cecilia Tan and Stu Shea. Congratulations to everyone involved with the very successful BioProject, which recently produced its 1,600th bio. In late 2010, SABR announced a six-book deal with the University of Nebraska Press. We have also seen the Emerald Guide be well received by SABR members for the third consecutive year.

SABR launched a new website this spring that has received very favorable reviews from SABR members and raised awareness of SABR and our mission across the baseball community, the media, and potential new members, particularly younger members. There have been some changes and technical glitches that have caused concern internally, but overall, the response has been very favorable. We've also seen a tremendous increase in SABR members' participation on Facebook and Twitter.

We've seen notable success of SABR Conferences, including the Arizona Fall League Conference, Seymour Medal Conference, Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference, and the Frederick Ivor-Campbell 19th-Century Base Ball Conference. We're looking forward to a very special convention in Southern California and to celebrating SABR's 40th anniversary later this summer.

Congratulations to all the SABR chapters that hosted successful events throughout the country and the world. For instance, more than 1,300 members and 30 chapters participated in SABR Day 2011. That's more than double the number of members who were involved in 2010. SABR volunteers also hosted a table at Giants Spring Training games in Scottsdale. Events like these are what make SABR such a special community. SABR also extends a warm welcome to its new chapters in New Mexico and Central Oklahoma.

SABR has an excellent new staff. Please welcome Deb Jayne (Membership and Event Director), Jacob Pomrenke (Web Editor/Producer), and Jim Cassandro (Director of Operations). Peter Garver has stayed on with SABR as a consultant. SABR is also implementing an intern program that began this spring.

In closing, special thanks to Major League Baseball, Laurel Prieb (VP, Western Operations) and his staff at MLB's office in Phoenix, and to Roland Hemond, Ken Kendrick, Derrick Hall and the Diamondbacks organization. Thanks to Pat O'Conner and Steve Densa at Minor League Baseball for helping SABR have a strong presence in the exhibit hall at the Winter Baseball Meetings.

I also want to express my appreciation to all the members who have been helpful and welcoming throughout my first year. Thanks again for all your support.

Marc Appleman
Executive Director

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SABR Committee Reports, June 30, 2011

Asian Baseball

Founded: 2003
Chair: Robert Fitts

Asian Baseball

The primary goal of the Asian Baseball Committee is to introduce Asian baseball to the North American public. Although there have been several notable books published on Japanese baseball, most American fans are still unfamiliar with the Japanese game. Furthermore, the lack of sources in English make details of Chinese, Korean, Taiwanese and Filipino baseball nearly unknown in the United States.

The Asian Baseball Committee hopes to increase awareness of Asian baseball by producing and distributing a committee newsletter; encouraging serious studies of Asian baseball by helping researchers network; encouraging members to publish their studies in the SABR journals and elsewhere, host research symposiums and meet annually at the SABR convention.

The committee publishes its newsletter annually.

Ballparks

Founded: 1982
Co-chairs:
Gary Gillette
& Stan Meradith

Ballparks Committee

The Ballparks Committee was founded in 1982 to research and collect the history of current and past ballparks in the major, minor and Negro leagues. The committee now has an extensive set of files containing thousands of documents pertaining to ballparks.

In 1985, the committee published *Green Cathedrals*, which was reissued in 1993. A revised third edition was published in 2006. The committee completed *City Baseball Magic*, the SABR Urban Baseball Design Project, in 1989. An ongoing committee project is to make an effort to erect plaques or memorials for historic ballparks sites. The committee has lent its efforts to publicize the historical importance and value of parks such as Detroit's Tiger Stadium and Chicago's Wrigley Field. A subcommittee is collecting photographs of ballparks.

The committee publishes a newsletter twice a year.

Baseball & the Arts

Founded: 1997
Co-chairs:
Jeff Campbell
& Joanne Hulbert

Baseball & the Arts

SABR's Baseball and the Arts Committee promotes the research, education and appreciation for the rich history of performance, literary and visual art inspired by the game of baseball and expressed in the areas of music, poetry, theatre, cinema, painting, sculpture and illustration inspired by, or pertaining to the national pastime.

Current Committee Projects:

- 1) Compile an index of songs related to baseball.
- 2) Compile an index of poetry related to baseball.
- 3) Compile an index of movies and plays related to baseball.
- 4) Compile a list of players, past and present, who are known for their artistic talents.

Baseball Card History

Founded: 2010

Co-chairs:

**Michael Eisner &
Timothy Ponisciak**

Baseball Card History & Influence

The Baseball Card History & Influence Committee has the following purposes and goals:

- A. Encourage more interactive knowledge sharing about the history and importance of baseball cards as a representation of the game itself. This research will help document the link between the baseball card industry and the game's popularity.
- B. Research the history of the relationship between statistics and baseball cards. (i.e. when baseball cards starting publishing RBI, Stolen Bases, etc.)
- C. Provide a forum for discussion on the following aspects of the baseball card industry:
 - I. Memorable, important and famous series designs
 - II. The late 80s, early 90s influx of new card sets and limited edition inserts, and their effect on the hobby's health
 - III. Documentation on all of the major card companies and important figures in the evolution of the baseball card industry
 - IV. Research into the evolution of the game as viewed through the lens of baseball cards (batting gloves, player/managers, the DH, record-setting achievements, the steroids era, etc.)

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, Tom Seaver holds the Major League record for most consecutive strikeouts in a game, with ten. We also use the word record to refer to a player's game-by-game, season-by-season and lifetime accomplishments. For example, Sibby Sisti had four triples in 1942, or Ned Garver had 18 career shutouts. 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.

Bibliography

Founded: 1994

Chair: Andy McCue

Bibliography

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

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

While TBI is our major project, the committee continues with other work. Skip McAfee oversees our efforts to provide indices to important baseball books published without them. Rich Arpi produces Current Baseball Publications, our 23-year-old quarterly, 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 continues 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 Bibliography Committee currently has 417 members, up from 292 a year ago.

Biographical Research

Founded: 1971
Chair: Bill Carle

Biographical Research

The Biographical Committee's goal is to find accurate birth and death data for every player who played in the major leagues. Since most of these players played in the 19th century, it takes a great deal of research to find what happened to them. Twenty years ago, we had more than 500 players who were missing death data. Today, that number is less than 250. Much of this progress is the result of new genealogical sites on the Internet that has allowed researchers to find missing players without taking time-consuming trips to local libraries. The remaining missing players are obviously very difficult, and some members of our committee have chosen to revisit previously found players, whose data might be questionable. This has enabled us to remove erroneous information where the wrong person had been identified as a ballplayer and replace him with the right one. Many of our finds in the past year have been of ballplayers that were previously misidentified.

One player who had been misidentified played as recently as 1914. The game caught by Snyder of Buffalo in the Federal League in 1914 had been credited to Jack Snyder, the 1917 Brooklyn catcher. It was discovered that the game was actually caught by Alfred "Chubby" Snyder, a local Buffalo semipro. Interestingly, another catching Snyder, Cooney Snyder, with Louisville in 1898, was also found to have been misidentified.

Other misidentified players were Fred Smith, an 1890 Toledo pitcher, Ed Springer, pitcher for Louisville in 1889, Walter Terry, first baseman for Washington in 1875, William Hughes, first baseman/pitcher for Washington in 1884 and Philadelphia in 1885, William Nusz, whose game with Washington in 1884 had been previously credited to his brother Emory, and Ed O'Neil, pitcher with Philadelphia and Toledo in 1890. Dan Phelan, first baseman with Louisville in 1890, had also been misidentified. One of our committee members tracked down his great-great-grandson who was upset that the wrong man had been listed for so many years.

We found several players from the 1870s, including James Hall, John Kenney, and Fred Boardman. We were also able to identify an 1872 Brooklyn player known only as Kavanaugh as James Cavanagh. One of the best finds was that of Hustling Horace Phillips, who managed for eight years in the major leagues, mainly with Pittsburgh. Phillips unfortunately went insane after his managerial career and was only found after one of our researchers got a little creative and found that he had been listed in Philadelphia death records as Henace Phillips.

These were all outstanding finds. It always seems that we will soon run out of players to find, but our outstanding researchers continue to solve nearly impossible cases. We also keep up on modern players as they die, and it isn't always easy to pinpoint the date and place of death, as well as the cemetery. For example, we still don't know the cemetery for well-known players such as Duke Snider and Sparky Anderson. These challenges are what make this committee interesting and fun.

BioProject

Founded: 2002

**Chair: Mark
Armour**

BioProject

The Baseball Biography Project is an ongoing effort to produce comprehensive biographical articles on any person who ever played or managed in the major leagues, as well as other persons who touched baseball in a significant way. There are now about 1,600 biographies available online and hundreds more in progress.

All SABR members who desire to contribute are encouraged to join the project. The committee operates an interactive online discussion group on SABRNation for members to post research requests and share tips on biographical research.

For BioProject Resources — including the FAQs, Research Tips, Style Guide, Group Projects, Author's Guidelines, list of editors and formatting guidelines — visit the SABR website.

The BioProject website can be found here: <http://bioproj.sabr.org>.

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, July 7 at SABR's 41st national convention in Long Beach, California.

Since our last annual report in June 2010, the Black Sox Scandal Research Committee has accomplished one major task (organizing Gene Carney's Black Sox collection) and begun progress on another (a proposed BioProject book on the 1919 White Sox). In addition, Jacob Pomrenke was named chairman of the committee at last year's annual business meeting at SABR 40 in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Gene P. Carney Collection—consisting of about a dozen boxes of books and papers related to the late founding chairman of this committee's research on the Black Sox scandal—is scheduled (as of this writing) to be dedicated on June 18, 2011, at the Shoeless Joe Jackson Museum and Baseball Library in Greenville, South Carolina. The collection was donated to the museum by Gene's widow, Barbara Carney. Through donations made by SABR members, the full cost of shipping the collection from Utica, New York, to South Carolina was paid for, and a donation of \$826.36 was made to the museum on behalf of the Black Sox Scandal committee.

The proposed BioProject book on the 1919 White Sox is expected to cover all 32 players on the team's roster, plus owner Charles Comiskey and Secretary Harry Grabiner, along with various essays related to the season, the World Series. As of this writing, assignments for all but nine of the players have been handed out, with a submission deadline of May 2012. The progress of this project will be updated in next year's annual report.

One newsletter has been published since the last annual report, in November 2010, and as of this writing, another is being prepared for publication in June 2011. The November 2010 newsletter included a first-hand account from Thomas K. Perry and Mike Nola on their overnight stay at the Joe Jackson Museum during last year's SABR convention in Atlanta; an interview with Peter J. Nash, founder of Hauls of Shame, which investigates thefts and forgeries of artifacts from the Baseball Hall of Fame, the New York and Boston public libraries, and other institutions; a brief recap of MLB Productions' "Triumph and Tragedy: The 1919 Chicago White Sox," a documentary that featured appearances from nearly a dozen members of this committee; information on 2010 winners of the Gene Carney Award, given by the Clinton (N.Y.) High School Chapter to graduating seniors for outstanding work in the area of baseball research; and a pictorial recap of the SABR 40 convention, which featured a panel discussion on Shoeless Joe Jackson with legendary Atlanta newspaper columnist Furman Bisher and a trip to the Shoeless Joe Jackson Museum in Greenville, South Carolina.

**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 two new editions of “Outside the Lines.” Thanks to Mike Hauptert, Fr. Gerald Beirne, Mark Hejduk, Larry Boes and Don Frank for their contributions to Outside the Lines, which can be found online here: <http://research.sabr.org/business/newsletters>.

The academic database, which allows for a search of scholarly articles related to the business of baseball, was refreshed and also shared with the Bibliography committee.

Committee research under way includes a book project on the History of the Winter Meetings and a digitization project, suggested by Mitch Nathanson, of the originally filed Federal League v. American League, National League, and National Commission case of 1915. Regarding the History of the Winter Meetings book, while many SABR members are already involved, there is still time to identify a role for interested SABR members. The Federal Case project has moved forward through an effective partnership with the SABR Librarian Caucus, led by Lorene Kennard. 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>.

In maintaining community, the committee held a webinar in January 2011 around the topic of “upping your skills on business of baseball research”. Attendance was modest, but feedback was excellent. Action items emerged from the webinar that are currently being addressed. Community collaborations, such as the webinar, are being examined going forward to identify how to best integrate these events in terms of attendance, impact, and fit with the new SABR technology platform. A committee member “pulse” survey was also conducted and reported on around the 2010 Expansion Era Hall of Fame Ballot, and specifically, the possible elections of Marvin Miller and George Steinbrenner.

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>.

Collegiate

Founded: 1985
Chair: Karl Green

Collegiate

The Collegiate Baseball Committee is focused on the history of collegiate baseball in the United States. The first project undertaken was to determine which major league baseball players played for which college baseball team. Over 5,500 major leaguers have been identified and matched with their respective senior (four-year) colleges. Another 1,600 have been identified as junior college baseball players, with some overlapping with the senior college players. Further research has identified some major league managers, coaches, umpires, and general managers who played college baseball but did not play in the major leagues.

Deadball Era

Founded: 2002

Chair:

John McMurray

Deadball Era

Now in its eleventh 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 is made up of close to 600 members. In recent years, more than 100 committee members contributed to Deadball Stars of the American League (published in 2006) 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 Gabriel Schechter, 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 Kate Buford for her book, "Native American Son: The Life and Sporting Legend of Jim Thorpe."

In 2010, members of the Committee also met for a "Boiling Out" in Hot Springs, Arkansas, to simulate spring training rituals from a century ago. During this past year, the DEC initiated a new project, 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.

Games and Simulations

Founded: 2010

Chair: Steve Krevisky

Games and Simulations

The Games and Simulation Research Committee was formed in 2010 to explore how various simulation games work, what statistics are generated, and how organized baseball might benefit from strategies and tactics used in such games.

Latino Baseball
Founded: 1988
Co-chairs:
Edwin Fernandez
& Claudia Perry

Latino Baseball

The Latino Baseball Committee would like to thank our members Peter Bjarkman, Tony Menendez, Tito Rondon and Jorge Colon-Delgado for their sound articles about the Latino baseball. Although, we did not have our newsletter active this year, they kept us abreast of the performance and history of the Latinos in baseball. Tony Menendez was great with his tracking of the Latino players in the Major Leagues, Caribbean Series and winter ball. Bjarkman celebrated the 100th anniversary of Conrado Marrero, the oldest living major leaguer with one of his excellent writings. Jorge Colón Delgado wrote about the career of Emilio “Millito” Navarro, one of the first players from Puerto Rico to play in the Negro Leagues of United States. Until his recent death, Navarro, 105, was the oldest ex-professional baseball player alive.

We plan to reinstate our Latino Baseball Newsletter that Anthony Salazar and Malcolm Allen successfully maintained for several years. Claudia Perry, our Vice Chair, together with Anthony worked with Peter Garver to include our newsletter on SABR.org.

This was a great year for Latinos in baseball. The Champion Bat in the National League was Carlos González from Venezuela. Neftali Feliz, from Dominican Republic, was the American League Rookie of the Year, and the American League Cy Young was the Venezuelan Felix Hernandez. Other six Latinos excelled in major offensive and pitching categories. Also, Edwin Rodríguez was named Manager of the Florida Marlins. The Latino Baseball Hall of Fame inducted 10 ex-baseball players last February in La Romana, Dominican Republic. Among them were Edgar Martinez, Luis Tiant and Fernando Valenzuela. This was the second induction since its inception in 2010.

This year, Roberto Alomar, one of the best second baseman to have played the game, was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Minor Leagues
Founded: 1971
Chair:
Joe Wancho
& Joe Werner

Minor Leagues

One of the three original SABR research committees, the Minor League Committee has over the years broken ground in its field and is currently undertaking a massive database project to build the first comprehensive online compilation of historical Minor League statistics.

Committee members' work has been collected in three volumes each of Minor League Baseball Stars and Minor League History Journal. Beating the Bushes is the committee newsletter which helps facilitate and coordinate research efforts.

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: Jesse Mitchell Sr., Willie Fordham, Elijah “Lucky” Miller (104), batboy for the 1926 to 1945 Homestead Grays, Arthur “Artie” Wilson, who in 1951 played for the New York Giants, William “Willie” Pope, Felix Guilbe, James “Cleve” Godfrey, George Crowe, Clinton “Butch” McCord, Cecil Kaiser, Stanley Glenn, Elmer Carter (100), Robert Underwood, Leroy Carter and Emilio Navarro, who was believed to be the last surviving player from the Negro American League of 1929, and who was still active at 105 before passing.

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 have been led by Jeremy Krock. Through his efforts more than 20 headstones have been purchased. For more information about the Project, go to Krock’s website: www.nlbgrp.com.

On April 15, 2011, the Negro Leagues Committee announced the winners of our annual national essay contest. The selection committee of educators Phillip Ross (New York), Tom Garrett (Virginia), and Stephanie Liscio (Ohio) selected Annie Yang of Watchung Hills Regional High School (Warren, New Jersey), and Emma Murphy of Osbourn High School (Manassas, Virginia), to receive the two \$2,500.00 scholarships. Yang and Murphy will be recognized at the Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference on July 23, 2011 in Indianapolis, Indiana at the JW Marriott.

On April 15, 2011, the Negro Leagues Committee awarded \$1,000.00 Library Grants to Liberty Middle School of Ocala, Florida and Edward T. Bowser, Sr. Elementary School of East Orange, New Jersey to purchase books to educate students about Black baseball and American History.

Other notable events include:

- At the 13th Annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference in Birmingham, Alabama in July, the United States Postal Service hosted a booth at the Sheraton Hotel to sell first day issue Negro League Baseball stamps designed by award-winning artist Kadir Nelson (author of *We Are The Ship*).
- Through the research efforts of a group of researchers, Hall of Famer John Preston “Pete” Hill’s full name (John Preston Hill), birth date (October 12, 1882), birth place (Culpeper County, Virginia), death date, (December 19, 1951) and final resting place (Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Alsip, Illinois) were established. His Hall of Fame Plaque at the National Baseball Hall Of Fame at Cooperstown, New York was corrected and a special event to commemorate the corrected plaque took place on October 12, 2010 in Cooperstown. The Virginia Department of Historic Resources has approved a new historic highway marker honoring his career.
- Dedication of Sam Hairston Park in Lowndes County Mississippi was attended by several members of the Hairston family. Sam Hairston was the first African American player for the Chicago White Sox.
- On January 28, 2011, a contingent of about 30 friends and family members attended the Indiana Baseball Hall Of Fame induction ceremony Indiana for Rainey Bibbs, a two-sports star in Terra Haute at Wiley High School (now closed) and Indiana State University (formerly Indiana State Teachers College. Bibbs played from 1933-1944 at second, third and shortstop for the Detroit Stars, Cincinnati Tigers, Chicago American Giants, Kansas City Monarchs, Indiana Crawfords and Cleveland Buckeyes.
- On May 12, 2011, new signs were installed on the Homestead Grays Bridge to honor the Grays and the Pittsburgh Crawfords. Each side of the bridge has nine signs. The eighteen signs include: Josh Gibson, Satchel Paige, Cool Papa Bell, Cum Posey, Sellers Hall, Vic Harris, Ray Brown, Buck Leonard, Clarence Bruce, Smokey Joe Williams, Gus Greenlee, Oscar Charleston, Ted Page, Bill Harris and Judy Johnson, as well as team signs.

- On January 19, 2011, the National Jewish Sports Hall Of Fame and Museum in Commack, New York announced the recipients of the 2011 George Young Award. The honorees included: Larry Doby, Josh Gibson, Buck O'Neil, Satchel Paige and Jackie Robinson.
- On September 25, 2010, in Plainfield, New Jersey, the Board of Education dedicated a baseball field in honor of legendary Brooklyn Dodger pitcher Joe Black at the Hub Stine Sports Complex. Black graduated from Plainfield High School in 1942, where he is listed as the schools best athlete. In 1952, he became the first African American pitcher to win a World Series game.

Recently published books on Black baseball include:

- Early Black Baseball in Minnesota by Todd Peterson
- Curveball: The remarkable Story of Toni Stone by Martha Ackmann
- Integrating Cleveland Baseball: Media Activism, the Integration of the Indians and the Demise of the Negro League Buckeyes by Stephanie M. Liscio
- Rickwood Field: A Century in America's Oldest Ballpark by Allen Barra
- Satch, Dizzy and Rapid Robert: The Wild Saga of Interracial Baseball before Jackie Robinson
- Baseball in Birmingham by Clarence Watkins
- Mysteries from Baseballs Past: Investigation of Nine Unsettled Questions by Angeola J. Louisa and David Cicotello
- Tasting Freedom: Octavius Catto and the Battle for Equality in Civil War America by Daniel R. Biddle and Murray Dubin
- Meet the Real Joe Black: An Inspiring Life-Baseball, teaching, Business, Giving by Steven Selzer
- The latest edition of Black Ball: A Negro Leagues Journal by McFarland Publishing
- Pumpsie & Progress: The Red Sox, Race and Redemption by Bill Nowlin
- Celebrating Ourselves: African Americans and the Promise of Baseball by Daryl Russell Grigsby.
- Amazing Baseball Stories: Inspiring Negro League Stories by Bryan Steverson
- Out of Left Field by Rebecca T. Alpert
- Campy by Neil Lanctot

We look forward to your participation at the 14th Annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana on July 21-23, 2011.

Nineteenth Century

Founded: 1983

Chair:

Peter Mancuso

Nineteenth Century

The Nineteenth Century Committee is scheduled to hold its annual business meeting on Friday, July 8, 2011 in Long Beach at SABR's 41st national convention. Since last year's annual business meeting, held in Atlanta, Georgia, during SABR 40, the committee has expanded and conducted its annual conference, has completed one project, has conducted its third 19th-century legends selection, has half-completed two book projects and has — through the diligence of our Vice-Chair, Bob Bailey — published four quarterly newsletters (50 total pages).

At last summer's business meeting, Joe Williams, who chairs our committee's "Overlooked 19th Century Baseball Legends" sub-committee received our Committee's "Chairman's Award" for 2009-10. Joe was recognized for his outstanding service to the committee through his leadership of our annual committee-wide selection of an "Overlooked 19th Century Baseball Legend" and for his continued and timely support of committee efforts such as our web content.

At last year's meeting, the second annual "Overlooked 19th Century Baseball Legend" election results were announced. James "Deacon" White was named the 2010 Overlooked Legend. The "Overlooked 19th Century Baseball Legend" committee has spent this past year developing the slate of this year's candidates (10 player profiles for our committee members to review) and conducting the June election. The 2011 Overlooked Legend will be announced in Long Beach during our business meeting. In addition to Joe Williams, this project committee is comprised of Charles Faber, Bob Gregory and Ralph Paluso.

A major committee project initiated at our 2009 business meeting, the "Greatest Baseball Games of the 19th Century" book project is entering its third year. The project's director and Editor-in-Chief is Bill Felber. Since the fall of 2009, Bill has established an editorial board of nine, has overseen the assignment of the 100 games and has edited nearly half of the 100 chapters submitted. We are on track for our projected spring 2013 publication date.

Another project begun in 2009, "How to Do 19th Century Baseball Research" has been completed. This important resource was submitted late last year to SABR headquarters, with the publication of the same in our committee's quarterly newsletter in two installments. The topic will be revisited in 2012 for purposes of an update. Jerry Kuntz chaired this project committee, which was comprised of Kim Juhase, Richard Oller and Joe Williams.

The Nineteenth Century Committee organized and hosted its third "Frederick Ivor-Campbell 19th Century Baseball Conference". The conference was expanded from a one-day format to a one-and-one-half day format and was held on Friday and Saturday, April 15-16, 2011, at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. In addition, there was a formal dinner on Friday evening and an informal good-cheer immediately following the conference. Fifty committee members and five additional guests attended. There were six research presentations, given by: Bob Mayer, Monica Nucciarone, Richard Arpi, Deb Shattuck, Richard Hershberger and Jerry Casway, respectively; a special presentation by Bill Humber; a panel discussion moderated by John Thorn, with panelists Joanne Hulbert, Tom Altherr and Bob Tholkes; a "Member Spotlight" interview of John Thorn by Tom Simon; a walkthrough tour of Beth Hise's exhibit, "Swinging Away: How Cricket & Baseball Connect" and a luncheon keynote address by David Block.

Finally, a dozen or more Nineteenth Century Committee members were engaged in the "Pioneer Project" headed by Peter Morris and Jan Finkel. This two-volume book project is half-complete, with the first volume having been submitted to the publisher. The second volume, now being edited by Bill Ryczek, is well under way. The goal of this project is to greatly enhance our understanding of the prominent teams and baseball players and personalities that influenced our game in the pre-professional era. Volume one should be released in the upcoming year by McFarland.

Oral History
Founded: 1986
Interim chair:
Rod Nelson

Oral History

The Oral History Committee was formed in 1986 to accurately record and store remembrances of baseball's past.

Committee members interview former major and minor league ballplayers, coaches, managers, umpires, executives, writers, broadcasters—even groundskeepers! A library of audio and video tapes and compact disks of these interviews has been established for research purposes.

The committee has collaborated with the National Baseball Library to form two centers—in Cooperstown, New York, and at SABR headquarters—for the storage and distribution of the tapes and disks. The development of a web-based streaming audio application accessible to SABR members is a committee goal.

The committee offers guidelines for conducting effective oral history interviews, maintains a list of SABR's oral history library and also publishes an annual report detailing the activities of the members.

Origins
Founded: 1994
Chair:
Larry McCray

Origins

The SABR Committee on Origins comprises about 225 SABR members. It addresses the evolution of ballplaying from the rise of baseball's predecessor games to the beginning of the professional era in 1870. The Committee distributes a brief electronic newsletter, edited by member Bob Tholkes, on the first of each month. Its webpage on the SABR site offers to orient new researchers to the status of the field. It has two approved projects for which volunteers are welcome, one on a guide to research resources, and one on ballplaying sources in languages other than English. Available to members and prospective members.

Last year the Committee launched its Spread of Baseball Project, a public data base on the local origins of baseball under the "New York" rules originally set down by the Knickerbocker Base Ball Club in 1845. This site, found on the SABRpedia, now includes over 600 data points on the earliest games, and/or clubs, in each locality, and also offers a map to show how the game spread across the U.S. and around the world. SABR members, and members of the public, are encouraged to locate and enter data on when the American Pastime reached their favorite towns and nations.

In recent months, Major League Baseball has announced the appointment of a new panel on baseball's origins. This panel is chaired by John Thorn, who is the newly designated Official Historian of baseball and an active member of the SABR Origins Committee. During the 2011 SABR convention, John will meet with the Origins Committee to discuss the prospective work of the MLB panel, which will release its findings after an 18-month study. It may become feasible for the SABR Origins Committee to mount an effort that will feed in to the MLB panel's study. Two other Panel members, including David Block (author of the highly regarded *Baseball Before We Knew It*) will also be present at this session.

Pictorial History
Founded: 1994
Chair:
Bill Hickman

Pictorial History

The Player Image Index reached the point where it is missing only 550 players. The Manager Image Index is part of the SABR Encyclopedia and covers more than 97% of the big league managers. The Ballpark Photo Index has reached enough completion to be ready to go onto the SABR website. The Bain Collection Project has given SABR visibility in every caption related to Bain baseball photos as displayed on the Library of Congress website. We've begun a similar project with the Boston Public Library.

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. Cataloging an image 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 more than 96.6% of the players who have been in the majors since the beginning of 1871. The Player Image Index currently consists of almost 39,000 records describing image sources for over 17,000 major league players.

In early 2004, the committee launched a joint project with the Ballparks Committee. The aim of the project is to develop a Ballpark Photo Index. Paul Healey is leading the project. The database is ready for placement on the SABR website and is waiting in the queue with some other systems projects.

In early 2005, the committee launched a third project. The new project is the development of a Manager Image Index. Its objective is to catalogue at least one image of every man who has managed in the major leagues. Dave Davis is managing the project. Dave has brought the project to the point where we have been able to catalogue images all but sixteen of the big league managers. This cataloguing of manager images became part of the SABR Encyclopedia during the 2006-07 annual report period. We continue to track new managers as they make their major league debuts.

Scott Brandon has placed photos of umpires and coaches onto the OOTP Developments website. We have catalogued them onto a spreadsheet. Once the software is ready to give us the capability to enter the spreadsheet data into the new SABR Encyclopedia, we will be able to index pictorial data for those umpires and coaches as well. We expect that to happen in the coming year.

Under the project management of Mark Stang, we began a new project with the Boston Public Library this year. The Library asked us to assist us with identifications of players, managers, coaches, umpires, and dignitaries in baseball-related photos from the Leslie Jones Collection of photographs which they planned to place on their website. There were some 2,800 photos which they asked us to tackle. These were somewhat more challenging than the ones in the Bain Collection which we had reviewed for the Library of Congress, because some were action photos and some were players at levels below the major leagues. Tom Shieber, Gary Livacari, Scott Brandon, Bob Richardson, Rich Bowering, Bill Loughman, Bill Gubbins, Gunnar Isaacson, Will Dahlberg, Tom Cline, Glenn Biss, Carl Bonk, Kathy Torres, Michael Aronstein, and Bill Hickman are participating in the project.

The Boston Globe had a feature article about the project and Mark Stang's role in leading it in the April 8, 2011 issue of that newspaper. The Boston Public Library started displaying the Leslie Jones baseball collection on its website that week in conjunction with the baseball season's opening at Fenway Park. Viewers who visit the Boston Public Library website to view the Leslie Jones baseball photos will see SABR's name associated with each photo which has been identified by the committee. Similarly, SABR's name continues to be displayed on the Library of Congress' website in conjunction with the Bain Collection photos identified by the committee.

Other Committee activities over the past year included the publication of three newsletters and the response to numerous requests for leads on photo sources and photo identifications. Mark Fimoff's Mystery Photo Column continues to be a popular add-on to our regular committee newsletter. Our latest addition is Mark Rucker's Photo Discoveries Column.

Science and Baseball

Founded: 2003
Chair: Eric Van

Science and Baseball

The mission of the Science Committee is to explore, disseminate, and foster research in the science of baseball, broadly construed to include behavioral, physical, and natural sciences. The Committee will provide a forum for all members with an interest in scientific matters, regardless of background or training. Specific Goals of the Committee:

1. Compile and annotate the scientific literature on baseball for distribution to interested members and inclusion in the Baseball Index where not already indexed.
2. Develop and maintain a website that would include links to resources and organizations of interest to SABR members and non-members who may desire to conduct research in these areas.
3. Develop and maintain a discussion list for the exchange of ideas and information.
4. Foster authorship of publications that would review and integrate the scientific literature at large with the purposes of:
 - a. Making the academic and scientific literature more accessible to non-scientists with an interest in the topic.
 - b. Encouraging more and better applied and experimental research in academic disciplines.
 - c. Promoting the increased use of experimentally validated knowledge by professionals within, or connected to, our national pastime.
 - d. Documenting the history of applied scientific research in baseball.
5. Support original experimental research, through consultation, pooling of resources and information, identifying sources of potential grant support for researchers, and the establishment of an award for contributions to applied experimental research (for life-time contribution or for best original research contribution).
6. Publish a newsletter summarizing and coordinating Committee activities and providing a publication outlet for articles on subjects within the scope of the committee's charter.

Scouts

Founded: 1994
Co-chairs:
Jim Sandoval
& Rod Nelson

Scouts

The Scouts committee was formed in 1994 to compile a complete roster of scouts, with biographical information for each. The committee has grown to its current 264 members. The committee maintains the Who-Signed-Who database crediting the scouts who signed each major league player and is building a comprehensive historical Scouts Roster. With the assistance of the Oral History Committee, interviews of scouts are being collected. A book on the history of scouting, told when possible through the scout's own stories, should be published this fall. Volunteer contributors are sought.

Spring Training

Founded: 2002
Chair:
Mark Rappaport

Spring Training

The Spring Training Committee was formed in 2002 to study the impact of professional baseball on the cities which have played host to spring training camps over the course of baseball history. The primary area of research is a comprehensive historical and geographical listing of spring training venues for major league, minor league and Negro league ballclubs. Committee members have also compiled a listing of those ballplayers who have appeared on spring training rosters for big league clubs, yet never made their debut in regulation championship play.

The committee publishes the Spring Flings newsletter twice annually.

Statistical Analysis
Founded: 1974
Co-chairs:
Clem Comly
& Neal Traven

Statistical Analysis

One of SABR's earliest research committees, the Statistical Analysis Committee was founded by Dick Cramer and Pete Palmer in 1974. Our purpose is primarily facilitation — fostering the exchange of research and analysis of empirical baseball data by members and nonmembers. SABR's largest research committee, the SAC counts (according to the new SABR website's management tools) 1,293 members as of late May 2011.

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 and developing empirical models for investigating potential futures trends in the game. The SAC strongly values 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. Two issues of the newsletter, officially dated as November 2009 and February 2010, were published since our last annual report. Those newsletters, as well as back issues all the way back to 1989, are available for download at <http://www.philbirnbaum.com>. As they have for many years, SAC members play leading roles in producing the major preseason annual analytic publications. The value of sabermetric ideas and principles is increasingly accepted and appreciated beyond SABR, both within the baseball community and in the media.

Our Statistical Analysis Yahoo! group, managed by Dan Levitt, is an e-mail list open exclusively to committee members. While message traffic is rather variable, it can be a highly useful forum for SAC member discussions. The list's member-count of 278 is only slightly higher than last year's. Between the e-mail list, the SAC's web presence (both at <http://www.philbirnbaum.com> and now on SABR's website at <http://sabrnation.sabr.org/groups2/profile/dashboard/groupid/1793>), and the numerous websites and blogs maintained by SAC members, the Statistical Analysis Committee's cyber-presence is well-established.

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*.

Umpires & Rules
Founded: 1998
Chair: Reid Duffy

Umpires & Rules

The Umpires and Rules Committee was formed in 1988 to study the impact of both on the development of the game. The primary areas of research are the biographical and career records of major league umpires. Committee members in conjunction with Retrosheet are compiling a roster of umpires, by game, by year, and by league. Another project is to document a comprehensive listing of all known ejections, following on the pioneering work of the late Doug Pappas. The committee publishes its newsletter, *The Right Call*, twice annually.

Women in Baseball

Founded: 1990

Co-chairs:

**Leslie Heaphy
& Justine Siegal**

Women in Baseball

Since the convention in 2010, the WIBC committee has put out three newsletters keeping members informed of the many things happening in women's baseball from tournaments to new books and articles that have been published, such as Audrey Verdick's book on Effa Manley and Deborah Hopkinson's on Alta Weiss.

One of the biggest projects we helped support was the "Linedrives and Lipstick Exhibit", which came to Cleveland's Ursuline College in October. In addition to having committee presence on the planning committee, we also had members involved the programs and helping out with donations to their silent auction. Many books by committee members were on display during the exhibit, as well.

An ongoing effort we started in the spring is to create a better contact list to keep in touch with those interested more regularly and keep people informed about what is going on in women's baseball today. We also started an on-going list of women involved in baseball operations, updating with current and past women who have held such positions.

Justine Siegal has been incredibly busy promoting women's baseball and participating herself by pitching Major League batting practice this spring and recently during the season. We have used our newsletter to keep people informed of her efforts and the recent scholarships achieved by two high school pitchers for continuing to play baseball in college. Jean Ardell will be the upcoming speaker at the Baseball Reliquary event and we have a number of committee members who presented at last year's Cooperstown Symposium and will again this year. We also have committee members who presented at the Seymour Convention and the Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference. These are just a few examples of activities our committee members are involved in and that we try to support and keep people informed about.

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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
Elysian Fields Chapter	West Orange, NJ
Forbes Field Chapter	Pittsburgh, PA
Ford-Harrelson Chapter	New York, NY
Gardner-Waterman Chapter	Burlington, VT
Jesse Burkett Chapter	Worcester, MA
Lajoie-Start Chapter	Providence, RI
Rabbit Maranville Chapter	Springfield, MA
Smoky Joe Wood Chapter	Hartford, CT

MIDWEST CHAPTERS

Bob Broeg St. Louis Chapter	St. Louis, MO
Bresnahan-Mudhens 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
North Florida Buck O'Neil Chapter	Tallahassee, FL
Carolina Chapter	Durham, NC
Charlotte Chapter	Charlotte, NC
Rice-Russell Nashville Chapter	Nashville, TN
BFW Hall-Ruggles Chapter	Dallas-Ft. Worth, TX
Houston/Larry Dierker Chapter	Houston, TX
Magnolia Georgia Chapter	Atlanta, GA
Pee Wee Reese Chapter	Louisville, KY
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
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BOB DAVIDS CHAPTER (Washington, DC)

SABR's oldest and largest chapter continues to be its most active. The Bob Davids Chapter serves almost 500 SABR members in Maryland, Virginia, the District of Columbia, and parts of Pennsylvania, Delaware and West Virginia. For people outside of our organization, we call ourselves the Mid-Atlantic chapter. Our chapter's official website is <http://chapters.sabr.org/bobdavids/>. We have a very able webmaster in Jim Sweetman.

- Annual Chapter Meeting: Our meeting this year featured 156 chapter members and guests with speakers
 - David Vincent, discussing umpire travel;
 - Marshall Purnell, architect for Nationals Park;
 - David Smith, presenting interesting questions from the media in 2010;
 - Jane Leavy, best-selling author of “The Last Boy: Mickey Mantle and the End of America’s Childhood,”; and
 - Alan Nathan, professor emeritus, Department of Physics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, who discussed Mantle’s celebrated “tape measured” home run.
- Additional Regional meetings: We hold two additional large regional meetings each year, one at a major league park and one at a park of one of the 17 minor league teams in our chapter’s area.
 - In 2010, we attended the Orioles’ game with the Blue Jays on July 17 with accompanying tours of the Babe Ruth Museum, the Maryland Sports Legends Museum, and Oriole Park at Camden Yards itself.
 - On September 4 we saw the new Richmond Flying Squirrels, AAA team of the San Francisco Giants. Our being there that day helped the Squirrels set their league attendance record for the year.
 - In 2011, we watched the Washington Nationals play the World Series champion San Francisco Giants on 30-April 30th with great speakers and ballpark meal in the mix.
 - We visited the Delmarva Shorebirds in Salisbury, Maryland, tentatively set on June 11th to watch the Shorebirds play the Nationals’ farm team from Hagerstown. This projected to be one of the last times Bryce Harper plays in the minors, but alas, he was walked on four pitches before the game was called for weather reasons.
 - The chapter’s web site has a list of all past meetings and will contain details on upcoming meetings as soon as they are firmed up.
- Hot Stove Meetings, VA: On the second Wednesday of each month, we hold monthly, informal, dinner meetings to talk baseball in an informal setting. These are held in northern Virginia and have been continuing for several years.
- Hot Stove Meetings, MD: On the third Tuesday of each month, we meet for an informal, dinner (very informal) to talk baseball in at the Tastee Diner in Silver Spring. This is our first year trying this, but attendance has been steady.
- Talkin’ Baseball: This discussion group was organized by chapter member Dave Paulson and is now in its third decade of operation. We welcome members and non-members at its monthly sessions. The group convenes the second Saturday of each month in Columbia, Maryland. Our informal get-togethers are always fun, informative and usually feature a baseball author.
- “The Squibber”, the Chapter’s newsletter: We have a very interesting and widely-read chapter newsletter, “The Squibber.” Contact editor Walt Cherniak urges readers to check out current and past issues on the web site.

BOSTON CHAPTER (Boston, MA)

The Boston Chapter was fortunate in 2010 to draw upon the baseball community that supplies our meetings with high quality speakers and unparalleled resources for research. The formal, organized meetings are just part of the story, as members of the Boston Chapter also have been active by supporting researchers from other chapters and have been prolific in their own accomplishments.

The year 2010 began with our most popular meeting at a time when we miss baseball the most and are looking forward to the next season. Held in the cold, gray doldrums of Boston, attended by fans not satisfied by the lavish array of Boston's football, basketball and hockey – although we ought to be – but baseball still reigns supreme in the minds of all Boston fans no matter what time of the year. So, the MLK weekend meeting, our most popular meeting, is highly anticipated by the local SABR community. On January 18, 2010, Keith Law from ESPN and Scouts Inc. started the meeting describing his coverage of the major and minor leagues. Larry Tye, best-selling author of the biography on *Satchel Paige*, gave us an inside view of writing this most popular book. Bill Monbouquette, a 114 game-winning pitcher for the Red Sox entertained us with his iconoclastic retelling of his years battling the front office as well as his battles from the mound.

We were extremely fortunate to have Fernando Perez, outfielder with the Tampa Bay Rays, who fascinated the attendees with his take on baseball and sports in general. He had recently published a work in Poetry Magazine and spoke about the association between literature and baseball. With such a stellar lineup of speakers the attendees felt like the meeting was a one-day SABR convention, and we endeavor to repeat the performance at future meetings.

In June, at McGreevy's on Boylston Street, the Boston Chapter hosted a special meeting with Mark Armour, author of Joe Cronin, *A Life in Baseball*. He answered many questions about this dominant figure in baseball history and about his years in Boston.

In keeping with the spirit of finding new and interesting places for Chapter meetings, the October 30 meeting was held at the Boston Globe headquarters. Here, we were able to call upon reporter Chad Finn of the Globe, Lee Panas spoke about his book, *Beyond Batting Average*, Chapter member Jay Hurd reported on the Malloy conference, Saul Wisnia entertained with stories from his interviews of fans at Fenway Park, Bill Nowlin presented his latest (at that time, at least!) book *Pumpsie and Progress*. Andy Andres gave us our required dose of stats, and the meeting culminated with a presentation by Chris Kline, scout for the Pittsburgh Pirates. And with all of that, the attendees enjoyed another meeting that felt like a one-day SABR convention.

Once again, the Boston Chapter enjoyed the enviable position of drawing upon a wide range of baseball stars in our midst, but also place a high value on the tremendous accomplishments of our Chapter members. We will work wicked hard to continue the tradition.

– Joanne Hulbert, co-chair

CASEY STENGEL CHAPTER (New York, NY)

The Casey Stengel Chapter of New York City benefited greatly this year during the last weekend in January when chapters around the country celebrated national "SABR Day" activities. Thanks to the efforts of NYC member Joe Hamrahi, of Baseball Prospectus, a joint Baseball Prospectus SABR Day Summit was organized for January 29, 2011 at Foley's in Manhattan (by the Empire State Building) from 1pm-5 pm.

This helped to, as Joe said, "promote SABR awareness to the larger baseball community. The more SABR can provide for its members, the better, and hopefully this type of event will be a step in the right direction." Joe invited local chapter leaders to the event and national ones as well, such as SABR Executive Director (and sports media expert) Marc Appleman, along with Vince Gennaro (SABR president-elect and then-secretary).

Popular SABR authors Doug Lyons and Dan Schlossberg joined the fun. In addition, Gary Cohen (SNY-New York Mets broadcaster), Ken Davidoff (New York Newsday baseball writer), Steve Hirdt (EVP - Elias Sports Bureau), Matt Meyers (Associate Editor, ESPN The Magazine/Insider), Cory Schwartz (Director of Stats – MLB.com), and Dennis Sheehan (Kansas City Royals Northeast Scouting Supervisor) rounded out the line-up.

We hope Joe and the folks at BP continue such plans, and we've sent a chapter notice out encouraging SABR attendance at another outing this summer for members of SABR and BP on Saturday, August 20, 2011 when we anticipate a third event – a baseball game (Mets v. Milwaukee), plus a private "meet and greet" with SABR President Vince Gennaro, MLB.com Director of Stats Cory Schwartz, and Baseball Prospectus personalities in the Citi Field Auditorium prior to the game.

The central activity each year remains our annual regional meeting, led by Ernestine Miller, our chapter's project manager whose expertise in securing compelling keynote speakers and moderating panels practically guarantees attendance of 100+ members at the Mid-Manhattan branch of the NY Public Library (on Fifth Avenue and 40th St.)!

Ernestine's success this year included speakers who were within a week or two of being announced in the media as people of note – just days before the March 5th meeting, speaker John Thorn ("Baseball in the Garden of Eden: The Secret History of the Early Game") was appointed MLB's official baseball historian, and soon after our chapter gig, featured keynote Kate Buford, whose biography of Jim Thorpe had been nominated for SABR's prestigious Larry Ritter Award, was named as the winner.

Despite a shorter-than-normal time for the day-long event, the day was packed with headliners Kostya Kennedy (Sports Illustrated Senior Editor) who provided his insights about "56: Joe DiMaggio and the Last Magic Number in ports," and who was being featured in a local newspaper, Dennis Corcoran who discussed "Induction Day at Cooperstown: A History of the Baseball Hall of Fame Ceremony," Doug Gladstone who spoke of "A Bitter Cup of Coffee" while describing baseball's policy of ex-players and their pensions, Rob Edelman (Film professor at the University at Albany), and Joe Dorinson (LIU History professor and former director of the Jackie Robinson Conference in 1997).

Cliff Blau remains in charge of vetting members who present research at the gatherings, and webmaster Kevin Carter does his best to maintain our website pages at <http://nyc.sabr.org/> SABR's Stengel Chapter meetings have a trivia contest managed by perennial champ Eric Weiss, and Al Blumkin (former trivia champ himself) is chapter treasurer.

Chapter member Jay Goldberg earned great reviews in the press for his Bergino Baseball Clubhouse located near Manhattan's Union Square where authors of baseball books discuss and sign their books at book events almost every month. Jay also hit upon the fun-tastic idea of offering free Cracker Jack, GuS Soda and Cooperstown Cookies at all events. The New York SABR chapter is delighted that authors again have a place for discussing their books with baseball fans.

– Evelyn Begley, Chapter President

CONNIE MACK CHAPTER (Philadelphia, PA)

The Connie Mack Chapter stayed busy during the past year. We had 4 Hot Stove League Gatherings during the off-season, hosted our annual meeting at the Reading Phillies' venerable First Energy Field and succeeded in getting the nod for SABR's national convention in Philly for 2013. The 2010/2011 Hot Stoves were held at McGillins in Center City [3] but the SABR Day in America soiree was held in the quaint Otto's in Horsham. An average of 14 SABRrethren came to the Hot Stoves.

Our Annual Meeting in June featured research presentations, an exciting baseball game and Joe Dittmar's excellent Jeopardy Trivia Quiz. Thirty-seven of us travelled to the "Baseball Town" of Reading PA [Carl Furillo, Broadway Joe Wagner] as part of our touring annual meeting through the baseball towns of southeast Pennsylvania and western New Jersey.

Research presentations included:

- Kevin Tulley, "Reading's 1911 Championship Season"
- Brian Engelhardt, "The 1927 Reading Keys. Fred Merkle, Manager"
- Ira Levinton, "All-Time Career Pitcher Ratings, including Four Philly Pitchers in Top 20"
- Stephen Glassman, "Rodney McCray, Minor League Fence-buster"

- Peter Mancuso, "RHP Karl Drews: The Phillies Years, 1951--1953"

The SABR Board of Directors voted at their May meeting to award the Connie Mack Chapter the honor of hosting the 2013 national convention in Philadelphia. We accept and will not slow down.

–Seamus Kearney

FORBES FIELD CHAPTER (Pittsburgh, PA)

Summary of Activities for July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011:

- Hot Stove sessions held in August, 2010 and February, 2011 at the SoHo Restaurant across the street from PNC Park. These are informal sessions with no agenda other than to gather for fellowship and baseball talk. Each session was attended by approximately 25 members and guests.
- November 13, 2010. Formal Fall Meeting held at the Senator John Heinz History Center. 40 members and guests attended and heard six presentations on the following topics: the T206 baseball card series, the Take Me Out to the Ballgame postage stamp, an analysis of MLB payrolls relative to the teams' performance, Negro Leaguer Rap Dixon, the Integration of baseball in Cleveland from author Stephanie Liscio, and members of the Pittsburgh Franklins Vintage Base Ball team.
- April 30, 2011. Formal Spring Meeting was held at the Heinz History Center. Twenty-seven members and guests heard five presentations on the following topics: Eddie Klep of the Cleveland Buckeyes, defense attorney and Member Sam Reich discussed the Pittsburgh Drug Trials of the 1980's, a presentation on statistical analysis theories of minor league ball players, Joe Elinich gave us a tour of the new SABR website, and authors Morris Eckhouse and Greg Crouse put a neat Pittsburgh spin on their new book "Where Cleveland Played."
- On May 21, the Pittsburgh Pirates hosted 50 SABR members and guests for a pre-game dinner that included presentations and Q&A sessions with Pirates GM Neal Huntington, Pirates Statistical Guru Dan Fox, and Pirates team historian Patti Mistick. We then attended that night's ballgame, a Pirates win over the Detroit Tigers.
- Eight members served as volunteer help for the Pirates "5K Home Run" on April 8. Proceeds of this event were to benefit Pirates Charities. We continue to look to partner with the Pirates to assist them as volunteers for their charitable efforts in the Pittsburgh community.
- We began to partner with the Cleveland/Jack Graney Chapter for some joint events, such as SABR Day in January.
- Looking forward, we are hoping to go as a group to a Pittsburgh Franklins Vintage baseball game in July; Bob Sproule will be a guest speaker at the College Club of Pittsburgh luncheon on July 15, and a Hot Stove Night will be scheduled for a night in late July or early August when the Pirates are on the road.

GARDNER-WATERMAN CHAPTER (Burlington, VT)

It has been a busy and rewarding year for the Gardner-Waterman (Vermont) Chapter of SABR.

On August 21, 2010, we met at our traditional meeting place, Lance Richbourg's art studio, and enjoyed two PowerPoint presentations from Steve Steinberg, one on his book 1921 (which went on to win the Seymour Medal) and another on John Picus Quinn. We then went to Centennial Field where we interviewed former major leaguer Benny DiStefano and took in that evening's game between the Vermont Lake Monsters and Brooklyn Cyclones.

On SABR Day, January 29, 2011, we met again at Lance's studio and heard research presentations by Ron Anderson on Olaf Henriksen, Tom Simon on the 1893 U.V.M. Base Ball "Wonder Team," Dick Leyden on Ballparks of the 1901-06 Northern League, and Bill Nowlin on the 1911 Boston Red Sox Spring Training Tour.

On Opening Night 2011, the Upper Valley Meetup, a Gardner-Waterman subchapter, convened at a pub in West Lebanon, New Hampshire, and met prolific baseball author Harvey Frommer before watching the first game of the season on television.

On April 30, 2011, the Chapter participated in an unveiling ceremony of a State of Vermont historical marker at the former site of Athletic Park, where baseball was played in Burlington before 1906. Earlier that day Chapter president Brian Stevens threw out the ceremonial first pitch for the Burlington American Little League.

The Chapter had donated \$500 to B.A.L.L. for "Turn Back the Clock" uniforms honoring amateur, semi-pro, and professional teams from Vermont's baseball past.

Gardner-Watermanites look forward to our next meeting at Burlington's Centennial Field on July 23, when we will welcome Marty Dobrow, author of *Knocking on Heaven's Door*, and take in another Vermont Lake Monsters game.

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

The Southern New England Chapter has a very informal structure, with a chapter chairman but no other officers, and no treasury. Expenses for its two yearly meetings are covered by the nominal admission charge plus the revenue from a book raffle conducted at each meeting. Various benefactors among the chapter membership help make up any deficiency.

The chapter's calendar considers its first meeting of the "year" to be the one held on the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend at St. Philip's Parish Center in Greenville, Rhode Island. The second meeting is held in June under a picnic tent at McCoy Stadium, home of the Pawtucket Red Sox. We schedule a former player as a guest speaker at each meeting, in at the McCoy Stadium meeting members of the Pawtucket Red Sox front office and coaching staff speak to us as well. Each meeting has other staples: research presentations, a trivia quiz and a baseball book raffle.

The November meeting is always the better-attended of the two. The one at St. Philip's on November 27, 2010, had an attendance of about 80. The speaker was Rich Gedman, a former catcher for the Boston Red Sox. This was the second time Rich has spoken at one of our meetings, and he was spellbinding— so much so that we canceled the trivia quiz to let him keep speaking.

The McCoy Stadium meeting was held on June 18, 2011, and had an attendance of about 40. Brian Rose, a former pitcher for the Red Sox and other teams, was the guest speaker, and those from the Pawtucket Red Sox were team president Mike Tamburro, the manager, Arnie Beyeler; and the hitting coach, Chili Davis. Chili impressed the group with his views on how to teach hitting.

The first meeting of the new chapter year will be held on Saturday, November 26, at St. Philip's. The guest speaker is scheduled to be Ted Lepcio, former infielder for the Boston Red Sox and other teams.

We are grateful to the Red Sox front office – specifically Dick Bresciani and Dan Rea – for their assistance in helping us line up speakers.

– Len Levin

RABBIT MARANVILLE CHAPTER (Springfield, MA)

The Rabbit Maranville Springfield Chapter held a meeting on April 25, 2011. Approximately 35 people attended. The speakers were Doug Gladstone and Mike Laga. Mr. Gladstone is the author of *A Bitter Cup of Coffee; How MLB & The Players Association Threw 874 Retirees A Curve*. It was a great insight into how the MLB retirement packages differs based on years of service.

The second speaker, Mike Laga, played in the majors for over 9 years. He was on the 1984 Tigers that went on to win the World Series. He also holds the distinction as the only player ever to hit a ball out of Busch Stadium. Mr. Laga was a great speaker and provided us with any colorful stories.

We are planning another meeting in the fall.

– Stephen Maniuodakis

SMOKY JOE WOOD CHAPTER (Hartford, CT)

We had another busy year. In Oct. 2010, we held our fall meeting at the Fairfield, CT Museum and History Center, upon invite of Christine Jewell, from that museum. About 25 members were present. In Feb. 2011, we featured former Tiger and Red Sox star Dick McAuliffe at our spring training meeting. This was well attended, with about 35 people there. We again had chapter outings to the New Britain Rock Cats (we now know people in their front office), and the Bridgeport Bluefish, where we supported the unveiling of the Jim Orator O'Rourke statue.

We continue to have regular chapter breakfasts in Hamden, CT, where we usually get around 10 to 12 members. A few of us also attended various Hot Stove league luncheons over the winter, where we met Yankee GM Brian Cashman, Twins GM Bill Smith, and former umpire Terry Tata, along with Reds' broadcaster George Grande.

We also hope to reinvigorate the Bio Project, and we try to support our area authors. Our members also attend, where possible, the SABR chapter meetings in NY and RI, and we publicize this and other activities in our communications to our chapter.

– Steve Krevisky

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ROGER BRESNAHAN/MUD HENS CHAPTER (Toledo, OH)

The 2009/2010 year proved to be an enjoyable one for the Bresnahan/Mud Hens chapter in northwestern Ohio and southeastern Michigan.

Our Fall 2010 meeting was held on October 30 at Tony Packo's in suburban Sylvania. This was a joint meeting with the Don Lund chapter. It began with several interesting baseball presentations, highlighted by an appearance by Kerrie Ferrell of Ann Arbor. Kerrie talked about her new book about her father, Hall of Fame catcher Rick Ferrell. Gary Gillette of Detroit then gave a very interesting illustrated presentation about the history of Hamtramck Stadium. Both talks generated lots of comments and questions.

After the presentations we all watched the World Series game between the Texas Rangers and the San Francisco Giants. Unfortunately for the many American League fans in the Toledo/Detroit corridor, the Giants emerged victorious in the fall classic.

Our first meeting of 2011 took place on June 10, when we gathered at Fifth Third Field in downtown Toledo to have a "behind the fence" supper followed by an International League game between the Mud Hens and the visiting Gwinnett Braves. The weather was breezy and cool for June, but after a very satisfying supper of baseball food the game was played. Unfortunately, the visiting Braves (obviously the Triple-A farm club of the Atlanta Braves) defeated the Mud Hens by a 4 to 3 score in 14 long innings!

The 2010/2011 year was a very highly successful and enjoyable one for the Roger Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter of SABR, and we are looking forward to more baseball fun and information during the upcoming year.

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CHAPTER (Oklahoma City, OK)

SABR's newest local chapter met for the first time April 16 at Redhawks Field at Bricktown for an afternoon baseball game and "get acquainted" gathering. Several interested SABR members from the greater Oklahoma City area signed the petition requesting SABR recognition and retired to nearby Coach's Restaurant for a post-game planning meeting. That recognition was granted at the late May meeting of the SABR Board of Directors. The group met again on May 9 at the Coach's location in Norman, where the members received an advance viewing of Peter Pierce's forthcoming book on baseball in Ardmore, OK. The members struggled with a "trivia challenge" submitted by Howard Johnson and then summarily rewarded his efforts by electing him Chapter President. Ken Fischer assumed the role of "meetings coordinator." A small contingent of the chapter's members returned to Redhawks Field on June 7 for another baseball game and an afternoon of "talking baseball." We anticipate holding another meeting in late July or early August.

The chapter is still small with its corps of members residing in Oklahoma City and Norman. A couple of SABR members from the Tulsa area indicated interest in joining with us. Perhaps we can eventually expand, becoming a statewide organization or, alternatively, that a Tulsa area chapter can be established.

– Howard Johnson, Chapter President, Central Oklahoma SABR

DAYTON CHAPTER (Dayton, OH)

The Dayton Chapter of SABR has a steering committee that gathers once a month to plan meetings.

Two meetings were held this year:

The autumn meeting was held at the University of Dayton and had presentations by Mark Miller "Minor League Baseball in Springfield, Ohio", Chris Rainey "Joe Dunn and Baseball in Springfield, Ohio", Craig Waff "The Early Years of the Brooklyn Atlantics", and Geri Strecher "The Negro League Conference in Indianapolis". A trivia contest and a book auction were also held at this meeting.

The spring meeting was held at the Dayton Dragon's 5/3 Field with presentations by Allen Hye "A Remembrance of Duke Snider", Ralph Arnold "A Trip to Tiger Stadium", and John Schleppe "The Road to Minneapolis' Target Field." Dragon pitcher Blaine Howell and manager Delino De Shields were guests and shared their thoughts and experiences.

Many of the members attending stayed for the evening's Dragons game.

–John Schleppe, Chair, Dayton SABR Chapter

DETROIT CHAPTER (Detroit, MI)

The Detroit Chapter held one formal get-together in the past year: on January 29 in Ann Arbor on SABR Day in America. As in 2010, the SABR Day event was held in conjunction with the two other Michigan SABR chapters, the Don Lund and Wally Pipp Chapters. The Detroit Chapter's next events will be an All-Star Game watching party on July 12 and a September 2011 meeting in Midtown Detroit that will include analytical presentations about the Tigers' current status and future outlook—along with a Wayne State connection.

The chapter maintains an informational Web site at www.SABR-Detroit.org with audio clips from the chapter's 2008 symposium and its 2010 tribute to Ernie Harwell. The Detroit chapter has no financial accounts or expenditures.

–Gary Gillette, Chapter President

DON LUND CHAPTER (Ann Arbor, MI)

We had one meeting of the Don Lund Chapter during the period of this report, a joint meeting with the Bresnahan-Mud Hens Chapter in Toledo on October 30, 2010. We also hosted the SABR Day joint meeting of the three Michigan SABR Chapters that was held in Lansing on January 29, 2011. The two meetings were each well attended with excellent speakers. I would like to thank all of the speakers who shared their research, knowledge and time with us.

Note: What appears below regarding the two meetings are the email invitations I sent out prior to the meetings, rather than a summary of what transpired.

Don Lund Chapter Meeting October 30, 2010

Our next Don Lund Chapter meeting will be a joint meeting with the Bresnahan-Mudhens Chapter based in Toledo, OH. The meeting will be held on October 30th at 4:00 p.m. at Tony Packo's Cafe in Sylvania, OH.

The Bresnahan-Mudhens Chapter is led by Steve Lauer and Marilyn Klar. Several of you know Steve and Marilyn as they have attended many of our Don Lund Chapter meetings over the years. Steve is a fervent Cleveland Indians fan while Marilyn is an enthusiastic Tigers fan.

The agenda for the October 30th event included two scheduled speakers: Kerrie Ferrell and Gary Gillette.

- Kerrie, daughter of Hall of Fame member Rick Ferrell, will talk about her new book: "Rick Ferrell, Knuckleball Catcher."
- Gary, a member of the SABR Board of Directors, will update his presentation on Hamtramck Stadium from SABR 40 held in August in Atlanta.

SABR Day Michigan Chapters Joint Meeting

The three Michigan SABR Chapters will be having a meeting on Saturday afternoon, January 29th at 1:30 pm at the Gladwin Center just west of Ann Arbor, with an optional lunch at Banfield's West Side Grill at noon.

- We have a good program planned including a trivia quiz developed by Peter Morris and four speakers: Peter Morris, Kerrie Ferrell, Jonathan Frankel, and Steve Weingarden.
 - Peter will share a brief anecdote about Sparky Anderson. Then other meeting attendees can share anecdotes about baseball people with Michigan connections who passed away in 2010 including Sparky, Ernie Harwell, Steve Boros, and Bill Lajoie.
 - Kerrie will talk about her book about her father: "Rick Ferrell, Knuckleball Catcher."
 - Jonathan will present his research findings on pre-1900 strikeouts.
 - Steve's topic is The Trials of George Vanderbeck: Baseball Magnate Who Lost Ownership of the Detroit Team to His Ex-Wife.
- Jim Lannen, Rich Newhouse, Gary Gillette

FIELD OF DREAMS REGIONAL CHAPTER (Des Moines, Iowa)

Officers:

- Umpire-in-Chief (Chair): Tim Rask
- First Base Umpire (Vice-Chair): Ralph Christian
- Concessionaire (Treasurer): Steve Elsberry
- Scorecard Keeper (Webmaster): Steve Smith

Activities:

- January 29, 2011 Norway, IA
 - SABR Day in America gathering, with 12 members and guests at Iowa Baseball Museum of Norway.
 - John Liepa started us out with a presentation of his research on Bath Ruth and Lou Gehrig's barnstorming trip that visited Iowa just after the 1927 World Series. John had a fantastic reproduction of a team photo of the "Bustin' Babes" and "Larrupin' Lous" taken just before their mid-October exhibition in Des Moines (the pair also visited Sioux City).
 - Viewing of some vintage baseball on DVD, with Steve Elsberry's copy of Game 7 of the 1960 World Series (the recently-uncovered Bing Crosby basement tape). Darrell Hanson also brought along a highlights DVD from the 1953 season which, as it turned out, featured some footage of Iowan Jack Dittmer of the Milwaukee Braves
- June 25, 2011 Des Moines, IA
 - Meeting/baseball game at Principal Park.

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, Umpire-in-Chief

HANK GOWDY COLUMBUS CHAPTER (Columbus, OH)

The chapter held its winter meeting on January 29, 2011 (National SABR Day) at the Westerville Public Library. Approximately 40 members and guests attended the meeting organized by a coordinating committee which included Ernie Walther, Mike Green, Cindy Thomson, Blake Sherry, John Lewis and Rick Huhn. The meeting was chaired by Ernie Walther. During the business meeting a vote was taken to select a name for the chapter. The top vote getter was Hank Gowdy, the late Boston Braves' catcher and a Columbus native. Presenters and topics were Thomas Tomsick (foul territory and strikeouts); Dave Gorenflo (Cubs exhibition game in Marion during Harding's 1920 Front Porch Campaign); Matt Gladman (baseball in non-baseball movies); and Jeff Cranston (gaming the 1871 baseball season). The featured guest speaker was Randy Mobley, President of the International League. His topic was "Thirty Years of Change as Seen Through the Eyes of a Career Minor Leaguer." A trivia contest and book raffle was held. Guests at the meeting included a pair of noted baseball historians and authors, Dr. Reed Browning and Dr. Charles Alexander.

On May 7 the local chapter held its first baseball book club meeting. Organized by Blake Sherry, the meeting took place at the Dublin Public Library to discuss Lawrence Ritter's classic, *The Glory of their Times*. Seven local members participated in a lively discussion of the book and related topics. Plans were made for additional book club meetings.

The next meeting of the local chapter is tentatively scheduled for July 31, 2011 at Huntington Park, the home of the Columbus Clippers of the International League. A business meeting, as well as presentations, a trivia contest and a guest speaker, will precede the group's attendance at a Clippers game.

– Rick Huhn

HOYT-ALLEN CHAPTER (Cincinnati, OH)

The Hoyt-Allen Chapter held its winter meeting on January 29, 2011 (SABR Day) at, at the A. B. Cohen Center, Xavier University. The turnout was very small with approximately 12 members and guests attending. Attendees heard three presentations.

- Doug Wilson, author of "Fred Hutchinson and the 1964 Cincinnati Reds", will discuss his book. This season will mark the 50th Anniversary of the 1961 pennant winning Cincinnati Reds. Good timing to discuss Hutch and players of his day.
- John Snyder will explain the WAR (wins above replacement player) statistic and how he has used it to determine which players should and should not be in the Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame.
- Richard L. Jones, author of "Angel Sleeves," a historical novel project he is working on.

Planning for a fall meeting, but no date or venue has been selected.

JACK GRANEY CHAPTER (Cleveland, OH)

In the summer of 2010, the Jack Graney Chapter took in several baseball games together as a group – 2 Akron Aeros games (Cleveland Indians AA affiliate), a Lorain County Ironmen game (college prospect league), and a Columbus Clippers game (Cleveland Indians AAA affiliate) with several members from the Columbus chapter. We plan to attend an Akron Aeros game together as a group on August 6.

In October of 2010, we met at the Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn Ohio. Jay Demagall, one of the founders of the Cleveland Blues vintage baseball team, talked about the team's season and brought some vintage items for members to look at. Retired *Cleveland Plain Dealer* reporter Bob Dolgan talked about his new book, *The Sportswriter Who Punched Sam McDowell*. Jim Holl gave a presentation on Jack Sords, a baseball cartoonist and a Cleveland native. Tom Tomsick, former bullpen catcher for the Cleveland Indians, talked about his new book *Strike Three! My Years in the Pen*. Arleen and Harvey Cohen put together trivia for the meeting, and we also had our book raffle.

In the fall of 2010, several members volunteered weekly at the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland with the SABR collection. Primarily, we sorted books and hope to process more of the collection in the near future.

For SABR Day 2011, we met in the basement of Progressive Field and had a series of presentations and special guests. Greg Crouse and Morris Eckhouse talked about their new book *Where Cleveland Played*. Mike Chernoff, assistant general manager for the Cleveland Indians, talked about the team and the upcoming 2011 season. Bill McMahon gave a presentation on the Pirates and the Cubs, while Jim Holl gave a presentation entitled "You Have to be Good to Lose Twenty Games!" Sean Gibson, the executive director of the Josh Gibson Foundation and the great-grandson of Josh Gibson, talked about his great-grandfather, particularly focusing on his personal life. Sam Reich, author of *Waiting for Cooperstown: Baseball's Veterans (1901-1972) and the Hall of Fame*, gave a presentation on the National Baseball Hall of Fame, while Tom Tomsick gave a presentation on foul territory and strikeouts. Victor Rosenberg provided the trivia questions, and we held our regular book raffle. The chapter got the unique opportunity to connect via teleconference with the San Francisco chapter and the Cooperstown chapter. We also announced the winner of our "guess the standings contest" – it was Fred Schuld. Fred earned the most points for the most correct guesses for the final 2010 standings. Only one member correctly guessed that the San Francisco Giants would win the World Series – Rick Bradley.

In March of 2011, we took the staff of the Cleveland office out to dinner in order to thank them for all of their hard work for SABR over the years. While we were disappointed to see SABR leave Cleveland, we were most saddened by the loss of the staff members; all of whom we'd developed friendships with over the years.

In May of 2011, we held our spring meeting at the Cleveland Blues' vintage baseball clubhouse at the Cleveland bar in downtown Cleveland. The Blues built the clubhouse on the third floor of the bar over the winter; it is full of vintage baseball memorabilia and was the perfect setting for a SABR meeting. We had a group discussion about our best baseball memories and Rich Bowering gave a presentation on former Philadelphia player Mike Kelly. Harvey and Arleen Cohen provided alphabetical trivia for the group and we also had a book raffle. Downstairs at the Cleveland bar, we also had the chance to see an interstate mustard battle between Cleveland's own Bertman's Mustard, and Uncle Phil's Mustard from Cincinnati. (This was in honor of the Battle of Ohio series between the Indians and Reds taking place in Cleveland that weekend).

– Stephanie Liscio, President, Jack Graney Chapter - Cleveland, Ohio

KEN KELTNER BADGER STATE CHAPTER (Milwaukee, WI)

The Ken Keltner Badger State Chapter of SABR continues to provide services to its members, and is a “go to” organization for assisting needs of the Wisconsin community. The last year has seen our Chapter assist a number of organizations in providing help for their scheduled events.

- Bob Buege and Rick Schabowski did a presentation about the history of Milwaukee Baseball for a P&H company function.
- SABR member Paul Tenpenny loaned some of his American Association memorabilia for a display at the Milwaukee Public Central Library about the Milwaukee Brewers.
- We maintain a custom of buying books or videos from our Guest Presenters, and donate them to the Milwaukee Public Library System.
- The Milwaukee Braves Historical Association recently held a Banquet honoring Johnny Logan, Joe Adcock and Frank Torre. SABR members Bob Buege and Rick Schabowski provided audio-visual assistance by means of a PowerPoint presentation going through pictures of all the players’ careers.
- SABR maintains a presence in the press box at Brewers games with the help of Larry Baldassaro, Gregg Hoffmann, and Bob Buege. Larry and Gregg also provide articles for the Brewers publication that is distributed at home games.
- SABR member Gregg Hoffmann maintains a website “Midwest Diamond Report” that is a great source of information, and is where our Chapter’s web page is located.
- SABR member Larry Baldassaro’s book, “Beyond DiMaggio: Italian Americans in Baseball” was released early this year.
- Our meetings are usually held at Long Wong’s Chinese-American Sportsbar located near Miller Park. Meetings are held in February, October, and a meeting sometime during the summer months. We also have informal tailgate parties before Brewers games.

Guests for our meetings:

- November meeting: OnMilwaukee.com and ESPN radios Drew Olson
- SABR Day meeting: Brewers General Manager Doug Melvin
- May meeting held at the Milwaukee Public Library in conjunction with the American Association Milwaukee Brewers exhibit: Johnny Logan, and former Brewers employee Bill Topitzes

Our Chapter has by-laws which provide for annual elections of officers each November. The current officers are: President: Rick Schabowski, Vice-President: Matt Bednarski, Secretary: Tom O’Connell, and Treasurer: Dennis Degenhardt.

What does the future hold? We’ll continue to “reach-out” providing assistance to anybody who has research needs, and we’re always available to help with any presentation or exhibit for groups in the area. Whenever we assist at any of the local projects, SABR membership brochures are always available! A number of our members are currently involved in research projects.

I’d like to THANK our Chapter members for their great teamwork and co-operation, and the great people from out-of-state who attend our meetings.

–Rick Schabowski

KANSAS CITY MONARCHS CHAPTER (Kansas City, MO)

The Monarchs chapter had a very robust SABR day in America meeting when 43 attended at the Trailside Center in Kansas City, Missouri. Featured speakers on that date included local author Phil Dixon and a roundtable discussion on the Kansas City Royals featuring local bloggers and moderated by Yahoo sports columnist Jeff Passan. Members in the local chapter should expect a fall meeting to be announced as well as a meeting on SABR Day in America.

– Roger Erickson, Chapter President

OSCAR CHARLESTON CHAPTER REPORT (Indianapolis and Central Indiana)

The Oscar Charleston chapter's fall meeting was held at the Conner Prairie Interactive History Park in Fishers. The November 13 meeting featured two research presentations: John "Steamboat" Yergler analyzed the evolution of the pitching distance and the shift from the pitcher's box to the mound; and Mitchell Stinson discussed the career of Hoosier Hall of Famer Edd Roush. For SABR Day in America, we met for lunch at the Milano Inn in downtown Indianapolis. Our featured speaker, Paul Debono, talked about the Indianapolis ABCs. Chapter members have also been active in planning SABR's Jerry Malloy Negro Leagues Conference for July 2011.

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

–Trey Strecker

WALLY PIPP CHAPTER (West Michigan)

Our Chapter met twice in 2010, with a third gathering with the Don Lund and Detroit Chapters at The Library of Michigan in January for SABR Day in America.

A West Michigan Whitecaps game in June was the first of two gatherings.

The second meeting occurred in November at Tommy Brann's Steak House in Wyoming, our watering hole/eatery of choice. This meeting was highlighted by a presentation by Joe Schultz about the display of illustrations by Kadir Nelson featuring the Negro Leagues, as seen in the book "We Are The Ship", at the Muskegon Museum of Art through the winter 2010-2011. The November meeting was our most well attended in a couple of years.

–Rich Newhouse

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

The Auker-Seminick Chapter of Central Florida has had two successful meetings in the past 12 months.

The chapter had a meeting at Tropicana Field in September of 2010 and took in a Rays-Mariners game afterwards. The meeting drew over 30 people, the largest gathering in chapter history. Speakers were Brett Friedlander, Mitchell Stinson, Peter Golenbock, Mark Stang, Bob Schaffer, and Dave Larson.

On SABR Day in America, a group of 25 met in Orlando and saw several presentations. George Gedda, Jim Satterly, Rod Caborn, Bob Schaffer, and Dave Larson spoke to the group.

The chapter is planning a meeting at Tropicana Field in St Petersburg in August.

– Dave Larson

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

The North Florida/Buck O'Neil Chapter, based in Tallahassee, Florida, now includes 23 members.

The three chapter officers attended SABR 40 in Atlanta. In addition the chapter president and chapter treasurer traveled to the Tampa Bay area to attend the Southwest Florida annual meeting and take in a Rays game.

The chapter has held three formal meetings since August 2010.

On August 14, 2010, we met at Bob Wilson's house in Gainesville where he shared more of his collection of 1950s-1960s era photos as well as his fascinating collection of baseball memorabilia.

On October 30, 2010, Florida State University professor Dr. Jim Jones, the longest tenured faculty member in the State University System, gave a presentation on minor league baseball in Jacksonville during his youth, including Hank Aaron's 1953 season with the Jacksonville Suns of the South Atlantic League, and also shared a paper he'd written on the subject. Afterward Dr. Jones was presented with an honorary SABR membership.

And on February 19, 2011, members from Tallahassee and Gainesville met at the Matheson Museum in Gainesville for a presentation by chapter member John Galm on the history of minor league baseball in Gainesville, including the Gainesville G-Men. Satellite chapter member followed John's presentation with a presentation of the evolution of baseball equipment, focusing on the evolution of the baseball itself.

In addition we have continued to hold a monthly social meeting at a local sports bar, and on SABR Day 2011 we met at chapter president Matt Keelean's home for a celebration.

We are currently investigating the possibility of enhancing the memorial to Buck O'Neil in his Carrabelle, Florida birthplace. Plans are also in the works to celebrate Buck's centennial in November, perhaps in conjunction with a chapter meeting.

CHARLOTTE CHAPTER (Charlotte, NC)

On SABR Day in America, member and author Ted Reed presented a brief synopsis of his recently published biography of Dodgers great and fan favorite Carl Furillo.

The meeting was held at Villa Francesca in Uptown Charlotte and was attended by 20 Charlotte chapter SABR members. Ted had copies of his book available and graciously signed and personalized for members.

Chair Mark Dugo also spearheaded a T-shirt and cap sale for the Deadball Committee. The Charlotte chapter hopes to meet again in the Fall of 2011.

GRANTLAND RICE-FRED RUSSELL CHAPTER (Nashville, TN)

On SABR Day, January 29th at the Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee:

Those attending (first row, l-r): Clarence Watkins (author of *Baseball in Birmingham*), Birmingham, AL, Gerald Watkins (no relation), Birmingham, Dwight "Doc" Gooden (1986 Cy Young Award Winner), Tom Bell and Peggy Gripshover, Bowling Green, KY (second row, l-r): Eric Bynam, Columbia, TN, Dan Creed, Chattanooga, TN, Skip Nipper (author of *Baseball in Nashville*), Nashville, TN.

It was great to see everyone and to be able to meet Dwight 'Doc' Gooden for a little while as he was very gracious to spend a few minutes with us and have a picture taken. Gooden had been the featured speaker at the Old Timers Baseball Association's 73rd annual banquet the evening before.

It was also very good to have Eric Bynam with us; Eric teaches in Korea and was home for a while and as a new SABR member took time to have breakfast with us and learn a little more about our organization. Eric writes a baseball blog at www.BaseballJourneyman.com and it was interesting to hear about baseball in Korea.

Peggy Gripshover told of her experience with the "Boiling Out" gathering last year in Hot Springs, AR and her ongoing research of Charles "Lucky Charlie" Weeghman, former owner of the Chicago Cubs.

Three guests from Birmingham visited with us, Gerald Watkins, Joe DeLeonard, and Clarence Watkins. They are all on the board of directors of the Friends of Rickwood and Southern Association Conference in Birmingham. Joe is also the main cog in the Triple Play Club wheel, which is similar to the Old Timers group in Nashville. Also attending was Dan Creed, whose interest is in Joe Engle and Engle Field in Chattanooga.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 27 at Metro Archives in Green Hills beginning at 10 AM, when former Nashville Vols players will be attending a "Baseball in Nashville" exhibit.

Enjoy the Game,

– Skip Nipper



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

The chapter held a meeting on May 27, 2010 at the Legends Museum at the Ballpark in Arlington. Tommy John, winner of 288 major league games and the person for whom “Tommy John Surgery” is named, was our headline presenter. He spoke for almost an hour about his baseball career and about the surgery that saved it. Jerry Craft and chapter member Kathy Stephens next discussed their new book titled Our White Boy, which is about Craft’s experiences as the only white player for two seasons in the early 1960s in the West Texas Colored League. Brian Dolgin, pre and post-game radio voice of the Rangers then discussed the Rangers’ season thus far and the prospects for the rest of the season.

On August 2, the chapter announced its 18th annual Howard Green SABR Metroplex College Player of the Year Award. The award, named after chapter founder Howard Green, honors the top collegiate player in the Metroplex (Dallas-Ft. Worth area). For only the second time, co-players of the year were named. Michael Choice, centerfielder for UT Arlington and Matt Purke, TCU pitcher were the co-winners. Choice, the 10th overall pick in the 2010 Major League Draft selected by the Oakland Athletics, hit .392 for his three collegiate career at UTA. For 2010 he batted .383 with 16 home runs and 59 RBIs in 60 games. He walked a Division I most 76 times and had a .568 on-base percentage. Purke was the consensus 2010 NCAA Division I Freshman Pitcher of the Year and went 16-0 (including two wins in the College World Series) to lead the nation in wins.

The chapter participated in the Texas Rangers FanFest on January 22 and 23, 2011. Twelve members volunteered in our booth, passing out information about SABR and seeking new members.

We had a chapter meeting on May 31, 2011 at the Legends Museum Auditorium at the Ballpark in Arlington. Don Welke, Senior Assistant to Rangers’ GM Jon Daniels, was our first speaker. Don is a baseball lifer at 68 and has been a moving force, behind the scenes, in the Rangers’ acquisition of the likes of Josh Hamilton, Neftali Feliz, and Adrian Beltre, to name a few. He previously worked with new Hall of Famer Pat Gillick with the Blue Jays and Phillies and was instrumental in the drafting of players such as John Olerud, Dave Stieb, Jim Abbott, and Pat Hentgen. He spoke about the Rangers thus far in 2011 and gave us a preview of the upcoming 2011 player draft.

Joe Macko, longtime clubhouse manager for the Rangers and a member of the Chicago Cubs college of coaches in 1964, spoke to us next, telling stories from his long career in baseball. Then John Esch, longtime SABR member, presented to us. John has been involved behind the scenes in various financial roles for every sale of the Rangers franchise until the one last summer, including the Brad Corbett purchase from Bob Short, the Eddie Chiles purchase from Corbett, and the sale to the Schieffer/Bush group and that groups’ sale to the Hicks group.

Finally, Eddie Robinson, former Rangers’ GM and four time All-Star as a player, told anecdotes and stories from his new memoir entitled *Lucky Me – My Sixty-Five Years in Baseball*, published by SMU Press. Eddie played with or against the likes of Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams, Satchel Paige, Larry Doby, Bob Feller, Yogi Berra, Mickey Mantle, Jackie Robinson, and Whitey Ford. He also knew Babe Ruth, Hank Greenberg, Bill Veeck, Tris Speaker, Dizzy Dean, Casey Stengel, Paul Richards and many other legends of baseball and is the only GM to have traded Hank Aaron.

Unfortunately, our meeting conflicted with a Mavericks final round play-off game against the Heat (who would have guessed) holding our attendance down to about 25.

Although not yet officially announced, the 2011 winner of the Howard Green Metroplex Collegiate Player of the Year Award will be Jason Krizan of Dallas Baptist University. Krizan led DBU to the super-regionals for the first time in school history, hitting .413 with 81 RBIs in 62 games. His 39 doubles tied and the NCAA single season record. It will be the 19th consecutive year for the award.

THE LARRY DIERKER CHAPTER (Houston, TX)

The Larry Dierker Chapter had another event filled year with monthly meetings, baseball dinners, vintage baseball and the launching of a major research project. Following is a recap of our activities:

- September 21, 2010. 24 members gathered at Molly's Pub to hear Houston Astros Scout Scipio Spinks talk about his lengthy baseball career which began when he struck out 20 batters in his first professional game and evolved into his current role of identifying prospects who can help the parent club get better. Chris Chestnut followed with a presentation on "One Time Winners of Twenty Games" (219) of which the Astros had five. Bob Dorrill reviewed SABR 40 in Atlanta and the trivia contest prepared by Matt Rejmaniak was won by Mike McCroskey and Tom White.
- October 12, 2010. We welcomed three new members to our crowd of 24 at Molly's Pub and congratulated Phil Boudreaux, Marsha Franty and Harold Jones for correctly predicting the number of wins (76) by the 2010 Astros. Former 17 year Major League veteran Mike Jackson was our featured guest. He talked about pitching mechanics, mental preparation for closers and about what potential Hall of Fame candidates brought to their teams. Scott Barzilla discussed the opportunities/problems of getting a book published and Tom White again won the trivia contest prepared by Mike McCroskey
- October 30, 2010. The SABR chapter sponsored Houston Babies Vintage Baseball Team participated in Katy's Heritage Day Celebrations. Three teams each played two games in front of festive fans that began with Opening Ceremonies, a quartet singing the National Anthem and lots of good food.
- November 9, 2010. 31 members including enjoyed our new meeting location, the Ragin Cajun Restaurant just inside the I-610 loop. Jeff Share brought a wide variety of door prizes for those gathered and we were honored to have Houston Astros Icon and SABR member Jimmy Wynn as our speaker. Jimmy spoke about his new book "Toy Cannon" co-authored by our own Bill McCurdy and answered questions about his long career. We took a straw vote on the 12 candidates being considered by the veterans committee for the HOF with Marvin Miller and Billy Martin receiving the majority of the votes cast. Greg Lucas filled us in on the new television network being put together by the Astros and Rockets. The trivia contest was won by Zach Beal.
- December 14, 2010. We returned to the Ragin Cajun with 33 members to hear 10 year Houston Astros veteran Kevin Bass enlighten and entertain us with his many and varied baseball experiences, including the 1986 playoffs between the Astros and the Mets. Kevin's at bat in the 16th inning of the last game is still painful for him. Kevin was an outstanding guest. A committee was formed to plan SABR Day in America and we reviewed and voted on the candidates eligible for the HOF in 2011. Messrs' Alomar and Blyleven led the parade. Chris Chestnut talked about his baseball card player and Mark Wilson won the trivia contest.
- January 14, 2011. 28 members attended the Annual Baseball Dinner at the Houston Hilton where professional, college and high school baseball players and executives were honored. Once again SABR member Jo Russell presented the Alan Russell Award, this time to Mike Rutledge.
- January 21, 2011. SABR Day in America. We had a tremendous turnout for our SABR Day event at the Houston Sports Museum with a head count in excess of 100 on hand. Speakers included HOFer Monte Irvin, Chapter namesake Larry Dierker, long time player Jimmy Wynn, Houston Astros Broadcaster Dave Raymond. Greg Lucas of Fox Sports Houston, Museum Curator Tom Kennedy and chapter leader Bob Dorrill while Scott Barzilla, Dick "Lefty" O'Neal and Wynn signed books at the conclusion of the session. Great day for SABR
- February 28, 2011. At a very special session held at Cort Furniture we were honored to have 25 year SABR member Andy Strasberg fly in from San Diego and talk to us about his lifelong relationship and friendship with his idol Roger Maris and Roger's family. What started out as a casual contact outside Yankee Stadium led to Andy being the technical advisor to the movie "61" Our group was one of 50 that Andy hopes to speak to this year; the 50th anniversary of Maris hitting 61 home runs. In addition Bill McCurdy outlined a new research project while the trivia contest, made up by Mark Wernick, was won by Greg Lucas, Scott Barzilla and Mike McCroskey. Tom Kleinworth also introduced a new contest called "Name that Player" which is similar to the TV show "Name that Tune."
- March 29, 2011. 28 SABR members returned to Cort Furniture to eat pizza together and hear from Houston Astros Broadcaster Bill Brown, who is celebrating his 25th anniversary with the team, talk about prospects for 2011 after having just returned from spring training. New member Judge David

Hittner relived his days growing up in the New York City area as a fan of the Brooklyn Dodgers and then meeting his hero's at a fantasy camp years later. Tim Gregg showed everyone the website he is designing for the chapter and the trivia contest was once again won by Tom White.

- May 14, 2011. Our monthly meeting was shifted to Union Station and Minute Maid Park where 48 members plus heard from Houston Astros President of Baseball Operations Tal Smith who talked about minor league prospects. Larry Miggins, former Houston Buff and St. Louis Cardinal entertained us with his recent recording and musical tribute to Mark McGwire about breaking HR the record, Tony Cavender reviewed the book "56 Joe DiMaggio and the Last Magic Number" and Bob Dorrill talked about the joint proposal made by the Larry Dierker and Rogers Hornsby chapters to host the 2013 SABR annual convention in Houston. After Tom Kleinworth won the trivia contest we adjourned to the ballpark to watch the clash between the Astros and Mets. Door prizes were furnished by Mike Acosta.
- June 21, 2011. Former Major League player, coach and scout Grover "Deacon" Jones spoke to 25 SABR members at the Ragin Cajun Restaurant about his lengthy baseball life and career. "Deacon's" 6 guidelines for living are Faith, Respect, Sweat, Discipline, Responsibility and Accountability. Jones currently is involved as Special Assistant to the President of the Sugar Land Skeeters, a new independent league team which will begin operations in April of 2012. A retired scout from the Baltimore Orioles, "Deacon" received the "Legends of Scouting Award" from MLB in January of this year.
- Historian Mike Vance talked about his participation in the Houston Baseball History Project led by Bill McCurdy and then joined SABR. Bob Dorrill told the group about the "Owners Experience" a promotion conducted by the Corpus Christi Hooks, a Class A affiliate of the Houston Astros that exceeded all expectations. The trivia contest was won by Joe Thompson.
- June 25, 2011. The Houston Babies have been invited to play in the Second Katy Heritage Festival against two other vintage baseball teams.

Research:

This spring the Chapter kicked off a two-year Houston Baseball History Project, The First 100 Years, 1861 - 1961 where 12 SABR members and several outside researchers will try to develop the history of our national pastime, both amateur and professional, from Civil War days, or earlier, up until the time major league baseball came to town. Led by Dr. Bill McCurdy, this dedicated group will attempt to fill in the blanks and record the development baseball in and around the City of Houston.

– Bob Dorrill

MAGNOLIA CHAPTER (Atlanta, GA)

The Magnolia Chapter's most significant achievement during the past year was the successful execution of the National Convention (SABR40) in August 2010. 30+ local member volunteers hosted 480 SABR members from all over the world at the convention which was jam-packed with special events, research presentations, committee meetings, and camaraderie. Highlights of the convention included a Braves' "Worst-to-First" Panel, moderated by Pete Van Wieren, with Bobby Cox, Ron Gant, Mark Lemke and Phil Niekro as featured guests; the luncheon banquet with keynote speaker John Schuerholz; a rain delayed Friday night Braves game against the San Francisco Giants which also happened to be the night the Braves retired Tom Glavine's number; special presentations on the Ballparks of the Southern Association; a special panel on Shoeless Joe Jackson and the 1919 Black Sox, including special guest Furman Bisher; 40 member research presentations; a screening of the new documentary *Signs of the Time* and Norm Coleman's one-man show "Ty Cobb". By all accounts, the convention was a huge success.

The first DH in baseball history, Ron Blomberg, was the Chapter's special guest at its Fall Banquet in November 2010. Ron provided a very personable account of his time in the majors and his brief experience as a manager in the Israeli Baseball League.

The Chapter held two regular chapter meetings in 2011. Bob Hendley, who was the starting pitcher for the Cubs in 1965 in the Koufax perfect game, was the special guest at February's Hot Stove League meeting. Wynn Montgomery, Pat Kilgo and Rob Weintraub also made presentations at that meeting. J.C.

Bradbury, author of *The Baseball Economist* (2008) and *Hot Stove Economics* (2010) was the featured speaker at the May “Play Ball” meeting. Hal Smith and Jim Riley also made presentations at that meeting, while Terry Sloope led the attendees through a tour of the new SABR website.

The chapter continues to hold its informal monthly “Third Thursdays at Manuel’s” (formerly “Last Thursdays...”) get-together from 6:45 – 10pm in the Eagle’s Nest room. Members and non-members alike are welcome to join us for an evening of baseball banter and to share a meal.

Terry Sloope, who served as the Magnolia Chapter’s chairperson for 10+ years, stepped down at the conclusion of the May “Play Ball” meeting. He greatly appreciates the kind words and “lovely parting gifts” he received from his friends in the chapter. A transitional Steering Committee consisting of John Hill, Bill Ross, Scott McClellan and Mil Fisher will be leading the chapter into 2012 with an eye towards recruiting members to serve on a 3-person Board of Directors to be established (hopefully) in the spring of 2012.

PEE WEE REESE CHAPTER (Louisville, KY)

The Pee Wee Reese SABR Chapter serves all of Kentucky with the largest percentage of its members residing in the Louisville area. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, Chapter membership has continued to shrink since we hosted the very successful 1997 Annual SABR Convention in Louisville. We currently have only about 50 members. Our satellite chapter is the Hoyt-Allen Chapter from Cincinnati, which has about 165 members, some of whom reside in Northern Kentucky.

The Chapter’s primary meeting took place on January 29, 2011(SABR Day), at Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory in Louisville. Approximately 20 members and guests attended. This took place in conjunction with the Museum’s sponsorship of San Diego SABR member Andy Strasberg and his personal story regarding Roger Maris. After that, University of Louisville photographer Tom Fougousse delivered a visual presentation from his extensive photo portfolio. The session flowed quite naturally from Strasberg’s “Fantography” project. Several other presentations were made. Member Jack Sullivan won the trivia contest. Everyone present received an attractive door prize. After the gathering, everyone received free admission to the Museum tour. LSM&F, with Anne Jewell as its Director, is an excellent and faithful corporate partner, both to national SABR and to our Chapter.

Last July 31, 2010, LSM&F sponsored a “SABR Night at the Louisville Bats game” at its corporate suite for all Pee Wee Reese Chapter members, prospective members and lapsed members. Approximately 25 people viewed an excellent game between the Bats and the Columbus Clippers and enjoyed food provided by Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory. Once again, the LSM&F hospitality showed through.

Throughout the year, a number of members held informal gatherings in various casual settings to discuss baseball. There was much online discussion and answers to research questions that were directed to our attention regarding the history of Louisville baseball. Several Chapter members are routinely contacted by local media outlets to provide background information whenever a baseball question or controversy arises.

Our faithful steering committee members are: Harry Rothgerber (Spokesperson, Louisville), Bud Thieman (Treasurer, Louisville) and Craig Combs (Richmond), Brent Kelley (Paris), Bill Marshall (Lexington) and Rodger Payne (Louisville).

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

On a positive note, the Pee Wee Reese Chapter has always excelled in developing and maintaining positive relationships with its local partners, such as the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory, the Louisville Bats Professional Baseball Club, the Louisville Sports Commission, civic groups and political and governmental leaders. We would love to host a national convention again and show off our new professional venue—Louisville Slugger Field.

Our Treasury is in excellent shape, and we look forward to a rewarding 2011-2012 fiscal year.

– Harry Rothgerber

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

On January 29, 2011, the Brooks Robinson–George Kell SABR chapter met at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, AR. Ten members and guests were present. Our guest speaker was former major league pitcher Reggie Ritter, who attended HSU. SABR member Fred Worth, a math professor at HSU, gave a presentation on his on-going hobby of visiting the grave sites of major league players. SABR member Caleb Hardwick gave a presentation entitled "A Tour of Arkansas Ballpark - Past and Present".

Our next meeting is tentatively planned for July 30 at Dickey Stephens Park in North Little Rock and will include the Arkansas Travelers game that night.

–Madison McEntire

ROGERS HORNSBY CHAPTER (Austin, TX)

The Rogers Hornsby Chapter, serving Central and South Texas, continued its strong streak of monthly meetings, hosted a successful winter meeting and watched minor league baseball and Major League playoff games in 2010, the fifth year since the chapter was founded.

During the year, the chapter met monthly, extending its consecutive monthly meeting streak to 49 consecutive months with a meeting. The chapter also recognized SABR Day in January with a dinner gathering in which baseball memorabilia and stories were shared.

Earlier that month, the chapter hosted the Fourth Annual Winter Meeting at historic Old Main on the Texas State University campus in San Marcos, Texas. Thirty-four members and guests enjoyed a visit from Houston Astros Broadcaster Bill Brown, who shared an essay titled "The Greatest Game in Astros History," which was about the thrilling 18-inning Astros playoff win against the Atlanta Braves in the 2005 National League Division Series.

Norman Macht, Hornsby chapter member, a former SABR board member and author of *Connie Mack and the Early Years of Baseball*, shared audio clips from his interview with Ted Lyons, a 21-year veteran with the Chicago White Sox who was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1955.

There was also a lively panel discussion with Gene Watson, coordinator of professional scouting for the Kansas City Royals; Mike Capps, the voice of the Round Rock Express and recipient of the 2009 Broadcaster of the Year from BallparkDigest.com; and Jim Baker, Hornsby chapter member and former columnist for ESPN.com and Baseball Prospectus.

Other presentations included one by Dr. Fred Worth, a mathematics professor from Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He shared stories and photos of baseball player gravesites, including several notable ones in Central Texas. He also brought a binder with photos of graves he has visited. His endeavor is to visit, photograph and mark by GPS gravesites of players, managers and umpires associated with Major League Baseball.

Scott Barzilla, an active member of the SABR Larry Dierker Chapter in Houston, talked about his research, which combines statistical measures of baseball players such as win shares (WS), wins above replacement player (WARP), wins above replacement (WAR), plus those values at the player's peak. The result is a list of players by position that attempts to quantify a player's value as compared to other players. This research served as the basis for his book, "The Hall of Fame Index," published in November 2010.

In addition to the Winter Meeting, the chapter took in a Round Rock Express game against the Iowa Cubs in July and watched Carlos Zambrano pitch in a rehabilitation assignment.

Later in the year, members gather for an MLB Playoffs Watch Party and Cookout. A few members also traveled to Arlington in October to watch Game 1 of the American League Championship Series between the Texas Rangers and the New York Yankees, and Game 4 of the World Series between the Rangers and the San Francisco Giants.

In the second of a three-year term, Hornsby Chapter Member Monte Cely served on the committee to select winners of *The Sporting News*-SABR Baseball Research Award, which recognizes outstanding baseball research in areas other than history and biography. The 2010 recipients are: Timothy M. Gay (Vienna,

VA) for *Satch, Dizzy, and Rapid Robert: The Wild Saga of Interracial Baseball Before Jackie Robinson* (Simon & Schuster); Chris Jaffe (Schaumburg, IL) for *Evaluating Baseball's Managers: A History and Analysis of Performance in the Major Leagues, 1876–2008* (McFarland); and L.M. Sutter (Norton, VA) for *New Mexico Baseball: Miners, Outlaws, Indians and Isotopes, 1880 to the Present* (McFarland).

– Gilbert D. Martinez, Chapter Commissioner

DOROTHY SEYMOUR-MILLS CHAPTER (Naples, FL)

We had 2 very successful meetings this season:

1. A presentation by Joe Pignatano, former Dodger catcher and longtime coach for the NY Mets entertained us with his stories of his career. With excellent media coverage, this meeting drew about 200 attendees, SRO, as we opened our meeting to the public to publicize SABR day.
2. The following month (March) we had another open meeting with Rick Miller, former Red Sox Golden Glove outfielder from 1971-1985 presenting. This meeting drew over 150 people.

In attendance also were Joe Morgan, Red Sox manager who also managed Rick in the minors, Joe DeLucca, long time scout for the Indians and Orioles, Norm Siebern, former NY Yankee outfielder, and Hank Greenwald, former announcer for the SF Giants, Oakland A's & NY Yankees.

We were also honored by the presence of Dorothy Seymour Mills at both these meetings.

–Mel Poplock, co-chair

SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER (Miami, FL)

Headed up by Co-Chair, 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.

- March 13, 2010. Our meeting was held at our usual meeting place at the Tamarac Public Library. George Case's documentary: Around the League: 1939-46 featuring home movies from his career was shown along with two presentations by local members.
- June 19, 2010. Our second get-together of the year found the members enjoying a noisy but entertaining game featuring the Florida Marlins taking on the visiting Tampa Rays. It was an evening to remember as it turns out being the famous "Vuvuzele" game. We were all a little hard of hearing following the ballgame but no worse the wear.
- October 10, 2010. Our special keynote speaker was Florida Marlins beat-writer Juan Rodriguez of the Florida Sun-Sentinel. Juan shared many interesting inside dope on the Marlins and sports writing as well. In addition, three local members presented topics of interest in their area to the delight of the audience.

Summary:

There were many important contributors, whose assistance was invaluable, towards making a success of the South Florida Chapter during 2010. 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.

Goals for 2010 and Beyond:

- 1) To continue to hold regular meetings, that not only encourages Regional and Satellite members to attend and participate, but to actively involved family and friends to participate and possibly become members of SABR themselves. My hope as a Chapter leader is to promote and create enthusiasm about SABR locally, through active members, and communicate with inactive members so that they may also partake in the advantages of being a member of SABR.
- 2) To foster a closer working relationship with SABR's national office, and work as a team while promoting SABR's benefits to its members, prospective members and organizations with like-minded goals.
- 3) To build a strong work relationship with the Florida Marlins baseball club. This would be accomplished by working with the team through communication with front office personnel.
- 4) Encourage all members to become more enthusiastically involved through participation in a myriad of activities that reach out to the community and recruits new members, e.g. Fan Fest.

– Sam Zygnier, Co-chair

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ALLAN ROTH CHAPTER (Los Angeles, CA)

The Allan Roth Chapter had its three normal meetings, with two at LA84 Foundation and one in Orange County (the latter on SABR Day). Each meeting had some convention planning activities as well as a special guest major league player. George Culver, Rod Gaspar and Bill Slayback were our three player guests this year. There were two additional convention-specific meetings, one at LA84 and one at the convention site, the Long Beach Hilton.

Between the convention publication and the convention itself, it was a busy and productive year, but we look forward to going back to normal for next year. Because of all this other activity, we did not have our annual book auction, which is usually our only fund-raiser.

– Stephen Roney, President, Allan Roth Chapter, SABR

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FLAME DELHI CHAPTER (Phoenix, AZ)

In November 2010, Arizona's Flame Delhi Chapter hosted the second annual Arizona Fall League Conference. More than 20 SABR members from around the country attended the event. Members and guests went to four Arizona Fall League games including the Rising Stars game featuring the top prospects in the league from each team. Speakers at the event included AFL founding father Roland Hemond, former major league pitcher Bob Lacy, MLB.com national reporter Barry Bloom and SABR Executive Director Marc Appleman. The third annual SABR/AFL Conference is scheduled for early November 2011. For more information, members can contact Rodney Johnson at SABRrodney@aol.com.

In January the chapter once again participated in SABR Day in America by holding a regional meeting in the press box of Tempe Diablo Stadium, the spring home of Angels baseball. Presentations were offered by chapter members Bob Flynn, Bill Staples, and Dan Hiedel.

March saw chapter members volunteer to staff a SABR table at all 17 home spring training games of the world champion San Francisco Giants. Members talked with fans and introduced them to SABR, handing out more than 500 SABR brochures.

A new chapter website has been launched at www.azsabr.org.

The SABR national offices relocated to Phoenix and opened in April. About two dozen chapter members toured the offices during an open house sponsored by the SABR staff.

LEFTY O'DOUL CHAPTER (San Francisco, CA)

Our chapter continues to work well. We are fortunate to enjoy a great relationship with the Pacific Coast League Historical Society and are working on partnering with the Hispanic Heritage Baseball Museum, the A's and the Giants, and other local baseball organizations. We often visit the Sacramento SABR chapter for their always interesting meetings. We have also discussed partnering with the San Francisco Old Timers Baseball Club on a Hot Stove meeting in January.

Meetings and Programs. Since our last annual report, we have enjoyed several meetings, however planning for much of this year (2011) has been put on hold, due to my being on the DL and the challenges of finding venues that could provide audio-visual capabilities.

August 14, 2010 about 30 chapter members enjoyed a visit to the San Jose Giants, at their fine old ballpark in San Jose. Linda Pereira, Patron Saint and Director of Player Personnel for the San Jose Giants, hosted our group with stories of her years with the ballclub and treated us to adult beverages in the BBQ Plaza.

August 28, 2010 marked our annual visit to the PCL Oldtimers Reunion held in San Leandro. It is always an enjoyable event, and gives our members the opportunity to meet and mingle with some great old-timers. The stories they tell are priceless!

The San Francisco Giants became World Series Champions in October! Lefty O'Doul Chapter members celebrated right along with them!

SABR Day in America² was a special event held at AT&T Park . In addition to a special presentation by Linda Vessa on Giants World Series History, we also enjoyed tours of the ballpark and lunch. The lunch was highlighted by a special live Hall of Fame Videoconference featuring the "Autumn Glory" exhibit, artifacts from past World Series and a Q&A with the HOF Staff. The Cleveland Chapter of SABR was conferenced in as well. We also heard from Henry Shulman about his experiences as the San Francisco Chronicle beat writer covering the Giants.

We would like to offer a author meeting as well as a mini-film festival and perhaps a return to the San Jose Giants this year. We are starting to talk about plans for a bigger and better SABR Day 3 next January, as well as a hot stove meeting, perhaps in San Jose, with the San Francisco Old Timers Baseball Club.

I also talked recently with the Baseball Hall of Fame about other videoconference topics specific to San Francisco Giants and the Oakland A's. If your chapter has access to videoconference equipment, please consider contacting the Hall about putting together a special videoconference specific to your team/ballpark/local players. A videoconference can bring historic artifacts and great stories to your group. You are welcome to contact me if you would like or contact Ana Quade at the HOF.

Membership. We saw a slight decrease in membership after recent renewals went out.

We now have 265 members. I am concerned about losing members due to some dissatisfaction over the direction that SABR is taking and loss of some print resources, namely the SABR newsletter. Maybe we could survey membership and provide an option to receive a version of the newsletter in print. We realize that SABR is working to attract younger, more tech savvy members, but we also need to provide resources for our longtime membership as well. Note: this is not an issue specific to SABR but to many other longstanding organizations.

Communications. We have experienced some challenges working with the new SABR website and the SABRNation communications functions. Thanks to Peter Garver, we were able to keep in touch with membership and now are able to use the increased functionality of the Announcements section. Unfortunately, I heard many negative remarks about the usability of the tool. I would hope that we all can learn to make better use of it, myself included. Perhaps SABR could offer a webinar to membership at some point.

We continue to use our website www.chapters.sabr.org/leftyodoul that was launched last year. Thanks again to Peter Garver, SABR HQ and Sherri Eng, our Webmaster, for their efforts. The website will be an excellent channel for communications and sharing information with members and interested readers. We also have a Lefty O'Doul Facebook Page and a Twitter feed @sabr_sf.

We need to take advantage of these social media tools and learn how to use them more effectively. I think we have a couple of new members who found us on Facebook!

Fundraising. The chapter often holds a raffle at our meetings, our board and our members are generous in bringing baseballs, baseball books, magazines, and other items for the raffle.

Our treasury is used to defray incidental costs associated with meetings. We have begun an annual “Cigar Fund” fundraising effort that is donated to Conrado Marrero, the oldest living former MLB player, who celebrated his 100th birthday this year.

Thanks to Pete McPhail who has been our Treasurer for many years.

Acknowledgements. I would like to acknowledge and thank my friend Mark Macrae for his ongoing contributions to the chapter. Mark has been instrumental in behind the scenes programming and is the driving force behind the Northern California PCL Reunion.

John Moist, Sacramento SABR, is a good friend and supports all our efforts as well.

The Chapter also runs more smoothly thanks to the efforts of our Treasurer, Pete McPhail.

Thanks to Jim Gates and Ana Quade at the HOF and Linda Vessa of the SF Giants have been extremely helpful over the years for tours and videoconferences.

Rodney Johnson, of the Flames Dehli Chapter, your Fall Ball conferences are great. Thanks for inviting us!

Thanks to Paul Hirsch who is always ready with a word of advice and encouragement.

I would be remiss if I did not offer one last THANK YOU VERY MUCH to Cleveland SABR staff. Your support made my early years as chapter leader much easier.

I wish you all the best. Stop by and see us if you get out to San Francisco.

Welcome to Marc Appleman and the Arizona SABR staff, I look forward to working with you – come out and see us sometime, too! Thanks to both old and new SABR Board members for your time and commitment to baseball research.

Special thanks to my friend at SABR, at A’s games and every day, Dick Beverage.

Last, but by no means least, my thanks and appreciation to our chapter members for their support and encouragement.

–Marlene Vogelsang, Chair, Lefty O’Doul SABR

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NORTHWEST CHAPTER (Seattle, WA)

The Northwest chapter is SABR’s largest geographic chapter, but a small one in terms of number of members. We are scattered from Alaska to the California border and the coast to the Rocky Mountains. Travel distance limits our group activities and participation at meetings, but we’ve had a busy, event-filled year with good participation.

Our first event of the past year was a Portland Beavers doubleheader against the Salt Lake City Bees Sunday, August 1 at lame-duck PGE Park in Portland. Ten members and one spouse attended. Although it was an informal outing, we did have a trivia quiz with the theme, “prominent major leaguers who played for the Beavers in the past 50 years.” Tim Herlich was the winner. We billed the activity as the “last chance to see the Beavers,” as the stadium was subsequently converted into a soccer-only facility and the AAA team was sold and relocated.

The chapter met August 21 in Vancouver B.C. The meeting was hosted by Max Weder. Tim Herlich and John Henshell briefly addressed the group.

Ian and Colin Dixon were our featured guest speakers. Ian played in the Yankees organization from 1961 to 1964, the last years of the team’s lengthy glory era. Colin, Ian’s son, also played 3B. He was in the Red Sox organization from 1989 to 1995.

Max concluded the meeting with a trivia quiz. After the meeting, most of the group went to the home of Max and Jennifer Ettinger for pizza, beverages, and more baseball talk. The day of baseball activities was concluded with the Vancouver Canadians game against Boise that evening.

NWSABR next held a meeting November 6 at Seattle Pacific University. Art Thiel of seattlepi.com was our special guest. Art mostly talked about the Mariners. He presented historical information and his knowledge of key personalities to explain the unraveling of the 2010 season.

Jeff Bower presented “The Worst Offensive Teams since Expansion.” He used advanced statistical analysis to rank each team in offensive ineptitude. John Henshell researched all rookies who hit for low averages since Mike Schmidt to answer the question, “Will Justin Smoak be a successful major league hitter? What history says.” Mark Armour discussed the building of the 1964 St. Louis Cardinals.

Our discussion of chapter business included whether to change our tradition of having the Portland winter meeting be Presidents’ Day weekend, as it is so soon after the Mariners FanFest. The consensus was to continue the tradition.

At the beginning of the year, John Henshell succeeded Tim Herlich as chapter president. His term is 2011-2012. Tim continues as treasurer. The chapter does not maintain a bank account, but occasionally solicits donations from members to cover petty cash expenditures for meetings or mailings.

Mary Groebner continues as chapter secretary. She documents our meetings in words and images and is Webmaster.

In February, Rick Solomon succeeded John as vice-president and president-in-waiting. Our chapter tradition is to alternate the presidency between Washington and Oregon residents with the chapter leader responsible for planning meetings and events in his or her state.

The chapter engaged in concurrent events at Mariners FanFest 2011 at Safeco Field in Seattle. FanFest ran the weekend of January 29-30. Tim Herlich coordinated the event with the Mariners and scheduled the volunteers: Bill Woodward, Chuck de Grasse, Herman Gilman, John Henshell, Mark Brunke, Bob Webster, Stan Opdyke, Stephanie Hall, Tim Herlich, and Tim Jenkins. We collected information from 29 people who wanted to learn more about SABR and chapter events.

Also during FanFest, Dave Eskenazi hosted a gallery of historical Seattle baseball photos from his collection. The room was adjacent to the Dave Niehaus memorial, and both drew large crowds.

January 29 was National SABR day, and we were again fortunate to conduct our meeting at the ballpark with a full slate of high-level guests provided by Mariners. About 35 members and guest attended.

John Henshell thanked the Mariners and thanked Tim Herlich for his work in coordinating the FanFest booth and meeting, and his excellent service as president. John briefly discussed chapter business, including the then-open vice-president position, and introduced a new program: member-host-a-member. He encouraged members to offer spare bedrooms or couches to out-of-town members to make traveling to meetings more affordable and as part of SABR’s spirit of sharing and a way to get to know other members.

Guest speakers were Special Assistant to the GM Tony Blengino, GM Jack Zdurenciek, Assistant GM Jeff Kingston, Director of Player Development Pedro Grifol, and Manager Eric Wedge. Each guest talked about their work, gave progress reports, and answered many questions.

Jack Zdurenciek discussed why he hired Eric Wedge, and Wedge raved about his coaching staff. Tony Blengino, who is a chapter member, presented a detailed case for why the Mariners would be better this year. At press time, he appears prophetic, as the team has exceeded expectations by recently hovering around .500. Grifol discussed prospects and the draft process. Kingston talked about contracts and team-building philosophy.

Our Portland winter meeting was held February 19 and 25 members and guests attended.

John Simpson made a presentation about his book, "The Greatest Game Ever Played in Dixie". It’s about the Nashville Vols 1908 season and championship game. Steve Steinberg and Lyle Spatz co-authored the book “1921: The Yankees, the Giants, and the Battle for Baseball Supremacy in New York.” John and Steve each discussed their research and showed historical photos as they told stories from their books.

Mike Rice hosted our annual hot-stove Mariners Roundtable. He titled his presentation, “The 2011 Seattle Mariners: Some Years It’s Hard to Get Excited.” As always, each attendee predicted how many wins the Mariners would have in 2011.

Veteran Oregon sports journalist and Oregon Sports Hall of Fame member Dwight Jaynes was our guest speaker. He talked about working for the Portland Beavers in the early 1960s and some of the team’s famous players, Beaver history and his analysis of why Portland again lost the team, and his early awareness of sabermetrics. Based on his experience working for newspapers, radio, television, and a Web site, Dwight discussed the future of sports journalism.

John Henshell presented several items of chapter business. Renaming the chapter to honor Dave Niehaus drew strong favorable response, but was inconclusive and left for the forthcoming chapter member survey. A draft of the survey yielded feedback and suggestions, which were subsequently incorporated. John concluded with a brief remembrance of baseball people who died during the offseason, and focused on Seattle’s Dave Niehaus and Ron Santo.

Neal Traven and Mike Rice both aced the circular trivia quiz.

We SABR members love measurement, and the chapter is taking some steps to measure our own success. We hope to establish goals. In March, we published a membership survey using a free online service. The purpose of the survey was to improve the quality of the chapter’s service to members, or at least ensure that what we have been doing is what members want us to do. The most important thing we wanted to learn is why people don’t come to meetings. More than half said it’s because of family or work conflicts, and most of the rest say it’s too far to travel.

The results were encouraging and informative. The e-mail messages went to 280 members. We had about 51 responses to the survey. The survey had 25 questions, which were broken into three categories: meetings, chapter membership, and interconnectedness.

Not enough members favored renaming the chapter in honor of Dave Niehaus, and too many were opposed to make the change. Other results indicated clear action plans. For example, members embraced the idea of polls to learn what other members think. We completed our first poll, which was selecting an all-time Mariners team.

Mary and John put together a list of FAQs and answers. We are waiting for the SABR office to add them to our chapter Web site.

Rick Solomon, Stan Opdyke, and John Henshell staffed a SABR table at Tacoma Fan Go-Round. The event was held May 1 at newly remodeled Cheney Stadium. Billed as "A celebration of Tacoma/Pierce County’s baseball and softball history," the main attraction was autograph sessions with former Tacoma AAA players. Gaylord Perry and Don Larsen headlined the long list of former Tacoma players who went on to have major league success, and signed autographs at the event.

We discussed baseball and SABR with people who stopped at our table. Some took membership brochures and cards with our chapter URL.

Our most recent meeting was May 7 at the Fremont Public Library in Seattle. Rick Solomon coordinated the meeting and 20 members and a guest attended.

Stan Opdyke made a presentation about the great baseball announcers in New York City in 1953. Mark Armour described the background for the blockbuster trade between Houston and Cincinnati after 1971 season. Joe Morgan went on to a Hall of Fame career, which made the eight-player deal lopsided in favor of the Reds. Mark plans to reprise this presentation at the national convention.

Mike Rice explained how Similarity Scores work and cited interesting results of the formula. He found that superstars rarely have Similarity Scores with other players. Ron Cey and Robin Ventura have the most similar offensive careers of any pair of players.

John Henshell presented the results of the NWSABR member survey and an appropriate plan of action based on the results. He also reported the results of our first online member poll. Rick concluded the meeting with a group discussion of the Mariners season so far. After the meeting, many members headed to Safeco Field to watch the White Sox- Mariners game.

The chapter has two meetings scheduled in August. We’ll meet in Eugene, Oregon, and Vancouver, B.C.

– John Henshell

RIO GRANDE CHAPTER (Albuquerque, NM)

The concept of the Rio Grande (New Mexico) chapter of the Society of American Baseball Research was initiated during a preliminary meeting on Saturday, January 29th at Isotopes Park in Albuquerque, New Mexico. 41 people attended the meeting, including 14 SABR members, 18 baseball fans (several of which subsequently joined SABR), 5 members of the Albuquerque Professional Baseball Hall of Fame Selection Committee and 4 Albuquerque Isotopes employees.

Enthusiasm was high as meeting attendees listened to interesting and informative presentations that were given by Michael Bassow, Larry Bonura, Craig Eberhart, Jeffrey Laing (all SABR members) and Gary Herron, a member of the Albuquerque Professional Baseball Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

Consensus of the crowd was to proceed with the formation of a New Mexico SABR chapter, and 20 signatures were collected to be submitted to the Executive Director of SABR for approval. The Rio Grande chapter was officially recognized by the SABR board met on February 11, 2011.

The first "official" meeting of the Rio Grande chapter was on Saturday, March 12th at Isotopes Park in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The 21 people attending the meeting were treated to presentations by David Kunsman and Terry McDermott during which they discussed the many blessings they have received from the game of baseball over the years. These informal presentations were followed with the designation of officers that included: Terry McDermott, President; David Kunsman, Vice President; Alyssa Landahl, Secretary; Gary Herron, Speakers Program Director. Initial meeting organizer Kris Shepard agreed to continue to serve as the liaison with SABR and to aid the officers with administrative duties through this initial startup period, however long that takes.

Another interesting New Mexico SABR meeting was held at Isotopes Park on Saturday, April 2, 2011. The seldom seen visitor's clubhouse was the location of the meeting providing members with a pre-season insider glance of that portion of the baseball operation. Former Major Leaguer John Roskos, now a Rio Rancho police officer, was on hand to discuss his history with the game of baseball. Roskos touched on everything from playing at Cibola High School to his major league experiences with the Florida Marlins, and how he knew when it was time to hang up his cleats and pursue a career outside the base paths.

A small entourage from Madrid, New Mexico headed by Mike Wright presented the membership an update on their activities to revive the historic Oscar Huber Memorial Ballpark. Former Madrid Miner player Danny Wright was present to add color and context to the discussion. Dave Padilla presented photographs of the new grandstand and the field. Dave Kunsman presented on the SABR organization, how they help support chapters and the member handbook. Dave provided a written document to the membership with tips on how to access SABR documents, and provided highlights of these documents.

A marketing and communications subcommittee was established to make recommendations for creating a website and exploring online and other marketing strategies. Members serving on the subcommittee will include Alyssa Lyndahl, Gary Herron, Kristopher Morgan and Kris Shepard. David Kunsman will be consulted regularly to make sure proposed ideas are acceptable within the SABR rules.

- The Rio Grande chapter now has a presence on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Rio-Grande-SABR-Chapter/183208451730503>
- The Rio Grande chapter also has a blog: <http://riograndesabr.wordpress.com/>

Another meeting was held on April 30, 2011 with SABR Member, Ron Briley, as the featured guest speaker. Ron has published 5 baseball books - content of which is mostly academic. Having done research to follow up on some items mentioned by a guest speaker from a previous meeting, Jeff Laing shared some information about the "House of David," the "Colored House of David" and a flier that he found about a baseball game between the "Ethiopian Clowns and the African Zulu Giants."

In a rare non-business meeting, several Rio Grande chapter members attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Oscar Huber Memorial Ballpark Celebration in Madrid, NM on Memorial Day. The chapter set up an information table to inform people about SABR and also had official Major League All-Star ballots on hand which delighted fans who had gathered to watch a softball game between the Madrid Miners and the East Mountain Riff-Raff.

Looking forward, the chapter plans on manning information table on the main concourse during Albuquerque Isotopes games and scheduling more non-business meetings where the only thing to be done is enjoy talking about baseball and baseball research projects.

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

– Kris Shepard

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER (Denver, CO)

In the past 12 months, the Rocky Mountain chapter has remained very active. In November our 13th annual banquet featured Keynote Speaker Bob Davidson, a long-time major league umpire and Master of Ceremonies Jay Alves, the Rockies VP of Public Relations. Herb Plews, a former infielder with the Washington Senators, was also in attendance. Sixty members and guests attended.

On SABR Day in America, January 29, 66 attendees were treated to a great presentation on Ted Williams by member David Fogel. We also had our usual Sylvester Report by Walter Sylvester of the Rockies player development department. The day culminated with a mass game of catch across the street in the Coors Field parking lot. Thirty two people participated in this “regardless-of-the-weather” activity. A new SABR Day tradition!

On April 30 the Rocky Mountain chapter meeting hosted a panel discussion on baseball in the 1950’s. Five men participated, all of whom played professionally in the decade, two on the major league level. Our most notable guest was Carroll Hardy, the only man to pinch-hit for Ted Williams. Afterwards 15 SABRites went to the Pirates/Rockies tilt.

RMSABR continues to have monthly, drop-in lunches year-round, as we have for several years. Looking ahead to our 14th annual banquet November 4, the chapter will be welcoming Keynote Speaker John Thorn, the Official Historian of Major League Baseball.

– Paul Parker, President

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. 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 paper notices and postage are no longer needed.

John Moist and Greg King are the chapter chairs, and share responsibility for inviting guests, getting a 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 \$80 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 2010--Alan O'Connor and Frances Pendleton on Billy Newbert, and placement of his marker at the Sacramento Old City Cemetery; former Sacramento Bee and SF Chronicle sportswriter Susan Fornoff.
- Nov 2010--Member Al Figone (former BB coach, Humboldt State Univ.) on Babe Ruth; Member Bill Stone, local umpire, on the fine points of umpiring; Doug Greenwald, Fresno Grizzlies broadcaster.
- Mar 2011--Member Paul Ainger on the history of the Cactus League; Bill Bradley, former Sports Editor, Sacramento Bee, on his new website "27x7" and Sacramento Kings/arena issues; Members John Moist, Alan O'Connor and Mark Macrae, on their 2011 baseball tour of Cuba.
- Our next meeting, in July 2011, will focus on Jackie Robinson.

– John Moist, Co-Chair, Sacramento Chapter

SAN DIEGO TED WILLIAMS CHAPTER (San Diego, CA)

We usually have at least two regional meetings per year, but held two “mini-meetings” in June 2010 in lieu of our usual meeting in August. Our Chapter meeting was held at Petco Park on SABR Day in America (January 29, 2011). Dan Boyle emceed the program and presenters included:

- *“Clemente, Wills and Harry the Hat: The 1967 Pirates.”* John Ingham recently completed an article on the 1967 Pittsburgh Pirates which he discussed. The article is presently under consideration for publication at NINE, the journal of the cultural and historical impact of baseball. Everyone remembers the “We Are Family” 1979 Pirate ballclub; the story was somewhat different in 1967.
- *“Ernest Hemingway and Baseball”* David Nuffer has two “sideline occupations”: baseball and Ernest Hemingway. At our meeting Dave provided a glimpse into Hemingway’s interest in baseball. For those of you who share an interest in Hemingway, check out Dave’s 2008 book “The Best friend I Ever Had.” It is his second book about Hemingway and contains never-before-published photographs, documents and interviews with Hemingway’s wife and closest of friends. Dave passed away five days after the meeting, but his daughter assembled his notes and an article on this presentation is scheduled for a future SABR publication.
- *“Great Pitchers Duels”* Geoff Young gave a presentation on his research of great pitchers duels from 1920 to 2010 as viewed through the lens of Bill James’s ‘Game Score’ metric. He provided highlights of the players that participated in those games and include newspaper accounts of the time.
- *“Engaging Three Memorable Umpires and their Eras: Honest John Kelly (1856-1926), Chet Chadbourne (1884-1943) and Emmett Ashford (1914-1980).”*
- Jim Smith spoke on this umpire related subject. Some audience members recalled watching Emmett Ashford at Westgate Park and noted his showmanship. Ashford was known for throwing himself into his work and left an impression on everyone who watched him.
- *Jason MacLeod.* Jason McLeod rejoined the Padres on December 4, 2009 when he was named Vice President / Assistant General Manager. Prior to his return in San Diego, McLeod worked for the Boston Red Sox scouting department for the previous seven years. Jason was incredibly accommodating. McLeod answered every question we had, whether it was about the ballclub’s direction, industry trends, draft issues, international markets (plural, because Latin America and Asia are very different), and the Padres’ opportunities in the upcoming draft, with five of the first 60 selections.
- *“Umpires at Work”* Dan Boyle, Bob Hicks, and David Kinney spoke about the research effort revolving around the September 10, 2010 game between the Padres and Giants that took place in Petco Park. Their effort observed “umpires at work” as opposed to the game itself, plus a meeting the day after with two of the umpire crew.

Two Chapter Steering Committee Meetings and Three e-News Issues:

- Our Steering Committee met on December 14, 2010, and June 7, 2011.
- We produced and transmitted three electronic newsletters to members, called “e-News:” Issue 46-August 18, 2010; Issue 47-January 6, 2011; and Issue 48-March 9, 2011.

San Diego SABR Baseball Research Center (BRC):

- Our Chapter’s Steering Committee provided a ranking of 2010-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)
- “Umpires at Work”—an article about a day at the ballpark watching only the umpires was published in the Spring 2011 Baseball Research Journal.
- Historical marker for Westgate Park, second home of the PCL Padres—Tom Larwin has been in contact with the management at Fashion Valley Mall, which replaced Westgate Park, and the mall is interested in pursuing this idea. (Expected completion-December 2010)

- “Anatomy of One Player, One Game, One At-Bat”— project in which members were invited to submit a report on the third at bat of the number seven hitter in the Padre lineup for the game vs. the Brewers on August 13, 2008. We distributed a pdf version to chapter members.
- Our chapter webmaster, Bob Hicks has added several items of interest to the chapter website.
- As of May 10, the Chapter has a balance of \$9,530.84 in checking, savings, and CD accounts. The balance in the Library’s BRC fund is approximately \$3,200.00

Problems:

- Attracting more members to our regional meetings—our attendance of 25-35 at our regional meetings has been disappointing.
- Obtaining a meeting venue—This is much less of a problem thanks to members’ pursuit of library facilities in San Diego and Carlsbad for our meetings. We are developing a reputation among librarians as being an interesting and nice group to have on hand. The Padres continue to be very gracious in offering their auditorium in Petco Park – and it even overlooks the field!

WEST TEXAS CHAPTER (Abilene, TX)

Sorry to say not much to report on the West Texas “Col. Doubleday/Judge Green” Chapter. Most of the original founding members have moved out of the area. We have diligently been promoting the SABR and trying to recruit new members from the ranks of the local Vintage Base Ball Club and via the university’s grad program in coaching and sport administration. We have had a good deal of interest and a few local folks have told us they have joined. But it seems money is “tight” for a lot of folks. We are beginning to make a little headway and thus will actively continue to promote SABR and try to recruit new members.

Best Wishes, Spider

– Warren Simpson, Chair, “Col. Doubleday/Judge Green” West Texas Chapter

SABR International Chapter Reports, June 30, 2011

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

As in previous years, our Chapter was very active. Several key activities were celebrated including player panels and baseball chats. Our membership has grown 11% and our renewal rate was 83%. The following will summarize the 2010 – 2011 chapter activities:

July. Edwin Fernández, our Chapter Secretary made a presentation on the Latin Braves during the Latino Baseball Research Committee meeting at the SABR 40 convention in Atlanta, GA. There, Tito Rondon won the Eduardo Valero Award for his contribution to the Committee newsletter.

August. As we have done during the last four years, on August 11, a group of chapter members went to Luis Olmo home to celebrate his 91st Birthday. Luis and his family were very happy and it ended with an interesting baseball chat.

September. On September 30, SABR-PR celebrated the 75th anniversary of Luis Marquez, the first Negro player to play in the West Coast. A flower arrangement was taken to his tomb in his native Aguadilla cemetery. At the Aguadilla Municipality, we conducted a baseball panel on his performance, both in the Puerto Rico Baseball League and the Minors League. Marquez was also the first Negro player to sign with the New York Yankees.

November. Jorge Colón Delgado and Edwin Fernández were members of a baseball panel made on Luis Arroyo, the former Yankees reliever. The panel was held in Ponce, Puerto Rico.

December. SABR members, Edwin Fernández and Jorge Colón-Delgado actively participated in the Pedrin Zorrilla Award ceremony in Ponce. Last year award went to Andres Torres, Jonathan Sánchez from the San Francisco Giants and Edwin Rodriguez from the Florida Marlins.

The last Sunday of 2010, we had our traditional catholic mass to remember Hiram Bithorn and Roberto Clemente. This year we also dedicated the mass to Edwin Rodríguez, as a thanks giving for his accomplishment of being the first native from Puerto Rico to become a Major League manager.

January. We had our SABR Day in a restaurant in Salinas, PR, where one of our members, Jossie Alvarado, presented his book *Puerto Rico in the Major Leagues* (2010 version). We had a large panel of nine Puerto Rican Major Leaguers, including Jose Cruz, Sr. and Juan Beniquez. It was a great day.

February. On February 17, our Chapter celebrated the 60th anniversary of the first Championship ever won by the legendary Santurce Crabbers Club. The event was held in the same Sixto Escobar Stadium, where everything happened in 1951. Today, the stadium is the home of the Puerto Rico Sports Hall of Fame. The attendance was great and the baseball chat much better. That game, which was the seventh of the final series, is known as the “Pepelucaso” to honored Pepe Lucas, who hit a walk off home run after Mike Clark, from the Caguas Criollos, retired the sluggers Willard Brown and Bob Thurman.

May. SABR Puerto Rico was asked to form an honor guard during the Emilio “Millito” Navarro funeral, who died on April 30, 2011 at the age of 105. Navarro was one of the first *Puertorican* players to play in the Negro Leagues of the United States. At the time of his death, he was the oldest professional baseball player alive.

June. On June 14, the book *Pedrin Zorrilla, El Cangrejo Mayor*, was launched. This book is a tale of Zorrilla’s life well-written by Jorge Colón Delgado, SABR- PR President. This book is one of the most important publications in recent years. Zorrilla is considered as the most influential baseball personality from Puerto Rico. He was a player, manager, owner and scout. Among other things, Zorrilla was responsible that Orlando Cepeda and Ruben Gomez end up with the Giants. He also brought many Negro stars to play in Puerto Rico, including Josh Gibson and Satchel Paige.

SABR QUEBEC (Toronto, ON)

Our 2010 season started on January 30 when we hurriedly organized a meeting in order to join in the fun of SABR Day. It was extremely cold that day in Montreal yet a bunch of us gathered to hear Philippe Cousineau talk about Major League pitchers who played in the field and Patrick Carpentier recount the short history of the Eastern International League.

Our next meeting was on April 24. Ty Waterman from the Boston Chapter was our guest. We talked baseball all afternoon but our main event was Ty and his Great American Baseball League simulations. An exhibition game was played between the Yankees and the Expos. Ty's expert guidance led the Expos to a 3-0 victory over the Bombers captained by three of our members.

Our summer meeting was held once more in Quebec City. This time around, we had arranged a visit to the B45 baseball bat manufacturing plant. The company is owned by former Quebec Capitales manager Michel Laplante and he was on hand to give us the grand tour of his brand new facility. After the visit, our members and their wives attended the Can-Am league baseball game between the Capitales and the New Jersey Jackals.

Our last meeting for 2010 came on November 6. The meeting had the highest attendance in two years. Jim Shearon and Dick Sorensen presented their research on the most dominant pitchers of the last 60 years while Jack Anderson told us about his time at the Jerry Malloy Conference. Patrick Carpentier and Philippe Cousineau also talked about their July baseball trip that took them to 10 baseball stadiums in 10 days.

In January, talked began about a new chapter research project. By April, the *Quebec-born players in the Majors Project* was formally announced. Its goal is to write the biography of all 25 players from Quebec who played in the Majors since the late 1880s. A dozen members volunteered and all 25 players found a biographer. By the end of the year, two player biographies had already been written with more to come in 2011. Thus concluded the SABR-Quebec season, one of our best since our chapter was founded in 2005.

– Patrick Carpentier, Co-Chair

SABR Chartered Communities Reports, June 30, 2011

BASEBALL BLOGGERS ALLIANCE CHARTERED COMMUNITY

Chairman: Michael Lynch (Created: 2010)

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

The BBA as an entity spent the year making new connections between different bloggers as well as honoring players and writers with their awards. Most specifically, they introduced a Goose Gossage Award for the top reliever in each league as part of their post-season voting in October of 2010 and created a new award in 2011 for the top internet writer of the year, named after the inaugural recipient, *Sports Illustrated's* Joe Posnanski.

The BBA is still feeling its way as a chartered community. The goals for the coming year include encouraging more of the existing membership to join SABR and the Chartered Community and to try to do more interactive things with the community, using technological methods such as email and collaborative document tools.

HORSEHIDE TRIVIA

The Horsehide Trivia Online Community provides a daily baseball trivia question to anyone interested. There is no fee. There are no prizes. It's just for fun, and it's not restricted to SABR members, but members do receive the questions earlier, sometimes with extra hints. With well over 700 members, Horsehide Trivia is SABR's largest committee or chapter. With daily member contact and with more than 14 consecutive years of continual operation, it stands alone in influence and reach in the Society.

We believe that the word "trivia" is misleading. Quality trivia is seldom trivial, but rather meaningful, instructive, symmetrical, unique, where possible, poetic, but most of all, *interesting*. We might not always do that well every time, but everyone seems to have fun.

Members may respond to the questions by return e-mail and although we are not able to answer everyone, but we typically do recognize the first correct respondent (FCR). There is traditionally a weekly theme which we also encourage you to guess on. Participants will notice that the questions gradually increase in difficulty as the week progresses. Recent history is at horsehidetrivia.blogspot.com.

We ask your patience as the switch-over to the new SABR web site in March hampered communication with SABR members for some time (Non-members were not affected.) and details continue to be addressed.

All SABR members are encouraged to participate and may do so by selecting Horsehide Trivia as one of their "groups".

– T. Scott Brandon, Chair (Port Angeles, WA) and D. Bruce Brown, Co-Chair (Columbia, MD)

PROJECT COBB

Since the last annual report, there have been several big developments in the work of Project COBB (the Project for the Chronicling of British Baseball). Perhaps most visually obvious is the overhauled website, accompanied by a new logo and colour scheme, which went live in May. The website showcases recent successes, including archives of (1) North American pro players to have competed in Britain and (2) British national championship-winning teams, both of which relied on work by SABR members Josh Chetwynd and Harvey Sahker.

Also of note, the first book to be published as part of the initiative came out just before Christmas 2010, the title being “What about the Villa?: Forgotten figures from Britain’s pro baseball league of 1890” (published by Fineleaf Editions). The book provides a history of the league that grew in Britain directly following on from the visit to our shores of AG Spalding’s touring party in 1889. In addition, the inaugural annual British Baseball Photography Competition came to a close last September, and it was sufficiently successful to merit a repeat, which is currently running.

Finally, a weekly series of “Cobbettes” (British baseball history vignettes) was run on the website baseballgb.co.uk, covering decades sequentially back through time, starting with the 1990s, and finishing with a special feature on baseball scoring in the 1890s that was published on SABR Day.

SABR LIBRARIAN CHARTERED COMMUNITY

The SABR Librarian Chartered Community had our inaugural meeting at SABR 40 and has had virtual conversations in the time since our meeting in Atlanta. We have come up with the following ideas on how we can make a valuable contribution to SABR:

- Review/edit the "How to do Baseball Research" that is in the works. It's currently very text heavy, so we could add links and make it more interactive.
- Create a guide to using libraries.
- Create a guide to thinking about doing research for the SABR.
- Adding to TBI is always something where we can provide expertise.

I decided that I would not pursue these projects during SABR’s transition to Arizona, but I plan on taking the lead on moving these ideas forward after SABR 41. – Lorene Kennard

UNION PROJECT 2011 REPORT

The Union Project was approved by the SABR board of directors as a chartered community at the Atlanta SABR convention in 2010. In the past year, the UP has met twice: at the 2010 convention and via conference call in June 2011. The Union Project was founded to develop a consensus of experts in the field about how, when, and where to *suggest* changes to the glorious legacy that our national game has bequeathed to all of us. *Suggest* is the operative word here, as the Union Project does not want to, nor does it have the power to, compel anyone to change anything.

As baseball fans and historians know, the accumulated statistical wealth of the 140-year history of organized professional baseball is truly priceless. The members of the Union Project recognize the painstaking efforts of the hardworking people that compiled this treasure-trove of data over the decades. We honor their legacy as we cautiously and carefully attempt to improve ever so slightly on their magnificent work.

The past year has seen several important developments that have affected the Union Project. The licensing of Pete Palmer’s baseball database by many of the important publishers of baseball statistics in the past few years means that most people looking for historical baseball statistics in the future will be consulting the same underlying source—one of the original goals of the Union Project.

During the recent conference call, UP members discussed implementing a new editorial tracking and review system to manage proposed changes and corrections. Another topic of discussion was how to answer questions from the media as well as from SABR members and other fans about changes in the historical stats.

With the enormous amount of research being conducted by SABR members and by others like Retrosheet, many apparent discrepancies in the official records have been discovered in recent years. The Union Project expects in the near future to implement an open, orderly, transparent, and scholarly process for submitting and vetting proposed changes to baseball’s historical record. UP vice chair Ted Turocy has volunteered to develop and maintain that editorial system.

– Gary Gillette, UP chair

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 2010, SABR 40 was held in Atlanta, Georgia. 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 Atlanta, John Schuerholz was the featured speaker. In 2011, Scott Boras will be the Keynote Speaker.

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	
1973	Chicago IL	26	
1974	Philadelphia PA	40	Fred Lieb
1975	Boston MA	64	Joe Dugan
1976	Chicago IL	45	Lew Fonseca
1977	Columbus OH	74	(no banquet)
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 Heinrich
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		Scott Boras

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 (first awarded 1985)

The Bob Davids Award 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.

DOUG PAPPAS RESEARCH AWARD, PRESENTED BY USA TODAY-SPORTS WEEKLY (first awarded '93; as John Cox Award '90-92)

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 40 were:

- “Chinese-US Baseball Diplomacy before the Great War,” by Ross Davies
- “The Best vs. the Best: W-L Records of Hall of Fame Pitchers against Each Other,” by J-P Caillault.

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.

- This year's recipients of the Henry Chadwick Award are: Charles Alexander, Sean Forman, John Holway, Cliff Kachline, and J.G. Taylor Spink.

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 the late baseball historian 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. Among the kinds of works that do not meet the criteria are encyclopedias, novels, short story collections, statistical compilations, collections of documents, personal reminiscence, interviews, simple chronicles of events, edited works, and works by multiple authors (as distinguished from works by coauthors). "Biography" is the history of a person or persons. (November 2001) Single volumes of multi-volume works are eligible. Multi-volume works as a whole are also eligible if at least one of the volumes was published during the preceding calendar year and if the author has not received a medal for any of the works separately. 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. There is no limit to the number of times an individual may win the award, but it must be awarded each time for a wholly new work.

- This year's Seymour Medal is awarded to *1921: The Yankees, the Giants, and the Battle for Baseball Supremacy in New York*, by Lyle Spatz and Steve Steinberg (University of Nebraska Press).

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. There is no limit to the number of times an individual may win the award, but it must be awarded each time for a wholly new work.

This year's McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award winners are:

- Ron Cobb (Marietta, GA), "The Georgia Peach: Stumped by the Storyteller", *The National Pastime: Baseball in the Peach State*, SABR's 2010 convention publication
- Jeff Obermeyer (Kirkland, WA), "Disposable Heroes: Returning World War II Veteran Al Niemiec Takes on Organized Baseball", *Baseball Research Journal*, Summer 2010
- Geri Strecker (Muncie, IN), "And the Public Has Been Left to Guess the Secret: Questioning the Authorship of 'The Great Match, and Other Matches' (1877)", *NINE: A Journal of Baseball History and Culture*, Spring 2010.

SABR-LEE ALLEN AWARD (first awarded in 1996; named in honor of Lee Allen in 1997)

The SABR-Lee Allen Award, named in honor of the late baseball historian, Lee Allen, honors the best baseball research project at the National History Day competition.

This year's winner of the Lee Allen Award is:

- "Branch Rickey's Surreptitious Civil Rights Strategy," by Cody Driver and Andrew Kanei of Mililani, Hawaii.

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)

This year's Jack Kavanagh Memorial Youth Baseball Research Award winner is given to:

- Daniel Cooney, "Experiments in Bat Design", Grade 12, Mamaroneck High School, Larchmont, NY (high school division; no award given in middle school or college divisions).

THE SPORTING NEWS-SABR BASEBALL RESEARCH AWARD (first awarded in 1995)

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.

This year's *The Sporting News*-SABR Baseball Research Award winners are:

- Timothy M. Gay (Vienna, VA) for *Satch, Dizzy, and Rapid Robert: The Wild Saga of Interracial Baseball Before Jackie Robinson* (Simon & Schuster)
- Chris Jaffe (Schaumburg, IL) for *Evaluating Baseball's Managers: A History and Analysis of Performance in the Major Leagues, 1876–2008* (McFarland)
- L.M. Sutter (Norton, VA) for *New Mexico Baseball: Miners, Outlaws, Indians and Isotopes, 1880 to the Present*(McFarland).

Other 2010-2011 Awards and Award Winners

CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER AWARD

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.

DEADBALL COMMITTEE AWARD

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 2011 selection committee was made up of Gabriel Schechter, Anthony Basich, Al Blumkin, Jack Carlson, Mark Dugo, Scott Flatow, David Fleitz, Craig Lammers, John McMurray, Mark Pattison, Tom Simon, and Trey Strecker.

- The 2011 winner of the Larry Ritter Award is Kate Buford's *Native American Son: The Life and Sporting Legend of Jim Thorpe* (Alfred A. Knopf).

NEGRO LEAGUES COMMITTEE AWARDS

In 2011, SABR's Negro Leagues Committee awarded \$1,000 library grants to Liberty Middle School of Ocala, Florida, and Edward T. Bowser Sr. Elementary School in East Orange, New Jersey. 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 third annual national essay contest. The selection committee of educators Philip Ross (New York), Tom Garrett (Virginia) and Stephanie Liscio (Ohio) selected Annie Yang of Watchung Hills Regional High School in Warren, New Jersey, and Emma Murphy of Osbourn High School in Manassas, Virginia. 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 is the Legacy of Jackie Robinson?" or "What influence or impact did Rube Foster have on the African American Community by creating the Negro Leagues?"

SCOUTS COMMITTEE AWARD

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.

Membership Report

SABR ended its 2010 membership year on September 30, 2010 with 5,110 members. Midway through 2011, **current membership stands at 5,936**. These membership numbers represent a decrease from 2009's final figure of 6,497. Of current members, **705 are new members** having joined SABR over the past year.

The SABR membership continues to be well educated and professionally diverse. Educators, lawyers, doctors, or accountants are well-represented in the SABR membership, as are writers and editors. SABR members also are well-connected to the Internet, with **92.8%** of members sharing an email address with SABR. The average age of the SABR membership is currently **58.6 years old (median age is 60)**.

Current Members, by Decade/Year Joined

1970's	251		
1980's	1,415		
1990's	1,489		
2000's	1,883		
2010-11	898		
1971	25	1991	138
1972	14	1992	144
1973	19	1993	146
1974	17	1994	189
1975	19	1995	142
1976	35	1996	140
1977	32	1997	182
1978	37	1998	197
1979	53	1999	118
1980	77	2000	158
1981	68	2001	178
1982	145	2002	209
1983	213	2003	143
1984	148	2004	193
1985	250	2005	156
1986	166	2006	191
1987	162	2007	225
1988	106	2008	170
1989	80	2009	260
1990	93	2010	467
		2011	431

Current Members, by Country

USA	5,709
Canada	157
Japan	25
United Kingdom	18
Puerto Rico	13
Australia	5
ITALY	3
Germany	2
Guam	1
Switzerland	1
Taiwan	1
UAE	1

Current Members, by State

AK	1	MS	8
AL	27	MT	9
AR	26	NC	83
AZ	124	ND	7
CA	608	NE	28
CO	106	NH	39
CT	122	NJ	261
DC	36	NM	44
DE	28	NV	17
FL	187	NY	579
GA	111	OH	365
HI	10	OK	30
IA	47	OR	77
ID	7	PA	346
IL	281	RI	54
IN	102	SC	36
KS	43	SD	11
KY	43	TN	49
LA	24	TX	258
MA	272	UT	11
MD	214	VA	241
ME	31	VT	28
MI	159	WA	142
MN	132	WI	111
MO	115	WV	12
		WY	3

Treasurer's 2011 Mid-Year Report

Our president, Andy McCue, and our Executive Director, Marc Appleman, have described the organizational changes underway since the spring of 2010. You've also noticed that our membership this year is lower than last year. You may well wonder what this is costing. The short answer is "most of the money we've saved over the past decade." Another way of putting it would be "we're making a large wager on our future." The board's belief is that these choices were necessary in the face of evidence that by 2015 SABR would have to cut back on staff and programs due to membership declines.

That said, I doubt any SABR member can look at our 2010 results and our projected 2011 results and be pleased with what the cold numbers tell us: that we are burning through our reserves at a rapid pace, certainly one far more rapid than anticipated during our 2011 budgeting process, which concluded in mid October 2010. At that time we believed that a combination of initiatives would lead to about 500 new members – instead we are looking now at a 1,000-member shortfall compared to budget. This creates a big hole in our revenue. At the same time, our expenses are necessarily higher than anticipated due to one-time costs associated with the move to Phoenix and due to a decision to forgo an initiative around delivery of the journals electronically that our budget specified which might have saved several thousand dollars in printing and postage.

In other words, our budgeting last October was extremely optimistic, the inverse of years of very conservative budgeting practices. Even so, a conservative budget along the lines of the first draft would have shown a \$75K deficit – but right now we are looking at one in excess of \$120K. If we can somehow get back to a five-figure deficit, it would be a major step forward toward a new equilibrium for SABR.

In a new equilibrium, SABR needs to be generating about \$750K annually. As I explained in last year's report, "SABR's financial condition is strong today, but we must recognize that a structural deficit has existed for three years now because we have expanded our staff beyond the level organic revenue (dues, convention, publication, data, advertising and interest income) can support. ... As SABR's economic model is tweaked in the coming years, the goal is to bring organic revenues and expenses in balance, permitting us to fund special projects and build the endowment via donations." Getting there will mean initiatives to drive membership numbers, donations, event income, sponsorships and material sales will have reached fruition. We have roughly 18 months to accomplish this, and at the end of this year will have a cushion of only around \$100K remaining. It's a dicey time for the Society, and while I can't tell you that our efforts are certain to pay off, I can say that your board has acted in good faith and with its fiduciary duty to the Society foremost in mind. We believed we had to take these dramatic chances in order to keep SABR viable and growing past 2015. Please help us realize this vision.

– F. X. Flinn, SABR Treasurer

SABR operating revenues and expenses 2006-2010 plus current year position

Thru 5/31/2011	Current Projected	Original Budget	Total Variance	Final 2010	Final 2009	Final 2008	Final 2007	Final 2006
Ordinary Income								
4090 · Membership Dues	\$357,637	\$411,000	(53,363)	\$369,621	\$367,036	\$373,788	\$371,883	\$381,291
4100 · Donation Income	\$100,898	\$115,000	(14,102)	\$170,566	\$162,077	\$129,410	\$83,329	\$57,306
4170 · Sponsorship Income	\$390	\$390	0	\$964	\$152	\$566	\$500	\$955
4200 · Advertising Sales	\$4,966	\$5,100	(134)	\$9,968	\$5,437	\$9,162	\$11,782	\$12,300
4300 · Sale of Mailing List	\$400	\$600	(200)	\$-	\$233	\$1,475	\$1,999	\$2,470
4450 · Special Projects	\$55	\$-	55					
4500 · Sale of Data and Material	\$20,364	\$24,300	(3,936)	\$11,167	\$10,667	\$6,707	\$21,500	\$-
4600 · Interest income	\$2,564	\$3,000	(436)	\$3,958	\$3,812	\$6,701	\$16,437	\$19,130
4700 · Publication Sales	\$5,998	\$5,400	598	\$5,324	\$7,192	\$9,609	\$7,225	\$9,737
4750 · Merchandise Sales	\$480	\$500	(20)	\$1,625	\$10,862	\$4,200	\$3,837	\$10,398
4800 · Events Income	\$144,030	\$157,700	(13,670)	\$121,579	\$136,080	\$120,245	\$100,466	\$109,041
4900 · Miscellaneous Income	\$478	\$-	478					
Total Income	\$638,259	\$722,990	(84,731)	\$706,729	\$653,456	\$620,405	\$592,293	\$592,988
Ordinary Expense								
5000 · Payroll Expenses	\$326,116	\$346,140	(20,024)	\$333,547	\$288,056	\$218,043	\$194,541	\$178,659
6000 · Occupancy	\$23,417	\$23,000	417	\$21,746	\$22,747	\$20,433	\$19,817	\$16,275
6110 · Travel & Ent	\$27,838	\$25,810	2,028	\$19,564	\$6,058	\$3,450	\$4,886	\$3,546
6200 · Memberships & Prof Dev	\$480	\$800	(320)	\$884	\$1,012	\$2,695	\$2,440	\$1,339
6210 · Postage and Delivery	\$7,321	\$8,000	(679)	\$6,024	\$10,877	\$10,686	\$12,527	\$9,623
6220 · Telephone	\$4,627	\$4,200	427	\$3,767	\$2,829	\$2,500	\$2,871	\$2,644
6221 · Supplies	\$3,958	\$5,200	(1,243)	\$3,353	\$4,426	\$4,830	\$4,974	\$3,540
6230 · Equipment Rental	\$1,182	\$4,108	(2,926)					
6235 · Equipment Purchased	\$1,687	\$500	1,187	\$6,530	\$5,160	\$36,330	\$6,819	\$4,911
6240 · Miscellaneous	\$(5,517)	\$(4,000)	(1,517)	\$4,614	\$44,516	\$3,657	\$796	\$717
6250 · Board Meetings	\$21,826	\$22,614	(788)	\$15,500	\$25,161	\$16,992	\$17,444	\$13,518
6290 · Bank Service Charges	\$11,397	\$11,000	397	\$11,781	\$11,275	\$10,369	\$11,222	\$8,878
6295 · Archives	\$600	\$600	0	\$550	\$550	\$550	\$600	\$862
6300 · Professional Fees	\$17,164	\$12,200	4,964	\$22,443	\$8,789	\$7,652	\$6,545	\$6,757
6310 · Insurance	\$9,392	\$10,300	(908)	\$9,697	\$9,751	\$9,956	\$11,122	\$10,173
6320 · Marketing	\$7,870	\$8,000	(130)	\$27,014	\$1,000	\$26,014	\$27,014	\$1,000
6400 · The SABR Bulletin	\$6,084	\$3,500	2,584	\$21,569	\$29,065	\$35,796	\$30,425	\$30,097
6410 · Research Committees	\$2,454	\$3,600	(1,146)	\$1,137	\$3,058	\$2,770	\$4,599	\$2,379
6415 · Research Tools/Subscriptions	\$7,718	\$7,200	518	\$6,746	\$6,737	\$6,589	\$3,600	\$13,709
6420 · Regionals/Chapters	\$3,296	\$4,000	(704)	\$2,277	\$4,681	\$3,672	\$5,041	\$3,852
6430 · Education Committee	\$700	\$700	0	\$-	\$440	\$687	\$1,200	\$656
6450 · Renewal Notices	\$2,045	\$3,600	(1,555)	\$3,810	\$9,047	\$12,737	\$5,668	\$5,855
6451 · Online Voting	\$1,950	\$2,000	(50)	\$1,950	\$-	\$-	\$1,950	\$-
6500 · Publishing Expense	\$75,641	\$79,467	(3,826)	\$110,836	\$116,982	\$116,715	\$157,376	\$172,694
6600 · Event Expenses	\$121,631	\$115,796	5,835	\$86,346	\$103,764	\$65,233	\$73,750	\$59,631
6700 · Internet	\$43,959	\$47,960	(4,001)	\$2,863	\$22,140	\$40,259	\$21,109	\$26,742
7200 · Moving Expenses	\$37,767	\$-	37,767	\$7,995	\$-	\$-	\$7,995	\$-
Total Expense	\$762,602	\$746,295	16,307	719,696	708,057	596,805	568,947	546,960
Net Income	\$(124,342)	\$(23,305)	(101,037)	\$(12,966)	\$(54,602)	\$23,600	\$23,346	\$46,029
EOY Reserves	\$215,984	\$317,022		\$340,327	\$353,293	\$407,895	\$384,295	\$360,949
Endowment/Restricted Funds	\$188,721							

Totals for 2006-2010 are correct. They don't foot to the detail because not all revenue and expense items from 2006-2010 included. Various items are reported differently beginning 2011 and the focus here is to illustrate trends in the large revenue and expense items.

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, 2010 through June 30, 2011, SABR donations are nearing \$60,000 in total, including over \$40,000 in unrestricted giving. It is the sixth 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, 2010 and June 30, 2011. SABR also thanks all of its donors for their loyal support in 2009-2010. Their names appear on the following pages, arranged by the size of their donations 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
Ron Gabriel*	Jim Karn*
William Hickman	Bob McConnell
Chuck Hilty	John Pardon*
John Infanger*	Neal Traven
Douglas Jacobs	John Zajc

**Deceased*

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Although every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy and completeness of this annual report, we realize that errors may have occurred. If your name has been omitted, misspelled, incorrectly listed, or you do not want your name published on our online version, please accept our sincere apologies and notify us of the discrepancy so that we may correct our records.

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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 almost 6,500 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 free-lance 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, Pat McDonough (deceased), Raymond Nemecek, 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 Nemecek. 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.