



Society for American Baseball Research

***Celebrating 35 Years***

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**SABR: The Baseball Research Society**



Dick Beverage  
President

## President's Report

The past year has been another good one for SABR. For the fifth consecutive year the organization has operated at a surplus. Our financial position has never been stronger, and we now have the ability to take advantage of opportunities as they present themselves. In the past year we have continued to strengthen our research assets. We have now incorporated the Pete Palmer database into the SABR online encyclopedia, which makes it the most complete and accurate dataset of baseball statistical information.

This past spring SABR acquired through the great generosity of member Ed Washuta a comprehensive database of minor league playing records. Once it is fully deployed to our website, SABR members will have unprecedented electronic access to an important and often ignored area of baseball history.

Our publication schedule got back on track this past year. After many months of problems and delays, Deadball Stars of the American League was finally delivered to the members in the first quarter of 2007. The consensus is that the book was well worth waiting for and is a welcome companion to the National League version produced earlier. Members also received the third revision of Phil Lowry's seminal volume on ballparks, Green Cathedrals, and in May, The SABR Baseball List & Record Book arrived in our mailboxes. Both of these volumes have received very favorable reviews from the general public.

In the recent election the voters approved overwhelmingly the addition of "preservation" to the SABR mission statement in the by-laws. This has been an unspoken objective of SABR from its inception, and the change in wording formalizes the process. The Board will continue to be proactive in seeking out important materials and making them available to researchers.

A proposal has been made to The Sporting News to digitize their player record cards at SABR's expense and make the material available to researchers. As this is written, The Sporting News appears to be planning to do the digitizing and host the images on their own website, but SABR may issue a counterproposal to the original offer. The Amateur Athletic Foundation has informed SABR that their digitizing of The Sporting Life will be deployed to their website in early 2008 and will be available to SABR members upon completion.

The 2008 convention will be held in Cleveland. No decision has been made for the site of the 2009 convention, but the Washington, D.C. area is under strong consideration.

Dick Beverage, President

July 2007

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*In addition to serving as SABR's President, Dick Beverage is the Secretary-Treasurer for the Association of Professional Ballplayers of America and the founder and president of the Pacific Coast League Historical Society. In early 2007, USA Today named him one of five "silent but influential" people in baseball.*

## SABR: The Baseball Research Society Celebrates Thirty-Five Years

Last August, SABR celebrated the 35th Anniversary of its founding by having several of the founders and other SABR members gather once again at the Hall of Fame. Many things have changed, and changed in dramatic ways. The founders are all older, the Hall of Fame's infrastructure is vastly improved, and SABR is a much different organization than it was in its infancy.

There has been a lot to marvel at in the past 35 years. The amount of baseball research that has been accomplished is staggering. In The Baseball Index (TBI), SABR's database of baseball bibliographic citations, we show 4,231 baseball books published in 1970 and earlier, and more than 9,970 baseball books published in 1971 and later.

In 1971, no one had a personal computer. There was no Internet. In 1990, when I first started working for SABR, SABR had an IBM computer with a 286 processor and 20Mb of hard disk space. Today, there is more disk space on a thumb drive.

The Internet makes baseball research an entirely different ballgame than it was in 1971. Back then, one needed to go to a library to scroll through microfilm. Today, many newspapers can be read online from the comfort of home and/or office. Back then, one wrote letters asking other researchers for information. Today with e-mail that back-and-forth between researchers can be accomplished in minutes instead of weeks.

Since our last annual convention, SABR has continued to consider and define its place in the baseball community and to assume a bigger role in preserving baseball's great history. This Spring, SABR members approved a bylaw change that officially added "preserving baseball history" to SABR's mission.

Not only will SABR and its members preserve history by publishing baseball research, but now we will do what we can to make sure that important research collections are saved, whether physi-

cally or digitally. To that end, we have partnered with the Hall of Fame and the Amateur Athletic Foundation Library to digitize *Sporting Life*, and we are looking for other useful projects.

SABR has published over 100 titles for distribution to the entire membership in its 35-year existence, plus dozens of other books for smaller audiences (convention journals, various minor league publications or resource guides, etc.). In publishing an updated edition of *Green Cathedrals*, with the financial support of HOK, SABR not only updated the literature of baseball ballparks and architecture, but also demonstrated that an industry partner supports and respects the work being done by SABR.

Further acknowledgement of the importance of SABR's work came earlier this year when the Society secured underwriting support from Major League Baseball and the Commissioner's Office for this year's annual convention in St. Louis.

The capabilities that SABR has now with the advances in technology and the growth and stewardship of SABR's financial assets are immense when compared to the SABR of even ten years ago. In the past twelve months we have laid a framework in which we can build SABR into an organization that does so much more to help the baseball researcher and the baseball fan. We will continue to build on this framework in the year to come, and in time, SABR will no longer be "Baseball's best kept secret."

In the following pages, you will get a glimpse of the wide array of ongoing projects and activities that help ensure that SABR fulfills its mission and establishes itself as an important asset to and contributing member of the baseball community. Thank you all for your individual and collective energies and expertise in making SABR a strong advocate for baseball research and preservation.

John Zajc, Executive Director



John Zajc  
Executive Director

*John Zajc has served as SABR's Executive Director since January 2003. He has been employed by SABR since June 1990 when he was hired as a part-time clerical assistant.*



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## Chapter Report Summary

There were three new chapters formed and constituted in the past 12 months:

- West Texas, centered in Abilene. Warren Simpson heads up the Steering Committee.
- Nashville. Grantland Rice-Fred Russell Tennessee Chapter. Kevin McCann, president.
- South Carolina, centered in Charleston. John Strubel heads up the Steering Committee.

Most existing chapters reported an active year of social gathering, luncheons and dinners, programs of speakers and the like. Several of our recently-formed chapters continue to do well.

Some chapters have become more active in disseminating research, such as the SABRBoston Chapter, which has now produced two books of biographies of the Boston Red Sox, and has other similar projects in the works.

Other affinity groups - if not regional chapters - have initiated similar projects such as a 1968 Tigers group and a 1969 Mets group.

This is one case of a chapter effort stimulating research in other areas, helping to build holdings for both the BioProject and Oral History Committee efforts.

The Field of Dreams Chapter has begun to collect articles toward a possible publication of baseball articles related to Iowa. The Halsey Hall Chapter is working on a similar project regarding players raised in Minnesota. The Ted Williams Chapter is working on a publication "A Day in the Life of Petco Park."

Other accomplishments include a calendar produced by students working with the Leatherstocking Chapter, the dedication of a historical marker for Hall of Famer Sam Thompson by the Oscar Charleston Chapter, and the Connecticut Chapter hosted a Smoky Joe Wood Night in New Haven. The Bob Broeg Chapter initiated a ballpark marker project - and has devoted a great deal of work to organizing the summer convention in St. Louis. Let us not forget Northwest SABR, which helped host an excellent convention in Seattle.

Bill Nowlin, VP

## Research Library Report

The best news to report about the SABR Research Library is that the process of putting the Library's holdings online has begun. A summer intern has been engaged to scan articles and create PDF files. Because of the size of the Research Library (more than 5,000 articles), this is somewhat a long-term project, but when it is done, SABR members will benefit greatly from it.

From June 1, 2006, to May 31, 2007, the Research Library processed 162 requests for copies of articles, ranging from a single article to more than 100. Continuing the past pattern, most of the requests are generated by the lists of new additions that appear in the SABR Bulletin; many are also made from the index to the articles, old and new. Also, I am providing articles to the writers of biographies for the coming book on the 1968 Tigers. (I did the same for the Boston regional chapter's projects on the 1975 and 1967 Red Sox, and am doing it for the chapter's books on the 1948 Red Sox and Braves and on the 1918 Red Sox.)

I have been successful in collecting texts from convention presentations, and from various regional meetings. A number of SABR members continue to keep me in mind when they see published articles and send me copies. I want to especially thank Pete Cava, Alan Denman, Bob Bluthardt, Steve Lawrence, Jim Mallinson, Art Schott, and R.J. Lesch. My apologies to anyone I have omitted.

I hope to keep the cost of copying and mailing at a reasonable 12 cents a page (11 cents for 100 pages or more), even though postage rates have risen again. As always, I'm grateful to SABR members who have a "keep the change" policy when they send me a remittance. That helps me meet expenses.

Len Levin



### Asian Baseball Committee

It's been a great growth year for the Asian Committee. We have a new vice-chair--David Snyder of SUNY Cortland. David has introduced SABR to a number of his students who have joined and are active in producing the newsletter. The newsletter is under going big changes. We are changing the format into a journal-style newsletter with articles, interviews etc. The first issue under this new format should be produced in June 2007 and will be available at the National Convention. We are also planning to have an Asian baseball blog, thanks to Mike Pugh who has volunteered his services. We have officially dropped the 1934 MLB tour of Asia project due to lack of interest.

### Asian Baseball Committee

Founded: 2003  
Chair: Rob Fitts

### Ballparks Committee

The SABR Ballparks Committee was founded in the early 1980s as a result of the research of Phil Lowry and the eventual publication of his ballparks data in Green Cathedrals. In 2006, the Committee returned to its roots and assisted in the third edition of Green Cathedrals, a major updating of that 1985 publication. The latest version of this often-quoted work included a number of photos from the Committee's various collections and files. While dozens of Committee members assisted, special thanks must go to Ron Selter who poured through the data-rich pages line by line and made hundreds of corrections.

The Committee handled its traditional and diverse array of research questions on ballparks statistics & dimensions, model making and painting of classic ballparks, architecture and city planning, parks and their effect on the game, locations and features of long-lost parks, photo needs, and other general questions for many authors, reporters, and film/documentary people.

An ongoing interest in preservation of old parks brought a steady line of requests for data and advice on erecting markers and memorials. While most committee members would prefer to see the old parks saved, even for a non-sports use, we will settle for a marker that helps future fans know that "there was once a ballpark."

The Committee will join forces with the Minor League Committee and other committees as appropriate to compile a new data base, even more ambitious than the Green Cathedrals project. A new and definitive index to all minor league ballparks, including hundreds of "neutral sites" and spring training parks, would offer researchers and the casual fan a unique resource for identifying the thousands of facilities in hundreds of communities across the nation. Too cumbersome for publication in the traditional print mode, it will probably take shape in an electronic format.

The chair thanks his patient members and the many folks who sent e-mails and materials. Dave Mitchell updated his Index to Ballparks Books and Publications that remains a definitive list of available resources. Thanks also to Joe Favano who will cover the meeting in St. Louis.

### Ballparks Committee

Founded: 1982  
Chair: Bob Bluthardt

#### Highlights

*In August 2006, the third edition of Green Cathedrals, made possible with a grant from HOK, was published by Walker & Company.*



### **Baseball & the Armed Forces Committee**

Founded: 2004  
Chair: Ron Henry

### **Baseball and The Armed Forces Committee**

Walter Kephart continues working on his massive World War II project, identifying all MLB ballplayers who served in the US Armed Forces from 1941-1946. Little else was done by the committee this year due to the failing health of its chairman and his computer. The latter has been repaired; the former has not.

### **Baseball & the Arts Committee**

Founded: 1997  
Chair: Jeff Campbell

### **Baseball and the Arts Committee**

The poetry wing of the Music & Poetry Committee - now known as SABR Baseball and the Arts Committee - has experienced a very productive year with additions to the poetry files growing at a rapid and steady rate. The major concentration has been on the Dead Ball era, as these two decades produced baseball poetry at a greater rate than any other time. Currently the files contain nearly 2500 entries with additions entered nearly every day. There are 31 subject categories including teams, players, the federal league, wartime, women, fans, bushers, world's series, pennant race, and managers/magnates, for example. Besides the prolific Dead Ball writers, attention is constantly being paid to the nineteenth century, the decade of the 1920s, as well as contemporary works. Anyone curious as to whether a poem might exist for a specific subject or a player is invited to forward a request to the committee.

The music wing has continued to collect a wide variety of baseball songs, both obscure and popular. The committee has also compiled a questionnaire for major and minor league baseball entertainment programmers involving the use of baseball music at stadiums. We hope to have the results by the end of the year.

SABR voted to change the name of the committee from Music & Poetry to Baseball and the Arts. The purpose of the committee is to promote research, education and appreciation of the fine arts inspired by the game of baseball, including music, poetry, movies, theatre, comic strips/cartoons, paintings, illustrations, and sculptures.

### **Baseball Records Committee**

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, Gus Triandos the Major League record for Most consecutive games without being caught stealing, with 1,206. We also use the word record to refer to a player's game-by-game, season-by-season and lifetime accomplishments. For example, Rex Barney had a 15-13 record in 1948, or Larry McLean had 90 doubles in his career. 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 for the near future; nevertheless, we will continue to pursue a narrowing of the gap.

Since our last annual report, committee members in perusing the encyclopedias, newspapers, and record books, have found errors, additions, subtractions, and typos in the listing of the playing records or listings of the record performances for several players. Among these are John Glaiser, Norm Glaser, Kid Gleason, Johnny Kling, Frank Mahar, Tom Maher, Jim McCormick, Bobby Mitchell, Jiggs Parrott, Tom Parrott, Dutch Ruether, George Stone, Myles Thomas, and Jimmy Wolf.

As I write this, Barry Bonds is approaching Hank Aaron's all-time home run record. By the time you read it, he may have surpassed it. Despite allegations of steroid use by Bonds, the Baseball Records Committee will treat the accomplishments of Bonds, and any other players mentioned in the allegations, the same way we would treat any other record. It is not our role to decide the purity of the conditions under which those records were achieved; it is to make the numbers as accurate as we can make them.

## Baseball Records Committee

Founded: 1975

Chair: Lyle Spatz

### Highlights

*In spring 2007, Scribner's published the work of many Baseball Records Committee members and its chair Lyle Spatz in **The SABR Baseball List and Record Book**.*

Last year Trent McCotter set up a Baseball Records Committee Yahoo! eGroup. The purpose of the group is twofold: 1) to discuss happenings in the Records Committee (information on the convention, newsletters, etc). 2) to provide a place for SABR members to send in, keep track of, seek assistance with, or inquire about possible errors in the historical record and about various record-setting and record-tying achievements in Major League Baseball. Among the subjects discussed recently are:

- a) Barry Bonds being awarded the 2006 OBP title thanks to Elias's extending rule 10.22(a) to include the OBP title
- b) reviewing Mickey Welch's and Charley Radbourn's win totals to check their accuracy
- c) Toad Ramsey's 12-inning one-hitter in 1886
- d) the longest consecutive hitless streaks by a batter
- e) the fewest career starts by a pitcher before he threw a no-hitter

This past spring, our committee's project, ***The SABR Baseball List and Record Book***, was published. Thanks again to all those who either contributed lists or fact-checked those lists.



## Bibliography Committee

The Bibliography Committee's major project, The Baseball Index, completed its fifth year of Internet availability during the past year. The site, [www.baseballindex.org](http://www.baseballindex.org), became available on the Internet on May 27, 2002. During the past year, the database moved past the 220,000-record level. And, information from The Baseball Index is completely free.

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

Our major problem with the project is the need for more volunteers to continue to expand the database. The Index's inspiration and manager, Ted Hathaway, and Andy McCue, continue to oversee the project. Steve Milman and Brad Sullivan remain major contributors.

While The Baseball Index, is our major effort, the committee continues with other projects. The Bibliography Committee was founded in 1983 by Frank Phelps and seeks to discover, organize and provide information about books and other research materials which might be of interest to SABR members and other baseball researchers.

The committee currently has 175 members working on a variety of projects in addition to TBI.

## Bibliography Committee

Founded: 1984

Chair: Andy McCue



New this year is an attempt by several SABR members to put Frank Phelps' listing of obituaries in *The Sporting News* into the TBI format. Phil Bergen, Mike Grahek, Glenn Morosco and Bill Nowlin have begun this work and have done about 10 years worth of obituaries so far.

New committee members volunteered to produce indexes for important baseball books published without them, such as Quincy Troupe's *20 Years Too Soon*. In addition, Kent State University Press re-published Warren Brown's *The Chicago White Sox*, with an index by committee member Robert McConnell. That makes 11 of the original 16 that have been re-published with our indexes.

Ron Kaplan, who succeeded Skip McAfee as our newsletter editor, continued to improve the publication with more reviews and pictures. Book reviews from Terry Smith and other committee members highlight the newsletter. We seek to re-print book reviews from other committee newsletters as well.

Rich Arpi started his 19th year of researching and editing *Current Baseball Publications*, the quarterly listing of baseball books and periodicals which the committee has produced since 1986. *Current Baseball Publications* has been mounted on SABR's web page to make it more accessible to all SABR members.

We are still seeking efficient ways to turn some of the committee's older, paper-based research into web-available documents. This is especially true of Frank Phelps' *Index to Sporting News Registers*, which is being worked on by Joel Dinda. Jim Lannen has continued to update and improve the cache of annual reports, newsletters and CBP onto the SABR website. He is also working to expand the number of book reviews from our newsletter that are available electronically.

### Biographical Research Committee

2007 saw the biographical committee finally make an inroad into Pennsylvania. It certainly had nothing to do with the state of Pennsylvania opening up their records. They are still locked tighter than Fort Knox. However, a company called Genealogy Bank put the Philadelphia Inquirer newspaper online with issues dating from

1860 to 1922. This enabled us to find many of our missing Pennsylvania players.

Probably the most interesting find from the past year was Al Nichols, who played from 1875 to 1877 and was one of the four Louisville players expelled from the National League for throwing games. One of our members, Peter Morris, was at a baseball conference in which he brought up Nichols' name. The person he was talking to replied that he was in contact with Nichols' great-granddaughter. When Peter talked to the great-granddaughter, she told him that Al Nichols was a "baseball name" and his real name was Alfred Henry Williams. Obviously, were it not for this piece of good fortune, we never would have found him. Nichols, a/k/a Williams died in 1936 in Richmond Hill, New York.

Peter had a similar situation occur when a lady in Wales saw his article about missing manager Harvey Watkins and contacted Peter because she had been researching him for reasons unrelated to baseball. Watkins died in Harrow, England in 1949.

Other missing players we found include Jimmy Wood, John Brown, Billy Alvord, Horace Helmbold, Harry Koons, James Smith, Tom Patterson, Tom Carey, Joseph Young, John Gillespie, Robert Murphy, William Kienzle, William Hague, Tub Welch, George Lane, Marshall Quinton, John Richmond, William McCloskey, John Stedronsky, William Houseman, Edwin Carfrey, Eugene Bagley, Peter Morris, Lawrence Farley, Lewis Graulich, and Robert Foster.

We also found that the Harry Cheek we had listed was not a major leaguer. The real Harry Cheek was Harry Gordon Cheek and he died in 1927 in Redwood City, California. We also discovered a new major leaguer and he debuted in 1920! Norman Glaser pitched one game for the Detroit Tigers on September 21, 1920. This game had been previously credited to John Glaiser.

In 2006, I reported that there were 307 ballplayers that were missing complete death information out of over 16,000 players. Over the past year, we reduced that number to 284. Some of those 284 have probably been found; we are just trying to find documentation to ensure that the people we have found were actually the ballplayers we were looking for. We try to make sure that our information is as

### Biographical Research

Founded: 1971

Chair: Bill Carle



accurate as possible and hopefully in the coming year, more resources will open up to us that will enable us to find the rest of them.

### BioProject Committee

The 2007 convention marks the fifth anniversary of the founding of the BioProject committee. The committee houses the Baseball Biography Project, whose purpose is to solicit, write, edit, and maintain high quality journal-length biographies of any player who ever played in the major leagues, as well as any other person connected with baseball in a significant way.

As of today we have 515 biographies on the site, compared with 341 last year, our largest yearly increase, and 812 in progress. Here is a breakdown of completed biographies reported in each annual report:

2003 -- 46	2005 -- 296	2007 -- 515
2004 -- 155	2006 -- 341	

We have begun accepting biographies of ballparks, and hope to have other publishing opportunities in the year ahead. We recently posted a list of "Most Wanted" subjects, a list we will maintain as those subjects are taken.

There are four Vice Chairmen on the committee. Lyle Spatz is in charge of maintaining and organizing our list of subjects and authors. Jan Finkel heads a group of editors who are responsible for turning our submitted biographies into finished products. Trey Strecker is in charge of generating interest in 19th century subjects. Bill Nowlin helps foster and advise team or regional projects. In addition, Warren Corbett handles comments and help from the public, Mike Cooney puts out a great newsletter, and Tom Ruane manages our email group.

The biggest change in the project in the past year is the sharp rise of regional based subprojects. Besides being exciting projects in their own right, producing results like two great books so far from the Boston chapter (on the 1967 and 1975 teams), they also generate consistent, high-quality output for us. There are currently six subprojects in some phase at the moment (1918 Red Sox, 1948 Red Sox/Braves, 1968 Tigers, 1969 Mets, 1959 White Sox, Minnesota natives) and a few more being considered. The results of the Boston projects are likely driving interest in new ones.

With all of this exciting progress being made, the big risk to the project is not having a facile enough interface for readers to navigate through 1,000 or more biographies. The growth of the project requires us to seek additional functionality to remain useable, and we need some effort to keep growing. I daresay this project is an important one for SABR's future, and continued investment in the web site will pay off handsomely for the organization. I have written a specification for a more flexible method of browsing, which hopefully can be put in place soon.

### BioProject Committee

Founded: 2002

Chair: Mark Armour

#### Highlights

*In addition to adding over 100 biographies, in the past 12 months the BioProject has been a big part of the rise in biography-based books like **75: The Red Sox Team That Saved Baseball** and **The 1967 Impossible Dream Red Sox** published by Rounder Books.*



## Business of Baseball

Founded: 1994

Chairs: Gary Gillette  
John Ruoff

### Highlights

*The committee's web site, [www.businessofbaseball.com](http://www.businessofbaseball.com), underwent a facelift and renovation in the past year.*

With membership currently at 479, the committee looks forward to an even more productive sixth year. We will be posting the bios from the AL Deadball book and Boston's 1967 project, and we have hopes for another 100 or so from our researchers.

## Business of Baseball Committee

The Business of Baseball committee, founded by the late Doug Pappas in 1994, continues its mission of studying the economic, labor, legal, and organizational side of the National Pastime. As part of that mission, the committee maintains a Website at [www.BusinessOfBaseball.com](http://www.BusinessOfBaseball.com) and publishes a quarterly newsletter, *Outside the Lines*.

Gary Gillette and John Ruoff continued as co-chairs of the committee in the past year after Maury Brown resigned. Ruoff also serves as editor of *Outside the Lines*. Ken Cherven volunteered to take over maintenance of the BoB Website and has been updating it, assisted by Brian Borawski and Greg Spira. Everyone who hasn't visited [BusinessOfBaseball.com](http://BusinessOfBaseball.com) recently is encouraged to check out the new features on the site.

*Outside the Lines* continued to publish high-quality research with a remarkable breadth of topics including important economic, legal, and historical analyses. These included Michael Haupt's developing studies of player salaries in the period of integration; Nolan Reichl's examination of regulatory regimes covering agent solicitation of players; Mitchell Nathanson's looks at baseball anti-trust law in the real world; Gary Gillette's and Pete Palmer's analysis of the effect of interleague play on attendance; and Steve Weingarden, Christian Resick and Daniel Whitman's assessment of leadership qualities of baseball executives--to name just a few of the excellent studies. Other contributors to OTL in the past year have included Erik Porse, Bill Gilbert, Scott Roper, Stephanie Roper, Bob Lewis, Phil Birnbaum, and Vince Gennaro.

OTL has also begun co-publishing, with the Minor League Committee, *The Farm Report* edited by Anthony Salazar.

Work continues on the committee's groundbreaking General Managers Project, a compilation of a complete, chronological list of

all general managers in major league history. New information being added includes the exact start and end dates and the official titles of older general managers as well as to identifying executives serving as de facto or interim GMs. A complete, chronological list of all major league club presidents in baseball history is also being prepared for publication.

The committee's discussion group (limited to SABR Business of Baseball Committee) features posts/links to articles of interest as well as discussion of many business-related subjects. Members can sign up at

<http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/BusinessofBaseball/>

Finally, the committee co-chairs have asked the SABR board to appoint Stuart Shea as a new vice-chair, effective as of the board's meeting in St. Louis. Shea is an expert on the history of baseball broadcasters and broadcasting and has volunteered to help the committee compile and publish complete broadcasting histories for each ML club.

## Collegiate Baseball Committee

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 were identified and matched with their respective senior (4-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.

The Committee is also in the process of identifying the coaches and records of each baseball team in the history of the baseball program at each existing and some closed colleges. We are also including with each college a list of conference affiliations, conference championships, participation in the college World Series, and first team All-America selections.

The results for all Division I colleges and universities was published this Spring in a book call “College Baseball: Essential Facts about all Division I teams” by committee chairman Rick Benner (McFarland Publishing Inc.)

The Committee intends to publish on the Internet a version of this research, to date, which would also include lesser division colleges and junior colleges, and would be tied to the current online SABR Encyclopedia.

### Collegiate Baseball Committee

Founded: 1985  
Chair: Rick Benner

### Deadball Era Committee

Now in its seventh 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. Over the past year, the Deadball Era Committee has added 92 members and now boasts a membership of over 340 people. The DEC members and editor David Jones have spent the past year putting the finishing touches on the committee’s second major publication, *Deadball Stars of the American League*, which was published in Spring 2007. This is the companion volume to *Deadball Stars of the National League*, which was published in 2004.

Eighty-nine different committee members wrote the 136 biographies that comprise *Deadball Stars of the American League*. David Jones served as editor for the project, with Eric Enders heading up an intensive fact-checking effort. The book’s layout was done by Glenn LeDoux, who also did an exemplary job designing the first volume. *Deadball Stars of the American League* was published in the same style as its predecessor, with photos accompanying each biography, as well as facsimile signatures where possible. The committee has obtained signatures for 125 of the book’s 136 subjects, including hard-to-find examples such as Ray Chapman. As with *Deadball Stars of the National League*, the book’s chapters were organized by team, with eight different members of the committee serving as team editors: Mike Foster (Boston), R.J. Lesch (Chicago), Steve Constantelos (Cleveland), Trey Strecker (Detroit), Eric Enders (New York), Norman Macht (Philadelphia), Stu Shea (St. Louis) and Tom Simon (Washington). The book also features a foreword penned by SABR member Keith Olbermann. It is our hope that *Deadball Stars of the American League* will rank as one of the most interesting, accurate, and handsome publications in SABR annals, and will do the organization proud.

In other news, DEC chairman David Jones is stepping down at the Committee’s meeting in St. Louis, after serving three years as chair of the committee. He would like to thank all the members of the committee for their hard work, especially Tom Simon, Eric Enders, Charles Crawley, R.J. Lesch, and John McMurray, who is replacing Jones as Chair of the Committee. Enders will continue to serve as Vice-Chair.

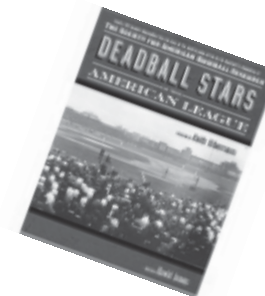
Having now concluded several years of intensive work on *Deadball Stars of the American*

### Deadball Era Committee

Founded: 2000  
Chair: David Jones

#### Highlights

*In early 2007, the long awaited Deadball Stars of the American League (pictured to the right) finally came off the presses.*



## Latino Baseball Committee

Founded: 1988  
Chairs: Anthony Salazar  
Edwin Fernandez-Cruz

League, the DEC is contemplating the Committee's future direction. With a large and enthusiastic membership, and two major books under our belt in five years, the Deadball Era Committee appears to have a very bright future. Our members are eager to continue investigating and writing on issues related to the Deadball Era, although it remains to be seen what direction these efforts will take as far as publishing. Committee members have come up with various ideas for a third DEC publication, and now that our second publication is completed, we can begin discussing these ideas in earnest. Whatever lies in store for the Deadball Era Committee, however, the Committee members remain committed to fulfilling its mission and to continuing in the same free-spirited vein which characterizes both our Committee and the baseball era to which it is devoted.

## Latino Baseball

The committee continues its mission in creating a more vibrant and robust arm of SABR's research collective.

To that end, the committee has recently changed its name from Latin American committee to Latino Baseball Committee. The change reflects the entire range of players of Latino heritage, those born in the United States and in Latin America. The committee remains focused on creating awareness of the game and its players in these countries.

The committee continues to publish its quarterly newsletter, *La Prensa del Béisbol*, which has featured great stories and articles submitted by the committee members. Interviews and photos, member spotlights, trivia and insightful lists were also included.

As certain SABR committees overlap in interest, members have been invited to work with the Latino Baseball Committee to enhance the scholarship and research in respected areas.

Movements undertaken that will amplify our mission include the creation of a bilingual Latino baseball website, which aims to be a one-stop researcher's resource. We would also like to create a Latino baseball anthology. This publication would include roughly 15-20 scholarly articles, featuring historical photographs and related

illustrations. The anthology would be a first of its kind, as SABR looks to include the book in a future publication cycle.

The future of béisbol is looking more Latino than ever. Please join us in support of the Latino Baseball Committee.

## Minor Leagues Committee

The Minor League Committee met during the Seattle Convention with approximately twenty-five members present. The Committee will meet during the St. Louis Convention

The Committee produced three newsletters during the past year.

Several research projects are in progress or have been completed by members, such as: Phil Lowry completed his history of ballparks with the publication of *Green Cathedrals*; Rex Hamann continues the publication of *The American Association Almanac*; Bob McConnell is pursuing a fourth edition of *Minor League Stars*; Bob McMahan continues his Major-Minor league affiliation project; and Lloyd Johnson is finishing the next edition of *The Minor League Encyclopedia*.

Committee members get many varied research questions from non-members, media personnel, historians, sport publicists, family members, and others, usually via e-mail. Many members respond and perform a service that is one of the hallmarks of the SABR organization.

Kevin McCann will become Chair of the Committee at the conclusion of the St. Louis Convention and will also edit the newsletter.

## Negro Leagues Committee

The Negro Leagues Committee, one of SABR's original Research Committees formed in 1971, had another successful year. We currently have 44 active members and the Negro Leagues Courier goes out to approximately 700 readers. Since last year's report we have lost seventeen former players.

The NLC celebrated many events during the previous period,

among them. The 9th Annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference was held in Kansas City, where we were able to get together with Buck O'Neil and all of the Satchel Paige family.

A very good NLC meeting in Seattle hosted by Amy Essington.

We had sixteen NLC members in Cooperstown for the induction of the seventeen new Negro League honorees. A truly momentous day.

The John Henry "Pop" Lloyd Celebration, The Judy Johnson Night and many Negro League Nights around baseball were again extremely exciting and successful.

Much progress was made in The Grave-Marker Project led by Jeremy Krock.

New books on the subject were:

*Baseball's First Colored World Series*. (Lester)

*The Man-Dak League* (Swanton)

*Black Baseball in Chicago* (Heaphy)

*Playing America's Game* (Burgos)

*Out of the Shadows* (Kirwin)

*Negro Baseball: Before Integration* (Manley)

*The Negro Leagues Chronology* (Hauser)

*A History of Cuban Baseball* (Bjarkman)

*The Black Stars Who Made Baseball Whole* (Swaine)

*The Chicago American Giants* (Debono)

*Few and Chosen* (Irvin)

*The Soul of Baseball* (Posnanski)

*Ruling Over Monarchs, Giants and Stars* (Motley)

We celebrated the 111th birthday of Silas Simmons with a great party at his St. Petersburg, Florida nursing home. This was two weeks before his death.

Historical Marker presentation at Hilldale Park.

The Friends of Rickwood Field had another huge celebration.

We were able to get together with Buck O'Neil in Kansas City and again in Cooperstown before his unfortunate passing.

We look forward to the 10th Annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference to be held in Portsmouth, Virginia. It appears it will be the best attended event so far. Hopefully, the Negro Leagues Encyclopedia will also be closer to publication by this time next year.

## Negro Leagues Committee

Founded: 1971

Chair: Larry Lester

Dick Clark

### Highlights

*The Jerry Malloy Conference, held annually to promote Negro League research, was held in Portsmouth, Virginia, in June 2007.*

## **Nineteenth Century Committee**

Founded: 1983  
Chair: Paul Wendt

## **Oral History Committee**

Founded: 1986  
Chair: David Paulson

### Highlights

*Work continues on making the committee's interviews available online*

## **Origins Committee**

Founded: 1994  
Chair: Larry McCray

## **Nineteenth Century**

With over 400 committee members, the Nineteenth Century Committee is one of SABR's larger committees. While no newsletters were produced, there were over 1,400 posts on the committee's YahooGroup, which has over 250 subscribers.

## **Oral History Committee**

We have approximately 440 oral history interviews and 305 have been converted from audio cassette to compact disk by committee member Matt Doublestein. Of those, 271 have been uploaded to the SABR website, with 34 more currently in the queue to be uploaded. We have 65 oral history transcripts uploaded and several others in hardcopy.

We look forward to announcing the online availability of our collection when the SABR Internet Committee finalizes the technical arrangements to provide streaming audio.

Several of our more recent notable interviews are Rollie Stiles (oldest living player at 100), Marshall Purnell (architect of the new DC ballpark), Chuck Armstrong (president of the Mariners), and Tom Kelly (former manager of the Twins).

## **Origins Committee**

Briefly the "Origins" of baseball is a bottomless pit and does not have-- as with most committees, the ability to hit bedrock in terms of research findings. This is what makes the prospects exciting and why we have and are trying to enlist all members of SABR to dig into the vast resources in hopes that they may find even the smallest clues. It should be noted that each country in the world may have dabbled at some point with promoting the game to varying degrees, and in so doing have added something of value to the canon, even though the game in individual locales may not have achieved popular support, as the case in Britain where the failure has resounded with an interesting if not a colossal silence, this most surprising given Britain's emergence as the source of baseball's genesis as the mother

country of the sport. Meanwhile, Australia has produced major league caliber players...in short Australia and New Zealand, one assumes are rich in vital findings. Basically, we are hoping that members will support our goals and report anything that may be of interest to "Origins" that may be added to 'source material'. So we request that through SABR auspices that members 'keep in touch'.

Finally, SABR UK has through publication of the SABR UK Examiner, edited by Martin Hoerchner, produced an anthology of some of the 'best of' UK articles relating to Origins related articles. These hark back to the early 1990's when the UK/Bobby Thomson chapter was founded. We will be submitting this document to Cleveland and the SABR publishing wing for consideration for reprint as a SABR publication for the general membership; this of course in hopes of encouraging further exploration of various sources readily at hand.

Mike Ross, Chair Emeritus

## **Pictorial History Committee**

The Player Image Index passed the 16,000 player mark. The Manager Image Index became part of the SABR Encyclopedia and covers more than 95% of the big league managers. The Ballpark Photo Index 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. The past twelve months amounted to a rather significant year for the Pictorial History Committee.

The primary focus of the Pictorial History Committee is to develop the Player Image Index. The goal of this project is to catalogue at least one photo image of every man who has played in the major leagues. When we are able to catalogue an image, that means that we know where it has been published or in what collection it has been seen. We have been able to catalogue images for over 96% of the players who have been in the majors since the beginning, 1871. The Player Image Index currently consists of more than 28,000



## Pictorial History Committee

Founded: 1994

Chair: Bill Hickman

### Highlights

*In 2006, the Pictorial History Committee completed its project with the Library of Congress' Bain Photo Collection. As part of the project, over 40,000 photos were reviewed and over 2,300 were identified as having to do with baseball. A second level of review confirmed player identities, uniforms worn, and approximate year the photo was taken. This project was completed and the results submitted to the Library of Congress staff before the end of the year 2006. The Library of Congress staff is well underway in making changes to the captions on its website, and gives credit to SABR in each and every baseball-related caption.*

records describing image sources for over 16,000 major league players.

At the end of May, 2002, there were approximately 2,650 major leaguers on our Missing Players List. During the year leading up to May 2003, we cut the size of the Missing Players List in half.

As of mid-June, 2003, there were approximately 1,320 players who remained uncatalogued into the Player Image Index because we had not yet found sources of photo images for them. As of early May, 2004, there were about 1,000 players on our Missing Players List. As of mid-May, 2005, there were about 875 players on our Missing Players list. As of mid-May, 2006, only about 740 players remained missing. At the beginning of May, 2007, we were missing 684 players. At the same time as we have reduced the number of missing players, we have kept up with cataloguing images for all the new players who have recently debuted into the major leaguers.

Mid-2003 to mid-2007 has been a period of broadening participation in the development of the Player Image Index. Over 110 different individuals are now credited with making contributions of at least one player image to this index. We are particularly appreciative of the numerous images submitted by Marc Okkonen, Richard Ulrich, Lefty Blasco, Marvin Scott, and Bob Richardson.

During 2006, the Player Image Index was placed into the SABR Encyclopedia portion of the SABR website. A user simply needs to visit a particular player's entry in the Encyclopedia and then click on "Pictures" to access descriptions of where images have been found for that player.

We are appreciative of F.X. Flinn's help in incorporating the Player Image Index into the SABR Encyclopedia.

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 and is hard at work building the data base. During the first phase of this project, we are concentrating on photos of major league ballparks, both past and present. Paul Healey, the project manager, has continued to move the project forward over the past twelve months. The data base 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 for over 95% of the big league managers. This cataloguing of manager images has become part of the SABR Encyclopedia during the past year.

In the spring of 2006, we started another large project. We reached agreement with the

*"The input from the SABR Pictorial History Committee helped us correct or enhance 2,142 catalog records. Easily the most significant contribution from an external research organization that I've been involved with. Future researchers are indebted to your collective expertise.*

--Phil Michel, Digital Conversion Coordinator, Prints & Photographs Division, Library of Congress



staff of the Library of Congress that we would help them in making the captions of the baseball photos in the online Bain Collection more accurate. As an initial step, we reviewed all 41,000+ photos in the Bain Collection to develop an inventory of those related to baseball. We found 2,300+ photos which are linked to baseball in some way. All of these baseball photos were assigned to committee members for a second level of review and the confirmation of the player identities, uniforms worn, and approximate year the photo was taken. This project was completed and the results submitted to the Library of Congress staff before the end of the year 2006. The Library of Congress staff is well underway in making changes to the captions on its website, and gives credit to SABR in each and every baseball-related caption. Those committee members who reviewed at least 200 Bain photos (most reviewed 300 or more) were Bill Carle, Joe Dittmar, Bill Hickman, Bill Loughman, Joe Murphy, Tom Shieber, and Mark Stang. Also very helpful were Mark Fimoff, Matt Fulling, Marc Okkonen, and Ron Selter, with whom we consulted on some specific Bain photos which were particularly tricky to identify.

Other Committee activities over the past year included the publication of four newsletters and the response to numerous requests for leads on photo sources.

### Science and Baseball Committee

The SABR Science and Baseball Committee has been relatively inactive over the past year. Our quarterly newsletter, *The Rising Fastball*, has not appeared since Fall 2004. Alan Nathan, who took over as interim chair one year ago, still serves in that capacity. The committee's web site, [http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/SABR\\_Baseball\\_Science/](http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/SABR_Baseball_Science/), continues to attract new members as well as various messages throughout the year on issues related to the science of baseball. The principal hot topic over the past year has been the gyroball.

Also, we expect a lively and informative committee meeting at the upcoming SABR37 convention in St. Louis. The entire meeting will be devoted to a discussion of the new MLB Enhanced Gameday pitch logs. The science and technology behind the logs will be dis-

cussed as well as some of the very interesting analyses that have been done by SABR members.

Also at SABR37, Alan Nathan will give an oral presentation on the gyroball.

### Scouts Committee

The SABR Scouts Committee marks the 2007 Annual Convention with a special place in the SABR37 Opening Ceremonies. This year the SABR Scouts Committee will recognize the unique contributions to the scouting community by one of our own with the presentation of the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Roland Hemond Award. Bill Clark is a longtime SABR member, served as chair of the committee from 2000 to 2005 and his colorful life in baseball and civic affairs in Missouri are described in part on the back of this page.

The ongoing work of the committee is primarily two projects which are maintained by the Co-Chairs; "The Who-Signed-Whom Database" developed and managed by Rod Nelson and "The Scouts Roster" developed and managed by Jim Sandoval.

"The Who-Signed-Whom Database" is integrated into the online SABR Baseball Encyclopedia on the [www.sabr.org](http://www.sabr.org) web site with technical assistance provided by F.X. Flinn and Daniel Levine of the SABR Internet Committee. The information is accessed from the SCOUTING tab on each player page and can be cross-referenced by scout as well, showing his list of player signings. There is built-in functionality for readers to submit Additions and Corrections which are reviewed by the chairs on a same-day basis. In addition, data for players debuting in 2006-2007 as well as several hundred new "Who-Signed-Whoms" have been added to the master file along with the addition of details in regard to college and/or high school attended, bonus money, etc.

"The Scouts Roster" remains a work-in-progress and it will be integrated into the online SABR Baseball Encyclopedia in the coming year. The dataset includes a listing of scouts by organization, by year with title and territory when known. The primary sources for this information are the annual Sporting News Guides and data origi-

### Science & Baseball Committee

Founded: 2003  
Chair: Alan Nathan

### Scouts Committee

Founded: 1994  
Chair: Jim Sandoval  
Rod Nelson

nally compiled from early Baseball Bluebooks by SABR stalwart Frank Phelps. The committee also corresponds with current and former scouts to verify details of their professional scouting careers.

The co-chairs periodically respond to research requests from fellow SABR members and the baseball media. The committee also welcomes research requests from all SABR members and encourages contributions to the *20 to 80* newsletter.

A collaborative project to chronicle the lives of professional baseball scouts and the various functions they perform continues under the direction of Jim Sandoval and Bill Nowlin. They invite contributions from individual authors and are committed to provide research assistance and editorial support, while offering contact information for those professionals inside the game with the greatest insight – the Scouts.

The SABRscouts eGroup is an online discussion forum provided to members for interactive communication. Subscribers are also encouraged to post research requests and the URL's, titles and/or brief summaries of "Baseball Scouts in the News" articles that they believe would be of interest to other committee members. To subscribe: SABRscouts-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

### **Spring Training Committee**

Founded: 2002  
Chair: Kevin Saldana

### **Spring Training Committee**

The Spring Training Committee has enjoyed great growth over the course of the last year. We currently stand at 149 members. We have added Dave Nemetz as the editor of our newsletter "Spring Flings". We have several projects that are progressing nicely and a few that will need a little extra help. We are also expecting a few other projects to get off the ground. We do not anticipate the need for any funds from the SABR office in the coming year.

### **Statistical Analysis Committee**

Founded: 1974  
Chair: Neal Traven

### **Statistical Analysis Committee**

The Statistical Analysis Committee is one of SABR's oldest research committees. Founded in 1974 by Dick Cramer and Pete Palmer (both of whom remain active members) to encourage the exchange of research and analysis of empirical baseball data, the SAC is also SABR's largest committee. In the last year, SAC membership has risen tremendously : as of June 13, 2007 there were 665 full members on the roster, more than 50% higher than the count in last year's report.

Statistical Analysis Committee members propose and test statistical models and evaluation techniques, aiming to describe and analyze the existing record of baseball data and developing models to study potential futures for the game. The SAC strongly emphasizes the importance of peer review as an essential component of high quality research. Under editor Phil

## Umpire & Rules Committee

Founded: 1998

Chair: Rich Carletti

Birnbaum, the SAC's newsletter *By The Numbers* presents research and critical discussion. As they have for many years, SAC members play leading roles in creating the major preseason annual analytic publications. The value of sabermetric ideas and principles is increasingly accepted and appreciated beyond SABR, both inside the baseball community and in the media. SAC member Sig Mejdal, Senior Quantitative Analyst for the St. Louis Cardinals, will speak at our committee meeting during SABR37.

The Statistical Analysis Yahoo Group, run by Dan Levitt, is an email list open exclusively to committee members. It is an important forum for discussion by SAC members, as evidenced by its member-count of 216 (again, as of June 13, 2007). Between the email list, the committee's webspace at <http://www.philbirnbaum.com/>, and the numerous websites maintained by SAC members, the Statistical Analysis Committee's cyber-presence is strong and well-established.

We continue the effort to raise our visibility in the general SABR community, and urge SAC members to contribute research manuscripts to the *Baseball Research Journal*. We also remind SAC members that financial support for research projects may be available through proposals submitted to the continuing Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research Grant program.

## Women in Baseball Committee

Founded: 1990

Chair: Leslie Heaphy

### Umpires & Rules Committee

Members of the committee assisted Retrosheet in the completion of Umpire Records, now posted on the Retrosheet site.

An initiative of the Committee during this period was to annotate umpire ejections in conjunction with the Pappas data. However, due to lack of response from the membership and the removal of access to ProQuest, this project was deemed as unfeasible at this time. One year was completed and is posted on the Umpire and Rules Committee site.

There was contact from the Minor League Committee with regard to a joint venture of listing minor league umpires. This aspect is still pending.

## Women in Baseball Committee

At the annual meeting in 2006 our committee had a lively meeting with lots of ideas and reports from various members and friends about their current or recently published projects.

Interest in women's baseball continues to grow. The committee continues to publish a newsletter 3 times a year and encourages members to send in materials for our archives. We also started a yahoo listserv for members and continue to urge people to use this medium as a way to keep in touch, ask for research help etc. Materials are sent to the Hall of Fame for their records and a lot of time is spent answering questions and requests, mainly from high school and college students working on research projects of varying sorts. This year there were even a few related to honors projects and theses work.

*The Encyclopedia on Women's Baseball* is out and receiving good press and lots of interest. Other books from committee members continue to spark lots of interest and publicity. The Hall of Fame unveiled their new statue and exhibit dedicated to women's baseball and we had a number of committee members and friends present at those events. In addition there was a lot of publicity and interest generated by the election of Effa Manley to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

The committee remains in touch with the AAGPBL Player's Association and other current baseball organizations to receive news about women's baseball events.



## SABR Chapters

Most members of SABR are unable to attend the annual convention regularly, and therefore miss out on the research presentations, talks by guest speakers, committee meetings and the chance to talk baseball with fellow members. SABR's regional chapters promote the Society's objectives by fostering increased contact among SABR members.

Regional chapters extend the rewards of SABR membership through regular meetings—which typically feature research presentations, guest speakers and the opportunity to meet and chat informally with fellow SABRites—and through events like baseball-related community events, informal “hot-stove” meetings, and projects like assisting local media with baseball-related projects, and working with local professional baseball clubs on ballpark events and “FanFest” activities. Regional chapters provide a forum for presenting research on topics of local interest, and facilitate efforts by out-of-town SABR members to find and tap unique local research resources like historical societies and families of former ballplayers.

Through their activities, regional chapters produce a stronger bond of membership in SABR and an opportunity for members to help achieve SABR's objectives.

### *The goals of SABR's regional chapters are:*

- a) to increase opportunities for SABR members to participate in SABR activities;
- b) to provide means for SABR members to establish and foster friendships and to exchange research;
- c) to promote interest in baseball and baseball research at the local level;
- d) to make SABR's resources available to local community organizations and the media;
- e) to foster the use of local resources in baseball research;
- f) to enrich SABR by attracting into its membership people with a variety of backgrounds and experiences.

In the past twelve months, no fewer than three chapters participated in their local ball club's Fan Fest, at least two chapters held regularly scheduled baseball book discussion groups, more than three had as chapter projects putting together a baseball book, and two Chapters sponsored National History Day prizes on the state level.

Other ways that chapters interact with their local community include the placing of historical markers or grave markers. The Bob Broeg Chapter in St. Louis has been placing historical markers at all the sites of former ballparks in St. Louis. The Monarchs Chapter in Kansas City dedicated a gravesite marker for H.V. McKim, who brought professional baseball to Kansas City in 1884. The relatively new Hornsby Chapter in Texas is starting a project to place markers at all Spring Training sites in their part of Texas. And the Ted Williams Chapter in San Diego is working on placing a marker at the site of Westgate Park.



*A marker was dedicated at Robison Field in June 2006 and the dedication ceremony included an appearance by former major league ballplayer Chuck Diering (St. Louis Cardinals, New York Giants, & Baltimore Orioles). A marker similar to this is being placed at the former major league ballpark sites.*

# SABR Chapters

## International

Bobby Thomson Chapter  
Hanlan's Point Chapter  
Orlando Cepeda  
Quebec  
Tokyo

London, UK (Great Britain)  
Toronto, ON  
San Juan, PR  
Montreal, QU  
Tokyo, (Japan)

## East

Bob Davids Chapter  
Boston Chapter  
Casey Stengel Chapter  
Connie Mack Chapter  
Elysian Fields  
Forbes Field Chapter  
Ford-Harrelson Chapter  
Gardner-Waterman Chapter  
Jesse Burkett Chapter  
Lajoie-Start Chapter

Washington, DC  
Boston, MA  
New York, NY  
Philadelphia, PA  
West Orange, NJ  
Pittsburgh, PA  
New York, NY (The Island)  
Burlington, VT  
Worcester, MA (Central Mass)  
Providence, RI  
(Southern New England)  
Cooperstown, NY (Central NY)  
Springfield, MA (Western Mass)  
Hartford, CT

Leatherstocking Chapter  
Rabbit Maranville Chapter  
Smoky Joe Wood Chapter

## Midwest

Bob Broeg Chapter  
Bresnahan-Mudhens Chapter  
Dayton Chapter  
Don Lund Chapter  
Emil Rothe Chapter  
Field of Dreams Chapter  
Halsey Hall Chapter  
Hoyt-Allen Chapter  
Jack Graney Chapter  
Ken Keltner Chapter  
Lou Criger Chapter  
Monarchs Chapter  
Oscar Charleston Chapter  
Pee Wee Reese Chapter  
Wally Pipp Chapter

St. Louis, MO  
Toledo, OH  
Dayton, OH  
Ann Arbor, MI  
Chicago, IL  
Des Moines, IA (Iowa)  
Minneapolis, MN  
Cincinnati, OH  
Cleveland, OH  
Milwaukee, WI (Wisconsin)  
South Bend, IN  
Kansas City, MO  
Indianapolis, IN  
Louisville, KY  
Holland, MI (Western Michigan)

## South

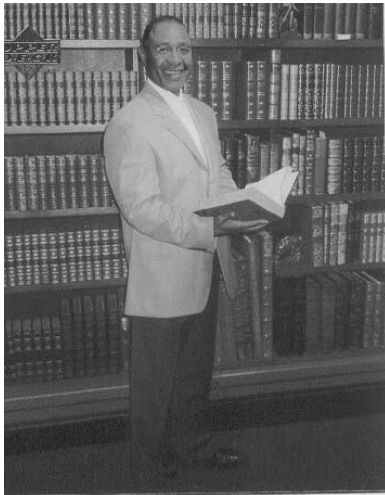
Auker-Seminick Chapter  
Carolina Chapter  
Rice- Russell Tennessee Chapter  
Hall-Ruggles Chapter  
Larry Dierker Chapter  
Magnolia Chapter  
Robinson-Kell Chapter  
Rogers Hornsby Chapter  
Schott-Pelican Chapter  
Seymour-Mills Chapter  
South Carolina Chapter  
South Florida  
Wade Boggs Chapter  
West Texas

Orlando, FL (Central Florida)  
Durham, NC  
Nashville, TN  
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX  
Houston, TX  
Atlanta, GA  
Little Rock, AR  
Austin, TX  
New Orleans, LA  
Naples, FL  
Charleston, SC  
Miami, FL  
Tampa, FL  
Abilene, TX

## West

Allan Roth Chapter  
Flame Delhi Chapter  
Lefty O'Doul Chapter  
Northwest SABR  
Rocky Mtn SABR  
Sacramento  
Ted Williams Chapter

Los Angeles, CA  
Phoenix, AZ  
San Francisco, CA  
Seattle, WA (Pacific Northwest)  
Denver, CO  
Sacramento, CA  
San Diego, CA



*Ozzie Smith, former Padre and the first education ambassador of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum*

## **San Diego-SABR Baseball Research Center**

The San Diego SABR Baseball Research Center identifies, organizes, preserves and promotes the research and study of baseball through a partnership between the San Diego Public Library and the San Diego Ted Williams chapter of the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR).

The primary objectives of the Center include:

- Promoting interest in the history of baseball in San Diego.
- Organizing, enlarging and preserving a baseball research collection available to the general public.
- Creating and preserving a unique collection of baseball research materials specifically related to the history of baseball in San Diego.
- Creating a working and ongoing research relationship between SABR and the Library.

Areas of local interest include:

- San Diego Padres (Pacific Coast and National Leagues)
- San Diego Surf Dawgs
- Collegiate baseball in San Diego
- Ted Williams baseball achievements in San Diego
- Professional baseball players born and raised in San Diego and their local achievements.

In the past twelve months, the Ted Williams Chapter continued to help identify books and other materials for acquisition by the library.

For more information on the San Diego Baseball Research Center, see:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/pdf/sabrbrochurecolor.pdf>

[http://sandiego.sabr.org/sdpl\\_baseball\\_pathfinder.htm](http://sandiego.sabr.org/sdpl_baseball_pathfinder.htm)

## SABR's Annual Meeting

SABR considers the meeting on August 10, 1971, as the first annual meeting of SABR, so all the conventions today are numbered reflecting that. In 2006, SABR 36 was held in Seattle, Washington.

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 (plus 5 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.

Also at the Annual Meeting are 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 (see pages 24 to 26) are recognized. The luncheon also normally is the venue for the featured speaker of the meeting. In Seattle, it was Jim Bouton who entertained a capacity crowd.

Another change in the SABR Annual Meeting is that while the local volunteers still are a mainstay and hugely important 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 profitably. The SABR annual meeting does raise somewhere between 5 and 8% 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.



*Dozens of members vie for the crown of Trivia champion at the annual SABR convention.*



*Former ballplayer Eddie Basinski and his wife enjoy breakfast with SABR members at the annual Donor Breakfast..*

<u>Year</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Keynote Address</u>
1971	Cooperstown NY	16	
1972	Washington DC	23	
1973	Chicago IL	26	
1974	Philadelphia PA	40	
1975	Boston MA	64	Joe Dugan
1976	Chicago IL	45	Lew Fonseca (no banquet)
1977	Columbus OH	74	Tony Lupien
1978	Paramus NJ	81	Mike Shannon
1979	Saint Louis MO	115	Roy Smalley, Jr.
1980	Los Angeles CA	85	
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		



## 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 current Executive Board members and 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.

### The 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.

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, shall be 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 co-authors). “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.



**John Thorn** was named the Bob Davids Winner on June 30, 2006, at the convention in Seattle, Washington.

**David W. Smith** was named the Bob Davids Award winner in August 2005 at the convention in Toronto.

On July 28, 2007 the following will receive a Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Award:

John Dewan, *The Fielding Bible* (ACTA Sports)

Edward Koszarek, *The Players League: History, Clubs, Ballplayers and Statistics* (McFarland)

Jeff Sackmann,  
[www.minorleaguesplits.com](http://www.minorleaguesplits.com)

The winner of the Seymour Medal for books published in 2006 (chosen in 2007) is:

***A Game of Inches*** by Peter Morris, published by Ivan R. Dee

#### Previous winners:

***Baseball Before We Knew It: A Search for the Roots of the Game*** by David Block (University of Nebraska Press)

***Negro League Baseball: The Rise and Ruin of a Black Institution*** by Neil Lanctot (University of Pennsylvania Press)

***Baseball Fever: Early Baseball in Michigan*** by Peter Morris (University of Michigan Press)

***Breaking the Slump: Baseball in the Depression Era*** by Charles C. Alexander (Columbia University Press)

***Early Baseball and the Rise of the National League*** by Tom Melville (McFarland)

***Past Time: Baseball as History*** by Jules Tygiel, (Oxford University Press)

***Baseball's Pivotal Era: 1945-1951*** by William Marshall (The University Press of Kentucky)

***Baseball's Last Dynasty: Charlie Finley's Oakland A's*** by Bruce Markusen (Masters Press)

***The Detroit Tigers: Club and Community, 1945-95*** by Patrick Harrigan (University of Toronto Press)

***Honus Wagner, the Life of Baseball's "Flying Dutchman"*** by Arthur D. Hittner (McFarland)

***Fleet Walker's Divided Heart***, by David Zang (University of Nebraska Press).



On June 30, 2006, the following received Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Awards:

Will Carroll, *The Juice: The Real Story of Baseball's Drug Problems* (Ivan R. Dee)

Robert K. Fitts, *Remembering Japanese Baseball: An Oral History of the Game* (Southern Illinois University Press)

Steven R. Hoffbeck, *Swinging for the Fences: Black Baseball in Minnesota* (Minnesota Historical Society Press)

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On July 28, 2007 the following will receive a McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award:

**Brian Carroll**, *Early Twentieth Century Heroes: Coverage of Negro League Baseball in the Pittsburgh Courier and Chicago Defender*;

**Mitchell Nathanson**, *The Irrelevance of Baseball's Antitrust Exemption: A Historical Review*

**Steve Steinberg**, "Matty and the Browns: A Window Onto the AL-NL War."

2006 winners of the McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Awards:

**Charlie Bevis**, *Rocky Point: A Lone Outpost of Sunday Baseball in Sabbatarian New England*

**Gregory Bond**, *Too Much Dirty Work: Race, Manliness and Baseball in Gilded Age Nebraska*

**James Forr**, *Pie Traynor* (SABR BioProject)

### **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.

### **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.

### **The Doug Pappas Research Award, Presented by USA Today-Sports Weekly Award** (*first awarded in 1993; awarded 1990-92 as the John Cox Award*)

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.

At the conclusion of the 2006 SABR convention in Seattle, it was announced that **Sean Forman** won the Doug Pappas Research Award for his "Blocking Pitches: Assessing a Catcher's Ability to Save Runs with Bruises." **Allison Binns** won its sister prize for her poster presentation, "The Short Term Effect of Salary Arbitration on Performance."

At the August 2005 Convention in Toronto, **Peter Morris** was presented the Doug Pappas Research Award for "Origin of the Pitching Rotation." **Larry Lester** was awarded its sister prize for his poster presentation, "The East-West All-Star Classic, 1933-1953."

### **SABR Special Achievement Award** (*first awarded 1994*)

The SABR Special Achievement Award honors extraordinary work that has facilitated the dissemination of baseball research and has fostered the study of baseball.

### **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.



Winners of the Lee Allen History of Baseball Award include:

- **2007** *Play Ball! A Triumph for Women Begins Amidst the Tragedy of World War II* by **Alayne Kico** of Whitehall, Michigan.
- **2006** *End the Unjust Monopoly: Curt Flood's Stance Against Baseball's Reserve Clause* by **Colin Bender** of Edmond, Oklahoma.
- **2005** *Jackie Robinson and Larry Doby Break the Color Barrier* by **Fleetwood Fleming** of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.
- **2004** *Girls of Summer: Paving the Way for Women in All Seasons* by **Corissa Westergard, Shelby Johnson** and **Mackenzie Heyl** of Davenport, Iowa.
- **2003** *Jackie Robinson: The Man Responsible for the Integration of Baseball*, **Alexander Hearn** of Indianapolis, Indiana.
- **2002** *Free Agency Revolutionizes the Business of Baseball*, **Steve Mason** and **Kevin Rowe** of Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- **2001** Exhibit of *Jackie Robinson Integrates Baseball*, **Philip Beck**, Wisconsin.
- **2000** *Turning Points in Baseball History: Branch Rickey Hires Jackie Robinson*, **James McMahon** of Windsor, Connecticut.
- **1999** no award given.
- **1998** *Baseball's Migration to Latin America*, **Nicholas Condon** of Stamford, Connecticut.
- **1997** *Baseball's Hidden Half*, **Carl Leivers** and **Marcus Kret** of Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- **1996** *Curt Flood: Man Against the System*, **Alex Giannini, Ethan Schwart, Lane DeSimone** and **Brian Krost** from Stanford, Connecticut.

### 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 their 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)

Additionally, the winning entry shall be published on the SABR Web site and may be published in either *The National Pastime* or the *Baseball Research Journal*. All Finalists (3) shall receive one-year SABR memberships.

Winners of the Jack Kavanagh Memorial Youth Baseball Research Award include:

- 2006:** College Division: Trent McCotter, *Ty Cobb Splits*  
High School Division: Scott Powers, *The Rise of Baseball in Japan*  
Middle School Division: Alex Paolo, *Jackie Roosevelt Robinson*
- 2005:** College Division: Nathan Hicks, *Ted Williams, the .400 Hitter Ever?*  
High School Division: Trent McCotter, *The .400 Club* and Scott Powers, *The St. Louis Cardinals of the Sixties and Their Effect on Black/White Relations in St. Louis*
- 2004:** Not Awarded
- 2003:** Wes Gapp, Clinton, New Jersey; *Hank Greenberg and the 1938 Season*
- 2002:** Aaron Feldman, East Brunswick, New Jersey  
*Baseball's Transition to Professionalism*
- 2001:** Christopher Devine, Norwalk, Connecticut  
*Harry Wright: Was He the Most Important Baseball Figure of the 19th Century?*  
*The Hall of Fame Induction Speech Harry Wright Never Gave*
- 2000:** Barrie Ribbet, Flossmoor, Illinois.  
*The Baseball War, 1900-1915: The Cubs, White Sox and their Fight for Survival and Supremacy*

## Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research Grants

In 2005, Tony Yoseloff of the Anthony A. Yoseloff Foundation approached SABR with the idea to help fund baseball research, especially for those just starting out. After several discussions, guidelines were drawn up and the Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research Grants were established, with August 20, 2005 set as the first deadline for proposal submissions. More than 2 dozen proposals were reviewed by a five-person panel made up of SABR researchers.

Today, the Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research Grants program has distributed over \$10,000 in monies to help baseball researchers pay for the things they need to conduct their research. The Yoseloff Foundation's commitment to supporting these grants runs through 2008.

As a result of the grants, SABR published in its Baseball Research Journal the results of Gene Carney's deeper research into the Black Sox Scandal and the cover-up "New Light on an Old Scandal," and Thomas Aiello's research into black baseball in Monroe, Louisiana, "The Composition of Kings."

In April 2007, SABR finished the third round of funding. The recipients of the 2007 funding cycle were:

Gerilyn Strecker, Oscar Charleston

Michael Hauptert, Segregation, Integration and Compensation: Wages and Performance of Black and White Major Leaguers

Brian Carroll, Wichita 1925: Monrovia vs. the KKK

Kevin McCann, 1903-1924 Kitty League Player League Index

Michael Bowman, Working, Learning, and Playing 'in the Field': Organized Baseball as Intercultural Education in the Yakima Valley, 1930-1940

Martha Ackmann, Curveball: Toni Stone's Challenge to Baseball and America

The recipients of the 2006 funding cycle were:

Thomas Aiello, The Composition of Kings: The Monroe, Louisiana Monarchs, 1932

Rex Hamann, Minneapolis Millers: 1910-1912

Michael Hauptert, Black Ball, Red Ink, a Financial Analysis of the Negro Leagues

Craig Lammers, Minor League Baseball in Ohio during the Deadball Era

Byron Motley, The Autobiography of Bob Motley

Todd Peterson, 1909 St. Paul Gophers

The first recipients of Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research grants were:

Greg Bond, 1895 in Michigan

Gene Carney, Jackson Trial of 1924

Jerry Jackson, Minor League Managers

Jim Kaplan, Warren Spahn Bio

Trent McCotter, AL Anomalies 1920-30

Roberta Newman, Baseball, Advertising and Race

Marc Okkonen, Minor League Player names 1900-10

*SABR sincerely thanks all the award and grant sponsors for their investment in acknowledging and supporting baseball research excellence.*



### 2007 Members, By Year Joined

1971	35	1990	128
1972	19	1991	169
1973	23	1992	296
1974	27	1993	202
1975	27	1994	275
1976	38	1995	206
1977	41	1996	200
1978	43	1997	242
1979	61	1998	265
1980	101	1999	180
1981	86	2000	235
1982	172	2001	261
1983	257	2002	238
1984	179	2003	248
1985	317	2004	297
1986	196	2005	351
1987	192	2006	470
1988	127	2007	681
1989	103		

### Members, By Country

USA	6,602
Canada	191
Japan	39
Great Britain/UK	23
Australia	6
Germany	3
Italy	3
Mexico	3
France	2
Hong Kong	2
Sweden	2
China	1
Czech Republic	1
Dominican Rep	1
Greece	1
Switzerland	1
South Africa	1
Taiwan	1
Venezuela	1

## Membership Report

SABR ended its 2006 Membership Year with 7,181 members worldwide, setting a new all-time membership high (7,155 in 1998). The largest membership ever represented a 3.03% increase from the previous year (6,970). There were 974 new members in 2006, up from 841 the year before.

SABR members are on average middle-aged men, college-educated, and electronically connected. The average age of a SABR member on June 14, 2007 was 55.23. The average age of a member who joined in 2007 was 43.71. On that date, over 87.43% of members had e-mail addresses on file. About 96% of members are male.

About 20 to 25% of the SABR membership participates in a research committee.



### 2007 Members, By State

<u>State</u>	<u>6/20/2007</u>	<u>6/1/2006</u>
New York	726	713
California	699	693
Ohio	433	450
Pennsylvania	398	400
Massachusetts	362	366
Illinois	331	319
Texas	298	281
New Jersey	294	292
Virginia	262	257
Maryland	237	238
Florida	209	216
Michigan	184	183
Washington	163	150
Connecticut	162	155
Minnesota	140	140
Missouri	138	123
Wisconsin	123	126
Colorado	119	107
Georgia	106	104
Indiana	105	109
North Carolina	104	108
Arizona	100	96
Oregon	73	73
Rhode Island	70	73
Tennessee	65	54
Iowa	55	47
Maine	50	49
Vermont	50	34
Kansas	49	65
Kentucky	48	51
New Hampshire	47	55
Washington, DC	44	40
South Carolina	41	37
Nebraska	35	32
Alabama	34	36
Louisiana	31	39
Oklahoma	25	17
Arkansas	22	20
Delaware	22	27
New Mexico	22	22
Nevada	21	26
West Virginia	14	16
Montana	14	12
Hawaii	13	11
Utah	12	10
South Dakota	11	10
Idaho	10	6
Puerto Rico	8	5
Mississippi	6	7
North Dakota	4	3
Alaska	4	4
Wyoming	3	4

# Financial Statements, December 31, 2006

Society for American Baseball Research					Society for American Baseball Research				
Statement of Financial Position					Statement of Activities				
December 31, 2006					December 31, 2006				
<b>ASSETS</b>					<b>Revenues</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	
Cash and Temporary Investments	475,823	507,668	461,294	\$ 372,773	Membership Dues	381,291	369,430	318,319	308,395
Investments	106,239	87,255	52,256	43,196	SABR Publication Sales	18,919	15,109	9,472	32,989
Accounts Receivable	11,075	3,018	1,670	18,238	Advertising and Mailing List Revenue	10,062	15,766	18,980	13,245
Publications Inventory	2,272	2,380	2,353	6,863	Convention Revenue	91,762	64,562	80,762	45,073
Prepaid Expenses	8,600	12,182	11,076	7,619	Donations and Royalties	83,085	43,952	46,552	32,760
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 604,009</b>	<b>\$ 612,503</b>	<b>\$ 528,649</b>	<b>\$ 448,689</b>	Other Income	2,308	1,154	1,836	1,378
					Investment Income	22,854	9,539	5,193	6,257
<b>Property and Equipment – AT COST</b>					Net Assets Released from Re	18,288	858	4,102	4,859
Equipment	41,803	41,803	30,558	28,495		<b>628,569</b>	<b>520,370</b>	<b>485,216</b>	<b>444,956</b>
Website	29,523	29,523	29,523	29,523	<b>Expenditures</b>				
<b>Net Property and Equipment</b>	<b>71,326</b>	<b>71,326</b>	<b>60,081</b>	<b>58,018</b>	Publications	192,765	208,321	137,987	166,549
Less Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(59,677)	(53,829)	(47,398)	(38,862)	Internet Expense	26,742	10,586	16,735	6,791
	\$ 11,649	\$ 17,497	\$ 12,683	\$ 19,156	Payroll Expense	149,495	105,548	96,104	91,068
					Payroll taxes	11,801	8,426	7,726	7,274
<b>Other Assets</b>					Employee Benefits	17,863	15,034	14,583	17,703
Research Collections	26,939	26,939	26,799	25,051	Administrative Expense	26,524	13,395	29,826	31,742
Trademark	1,460	1,693	1,927	2,160	Membership Development	27,313	31,653	29,091	22,519
Deposits	1,824	1,824	1,824	1,940	Convention Expense	59,630	40,939	34,708	10,686
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>30,223</b>	<b>30,456</b>	<b>30,550</b>	<b>29,151</b>	Rent	16,275	15,343	15,171	14,185
	\$ 645,881	\$ 660,456	\$ 571,882	\$ 496,996	Utilities	2,644	2,657	1,989	2,034
					Postage and Delivery	9,623	9,359	10,488	12,722
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					Equipment Rental	4,911	4,708	4,233	4,202
					Insurance Expense	9,673	9,615	9,392	5,409
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					Professional Fees	6,757	6,388	8,123	3,105
Accounts Payable	\$ 100,365	\$ 94,532	\$ 21,346	\$ 74,948	Travel, conferences, and meetings	17,028	20,085	16,422	14,317
Deferred Membership Dues -- current portion	153,217	221,473	228,088	176,667	Bad Debt			1,060	
	\$ 253,582	\$ 316,005	\$ 249,434	\$ 251,615	Depreciation and amortization	6,081	6,665	8,769	8,546
						<b>585,125</b>	<b>508,722</b>	<b>442,407</b>	<b>418,852</b>
DEFERRED MEMBERSHIP DUES	51,860	65,766	67,315	40,206	Excess of Revenue and Support from	43,444	11,648	42,809	26,104
	\$ 305,442	\$ 381,771	\$ 316,749	\$ 291,821					
					<b>LOSS ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS</b>	(204)	258	(153)	(947)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	43,240	11,906	42,656	25,157
UNRESTRICTED	286,221	245,791	231,075	188,419	Net Assets -- Beginning of the Year	242,981	231,075	188,419	163,262
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	41,298	25,866	14,529	10,151	Net Assets -- END OF YEAR	<b>286,221</b>	<b>242,981</b>	<b>231,075</b>	<b>188,419</b>
PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	12,290	9,838	9,529	6,605					
	\$ 339,809	\$ 281,495	\$ 255,133	\$ 205,175					
	\$ 645,251	\$ 663,266	\$ 571,882	\$ 496,996					

Complete financial statements are available upon request from the SABR office,  
812 Huron Rd E #719, Cleveland OH 44115.  
The 2006 Year End compilation report was prepared by Skoda, Minotti, & Company.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### Formation and Operations

The Society for American Baseball Research, Inc. (the Society) is a not-for-profit membership organization exempt from income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the US Internal Revenue Code. The Society was formed to cultivate, promote, and disseminate baseball research.

**BASIS OF PRESENTATION** — Financial statement presentation follows the requirements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board in its Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, *Financial Statements of Notfor-Profit Organizations*. Under SFAS 117, the Society is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets.

**CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS** — The Society considers all unrestricted highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. At December 31, 2005 and 2004, the Society had deposits with a financial institution in excess of the \$100,000 Federally insured limit.

**PUBLICATIONS INVENTORY** — Publications are valued at the lower of cost or market.

**DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION** — Depreciation and amortization of equipment and the web site are provided by the use of the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives: Computer equipment and software: 3-10 years; Web site: 3 years.

**RESEARCH COLLECTION** — The Society has capitalized its collection since inception. If purchased, items approved into the collection are capitalized at cost, and if donated, they are capitalized at their appraised or fair value on the accession date.

**BASIS OF REVENUE RECOGNITION** — Membership dues are billed in the last quarter of the year for the following year. Dues collected prior to year-end are recorded as deferred revenue and then recognized as income in the appropriate year. Publications revenues and advertising and mailing list revenues are recorded at time of sale. Donations and convention revenues are recorded at time of receipt.

**USE OF ESTIMATES** — The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# Treasurer's 2007 Mid-Year Report

SABR 2003-2006 Operating Summary and 2007 Forecast							
	2007 Forecast	2007 Budget	Variance	2006 Actual	2005 Actual	2004 Actual	2003 Actual
<b>Revenues</b>							
Membership Dues	378,396	370,000	8,396	381,291	369,430	318,319	308,395
SABR Publication Sales	19,785	8,500	11,285	18,919	15,109	9,472	32,989
Advertising and Mailing List Revenue	13,849	15,000	(1,151)	10,062	15,766	18,980	13,245
Convention Revenue	40,185	35,800	4,385	91,762	64,562	80,762	45,073
Donations and Royalties	60,368	45,000	15,368	83,085	43,952	46,552	32,760
Other Income	6,722	9,500	(2,778)	2,308	1,154	1,836	1,378
Investment Income	19,704	19,000	704	22,854	9,539	5,193	6,257
Net Assets Released from restriction				18,288	858	4,102	4,859
<i>Total Revenue and Support</i>	<b>539,010</b>	<b>502,800</b>	<b>36,210</b>	<b>628,569</b>	<b>520,370</b>	<b>485,216</b>	<b>444,956</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>							
Administrative Expense	19,676	18,000	1,676	26,524	13,395	29,826	31,742
Convention Expense				59,630	40,939	34,708	10,686
Employee Benefits	21,356	22,300	(944)	17,863	15,034	14,583	17,703
Equipment Rental	6,439	7,600	(1,161)	4,911	4,708	4,233	4,202
Insurance Expense	11,122	11,500	(378)	9,673	9,615	9,392	5,409
Internet Expense	21,975	21,000	975	26,742	10,586	16,735	6,791
Membership Development	20,852	19,700	1,152	27,313	31,653	29,091	22,519
Payroll Expense	161,021	158,600	2,421	149,495	105,548	96,104	91,068
Payroll taxes	12,158	12,100	58	11,801	8,426	7,726	7,274
Postage and Delivery	12,745	13,000	(255)	9,623	9,359	10,488	12,722
Professional Fees	6,569	6,500	69	6,757	6,388	8,123	3,105
Rent	21,492	16,900	4,592	16,275	15,343	15,171	14,185
Travel, conferences, and meetings	22,466	22,600	(134)	17,028	20,085	16,422	14,317
Utilities	2,952	2,900	52	2,644	2,657	1,989	2,034
Publications	167,641	162,900	4,741	192,765	208,321	137,987	166,549
Bad Debt						1,060	
Depreciation and amortization				6,081	6,665	8,769	8,546
<i>Total Administrative Expenses</i>	<b>508,462</b>	<b>495,600</b>	<b>12,862</b>	<b>585,125</b>	<b>508,722</b>	<b>442,407</b>	<b>418,852</b>
Excess of Revenue and Support from Operations	30,548	7,200	23,348	43,444	11,648	42,809	26,104
LOSS ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS				-204	258	-153	-947
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	30,548	7,200		43,240	11,906	42,656	25,157
Net Assets -- Beginning of the Year	286,221	286,221		242,981	231,075	188,419	163,262
<b>Net Assets -- END OF YEAR</b>	<b>316,769</b>	<b>293,421</b>		<b>286,221</b>	<b>242,981</b>	<b>231,075</b>	<b>188,419</b>

# 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 year since then SABR members and friends have increased their giving, with the most recent drive securing nearly \$70,000 from September 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. It is the third consecutive \$50,000+ year, and with 770 individual donors to date, this year's campaign marks the highest participation rate in SABR history.

Four years ago, 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 the \$100+ level.

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, 2006 and June 30, 2007.

SABR also thanks all of its donors for their loyal support in 2006-2007. Their names appear on the following pages, arranged by the year they joined SABR. The investment each and every donor has made to SABR helps to ensure its future and fulfillment of its mission.

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## Giving Time – Just as Important as Cash

SABR members do more than support SABR with their money; they also support the organization with an equally precious resource – their time.

Volunteer leaders reported that in the 2006 calendar year, they logged nearly 16,000 hours in helping SABR in a variety of ways. At an estimated value of \$18.77\* per hour, SABR volunteers contributed more than \$300,000 in time. \* [Independent Sector, “Dollar Value of a Volunteer Hour, 2006.”]

## Bequests and Creation of a Legacy Circle

In November 2006, SABR received its distribution from the Estate of William James of Sacramento, California. At just under \$30,000, this bequest represents the single largest (and unrestricted) gift in SABR's history.

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:

**Douglas Jacobs**      **Jim Karn \***  
**William James \***      **John Zajc**

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Pete Palmer  
John Pardon  
Joseph Simenic  
Thomas Zocco

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Jerry Gregory  
Thomas Hanson  
Robert Potts

### 1973

Joseph Costello  
Jack Kelly  
John O'Malley  
Lyle Spatz

### 1974

Alan Blumkin  
Harrington Crissey  
Ron Gabriel  
Tom Howell  
Robert Levy  
George Michael  
David Wyman

### 1975

Don Andrews  
Dale Hains  
John McNeil  
Ernest Nagy

### 1976

Richard Hebert  
Harry Jebson  
Peter MacPhail  
Bob Phelan

### 1977

Ron Diamond  
Oscar Eddleton  
Leonard Levin  
David Smith

### 1978

Stephen Daniels  
Lee Lowenfish  
Lewis Matlin  
Richard Mattera  
Helen Miller  
Jim Price  
Jerry Shroder  
Robert Tholkes

### 1979

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Everett Cope  
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John James  
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Stephen Milman  
Barry Nelson  
Walter Robertson  
Michael Sass  
Stew Thornley  
Joseph Wayman  
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Jon Daniels  
Ted DeVries  
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Gary Emmett  
John Ferguson  
Herbert Goldman  
Charles Hilty  
Steven Lawrence  
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### 1981

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Ray Gehringer  
Eugene Gomes  
Frederick Heger  
David Holtz  
James Kolker  
Yoshihiro Okubo  
Barry Posin  
Edward Small  
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Bob Dorriell  
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Alan Goldhammer  
James Lou Gorman  
John Herson  
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David Larson  
Andrew McCue  
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John Carter  
David Chase  
Ray Corio  
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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 over 6,800 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 is 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, Raymond Gonzalez, William Gustafson, William Haber (deceased), Tom Hufford, Cliff Kachline, Bob McConnell, Pat McDonough (deceased), Raymond Nemeec, John Pardon, 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, Ray Nemeec. Front row (left to right): Cliff Kachline, Ray Gonzalez, Bill Gustafson, Joe Simenic, Paul Frisz, Tom Shea, Bob McConnell, John Pardon, Bob Davids. Campbell, almost hidden behind Kachline, was a visitor at the meeting. Pat McDonough is the only founding SABR member not pictured.