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Next Chicago SABR Meeting: February 16, 2008

The next meeting of the Chicago (Emile Rothe) Chapter of SABR will be held on Saturday February 16, 2008 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Irish American Heritage Center at 4626 N. Knox on Chicago's Northwest Side.

Please note that the Heritage Center has ample parking. Directions to it are as follows:

Northbound traffic should take the Kennedy Expressway (I-90/94) to Wilson Ave. (along the east side of the junction at which the Edens Expressway (I-94) separates from the Kennedy Expressway (I-90)). Take a right on Wilson and go one block East. The Heritage Center is located on the left.

Southbound traffic from the Kennedy Expressway (I-90) may exit at Lawrence Avenue, turn left, and take a right on Kilpatrick Avenue. The Heritage Center is a couple of blocks down on the left.

Southbound traffic from the Edens Expressway (I-94) may exit at Wilson Avenue. Take a left and go one block. The Heritage Center is located on the left.

CTA directions: Take the blue line L train to the Montrose station. Go East on Montrose to Kilbourn. Take a left on Kilbourn (north) to Wilson Ave. Take a left on Wilson (west) to Knox Ave. Take a right on Knox (north) and there we are.

For more information about the Center, please check out their web site at: www.irishamhc.com.

PROGRAM: During the meeting, Mark Fimoff will do a follow-up presentation to the photographic analysis he conducted at the April 2007 meeting, Dave Zeman will provide us with a trivia contest, and we will hold a hot stove discussion on topics of interest to the attendees.

If you would like to present something to the group or for more information about the meeting, please contact Richard Smiley at (312) 525-3606 or smiley@georgetown.edu.

- May 17th, 2008 —(Upcoming Meeting)
- Combined Chicago (Emil Rothe) and Milwaukee (Ken Keltner)
- Pohlman Field, Beloit, Wisconsin
- Peoria Chiefs (Chicago Cubs) vs Beloit Snappers (Minnesota Twins)
- Game Time 6:30
- Meeting Time 4pm
- Tickets-Box Seats are 6 dollars, for more info contact David Malamut david@malamut.net
- The deadline for tickets is March 1st, 2008, David will mail the tickets out in Mid April
- The manager of Peoria will be Ryne Sandberg for the second year in a row.
- Speakers
- Beloit General Manager Jeff Vohs
- Director of Media and Community Relations/Marketing Erik VanDyck
- Player/Coach
- This Is In the Class A Midwest League

Here are the answers to the trivia quiz from the November issue of the newsletter, Thanks to Dave Zeman for providing the questions and answers. The next quiz will be later in the newsletter.

ANSWERS

- 1) Jimmy Dykes in 1933.
- 2) Billy Williams, 1961 Cubs; Ken Hubbs, 1962 Cubs; Gary Peters, 1963 White Sox; Tommie Agee, 1966 White Sox
- 3) 1935 Cubs
- 4) Bill Madlock of the Cubs was co-MVP in 1975.
- 5) Frank Smith, in 1905 and 1908
- 6) The 1983 White Sox had LaMarr Hoyt and Rich Dotson.
- 7) The Philadelphia A's, Detroit Tigers and New York Yankees
- 8) Bob Dernier in 1984.
- 9) First baseman Mike Squires in 1981.
- 10) Mike Sirotko with 15.

Chicago Baseball Museum participates in 2008 Chicago baseball conventions

www.chicagobaseballmuseum.org

Join the Chicago Baseball Museum at the 2008 Chicago baseball conventions. Stop by the booth for information about the museum, including the recent acquisition of Jerome Holtzman's research and library. Enter a drawing to win an authentic Chicago Baseball Museum long sleeve, mock neck shirt.

The 23rd Annual Cubs Convention will be held January 18 – 21, 2008 at the Hilton Chicago, located at 720 S. Michigan Avenue. SoxFest 2008 will be held January 25 – 27, 2008 at the Palmer House Hilton, located at 17 East Monroe St. in downtown Chicago.

Chicagoland Baseball Calendar

January

18-20 Cubs convention, Hilton Chicago, which is located at 720 South Michigan Avenue in downtown Chicago.

25-27 Sox Fest, at the Palmer House, which is located at 17 E. Monroe Street in downtown Chicago

February

1st, Kane County Cougars annual winter banquet. It is at Riverside Conference center (Riverside Receptions , 35 North River Lane , Geneva, IL 60134) it starts at 5:30 with the evenings festivities to begin at 7. The guest speaker is former Cub, Bill Madlock. Tickets are 55 dollars

2nd, Ken Keltner (Milwaukee), Chapter Meeting
Long Wong's Chinese-American Sportsbar, 5230 West Bluemound Road in Milwaukee, 11 am, A showig of the entire Game 4 of the 1957 World Series, Courtesy of Doak Ewing of Rare Sportsfilms

7th, Rockford Riverhawks (Independent Frontier League), are having their annual winter fest. 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7 at Giovanni's Restaurant, 610 N. Bell School Rd. Tickets for the event are \$25 and includes dinner, with tables for 10 available. Ticket proceeds will benefit the Rockford Boys and Girls Clubs. Tickets can be purchased at Road Ranger Stadium, Giovanni's, Rock Valley Federal Credit Union, Tom Harmer Sports, and Got Quarters in Cherry Vale Mall beginning Dec. 14. Guests include Cubs GM **Jim Hendry**. MC is Wrigley Field PA Announcer **Wayne Messmer**

17th, Schaumburg Flyers host Flyerfest, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Eaglewood Resort and Spa - Itasca, IL

March

1st, Spring Training, Cubs at Anaheim, Sox at Arizona

31st, Milwaukee at Cubs, Sox at Cleveland

April

7th, Burlington Bees (Kansas City) at Kane County Cougars (Oakland Athletics), Cougars home opener.

June

26-29, SABR Convention in Cleveland

July

24-27, Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference
Holiday Inn in Willowbrook

The 2008 SABR Convention is in Cleveland.

Clear out your calendar for June 26 to 29, 2008, and make plans to come to Cleveland, Ohio, for the SABR Annual Convention.

When we last met in Cleveland in 1990, both Cleveland and SABR were very different. Cleveland now has Progressive Field (formerly Jacobs Field), a new wing for its amazing public library, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, a Sports Archives featuring the SABR Archives and the Frank Phelps Collection at Western Reserve Historical Society, and the Great Lakes Science Center.

The host Jack Graney Chapter is planning a wonderful program for the convention and hopes that you will attend.

The Cleveland Indians are a proud supporter of SABR and the 2008 Annual Convention.

The Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, located on Cleveland's Public Square and extremely convenient to and from the airport, Jacobs Field, and other attractions, is the host hotel for SABR 38. The room rate is \$119/night plus tax for a single or double (plus tax, currently 15%).

To make your hotel reservation, please call 1-800-HOTELS-1 and mention that you are making reservations for the Society for American Baseball Research annual convention.

The Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) is pleased to announce the hiring of Nicholas Frankovich as SABR's new Publications Director, effective February 1, 2008.

Frankovich will be responsible for the SABR-membership publications program as well as its digital-publishing program and will oversee publishing projects produced by Chapters and Research Committees.

"I am thrilled to have Nick on the team; his full range of experience—in both print and digital publishing—will assist SABR find in developing new and creative ways to present baseball research," says John Zajc, SABR's Executive Director.

Frankovich joins the SABR staff from Fordham University Press, where as managing editor he was responsible for the editing of more than 40 books annually. Previously, he served as copy chief of the reference division of Columbia University Press and as an editor for two digital-publishing units at Columbia.

Before moving to New York to go to college, Frankovich lived in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, where he grew up. "For me," he said, "relocating to Cleveland also means coming home. It's a natural transition for me, and I'm happy to be back."

Frankovich will be the first SABR Publications Director to work out of the Society's headquarters. He succeeds Jim Charlton, who has led SABR's Publications program since 2002.

SABR and the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League Players' Association (AAGPBL PA) are pleased to announce a joint effort to enlist writers from both organizations to author AAGPBL PA player biographies.

The following will govern the new SABR/AAGPBL PA Biography Project:

SABR standards for player biographies will be followed.

AAGPBL player biographies will be posted on both websites.

Merrie Fidler will act as the AAGPBL PA project coordinator. Please e-mail Merrie before contacting living players. The AAGPBL PA would appreciate Merrie making the initial contact between writer and player to assure players that writers contacting them are either SABR or AAGPBL PA members.

In addition, contact Merrie if you are interested in writing an AAGPBL PA player biography, but don't have a specific player in mind.

Bill Nowlin will act as the SABR project coordinator. Both organizations are looking forward to receiving and posting your AAGPBL PA player biographies.

NINE: A Journal of Baseball History and Culture recently announced that their 15th Annual Spring Training Conference on the Historical and Sociological Impact of Baseball will be held March 13-16 at Clarion Hotel Tucson Airport--Tucson in Arizona.

The conference will have limited registration and include morning sessions, a Saturday evening banquet, and opportunities for afternoon field research. Lee Lowenfish, author of the new biography, *Branch Rickey: Baseball's Ferocious Gentleman*, is scheduled to be the keynote speaker for the event.

Call for Papers

Original, unpublished papers that study all aspects of baseball with particular emphasis on history and social policy implications are invited.

Abstracts only, not to exceed two pages, should be submitted by December 1, 2007, to:

NINE Spring Training Conference
c/o **Trey Strecker**
Department of English
Ball State University
Muncie, Indiana 47306-0460
Email: tstrecker@bsu.edu

Email abstracts are preferred. Authors will be notified as quickly as possible if their papers have been accepted. Authors are required to register for the conference and present their work in person.

The Chicago Chapter newsletter is always looking for researched articles to publish, if you are interested please email David Malamut.

Also for an upcoming newsletter we need people who remember Emil Rothe to write about their experiences with him, and about him. We are looking for stories and biographies

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Remember this newsletter is for you, We also will publish research needs, so if anyone is researching something and needs help please email David and it will be in an upcoming newsletter. The deadline for the March newsletter is March 15th, 2008

Also for the March issue, we are looking for members to write up reviews on how the Cubs and Sox are going to fair this season. What is your outlook on the year?"

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Research Needs

We are compiling a list of baseball parks built or renovated by the WPA (Works Progress Administration). This organization functioned approximately from 1935-1944. Many of these stadia also had plaques affixed to them varifying the work of the WPA. If you know of any WPA stadia in your area please let me know. If you responded to this request previously through the Minor League Committee you need NOT resubmit. Thank you for your interest and aid All the Best John Schleppe

I am collecting information on Fred Merkle, this being the 100th year of his infamous mis-play. I would appreciate clues as to where to locate more obscure references to Fred. I am particularly interested in Fred's peer's view of Fred (like those in Ritter's "Glory of Their Times") and Old Timer's Day 1950 at the Polo Grounds. Thanks in advance! PS Spring training is only weeks away! Mike mpiazzi@twcnny.rr.com

The Halsey Hall Chapter (Minneapolis) is looking for information on John Donaldson who played in the Chicago City League from 1935-1938. They are looking for help with his Chicago seasons, with looking in the paper for stuff about him.

For more info, please contact Pete Gorton, Halsey Hall chapter member at pwgor-tonmb@hotmail.com

As part of a series of books celebrating anniversary seasons of notable teams utilizing (along with much other material) biographies written for the SABR BioProject, we are announcing plans for a book to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the pennant-winning 1959 White Sox team. Along with biographies of each of the members of the team (including the owner, front office, manager and coaching staff), the book will include articles covering the pennant race, the World Series (too bad we can't stop after Game 1!), the ballpark, the broadcasters and the experience of rooting for the White Sox in the late 1950s. Some of the bios have already been written or assigned; We are looking for help not only in writing articles for the book, but also to assist in gathering photos, researching articles, assisting with editing, proofreading, fact checking and all the other work involved in putting together the book. We would like to have most of the articles written by early next year to give us time to assemble the book. If you're interested in working on this project, please contact either or both of us and let us know how you'd like to help. This should be a fun project for all involved. We'll look forward to hearing from you.

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Here is the Chicago Trivia questions for January, the answers will be in the March newsletter, thanks to Dave Zeman for providing the questions and answers.

- 1) In 1995, Frank Thomas hit the first home run by a White Sox batter in All-Star competition. Off what happy sounding Cincinnati Reds pitcher did Thomas connect?
- 2) Burt Hooton struck out what future White Sox slugger when he tossed his 1972 no-hitter for the Cubs?
- 3) Chicago teams have had the first overall pick in the June amateur draft three times. Name this trio of number one selectees.
- 4) Two Lane Tech alums played for the Cubs and later managed in the majors. Who were they?
- 5) Ted Kluszewski homered three times for the White Sox in the 1959 World Series. Name the only other Sox hitter to connect, becoming the first batter to hit a World Series home run on the West Coast.
- 6) Who was the last White Sox batter to collect at least 200 hits in a season?
- 7) What White Sox speedster swiped 52 bases in 1987?
- 8) Name the two batters to draw at least 1,000 walks in their Cubs careers.
- 9) Since 1920, just one Cubs hurler has tossed more than seven shutouts in a season. Who was this ace?
- 10) What Cub lost a team-record 13 consecutive decisions in 1948?

