

SABR MINOR LEAGUE COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER  
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To begin with a couple of corrections to SABR publications are in order. The most recent directory has an old address for committee chairman David Kemp. His mailing address remains P.O. Box 85224, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57118. The telephone number listed in the directory is correct. Also, the February SABR Bulletin notwithstanding, Jim Sumner remains your newsletter editor.

Efforts continue to find a publishing outlet for our collection of minor league articles. We'll keep you posted. Along those lines, the committee is actively pursuing providing minor league history radio programs for team broadcasts. At the present time we are still in need of a sponsor. For about the same amount of cash as a Kent Hrbek double, we can produce 140 radio programs. We're still looking for sponsorship.

Dick McBane (The Last Professional Game in Akron) and James Holl (The Ohio State League) will make presentations at the Ohio Baseball Hall of Fame meeting in Toledo, a noon, June 2. The presentations will precede a Toledo Mud Hens-Tidewater Tides game.

Thanks to Ralph Horton for contributing Spalding Guides from 1884 through 1889 for the reference collection. Additional copies are still needed.

Thanks to those members who wrote updating death notices for players included in the first two volumes of Minor League Stars. Data on over 80 players will appear in future newsletters.

Bill Weiss is interested in obtaining additional information on the following minor league records:

Most Runs Scored In Inning: 24, (5th inning), Albuquerque (Western Texas/ New Mexico), 1947

Most Home Runs, Total, Game: 15, Aberdeen(12), Fargo-Moorhead(3), (Northern), May 4, 1952.

Dave Kemp will provide the game summary for the Northern League game. It was completed as part of a Northern League History Project.

Dave Kemp has recently completed a project in which he compiled minor league stats for current players. His main information sources were the Baseball America Almanacs. The Almanacs have become a major reference source. After discussing the situation with the research people at Baseball America, we hope to establish a committee to compile corrections for the Almanacs. No doubt readers have already made some changes in their own copies. Remember the early Almanacs were compilations of a three person operation. Dave Kemp was recently involved with Catholic Church records and is experienced in dealing with questions of infallibility. Send corrections or suggestions to Dave Kemp.

The Summer, 1990 issue of Appalachia has a lengthy article on the Bluefield, West Virginia team. Write David Kemp for a copy. Readers should also keep an eye open for James Miller's The Baseball Business: Pursuing Pennants and Profits in Baltimore, published last year by U. of North Carolina Press. It has a fair amount of information on Baltimore's Minor League system over the years.

Jim Price of Spokane is researching Pacific Coast League umpires and needs our assistance on some specific umpires. In particular he would like anything readers might have concerning Fred Jevne and Al Manasseau, also spelled Mannassau or Mannasau. Jim would also like to find out when Ralph Frary umpired in the Pacific Coast League, and what are the names of his heirs, if any, and any information on the PCL umpiring careers of Perle Casey and Eugene (Rasty) Wright. If you can help Jim Price, write him at W 434 17th Avenue, Spokane, Washington, 99203.

Thomas Toole writes to remind me to be more precise in my language. When I ask for contributions to the newsletter, I mean literary contributions, not financial.

Karl Knickrehm is researching the 1947-1950 Sunset League, particularly the Anaheim Valenica team. Anyone with information, anecdotes, etc on that league is welcome to write Karl at 13361 Safford Street, Garden Grove, CA 92643.

Bob Hoie writes with corrections to the article entitled "When Immortals Returned to the Minors" in the 1990 Baseball Research Journal. Bob notes that Rube Waddell pitched for Minneapolis in addition to Virginia in 1913, that Joe McGinnity also pitched for Springfield, Triple-I, in 1925, and that extra base hit totals are available for Dan Brouthers in 1896 and Roger Connor in 1897 and 1901. He also points out that correct figures for the total number of minor leagues in operation for a given season are in Total Baseball. These correct figures are 20 minor leagues in 1903 (not 13) and 43 in 1913 (not 40). He also reminds readers that Billy Hamilton's minor league records are in Minor League Baseball Stars II. Bob also remarks that Joe Tepsic "despised the minors so much that after leaving the Dodgers he played with St. Paul, Ft. Worth, Lancaster, Newport News, Elmira, Harlingen and Denver between 1947 and 1952."

Research also continues for Minor League Baseball Stars III. Bob McConnell writes with a WANTED LIST of statistics needed for MLS III. Much of this information will have to be acquired by checking box scores in old newspapers. If you've never done this sort of thing, be forewarned that it can be addictive. We need . . .