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Hello again from the land of the Cactus League. We started the season opener with a little rain and raining today, March 11th, a week later. Oh, well we need the rain, but the people paying big bucks for hotels and tickets are hoping for clearer skies.

Looks like attendance will yet again eclipse the previous year's record and talk of more teams, new stadiums, etc.

Thanks to all of you for your positive comments on my first newsletter and sorry for the email problem. I will blame it on the computer like everyone else does at everywhere I get poor service.

MEETING WITH SPRING TRAINING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

In early January I got a nice call from Kevin Saldana , chair of the SABR Spring Training committee. We got together for a nice breakfast, had a good chat and I think there will be times we can help each other out. A lot of minor league players appear in spring training games. After the fourth inning it looks more like a Double AA game than a Major League game.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

Wandering through a Used Book store I found an interesting NGS magazine from April of 1991. Talks about a "Season in the Minors". Lots of good info and

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pics. I am sure you can find this at most any used book store that carries NGS. Might try Ebay also.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

James Marshall recently joined SABR, our committee and is going to also join the 19th Century committee. He is anxious to help out with projects, so feel free to contact Jim. His email is JMarsh94@aol.com

Craig Lammers specializes in Ohio Baseball, particularly the Ohio State League, also researches Canadian baseball and minor leagues of Michigan, Indiana and Kansas. Craig is anxiously to help anyone out. Email is bigdanabbott@yahoo.com

Bob Fulton, who is already a Records Committee member , has joined our group too. His address is 364 Water St
Indiana, PA 15701-2073
Email is
bob72@ptd.net

CORRECTION

Phil Lowry's interests were posted incorrectly last time as well as his email. Correct info is email PLowry1176@aol.com and interests are longest games(20 innings or longer, and 6 hours or more) from any year. Sorry Phil, I just types em as I see em. Welcome Phil as another new member.

WELCOME JIM

INQUIRIES- NEED FOR INFORMATION

I quickly learned that I am the receptacle for all kinds of interesting questions, help, etc. I really enjoy it. Everyone who writes with a need receives a response from me and a pledge that if any of you have the answer that they can expect a response-----PLEASE FOLLOW THRU IF AT ALL POSSIBLE- IF YOU NEED MY HELP OR HAVE OTHER NEEDS LET ME KNOW.

1. Marc Okkonen 889 Woodside #1 Muskegon, MI 49441

He is assembling a master listing of all minor league team rosters starting with 1904-05-06. He hopes to expand this to before and after to fill the voids in Cooperstown, TSN and elsewhere. If any member lives near an old minor league town of the 1900-1910 era or has info please contact Mark At 889 Woodside #1 Muskegon, MI 49441

2. Committee Member Brian Mohr is looking for info on all Gulf Coast Teams from Fort Meyers, FL, such as GCL Twins, or Red Sox. Brian's email is beach64@peganet.com

3. SABR member David Malamut is looking for Kane County Cougar box cores from 91-98. Email damalshere1@yahoo.com

4. John Schulian is putting together a collection of baseball journalism called "Hear that lonesome whistle blow" to be publish by Univ of Nebraska Press. In his introduction he wants to mention a ballplayer names Fran Bonair who hit 400 for the Reno Silver Sox in the 50s,he thinks. Anyone who can help John with this contact him . His email is JSchelian@aol.com

5. Matt Drahn is an intern for the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes in Salem, Or. He gets to work in a beautiful park and I stopped there about a month before Matt emailed me for help. He is looking for info on Stan Wasiak, the winningest minor league manager, he says. Also wants team photos of the Salem Dodgers from 1961

to 1966 and any other team logos or photos from the NW league in the 50s or 60s.

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6. I found Brian White's request very interesting. His grandfather, Ray White played briefly for the Yankees in the early 30s. HE was a southpaw and threw his arm out and then managed the Norfolk Tars. In 1934 in Bain Field(Norfolk?) he was the pitcher who knocked out Lou Gehrig at home plate. He is looking for ANY info on this event. He also is interested in writing Phil Rizzuto who attended his grandfathers funeral. Brian's email is bwhite_23060@yahoo.com and phone is 804 747 4328

7. Greg Ball is asking for articles on the minor league park building boom. His email is ballgregory@hotmail.com

8. Will Chistensen is looking for unpublished states such as: RBI and shutouts and complete games from the Western League, or shutouts and complete games from and American Assoc or Southern Association in the 20s. Anything that anyone knows that has been left out of the SABR guides or TSN. Email is Will@baseballtruth.com

9. Here is an IMPORTANT REQUEST. Rebecca Ramsey is a grad student at Texas State, enrolled in History, Local and Community. Her paper is on the San Antonio Missions during the Depression years. Looking for anything, from ticket prices, concession information, programs, promo events and attendance. Please help this young person get an A. Her email is mrramsey@gvtc.com

10. Bruce Race is looking for info on his grandfather, who was on the protected roster of the NY Giants in the mid 20s. They have a photo of him from 1927 as a member of what they think is a western Michigan minor league tem-logo is a diamond with "s N d" inside. Other possible affiliations might include the Memphis Chicks, Toledo Mud Hens and Cedar Spring Flannels. Contact Bruce at br@racestudio.com

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11. SABR member Cort Vitty is writing a bio on Lu Blue, as part of the Bio-Project committee. He is trying to confirm stats on a game in the Blue Ridge League in 1917. Any list of games from 1917 with Bill King on the mound might be of help, possible Martinsburg vs Fredrick. Feel free to email Cory for more info if you have anything at all related Does anyone know how the controversy about LaBlue's two grand slams in the game came about?

Email is Cort@picturethisonline.com

12. Tracy Brown in looking for info on her grandfather, O.Hill (Windy) Windham. He was also called Breezy or Cotton. He played from 1923 to 1931 for Mexia, Waco, Temple, Spapula, Bristow, Oklahoma City, Des Moines and Texarkana. She is looking for stats or articles. Tracy's email is Browneyezz43@yahoo.com

or mail info to her at 19644 Arch St Little Rock AR 72206

13, Angela Neal is looking for info on
Richard (Dick) Fortune
ss or 2nd for the St Louis Browns 1943-44

and

Edson (Bud) Fortune

Dates unknown played infield she thinks for a AAA farm for the mets.

Email ang_neal@hotmail.com

549 Oak Hill Dr

Lake St Louis, MO 63367

13. A lady by the name of Candis at princesscandis@hotmail.com is looking for information on Donald Larson- not the Don Larsen, born around 1936 who played for the Phoenix Giants 1056 to 58. May have also been on a team in St Lake.

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OTHER

Bill Hickman chairs the Pictorial History Committee and reports they have 93% of all Major League Players photos on file. From time to time Bill may get a minor league photo with skimpy info as to name and I told him we would help where we can. He has a list that he will mail of names where he needs photos. If you would like to get a copy email Bill at Bdhickman@aol.com

Jerry Jackson would be interested in starting a separate website for our committee so we could more freely post or see what each other have to share. Anyone who would like to contact him to help contact him at SABRMnLgs@aol.com Thanks Jerry

OBIT

Gerald "Jerry" Dunnack died 1-19-04 at the age of 80. He played in the St Louis Cards organization in New Iberia, LA.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The 2004 Georgia-Florida-Alabama Class D Minor League Reunion is set for August 6-7 in Moultrie GA. Anyone with an interest contact
Clint Chafin-Program Chairman
GA-FLA-ALA Baseball Reunion
4789 Tallokas Rd
Moultrie, GA 31788

Clint also wants addresses of any former players if you have them. All minor league players are welcome as well as SABR members.

CONVENTION

SEND ANY ITEMS YOU WOULD LIKE COVERED AT THE
UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETING AT THE AGENDA TO ME
ASAP.