



**Society for American
Baseball Research**

**Annual Report
June 30, 2009**

SABR: The Baseball Research Society



Outgoing President Dick Beverage

President's Report

The past twelve months have been a mixed bag for SABR. We operated at a surplus in calendar year 2008, the seventh consecutive year our organization has done so. However, revenues declined from year to year, and the economic downturn that had begun late in 2007 began to have a real impact on SABR operations during the fourth quarter of 2008. Membership renewals for 2009 are below recent levels, and the number of new members is currently the second lowest in the last 20 years. The Board anticipated these developments in planning for the current year. We expect SABR to operate at a net loss in 2009, but our strong cash position that resulted from the surplus years will enable SABR to weather the economic storm very well.

Once again, personnel matters were an important issue during the year. Becky Bristol, who had been hired in June as Director of Special Projects, resigned in early October. Fortunately, we were able to fill the position quickly. Peter Garver was hired in November to take over her duties as the Director of Knowledge Management. Among his responsibilities is the oversight of the SABR website, both the technical aspects of it and the content as well. Earlier in the year the Board had authorized a staff position to better handle SABR's publicity efforts, and after a lengthy search, Susan Petrone was hired as Publicity and Member Services Manager in October. She has a strong background in publicity work, and her responsibilities include the preparation of SABR's press releases, maintaining contact with the SABR Committee Chairs, and overseeing the preparation of the *SABR Bulletin*. Both of these individuals have demonstrated a high energy level and great enthusiasm for the tasks ahead. We expect great contributions to SABR's well being from each of them.

In November 2007 SABR contracted with XML Team Solutions to produce a major upgrade to the SABR Online Encyclopedia, to make it more flexible and easier to use. We expected the project to be completed in early 2008, but there were many delays and failures to meet agreed-upon deadlines. After many frustrating discussions throughout the last two quarters of 2008, it became clear that XML could not complete the work. Accordingly, SABR terminated the contract in December with the project incomplete. XML refunded some of the progress payments that had been made earlier in the year.

At that point Peter Garver worked with longtime SABR member Ted Turocy, who is an expert on database management, and together they developed a proposal that broadened the scope of the earlier arrangement with XML. They recommended that the SABR Online Encyclopedia, which had originated as a statistical database, be reinvented as an encyclopedia in the true sense of the word. It would include in addition to the statistical information, narratives, photographs, and audio and visual material for every important individual and event in the history of baseball. At the February 2009 board meeting, they presented a demonstration of what an individual file would look like. The Board was extremely impressed and unanimously approved this proposal, and Turocy and Garver began work immediately. Considerable progress has been made since then, and they are confident that the project can be released to the public in the second quarter of 2010.

Nick Frankovich has done a fine job as Publications Director, and our publications were right on schedule during the past year. *The Baseball Research Journal* will now be published twice a year with the annual Convention publication, now known as *The National Pastime* to be issued to all members. In November the Board agreed to take over publication of *The Emerald Guide to Baseball*, which had previously been produced by Gary Gillette and Pete Palmer as a replacement for the discontinued *Sporting News Guide*. This decision was made in keeping with the Society's mission to preserve and disseminate information, and the 2009 edition was completed in early spring. To make sure that the Guide had the largest possible exposure, SABR has made it available in PDF format for the public at large. Through the end of June, over 4700 downloads of the book had been made.

The 2010 convention will be held in Atlanta, but at the moment no date has been set. No site has been selected for 2011 with several locations under consideration.

This is my final report as your President. It has been a great honor to serve you, and I am privileged to have done so. The leadership of SABR will be in good hands with incoming President Andy McCue.

Dick Beverage
President

Executive Director's Report

The period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, continued a pattern of positive change. We started the period on the heels of another great SABR convention in my hometown and the adopted hometown of SABR (SABR has spent more time headquartered in Cleveland than any other locale). Attendees got to meet Becky Bristol, who in just a few weeks had already begun to make some changes in how SABR manages its data sets and began laying the groundwork for changes in our web presence. In August, she created a web site for past articles published in the *Baseball Research Journal* (now found at <http://research.sabr.org/brij>).

However, Becky moved on to another position at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland but not without assisting me in picking her successor, Peter Garver. Peter has been able to pick up on Becky's planning and begin to implement some of it, while finding other solutions for our technology challenges. His major accomplishment has been his collaboration with Ted Turocy on the development of the SABR Baseball Encyclopedia. The premise has been a simple one—to take a step back and think about the word "encyclopedia." While we are accustomed to using the word in baseball to refer to a statistical tome, in more general use, an encyclopedia serves two functions: (1) a place to go to get high-level summary information on a topic, and (2) leads on where to go to learn more. Ted and Peter's SABR Baseball Encyclopedia, aka SABRpedia, will be demonstrated to interested persons at the SABR convention in late July, opened to the SABR membership through spring training, and (hopefully) have a public launch no later than Opening Day 2010.

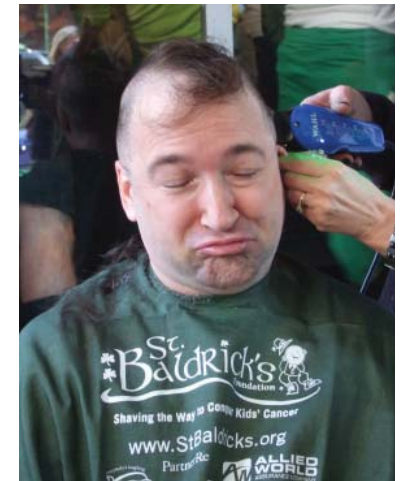
Also late last summer, I began my search for a new person to assist with publicity, a position that was approved in a February 2008 board meeting. Susan Petrone was hired and has brought a special energy to the office. She re-designed *The SABR Bulletin*, has worked with media to increase mentions of SABR, and hopes to have more media coverage of the upcoming SABR convention than ever (in terms of different media outlets covering it).

Another major accomplishment during the past year was publishing *The Emerald Guide to Baseball*, a successor to the old Sporting News Guides, and providing a free PDF download of the Guide to all baseball fans, whether SABR members or not. SABR's mission is to preserve and disseminate baseball history, and we could think of no better way of doing so than providing access to The Emerald Guide to baseball fans everywhere.

Despite the economy and recession, SABR remains a viable entity thanks to our committed members and our donors. Our membership has decreased as we expected, but the decrease in members has not meant a decrease in giving by our donors. This commitment by our donors, the time and energy of our members, and the strength of a full staff in the national office bode well for the future. I look forward to some exciting changes to SABR in the next 12 months.

In addition to thanking all the many volunteers who have kept SABR strong, I want to recognize Dick Beverage for his mentoring and support during his tenure as President. He has steered SABR on a safe course through some rocky waters. I also want to thank outgoing Secretary Neal Traven for his commitment and service to SABR. We appreciate all of your efforts.

John Zajc
Executive Director



SABR Executive Director John Zajc getting his head shaved on St. Patrick's Day for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, whose mission is to raise awareness and funds to cure childhood cancer by supporting cancer research and fellowship.

SABR Board of Directors, June 30, 2009

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Chapter Summary Report

This year, SABR added a new chapter, based in Charlotte, North Carolina. Its first meeting attracted 22 members, who saw the Charlotte Knights beat the Toledo Mud Hens, 5-2. The Knights' VP and GM took part in a Q&A session.

In its first full year, the Detroit chapter hosted a panel on the integration of the Tigers and Red Sox featuring (among others) Gates Brown, Willie Horton, Don Lund, Deacon Jones, and Mickey Briggs.

It was a very active year, and most chapters reported the usual rounds of social gatherings, luncheons and dinners, programs of speakers, and the like.

Outside the mainland United States, the Cepeda Chapter in Puerto Rico had another year meeting almost every month in its third year. The chapter built a few events around the World Baseball Classic's return to San Juan, but perhaps the biggest event of the year was in November celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Puerto Rico Baseball League, with a panel convened at the Pancho Coibre Museum in Ponce. SABR Quebec held four meetings, featuring appearances by Ron Piche, Hal Lanier, and Quebec catcher Jerome Cotnoir. The Tokyo chapter also held four meetings. SABR UK is collaborating on an exhibit about baseball, to be shown in April 2010 by the British cricket authority at Lords.

On the West Coast, the Sacramento chapter heard from former pitcher Don Carrithers. San Diego hosted Bob Scanlan and Merv Rettenmund, as well as Warren Miller, the Director of Media Relations for the Padres. The Philadelphia chapter put on a panel including Bob Duliba and several others from around baseball. In Pittsburgh, the Forbes Field chapter heard from both Steve Blass and Elroy Face and Pirates CEO Fran Coonely. The Southern New England Chapter presented former Dodgers and Brewers pitcher Sean Maloney and Peter Gammons, as well as its annual visit to Pawtucket's McCoy Field and the always-entertaining manager, Ron Johnson.

Others featured at one chapter or another included Jim Eisenreich, Ryne Sandberg, Carroll Hardy, Don Wakamatsu, Butch Hobson, Jim Marshall, Roy Hartsfield, Lee Tinsley, Mickey Herskowitz, and Carlos Alfonso (Tampa Bay's Director of International Relations). There were scores of research presentations.

The Halsey Hall chapter in Minneapolis saw the publication of *Minnesotans in Baseball*, a Nodin Press book edited by Stew Thornley. The Boston chapter was pleased to see publication of a book on the 1948 season (*Spahn, Sain and Teddy Ballgame*) featuring biographies of all the Boston Braves of that year, as well as the whole Red Sox team. In 2009, a book on the 1939 Red Sox team came out: *Lefty, Double X, and The Kid*. Chapter meetings include presentations by former Red Sox manager Joe Morgan, Assistant Director of Amateur Scouting Amiel Sawdaye, and Spanish Beisbol Netweok commentator Uri Berenguer.

As always, the Leatherstocking Chapter in Cooperstown had a very active year chock full of research presentations, as did the Magnolia Chapter in Atlanta and the Bob Davids Chapter in the D.C. area, even on top of preparing for a monumental convention in late July.

Bill Nowlin, VP

Asian Baseball

Founded: 2003

Chair: David Snyder

Asian Baseball Committee

The committee continued to produce newsletters through the Sport Management program at SUNY Cortland. We hope to increase membership involvement in the newsletter by having certain members agree to write particular sections of the newsletter on a regular basis. At the end of the past year, we had a change in leadership roles as Rob Fitts and David Snyder swapped roles, with Snyder becoming the new committee chair. In the upcoming year, we would like to redesign the look and feel of the committee Web site.

Ballparks

Founded: 1993

Chair: Bob Bluthardt

Ballparks Committee

The SABR Ballparks Committee was founded in 1981 as a result of the research of ballparks maven, Phil Lowry, whose work eventually resulted in the book *Green Cathedrals*. This history of “all things ballpark” spurred a research boom that matched a ballparks building boom a decade later. The SABR-published *Green Cathedrals* in 1985 went through several private printings and was re-issued by SABR a few years ago.

Much of the revised data and some of those photos came from the Committee’s people and files, a tradition that continues with many book, marker, media, and scholarly research projects. Even in this internet age, the Committee’s files on parks and topics continue to assist everyone from the college professor to the grade school student seeking often obscure data on even more obscure parks. The Committee files include photos, postcards, clippings, and slides of many parks no longer extant.

The Committee’s “Ballparks in TV and Movies” remains a useful research tool, and David Mitchell again updated his Ballparks Bibliography. The Committee assisted several marker projects with either specific information or procedural advice. Dozens of research inquiries were handled with either assistance from the files or a reference to a willing and knowledgeable committee member. The chairman appreciates the regular letters, e-mails, and material sending that add to the “body of knowledge” of ballparks.

Baseball & the

Arts

Founded: 1997

Co-chair: Joanne

Hulbert

Co-chair: Jeff Campbell

Baseball & the Arts Committee

In 2007, the SABR Committee formerly known as the Music and Poetry Committee broadened its horizons to include other forms of art as it pertains to baseball. As the mission statement posted on the Yahoo group site states, the Baseball and the Arts Committee endeavors to foster interactive communication between SABR members regarding music, poetry, and visual art inspired by or pertaining to the national pastime. The past two years have seen discussion raised between committee members both on and off the Yahoo Group site regarding interest in theater, movies, fine art as well as the old stand-bys of music and poetry. The Baseball and the Arts Committee has the unique advantage of being a committee that potentially touches every other committee in SABR and can potentially provide resources valuable to other groups. For example, Jeff Campbell continues to provide music from his considerable collection of songs both ancient and contemporary. I make an occasional updated notification to the membership about the continually expanding collection of baseball poetry—a collection that now has more than three thousand entries—and have provided poems to writers and researchers looking to add a bit of poetic decoration to their literature. Rob Edelman has been an indispensable resource for movies and the theater and maintains a library of information for researchers as well.

What can we do better? The Committee can work on improving awareness of its resources. We can expand our interests into other literary genres beyond poetry. We can provide an environment to encourage the study and increased knowledge about baseball and how it is an integral part of American literature, and we can provide insight and resources on baseball art. Although art within baseball has always been inherent, acceptance of its integral importance has gained more attention and acceptance. We can do much to continue the enhancement of music, literature, theater, cinema, and fine arts, as these all celebrate baseball.

During 2008, a survey of the posts on the Yahoo site revealed varied interests among members, including questions about music sources, poetry and literary

references, theater and art pertaining to baseball, and upcoming film productions. The year 2008 marked the one hundredth anniversary of “Take Me Out to the Ballgame,” and the milestone was celebrated with music and several historical publications. The committee continues to offer and provide information on any aspect of the arts where it may converge with baseball history, and we are committed to bringing more knowledge and exposure to the various art forms that are so integral to the baseball and American culture.

**Baseball
Records
Founded: 1975
Chair: Lyle Spatz**

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, a game, or a season, etc. For example, Red Schoendienst holds the major league record for most doubles in three consecutive games, with eight. We also use the word record to refer to a player's game-by-game, season-by-season, and lifetime accomplishments. For example, Al Kaline had 10 triples in 1956, or Ned Garver had a career won-lost record of 129-157. 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.

We continue to be aware that recent disclosures regarding steroid use by some players raised the question of how the Baseball Records Committee would treat the accomplishments of the players mentioned. These disclosures have placed a special burden on those of us who not only research the game’s numbers but also treasure the history that accompanies those numbers. Nevertheless, we continue in our efforts to make the baseball record as factual as possible while serving as an advocate for maintaining its integrity. Nevertheless, a record is a record is a record. It is not our role to decide the purity of the conditions under which those records were achieved. Our role as SABR’s Baseball Records Committee is strictly to make the numbers as accurate as we can.

Recently, Joe Dittmar chose to step down as vice-chairman of the Records Committee. Joe held the position for many years, and we all thank him for his numerous contributions to the committee. The Board of Directors approved my recommendation that Joe’s place be taken by Trent McCotter. Trent is a devoted researcher and an expert on streaks. Trent also started our Records Committee Egroup a few years ago and will play a lead role in increasing our web presence.

**Bibliography
Founded: 1994
Chair: Andy McCue**

Bibliography Committee

The Bibliography Committee’s major project, The Baseball Index (www.baseballindex.org), completed its 7th year of Internet availability during the past year. The site became available May 27, 2002. During the past year, the site moved past the 228,000 citations level. And information from The Baseball Index is completely free.

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

While TBI is our major project, the committee continues with other work. Skip McAfee oversees our efforts to provide indexes to important baseball

books published without indexes. Rich Arpi produces our 21-year-old quarterly, *Current Baseball Publications*, which lists all new baseball publications. *CBP* is distributed with our newsletter, which is edited by Ron Kaplan and contains book reviews by Terry Smith, among others. 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.

The work to add approximately 9,000 obituaries from *The Sporting News* continues. The data file is nearly complete, and some necessary changes in TBI's administrative software are in the works. It is hoped the material will be included in TBI by convention time, but it may take until later in the year. Phil Bergen, Mike Grahek, Glenn Morosco, and Bill Nowlin did sterling work on this project.

The committee was founded in 1984 by Frank Phelps. Andy McCue has been the chair since 1992. Its mission is to discover, organize and provide information about books and other materials which might be of interest to SABR members and other baseball researchers. The committee currently has 249 members.

**Biographical
Research**
Founded: 1971
Chair: Bill Carle

Biographical Research Committee

With each passing year, it gets more and more difficult to track down missing ballplayers. Since we are stonewalled on many of the players on our "missing" list, some of our researchers took it upon themselves to revisit some players for whom death information was listed, and we found several cases in which our data was wrong. One of these was Frank Martin, who played with three teams from 1897-99. We had listed Martin as dying in Chicago in 1924. However, research showed him to be still living when the 1930 census was taken. Frank Martin the ballplayer actually died in Chicago in 1942.

A player with Washington in 1887 had been listed as Jeremiah O'Brien. There was a Jeremiah O'Brien playing around that time, but he was playing for Wilkes-Barre at the same time the major leaguer was playing for Washington. The real ballplayer was shown to be Peter O'Brien, who also played with Chicago in 1890.

There was even a ballplayer misidentified who played as recently as 1925-26. Jonathan "Mandy" Brooks played with the Cubs in 1925-26 and we knew his real name was John Brozek. However, the player whose death we listed dying in Kirkwood, Missouri, in 1962 was not John Brozek; he was John Bux. John Brozek, the ballplayer, died in 1976 in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin.

Other misidentified players that we found included Michael Ryan, St. Louis third baseman in 1895, once identified as John J. Ryan, and John Curran of Philadelphia in 1876, once identified as Peter Curren. We also had some players misidentified whom we have not yet been able to find. The death date we had for John "Red" Connally, who played for St. Louis in 1886, actually belonged to former National League umpire John Connell. The death date for Washington J. Williams belonged to a player named William F. Williams. We haven't as yet been able to determine the true identity of this player. Then there was Roy Evans, pitcher with a variety of teams from 1897-1903. Evans was thought to have died in the Galveston hurricane of 1915. However, several newspaper articles showed him to be living as late as 1920, and he was found to have been in the Leavenworth federal penitentiary until 1922. He was apparently married to three women simultaneously.

Other ballplayers we found during the past year include Eddie Green, Michael Corcoran (brother of famed pitcher Larry Corcoran), Ed Clark, John Murphy, Billy Redmond, Stephen Ladew, and Billy McLaughlin. Clark's story is the most compelling; the search took us through the Philippines and South Africa as he had a colorful career in the Spanish-American War. Clark is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. We also were able to identify the 1884 Washington Union Association manager known previously only as Bickerson to be John Bickerton, and we were able to locate his death in 1916 in Washington.

It was a sad year for the committee as well as we lost two of our outstanding researchers. John Pardon, one of SABR's founding members, died in October. Jack Dougherty, an enthusiastic biographical researcher, died in April. Our committee will miss these fine men.

BioProject

Founded: 2002

Chair: Mark Armour

BioProject Committee

The 2009 convention marks the seventh anniversary of the founding of the BioProject committee. Our committee manages 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.

The project includes a large staff of people who have real jobs to do. Lyle Spatz is in charge of maintaining and organizing our lists 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 and deserves thanks for replacing Jan for six months while Jan traveled around the world. Mike Cooney puts out our newsletter, and Tom Ruane manages our email group.

As of today we have completed 1,115 biographies, compared with 816 one year ago. Here is a breakdown of completed biographies credited in each annual report:

2003 -- 46	2007 -- 515
2004 -- 155	2008 -- 816
2005 -- 296	2009 -- 1,115
2006 -- 341	

We have more than 30 biographies in the editing phase, and another 700 assigned and presumably in progress. About 20 of our posted submissions are “biographies” of ballparks.

We continue to encourage and support “group” projects. This past year saw the publication of four new publications, on the 1948 Braves/Red Sox, the 1959 White Sox, the 1939 Red Sox, and on Minnesota natives. This makes a total of eight projects that have completed books. There are two more that are completed and awaiting publication and nine others in various stages. This remains one of the more productive aspects of our committee.

The transition of the project’s web support to the office staff has been a very positive one for the project. The process of posting biographies has been made remarkably less onerous, and we have made several smaller improvements to our public web site. All of the biographies from our completed team books can be browsed together, for example, and several other conveniences have been added.

With membership currently at 566, the committee looks forward to a productive eighth year. We should approach 1500 biographies around the 2010 convention, and look forward to the publication of a few new books.

Black Sox Scandal

Founded: 2008

Chair: Jacob Pomrenke

Black Sox Scandal Committee

On November 14, 2008, the SABR Board of Directors approved the proposal for a new research committee, focused on the "Black Sox Scandal." Since then, several working groups have been formed, each with between 7 and 14 members. The committee has communicated often via a Yahoo group and published its first newsletter in May 2009. Its first meeting will take place at the 2009 SABR convention later this summer.

The research groups of the committee have these special interests:

- (1) Players and the Games; one project discussed would result in a collection of play-by-plays for each game of the 1919 Series, especially the most controversial plays (and players).
- (2) Crime and Punishment; this group will focus on the 1920 grand jury and the 1921 and 1924 trials, as well as the gambling/fixing.
- (3) Writers and Reporters; newspapermen and writers documented this event and are at its center.

(4) Index; working with TBI, this group aims to list and catalogue all B-Sox books and articles.

In addition to these four topical groups, the Committee has a newsletter staff, headed by Jacob Pomrenke; and a group headed by Mat Kovach working with Peter Garver of the SABR office on a website.

Perhaps the greatest stimulus for future research for this Committee is the recent (May) availability of a huge, newly discovered collection of documents from 1919-1924, related to the events listed above under "Crime and Punishment." Thanks to a Yoseloff grant, committee chair Gene Carney has made an initial survey of the documents and expects to introduce them better to SABR members in a coming BRJ article, as well as a special issue of the BSRC newsletter. (We regret to add that Gene Carney died suddenly while on vacation on July 5, 2009. His energy and commitment to researching the Black Sox Scandal was instrumental in making this reserach committee a reality. The July 2009 Black Sox Committee newsletter contains a tribute to Gene.)

Business of Baseball

Founded: 1994

Co-chair: Gary Gillette

Co-chair: John Ruoff

Business of Baseball Committee

The Business of Baseball Committee supports SABR members and others interested in researching the business of the National Pastime in a variety of ways. The committee maintains a widely used public website with copies of hundreds of valuable documents and with reams of original research at BusinessofBaseball.com. Committee member Ken Cherven maintains the BoB website, which will be updated later in the summer. The BoB committee also maintains a listserv for its members, with articles referenced in discussion posted on BusinessofBaseball.com.

The committee's newsletter, *Outside the Lines*, edited by John Ruoff, publishes available related research and economic, legal, and historical analysis. Michael Hauptert's continued his examination of baseball economics through the lens of player salaries during the Integration Era (Fall 2008) and the Depression (Spring 2009). Jeff Katz (Summer 2008) traced the financial relationships between owners of the Yankees and the Athletics that led to a revival of syndicate baseball in the 1950s. Norman Macht (Summer 2008) walked us through a researcher's look at the machinations around a proposed move of the Browns to the West coast in 1941. Robert Lewis (Summer 2008) tested the line of Commissioners against Joseph Nye's "smart power" model, grading them on a "hard power-soft power" continuum.. Steve Treder (Fall 2008) traced the story of Frantic Frankie Lane, a G.M. who executed more trades than any other major league GM. Mitchell Nathanson (Fall 2008) examined the Mitchell Report, concluding that MLB had encouraged and profited from a culture of corruption. In the Winter 2009, David Bohmer lays out Marvin Miller's successful campaign to achieve free agency for major league ballplayers through the pivotal year 1969.

Collegiate

Founded: 1985

Chair: Tom Stillman

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 (four-year) colleges. Another 1,600 have been identified as junior college baseball players, with some overlapping with the senior college players. Further research has identified some major league managers, coaches, umpires, and general managers who played college baseball but did not play in the major leagues.

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. Progress has been made on a beta site and integration into the upcoming SABRpedia, primarily by SABR intern James Asimes. This past spring, Tom Stillman took over the reins of the committee from longtime chair and chief collegiate researcher, Rick Benner.

Deadball Era

Founded: 2002

Chair: John McMurray

Deadball Era Committee

Now in its ninth year of existence, the Deadball Era Committee continues to grow each year while fulfilling its mission of researching and chronicling baseball history from 1901 through 1919. The Committee now is made up of close to 500 members. In recent years, more than 100 committee members contributed to Deadball Stars of the National League (published in 2007) and its companion, Deadball Stars of the National League (published in 2004).

The Committee is chaired by John McMurray. The Committee publishes its newsletter, "The Inside Game," four times each year under the editorial direction of newsletter editor Charles Crawley and Assistant Editor Mark Dugo. The newsletter is distinguished by the depth of its book reviews and critiques of the period. Also, under the supervision of Gabriel Schechter, the Ritter Award is awarded annually to the best book focused primarily on the Deadball Era published during the year prior. This year, the award was voted to Ron Selter for "Ballparks of the Deadball Era." Committee members have been devoted to writing biographies of contemporary players for SABR's BioProject, which are posted exclusively online.

With a large and enthusiastic membership, and two major books under our belt in six years, the Deadball Era Committee appears to have a very bright future. Committee members remain committed to fulfilling the mission of the Deadball Era Committee and to continuing in the same free-spirited vein which characterizes both our Committee and the baseball era to which it is devoted.

Latino Baseball

Founded: 1988

Co-chair: Anthony Salazar

Co-chair: Edwin Fernandez-Cruz

Latino Baseball Committee

The Latino Baseball Committee continues to provide SABR with another unique facet of the sport. Through its publication, *La Prensa del Béisbol Latino*, the committee presents a wealth of knowledge with interesting stories, articles, and photos from its members throughout the United States and Latin America.

We are at a cusp of truly providing a more dynamic and robust course of research, as we will be working with SABR's technology team to develop the committee website. Earlier this year, we welcomed Malcolm Allen as associate editor of our publication. For the past few years, Mr. Allen has been providing great content, specifically in his area of interest, Dominican baseball. Peter Bjarkman was honored as the first recipient of the Eduardo Valero Award, which is presented to the writer/researcher who best exemplifies the scholarly integrity and written contributions to Latino baseball to the committee's publication.

From Latinos in the Negro Leagues to the history of scouting in Latin America and everything in between, the ever-growing number of Hispanics in baseball today continues to change the sport's landscape. Please join us for a lively discussion on Latinos in baseball, yesterday and today.

Minor Leagues

Founded: 1971

Chair: Jonathan Dunkle

Minor Leagues Committee

The online Minor League Encyclopedia continued to grow in 2009 and has been licensed for usage by baseball-reference.com. Bob McConnell released the second edition of *Going for the Fences*, which covers minor league home runs.

The Minors committee website was launched in June of 2009. Research endeavors and queries (including those from outside SABR) were shared with members through personal correspondence and the online SABRminorleagues Yahoo e-list group.

Negro Leagues

Committee

Founded: 1971

Co-chair: Larry Lester

Co-chair: Richard

Clark

Negro Leagues Committee

The Negro Leagues Committee, one of SABR's original Research Committees formed in 1971, had another successful year. We currently have 302 full members and 440 potential members. The Negro Leagues Courier newsletter goes out to more than 700 readers.

Since last year's report eight former players have passed; Harry Barnes, Jr., Jimmy "Seabiscuit" Wilkes, Marvin "Butch" Fearbry, Jr., Hank Williams, Jim "Sap" Ivory, James Tillman, Ciscero Warren and Jose Piloto. We also lost Jackie Robinson biographer Dr. Jules Tygiel, author of *Baseball's Great Experiment*, a must read. Sherman "Jocko" Maxwell, the first black sports broadcaster, also died at the age of 100. He wrote numerous articles about the Newark Eagles.

Meanwhile, Chicago anesthesiologist Jeremy Krock has located several unmarked graves, with headstones purchased this year for Bobby Robinson, Rob Gaston, Gabriel Patterson and Sam Bankhead. The NLC celebrated many events during the previous period, among them. The 11th Annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference was held in Willowbrook, (outside Chicago), Illinois, at the Holiday Inn to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the East-West All Star classic. Seven former players in attendance were Sam Allen, Hank Presswood, Walt Owens, Jumpin' Johnny Wilson, Al Spearman and Louis Clarizio, one of a handful of white players to play in the Negro leagues.

Other notable events included:

- A special Negro Leagues Draft was held by Major League Baseball on June 5, 2008 at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. Each team selected a former Negro League player, including military veterans Bert Simmons, Jim Colzie, Hank Presswood, Emilio Navarro, John Miles, Red Moore, Bill Blair, Joe Scott and Walter McCoy.
- The Chicago White Sox host the first Double Duty Classic, on July 7, 2008, at U.S. Cellular Field with inner city high school players participating in a charity game.
- Jackie Robinson is inducted into the College Baseball Foundation's Hall of Fame on July 3, 2008.
- Buck O'Neil is honored with a life-size statue in Cooperstown, NY, on July 25, 2008.
- The Chicago Baseball Museum on November 9th and 13th, debuts a documentary entitled, "Buck O'Neil and Black Baseball in Chicago."
- Ernie Banks is honored on March 31, 2009, with a statue outside of Wrigley Field.
- On April 8th, 2009, Josh Gibson is honored with a life-sized statue at National Parks, home of the Washington Nationals in D.C.
- The 3rd annual Civil Rights Game was held in Cincinnati's Great American Ball Park on June 20, 2009. This marks the first time that the historic game was played as a regular season game and at a major league ball park.
- The Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory discovered the measurement card for the George "Mule" Suttles bat. The bats were made between 1937 and 1939.

New books on the subject were:

- Black Ball Tales by John B. Holway
- Princoirs: Official Memoirs of Prince Joe Henry, ex-Negro Leaguer by Sean R. Muhammad
- Schoolboy: Jim Tugerson, Ace of the '53 Smokies by R.S. Allen
- The Negro Leagues in New Jersey: A History by Alfred M. Martin and Alfred T. Martin
- Baltimore Elite Giants by Bob Luke
- Black Ball: A Negro Leagues Journal, spring issue, edited by Dr. Leslie Heaphy

We look forward to the 12th Annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference to be held in Pittsburgh, PA, hosted by the Senator John Heinz History Center. Hopefully, both the Negro League Almanac and Negro League Encyclopedia will also be closer to publication by this time next year.

Nineteenth Century

Founded: 1983

Chair: Peter Mancuso

Nineteenth Century Committee

The Nineteenth Century Committee was able to accomplish several of its goals during the past SABR year. Committee Vice-Chair, Bob Bailey, editor of the Committee's newsletter *Nineteenth Century Notes*, published four 12-page quarterly issues, each on time. The Committee also hosted an inaugural "19th Century Base Ball Conference" at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York on April 18, 2009, which reached the venue's capacity with 55 persons in attendance.

Our Committee also created a project committee dedicated to holding a committee-wide annual election of "Overlooked 19th Century Base Ball Legends." The project committee generated and profiled ten candidates for the 2009 election, which is currently in progress. The selected 2009 Overlooked Legend and complete election and 2010 nomination results will be announced at SABR 39 in Washington, DC.

Three Committee members organized an independent book publishing project, "The Pioneer Project," to which many other committee members contributed. A possible new Committee-driven book project, *Greatest Base Ball Games of the 19th Century*, is currently under consideration and is on the agenda for this year's business meeting.

Oral History

Founded: 1986

Acting chair: Rod Nelson

Oral History Committee

The Committee has had a slow year. Requests for interviews continue on a steady basis -- the SABR office has sent out over 35 digital copies of interviews this past year. Recently uploaded interviews include Al Lopez, Bob Lemon, Monte Irvin and Larry Doby.

Origins

Founded: 1994

Chair: Larry McCray

Origins Committee

The Origins Committee is completing its second year since its reorganization in mid-2007. It has 230 members and is chaired by Larry McCray. Its monthly e-newsletter (*Originals*) is edited by Bob Tholkes, and its Startup Steering Committee is comprised of David Block, Skip McAfee, and John Thorn.

At SABR 38 in Cleveland, the Committee session was highlighted by the appearance of Sam Marchiano, writer/producer of the MLB.com-supported documentary on the origins of base ball, *Base Ball Discovered*. Later, she gave a sneak preview of the film to all interested SABR 38 conventioners, with David Block, John Thorn, and Tom Shieber serving as commentators. Much of the film was shot in the United Kingdom, and the annual meeting of SABR's Bobby Thomson Chapter is featured, as are interviews with Martin Hoerchner, Patrick Carroll, and others. The film was released in early 2009 on the Baseball Channel.

Bob Tholkes' newsletter, *Originals*, was published monthly and distributed to members electronically. It typically elaborates on news and research topics discussed in the past month on the 19CBB listserve, which supports members of both the Origins Committee and the Nineteenth Century Committee.

The Committee has cleared several potential projects, providing that sufficient member participation materializes. None was launched this year. The Committee is assessing the idea of inviting the broader SABR membership in a new project. This effort might document the spread of the New York game, tracking the local origins of modern baseball in widespread cities and towns, and gathering available data on the local pastimes that were supplanted by base ball. We are now systematically welcoming new members to the Committee as soon as their addition to the rolls becomes known. We hope this will a clearer idea of the Committee to new arrivals. A member interest survey will be conducted soon.

Our volunteer webmaster was unable to continue in the role last year, and we are now assembling a no-frills Committee website for SABR.org. The site will provide public access to all the newsletters, lay out the approved program, and lead users to helpful websites, periodicals, and search aids. We plan to launch the site in July.

**Pictorial
History**
Founded: 1994
Chair: Bill Hickman

Pictorial History Committee

The Player Image Index reached the point where it is missing fewer than 600 players. The Manager Image Index is part of the SABR Encyclopedia and covers more than 97% of big league managers. The Ballpark Photo Index has reached enough completion to be ready to go onto the SABR website. The Bain Collection project has given SABR visibility in every caption related to Bain baseball photos as displayed on the Library of Congress website. We've begun another project with the Library of Congress. And our first photo book is displayed on the SABR website.

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 more than 96.5% of the players who have been in the majors since the beginning, 1871. The Player Image Index currently consists almost 34,000 records describing image sources for over 16,500 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. As of mid-May 2006, only about 740 players remained missing. At the beginning of May 2007, we were missing 684 players. As we approached the beginning of May 2008, we stood at 647 missing players. As of mid-May 2009, we were missing 593 players. The large majority of those missing players were 19th century major leaguers, and it will continue to be a significant challenge to locate images of them. 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 leagues and we have added more pictorial entries to the records of many players who had already been represented by at least one image.

Mid-2003 to mid-2009 has been a period of broadening participation in the development of the Player Image Index. 140 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 Ballpark 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 big league managers. This cataloguing of manager images became part of the SABR Encyclopedia during the 2006-07 annual report period. We continue to track new managers as they make their major league debuts.

In the spring of 2006, we started another large project. We reached an agreement with the 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 linked to baseball in some way. All of these baseball photos were assigned to

committee members for a second level of review and 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 has made the changes to the captions on its website and gives credit to SABR in each and every baseball-related caption. We continue to keep in contact with the Library of Congress and to submit further corrections to them when we find baseball captions which need improvement.

This year we launched another project with the Library of Congress to improve the captions for the baseball-related photos of the online Harris and Ewing Collection. Mark Fimoff has taken the lead on this project, and has been assisted by Matt Fulling, Catherine Petroski, John Thorn, Marc Okkonen, Dwayne Isgrig, Mark Macrae, and Anthony Youngkin. The first two batches of photo captions have already been submitted to the Library of Congress staff, and progress continues on this project.

Marc Okkonen generously donated his book, *2000 Cups of Coffee*, for Internet publication on the members-only portion of the SABR website. This book contains images of approximately 2,000 major leaguers who had big league careers of 10 games or fewer during the 1900-1949 period. These were extremely difficult images to acquire, and we much appreciate Marc's willingness to share them with us. Numerous Committee members also helped Marc in the process of accumulating the images. We also salute Cary Smith for his diligence in scanning all these book pages and Peter Garver of the SABR National Office for making the scanned pages downloadable via the SABR website.

Other Committee activities over the past year included the publication of four newsletters and the response to numerous requests for leads on photo sources and photo identifications. Mark Fimoff's Mystery Photo Column has been a welcome addition to our regular committee newsletter.

Science and Baseball

Founded: 2003

Chair: Alan Nathan

Scouts

Founded: 1994

Co-chair: Jim

Sandoval

Co-chair: Rod Nelson

Science & Baseball Committee

The report from the Science & Baseball Committee was not available at press time.

Scouts Committee

The Scouts committee has grown to 231 members. The ongoing work of the committee involves two projects 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 chairs respond to a handful of research requests from fellow SABR members and the baseball media every month.

The Who-Signed-Whom Database" has been integrated into the online SABR Baseball Encyclopedia on the www.sabr.org website. The information can be accessed from the "Scouting" tab of each player page and 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 is reviewed by the chairs on a same-day basis. "The Scouts Roster" remains a work-in-progress, and we hope it will soon be incorporated into the encyclopedia. The dataset includes a listing of scouts by organization, by year with title and territory when known. The primary source for this information has been the annual *Sporting News Guides* but also now includes data compiled from early Baseball Bluebooks by SABR stalwart Frank Phelps. Team media guides have been addressed as well along with research contributed by members.

Bill Nowlin and Jim Sandoval are heading up a project to create a book on the history of scouting, including biographies of important scouts throughout baseball history. The editors hope to have all rough drafts submitted by December 31, 2009, for 2010 publication.

20 to 80, the Scouts committee newsletter, is sent to members two to three times a year. Each year at the national convention, the committee presents the Roland Hemond award, which recognizes a baseball executive who has demonstrated commitment and support for the scouting profession. In 2008, Mike Veeck was the honoree. This year's honoree is Dallas Green.

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@yahoo.com. The work being completed by the Scouts committee is increasingly being noticed by people working in professional baseball.

Spring Training

Founded: 2002

Chair: Kevin Saldana

Spring Training Committee

The Spring Training Committee has had a very quiet year. We currently have 176 members throughout the country and into Canada.

Statistical

Analysis

Founded: 1974

Co-chair: Clem Comly

Co-chair: Neal Traven

Statistical Analysis Committee

The Statistical Analysis Committee was founded in 1974 by Dick Cramer and Pete Palmer, making the SAC one of SABR's longest-running research committees. Its purpose is primarily that of facilitating the exchange of research and analysis of empirical baseball data (by members and nonmembers). SABR's largest research committee, the SAC counts 814 full members as of mid-July 2009, a slight increase over the count on last year's roster.

Statistical Analysis Committee members propose, build, and test statistical models and evaluation techniques, with the goals of describing and analyzing the existing record of baseball data as well as developing models for investigating potential futures trends in the game. The SAC strongly supports the value of peer review as an essential component of high quality research. Under longtime editor Phil Birnbaum, the SAC's newsletter, *By The Numbers*, presents research studies and critical discussion. As they have for many years, SAC members play leading roles in producing the major preseason annual analytic publications. The value of sabermetric ideas and principles is increasingly accepted and appreciated beyond SABR, both within the baseball community and in the media (there's even talk of a Moneyball movie!).

Our StatisticalAnalysis Yahoo Group, managed by Dan Levitt, is an email list open exclusively to committee members. While message traffic is rather variable, it is a highly useful forum for SAC member discussions. The list's mid-July member-count of 263 is about 7 percent greater than a year ago. Between the email list, the committee's webspace at <http://www.philbirnbaum.com/> (back issues of *By The Numbers* are available there for download), and the numerous websites and blogs maintained by SAC members, the Statistical Analysis Committee's cyber-presence is strong and well-established.

The Statistical Analysis Committee contributes significantly to SABR's research profile and its reputation for important baseball analysis. We urge SAC members to communicate their research findings both through the Committee's own publication media and by submitting research manuscripts to the Baseball Research Journal. We again remind SAC members that financial support for research projects may be available through proposals submitted to the continuing Yoseloff-SABR Baseball Research Grant program.

Umpires & Rules

Founded: 1998

Chair: Reid Duffy

Umpires and Rules Committee

The past year of the SABR Umpire and Rules saw the near completion of the game-by-game MLB Umpires log, with access to the yearly records of the MLB umpires posted on Retrosheet, including the number of games they umpired at each base, as well as the number of ejections they were compelled to render of recalcitrant players and managers, as culled from the Doug Pappas ejection project. Retrosheet also includes complete playing records of all the umps who played in the major leagues. Vice chairman David Vincent informs us we are still trying to determine the umpires for two series in 1979, worked by replacement umpires during an MLB umpires strike, and four National Association games in Washington in 1872. These involve a three game series featuring Baltimore at Oakland on April 27, 28 and 29, 1979; a four games series featuring the Cubs at Houston, with single games on May 11 and 13, 1979, sandwiched around a May 12th doubleheader. The National Association games, all in 1872, involve Boston at Washington Nationals, April 30th; Boston at Washington Olympics, May 1st; Washington Olympics at Washington Nationals, May 17th; and Middletown at Washington Nationals May 25th.

In other matters, committee members were able to help Ann Moran McCurry in trying to determine precisely when her grandfather, Charlie Moran, started his National League umpiring career, which spanned two decades, from 1918 to 1939. And through much of that period, “Uncle” Charlie Moran gained considerable fame as a successful head college football coach at several schools.

New areas for the committee to record and explore are the instances of instant replay usage to help umpires determine disputed home runs calls. MLB installed the replay system late in the 2008 season to help umpires decide whether or not the long ball in question cleared the fence or barrier; was fair or foul; or whether fan interference was involved. Another new area to keep track of is decisions by MLB’s Scoring Review Committee, a five-member panel called upon to preside over appeals of official scoring decisions, now that teams, starting in 2008, are allowed to make such appeals to the league office. In most cases, teams are seeking to have hits changed to errors to spare their pitchers from questionable earned runs. However, their most visible ruling, in 2008, was upholding an official scorer’s decision to give the Pirates Adam LaRoche an infield single when his slow roller in front of the plates was fumbled by Milwaukee Pitcher C.C. Sabathia in the second inning. By game’s end, it remained the Pirates only hit, with Milwaukee lobbying for an error to give Sabathia a no-hitter. The committee, after reviewing the tapes the Brewers dully dispatched, said official score made no judgment that “clearly erroneous.” The committee has lined up Bruce Weber, author of the “As They See’em: A Fan’s Travels in the Land of Umpires”, to speak to the Umpire and Rules Committee meeting at SABR 3

**Women in
Baseball**
Founded: 1990
**Co-chair: Leslie
Heaphy**
**Co-chair: Claudia
Perry**

Women in Baseball Committee

As a committee, three newsletters were sent out since the 2008 Annual Meeting. Each newsletter highlighted research, new books, and happenings in the women’s baseball world. For example, Jennifer Ring has a new book out (*Stolen Bases*) and Justine Siegal was named the first female coach for a men’s pro team. Regular correspondence included answering research questions, helping students with papers, identifying photos, writing captions for an exhibit, and other related requests. Members asked for research articles and those were sent as requested.

Merrie Fidler continues to work with members of this committee and other SABR members on gathering bios from the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League for publication on the web in a joint project with SABR and the Player’s Association. New members joined the committee, and we have seen an increasing number of women writing about baseball as witnessed by the recent Cooperstown Symposium.

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 such as baseball-related community events, informal hot-stove meetings, projects involving assistance to 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 including 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 a 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.

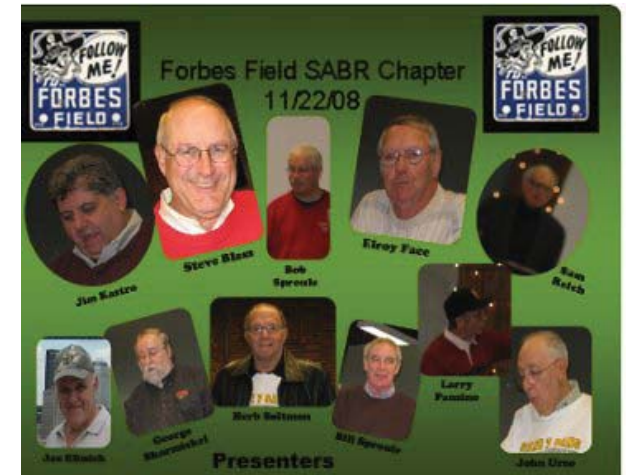
In the past twelve months, no fewer than three chapters participated in their local ballclub's FanFest, at least two chapters held regularly scheduled baseball book discussion groups, more than three had as chapter projects putting together a baseball book, and two chapters sponsored National History 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.



Members of the Hanlan's Point Chapter (Toronto) with Hall of Famer Fergie Jenkins at the spring 2009 meeting.



Emil Rothe Chapter members Richard Smiley, Bob Neil, Mary Kusmirek, and Amber Buchanan at the Chicago Baseball Museum booth at the 2009 Cubs convention.



Some of the speakers and presenters at the Forbes Field Chapter's (Pittsburgh) fall 2008 meeting.

SABR Chapters

International

Bobby Thomson Chapter	London, UK (Great Britain)
Hanlan's Point Chapter	Toronto, ON
Orlando Cepeda	San Juan, PR
Quebec	Montreal, QU
Tokyo	Tokyo, (Japan)

East

Bob Davids Chapter	Washington, DC
Boston Chapter	Boston, MA
Casey Stengel Chapter	New York, NY
Connie Mack Chapter	Philadelphia, PA
Elysian Fields	West Orange, NJ
Forbes Field Chapter	Pittsburgh, PA
Ford-Harrelson Chapter	New York, NY (The Island)
Gardner-Waterman Chapter	Burlington, VT
Lajoie-Start Chapter	Providence, RI (Southern New England)
Leatherstocking Chapter	Cooperstown, NY (Central NY)
Rabbit Maranville Chapter	Springfield, MA (Western MA)
Smoky Joe Wood Chapter	Hartford, CT

Midwest

Bob Broeg Chapter	St. Louis, MO
Bresnahan-Mudhens Chapter	Toledo, OH
Dayton Chapter	Dayton, OH
Don Lund Chapter	Ann Arbor, MI
Emil Rothe Chapter	Chicago, IL
Field of Dreams Chapter	Des Moines, IA (Iowa)
Halsey Hall Chapter	Minneapolis, MN
Hoyt-Allen Chapter	Cincinnati, OH
Jack Graney Chapter	Cleveland, OH
Ken Keltner Chapter	Milwaukee, WI (Wisconsin)
Lou Criger Chapter	South Bend, IN
Monarchs Chapter	Kansas City, MO
Oscar Charleston Chapter	Indianapolis, IN
Pee Wee Reese Chapter	Louisville, KY
Wally Pipp Chapter	Holland, MI (Western Michigan)

South

Carolina Chapter	Durham, NC
Charlotte Chapter	Charlotte NC
Rice-Russell Chapter	Nashville, TN
Hall-Ruggles Chapter	Dallas-Ft. Worth, TX
Larry Dierker Chapter	Houston, TX
Magnolia Chapter	Atlanta, GA
Robinson-Kell Chapter	Little Rock, AR
Rogers Hornsby Chapter	Austin, TX
Schott-Pelican Chapter	New Orleans, LA
Seymour-Mills Chapter	Naples, FL
South Florida	Miami, FL
Wade Boggs Chapter	Tampa, FL
West Texas	Abilene, TX

West

Allan Roth Chapter	Los Angeles, CA
Flame Delhi Chapter	Phoenix, AZ
Lefty O'Doul Chapter	San Francisco, CA
Northwest SABR	Seattle, WA (Pacific Northwest)
Rocky Mtn SABR	Denver, CO
Sacramento	Sacramento, CA
Ted Williams Chapter	San Diego, CA

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).

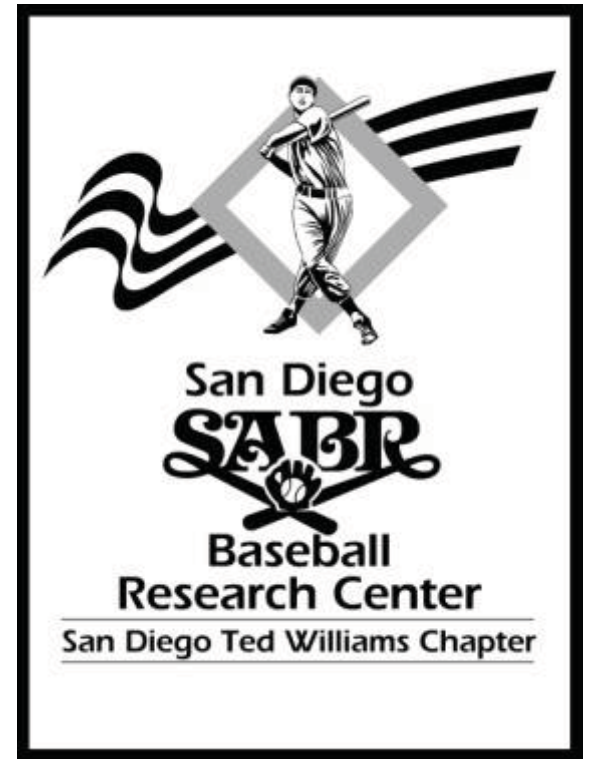
The primary objectives of the Center include

- 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



SABR Datasets to Become SABR Baseball Encyclopedia

After SABR was able to negotiate a license with Sports Reference for various SABR data sets, it became apparent to some in SABR, especially project manager Ted Turocy, that SABR needed to do something different and important to use its assets as effectively as possible. Rather than trying to compete with baseball-reference.com on data displays, Turocy felt that SABR's best strengths lie in the breadth of knowledge accumulated by its members and that an encyclopedia in the Britannica sense was what SABR should focus on rather than an encyclopedia in the MacMillan sense.

In February, Turocy and SABR Director of Knowledge Management Peter Garver presented the board with their vision of the SABR Encyclopedia. It would have an entry for any professional baseball player, front office executive, ballpark, broadcaster, etc. —any noteworthy baseball-related entity. Professional ballplayers would have their basic demographic data, a list of years and teams played for, playing statistics, a narrative section about them, and references to books and articles written about them. In essence, it would be the one place to find all the basics about a player along with jumping off points to learn more. The board enthusiastically approved the project and it has over 200,000 pages already. Members are being invited into the development site, and the current timetable is to have a public launch for Opening Day 2010. This huge undertaking will be one of the largest wikis at public launch ever and will be a testament to the willingness of SABR members to share their baseball knowledge.

The SABR Encyclopedia project goes hand-in-hand with the licensing of the minor league data to Sports Reference, with both being improved by the existence of the other. As the SABR Encyclopedia gets filled in by SABR's membership, the world of baseball research will become incredibly richer.

SABR Datasets Now Licensed by Sports Reference LLC

Just before Opening Day 2009, Sports Reference's baseball site, www.Baseball-Reference.com, launched a newly re-designed site that included the SABR Minor League Database. Later that spring, SABR's home run log data was added as well.

The addition of the SABR Minor League database adds about 175,000 players and 4,000 league seasons to Baseball-Reference.com. "SABR is pleased to license Sports Reference LLC this dataset and bring it to the attention of the wider audience on baseball-reference.com" said SABR Executive Director John Zajc. "SABR's mission is to share baseball research information, and we felt that providing a license to Sports Reference is a real win-win situation."

Since the implementation of SABR's minor league database, there have been hundreds of notes sent to SABR by relatives and friends of former players, some just thanking SABR for making the statistical record available, others providing missing information about the player. Making this data even more widely available was one of the reasons behind licensing it to baseball-reference.com—by making the dataset, even with all the holes in it, available to the world, corrections and additions would be that much easier to obtain.

Later this year, baseball-reference.com plans to add the Pete Palmer-Gary Gillette historical statistical database, which has powered recent editions of *The ESPN Baseball Encyclopedia* and is being sub-licensed through SABR. When completed, this will make baseball-reference.com the most accurate online source of historical major league data, another focus of SABR's mission.

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 to reflect that. In 2008, SABR 38 was held in Cleveland, Ohio. 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.

The Annual Meeting also features panel presentations. One tradition is to get together several of the alumni of the local team. Other topics of panels might be umpires or players born in the area.

A highlight of the Annual Meeting is the Awards Luncheon where the winners of various SABR Awards (see pages 22 to 25) are recognized. The luncheon also normally is the venue for the featured speaker of the meeting. In Cleveland in 2008, Ron Shapiro was the featured speaker. Other speakers in recent years have been Joe Garagiola, Jim Bouton, and Paul Godfrey.

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 five and eight percent of SABR's revenues, with its registration fees, advertising and vendor sales, and sponsorship income.

The SABR Annual Meeting is the place for members to get together and share their love of the game. It is truly an experience that makes you want to come back year after year.

Year	City	Attendees	Keynote
1971	Cooperstown NY	16	
1972	Washington DC	23	
1973	Chicago IL	26	
1974	Philadelphia PA	40	
1975	Boston MA	64	Joe Dugan
1976	Chicago IL	45	Lew Fonseca
1977	Columbus OH	74	(no banquet)
1978	Paramus NJ	81	Tony Lupien
1979	Saint Louis MO	115	Mike Shannon
1980	Los Angeles CA	85	Roy Smalley, Jr.
1981	Toronto ON	127	Panel Presentation
1982	Baltimore MD	227	Sparky Anderson
1983	Milwaukee WI	262	Hal Goodenough
1984	Providence RI	350	Lou Gorman
1985	Oakland CA	300	Roy Eisenhardt
1986	Chicago IL	479	Bill Gleason
1987	Washington DC	631	John Steadman
1988	Minneapolis MN	340	Andy MacPhail
1989	Albany NY	524	Bobby Brown
1990	Cleveland OH	481	Sam McDowell
1991	New York NY	405	Mel Allen
1992	Saint Louis MO	485	Bing Devine
1993	San Diego CA	350	Dick Williams
1994	Arlington TX	405	Robin Roberts
1995	Pittsburgh PA	451	Chuck Tanner
1996	Kansas City MO	431	Steve Fehr
1997	Louisville KY	440	Jim Bunning
1998	San Mateo CA	437	Bill Rigney
1999	Scottsdale AZ	400	Tom Heinrich
2000	West Palm Beach FL	302	Elden Auker
2001	Milwaukee WI	574	Allan "Bud" Selig
2002	Boston MA	712	Panel Presentation
2003	Denver CO	494	Jim Evans
2004	Cincinnati OH	644	Marvin Miller
2005	Toronto ON	461	Paul Godfrey
2006	Seattle WA	539	Jim Bouton
2007	St. Louis MO	726	Joe Garagiola
2008	Cleveland	632	Ron Shapiro
2009	Washington DC		
2010	Atlanta GA		

Mark Armour was awarded the Bob Davids Winner on June 28, 2008, at the convention in Cleveland, Ohio.

Andy McCue was named the Bob Davids Award winner in July 2007 at the convention in St. Louis, Missouri.

The winner of the Seymour Medal for books published in 2008 (chosen in 2009) is: *Chief Bender's Burden: The Silent Struggle of a Baseball Star* by **Tom Swift**

Previous winners of the Seymour Medal:

Branch Rickey: Baseball's Ferocious Gentleman by **Lee Lowenfish** (University of Nebraska Press)

A Game of Inches by **Peter Morris** (Ivan R. Dee)

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

Negro League Baseball: The Rise and Ruin of a Black Institution by **Neil Lanctot** (U 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 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** (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** (U of Nebraska Press).

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. The award was named in honor of the late baseball historian Harold Seymour and Dorothy Seymour Mills. To be considered for the medal, a work must be the product of original research or analysis. The winning book shall significantly advance our knowledge of baseball and shall be characterized by understanding, factual accuracy, profound insight and distinguished writing. "History," for the purposes of determining the eligibility of a book for Seymour Medal consideration, 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 coauthors). "Biography" is the history of a person or persons. (November 2001) Single volumes of multi-volume works are eligible. Multi-volume works as a whole are also eligible if at least one of the volumes was published during the preceding calendar year and if the author has not received a medal for any of the works separately. No more than one Seymour Medal shall be given each year. If, in the judgment of the award committee, a worthy candidate cannot be found, the medal shall not be awarded. There is no limit to the number of times an individual may win the award, but it must be awarded each time for a wholly new work

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



Mark Armour receiving the Bob Davids Award at SABR 38 in Cleveland.

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 (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 Sunday Awards Breakfast at SABR 38 in Cleveland, it was announced that Vince Gennaro of Purchase, New York, won the Doug Pappas Research Award for, “What Factors Influence Free Agent Salaries?” David R. Zavagno, Avrami Grader, and Philip M. Halleck won its sister award, the USA Today Sports Weekly Award for the poster presentation, “Maple Bats Changed the Game.”

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.

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).

On May 6, 2009, the following received a Sporting-News SABR Baseball Research Award:

Ron Selter, *Ballparks of the Deadball Era*

Andy Strasberg, Bob Thompson and Tim Wiles, *Baseball’s Greatest Hit*

Jim Walker and Rob Bellamy, *Center Field Shot: A History of Baseball on Television*

On June 29, 2008 the following received a Sporting News-SABR Baseball Research Award:

Paul DeBono, *The Chicago American Giants* (McFarland)

Bill Felber, *A Game of Brawl: The Orioles, the Beaneaters, and the Battle for the 1897 Pennant* (U of Nebraska)

William F. McNeil, *Black Baseball Out of Season: Pay for Play Outside the Negro Leagues* (McFarland)

On May 26, 2009, the following received the McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award

David J. Laliberte, *Myth, History and Indian Baseball: An Unexpected Story of the Game in Minnesota*

William J. McGill, *The Greatest College Pitcher: George Sisler at Michigan*

David Vaught, *Our Players Are Mostly Farmers: Baseball in Rural California, 1850-1890*

On June 28, 2008 the following were presented a McFarland-SABR Baseball Research Award:

Henry D. Fetter, *Revising the Revisionists: Walter O’Malley, Robert Moses, and the Death of the Brooklyn Dodgers*

Frederick Ivor-Campbell, *Knickerbocker Base Ball: The Birth and Infancy of the Modern Game*, a slightly revised version was published in *Base Ball* (McFarland, Fall 2007)

Dick Thompson, *Cannonball Bill Jackman*, originally published in *The National Pastime* No. 27 (SABR)

Winners of the Lee Allen History of Baseball Award include:

2008 Jackie Robinson Keeps His Cool by Zach Frampton of Laie, Hawaii.

2007 Play Ball! A Triumph for Women Begins Amidst the Tragedy of World War II by Alayne Klco 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 McMahan 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 Stamford, Connecticut.

The awards committee will consist of members appointed each year by the education committee chair. The winner will receive a plaque honoring this achievement and the following, according to his/her category:

College (\$200 prize, plus 1 year membership)

High School (\$200 prize, plus 1 year membership)

Middle School (\$100 prize, plus 2 year membership)

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.

Most Recent Winners of the Jack Kavanagh Memorial Youth Baseball Research Award:

- College Division: Trent McCotter, University of North Carolina, "Hitting Streaks Don't Obey Your Rules"
- High School Division: Victor Wang, Thomas Jefferson High School (Bloomington MN), "How Much is a Top Prospect Worth?"
- Middle School Division: Kyle Taylor, Lancaster Middle School (Lancaster NY), "Jackie Robinson"

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 \$15,000 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 2011. 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."

Past winners of the Jack Kavanagh Memorial Youth Baseball Research Award include:

2007: College Division: Trent McCotter, "Babe Ruth's Game Logs and Splits"

High School Division (tie): Victor Wang, "The OPS Dilemma" and Scott Powers, "Evaluating the Effectiveness of Bill James' Win Shares"

Middle School Division: Max Robbins, "Determined Win -- Percentage; A New Tool for Evaluating Pitcher Performance"

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 York; 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

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

In June 2009, SABR finished the fifth round of funding. The recipients of the 2009 funding cycle are:

Tamara Burnett (Needham, MA, currently student at Elon University)
The History and Influence of MLB in the Dominican Republic

William Dowell (Bloomington, IL)
The Marathon Game in the Three-I League

Henry Fetter (Los Angeles, CA)
Free Agency Arbitration

Robert Fitts (New York, NY)
Banzai Babe Ruth! - Baseball Diplomacy and Fanaticism in Imperial Japan

Mike Hauptert (La Crosse, WI)
Earning Like a Woman: The Gender Gap in Professional Baseball, 1944 to 1954

Amber Roessner (Jefferson, GA)
The Role of Early Baseball Journalists

Barney Terrell (Morgan Hill, CA)
The Union Association

The recipients of the 2008 funding cycle were:

Rick Benner, "Collegiate Baseball History"
Gene Carney, "Black Sox Scandal"
Ken Fenster, "Biography of Earl Mann"
David Laliberte, "Baseball in 19th Century Native American Boarding Schools"
John Lewis, "The 1905 Ohio-Pennsylvania League"
Justin Murphy, "Biography of Jocko Flynn"

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: Monrovians 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"

Membership Report

SABR ended its 2008 membership year with 6,897 members, which was a decrease from the 7,110 of the previous year. This was the 13th consecutive year of 6,500 members or more. So far in 2009, membership continues to slip, primarily due to the overall economic climate.

There were 683 members who joined SABR in 2008, a decrease of almost 21%. Anecdotally, it may be that the recent increase in dues to \$65 may be making it less likely for someone to join on impulse, even when the inflation-adjusted rate is \$11.38 in 1971 dollars (original dues were \$10 a year).

The SABR membership continues to be more educated than average, and come from all walks of life. Members working in education, lawyers, doctors, accountants are all well-represented in the SABR membership, as are writers and editors. SABR members also are well-connected to the Internet, with 89.65% of members sharing an email address with SABR.

The average age of the SABR membership was 57.04 on June 12. The average age of a new member who joined in 2008 was 45.77.

On April 20, 4,027 members out of 5,962 were members of at least one research committee (67.5%).

Members, By Country

USA	6,116
Canada	175
Japan	36
Great Britain/UK	25
Australia	6
Germany	3
Italy	3
France	2
Hong Kong	2
Sweden	1
Denmark	1
Dominican Rep	1
Mexico	1
New Zealand	1
Switzerland	1
South Africa	1
Taiwan	1
Venezuela	1

2008 Members, By Year Joined

1971	33
1972	15
1973	22
1974	27
1975	28
1976	37
1977	37
1978	43
1979	61
1980	102
1981	83
1982	172
1983	247
1984	182
1985	305
1986	197
1987	192
1988	119
1989	100
1990	121
1991	167
1992	190
1993	186
1994	257
1995	192
1996	196
1997	222
1998	247
1999	172
2000	221
2001	254
2002	203
2003	215
2004	257
2005	281
2006	358
2007	463
2008	679

2009 Members, By State

State	as of 6/30/09	as of 6/20/08	as of 6/20/07	State	as of 6/30/09	as of 6/20/08	as of 6/20/07
NY	638	700	726	OR	57	68	73
CA	600	651	699	NH	49	47	47
OH	430	457	433	TN	46	50	65
PA	376	392	398	ME	42	47	50
MA	319	347	362	DC	38	41	44
IL	317	330	331	VT	35	34	50
NJ	274	299	294	SC	33	33	41
VA	260	285	298	AL	32	36	34
TX	253	285	298	NE	31	33	35
MD	229	229	237	DE	29	27	22
FL	199	213	209	LA	25	28	31
MI	170	188	184	AR	24	22	22
CT	149	164	162	NV	23	25	21
WA	146	157	163	NM	22	22	22
MN	138	141	140	OK	22	25	25
MO	128	148	138	MT	13	12	14
WI	119	127	123	PR	13	8	8
AZ	116	120	100	UT	13	13	12
IN	100	96	105	HI	12	13	13
NC	100	105	104	SD	11	11	11
CO	96	121	119	WV	10	12	14
GA	95	111	106	MS	9	9	6
IA	64	57	55	ID	8	11	10
KS	62	49	49	ND	4	6	4
RI	62	67	70	WY	3	2	3
KY	57	54	48	AK	1	4	4

Financial Statements, December 31, 2008

Society for American Baseball Research Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2008 and Previous Four Years				
ASSETS				
Current Assets	2008	2007	2006	2005
Cash and Temporary Investments	612,328	584,001	475,823	507,668
Investments	74,322	116,354	106,239	87,255
Accounts Receivable	1,109	4,154	11,075	3,018
Publications Inventory	3,607	4,658	2,272	2,380
Prepaid Expenses	7,269	8,503	8,600	12,182
<i>Total Current Assets</i>	<u>\$ 698,635</u>	<u>\$ 717,670</u>	<u>\$ 604,009</u>	<u>\$ 612,503</u>
Property and Equipment -- AT COST				
Equipment	64,123	44,259	41,803	41,803
Website	29,523	29,523	29,523	29,523
Net Property and Equipment	93,646	73,782	71,326	71,326
Less Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(67,896)	(62,732)	(59,677)	(53,829)
	<u>\$ 25,750</u>	<u>\$ 11,050</u>	<u>\$ 11,649</u>	<u>\$ 17,497</u>
Other Assets				
Research Collections	26,939	26,939	26,939	26,939
Trademark	994	1,227	1,460	1,693
Deposits	1,824	1,824	1,824	1,824
<i>Total Other Assets</i>	<u>29,757</u>	<u>29,990</u>	<u>30,223</u>	<u>30,456</u>
	<u>\$ 754,142</u>	<u>\$ 758,710</u>	<u>\$ 645,881</u>	<u>\$ 660,456</u>
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	\$ 8,179	\$ 36,408	\$ 100,365	\$ 94,532
Deferred Membership Dues -- current portion	208,818	238,088	153,217	221,473
	<u>\$ 216,997</u>	<u>\$ 274,496</u>	<u>\$ 253,582</u>	<u>\$ 316,005</u>
DEFERRED MEMBERSHP DUES	62,224	66,528	51,860	65,766
	<u>\$ 279,221</u>	<u>\$ 341,024</u>	<u>\$ 305,442</u>	<u>\$ 381,771</u>
NET ASSETS				
UNRESTRICTED	379,131	331,956	286,221	242,981
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	77,913	70,252	41,298	25,866
PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	17,877	15,478	12,920	9,838
	<u>\$ 474,921</u>	<u>\$ 417,686</u>	<u>\$ 340,439</u>	<u>\$ 278,685</u>
	<u>\$ 754,142</u>	<u>\$ 758,710</u>	<u>\$ 645,881</u>	<u>\$ 660,456</u>

Society for American Baseball Research Statement of Activities, Unrestricted Only December 31, 2008 and Previous Three Years				
Revenues	2008	2007	2006	2005
Membership Dues	373,788	385,313	381,291	369,430
SABR Publication Sales	25,059	21,973	18,919	15,109
Advertising & Mailing List Revenue	12,445	11,403	10,062	15,766
Convention Revenue	100,467	109,041	91,762	64,562
Donations & Royalties	60,894	82,209	83,085	43,952
Other Income	4,031	3,907	2,308	1,154
Investment Income	8,879	21,932	22,650	9,797
Net Assets Released from restriction	6,877	2,435	18,288	858
<i>Total Revenue and Support</i>	<u>592,440</u>	<u>638,213</u>	<u>628,365</u>	<u>520,628</u>
Expenditures				
Publications	103,276	158,102	192,765	208,321
Internet Expense	27,691	35,119	26,742	10,586
Payroll Expense	179,332	162,760	149,495	105,548
Payroll Taxes	19,876	17,478	11,801	8,426
Employee Benefits	17,593	21,306	17,863	15,034
Convention Expense	64,097	70,594	59,630	40,939
Administrative Expense	25,970	24,814	26,524	13,395
Membership Development	22,759	17,252	27,313	31,653
Rent	20,359	18,101	16,275	15,343
Travel, Conferences, and Meetings	23,427	20,716	17,028	20,085
Professional Fees	7,409	15,913	6,757	6,388
Postage and Delivery	8,328	12,425	9,623	9,359
Insurance Expense	9,335	7,124	9,673	9,615
Equipment Rental	7,420	4,628	4,911	4,708
Utilities	2,996	2,858	2,644	2,657
Bad Debt				
Depreciation and amortization	5,397	3,288	6,081	6,665
<i>Total Administrative Expenses</i>	<u>545,265</u>	<u>592,478</u>	<u>585,125</u>	<u>508,722</u>
Excess of Revenue & Support from Operations	47,175	45,735	43,240	11,906
LOSS ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS				
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	47,175	45,735	43,240	11,906
Net Assets -- Beginning of the Year	100,881	55,146	11,906	-
Net Assets -- END OF YEAR	<u>148,056</u>	<u>100,881</u>	<u>55,146</u>	<u>11,906</u>

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Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

SABR 2005-2008 Operating Summary and 2009 Forecast							
	2009 Forecast	2009 Budget	Variance	2008 Actual	2007 Actual	2006 Actual	2005 Actual
Revenues							
Membership Dues	365,372	364,000	1,372	373,788	385,313	381,291	369,430
SABR Publication Sales	6,608	7,400	(792)	25,059	21,973	18,919	15,109
Advertising and Mailing List Revenue	10,877	12,000	(1,123)	12,445	11,403	10,062	15,766
Convention Revenue	20,521	59,200	(38,679)	100,467	109,041	91,762	64,562
Unrestricted Donations and Royalties	71,679	64,000	7,679	60,894	82,209	83,085	43,952
Other Income	10,220	9,300	920	4,031	3,907	2,308	1,154
Investment Income	7,382	11,300	(3,918)	8,879	21,933	22,650	9,797
Net Assets Released from restriction				6,877	2,435	18,288	858
<i>Total Revenue and Support</i>	492,659	527,200	(34,541)	592,440	638,214	628,365	520,628
Expenditures							
Administrative Expense	17,120	17,900	(780)	25,970	24,814	26,524	13,395
Convention Expense				64,097	70,594	59,630	40,939
Employee Benefits	25,564	27,700	(2,136)	17,593	21,306	17,863	15,034
Equipment Rental	4,724	4,600	124	7,420	4,628	4,911	4,708
Insurance Expense	9,976	10,100	(125)	9,335	7,124	9,673	9,615
Internet Expense	26,825	25,000	1,825	27,691	35,119	26,742	10,586
Membership Development	22,604	20,600	2,004	22,759	17,252	27,313	31,653
Payroll Expense	242,354	242,400	(46)	179,332	162,760	149,495	105,548
Payroll taxes	22,673	23,700	(1,027)	19,876	17,478	11,801	8,426
Postage and Delivery	13,413	12,000	1,413	8,328	12,425	9,623	9,359
Professional Fees	9,489	8,500	989	7,409	15,913	6,757	6,388
Rent	22,503	22,000	503	20,359	18,101	16,275	15,343
Travel, conferences, and meetings	27,293	26,200	1,093	23,427	20,716	17,028	20,085
Utilities	3,091	3,000	91	2,996	2,858	2,644	2,657
Publications	121,242	105,000	16,242	103,276	158,102	192,765	208,321
Bad Debt							
Depreciation and amortization				5,397	3,288	6,081	6,665
<i>Total Administrative Expenses</i>	568,870	548,700	20,171	545,265	592,478	585,125	508,722
Excess of Revenue and Support from Operations	-76,211	-21,500	-54,712	47,175	45,736	43,240	11,906
LOSS ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS							
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	-76,211	-21,500		47,175	45,736	43,240	11,906
Net Assets -- Beginning of the Year	331,957	331,957		331,957	286,221	242,981	231,075
Net Assets -- END OF YEAR	255,746	310,457		379,132	331,957	286,221	242,981

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 Not for-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.

CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK — The Society places its cash with high quality financial institutions. Balances with the financial institutions may exceed insured limits.

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. These dues 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.

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 \$100,000+ from September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, including more than \$68,000 in unrestricted giving. It is the fourth consecutive \$50,000+ year, and counts more than 800 individual donors to date.

Five 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 all levels above \$100.

The Board of Directors and SABR staff are extremely grateful to the individuals, foundations, corporations and others listed here who have made leadership contributions in the period between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009. SABR also thanks all of its donors for their loyal support in 2008-2009. 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.

You are Important to Us

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

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1-800-969-7227.

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 2008 calendar year they logged more than 12,200 hours in helping SABR in a variety of ways. At an estimated value of \$20.25* per hour, SABR volunteers contributed just under a quarter million dollars in time.

*[*Independent Sector*, “Dollar Value of a Volunteer Hour, 2008.”]

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 then represented 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:

Steve Breen *	Jim Karn *
William Hickman	John Pardon *
Chuck Hilty	Neal Traven
Douglas Jacobs	John Zajc
William James *	

*Deceased

\$2,500 and Above

Agras, James
Bradley, Shayne
Breen, Steve
Garvey, Michael
Ginsburg, Daniel
Hartnagel, Michael
Microsoft Giving Campaign
Pardon, John*
Vincent, Fay

*Deceased

Foundation Support

Anthony A. Yoseloff Foundation

2009 Convention or Award Supporters

Major League Baseball
McFarland & Company
USA Today Sports Weekly

2009 Jerry Malloy Conference Supporters

James Agras (Triangle Tech)
Michael Harmagel
Judy Johnson Memorial Foundation
Omnipress
Fay Vincent
Steve Wilson

Matching Gift Companies

All-State Giving Campaign
Microsoft Giving Campaign
Pfizer Foundation Matching Gifts
Ryan Companies US, Inc.
W. W. Grainger, Inc.

Pro Bono Support

Baker Hostetler
Cleveland Printwear
DLA Piper

\$1,000 to \$2,499

Finkel, Jan
Hamilton, Francis
Hebden, Wayne
Hegge, Norman
Ivor-Campbell, Alma
Ivor-Campbell, Frederick*
Judy Johnson Memorial Foundation
Liepa, John
Nowlin, Bill
Schaefer, Robert
Zminda, Don
Zocco, Thomas

*Deceased

\$500 to \$999

Anonymous (1)
 Bengtsson, Barry
 Beverage, Richard
 Eggleston, Harold
 Fizedale, Rick
 Gennaro, Vince
 Hufford, Thomas
 Krock, Jeremy
 Larson, David
 Lehman, Anthony
 Levin, Leonard
 Levitt, Daniel
 Mancuso, Peter
 Milman, Stephen
 Oxley, Dwight
 Ruane, Thomas
 Shpigler, David
 Simenic, Joseph
 Steinberg, Steve
 Traven, Neal
 Vogel, Rev. David
 W.W. Grainger
 Wilson, Steve
 Zavagno, David

\$250 to \$499

Anonymous
 Armour, Mark
 Blumkin, Alan
 Carter, John
 Christensen, William
 Cochran, Robert
 Curtin, Michael
 Daniels, Jon
 Esacove, Paul
 Fernandez-Cruz, Edwin
 Goldman, Doron
 Grace, Johnnie
 Gray, Robert
 Hirsch, Paul
 Humphrey, L. Peyton
 Infanger, John
 Jatlow, Martin
 Lannen, James
 Marshall, Paul
 McCue, Andrew
 Mitchell, David
 Oberman, Lawrence
 Ryan Companies US
 Schabowski, Rick
 Schell, Michael
 Schollmeyer, David
 Shelton, Robert
 Smith, David
 Smith, Hal
 Soybel, Virginia
 Sports Reference LLC
 Stryker, John
 Terry, Paul
 Vastola, Paul
 Yakich, Douglas

\$100 to \$249

Adams, Donald
 Adell, Phyllis
 Advance Auto Parts
 Alexander, David
 Anderson, Albert
 Angelo, Alfred
 Applegate, Richard
 Arata, Bill
 Arnott, Kirk
 Arpi, Richard
 Auger, Dennis
 Axelrod, Robert
 Baird, Len
 Ball, James
 Belgya, Mark
 Belostock, Stanley
 Bennett, Paul
 Berman, Brian
 Bily, Dick
 Bixby, Elizabeth
 Blinkhorn, Richard
 Bloeser, Kurt
 Boucher, John
 Bower, Jeffrey
 Boxerman, Burton
 Braccini, Steve
 Bradley, Rick
 Briar, John
 Brown, D. Bruce
 Buck, Raymond
 Burdette, Robert
 Burks, Douglas
 Burnside, Peter
 Cappello, John
 Carr, Katharine
 Chandler, Randall
 Charlton, James
 Chase, David
 Cleary, Michael
 Comparato, Vincent
 Composto, Robert
 Crisp, Tom
 Cuicchi, Richard
 Dalton, Willard

Daniels, Stephen
 Dempsey, Rick
 Derebegian, Armen
 DeSantis, Frank
 Doyle, Robert
 Dugo, Mark
 Dulle, Joe
 Dwello, A.E.
 Elms, Elena
 Elms, Vernona
 Elsberry, Steve
 Engbar, Vern
 Esser, Bernie
 Evancich, Joseph
 Fenili, Robert
 Ferguson, John
 Finestra, Carmen
 Fischbach, Charles
 Fischthal, Scott
 Fleitz, David
 Fleming, Bruce
 Flinn, F.X.
 Foster, Wilson
 Gabriel, Ron
 Galm, John
 Gangawere, James
 Ghodsi, Greg
 Gilbert, William
 Godin, Roger
 Goetz, Marc
 Gold, Robert
 Goldfaden, Goodwin
 Goldhammer, Alan
 Goldstein, Sherwood
 Goodhue, Kenneth
 Gottko, John
 Greif, Kenneth L
 Grove, Russ
 Haas, Paul
 Hansen, Richard
 Hanson, Stuart
 Harner, Timothy
 Harrop, Donald
 Herlihy, Irwin
 Higham, Harold
 Hilty, Charles

Holtz, David
 Howard, G. Reed
 Hughes, James
 Huhn, Rick
 Hulbert, Joanne
 Jacks, Paul
 Jacobsen, Ken
 Johnson, Charles
 Jones, Gil
 Jordan, David
 Kachline, Clifford
 Kastro, James
 Kempter, Richard
 Klitsch, Michael
 Koegel, Thomas
 Koehler, Pamela
 Lake, Russell
 LaPlante, Gary
 Lapp, Harvey
 Lawrence, Jeff
 Lechman, Dennis
 Lester, Larry
 Levine, Michael
 Link, Dennis
 Lytle, Denise
 MacGregor, Iain
 Marciano, Charles
 Marmer, Mel
 Marshall, John
 Mattera, Richard
 McAfee, Robert
 McCurdy, William
 McDade, Thomas
 Merz, Edward
 Miller, Helen
 Mitchell, Robert
 Moskal, George
 Murphy, Joe
 Murphy, Steve
 Murray, David
 Nathan, Alan
 Nelson, Mark
 Nester, Thomas
 Nichol, Chris
 Northern States League
 Obrand, Rick

Odenkirk, Jim
 O'Kelley, Patrick
 O'Malley, Peter
 Orloff, Roger
 Overmyer, James
 Palmer, Pete
 Pankin, Mark
 Pappas, Carolyn
 Parker, Paul
 Patton, George
 Paulson, David
 Pearson, David
 Perez, Richard
 Perry, Blair
 Perry, Claudia
 Picard, Urban
 Pierce, Peter
 Pouttu, Ernie
 Rauseo, Matt
 Ray, Patrick
 Rieder, Robert
 Riha, Tim
 Roberts, Mark
 Rogers, Paul
 Roney, Stephen
 Rosen, Dick
 Rothgerber, Harry
 Ruoff, John
 Schwarz, John
 Scott, John
 Scully, Vincent
 Shapiro, Robert
 Shyer, Brent
 Sirkin, Stuart
 Siwoff, Seymour
 Smiles, Jack
 Spatz, Lyle
 Spivey, Donald
 Spry, Louis
 Stais, Alec
 Sternberg, Joel
 Stewart, George
 Stewart, Peter
 Stivers, Wayne
 Strecker, Trey
 Sullivan, John

Sullivan, Thomas
 Swain, Frank
 Swift, Rick
 Theberge, Paul
 Tholkes, Robert
 Thomas, W.L.
 Thompson, Don
 Thompson, Eric
 Thompson, Kevin
 Thornley, Stew
 Tiefenbacher, Robert
 Tierney, John
 Traxler, Chuck
 Tuttle, Thomas
 Vincent, David
 Vitty, Cort
 Wallace, Joseph
 Wallace, Lloyd
 Waterman, Ty
 Way, Randy
 Webber, Michael
 West, Steve
 White, Paul
 Wise, Steven
 Wolfson, Larry
 Wukich, Daniel
 York, Ronald
 Zajc, John

Donors, July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009

1971

Daniel Ginsburg
Thomas Hufford
Clifford Kachline
Carl Kline
Robert McConnell
Pete Palmer
John Pardon
Joseph Simenic
Thomas Zocco

1972

John Benesch

1973

Joseph Costello
Ted DiTullio
John O'Malley
Terry Phelps
Lyle Spatz

1974

Alan Blumkin
Ron Gabriel

1975

Sherwood Goldstein
Eugene McGuire

1976

Richard Hebert
Mark Pankin

1977

Bruce Berard
Leonard Levin
John McCormack
David Smith

1978

Stephen Daniels
Roger Godin
James Herdman
Daniel Jacobs
Lewis Matlin
Richard Mattera
Helen Miller
Jerry Shroder
Robert Tholkes

1979

John Ayoub
William Bordonaro
John Briar
Bruce Fleming
Robert McAfee
Stephen Milman
Barry Nelson
Donald Plavnick
Walter Robertson
Michael Sass
Stew Thornley
Don Zminda

1980

Richard Beverage
Robert Bluthardt
George Bullock
Debbi Dagavarian-Bonar
Jon Daniels
Ted DeVries
John DiMeglio
James Egan
Gary Emmett
Virgil Farley
John Ferguson
Herbert Goldman
Charles Hilty
Julian McCracken
Frank Swain

1981

Paul Andresen
Kirk Arnott
William Birely
Richard Dasch
Ray Gehringer
Frederick Heger
David Holtz
Lewis Levey
Rick Obrand
Edward Small

1982

Richard Arpi
Larry Beebe
Jay Berman
Ernest Brunetto
Douglas Burks
Jack Carlson

Vincent Comparato

David Detwiler
Bob Dorrill
Bernie Esser
Alan Goldhammer
John Herson
Frederick Ivor-Campbell
Jeff Kurtz
Jay Langhammer
David Larson
Andrew McCue
Joe Murphy
Jim Odenkirk
Harry O'Donnell
Addison Penfield
Mathew Robins
Brent Shyer
Tal Smith
Frank Ward

1983

Anonymous
Mark Armour
Len Baird
Gerald Beirne
Merton Benikoff
Henry Betzer
Richard Cambere
John Carter
Wayne Chambers
David Chase
Frank Chase
Robert Composto
Ray Corio
Richard Cuicchi
George Desko
John Donovan
Steve Elsberry
John Fain
John Gottko
Paul Haas
Karl Hiester
Paul Hirsch
Bill Jenkinson
Paul Kelly
Robert Kienzle
Phil Kolodkin
Robert Kramp
Stephen Krevisky
William Larson
Richard Lawrence
Daniel Levitt

Steve Nadel
Victor Pallos
David Paulson
Blair Perry
Harry Rothgerber
Rowland Shepard
James Stimac
Henry Summer
Daniel Van Horn
Rev. David Vogel
Randy Way

1984

James Beck
Stanley Belostock
Thomas Boyd
Scott Bushnell
Keith Carlson
Leon Cummings
Cort Engelken
F.X. Flinn
William Gilbert
Goodwin Goldfaden
Thornton Green
Stuart Hanson
Norman Hegge
G. Reed Howard
Thomas Kern
Andre Lower
Sheldon Miller
George Moskal
James Raywood
Philip Silvia
Neal Traven
Michael Wheat
Charles Wilkins
Larry Wolfson
Kalvin Zitterkob

1985

Anonymous
Donald Adams
David Alexander
James Arciold
Paul Bennett
John Blake
Ed Booth
Bruce Boxdorfer
Scott Brickwood
William Clark
E. Stephen Cunerd
John Dietrich

John Dillon
Harold Eggleston
Kenneth Ellis
Sol Gittleman
Glenn Gostick
Kenneth L Greif
Francis Hamilton
Paul Jacks
Rich Klein
Karl Knickrehm
Bruce Ladd
Larry Lester
Joseph Lian
Michael Lottman
Bill McCaffrey
Robert Mitchell
Jack Montanaro
Will Moser
Thomas Nester
Robert Olson
Tom Perry
James Roberts
Stephen Roney
John Russell
John Schwarz
John Scott
Vincent Scully
Jack Siegel
Seymour Siwoff
Richard Smiley
Virginia Soybel
Louis Spry
Chuck Traxler
David Vincent
Jack Weigel

1986

Anonymous
David Alvarez
Michael Bass
David Bates
Henry Benoit
James Burke
Randall Chandler
James Charlton
William Christensen
John Daly
Joseph Evancich
Donald Fairchild
Alan Feinberg
Daniel Feinstein
Malcolm Fraser

William Gladstone
James Holl
Frank Jazzo
Howard Jones
David Jordan
Seamus Kearney
Gary LaPlante
Rob Neyer
Peter O'Malley
James Overmyer
Dennis Rose
George Shiffler
George Sommerfeld
Mickey Tangel
Edward Yerha

1987

Tom Bradley
Patrick Brahney
Peter Craig
Thomas Koegel
John Liepa
Ann Lindsay
Ron Marshall
B. Michael McCormick
Philip Meneely
David Mitchell
Michael Moore
Gene Oppenheim
Claudia Perry
Bob Rutishauser
Linda Skory
Robert Snyder
Mark Stangl
David Strauss
Joseph Thach
Paul Vastola
John Watkins
Robert Weintraub
Daniel Wukich

1988

David W. Anderson
Larry Dobkin
Allen Hye
William McCurdy
Larry Moffi
Glenn Morosco
Thad Stanford

1989

Bill Arata
Bradley Curtis
Douglas Dannay
John Gaffney
Charles Horne
Richard Luebeck
Don Post
Ernie Pouttu
Jack Stahl
John Stryker
John Tierney

1990

Anonymous
Robert Adair
Rick Bradley
Mark Millikin
Chris Nichol
Urban Picard
Donald Pollock
Paul Rogers
John Rorke
Alec Stais
Ken Tillman
John Zajc

1991

Bill Aylward
Isao Chiba
Rodger Coauette
Rick Dempsey
Russell Diethrick
Christopher Eckes
Marshall Fogel
Kent Fredrickson
John Infanger
James Libbin
Gary Paslow
Roger Raepfle
Fred Ralston
Thomas Ruane
Jeffrey Staats
Joel Sternberg
Jeff Thomas
Brian Waits
David Wentroble

1992

John Agius
James Benoit
Mark Blanchette

Ken Carrano
William Carvalho
Richard Czarnec
Harry Davis
Frank DeSantis
George Desorcy
Tom DiGiandomenico
Jack Fraser
Thomas Gates
Joseph Giovannetti
Tom Goldstein
Bob Grove
Timothy Harner
Michael Hunt
Charles Johnson
James Kastro
Ronald Marcelle
Dick Raymo
James Shearon
George Stewart
Stephen Straight
Wade Thrift
Todd Treichel
Ed Ward

1993

Barry Adico
Barry Bengtsson
Brian Berman
Burton Boxerman
Peter Burnside
Hal Campbell
Katharine Carr
Tom Dedrick
David Evans
Wilson Foster
Andrew France
Toyoaki Hiruma
Enrico Innocenzi
Alma Ivor-Campbell
Rick Jones
David Kline
Al Lackner
William Lamb
Gary Land
Paul Marshall
Tokuo Nishiyama
Everett Parker
Mark Pollak
Robert Rieder
Bob Rives
Catherine Smythe Zajc

William Stewart
Peter Yee

1994

James Ball
Mark Belgya
William Blaskopf
Robert Bowen
Robert Burdette
Ralph Christian
John Connelly
Joe Dulle
Donald Etheridge
Jan Finkel
Scott Fischthal
Steven Glassman
Doron Goldman
Stanton Hamlet
Richard Hansen
William Johnson
Richard Kempter
Russell Lake
Linda Lowrey
David Mack
Owen Marredeth
Michael Martin
Lawrence McCray
Michael McGerr
Alan Meyer
Walter Milner
Jim Moyes
David Murray
John Nolan
Bill Nowlin
Anthony Puglisi
Matthew Rejmaniak
Phillip Ross
Hal Smith
Herb Sollinger
Martin Taft
W.L. Thomas
Walter Tucker
Larry Wagg
Don Weiskopf
Mark Weiss
Warren Wilbert
J.R. Wildridge
Theodore Wohlsen
Paul Wysard

1995
William Ayrovainen
Robert Chan

1995

William Ayrovainen
Robert Chan

Thomas Clark
John Difini
Brant Ducey
A.E. Dwello
Paul Esacove
Johnnie Grace
Judson Hamlin
Paul Hogan
Ray Istorico
Harvey Lapp
Ray Miller
Paul Parker
David Pearson
Jim Reinebold
Morris Resner
Kenneth Sahre
Rick Schabowski
David Silverstein
Irvin Smith
Thomas Thompson
Richard Unruh
Kitaya Yukio
Richard Zunt

1996

Alfred Angelo
Richard Applegate
Keith Barnes
Bob Davis
Michael Dwaileebe
Michael Emeigh
Vince Gennaro
Mel Gorelik
Merle Harmon
George Jacovides
Douglas Lyons
David McHugh
Edward Meyer
Jerry Mora
Dan Petricig
Robert Popovich
Tim Riha
John Ruoff
Robert Schaefer
Robert Shapiro
Victor Sloan
Robert Wakefield
Lloyd Wallace
Michael Webber
R.E. Wilson
Douglas Yakich

1997

Douglas Yakich

Kurt Bloeser
Donald Braun
D.Bruce Brown
R.J. Bruning
Elmer Cowley
Herbert Crehan
Joseph Dorinson
Robert Doyle
Donn Fasbender
Charles Fischbach
Paul Fishel
Curtis Frey
Edward Gardner
Jerald Hanks
Jim Hantschel
Jim Hartley
Harold Higham
Norman Klein
Charles Levihn
Noel Milan
Wilmore Neiditch
Tom Ng
H. Graham Nye
Doug Palmer
Prisco Panza
Robert Pugliese
Edwin Ribback
Scott Robson
Tim Rook
William Steverson
Wayne Stivers
James Sullivan
Don Thompson
Kevin Thompson
Ty Waterman
Allan & Rochelle Wolf

1998

Anonymous
Dick Bily
Elizabeth Bixby
John Boucher
Anthony Bozanic
Paul Browne
Herman Brunotte
Jason Christopherson
James Deans
John Hagan
Kevin Hanley
Margot Hayward
Leslie Heaphy
Charles Henkle

Irwin Herlihy
L. Peyton Humphrey
Jay Hurd
Larry Johnson
Gil Jones
Jeffrey Katz
Kevin Leniart
John Marshall
Lawrence Melamed
Larry Miggins
Tracy Mohr
Tom Murrah
Dale Norwood
Rip Pallotta
Mark Roberts
Edward Rosenthal
Robert Rywick
Michael Schell
Robert Shelton
Stuart Sirkin
Ulric James Suiter
Rick Swift
Joseph Wallace
Jack Walsh

1999

Martin Abramowitz
Michael Adams
Thomas Beckert
Jeffrey Bower
David Cicotello
John Farley
N. Bruce Ferris
Peter Fishman
James Gangawere
Irvin Goldfarb
James Lannen
Dennis Lechman
Austin MacDonald
Peter Mancuso
Alfred Martin
David Martinsek
Mark Nelson
David Schollmeyer
Steve Steinberg
Paul Terry
Paul Theberge
Thomas Tuttle
Thomas Verdon
Cort Vitty
Chris Volinsky
Donald Ward

2000

Dennis Auger
 Robert Axelrod
 Ralph Berger
 Ron Brown
 Gerald Cohen
 William Dowell
 James Drury
 Lewis Edgers
 Edwin Fernandez-Cruz
 Anthony Grossi
 Jeff Klein
 James Kutcher
 Richard Lock
 Bennett Lombardo
 David Lundquist
 Adam Martinsek
 Thomas Merrick
 Richard Morris
 Ronald Morse
 Bob Muccigrosso
 George Patton
 John Pawlak
 Matt Rauseo
 Kenneth Ross
 Doug Rubin
 Trey Strecker
 Eric Thompson
 Dennis VanLangen
 Joram Warmund
 Scott Zimmerman

2001

Robert Atwan
 Joseph Auslander
 Douglas Brookbank
 Robert Cochran
 Susan Dellinger
 Armen Derebegian
 David Fleitz
 Patrick Gallagher
 Kenneth Goodhue
 Donald Harrop
 Helen Harte
 Lou Hernandez
 Joanne Hulbert
 Martin Jatlow
 Lawrence Levine
 Denise Lytle
 Ernestine Miller
 Richard Newell
 Ralph Noistering

Tim Olsen
 Ray Rippelmeyer
 Dick Roberson
 Larry Rose
 John Rumierz
 David Stewart
 Andrew Strnad
 Matthew Thomas
 William Young
 Patrick Zazzi

2002

Anonymous (3)
 Ron Adams
 Lou Barberini
 Nan Bartlett
 Steve Beitler
 Robert Boyd
 Matt Chew
 Lawrence Church
 Joseph Ciarametaro
 Anthony Dalferes
 Leonard Drew
 Mark Dugo
 Gerry Hamilton
 Michael Hartnagel
 Lowell Heide
 Gary Hess
 James Hughes
 Rick Huhn
 James Kelly
 Warren Klein
 Jeff Lawrence
 Craig Lukshin
 Mel Marmer
 Herbert Maxwell
 Thomas Mullen
 Alan Nathan
 Patrick O'Kelley
 Roger Orloff
 Jack Smiles
 David Swenson
 Paul White
 Herb Zakrison

2003

Marc Aaron
 William Blair
 Larry Boes
 Brian Cooper
 Willard Dalton
 Robert Fenili

Eric Frost
 Bryant Galbaugh
 Constantine Georges
 Marc Goetz
 Robert Gray
 John Green
 Wayne Hebden
 David Kimball
 Michael Klitsch
 Anthony Lehman
 Iain MacGregor
 Daniel Massey
 Edward Merz
 Dwight Oxley
 Jim Peach
 Robert Pfuhler
 Patrick Ray
 Thomas Schick
 Leonard Sisitzky
 Matthew Souders
 Jack Swartz

2004

Anonymous
 Eric Abner
 Wilfred Bussing
 Michael Cleary
 Timothy Connaughton
 Michael Doyle
 Dennis Duquette
 Carmen Finestra
 Simon Fischer
 Richard Fitzgerald
 John Galm
 Matthew Goehlert
 Robert Gold
 Ken Jacobsen
 Jeremy Krock
 Michael Levine
 Mark Mapes
 Tom Mills
 Joe Palladino
 Todd Peterson
 John Sours
 George Thompson
 Robert Tiefenbacher
 Marlene Vogelsang
 Everett Wiggins
 Ken Willey
 Matthew Willis

2005

Richard Blinkhorn
 Shayne Bradley
 John Costello
 Bonnie Crosby
 Michael Curtin
 Clay Dalferes
 Michael Garvey
 Larry Gifford
 Russ Grove
 Edward Halas
 John Paul Hill
 Bob Jensen
 Dave Jensen
 David Kunsman
 Joseph Lydon
 Charles Marciano
 Thomas McDade
 Ed Mickelson
 Mary Mickelson
 John Mitchell
 Jason Mossman
 Lawrence Oberman
 Carolyn Pappas
 Catherine Petroski
 Jill Singleton
 Constance Sorrentino
 Bob Thomas
 Fay Vincent
 Bob Weidel

2006

Sam Allen
 Steve Ames
 John Barr
 David Bohmer
 Denis Boyle
 Raymond Buck
 Harry Cappel
 Peter Carlton
 Alexander Chako
 Angel Colon
 David Cupo
 Elena Elms
 Vernona Elms
 Rick Fizdale
 Chip Greene
 Dean Hanley
 Frank Kearney
 David Keren
 Phil Keren
 Vic Koenig

Martin Lentz
 Loris Magnani
 Mariann Maris
 Frank Moran
 Steve Murphy
 Larry Pauley
 Ren Petrie
 Peter Pierce
 Dick Rosen
 Robin Schogol
 Michael Seeley
 Bill Steinfeldt
 Robert Stinner
 Timothy Tierney
 Don Torizzo
 Steve West
 Kazunori Yamaguchi
 Mort Zachter

2007

Steve Braccini
 Richard Buxton
 John Cappello
 John Carvalho
 John Childs
 Arnold Cohen
 Tom Crisp
 David Fitt
 Christopher Graham
 Dennis Hanratty
 Daisuke Hoshikawa
 Gary Hughes
 Tim Iten
 Pete Johnston
 Sumner La Croix
 Gary Lamb
 Dennis Link
 Dennis Mertz
 Harvey Migden
 Michael Miller
 Mark O'Hara
 Richard Perez
 Paul Rogalsky
 Marilyn Schouweiler
 Samuel Shareef
 David Shpigler
 Saul Silver
 Donald Spivey
 Peter Stewart
 John Sullivan
 Thomas Sullivan
 Steve Wilson

Emil Yappert
 Ronald York
 David Zavagno

2008

Mike Abroe
 Albert Anderson
 Charles Anderstrom
 John Brewster
 Nancy Davis
 James Dodd
 Sam Giddins
 Mick Hickok
 Neil Hogan
 Dwayne Isgrig
 Emilie Keas
 Doug Kenison
 Andrew Leheny
 John McQuery
 Ernest Nimmons
 Mitchell Overbye
 Patrick Park
 Eric Raleigh
 Dan Reilly
 Rebecca Rishar
 Richard Schell
 Herb Shankman
 Bill Wheatley
 Steven Wise

2009

Dave Bachman
 Russell Bonaccorso
 Chamise Campbell
 Ron Dungan
 William Eggers
 Bob Fallon
 Edward Killmer
 David McCallister
 Frank Mecum
 Brendan Ryan
 Bernard Schaper

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 was the brainchild of L. Robert “Bob” Davids of Washington DC. For many years, starting in 1951, he contributed free-lance articles to *The Sporting News*. When *The Sporting News* discontinued statistical-history types of articles in the mid-1960s, Davids sought another outlet for his avocations and launched a four-page newsletter, “Baseball Briefs.” The initial response to the publication spawned the idea of forming an organization of researchers, and in March 1971, he sent letters to approximately 40 “statisticians” around the country asking for expression of interest in forming a research group. The 16 willing and able to meet in Cooperstown formulated the Society’s objectives, its name and acronym. The essential constitutional objectives of SABR are to foster the study of baseball, stimulate interest in baseball, establish an accurate historical account of baseball and disseminate baseball information. In addition to Davids (who passed away in February of 2002), the original members included Dan Dischley, Paul Frisz (deceased), Dan Ginsburg, Raymond Gonzalez (deceased), William Gustafson, William Haber (deceased), Tom Hufford, Cliff Kachline, Bob McConnell, Pat McDonough (deceased), Raymond Nemeec, John Pardon (deceased), Thomas Shea (deceased), Joseph Simenic, and Keith Sutton (deceased).



Participants at SABR's first meeting on August 10, 1971 at the National Baseball Library in Cooperstown, New York. Back row (left to right): Neil Campbell, Bill Haber, Keith Sutton, Dan Dischley, Dan Ginsburg, Tom Hufford, 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.