First-Ever SABR Day a Huge Success

On January 30, 2010, more than 700 members attended one of 33 SABR Day gatherings held across the United States as well as Canada and Puerto Rico. If SABR Day had been one of the Society for American Baseball Research’s national conventions, it would be one of the largest gatherings in the Society’s history. Depending on the location, members heard from guest speakers who ranged from former or current major or minor leaguers, coaches, and authors, or listened to the latest research from other SABR members, had contests, talked baseball, and, at one meeting, played dice baseball. Thanks to all who helped make SABR Day 2010 a success. The SABR Day boxscore follows.

SABR Day 2010

Scheduled meetings 34
Chapters participating 37
Members participating 712
Snow outs 2

Allan Roth Chapter
Where: Buena Park, CA
Guest: Jerry Spradlin, former MLB pitcher
Presentations: Rick Smith, “Almost Great Teams;” Chris Epting, Roadside Baseball
Attendance: 29

Aucker-Seminick Chapter
Where: Orlando, FL
Activities: Discussed upcoming season, best player in the game, and possible rule changes
Attendance: 9

Bob Broeg Chapter
Where: St. Louis, MO
Guests: Derrick Goold, baseball writer for St. Louis Post-Dispatch; former players Lee Thomas and Ted Savage
Presentations: Dwayne Isgrig, Dizzy Dean’s last pitching performance; Matt Philip, panel discussion on baseball blogging; Dave Otto, keeping score in 133-inning charity game; Steve Pona, 150 Years of Baseball in St. Louis Project (in which Broeg Chapter will take part)
Trivia: Compiled by Bob Tiemann
Attendance: 54

Bob Davids Chapter
Where: Arlington, VA
Guests: Bryn Minniti, Assistant GM of Washington Nationals; former Orioles pitcher Scott McGregor
Presentations: Steve Walker, Cort Vitty, David Smith, Mike Henderson, David Vincent
Attendance: 120

Members of the Bob Davids Chapter check out books during the SABR Day raffle.

Former pitcher Jerry Spradlin addresses members of the Allan Roth Chapter.
**Boston Chapter**
Where: Boston, MA
Activities: Baseball talk and identifying baseball players in tavern photos for strangers
Standouts: Jim Wyman attending his second SABR Day gathering of the day
Attendance: 4

**Bresnahan/Mud Hens Chapter**
Where: Perrysburg, OH
Guests: Former MLB pitcher Steve Fireovid
Standouts: Lowell and Shirley Hinkle for hosting
Attendance: 30

**Charlotte Chapter**
Cancelled due to weather

**Connie Mack Chapter**
Where: Philadelphia, PA
Activities: Baseball talk ranging from Polanco's signing, the Green Monster, Lee's trade, Cooperstown, Red Sox' shortstop bummers, Yankees rotation, Phillies' chances next year, Seattle's rotation, Fenway's attractiveness (& how to get tickets), best baseball literature (Greenberg's The Celebrant, Carkeet's The Greatest Slump of All Time, W.P. Kinsella's The Thrill of the Grass), CB Park's attractiveness (& how to get tickets), and the chapter's spring meeting, anecdotes.
Standouts: Yankee, Red Sox, and Mets fans peacefully breaking bread together
Attendance: 12

**Emil Rothe Chapter**
Where: Chicago, IL
Activities: Baseball talk and laughing
Standouts: Four attendees are published authors
Attendance: 9

**Field of Dreams Chapter**
Where: Des Moines, IA
Presentations: Brian Cooper, photo biography of Ray Schalk; Matt Nelson, video samples from “Ballparks of the Midwest;” Tim Rask, Midwest League’s designated runner experiment of 1975; Steve Elsberry, encounter with Kent Stock; R.J. Lesch, Boiling Out Conference Trivia: Presented by Darrell Hanson, won by R.J. Lesch
Standouts: 45-rpm recording of Rockin’ Richie Ray’s Baseball Card Lover as trivia contest prize
Attendance: 17
Flame Delhi Chapter
Where: Tempe, AZ
Guests: Former major league Lou Klimchock; former stadium manager Larry West
Presentations: Dave Geary, Seattle Pilots memorabilia; Dan Schlosberg, his new book on 300-game winners; Rodney Johnson, stories from Diablo Stadium
Standouts: meeting in the press box at Tempe Diablo Stadium
Attendance: 19

Hall-Ruggles Chapter
Where: Arlington, TX
Guests: Rangers Executive VP of Communications, John Blake; Rangers TV color announce Tom Grieve; Rangers pitcher Rich Harden; former Rangers outfielder Rusty Greer; Kathleen Sullivan, author of Our White Boy
Standouts: SABR members who staffed the SABR table during the Rangers FanFest despite 20 mph winds and a temperature of 24 degrees
Attendance: 30

Halsey Hall Chapter
Where: St. Paul, MN
Activities: Food, fellowship, baseball talk, viewing DVD of 1959 Reds, 1961 Twins, and Don Larsen’s perfect game
Standouts: Kevin Hennessey for hosting
Attendance: 11

Hanlan’s Point Chapter
Where: Toronto, ON
Guests: Participants in Bill Humber’s Spring Training for Fans course and members of Society for International Hockey Research and Professional Football Researchers Association
Presentations: Paul Patskou, screening footage from baseball library
Attendance: 50

Jack Graney Chapter
Where: Cleveland, OH
Activities: Food, fellowship, and baseball talk, including best centerfielders of all time, the SABR Encyclopedia, and other related topics
Attendance: 14

Ken Kelter Chapter
Where: Milwaukee, WI
Activities: Baseball talk and fellowship
Attendance: 20

Larry Dierker Chapter
Where: Houston, TX
Activities: Food, fellowship, and baseball talk, including the St. Louis Browns (with two members dressed in appropriate attire); a long-time friend of Texas baseball who died this month, Bobby Bragan; the broadcast wing of the Hall of Fame and who might be elected (strong support for Graham McNamee); and the chapter’s Vintage Baseball Team, the Houston Babies
Standouts: This was the fourth gathering in one month for the chapter
Attendance: 7

Leatherstocking Chapter
Where: Cooperstown, NY
Presentations: Jeff Katz, Ray Crebey, lead negotiator for owners during 1981 strike; Pete Henrici, quiz on the oldest Hall of Famer at different times during past 70 years; Gabe Schechter, relief pitching patterns from 1960s to present
Attendance: 10
**Lefty O’Doul & Sacramento Chapters**
Where: Dublin, CA
Activities: Discussion of recent research members had completed, including biographies of Joe Pignatano, Ralph Branca, and Ed Roebuck and further research on the Dodgers’ move to Los Angeles; Doug McWilliams, collection of Lee Sussman baseball cartoons
Trivia: Paul Hirsch moderated, won by Mike Tormey
Standout: One of two joint SABR Day gatherings; youngest attendee was nine years old
Attendance: 20

**Magnolia Chapter**
Where: Atlanta, GA
Activities: Discussion of the Braves off-season deals and SABR 40
Attendance: 8

**Michigan (Detroit, Don Lund, and Wally Pipp) Chapters**
Where: Lansing, MI
Presentations: Ken Cherven, maps of Michigan’s historical minor league team and league locations; Peter Morris, forthcoming book on the 1897 season and career of Walter Thornton; Gary Gillette, Hamtramck Stadium
Standout: One of two joint SABR Day events
Attendance: 29

**Monarchs Chapter**
Where: Kansas City, MO
Guests: Joe Posnanski, Sr. Writer for Sports Illustrated; James Forr, upcoming book on Pie Traynor; Dave Anderson, gambling during Deadball Era
Standout: Members who came from as far away as Jefferson City; Manhattan, Kansas; and Omaha, Nebraska.

**Northwest SABR Chapter**
Where: Seattle, WA
Activities: Table at Mariners FanFest
Standouts: Seattle Mariners for providing table at no cost to SABR

**Orlando Cepeda Chapter**
Where: Milaville, San Juan, Puerto Rico
Guests: Luis Olmo (Brooklyn Dodgers), Benny Ayala (Baltimore Orioles), Julio Navarro (California Angels), Santiago Muratti (Mayaguez Indians)
Standouts: Phone call to Luis Olmo from former major leaguer and Negro League star George Crowe; Ángel Colón and family for hosting
Attendance: 30

**Oscar Charleston Chapter**
Where: Indianapolis, IN
Activities: Baseball talk and fellowship
Standouts: Met in old Van Kamp building, which in 1914 overlooked Federal League Greenlawn Park; members were allowed access to a roof overlook and envisioned where the grandstand stood and what the park may have looked like using surviving landmarks.
Attendance: 9

A display of baseball-related cartoons by Lee Sussman at the Lefty O’Doul-Sacramento Chapter joint SABR Day meeting.
Members gather before the start of the Oscar Charleston SABR Day meeting.

The NWSABR Chapter celebrated SABR Day talking to baseball fans at the Mariners FanFest.

**Pee Wee Reese Chapter**
Cancelled due to weather

**Quebec Chapter**
Where: Montreal, QB
Activities: Baseball talk, including the Braves’ spring training home in Waycross, GA; the Eastern International League of 1895-96; pitchers playing field positions in the Majors; and Alexandre Pratt’s experiences as a beat writer with the Expos.

Attendance: 7

Members of the Orland Cepeda Chapter along with guests Luis Olmo and Julio Navarro
**Rocky Mt. SABR Chapter**

Where: Denver, CO  
Presentations: Kyle Bannister, recreation of ballfield from 1870s  
Activities: point-counterpoint on instant replay with Matt Mitchell and Judge Wayne Williams, moderated by Matt Repplinger  
Trivia: Moderated by Paul Parker; David Wallack as judge and scorekeeper; won by Stan Cook  
Attendance: 32

**Rogers Hornsby Chapter**

Where: Austin, TX  
Activities: Bill Gilbert brought ball he threw out as first pitch to Jeff Kent at Minute Maid Park in April 2009; Gilbert Martinez shared a photo of Jackie Robinson taken at Roosevelt Stadium in Jersey City, NJ in 1946  
Standouts: Chuck Kaufman for hosting  
Attendance: 13

**Smoky Joe Wood Chapter**

Where: Hamden, CT  
Activities: Breakfast and baseball talk, including 19th Century Baseball, the 1930s, the baseball class taught at Quinnipiac University by Larry Levine, the Hall of Fame, the death of Willard Hershberger, and the BioProject  
Trivia: Moderated by Paul Parker; David Wallack as judge and scorekeeper; won by Stan Cook  
Attendance: 20

**Tallahassee/N. Florida Chapter**

Where: Tallahassee, FL  
Activities: Food, fellowship, and baseball talk, including stories, Hot Stove discussions, forecasts for the 2010 Major League and NCAA Division I seasons, reminiscing about past personal glories in the game, and looking forward to what we hope to see become of our young local chapter  
Attendance: 5

**Ted Williams Chapter**

Where: San Diego, CA  
Guests: Josh Stein, Padres Director of Baseball Operations; Chris Long, Padres Senior Analyst  
Presentations: David Kinney, summary reviews of nine recent baseball books; Eric Hanauer, “shooting” the Cubs and tips for taking baseball photos  
Trivia: won by Mike Metzger  
Standouts: Petco Park for hosting  
Attendance: 30

**Vermont Chapter**

Where: Burlington, VT  
Activities: College World Series-style round-robin tournament of “Simon’s Old-Fashioned Dice Baseball” using all-franchise teams from the Deadball Era  
Standouts: New York Giants and New York Highlanders in what would have been first Subway Series  
Attendance: 4
Vermont Chapter
Where: Lebanon, NH
Guest: former major leaguer
Jim Beattie
Presentations: F.X. Flinn, general SABR update;
Ron Anderson on Olaf Hendrickson and George “Boomer” Scott; Bill Lamb on
George David
Standouts: Visitors included coaches from the Dartmouth
and Colby baseball teams
Attendance: 25

Some of the attendees at the Upper Valley SABR Day gathering.

Josh Stein, Padres Director of Baseball Operations, and Chris Long, Padres Senior Analyst, speaking to members of the Ted
Williams Chapter at Petco Park on SABR Day.
Upcoming Events

03/04/2010 Deadball Era Committee
Boiling Out Conference takes place March 4 to 7, 2010 at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas. For more information, contact R. J. Lesch [email: rjlesch_usa@yahoo.com]

03/13/2010 South Florida Chapter
meets at Tamarac Public Library (Multi-Purpose Room), beginning at 12:00 (noon). For more information, contact Sam Zygner [email: sfasab@hotmai.com]

03/13/2010 Flame Delhi Chapter
hosts its annual Spring Training weekend March 13-14 in Tempe, Arizona. For more information, contact Rodney Johnson [email: fdelhichpt@aol.com]

03/14/2010 Flame Delhi Chapter
holds its traditional breakfast meeting at the Fiesta Inn (2100 S. Priest Rd, Tempe). Please RSVP to Rodney Johnson [fdelhichpt@aol.com]

03/20/2010 Central Florida/Orlando Chapter
meets at the Larry R. Jackson Branch Library in Lakeland at 9:00 am for a meeting. For more information, contact Dave Larson [email: tazlarson@aol.com]

03/08/2010 Tokyo Chapter
meets at Italian Restaurant “Amico Mio” in Hamamatsucho, Tokyo. Contact Tomotada Yamamoto [mountainbook91@jcom.home.ne.jp] for more information.

04/17/2010 Nineteenth Century Conference
will be held at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. For more information, contact Peter Mancuso [email: peterplus4@earthlink.net]

04/30/2010 Seymour Medal Conference
begins in Cleveland, Ohio, and runs to Sunday, May 2. For more information, contact Susan Petrone [phone: 1-800-969-7227] [email: spetrone@sabr.org]

5/1/2010 SABR Board of Directors
meets from 9 am to 4 pm at the Radisson Hotel Gateway in Cleveland. For more information, contact John Zajc [phone: 1-800-969-7227] [email: jzajc@sabr.org]

05/08/2010 Forbes Field Chapter (Pittsburgh)
holds its Spring meeting at the Heinz History Museum. For more information, contact Bob Sproule [email: rfsmms@verizon.net]

05/22/2010 Elysian Fields Chapter (NJ)
will hold its chapter conference on May 22. For more information, contact Richard Puerzer [email: richard.j.puerzer@hofstra.edu]

05/22/2010 Dayton Chapter
will meet at 5/3 Field in the afternoon (time TBD). A Dragons game follows at 7:00 pm. For more information, contact John Schleppi [email: jschleppi@gmail.com]

06/05/2010 Allan Roth Chapter (SoCal)
meets from 10AM to 3PM at LA84 on West Adams. For more information, contact Stephen Roney [email: sroney@acm.org]

06/19/2010 Lajoie-Start Chapter (Southern New England)
meets under a picnic tent at McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Len Levin [email: LenLevin5@hotmail.com]

07/14/2010 Jerry Malloy Negro Leagues Conference
begins in Birmingham, Alabama. Runs through Sunday, July 18. For more information, contact Larry Lester [email: ntresearch@comcast.net]

08/05/2010 SABR 40
begins in Atlanta, Georgia at the Sheraton Hotel. For more information, contact John Zajc [email: jzajc@sabr.org] [web: convention.sabr.org]