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Next Meeting: February 13th, 2010

Eisenhower Library, Harwood Heights, IL,

Website <http://www.eisenhowerlibrary.org>

4613 N. Oketo Ave. Harwood Heights, IL

If you're coming to the library on Route 294 (Tri-State), you should take Route 90 (Kennedy) to Chicago and then exit at either Cumberland going south or at Harlem going south. Take Cumberland or Harlem south to Lawrence. Make a left on Lawrence from Cumberland or make a right on Lawrence from Harlem. The library is approximately two (2) blocks west of Harlem and a block south of Lawrence.

1pm-5pm

Speakers

Oakland Athletics minor leaguer Dusty Napoleon

Dennis Pajot of the Milwaukee SABR Chapter will discuss Abner Dalrymple of the famed Chicago White Stockings and his key role in Game Six of the 1886 World's Championship Series against Charlie Comiskey's St. Louis Browns

Doak Ewing of Rare Sportsfilms Inc. will show us some of the legendary baseball footage he has collected.

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SABR's Rod Nelson reported that Gene Carney's findings from his trip to Chicago History Museum this past June will appear in upcoming issues of SABR's Baseball Research Journal and John Thorn's Base Ball for McFarland, and the Black Sox Scandal Committee Newsletter. Gene was paid tribute to by the membership as attendees recalled their fond experiences of working and talking with him.

The two members who had attended SABR 39 in Washington, D.C. this past summer gave their

Upcoming Meeting in the midwest

01/30/2010 Bob Broeg Chapter

meets at Mike Shannon's restaurant, 620 Market St, St. Louis, MO 63101 (across from Busch Stadium) from 12-4:00.

For more information, contact Jim Rygelski [email: jamesryg@att.net]

01/30/2010 Halsey Hall Chapter

meets at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kevin Hennessy, 608 Grand Ave, St. Paul, MN, for an informal gathering, discussion, and DVD viewing of the Twins 1961 season

For more information, contact Howard Luloff [email: hfan77@webtv.net]

01/30/2010 Joint Meeting of Michigan Chapters

will be held at the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing at 1:15pm.

* Optional lunch at Clara's Lansing Station (637 E. Michigan Ave.), 11:45-1:00

* Joint meeting begins at Michigan Historical Museum (702 W. Kalamazoo St.), 1:15 * Trivia quiz, 1:15-1:45

* First presentation (incl. Q&A afterward), 1:45-2:15

* Second presentation (ditto), 2:15-2:45

* Break, 2:45-3:00

* Third presentation (ditto), 3:00-3:30

* Tour of MSM, 3:30-4:00

* Meeting ends/MSM closes, 4:00

* Optional drinks/dinner at Michigan Brewing Co. Pub (402 Washington Square, South), 4:15-whenver

Presenters: Peter Morris, Ken Cherven, and Gary Gillette.

Peter will speak about his current book project on how the 1897 season led to the firing of Cap Anson.

Ken will present his historical maps of all Michigan-based minor leagues and their franchise locations.

Gary will speak about the current state of Hamtramck Stadium, where the Detroit Stars played in 1930-31 and 1933 and where the Detroit Wolves played in 1932.

Contact: Gary Gillette 313.614.9006

Notes:

* All addresses above are in Lansing.

* If blizzard conditions are forecast for Saturday, we will decide on Friday whether to cancel meeting

* Free parking at Clara's and MHM available in lots on-site.

* Parking at MBC Pub on the street (which shouldn't be a problem on Saturday afternoon)

* MOST IMPORTANTLY: Invite your friends--non-SABR members are more than welcome!

For more information, contact Gary Gillette [email: Baseballist@earthlink.net]

02/06/2010 Jack Graney Chapter (Cleveland)

will meet at Progressive Field on Saturday, February 6, 2010 between 9:30-3:30.

At this meeting, a new Chapter President will be elected. If you are interested in heading the local group, please contact Brad Sullivan by e-mail (bradcwp@yahoo.com) or phone (440-749-3198). One perk of the duties is that you will be among the group that helps nominate individuals for the Indians Hall of Fame.

For more information, contact Brad Sullivan [phone: 440-749-3198] [email: bradcwp@yahoo.com]

Daniel E. Ginsburg, who at 15 in 1971 was the youngest founding member of the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR), died August 12 of pancreatic cancer. He was 53.

"Dan's impact on SABR was huge. He accomplished so much in his life and was able to find time for SABR and to be a strong voice not only for the founders and early members of SABR, but also throughout his 38 years in the organization. His influence will be felt far into the future," said SABR Executive Director, John Zajc.

Born in Pittsburgh, PA, Ginsburg began his baseball research at a young age and his work was mentioned by Lee Allen in his "Cooperstown Corner" column in *The Sporting News*.

Ginsburg's baseball research continued throughout his life. Perhaps the highlight occurred in 1995 when McFarland published his book on baseball's gambling scandals, "The Fix is In." The book was re-published in 2004. Throughout his life, he collected autographs of Hall of Famers and other stars. In the late 1990s, he donated that collection to the Elliot Museum in Stuart, Florida.

Dan served on the SABR Board of Directors, being named to replace Harry Rothgerber in July 2002. He was elected by the membership the following year to complete the term.

"Dan brought a new level of professionalism to the SABR board," Zajc added. "He brought the same incisive thinking to the SABR board room as he did to his business career, and we all learned from him."

Ginsburg also served on the SABR Fundraising Committee and gave leadership gifts annually. He had a special fondness for the Lee Allen Award at National History Day as he considered Allen to be a baseball mentor of his.

Dan was a graduate of Northwestern University and made his professional mark in advertising and marketing, retiring as president of Draft Worldwide in the late 1990s. He became a part owner of the Class AA Norwich Navigators and the majority owner of Champagne de Meric, the only American-owned winery in Champagne.

Recently, he started a new chapter as president of TAG Media, India's first In-Store Television Network. He was also president of The Sparrow's Song Foundation, and active in a number of charitable causes.

Paul Andresen, a giant in the NWSABR chapter, serving as president three times, and as secretary/treasurer for the past 10 years or more, lost his battle with cancer on August 26. He was 62.

Paul was a regular attendee from the start of the NWSABR Chapter in 1981. The core group has evolved over the years, but Paul the only constant--certainly Paul attended more chapter meetings than anyone else by a factor of two. He was a beloved figure.

Paul served on the SABR board for four years as treasurer (1995-99). He wrote articles for both of the Deadball books. He presented at many chapter meetings and at at least one National. He served on the nominating committee for a few years, and a few other national committees as well. He attended 16 SABR nationals. Paul loved SABR.

Paul loved baseball at all levels. He loved the Dodgers from boyhood, the Mariners since their existence (he was in Seattle at the time), the Eugene Emeralds and the Oregon State Beavers. He volunteered in the press box at the OSU game for many years, and one of his happiest moments was his trip to the College World Series in 2007, the second of the Beavers two championships. He and Kip Carlson published a great book a few years ago on the history of the Portland Beavers of the PCL.

Paul loved people, though not in the sense that phrase is normally used. People amused Paul, and he loved watching and talking about them. Though he never gambled, he loved Las Vegas, which was filled with people who amused him. Paul's full life included many close friends from different circles. Besides the SABR convention, his other annual event was the Burning Man Festival in the Nevada desert, for which he and his friends would

spent weeks building a booth and costumes around some humorous (and politically-incorrect) theme.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie, three grown sons, and a grandson--a very close family. Debbie, went to several SABR conventions with Paul, and was well known by many. His only sibling, Marc, is a pastor in town and also very close to Paul.

Paul Andresen's memorial service will be Tuesday, September 1, at 2 p.m. at Calvin Presbyterian Church in Corvallis (1736 NW Dixon Street). If anyone would like additional information (directions, etc.) please contact Mark Armour.

SABR 40 Dates Announced

The the Society for American Baseball Research has finalized the dates for its 40th annual convention. It will be held August 5-8, 2010, at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Atlanta.

SABR 40 will be the first convention SABR has held in Atlanta. The city is one of only four current MLB markets never to host a SABR convention. Details on SABR 40 will be available on the convention website.

Paper Of Record Access

The Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) has made available to its dues paying members access to The Sporting News (1886 to 2003) online, along with dozens of other newspapers, including some years of the Baltimore Afro-American.

This resource will help members with their baseball research and provide more opportunities to fill in player pages at the soon-to-be soft-launched (to members only) SABR Encyclopedia.

SABR members can access Paper of Record through a link on the "Members Only" section of the SABR website. New members will have immediate access to Paper of Record and all other member benefits upon account activation. Join or renew online.

Baseball Bloggers Alliance Joins SABR

Independent baseball bloggers are joining together in the recently formed Baseball Bloggers Alliance (BBA). Designed to foster communication and collaboration among bloggers across baseball, the organization already has more than 75 members less than a month after its formation. Twenty-eight of the thirty MLB teams are represented by at least one blogger, and the remaining teams will be covered soon. In addition, a number of general baseball blogs and sites are also participating.

Member blogs are encouraged to use one another to deepen their understanding of the game and the teams that play it. While no formal requirements for membership exist at the current time, participating blogs are asked to keep their blogs current and to link to other member blogs on their blog roll.

Founder Daniel Shoptaw notes that, even in the few weeks that the BBA has been in existence, the intended collaboration has already taken effect. "One member was a guest on another's radio show, while another BBA writer interviewed some of his fellow participants for a blog post. E-mails and discussions about interactions and how to improve various aspects of blogging have also taken place," he notes.

The BBA has, as a secondary aim, the goal of producing year-end awards in a similar fashion to the Baseball Writers of America. Shoptaw says, "These awards can be found on the BBA website in October with links back

to the voters, ensuring transparency and, most likely, the onset of some good baseball arguments.”

The BBA is set up into chapters for each team, based on the format held by the Baseball Writers of America. Each chapter will be allowed two votes for each of the major awards (Manager of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Cy Young and Most Valuable Player) in their league. In addition, blogs that cover baseball in general are allowed to vote on these awards, though they are limited to one league per award.

Baseball bloggers interested in joining the BBA are invited to contact the Alliance at: baseballbloggersalliance@gmail.com.

For more information, visit their website at: www.baseballbloggersalliance.com

SABR Day In America

January 30, 2010, is the date for the first SABR Day in America (and elsewhere). The Society for American Baseball Research (SABR) is a member-driven nonprofit organization made up of nearly 7,000 members who are fans of baseball and its rich and varied history. Although a sizable portion (about 10%) of the membership comes together for SABR’s national convention each year, with 55 chapters scattered through the US (as well as Canada, Puerto Rico, the United Kingdom, and Japan), it would be impossible to gather the entire SABR community in one place at one time. Our alternative solution is to have as many members as possible come together on the same day—regardless of where they live.

The SABR Chicago Library Collection is available to all researchers to email the director of the library at david@malamut.net and have the owner of the book you need look up what is needed for your research needs. If you would like to donate to the library collection please also email David Malamut

The last few months we have one new book

2010 Baseball America Almanac



