

# THE "HOLY COW"

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## May 21 Chapter Meeting

More than 30 members and guests, including a contingent from Ken Keltner SABR Chapter of Wisconsin, attended the spring meeting of the Halsey Hall Chapter on Saturday, May 21.

With Howard Luloff directing activities, the meeting included five research presentations:

Lee Temanson talked of his first two major league games, in 1957 at Fenway Park and Ebbets Field. Phil Lowry spoke about marathon games. Howard Luloff made a presentation on the late public-address announcer for the Twins, Bob Casey. Bob Aronson spoke on behalf of Bob Strauss, author of *The Best: Unique New Statistics that Compare and Rank the Best Batters in Baseball History*. Tom Melchior, author of *Belle Plaine Baseball: 1884-1960*, concluded the program with a look at amateur baseball in Scott County.

The featured guest was Daron Sutton, who talked about his dad, Hall of Famer Don Sutton, as well as his own brief minor-league career and his current job as an announcer for the Milwaukee Brewers.

At the business meeting, Gregg Nelson, Chuck Blomquist, Bob Tholkes, and Howard Luloff were elected to two-year terms on the board of directors as the terms of Blomquist, Stew Thornley, Kyle Eliason, and Tom Swift will expire on July 1.

The outgoing and incoming boards of directors will jointly meet on Sunday, June 5. At that meeting, the incoming board will elect, from among itself, a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer (with the terms of these offices to begin on July 1).

Following the meeting, a vintage base ball match was held between the Cream Citys of Milwaukee and the Quicksteps of the Twin Cities. The next afternoon, these teams performed a 15-minute exhibition at the Metrodome prior to the Twins-Brewers game.

## Subscription Renewals Due July 1

Subscriptions to receive a printed copy of *The Holy Cow!* in the mail each month will be \$15 annually starting July 1.

Those wanting a printed copy may send a check for \$15, made out to Halsey Hall SABR, by July 1 to Rich Arpi, 2445 Londin Lane East, Unit 410, Maplewood, Minnesota 55119-5547.

Members with e-mail addresses listed with SABR will continue to receive electronic notification when a new newsletter is posted to the web site each month.

## New Member: Bill Branson

A math professor at St. Cloud State University, Bill Branson teaches a course on baseball and statistics, and he also has an interest in the history of the dead-ball era. Born in Boston, Bill grew up in New Jersey and lived in California, Alaska, and Illinois before coming to Minnesota. He attended his first game at Shea Stadium in the mid-1970s and became a hardcore fan after watching the 1975 World Series on television with his dad. Other events that stand out are being present for Kent Tekulve's third-to-last game, in 1989, and at the first inter-league game between the Red Sox and Mets.

Bill shares his April 28 birthday with fellow chapter member Robert Milstroh as well as Barry Larkin, Tom Browning, John Cerutti, Pedro Ramos, Charlie Metro, Jay Leno, and Saddam Hussein.

## Top Chapter Moments

Following an overwhelming response at the ballot box, the top moments in the history of the Halsey Hall Chapter of SABR were unveiled by Howard Luloff, who counted down the top eight:

8. Birth of the Quicksteps in 1994.
7. Chapter television shows (Baseball Round Table and On Deck Circle).
6. Halsey Hall Chapter team reaching the semi-finals in the trivia contest at the 1988 SABR convention.
5. Stew Thornley elected national vice president in 2002.
4. First Iowa road trip in 1991.
3. Regional group organizes into the Halsey Hall Chapter in 1985.
2. Cary Smith wins the individual trivia contest at the 2004 SABR convention.
1. The Halsey Hall Chapter hosts the SABR convention in Minneapolis in 1988.

The first gathering of SABR members in Minnesota took place in 1981. It was four years later that the group organized itself into a chapter, taking the name of Halsey Hall, a longtime sportswriter/announcer.

## Halsey Hall Chapter Board of Directors

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Past issues of *The Holy Cow!* are on-line at:  
<http://halseyhall.org/pubs/holy.html>

## Calendar

*Saturday, June 11*  
Book Club Meeting, 9:30 a.m.  
Barnes & Noble, Edina  
*Three Nights in August* by Buzz Bissinger  
Tom Swift: 507-645-2280, [tomswift@nickelcurves.com](mailto:tomswift@nickelcurves.com)  
<http://halseyhall.org/bookclub.html>

*Saturday, July 16*  
Hot Stove Saturday Morning, 9:00 a.m.  
Bakers Square, Richfield  
Mark Johnson: 612-822-9638, [mjohn@mr.net](mailto:mjohn@mr.net)

## Road Trips

Several chapter members are considering a jaunt to Kansas City this summer for part or all of a Twins-Royals series from Thursday, July 7 through Sunday, July 10. Although it will be up to individual members to arrange their own carpooling and travel, Tom Swift has agreed to provide some degree of central coordination, which may include buying tickets in advance for one of the games. Contact Swifty (507-645-2280, [tomswift@nickelcurves.com](mailto:tomswift@nickelcurves.com)) if you plan on going.

In addition, Rick Schabowski of the Ken Keltner Chapter invites those coming to Milwaukee for the Twins-Brewers series at the end of June to join them at a tailgate party at Miller Park prior to the Saturday, June 25 game. Contact Rick (414-769-7944, 414-322-4997, [ricketu76@aol.com](mailto:ricketu76@aol.com)) for more information.

## June Birthdays

6—Dean Schmitz (also Brooks Kieschnick, Bill Davis, Bud Harrelson, Bill Dickey, Fresco Thompson, and Bjorn Borg)

7—Scot Johnson (also Tim Laudner, Don Money, Thurman Munson, Herb Score, and Allen Iverson)

9—Orville Redding (also Dave Parker, Bill Virdon, Irish Meusel, Frank McCormick, Scarborough Green, and Dick Vitale)

10—Christopher Bracke (also Freddy Garcia, Pokey Reese, Floyd Bannister, Ken Singleton, Frank Demaree, and Tara Lipinski)

15—Seth Hawkins, Jerry Janzen, and Bill Larson (also Billy Williams, Andy Pettitte, Dusty Baker, Lance Parrish, Champ Summers, Ramiro Mendoza, Wade Boggs, Babe Dahlgren, Tony Clark, Brett Butler, Ty Cline, Waylon Jennings, Yuri Andropov, and Mario Cuomo)

16—Dan Vatterott (also Kerry Wood, Joe Decker, Wally Joyner, Ron LeFlore, Lefty Phillips, Calvin Schiraldi, and Billy “Crash” Craddock)

17—Dale Weiers (also Super Joe Charboneau, Dave Concepcion, Shufflin’ Phil Douglas, Pete Browning, Ray Scott, and Newt Gingrich)

21—Winston Wood (also Donovan Osborne, Charlie Moore, Rick Sutcliffe, Eddie Lopat, Prince William, Derrick Coleman, and Nicole Kidman)

22—Joe O’Connell and Pete Hepokoski (also Esteban Yan, Brant Brown, Russ Snyder, Jake Wood, Faye Throneberry, Carl Hubbell, Freddie Prinze, Anne Morrow Lindbergh, and the Lindbergh baby)

23—Stephen Smith (also Dave Goltz, George Weiss, Karl Spooner, Tom Haller, Aaron Robinson, Wilma Rudolph, and Clarence Thomas)