Mule Kicks
By S. (Mule) Thornley

Janzen Across America

He is well suited to his Quicksteps' nickname, Traveller. Jerry Janzen is a travelling man in pursuit of landmarks throughout the country. In is his quest to eventually tour all National Parks, Monuments, and Historic Sites (including national battlefields) in the United States, he'll take whatever opportunity he has to visit these locations. For example, Jerry slipped away from the recent SABR national convention in Kansas City to check out Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Park, Hot Springs National Park (which he describes as the strangest of the national parks since it consists of buildings—in the form of bathhouses), and Arkansas Post National Memorial. After competing with the Quicksteps in the vintage baseball festival in Columbus, Ohio last September, the Traveller trekked to the site of the Johnstown Flood and the Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site. Jerry had been to National Parks and Monuments in the past, but he didn't make it his goal to visit every one until 1991 when the Janzen family (which includes wife Robin and daughters Annie and Laura) took the Great Circle Tour of Lake Superior; they re-entered the United States at Grand Portage National Monument in Minnesota. Jerry purchased a National Parks' passport in the gift shop, immediately stamped a page with the Grand Portage imprint, and decided to fill the passport with such stamps.

Jerry is from Mountain Lake, Minnesota. He got his pre-engineering degree at Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas, where he competed nationally in the Putnam Math competition and the College Bowl. He transferred to the University of Minnesota and played trumpet in the marching band while getting his bachelor's degree (with distinction) in electrical engineering. Jerry now works for Simons Engineering.

Jerry grew up as a fan of Harmon Killebrew and had the chance to see his hero hit many home runs at Twins' games he attended in the 1960s. Jerry was also present to see Rickey Henderson steal his 118th base of the 1982 season (tying Lou Brock's record) and sat next to Fernando Valenzuela's wife at the 1985 All-Star Game. Jerry was even in the Bay Area during the 1989 earthquake that pre-empted Game Three of the World Series. Jerry wasn't at the game, however; he was (where else?) at the San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park when the big one hit.

A Few Good Germanisms

Rick Junk Mahler  Cecil Is No Fielder
Gary Redus a Bedtime Story  Bob Air Forsch
Greg Life Is a Caderet  Lance Oh Darn! You Sank My Blankenship
Tom Cotton Candidiotti  Todd We Are the Worrell
Bill Hello Dawley  Jim Bela Fregosi
Me and Willie McGee  Sil When the Swallows Return to Campusano
Rob Bomba Deer  LaMarr Where Does It Hoyt
John I Am Not a Kruk  Wally Absorbine Ioyner
Jim Washer and Dwyer  Ron Ma & Pa Kittle
Lee Elia Kuriakin  Steve Lyons and Tigers and Bears, Oh My!
Dana Field Goal Kiecker  Dave Don't LaPoint
Jim Hanky Pankovits  Ron Born in the U. S. Cey
Eric Ker- Plunk  Bruce Two Minutes for Ruffin
Mike Nova Scoscia  Rick Really Big Schu
Mark Carron My Wayward Son  Jeff Dedmon Don't Wear Plaid

Directory News

The 1996-97 Chapter Directory will be coming out sometime this fall. Please take a moment to review your entry in the current directory to see if there is any information you would like changed, added, or deleted. We will be listing work phone numbers as well as e-mail address and home page URLs for those who wish to have them included. Please forward this information to Jerry Janzen via e-mail at jjanzen@fasimons.com or phone, 941-8685 or 332-5936.

Meanwhile, for those of you on the internet, be sure and check out the home pages for SABR and the Halsey Hall Chapter, which have been ably initiated and maintained by John Gregory.

SABR: http://www.skypoint.com/~ashbury/sabrhonpage.html
Halsey Hall Chapter: http://www.skypoint.com/~ashbury/hhhomepage.html