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The Casey Stengel Chapter will email its members this newsletter each month to keep members informed of news, events, and subjects of special interest to its membership. We are asking members to submit news and events as well as short pieces of special interest to our chapter.

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Area Reports – The Boroughs & Beyond

If you are interested in having more informal, local meetings, either in person or via zoom, please let us know. Baseball is a year-round sport for us, and we like to share opinions, ball games, and any information we've discovered with others.

Over the years, we've been asked about having more local meetings and we have compiled a list of where folks live so that anyone hoping to get together with nearby residents in the Casey Stengel Chapter can do so.



The above map includes the Hudson Valley counties. Here is a capsule view of the SABR membership in New York City and its nearby environs as of 2023:

The Bronx -----	9 members
Brooklyn/Kings county-----	43 members
Hudson Valley counties -----	57 members
Long Island (Nassau & Suffolk) –	75 members
Manhattan/New York county -----	73 members
Queens -----	45 members
Staten Island /Richmond county---	16 members

(**Note:** These numbers have increased since last year and we will revise them accordingly when we request the new numbers.)

You can bring your non-SABR friends to these informal meetings – again it can be the occasional zoom meeting or local get togethers – everyone loves talking about baseball, especially this time of year!

How would this work?

Contact any of the CSC Board members (listed on page 1) if you hope to gather interested people nearby. We will include in the next monthly newsletter your email address and the particulars: when and where the meeting will be and if it is in person or on zoom. You will be the contact person.

The CSC Board does have a Retention and Recruitment committee for anyone to join. That’s one reason why non-SABR members are encouraged to attend your meetings.

Of course, your meetings will also be posted on our SABR NYC website <https://sabrny.org/> which is where many non-SABR members have told us they visit. Thank you!



CASEY QUOTE

“I made up my mind, but I made it up both ways.”

Left-handed Casey in 1916, the year he would play in his first World Series. We use a Casey Quote to honor the namesake of our chapter, the only man who has ever worn the uniforms of the Brooklyn Dodgers, the New York Giants, the New York Yankees, and the New York Mets.

Bain News Service, P. (1916) Casey Stengel, Brooklyn NL baseball. 1916. [Photograph] Retrieved from the Library of Congress, <https://www.loc.gov/item/2014702933/>.

Awards for SABR Members

SABR Scholarships help members “learn, grow, and succeed through the award of monetary grants or participation in SABR events such as the Analytics Conference, Annual Convention, Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference, Frederick Ivor-Campbell 19th Century Base Ball Conference, and the Women in Baseball Conference.” See <https://sabr.org/scholarships> for more. Here are some:

**** Negro Leagues Essay Contest**

Qualifications: High School seniors.

Students write a 1,200-word essay answering a question related to one of the Negro League figures, who are the namesakes of the scholarship, with \$1,000 awarded as scholarships to high school seniors.

Deadline: Apply by mid-April 2025 (exact date of deadline to be announced).

**** Women in Baseball Scholarship**

Qualifications: High School seniors.

SABR’s Women in Baseball Committee awards a scholarship in its Women in Baseball Essay Contest. Students write an essay of 1,500 words or less addressing the following question: “Choose one person or event in women’s baseball history that you believe has made a significant impact on the game and explain the importance.” (That question was for 2024’s contest.)

Deadline: The next application period will open in Spring 2025.

**** Sarah Langs Women in Baseball Analytics Scholarship**

Qualifications: female-identifying students or young professionals pursuing a career in baseball analytics and data science.

This scholarship provides meaningful professional development and networking opportunities and will pay for all registration fees and expenses associated with the 2025 SABR Analytics Conference in Phoenix, Arizona as well as registration for all courses in the online SABR Analytics Certification program.

Deadline: The next application period will open in Fall 2024.

**** Yoseloff Scholarship—Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference**

Qualifications: High School and College students.

With generous funding from The Nanar and Anthony Yoseloff Foundation, Inc., SABR will pay for all registration fees and expenses associated with the 2024 Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference in Cooperstown, New York conference for up to 4 students.

Deadline: Apply in April 2025 (exact date of deadline to be announced).

**** Yoseloff Scholarship—SABR Analytics Conference**

Qualifications: High School and College students.

With generous funding from The Nanar and Anthony Yoseloff Foundation, Inc., SABR will pay for all registration fees and expenses associated with the conference the 2025 SABR Analytics Conference in Phoenix, Arizona for up to 4 students.

Deadline: The next application period will open in Fall 2024.

**** Yoseloff Scholarship—SABR 52**

Qualifications: High School and College students hoping to attend the annual SABR national convention.

With generous funding from The Nanar and Anthony Yoseloff Foundation, Inc., SABR will pay for all registration fees and expenses associated with the national conference for up to 4 students. This year is SABR 52.

Deadline: Apply by mid-May (exact date of deadline to be announced).

We hope you let the young people in your life know about these awards!

DID YOU KNOW?

Since this topic has been about Awards, can you guess how many awards Casey won during his baseball career?

Baseball Almanac <https://www.baseball-almanac.com/players/awards.php?p=stengca01> lists these 6:

Awards Won by Casey Stengel

1949 The Sporting News Manager of the Year Award

1950 Slocum Award (Now: Jack Lang Award)

1953 The Sporting News Manager of the Year Award

1958 The Sporting News Manager of the Year Award

1966 National Baseball Hall of Fame

2008 Pacific Coast League Hall of Fame

Chapter Committees

The Casey Stengel Chapter has a committee for the annual Ron Gabriel Award. The co-chairs, Gary Sarnoff and Al Blumkin, need readers to nominate articles, books, and other research pieces on the Brooklyn Dodgers, which have been completed during the preceding calendar year (published or unpublished, online or in print).

Ron Gabriel was an exceptional researcher and collector of Brooklyn Dodgers baseball. Please contact questions-comments@sabrnyc.org or ebegley2@gmail.com if you want to help, either by joining this committee or by nominating an excellent research article or book. This is taken from SABR's website <https://sabr.org/awards/ron-gabriel/>:

The Ron Gabriel Award, given out by SABR's Casey Stengel Chapter in New York, honors the author(s) of the best research, published or unpublished, on the subject of the Brooklyn Dodgers completed during the preceding calendar year. Eligible works include but are not limited to magazine and journal articles, previously unpublished chapters or articles in anthologies or other books with multiple authors, unpublished research papers, written versions of oral presentations, books, databases and websites.

Ron Gabriel (1941-2009), a native of Brooklyn, New York, and longtime resident of Bethesda, Maryland, was a former Vice President of SABR and instrumental in establishing the Bob Davids Chapter, which serves the Washington-Baltimore region. He was founder and president of the Brooklyn Dodger Fan Club, and a charter elected member of the Brooklyn Dodger Hall of Fame. Gabriel, who earned his Ph.D. in Human Resource Management from American University, was a retired U.S. Government executive, having served with the Postal Service Management Institute, the Department of Defense and the General Services Administration.

The Ron Gabriel Award Committee is accepting nominations for the 2025 award. Please email your nominations to Gary Sarnoff runtowin89@hotmail.com before December 31, 2024. Thank you!

Chartered Communities

One of SABR's Chartered Committees is its Baseball Memories Chartered Community which promotes baseball reminiscence to help people dealing with early dementia, and a few Casey Stengel Chapter members have planned monthly meetings since August 2023 in cooperation with Caring Kind (previously known as the Alzheimer's Association, New York City Chapter).

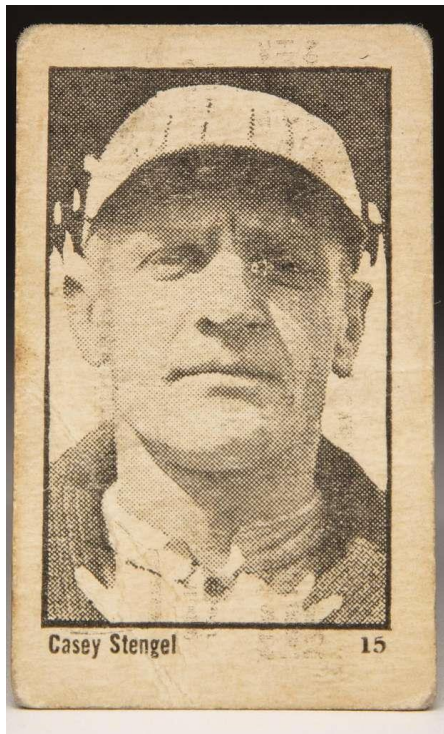
We work with Caring Kind's *Connect2Baseball* program to engage the participants by watching short video clips, flipping old baseball cards, singing team songs, and sharing opinions on favorite teams, ballplayers, games, the Hall of Fame and really any baseball topic that comes up by anyone in the room! The goal is to elicit memories from the participants with early dementia.

We meet every 3rd Wednesday each month at 11 am in Manhattan, a block and a half from Grand Central. We laugh a lot, and the hour goes by too fast, but it is gratifying to chat about "anything baseball" in friendly ways. The room is large enough for a wide screen to view clips, and a table with water bottles and snacks, yet is cozy enough for our small group. If anyone wants to learn more, please email me at ebegley2@gmail.com and thank you!

SABR includes Chartered Communities that are online virtual chapters centered around a common theme which any member can join to get community announcements. Here are some of them along with descriptions taken verbatim from <https://sabr.org/chartered-communities/>

- The **Baseball Necrology** group is an interactive discussion group for the exchange of information pertaining to the recent passing of figures from the baseball world — including players, managers, coaches, umpires, scouts, executives, broadcasters, writers and other notables from the major and minor leagues and collegiate baseball.

- **Baseball Think Factory** is a sabermetrically oriented website and discussion forum that features daily news stories with original content from baseball writers and fellow SABR members.
- The **SABR Podcasters Clubhouse** is a collaborative platform for sports podcasters to share information and ideas, provide advice and mentorship, and leverage SABR resources to create baseball content.
- **SABR Trivia** is one of SABR's Chartered Communities with daily baseball trivia questions sent out by e-mail to subscribers.



CASEY QUOTE

"I learned more from McGraw than anybody."

Casey was a Giant in 1923!

Most of us know that he hit the game-winning homer in the only 2 World Series games that the Giants won in 1923, with the more thrilling HR happening in Game 1.

An exciting rendition by Stephen V. Rice of Casey's inside-the-park HR at Yankee Stadium can be found here <https://sabr.org/gamesproj/game/october-10-1923-casey-stengel-is-hero-as-giants-nip-yankees-in-game-1/>

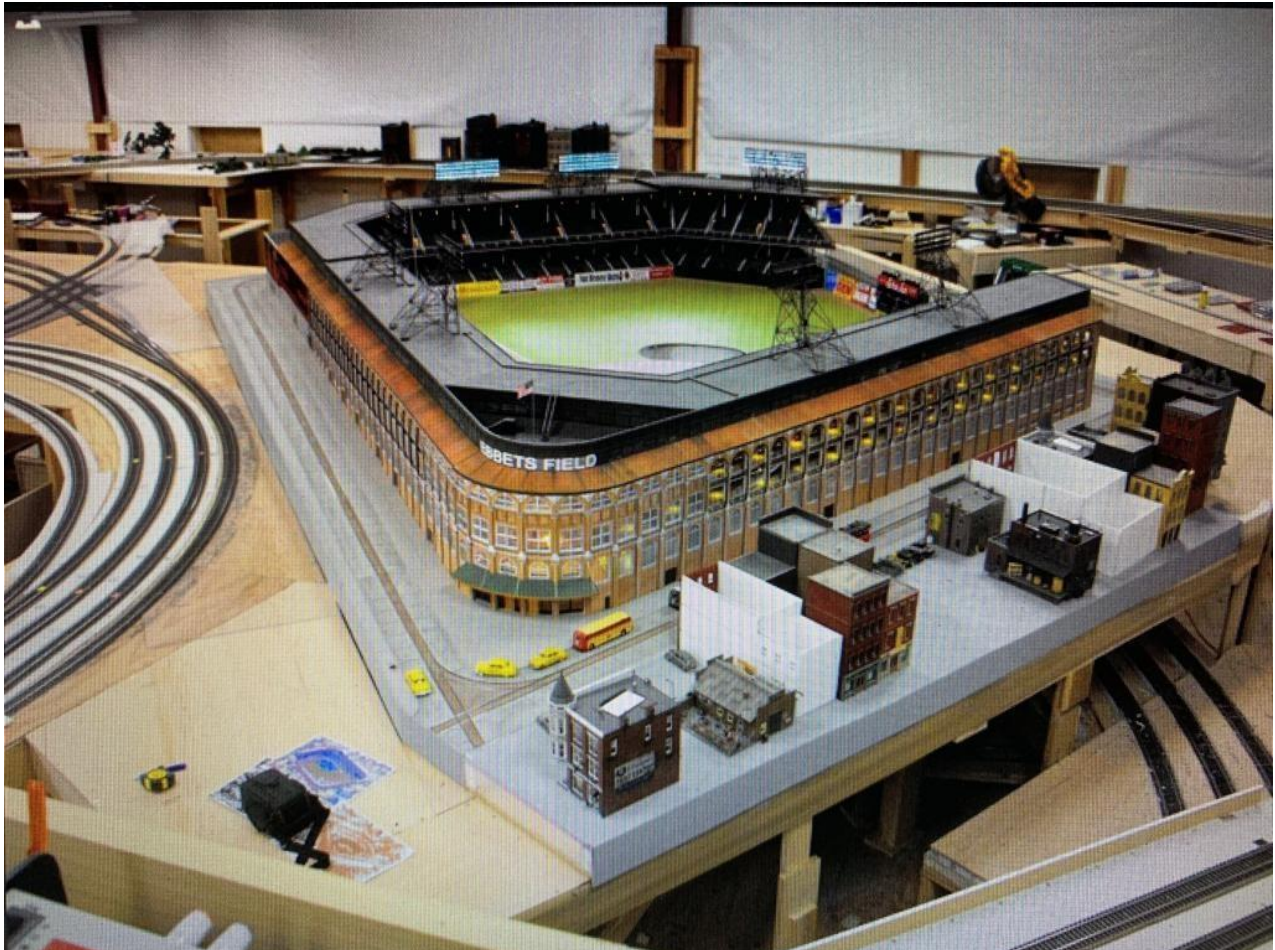
This 1923 Maple Crispette card of Casey Stengel was intentionally short printed. There is only one known to exist today and it is part of the collection at the Hall of Fame. (Milo Stewart Jr./National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum)

<https://baseballhall.org/discover-more/stories/short-stops/uncommonly-sweet>

Calling All NY Giants Fans!

CSC member Gary Mintz, founder of The New York Giants Preservation Society, leads zoom meetings three times a month which are attended by dozens of fans all over the country. Go to <https://newyorkgiantspreservationsociety.com/> or visit <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTm57NxxQ36afe6dIp6ydrq/community> for more information.

Ebbets Field Replica – Looking for a Home!

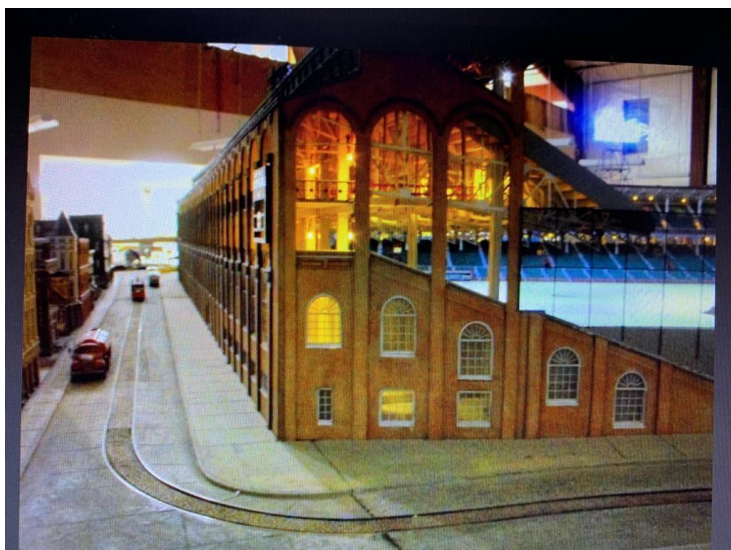
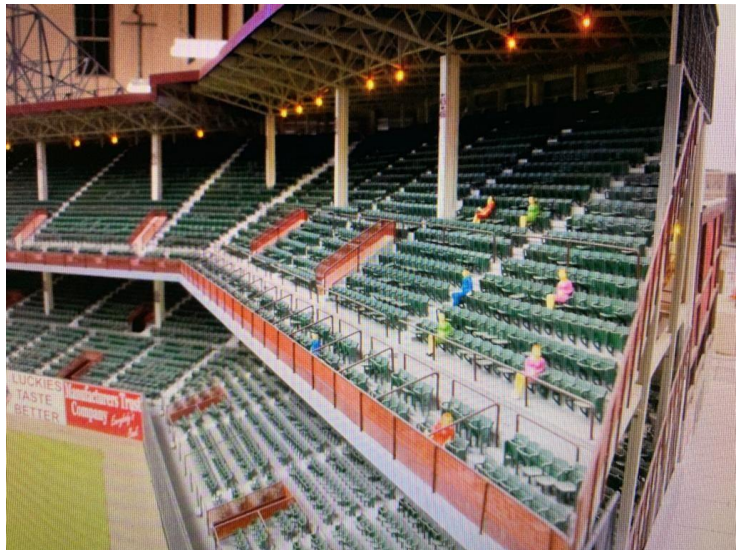


One of our chapter's ongoing projects is to find a home for an Ebbets Field replica of 15 feet by 15 feet. Our chapter has been asked to find an appropriate home for this gift of an Ebbets Field replica and we have been searching for an organization to find (or offer) it a home of its own.

The replica is not yet in New York and the donor prefers a home in Brooklyn. The Brooklyn Cyclones, the Center for Brooklyn History, and the Jackie Robinson Museum have all expressed regrets for refusing the donation, due to their insufficient space, yet each saw its value and did encourage us with Good Luck wishes.



We remain hopeful, and we will continue to ask more potential recipients if they can offer this Ebbets Field replica a home, especially in Brooklyn, even if it means waiting until next year!



Research Committees

SABR's awesome website offers all you need to enrich what you know and love about baseball. Each month, we will highlight one of the research committees. In June, we will do a deep dive into the Oral History Committee – current committee members can email us their insights, experience, contributions, and achievements of the OHC.

Most newer CSC members have been welcomed by the wonderful Jessica Smyth and are now aware that <https://sabr.org/research/committees> offers something for everyone within these 35 committees:

- **Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Research Committee**
Promoting research and application of AI and machine learning in baseball.
- **Asian Baseball Research Committee**
Increasing awareness and knowledge of Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Taiwanese and Filipino baseball.

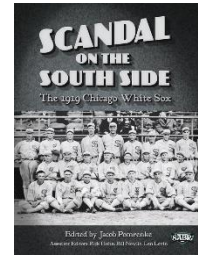
- **Ballparks Research Committee**
Collecting the history of current and past ballparks from the Major, Minor and Negro Leagues.
- **Baseball and the Arts Research Committee**
Researching movies, songs and poetry inspired by the game of baseball.

- **Baseball Cards Research Committee**
Exploring the history, importance, and evolution of the baseball card industry.
- **Baseball Index Project Committee**
Locating, identifying, and classifying the literature of baseball.

- **Baseball Landmarks Committee**
Documenting the staggering array of baseball-related sites located across North America.
- **Baseball and the Media Research Committee**
Providing information and insight pertaining to the media's coverage of baseball, both as news and as an event.

- **Baseball Records Research Committee**
Establishing an accurate set of records for organized baseball.

- **Biography Project Committee (BioProject)**
Producing comprehensive biographies of any person who ever played or managed in the major leagues.
- **Biographical Research Committee**
One of SABR's initial committees in 1971, we encourage research of people associated with baseball.
- **Black Sox Scandal Research Committee**
Focusing on the people and events of the 1919 World Series fix.
- **Business of Baseball Research Committee**
Studying all aspects of baseball administration, including economic, organizational, labor and legal issues.



100 Years ago today ...

- **Century Research Committee**
A hub for SABR research and activities to memorialize the anniversaries of important milestones in baseball history.
- **Collegiate Baseball Research Committee**
Maintaining the Major League Baseball Collegiate Database.



- **Concessions Research Committee**
Documenting the history and evolution of food at ballparks, and its relation to baseball history and culture, as well as its relation to American popular culture in general.



- **Deadball Era Research Committee**
Encouraging research on baseball from 1901 to 1919.

- **Educational Resources Committee**
Bringing together educators to use baseball as a teaching tool.



- **Games and Simulations Research Committee**
Studying how simulation games work, what statistics are generated and how organized baseball can benefit.

- **Games Project Research Committee**
A collaborative initiative to research and write articles on major-league and Negro League regular, postseason, and All-Star Games.



- **Iconography Project**
An ongoing effort to produce a history and catalog of artistic depictions of the game in a variety of forms: fine art, photography, sculpture, illustration, caricatures, engraving, lithography.






- **Latino Baseball Research Committee**
Researching Latinos in the Negro Leagues and Major League Baseball to baseball in the Caribbean.

- **Minor Leagues Research Committee**
Building the first comprehensive compilation of historical minor league statistics.
- **Negro Leagues Research Committee**
Preserving the history of blacks in baseball before the re-integration of the game.
- **Nineteenth Century Research Committee**
Encouraging research on all facets of baseball before 1901.
- **Official Scoring Research Committee**
Documenting the history and evolution of official scoring rules and who has done the scoring.
- **Oral History Research Committee**
Recording and storing remembrances of baseball's past.
- **Origins Research Committee**
Studying on the early forms of baseball and its predecessor games.
- **Pictorial History Research Committee**
Cataloging and identifying photos of all major league players, managers, and ballparks.
- **Science and Baseball Research Committee**
Exploring research in the science of baseball, including behavioral, physical, and natural sciences.
- **Scouts Research Committee**
Compiling a complete roster of major league scouts and a listing of ballplayers they signed.
- **Spring Training Research Committee**
Studying the impact of professional baseball on the cities which have played host to spring training camps.
- **Statistical Analysis Research Committee**
Encouraging the exchange of research and analysis using baseball statistics.
- **Umpires and Rules Research Committee**
Studying the impact of umpires and rules changes on the development of the game.
- **Women in Baseball Research Committee**
Studying the role of women in various aspects of professional baseball.



New York Teams Reports

One area of special interest to our membership is to have chapter members report about the news and events on their favorite MLB team. We will devote a page to the Yankees and a page to the Mets from the next issue (in June) forward. In the case of any overlapping among submissions, we will edit for clarity and brevity. Start  spreading  the news! 

Some of us prefer and love minor league games! We welcome any news or events about the Brooklyn Cyclones, the Hudson Valley Renegades, the Long Island Ducks, the New Jersey Jackals, the Staten Island Ferry Hawks and other minor league teams.



Toward the back of our monthly newsletter will be the Readers' Feedback and Q&A section. We have already gotten one Question: "Can the newsletter include baseball trivia?" and given our first Answer: "Yes!!" The trivia can come from any reader – keep those trivia emails coming 😊 and we'll publish your name with your trivia Q&A.

Thanks for reading and we'll see you in June!