

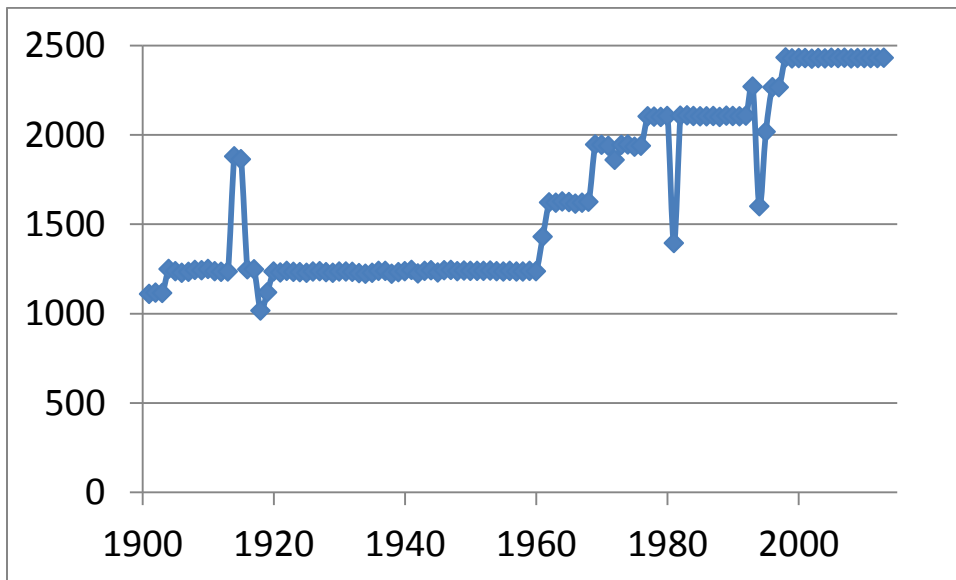
President's Report
Retrosheet meeting
June 21, 2014

- Event files: 1934, 1935, 1937 added, major work by Clem Comly, other years ongoing.
- Box score files completed by Tom Ruane back to 1914, including Federal League, creating the "Retro Century".
- Dave Smith is expanding discrepancy files forward and has now finished 1950 and 1951.
- Inputting: David Vincent, Clem Comly, Dick Cramer, Jim Herdman, Cliff Blau, Sheldon Miller, Mike Grahek, Wayne Townsend and Pete Cottrell.
- Deducing: Richard Weston, Mark Pankin (also collecting news accounts), John Gabcik with newcomers Javier Anderson and Tom Thress. Tom has done over 100 games since the end of February, which is about one per day!
- Game account acquisitions: Joe Stillwell prowls eBay and auction websites; Dave Smith copied scorebook pages of Philadelphia sportswriter James Isaminger (1907-1940) at the Hall of Fame in January, copying over 3700 games, about a third of which are new games for us. Dave will return to Cooperstown in August to make copies from the scorebooks of Cincinnati writer Tom Swope (1910-1964).
- Digitizing daily files to spreadsheets: Dave Lamoureaux, Ron Weaver, Jack Myers and Ryan Jones continue and we are now back into the 1880s AA.
- Website expansion: With the new challenge system in place, David Vincent and Mark Pankin have worked through the season to provide updated lists.
- New Projects:
 - Starting last June we obtained a one year license from ProQuest so we could download sports pages from the Cincinnati Enquirer (1876 - 1922), Detroit Free Press (1881 - 1922), and St. Louis Post-Dispatch (1892 - 1922). Dave Lamoureaux did about two thirds of this very tedious work while Dave Smith and Tom Ruane covered the remainder.
 - For many years, we have published schedules as they were planned with the major work being done by Paul Rivard. Walter LeConte has taken up an important new aspect of these records, namely the documentation of every game that was not played as scheduled and the reason for the postponement or cancellation. Working backwards in true Retro-fashion, he is back to the early 1960s. By the time of our fall release, much if not all of his work will be on our site.
 - The new scanning project of daily microfilm from the mid-1950s through 1992 began about two weeks ago. A fundraising request went out via the RetroList and in 12 days we received \$5500! This is a wonderful tribute to the helpfulness and generosity of Retrosheet supporters.
- Request for help: Retrosheet volunteers contribute an enormous number of hours in a wide variety of ways, but there is yet another activity that is becoming increasingly important. We need people to visit libraries and scan newspaper stories so we can have the basic information we need for deducing games. Mark Pankin has done a great deal of this with microfilmed newspapers available at the Library of Congress. Walter LeConte downloaded many hundreds of games stories from the Boston Globe via on-line access. However, the bulk of our newspaper accounts have come from Dave Smith scanning

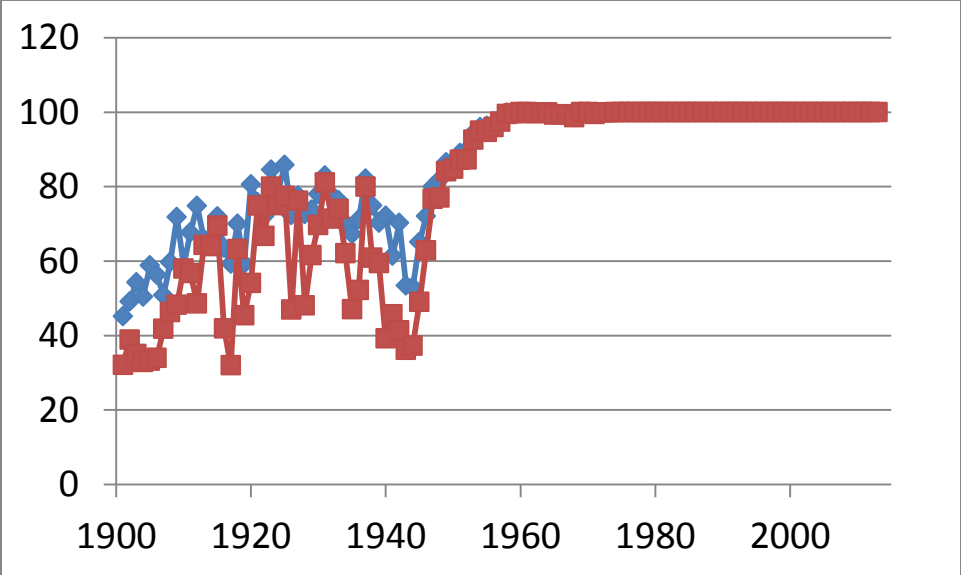
microfilm obtained via Interlibrary Loan. As the pace of our deducing activity accelerates, so will the need for more game stories. Those who have access to newspaper microfilm in libraries or historical societies are asked to consider helping in this crucial effort.

- Three summary graphs of our current holdings and input games appear below. It is interesting to compare them to the situation a year ago (<http://www.retrosheet.org/President2013.pdf>) to see the remarkable progress we continue to make.

Games played, 1901-2012



Percentage of game accounts on hand and entered, 1901-2012 (blue on hand, red entered)



Percentage of game accounts on hand and entered, 1901-1950 (blue on hand, red entered)

