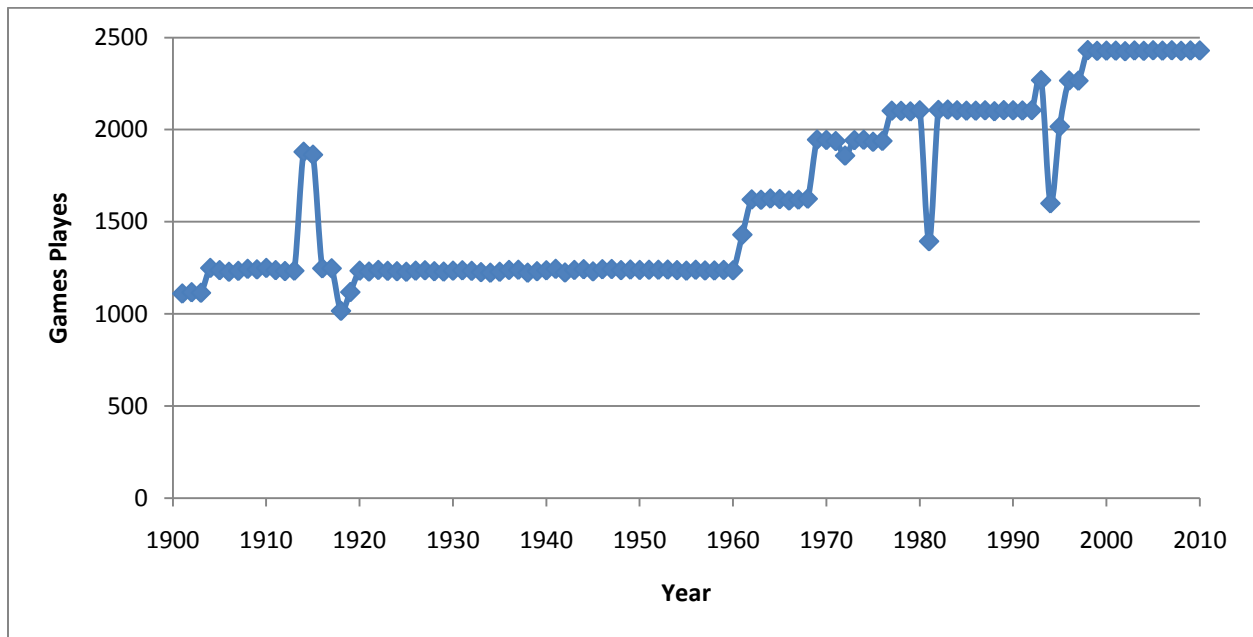


President's Report  
Retrosheet meeting  
July 9, 2011

- Box score project continues to expand, with all games from 1918 to 2010 now on our website.
- Digitization of the daily data continues for earlier seasons with nearly complete back to 1910.
- Our bank balance continues to be very healthy and we do not have any large expenditures planned. Donations continued to come in from our friends, often accompanied by very nice praise for our site. It is wise for us to maintain our reserves. Therefore, donations are hereby solicited to help us improve our situation.
- Last year I made an appeal for volunteers to help with the deduced games effort. As I noted when we updated our site last week, we have now incorporated 183 of these games from the 1956 to 1973 seasons so we have at least some form of play by play from 1956 through 2010. A more detailed description was in that announcement and is on our website at: <http://www.retrosheet.org/GameFiles.pdf>
- It has been several years since I published a summary of what games we have, namely a status report on our ongoing quest for play by play coverage that is as complete as possible. The situation is summarized in the following two figures and a table.

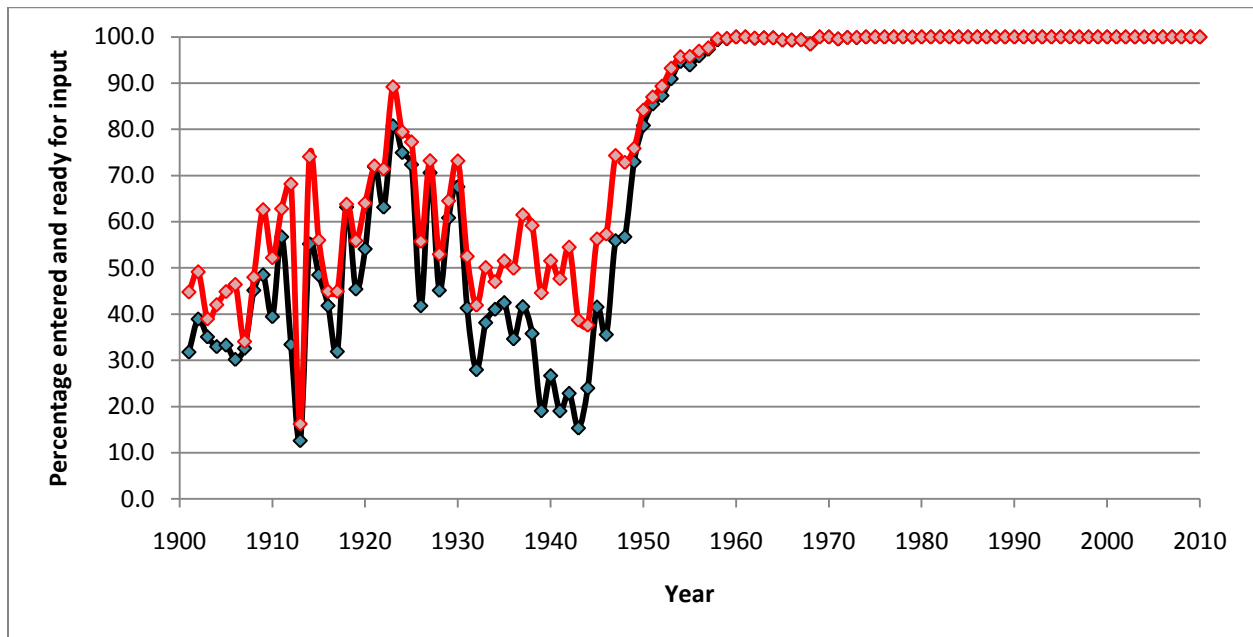
Figure 1. Games played from 1901 to 2010



This graph is the rawest form of the data and shows some meaningful peaks and valleys such as:

- Schedule of 140 game before 1904
- Federal League
- World War I effect in 1918 and 1919
- Expansions
- Strike years (1972, 1981, 1994, 1995)

My objective here is to address our accomplishments and needs since 1901. The 19<sup>th</sup> century raises separate questions. To normalize across the years with different numbers of games, I converted our holdings to a percentage basis.



In addition to the continued work on deduced games, I am announcing here the need for people to do data entry of games that we have on hand. The black line is the percentage of games for the given season which have been input. We have released all of these from 1948 forward as they receive rigorous proofing. The red is the sum of games already input plus those awaiting data entry. For example, for 1942, we have entered 22.9% of the games, but we have a lot of accounts that have not been processed. When they are added in, the total is 54.5%, meaning that we have almost one third of that season waiting for attention.

I divided this period into two separate sections: 1901-1949 and 1950 to 2010. Those data are:

| Year Range | Played | Input  | Pct input | todo | input +<br>todo | %    |
|------------|--------|--------|-----------|------|-----------------|------|
| 1901-1949  | 61107  | 26940  | 44.1      | 7465 | 34405           | 56.3 |
| 1950-2010  | 116793 | 115786 | 99.1      | 173  | 115959          | 99.3 |
| 1901-2010  | 177900 | 142726 | 80.2      | 7638 | 150364          | 84.5 |

It is the 7638 games that are the subject of my appeal this year. The work on deduced games will continue, but we also need to get back to our core mission of entering play by play data. Therefore, I am asking for volunteers to work on this aspect. If you have not done this before, there is a definite learning curve, but we have some good software and instructions to help you through it.