

BASEBALL PRESENTATION AT WICIMICO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The EASTERN SHORE BASEBALL FOUNDATION will feature a Baseball presentation at the Wicomico County Public Library on August 20th 2016 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The theme of the presentation is Baseball on the Eastern Shore at the turn of the century. It will consist of a lecture and memorabilia of Baseball items from that era plus some other Baseball Memorabilia from the Salisbury region.

The guest speaker is Marty Payne from St. Michaels, Md. The following is a brief history of some of his talks;

Presented "Country Ball on the Eastern Shore of Maryland," at the Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture 2002 at the National Baseball Hall of Fame: Keynote speaker, "Social and Economic Impact of Baseball in Rural Communities," at the National Convention of Vintage Base Ball Association, 2008 held in Baltimore: Presentations at the Frederick Ivor-Campbell Conference for 19th Century Historians at the National Baseball Hall of Fame include "Beer Tanks and Barbed Wire; Baltimore Orioles of the 1880's "(2013); "Baseball Comes to Town; Technology And The Spread of Baseball in the 19th Century" (2014); "More Than A Ballplayer; Players of the 1880's and Their Pursuit of the American Dream."(2016).

I have also presented at Chesapeake College Symposium on Eastern Shore Baseball 2001 and 2002; the Dorchester Historical Society 2015, and the SABR Baltimore/Washington Chapter meeting 2004.

Written work has appeared in national publications, the Baseball Research Journal, the National Pastime, Base Ball; A Journal of the Early Game, the Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture 2002, and the blog of John Thorn, official historian of Major League Baseball.

Also at the presentation will be memorabilia from that era. The Shorebirds have a game that night so the museum will be open and we will not be able to take memorabilia out for the presentation. The foundation has called on items from the collection of Donnie Davidson from Cambridge, Md. Donnie is on the Board of Directors of the EASTERN SHORE BASEBALL FOUNDATION and has been collecting Baseball Memorabilia from the Eastern Shore from the mid to late 1960's. Donnie has displayed parts of his collection at various times in Sudlersville, Md., Easton Md., Federalsburg Md., and Cambridge Md..