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Mission Statement

The Altoona Curve Booster Club (ACBC) is the official booster club of the Altoona Curve. The ACBC will promote, stimulate, and generate community interest in the sport of professional baseball, in particular, the Altoona Curve and the players during their time as Curve players. As an official, non-profit, non-stock entity, all intended activities will reflect the high ideal and best interest of professional baseball, to make an enjoyable family experience.



2008 Meeting Dates at the Ramada Inn in Altoona, PA (7:00 pm)

Thursday, September 25
Thursday, November 13 (Elections)



Election of Officers for 2009 on November 13, 2008

Nominations are still being accepted for the slate of officers to guide the Booster Club in 2009. The following positions are open and will be decided on November 13 by a balloting process.

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer

Each term of office will be for 2 years, commencing on January 1, 2009. If you would like to nominate an individual or elect to run for a particular office yourself, please contact Duane Bordell as soon as possible. Nominations will also be accepted at the November meeting.

Duane Bordell, Chairman of Elections

A Message from Our President

Hi Altoona Curve Booster Club fans. 2008 is now officially in the books. When I reflect back on the season, we might not have made the playoffs as a team, but it was a great year between all that the Curve Front Office did to help us enjoy the season and all that we the Booster Club did as well to make it a very enjoyable 2008 season.

The easiest thing for me to say and not miss anyone, Thank You all for the greatest year of my four years as your president. It was exciting and very enjoyable from FanFest to the player Recognition Dinner.

I will look forward to the future and I hope to be active and keep the Altoona Curve Booster Club the best in baseball. I felt I did what needed to be done in my leadership role to take this Booster Club to the level it has reached. Don't forget, you all had a part in it and please keep being supportive in the future.

We are not done yet. Two very important meetings are coming up. The September 25th meeting will have Rob and Cory wrapping up the season and a look at what's to come in 2009. There is no meeting in October, but the elections will be in November. I hope you will come out and cast a vote for who you think will be the best leaders of your Altoona Curve Booster Club. I will look forward to seeing you at our last two meetings of 2008.

John Austin, ACBC President



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Player Recognition Dinner

On Monday evening August 25, the first Player Recognition Dinner was held at the UVA Club in Altoona. The event, sponsored by the Booster Club, was an opportunity for club members to show their appreciation to the Curve players, manager, coaches, and trainers for their work during the 2008 season. Members were able to mingle with the players, their families and staff and enjoy a tasty two entree buffet dinner with them. 27 Players and staff attended along with their families as well as 54 Booster Club members. A short program followed dinner with each player and staff presented with a gift from the Booster Club. Linda Strong provided some humorous introductions from some "inside" info on each player and staff.

The second part of the evening was dedicated to honoring six individuals from the Curve Office. Todd "Parney" Parnell, Jason Dambach, Elsie Zengel, Denny Watson, Carol Schmittle and Chuck Greenberg (absent) were given special recognition for all of their assistance to the Booster Club over the past four years. President John Austin spoke about how each staff member has helped the club and presented each of them with a bat with their name and Booster Club logo. The evening was a great success and will become an annual event.

John Prosperi, Vice-President



MARK YOUR CALENDAR -DECEMBER 31

On December 31, from 2-4 P.M., come out to the VIP area of BCB for our annual New Year's Eve Day at the Curve gathering. Join fellow Curve fans in remembering the first 10 great years of AA baseball in Altoona as we look to the future Pirates who will join us in 2009.

We have access to electricity thanks to Kirk Stiffler who always takes care of us for this event. Each one who comes brings a tailgating type dish to share. We have coffee and soft drinks. Paper products and silverware are provided. We just ask that you bring a serving utensil for your dish.

Those who attend always have a great time catching up with Curve friends they may not have seen since Labor Day. So we encourage you to mark Dec. 31, 2 P.M. on your calendar now so that you won't miss the fun then.

Linda Strong



WHAT AN ENDING!!



Thinking back to 2000, I remember the beauty and emotion of the retiring of Adam Hyzdu's number and thinking that it would be a top highlight of our Curve experience at BCB.

This year on Labor Day, that beauty and emotion was matched by the Curve's Field of Dreams promotion. Seeing the players emerge from the cornfield and having them really getting into acting out the wonderment of the moment brought tears to my eyes and pride in my heart for the great privilege we fans have to be a part of this baseball team. Congratulations and thank you to Chuck, Parney, the entire front office staff, and the game day staff for always striving to make the Curve experience better each and every year. Though what you'll do to top this promotion has me excited about the future of Curve baseball in Altoona. We, the fans, are truly blessed to call you "our hometown team"!!!!

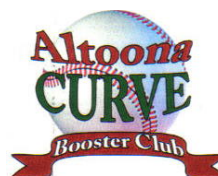
Linda Strong



2008 Membership News By Eileen Snyder, Membership Chairperson

The 2008 Altoona Curve season has come to a close. Our boys of summer have left Altoona, but that doesn't mean we stop thinking and talking about them, and the 2008 season. The Booster Club currently has approximately **270 members**, and it would be great to see at least half of them at the next Booster Club meeting on September 25, 7:00 PM, at the Ramada. Since we will have the privilege of hearing Rob Egan and Cory Giger give a wrap-up of the 2008 season, as well as what to look forward to in 2009, we encourage you to invite other members and non-Booster Club members to this exciting meeting. By inviting non-Booster Club members, we may peak their interest in the Booster Club and gain new members for 2009.

In the October/November newsletter, a 2009 membership renewal form will be included, as well as a form for new members. The cost will remain the same at \$10.00 per adult, and \$5.00 for children and youth under age 18. More details of the 2009 Membership Drive will appear in our next newsletter. Thank you for your continued support of the Altoona Curve Booster Club.





PLAYER RECOGNITION DINNER

I would like to thank Vice-President John Proseri for a great job in organizing the Player Recognition Dinner. The event was great and I have heard nothing but great comments about it from everyone. Let's hope we can top it next year or make it at least as successful. I feel the Curve Front office was very surprised at what we did for them and we are glad they enjoyed themselves at the affair. Again I repeat, it takes good people to make these things happen and we are blessed in our organization to have many people like this. Good job John P.

John Austin, ACBC President



TRANSPORTATION TIE-UP REPORT

With 32 trips recorded on our odometers, the transportation committee completed another successful season of handling all the trips for which we had requests. Special heartfelt thanks to all my committee members who traveled many miles to help our players and to those who were so apologetic when a trip didn't suit their schedules: BOB ANTHONY, PATRICK BACHTELL, BILL BURR, DICK CHARLESWORTH, VINCE DODSON, PETE DUTROW, DUTCH GEIST, BOBBI HOBSON, BASIL MANNINO, JOHN SHOWALTER, BOB SMITH, LARRY STRONG (my ace in the hole), MARSHALL WAGNER, BOBBI WEISS, AND newest member JESS ZORGER. I truly appreciate your support of this committee's efforts. If you'd like to join in on the fun, contact me at aunteller@webtv.net or 684-1622.

Here is the monthly breakdown of airport trips: March - 1, April - 4, May - 4, June - 7, July - 10, August - 1, September - 3. We also returned one rental car to Enterprise and took one Pittsburgh trip for a doctor/immigration visit. Thus there were 32 total trips accomplished.

The airport trips were broken down as follows: 9 pick-ups in Martinsburg, 3 returns to Martinsburg, 2 pick-ups in State College, 6 returns to State College, 4 pick-ups in Pittsburgh, and 6 returns to Pittsburgh.

The 32 trips made serviced 32 players and former players, as well as 11 players' family members and friends.

I really enjoy being a part of this committee because I see and hear how much the guys appreciate our willingness to help them. I think our drivers have enjoyed the opportunity to meet players and their families and friends.



Here's looking forward to being of service in the 2009 season!!!

Linda Strong, chairperson



Up-coming Baseball Tours for 2009 By Duane Bordell

With the recent release of the 2009 schedule, plans are being formulated for several away trips to see the Curve play. As in the past, we will also look at tying together a major league game with the Curve. In the meantime, Denny Watson has set aside 50 Reserved Seats for the 2009 New York-Penn League All-Star game that will be hosted by the State College Spikes at Medlar Field at Lubrano Park on August 18. The cost for tickets will not become available until after February 1, 2009. It will be a night game and the cost will include transportation and a Reserved Seat game ticket.

Should any of you have a favorite team playing the Curve in 2009 or one that you think would be a great away tour, please contact Duane Bordell at 814-944-2585 or 1-800-252-3860.



There has also been some discussion concerning a trip to Myrtle Beach to see the Pelicans play, as well as seeing a show or two at one of the many theatres located nearby. More details will follow on this proposal, as I am sure Chuck and Parney would like to see this happen.

Watch your newsletter in November and after the first of the year for all the details.

CURVE-RELATED BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER

- 3 - Jonel Pacheco
- 6 - Matt Meath
- 8 - Kyle Pearson
- 13 - Steve Lerud, Tara Figard
- 18 - Taber Lee
- 21 - Paul Stewart
- 22 - Brian Bixler
- 28 - Nate McLouth



NOVEMBER

- 6 - Chris Keefer
- 8 - Chris Snusz
- 9 - Jason Delaney, Peter Bergeron, Luis Lorenzana
- 12 - Elsie Zengel
- 30 - Derek Antelo