**SUPER FANS Monday June 5, 2017**

**SEGWAY** – we’re going to talk about some super baseball fans that create fun and noise at the ball park, and sometimes cause mayhem as well.

**Slide 2** – so what is a “fan” anyway … here’s a definition from the dictionary … <<read>>

**Slide 3** – some fans join fan clubs. Here’s one of the very earliest organized fan clubs … <<read>>

**Slide 4** – here’s someone that some of you Red Sox fans might recognize -- <<read>>

**Slide 5** – and here’s a current-day Red Sox super fan -- <<read>> <<video>>

**Slide 6** – moving on to Brooklyn … <<read>>

**Slide 7** – another staple at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn … <<read>>

**Slide 8** – moving on to Chicago … <<read>> There’s another version of this story, and that is that Sianis and his goat were actually admitted, but during a rain delay the goat, who was now wet, began to smell even worse than usual. The ushers made Sianis take the goat outside, whereupon he was supposed to have uttered the curse. Either way – the Curse of the Billy Goat stood for 71 years.

**Slide 9** – Here’s an example of the Billy Goat Curse in action, thanks to a fan that became very infamous … <<read>>

The ball itself was sold at auction in December 2003 for $113,824 to a representative of Harry Caray’s restaurant in Chicago. The ball was later publicly detonated in 2004 and has since been allegedly used in making spaghetti sauce at the restaurant.

**Slide 10** – Another famous group of fans are the Bleacher Bums at Wrigley Field in Chicago. <<read>>

**Slide 11** – The Drum Guy in Cleveland <<read>> ? Bobby have you seen him ??

**Slide 12** – Here are some recent Astros fans <<read>>

**Slide 13** – “Marlins Man” is a current super fan. <<read>> … R-rated video

**Slide 14** – Speaking of bringing ” Sexy to the Ballpark “ do you remember Morganna the Kissing Bandit ?

.. <<read>> .

Linda and I were at a Football Cardinals game in the early ‘80s and we thought we saw her, but it was a Morganna imposter named “Big Red”.

**Slide 15** – On to Busch Stadium in St. Louis … <<read>> Bob, I bet we’d recognize this guy.

Answer to his trivia question … Gregg Jeffries stole 46 bases in 1993.

**Slide 16** – Speaking of the Knot Hole Gang … we talked about this last time … <<read>>

Point out that card was signed by Rickey’s boss, Cardinals president Sam Breadon.

**Slide 17** – Here’s the Knot Hole Gang membership agreement on the reverse of the card ..

**Slide 18** – Of course, boys will be boys and not everyone upheld all the rules of the Knot Hole Gang.

**Slide 19 –** There are a lot of baseball fans outside of the U.S. and we’ve imported some of their ideas. Those “Thundersticks” came from South Korea .. <<read>> … <<video>>

**Slide 20** – Some fans in Korea aren’t even human! At some stadiums they have robotic fans. Here’s a news clip from a Miami TV station to explain <<video>>

**Slide 21** – In my opinion, the fans in Mexico are the most fun, passionate, and … well … fanatic of all. In fact, the Spanish word for “fan” is “fanatico”. Here I am with two of my amigos, both really are named “Juan Antonio”, at the Caribbean World Series this February in Mexico.

**Slide 22** – I personally know some of the most colorful fanaticos south of the border… <<read>>

**Slide 23** – Here I am with Mexican fan Enrique Estrada – el Rey de los Matrqueros – let me translate… He is the “king” (el rey) of a group of fans known as Los Matraqueros (literally, the men with the rattlers). This thing on his shoulder is a Matraca, loosely translated as rattler. It’s a big version of our holiday noisemakers <<prop>> … The Matraqueros demonstrate in this clip <<video>>

You don’t want to be too close to one of those in an enclosed space, like a hotel lobby …

**Slide 24- End** But you know we have our own Super Fan right here in Austin Texas …