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Welcome to the first ever edition of '**Fever PITCH**' - the *Sunderland AFC North America Supporters' Association Fanzine*. Our intention is to bring a little something for everyone through regular columns 'Pitt's Bit'; 'his·to·ry 'hist(ə)rē/'; 'Who Are Ya?'; 'Where Are Ya?'; 'A moment with...'; as well as other special features!

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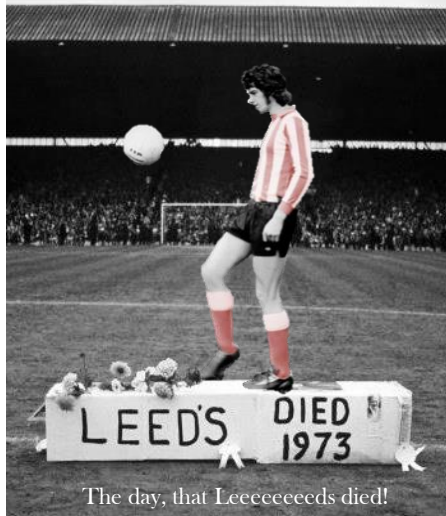


# Pitt's Bit



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Bye-bye Hunter, Bremner and Giles ....



The day, that Leeeeeeeds died!

FA Cup-holders and in their ninth season as a top-four side, in the [1973 FA Cup Final](#).

Going into the Cup Final, he was the only Sunderland player in that team to have previously played at Wembley.

Pitt made 145 appearances for the Black Cats in a six-year stay on Wearside, scoring 7 goals in the process.

Injury forced early retirement and Pitt went on to have many successful years as a mathematics teacher.

Words from the man himself....

"Last season finished on a real high note for Sunderland fans.

The results against Chelsea and Everton meant that the club would again compete in the Premier League for a tenth successive season...and with the extra money coming in this season that was very important.

Allardyce did a great job in January by bringing in players who significantly improved the team and without them I am convinced that we would have been relegated long before the end of the season.

All Sunderland supporters will wish Sam the best in his new job with England, although the timing wasn't the great as David Moyes has less time to make the necessary signings we all hoped BSA would make.

I think Moyes will do a very good job at Sunderland. He has something to prove after his last two jobs and I think he did a great job at Everton on a limited budget. He knows the Premiership well and I am confident he can take Sunderland to the next level.

He needs to bring in at least 4 players who will improve the team again. The positions I think he needs to strengthen are....a striker, a winger, an attacking midfield player and a defender who can play either full back or in central defense. If he can use his charm and persuades some quality players to come to Sunderland we should be able to have a season in which we consolidate our position in the league without having to take it to the last few games to avoid relegation.

It would be nice to start off the season by winning at least 4 of the first 10 games so that we can build on a good start instead of playing catch-up for the rest of the season. I know we have a tough start at Manchester City but there are games we should win after that.

Sunderland with its fantastic support, not least from NASA, should be competing with the likes of Everton and pushing for a top half finish, maybe even a European qualification spot - so here's hoping for some successful summer signings and a safe, enjoyable season.

I am very proud to be your President look forward to seeing some of you at the Stadium of Light next season."

Best Wishes,  
Ritchie Pitt

Each edition, we'll turn back the clock with a few words from our Honorary Life President, Ritchie Pitt ...

For those unfamiliar with his work, please contact [Allan Clarke \(click here for video\)](#) of Leeds United FC fame - I hear he still gives Ritchie a glowing reference!

Before *Pitt* gets to his *Bit*, we've added a few pieces of interesting information to the already reliable source that is Wikipedia to provide the following on *El Presidente*...

"Ritchie Pitt is a former professional footballer, born in Ryhope, County Durham, who played in the Football League as a defender for Sunderland AFC.

Pitt was an England schoolboy international, played in Sunderland's 1969 FA Youth Cup-winning side, and made his first-team debut in the First Division as a 17-year-old, on 4 March 1969 in a 3-1 defeat away at Coventry City.

He was part of the Sunderland team, by then playing in the Second Division, which beat Leeds United,

# ROKER PARK

Coming This Season ...



## SAFC NASA Scorpion Tee

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# his·to·ry 'hist(ə)rē/



Blue House Field, Raich Carter, FA Cup Finals, Peter Reid, Ha'waaaaaaaaaaaaaay!

Sunderland AFC were formed in 1879 at a meeting of schoolteachers called by James Allan who. At first the club was called Sunderland and District Teachers' Association Football Club, but after one year non-teachers were allowed to join and the name was changed to Sunderland AFC.

Blue House Field was the club's first home before the Black Cats enjoyed brief spells at other locations, with the club eventually settling at Newcastle Road in 1886.

In 1887 the club was almost destroyed as an influx of Scottish players saw James Allan depart and form Sunderland Albion, with the majority of Sunderland's stars following him in the process. An intense rivalry and battle for survival formed with the town unable to support two football clubs, but Sunderland's election to the Football League and the emergence of the Team of All the Talents saw Albion cease to exist.

Sunderland remained in the First Division for 68 years winning six league titles along the way as legends were born and records were set. The club were crowned champions in 1892, 1893 and 1895 with a move to Roker Park - home to the club for 99 years - coming in 1898 before the 20th century began with another title success in 1902.

A record-breaking 9-1 win at St James' Park came in 1908 against Newcastle United with a fifth top-flight title secured in 1913, the Black Cats bouncing back from five defeats in their opening seven games to win 25 out of the next 31. That year Sunderland also reached the FA Cup final but they suffered Wembley heartbreak as Aston Villa secured a 1-0 win.

1925 signaled the end of an era as Charlie Buchan, who scored 209 goals for the club, departed and David Halliday and 17-year-old Bobby Gurney arrived, with the latter scoring 43 goals during the 1928-29 season after Sunderland defeated Middlesbrough in a relegation play-off one year earlier. Roker Park's capacity was also increased to 60,000 during this period with Raich Carter joining soon after - the youngster was an England international by the end of his debut season.

In 1933 an FA Cup replay with Derby County drew a record 75,118 spectators - a record which stands to this day - and Sunderland were champions again three years later in 1936.

One season later Sunderland made history yet against as captain Carter led the club to their first FA Cup triumph, with the Black Cats securing a [3-1 win over Preston North End at Wembley](#). The team also included Gurney whose 228 goals for Sunderland remains a club record.

After football resumed following World War II, Sunderland continued to be a major force within the game posting a combined gate of over one million during the 1949-50 season. Sunderland finished third that year, missing out on the title by a solitary point. And that was a familiar theme that played out throughout the 50s as the Bank of England club failed to live up to the hype before the Black Cats exited the top flight for the first time in 1958.

Alan Brown rebuilt the side combining young players including Jimmy Montgomery and Len Ashurst with astute buys such as George Herd, Brian Clough and Charlie Hurley, but Clough's time at Sunderland and as a player was cruelly cut short due to an injury suffered on Boxing Day 1962. Still a club legend, Clough scored an incredible 53 goals in 58 games before taking football management by storm.

Sunderland still managed to bounce back sealing a top-flight return in 1964, but Brown's dismissal and a return to the Bank of England policy saw the team dismantled and it culminated in a second relegation in 1970. Bob Stokoe was soon installed as manager and the rest, as they say, is history. The legendary manager guided Sunderland to their second FA Cup with a dramatic and unlikely win over Leeds United in the 1973 final, before guiding the club back to the First Division in 1976.

Unfortunately the return was not consolidated and relegation once again followed before managers came and went in rapid succession during the 80s.

Promoted under Ken Knighton in 1980, three years of struggle followed under Alan Durban before relegation was confirmed in 1985 under Len Ashurst, with the Black Cats losing 1-0 to Norwich City in the [Milk Cup final](#) during the same season.

In 1987 Sunderland were victims of the new play-off system which, at the time, included teams at the bottom of the table, but in 1988 the club returned to the Second Division under Denis Smith in emphatic fashion.

Sunderland were promoted once more soon after due to Swindon Town being refused entry to the top flight, with the Premiership forming in 1992 before Peter Reid arrived on Wearside tasked with securing promotion. In Reid's first full season he secured the First Division title with 83 points. Relegation followed after just one season back in the big time but Reid was retained as the club bid [farewell to Roker Park](#) after 99 years at the famous stadium.

Sunderland's arrival at the Stadium of Light was almost marked with a return to the Premier League but a penalty shootout defeat to [Charlton Athletic at Wembley](#) following a 4-4 draw after extra-time saw the Lads suffer heartbreak. One season later Sunderland made no mistake securing promotion with a record-shattering 105 points, and this time they capitalized on their success with Reid guiding the club to seventh place in the top flight - their highest position for 45 years.

[Kevin Phillips](#), now a firm favorite on Wearside, continued to cement his legacy scoring 30 league goals to become the only Englishman to win the European Golden Boot, with a second successive seventh-place finish secured one season later. In 2003, Reid's tenure came to an end as the Black Cats were relegated with Mick McCarthy his successor, and the Irishman enjoyed a successful spell as manager guiding the club to their first FA Cup semi-final in 12 years in 2004 before securing a top-flight return in 2005.

McCarthy departed following a season that ended in relegation. The summer of 2006 yielded monumental change as Drumaville Consortium, headed by Niall Quinn, gained control of the club. A slow start to the Championship season saw Roy Keane replace Quinn as manager, and the Irishman made an immediate impact firing Sunderland up the table as the title was secured.

In 2008 Ellis Short gained a controlling interest in the club before completing a deal to take charge in May 2009.

Sunderland have remained in the Premier League to this very day with the likes of Ricky Sbragia, Steve Bruce, Martin O'Neill, Paolo Di Canio, Gus Poyet and Dick Advocaat completing some of the greatest escapes in football history. In October 2015 Sam Allardyce arrived and was tasked with repeating the feat and he did exactly that, with all on Wearside focused on a bright future heading into the 2016-17 season.



# Who Are Ya?

Highlighting SAFC NASA Regions

## Black Cats of Ohio - Region 7

Jim Gardner, Region 7 Rep, gives us the low down on Ohio-based Mackems....

The members of Region 7 are excited to start the upcoming '16/'17 EPL Season. We are a very positive group and have high expectations (hopes) for a successful season.

### Who are ya (Region)?

Region 7 encompasses Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia and the western part of Pennsylvania.

### Where's your main fan base within the region?

Our main member/fan base live in and around the greater Columbus, OH area.

### Overview of members, numbers?

We currently have 23 members signed up for the 2016/17 season but we're expecting to reach 40+.

### Do you meet, how regularly, where?

We try to gather every 2-3 weeks to help cheer on the lads. Having visited a few pubs over the years we have now made home base at Zauber Brewing Company. It is a wonderful local brewery that supports international football and American soccer. Anytime, no matter the time of day, there is a match on, it is happy hour pricing. How good is that!

### Which US player would you like to see playing for Sunderland, past or present?

As we enter the season, with the change in managers, and little transfer action, it would be great to get Yedlin back on the team. It was fun to see an American play for the Black Cats.

### Special things that you like to do as a group ?

Over the past couple of years, we have had a lot of fun (fret) following SAFC through the potential relegation woes. We have become quite superstitious! This has created the infamous Blue Blazer Day, also known as "Jimbo Day". I arrived to a gather after Easter Service in my church outfit, and the team won! We also have a nice tradition after every team victory. We all enjoy a celebratory PBR. Yes, that is Pabst Blue Ribbon! Good Stuff!

### Group attendance at games?

Varies based on availability. We average 10-12 per game but have reached upwards of 40 supporters for certain matches.

### When the group meets, are there favorite players, least favorite players?

We have some very solid players on the team (Defoe, Khazri, Kone, and the ever lovable Billy Jones [in Jim's mind - Ed]). Thank god N'Doye has moved on!!! We do need some bench strength so we hope some moves are made before the close of the transfer period.

### What is the group demographic, ex-pats, Americans? How vocal is the group while watching games?! Loud and proud???

We are predominately an American based region; however, we do have a few Brits, including Degsy, in the group that help drive the sound level and enthusiasm during the match.

### Do you get the chance to interact with fans from other teams?

As mentioned earlier, Zauber does promote matches for all supporters and has also become the home base for the Tottenham Hotspur supporters group. Our match on September 18th should be rocking.

Until the next time, "keep a high pitch!"  
Jim Gardner - Region 7 Representative





# New Laws 2016/17

All the new laws explained ahead of the Premier League season .....

The International Football Association Board (IFAB) announced in May more than 95 alterations to the laws of the game last season after 18 months of consultation, with many of those changes trialed at Euro 2016.

We've gathered information to clarify some of the more important alterations...

## Player Behavior

Referees have been urged to take a stronger stand on "intolerable behavior" by players following a joint statement by the Premier League, English Football League and FA. Running to contest decisions, arguing face-to-face with officials, and "visibly disrespectful" actions will result in yellow cards.

Red cards will be issued to players who confront officials and use insulting and/or offensive language or gestures towards them.

The aim is to "reduce disrespectful conduct such as aggressively challenging decisions or running from distance to confront an official". So hopefully, it might happen in the first few weeks of the season, but will we see it stop? If he plays, how many cards for Larsson this year?

## Triple Punishment

The previous 'triple-punishment' law meant a player who denied a goal-scoring opportunity in

the box was automatically red-carded and handed a suspension, as well as giving away a penalty.

The law has now been changed so players committing accidental fouls that deny goal-scoring opportunities in the penalty area will not be automatically sent off, with a yellow card sufficient punishment.

As the amendment states: "When a denial of a goal scoring opportunity offence is committed by a defender in the penalty area, the penalty kick effectively restores the goal scoring opportunity so the punishment for the player should be less strong (e.g. a yellow card) than when the offence is committed outside the penalty area. However, when the offence is handball or clearly not a genuine attempt to play or challenge for the ball, the player will be sent off."

## Handball

In an effort to stop referees brandishing yellow cards for every handball, "preventing an opponent gaining possession" has been removed from the list of bookable offences.

Handball is now a yellow card offence when "it stops/interferes with a promising attack" of the ball?

## Treating Injuries

If a player is fouled and hurt by an opponent who

subsequently receives a yellow or red card for the challenge, the injured player may be quickly treated on the pitch without the need to leave the field of play.

It was widely seen as unfair that a player injured by a serious foul was forced off the pitch for treatment, temporarily placing the fouled team at a numerical disadvantage.

## Pre-match Red Cards

Referees will be able to give a player a red card before the match kicks off. This allows officials to punish red-card offences (e.g. violent conduct) in the warm-up or as the two teams line up in the tunnel.

The new law states a player may be sent off any time between the pre-match inspection and when the referee leaves the field at the end of the game.

## Kick-offs

As seen at Euro 2016, the ball no longer has to go forward at kick-off. The previous law stated the ball had to go into the opposition half at the restart, but it has been changed to allow it to move in any direction, as long as it "clearly moves". This change has paved the way for one-man kick-offs, as seen at Euro 2016.



**Black Cats of Italy**  
BRESCIA

# Where Are Ya?

Featuring Sunderland AFC Supporters Groups from across the globe.....

## Black Cats of Italy (Brescia)

The Black Cats of Italy, bring us up to speed on happenings in Lo stivale .....

### Where are you based?

Italian group is based on [Iseo Lake, Brescia](#).

### Story behind how you formed?

We formed in 1990 after watching a TV program about English football. I saw Roker Park and the red & white top, so from that moment, only SAFC!

### How long have you been established?

This year is our 26th year as Sunderland supporters.

### Overview of members, numbers?

We are about 50 members, most from Brescia's area but we have some lads from Rome, Venezia, Florence Genova and Taranto too.

### Do you meet, how regularly, where?

Every year in May we have a meeting in Milan to play football for charity. For a couple of seasons now we've been going to Sunderland to see a match. This year we're taking 8 fans over for Arsenal game in end of October.



### Which 'home country' player would you like to see playing for Sunderland, past or present?

I am very sorry about Giaccherini, we would like to see him to play more for Sunderland. [no apology necessary - Ed.]

### Special things that you like to do as a group (quirky)?

Charity. Last year our boss [Enrico Milani rode him bike from Brescia to Sunderland](#), supporting our little mascot Nina. Little baby with genetic problems.

### All-time favorite player?

[Kevin Ball](#) (who is their Honorary Life President)

### Group attendance at games?

Normally we go for 5-6 matches a season, sometimes there's up to 6 of us, but most of time only 2.



# NASA Charity

Information on SAFC NASA's Recognized Charity



SAFC NASA's Honorary Life President, Ritchie Pitt, attended our association's inaugural AGM, spreading great news about a charity that he and [massive Sunderland fan, and former Olympian] Steve Cram have been raising money for.

COCO International works with communities in remote overseas regions to alleviate the poverty preventing children's education. COCO stands for Comrades of

Children Overseas, a name taken from the famous Comrades Marathon in South Africa which both our Co-Founders (Steve Cram MBE and Jim Panton) ran back in 1999. They both realized the impact fundraising could have on the lives of people blighted by poverty and believed that education provided the answer to overcoming poverty. From here COCO was born.

COCO is the only charity recognized by SAFC NASA. All monies raised through auctions and raffles being presented to them.



# Tarkin' Slang

Featured Mackem Slang Term

## Tarkin'

talk·ing/tôkiNG, adjective .... 1. engaging in speech.  
"Weeze yeay tarkin tee...?" - Who are you talking to?

## Mackem

A[supposed] derogative term, based on regional dialect, generated by the great unwashed of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Legend states that during World War II, shipyard workers from Wearside would build the ships, which would then go to Tyneside to be outfitted, hence from the standpoint of someone from Sunderland, "we make them and they take them" - pronounced "we *mak'em* an' they *tak'em*".

Geordies then used "Mackem" to *insult* Wearside shipyard workers.

Modern day, "Mak'em" is an informal name for residents of and people from Sunderland. Spelling variations include "Mackem", "Makem", and "Maccam". It is also a name for the local accent; and for a fan, whatever their origin, of Sunderland A.F.C.

Having embraced such label, we're in a superb position to present clear differentiation between ourselves and the Geordies - for that, we're truly thankful!

In the next edition, we explain other Mackem words including 'Gadgie', 'Netty', 'Gansey', 'Dinnit', 'Clammin' And 'Stott'.

Ha'way me bonnie lads!





A moment with ...

# Stan Cummins



## The 'tache, the Legend!

For many, he is remembered as the “Mag Slayer”, others for his wonderful ‘tache. We caught up with Stan Cummins and asked him about his time on Wearside and how it compared to with his experiences at Minnesota Strikers and Kansas City Comets.

## Our Stan

At the age of 20, Cummins joined Sunderland in what was then the Club's most expensive signing of their 100 year history having paid £300,000 for his services. True to form, he scored on his home debut in a 3-1 win over Notts. County in November 1979 at Roker Park. Winning the *Daily Express National Five-a-side Championship* at Wembley Arena that same month, Cummins would go on to score many vital goals for Sunderland including four goals against Burnley (1980), and on April 5 at Roker Park he scored the [only goal that beat Newcastle United](#) [that record stood for twenty-eight years until Sunderland beat Newcastle United again on home soil on 25 October 2008].

His most important goal came against Liverpool the following season. Going into the final game, nothing but a win would secure top flight football for another year. Cummins duly obliged, Sunderland were safe. That season, Cummins received the accolades he deserved, scooping two Player of the Year awards including North-East of England Outfield Player of the Year.

In the summer of 1981 he returned to the NASL and played for the Seattle Sounders alongside Bruce Rioch and Alan Hudson, winning the Trans-Atlantic Challenge Cup against the New York Cosmos, Glasgow Celtic and Southampton.

A short-lived stint with Crystal Palace saw Stan return for a second spell with the Black Cats before joining the Minnesota Strikers on a three-year contract in the Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL). The Strikers reached the [1986 MISL Championship](#) in his first season, narrowly losing to San Diego Sockers.

They were to be crowned MISL Eastern Division Champions in 1988 and on April 8, Cummins scored a hat-trick in the Strikers 4-2 victory over Chicago Sting. He was carried shoulder high from the playing field by his team-mates at the end of the game.

The club folded at the end of the season and so Cummins joined the Kansas City Comets for the 1988/89 season. He played in all of the Comets games that season.

An entertaining and skillful player, Cummins' career spanned 14 years, 10 years in the English Football League where he made 251 appearances in both League and Cup Competitions scoring 50 goals, 2 seasons in the NASL and 4 years in the MISL, USA.

## \*Here's what Stan had to say....

*“Playing for SAFC was a dream come true for me!*

*Two season's under Ken Knighton and Frank Clark. Promotion in 1980 and voted Player of the Year in 1981, tremendous. Playing out of position for Alan Durban for the next two season's, not so much. The fan's never really saw the best of me playing wide on the right being naturally left footed.*

*Then in 1985 [after a ten year playing career in the old First Division] I signed a three year contract with the Minnesota Striker's in the USA to play in the MISL ( 6-a-side indoors on astro-turf). I loved it, just like when I used to play at the Youth Club with my mate's when I was a kid.*

*In '86 we were beaten in the Championship Series four games to three (best of seven, just like the NBA, MLB and the NHL). We were crowned Eastern Division Champion's in 1987. Unfortunately the Club folded after the 1987/88 season.*

*My contract being fulfilled I signed for the Kansas City Comet's for the 1988/89 season and played in every game for them that season just like I did for SAFC in the 1980/81 season. The Indoor game was a lot faster than the outdoor that's for sure but being small in stature it suited me more than the big guy's. I retired in 1990. Fourteen years of playing the game that I have loved since I was a youngster at the highest domestic level on two Continent's.*

*Not bad for a North-East boy from Ferryhill.”*

SAFC NASA would like to thank Stan for his contribution. A true gent and honorary member of our Supporters Association,



# SAFC Fans Museum



A collection of priceless Sunderland Football Club memorabilia has found a new temporary home in the heart of the city.

Items owned by lifelong supporter Michael Ganley are now on display at Sunderland Library and Arts Centre, in Fawcett Street, Sunderland, UK.

Shirts and medals belonging to some of the Black Cats' most famous former players are on display as part of the exhibition.

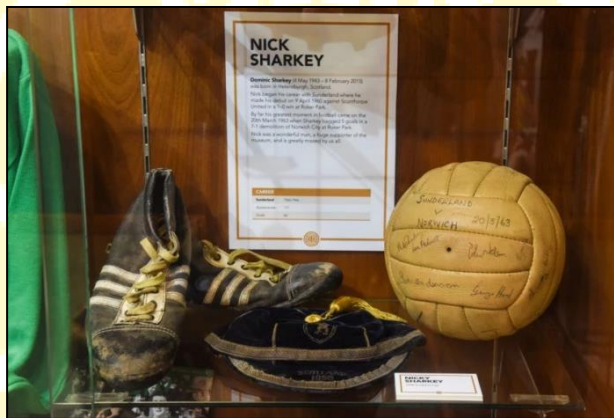
The boardroom table from the club's former ground Roker Park is also on show.

Entry to the exhibition is free to people of all ages.

"We've had a great response from fans all over the World," said Michael.

1960s star Nick Sharkey's boots and international cap are among the SAFC memorabilia on display.

"Social media has really helped to increase awareness. It's great to see parents bringing their kids down reminiscing in former glory and sharing wonderful memories."



Artefacts from as back as the late 1800s can be seen at the exhibition, as well as medals from legendary players such as striker Patsy Gallagher and 1937 FA Cup-winning goalkeeper Johnny Mapson.

Items from Wearside school footballers who went onto become professionals and Sunderland Ladies' kits are also included

"There's really something for everybody," added Michael.

"We don't discriminate, so there's something for everyone, whether they're young or old, male or female.

"Nobody else can offer this, and I'm sure the memories that people make will stay with them in the future."

The [SAFC Museum](#) exhibition will be on display for the next five months, and Michael hopes a permanent home can be found for it elsewhere in Sunderland after that.

He has previously put items on display at the former Hendon Library building and in the city's Bridges Shopping Centre.





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Supporters' Group in the World.  
Join the North America  
Supporters Association (NASA)  
in our big push! Check out the  
Events page for 3M gatherings.



Mackem. Membership. Mission.

3M gatherings are scheduled at the regional level and present the opportunity to introduce new fans to SAFC. Current members are requested to bring like-minded soccer/football fans to these events and help promote the North America Supporters Association.



# Regions & Reps

## Current List of SAFC NASA Regions and Representatives

The regionalization of SAFC NASA started in 2013 (see right). All regions feed up under one NASA banner.

Each area is supported by a NASA representative. This 'point person' is responsible for gathering information from their associated state(s) or province(s) and communicating updates both regionally and to SAFC NASA, ensuring latest level details are available to SAFC fans (published online (Facebook/Website) or at [SAFC NASA Gathering](#) venues etc.). They promote events, helping to build our fan-base throughout North America.

### Current NASA Region Reps are:

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\*Region 1 – (Atlantic Provinces) Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland & Labrador, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick  
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### **USA**

Region 3 - Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire  
Region 3A - Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island  
\*Region 4A - New Jersey  
\*Region 4B - New York City (I-84 and South)  
\*Region 4C - Pennsylvania (Philly and Surrounding Areas)  
\*Region 4D - Upstate New York (North of I-84)  
\*Region 5 - Delaware, Maryland  
Region 5A - Washington D.C., Virginia (N of I-64)  
\*Region 6 - Virginia (South of I-64 inc. Richmond), Florida, Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana  
\*Region 6A - Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina  
\*Region 7 - Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Pennsylvania (West - Pittsburgh and Surrounding Areas)  
Region 7A - Michigan, Indiana, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Illinois  
\*Region 8 - Missouri, Kansas, North of Austin - Texas (inc. Austin, Dallas), Oklahoma, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, Wyoming  
\*Region 8A - South of Austin - Texas (inc. Houston & San Antonio)  
\*Region 8B - Iowa  
\*Region 9 - California (South of I-80), Nevada  
\*Region 9A - New Mexico  
\*Region 9B - Arizona, Utah  
Region 9C - California (North of I-80) Oregon, Idaho, Montana  
Region 9D - Washington  
Region 10 – Alaska

### **Mexico**

\*Region 11 - Mexico



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# Minute Minutes

A minute worth of minutes....

Highlights from the most recent committee meetings:

- Expectations sent out to Regional Reps include frequency for scheduling gatherings based on membership base e.g. 20+ members - approx. 15 games per season (gathering every 21 days). For further information, contact your local Rep.
- 3M Events - Each region shall host a 3M even during the 2016/17 season. 3M : Mackem. Membership. Mission. 3M gatherings are opportunities for growth in our respective regions. These offer current members the chance to bring along a like-minded colleague (who may be new to the sport/club) for an afternoon of camaraderie and soccer/football. A great way to introduce them to all things SAFC and the types of fans we have #bestintheworld. The long term goal is to provide good experiences at said gatherings. Ultimately, bringing fans into our association, swelling SAFC support throughout North America.
- Fall gatherings - In lieu of an EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting), it was decided that we would organize a bigger gathering on both the East and West Coast for SAFC NASA members. Emphasis being that this allows members from different regions to get together. These should not diminish the importance of AGM attendance (where guest speakers are organized etc.) i.e. these events would be secondary to our annual meeting which is generally scheduled for the last weekend of the EPL season.

# 2018 Pilgrimage



We've been talking about this for a couple of years! So, here you have it. SAFC NASA is planning a pilgrimage to the Stadium of Light at the back end of the 2017/18 season.

Working with the club, we plan on making this a most memorable trip for all who travel.

The more, the merrier!

More details to follow.

## Short's Short



Ellis says...

**FTM!**

In the next edition of 'Fever Pitch' - We look back at 2006/07 season in our 'his-to-ry 'hist(ə)rē/' section; 'Who Are Ya?' features one of our California-based members; the lads from the Bulgarian Sunderland Supporters Branch answer 'Where Are Ya?'; along with our other regular features "A Moment With ... " and "Tarkin' Slang"