

April 2010 Monthly Special Event



Left to Right are DeMorris Smith, Jesse Rogers, David Starbuck and Ulysses Hollimon
(Credit photo to George Denniston)

On March 11th, the KCBHS held a meeting at the Westport Flea Market Bar and Grill (in their very nice meeting room). The theme of the night was Negro Leagues Baseball and special guests included Jesse Rogers, outfielder for the Kansas City Monarchs 1953-1954 who also played in the MLB minor league systems of the New York Giants and Chicago Cubs; Ulysses Hollimon, who pitched for the Birmingham Black Barons and Baltimore Elite Giants 1948-1956; and DeMorris Smith, son of Negro Leagues star pitcher Hilton Smith (died 1983), who pitched for the Kansas City Monarchs in the 1930's and was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2001. DeMorris also played minor league baseball in the St. Louis Cardinals system from 1959-1961. All three of our guests shared wonderful (and bittersweet) stories of their playing days and the life of a player in the Negro Leagues. As usual some of our Kansas City Athletics alumni (Don Buschhorn, Jay Hankins and Chuck Dobson) attended to show their support to the KCBHS and to share time with the guests and attendees.