#### 2001 Summer

A team has been put together and is ready to travel to Greece to participate in the Tournament

## 2001 September

The **9/11** events occur. With the widespread fear of traveling at that time, most of the team quits.

# 2001 September

A new team is put together to travel. The team is named **Boston Braves** in honoring those who are "**Brave**" enough to travel under the conditions of that time.

# 2001 October

The Tournament takes place in Athens with great success.

# 2001 November

Following the success of their first participation in a football tournament, the Boston Braves are invited to the Island of Cyprus and back to Greece for the 2002 Tournaments.

#### 2001 December

On **December 11th** the team becomes a formal organization. **The Official name of Boston Braves F.C** is established and becomes an International Trademark. The Club will continue using its original name until mid-2003 and from that point on it uses informally the "Braves" and "Boston Braves" names and formally only the **Boston Braves F.C**. name and logos.

## 2002 February

Initial contact and communication with Manchester United

## **2002 July**

The Boston Braves are officially invited to **England** by **Manchester United** 

#### 2002 October

The Boston Braves are the first North American Club to visit **Cyprus**. They participate in Tournaments in the cities of **Limassol** and **Nicosia**.

#### 2002 October

On Oct 23rd the Braves become the first International Team to play at the **Historic City** of **Sparta**. On Oct 26th they are hosted in Athens by **Panathinaikos F.C**.

## 2003 March

The Braves reunite and play a match with **Bristol, England** based **FC MooMoos.** The two clubs' friendship, dated back to 2000, is reinforced.

#### 2003 March

Manchester United welcomes the Braves with who they play a match at their iconic ground The Cliff. Then they host the Braves at Old Trafford. The Braves are the only veterans club to be extended such hospitality and hosted at Manchester United's historic stadium.

## 2003 March

First meeting with F.C. Barcelona occurs. The Catalans invite the Braves to Barcelona. Shortly after, Real Madrid meets with the Braves' President at **Estadio Santiago Bernabéu** where under the guidance of **Alfredo Di Stefano** they invite the Braves to Madrid.

## 2003 August

The **Boston Braves F.C.** name is formally put to use. The plan for the trip to **Spain** is laid out.

#### 2003 October

On Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> the Boston Braves F.C. plays for the first time against **F.C. Barcelona** and is hosted at their **Historic La Masia**. Two days later the Braves are hosted by and play against **Real Madrid**. **The Braves is the first organization to have back to back encounters with the two Spanish football giants**. At the same time, they sign the **Declaration of Friendship** with the Veterans Associations of both Clubs establishing strong relationships with both of them

and setting the pace of working together with them on International Football affairs.

#### 2004 February

Initial contact takes place with Ajax Amsterdam

#### 2004 May

The Russian Football Union invites Boston Braves F.C. to Moscow. The Braves are the first ever Football Club from North America that receives such an invitation.

## **2004 July**

The Boston Braves F.C. is invited by Ajax Amsterdam to the Netherlands.

## 2004 August

The Boston Braves F.C. participate in the International Football Tournament of **Halifax**, in **Nova Scotia**, **Canada**.

## 2004 September

The Braves are hosted in **Moscow** by the Russian Football Union. Matches take place

and relationships are established with **Dynamo** and **CSKA**. A strong friendship is forged. **Ajax** is hosting the Boston Braves F.C. in **Amsterdam**. This Historic event is capped by a match between the two Clubs. A solid relationship is established between the two Clubs as well as a strong friendship among their leaders and members.

## 2004 October

Initial contact takes place with Brazilian Football Clubs.

## 2004 December

Brazil's Champion team, Santos F.C. and Rio's Botafogo de Futebol e Regatas invite the Braves to Brazil. The Boston Braves F.C. is the first ever North American Club to be extended such an invitation.

## 2005 March

The Boston Braves F.C. is hosted by **Santos F.C**. and play a memorable game against them at their famous **Estádio Urbano Caldeira** where **Pele** scored most of his goals. This rare event takes place in conjunction with the **Santos-America** match for the Brazilian League. Then the Braves are hosted by **Botafogo Regatas** in **Rio de Janeiro** becoming the first ever North American Club to do so in the country of the "**O jogo bonito**".

## 2005 August

The Historic Islands of **Rhodes** and **Crete** (Greece) are the next stops for the Braves. In Rhodes, the Boston Braves FC participates in the International Soccer Tournament the City of Rhodes organizes on their honor. In Crete, they face the Island's dominant team, **OFH** of Crete.

#### 2006 March

For the first time the Braves are invited to Mexico by two of the country's most prominent clubs. They fly to Mexico City where they play against Club de Futbol America and Cruz Azul at Estadio Ciudad de los Deportes (Estadio Azul). A strong relationship is established between

the Braves and both these Clubs.

## **2006 August**

Contact is established with the organizations **F.C. Bayern Munich** and **Hamburg S.V**. The Braves are invited to **Germany** by both of these Clubs.

## 2006 October

**A.S. Monaco** is hosting the Braves in a historic event in the luxurious **Principality of Monaco**. The visit of the Braves in **Monte Carlo** is the first for a North American Club.

#### 2007 March

The Braves are invited to **Belgium**. There, they are hosted at the **European Capital City of Brussels** by the country's Champion club, **Royal Sporting Club Anderlecht (Anderlecht).** 

## **2007 June**

The Braves host in Boston the **National Veteran Team of Israel.** This is the first time that this country's veteran National Team is hosted on American soil. A strong friendship is established.

## 2007 September

The Braves visit **Hamburg** and **Munich**, Germany. Strong relationships are established and games are played with F.C. Bayern Munich and Hamburger SV. Braves' management is the guest of honor at **Allianz Arena**.

#### 2007 October

Braves F.C. accepts the long-standing invitation by Manchester United for a reunion of the veterans of the two Clubs.

#### 2008 January

A friendly relationship is established with **Chelsea F.C.** Chelsea invites the Braves to London. After a long wait, **Liverpool F.C.** meets with Braves' President. Their invitation to visit the City of Liverpool is accepted and plans are made. At the same time, **Manchester City** reps formally meet with Boston Braves FC President and invite the Braves for a match to Manchester.

## 2008 March

The Boston Braves F.C. executes a **Historic trip to England.** During this:

- The Braves reunite with Manchester United Veterans in Manchester.
- A historic match is played between Chelsea FC and Boston Braves FC. **Chelsea** shows an incredible hospitality to the Braves at **Stamford Bridge** and beyond.
- With many years of a relationship the Boston Braves FC faces Liverpool FC and is hosted by the Red's senior management at their historic pitch Anfield.
  Braves meet with Steven Gerard at Liverpool's famous Melwood training center.
- A historic match takes place between Manchester City and Boston Braves FC. With that the Braves become the only club with back-to-back-to-back matches with **Premiere League's** top clubs.

Initial contact takes place with **Juventus F.C.** 

#### **2008 June**

After an invitation by Juventus a formal visit to Torino and meetings with Juventus' Management take place. The Braves are invited to Italy. The plan for their Fall 2008 visit to Torino is laid out.

# **2008 July**

Initial contact is made with Football Veterans in Argentina.

# 2008 August

The Boston Braves F.C. is invited to **Buenos Aires** by the country's leading clubs of **Boca Juniors**, **River Plate** and **San Lorenzo**.

# 2008 October

The first trip to Italy takes place. During that:

- The Braves are hosted in **Torino** by **Juventus F.C.**, the country's most successful football organization. A strong friendship is established between both clubs and a friendly match is played between their veterans. The Braves are the first North American Club to do that.
- Boston Braves F.C. and **Torino F.C.** get together for the first time. A friendship is establish between the two Clubs. Torino's veterans, the **Associazione Ex Calciatori Granata**, the largest and oldest such an association in Europe, establish a strong relationship with the Braves too.

#### 2009 March

The Boston Braves F.C. executes a program that has never been done before:

- They are the first North American Club to be invited to the capital of Argentina.
- They playing a match (against their veterans) and they are hosted by the leadership Of Club Atlético **Boca Juniors** at their stadium the Historic **La Bombonera**.
- The Braves play a match at Núñez against Club Atlético River Plate which squad was led by international star Enzo Francescoli. A great relationship is established between the two clubs.
- Club Atlético San Lorenzo de Almagro hosts the Braves. A historic match is played against the Gauchos de Boedo with whom a strong friendship is established.
- Asociación Atlética Argentinos Juniors, one of the most successful talent developing club in football, invites the Braves for a match. This takes place at La Paternal, Buenos Aires. A strong friendship is established between the two clubs.

- The Boston Braves played 4 full marches in 5 days in Argentina.

# 2010 January

The Braves leadership is invited to Portugal. In the meetings the leading Portuguge clubs express strong interest in the Braves' program and philosophy. They extend formal invitation for the Boston Braves F.C to go to Lisbon and Porto.