

# CONCAVE 12

Uppersouthclave XXI



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PARK CITY, KENTUCKY

# Grumbles From The Cave

Hello and welcome to the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of Concave. It does not seem possible that we have been doing this for twelve years, but there it is. If this is your first Concave, don't waste your time looking for flocks of professional writers or multiple tracks of programming. The heart of Concave is the consuite which is as well-stocked and friendly as we can make it, plus there's the art show, game room, dealer's room, and video program to enjoy, and the facilities of Park Mammoth Resort. Multi-tracked SF conventions certainly have their place, but we feel that the relaxed atmosphere of Concave is one of the best ways we know to visit with fannish friends--even if you don't know them yet!

While Concave is relaxed, there are some rules we expect to be followed:

1. The legal drinking age in Kentucky is 21. You will be required to produce identification when you register and anywhere alcohol is served. Anyone found supplying alcohol to minors will be removed from the convention.
2. All drinks removed from the consuite must be in cups.
3. The people running the consuite and parties *ARE THE BOSS!* If you are refused service you are doing something wrong.
4. No weapons or look-alikes are allowed at Concave. If you have weapons or toys, please confine them to your room.
5. Please heed all posted rules of the Park Mammoth Resort. The night watchman is a deputy sheriff of Edmonson County. Unruly behavior might be rewarded with a visit to the county jail.
6. When you leave the convention, do it sober or designate a driver. We will help anyone who requests it.
7. We try to make Concave as fun as possible for everyone in attendance. If we can improve in any way, please let us know.

There will be a few perennial activities this year that I would like to mention. First, the annual tour of Wigwam Village and the Cave Area backroads will once again be conducted by Rickey Sheppard. The tour will leave from the lobby at about 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, and it's a great way to work up an appetite for the banquet. Second, did someone mention a banquet? Once again the gut-busting Concave banquet will be in the dining room at 1:00 p.m. Saturday. At only \$10.00, this is an exceptional value! Third, the pool will be open for the duration except for maintenance periods. Just remember that the pool is a public area. Behave well, and we can enjoy it for the whole weekend.

In conclusion I would once again like to thank the many people who have helped to make this year's Concave possible. Some of their names are on the back of this book, and others just jumped in where they saw things needing doing. If things are disorganized, it's my fault. If you are having fun, take a moment to thank them. Now go out and enjoy our show!

Amy Robe



# Schedule of Events

## Friday, February 22

- 12:00 noon Registration opens-Hotel Lobby
- Consuite opens-Barn Room
- Huxter Room setup-Blue Room
- Art Show setup-Room 134
- 5:00 p.m. Huxter Room opens
- Art Show Opens
- Gaming begins-Room 234
- 7:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies-Patio Room
- 8:00 p.m. Dark Shadows NBC-Channel 4 locally
- 10:00 p.m. Dance in Room 136.



The Art Show, Huxter Room, and Gaming Rooms have no set closing times. When the people running them get tired of running them, they will close.

**\*\*NOTE!\*\*** There will be room parties. Look for announcements.



## Saturday, February 23

- 10:00 a.m. Registration, Huxter room, Art Show, and Game rooms reopen.
- 10:30 a.m. Field trip to Wigwam Village-Hotel Lobby
- 12:30 p.m. Registration closes
- 1:00 p.m. Buffet-Hotel Dining Room-\$10.00 per person
- 7:00 p.m. Art Show closes for bidding
- 8:00 p.m. Art Auction-Room 136.
- 9:00 p.m. Twin Peaks-ABC Channel 13 locally.  
(Don't expect to see the chairman for an hour)
- 10:00 p.m. Dance-Room 136.



## Sunday, February 24

- 10:00 a.m. Art Show checkout begins. No sales after 11.
- Huxter Room opens
- Kentucky Fried Fandom Meeting-Patio Room
- 10:30 a.m. UpperSouthClave business meeting
- 12:00 noon Hotel Checkout, Game Room closes.
- 3:00 p.m. Huxter Room closes for sales.



Within a few hours the hotel ran out of food with no prospect of more until spring. Resourceful Nancy, however, took the situation in hand and picked a half dozen stalwart fans and sent them on what must have been one of Finnish history's largest manchie runs. "We're going to have the biggest Dead Dog Party in history"... and it was. Now that's what I call management and quick thinking.

I have, however, touched on only one of the Nancy Tuckers. There are more where that one came from. There seems to be another one on the UN campus. One time I stopped to see Nancy, and Larry answered the door. He turned and said "It's for you, sis". To my amazement a redhead, perhaps only 25 years old came to the door. When she saw me she said "Oh, I thought you were my date", and vanished. A few minutes later the Nancy I knew appeared. She casually said "I had to change". Change? Change from a sexy young redhead? I don't think that Larry even has a sister. Furthermore, I've never seen any evidence of that girl in later visits to Nancy's house.

The plot thickens even more when you consider that Bob Tucker introduced another to me as "My sister, Nancy" back in 1943. There is further documentation of that Nancy Tucker in Bob's legendary fanzine *Le Zombie* concerning "My little sister".

There is also the Nancy Tucker who is known as one of the recorders of SF Random history. As was said before, Nancy has long been interested in audio/video recording. For several years she has worked to preserve some of the legends of Random through her SF Oral History project. Nancy has spent many hours interviewing the people who participated in some of the favorite and notorious incidents in Finnish history. It is fitting that a group which has created most of its history by talking to each other has its history documented on tape. For her work, Nancy was awarded the Big Heart Award at the 1988 Worldcon in New Orleans.

There are many strange things about the Tucker clan, even when you discount with the fact that they aren't related to Wilson Bob. For instance there are no mirrors in their house at all, and when I asked for a picture to illustrate this introduction nobody could produce one. Perhaps they don't photograph or cast reflections. Perhaps the truth will be revealed as you meet the Nancy Tucker who is your guest of honor at this year's Conclave.



**NANCY TELLS THE GORPERS:  
DON'T COME BACK UNTIL  
YOU FIND MORE BEERS!**

# GUEST OF HONOR NANCY TUCKER

NANCY TUCKER, A FAN TO CONJURE WITH

by Howard De Vore

Nancy Tucker? Of course I know Nancy Tucker. I know several of them although I'm not sure that I've met all of them. There may be a coven of them.

Nancy tells me that we first met at Starcon in Detroit over a dozen years ago. I recall a tall dignified lady, with a slight tinge of Star Trek about her. Over the years this seems to have faded but I wouldn't be surprised if she is still in secret communication with Trek fans.

Immediately following that convention she met Ro Nagy and became involved in the Stiggli Air Force and the annual Confusions. She had been involved with audio/visual work at the University and quickly absorbed this interest into her fanish activities. Soon thereafter Nancy began recording on tape and video many events at Worldcons, Confusions, and other regional conventions. She's been assisted in this by her son Larry Tucker and presumably she's involved in his business, Tucker Video.

When Ro Nagy left Ann Arbor Nancy gradually moved into higher positions in the local SF club, and for some years managed the local convention, Confusion. By sound management she built up a considerable surplus of funds. Feeling that the money should be spent where it was made, Nancy planned a magnificent extravaganza for Confusion in about 1983. She spread the funds evenly, paying partial expenses for twenty extra guest writers, plus an allowance for each previous Pro and Fan Guest of Honor. The hotel was packed with notables and fans anticipating the festivities. That was, of course, the year Kober Nature stepped in and sent us "The Great Blizzard".

Since Confusion is held in Ann Arbor, Michigan on the last weekend in January, fans are used to fighting their way to it through snow storms. This one, however was the Big One. Fans from Ohio were taken off the highways and forced to spend the weekend at the National Guard Armory in Bowling Green Ohio. Fans from Minneapolis spent as much as eighteen hours on the road. If that weren't enough, the weather actually got worse, and as fans prepared to leave on Sunday the State Police closed all roads and ordered the fans to stay in the hotel.

# Video Program

For this year's video program we have chosen a handful of films that we thought were good, but never reached much of an audience at the box office. Each of them deserved better than they got, and are certainly worth watching on the small screen.

## THE WIZARD OF SPEED AND TIME

... has always been a fannish short feature favorite, but was expanded to feature length by Mike Jitlov and released in 1989. The film went straight to video, but that's a shame because it's funny and original, if somewhat uneven in quality.

## THEY LIVE

... is an exercise in paranoia as only John Carpenter can serve. Aliens have taken over, but mind control broadcasts keep us from seeing the invaders as they are. One group invents a way to expose the masters, but will they get the masses to believe?.

## ERIC THE VIKING

... would be what you would get if Monty Python were still making movies. That's not very surprising since half of the troupe made this sendup of Viking life. This film does for Norse Mythology what Holy Grail did for the Arthur legend.

## THE MOUNTAINS OF THE MOON

... is the African name for the source of the Nile. Six Richard Burton and John Speke were the Europeans to discover Lake Victoria, and this is the story of their journeys. SF fans know Burton quite well as the hero of Farmer's *Riverworld* series.

## MILLENNIUM

... is a time travel story in which the desperate survivors of a dying human race attempt to repopulate their world by kidnaping passengers from crashing airplanes. The effects are cheesy, but John Varley's story is intact.

## YOUNG EINSTEIN

... is a willful demolition of history as it follows the turmoil of young Albert, the Tasmanian scientist who unlocks the power of the atom and harnesses it to put bubbles in beer. Science isn't all bad.

## CIRCUITRY MAN

... is the MAXed out near future where computers are hooked directly to brains. Who needs drugs when you can access any vice known to man online?

## THE ADVENTURES OF BARON MUNCHHAUSEN

... is Terry Gilliam's fable of the World's Greatest Liar--a man who dares to dream in the Age of Reason. The Baron manages to lift the Turkish siege mainly by force of will and more than a little fabrication.

## THE HANDMAID'S TALE

... is not a pretty one. In a future overrun by the Moral Majority, Handmaidens of proven fertility must bear children to for the sterile leaders of the fundamentalist revolution.

AND MORE IF THE THERE IS TIME AND DEMAND!

**Showtimes are on the Video Room door**

# A Fan's Guide to the Cave Area

**FOOD:** The hotel restaurant offers excellent home-cooked style meals, and the justly famous cinnamon rolls are now available for lunch. If you want to explore, turn left on 31-W and go about 6 miles to KY 90 in Cave City and turn left. You will be in fast food heaven. If you have something more elaborate in mind, Bowling Green offers many fine restaurants within a 30 minute drive. Just ask the con staff for advice and directions.

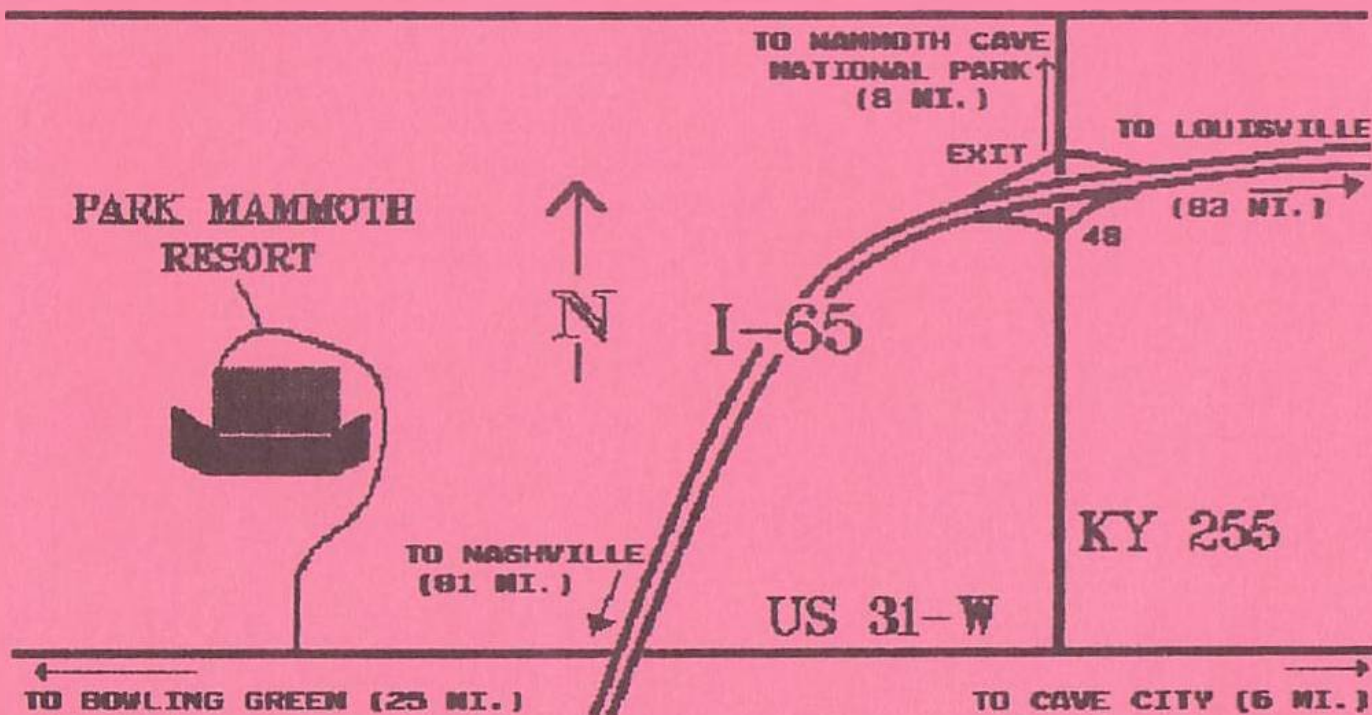
**DRINK:** If you want something not found in the consuite, you will discover that you are in a desert. The nearest oasis is Bowling Green. To find it, turn right on 31-W leaving The Resort, and go until you find civilization i.e.: liquor stores. A cynic might say that such strategically located stores might exist only to serve the outlying dry areas.

**CASH:** To find a QUEST machine just turn left as you exit The Resort. The Park City State Bank is about one mile away on the right. For other types of cards, try the Greenwood Mall area at I-65 exit 22 in Bowling Green.

**GASOLINE:** There are two gas stations on KY 255 in Park City. For other major flavors of petrol go to Cave City as described in the food section.

**CAVE TOURS:** Mammoth Cave National Park is located about 8 miles from The Resort off KY 255. The way is well marked. The registration table, or the hotel front desk will have a tour schedule. The Caves are a major tourist attraction, and the tours often sell out well in advance. Plan to get to the Visitor's Center at least two hours before your tour leaves.

**THE RESORT:** Park Mammoth has many unusual features for a SF con hotel. The front desk can equip you for the sauna, billiard tables, and miniature golf. For serious duffers there is an 18-hole golf course found by following the signs when leaving the parking lot. The riding stables are open, so follow you nose to the horse barn. The mini-train is not running, but walking the 1.5 mile track is a popular Concave tradition in good weather. Along the track you will pass the entrance to two caves. Other favorite outdoor activities are the Lookout Point and the Tilt House. Any resemblance between the Tilt House and Ken Moore's kitchen can probably be blamed on Vat 69.





# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## The Concave 12 Committee:

ANNETTE CARRICO—Consuite Goddess  
STEVE FRANCIS—Huxter Room  
CORLIS ROBE—Registration  
GARY ROBE—Odds & Ends  
RICKEY SHEPPARD—Right Hand Man

## Thanks these friends for these contributions:

Sue Francis—Consuite	Jamie Cook—Transport
Naomi Fisher—Quick Draw	Howard De Vore—GoH Bio
John Hans—Game Room	Bob Embler—Video Room
Patty Teague—Game Room	Kenny Reasoner—Video Room
Ken Moore—Registration	

And the perennial Elevator Committee...  
you know who you are.

## and some of the fen who ~~were drafted~~ volunteered:

Pat Molloy	Dick Spelman	Gail Murfree
Rick Daugherty	Bill Cavin	Tony Ubelhor
Sue Daugherty	Jeff Lockridge	Anita Williams
Lynn Hickman	Kim Lockridge	Jack Daves
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Alan Clark	David Miller	Tony Leslie

AND TEN YEARS OF EXTRAORDINARY  
TOLERANCE FROM THE MANAGEMENT  
AND STAFF OF THE



# Park Mammoth Resort