

CONCAVE 17

UPPER SOUTH CLAVE XXVI

February 24-25, 1986 Park City, Kentucky



GRUMBLES FROM THE CAVE

Only a few years ago I remember when we took the risk of reserving the whole Park Mammoth Resort for Concave. In those first three years we had to pay for all the rooms that didn't get taken, and that made Sunday afternoon a dreaded time for me as I had to face paying the hotel bill for 25 or so unclaimed room-nights. Those memories went through my head while taking reservations on Sunday afternoon last year when the hotel sold out for Concave 17 *before* the dead-dog party was started for Concave 16. I somehow doubt that next year will be much different. I will start taking reservations for Concave 18 in Room 266 after noon on Sunday. People holding rooms this year will be given first refusal for re-booking their rooms for next year. I will NOT take reservations before then. The room booking process is just too delicate for me to do the job while the convention is running. It is a daunting thought that Concave reservations may start showing up in people's wills, but it may come to that.

If this is your first Concave, we are glad you could make it. We pride ourselves on running it in the style of SF cons from the 40's and 50's. This means that Concave is an unstructured weekend of socialization between SF fans with no planned activities beyond what's in the schedule. With limited space and staff, we won't be able to please everyone, but please bring problems to our attention. I should be easy to recognize: look for the guy in the strangest shirt.

The Barn Room is a NO SMOKING area. The Patio Room will be the overflow consuite and smoking area. We will hold the Art Auction in the Barn Room on Saturday night. I am sorry that we have to close it down for the auction, but there is simply not another room large enough in the hotel. If you help us move the furniture, the shutdown will be that much shorter.

Concave has few rules, but there are some we insist upon. The minimum drinking age in Kentucky is 21. You will be asked for ID at registration and wherever alcohol is served. Wear your badge visibly while you're here. All drinks taken from the consuite must be poured in cups. The consuite staffers wearing the aprons ARE THE BOSS. If you are refused service, you are probably doing something wrong. If you have a problem with that, come to me. Confine weapons, toy or real to sleeping rooms. Please heed all posted rules of the hotel. The watchman is an Edmonson Co. deputy sheriff. Unruly behavior can land you in the county jail. We will eject disruptive elements from the convention. Finally, when you leave, do it sober. For those staying at the Parkland Motel, we will be running a shuttle van throughout the weekend.

Most of you should not need an introduction to the Park Mammoth Resort by now. The pool will once again be open for the duration except for cleaning periods in the wee hours. Remember that the pool is a public area and anything you do can show up on the video program. Once again, we will have the famous Saturday afternoon banquet. Seating is limited, and admission is \$10 per person, so buy early and often. WE ♥ VOLUNTEERS! Helpers in the consuite, art show, art auction, and shuttle drivers are always extremely welcome. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the cabinet doors on the Barn Room kitchen for anyone interested in working. It's a great way to meet people. As always, we hope that this is the best Concave ever. Go and enjoy!

Gary R. Robc

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- NOON Registration opens – Hotel Lobby
Consuite officially opens – Barn Room, Patio Room ¹
Huxter Room opens for dealer setup – Blue Room
Art Show setup – Rooms 134 - 136
- 5:00 PM Huxter Room, Art Show, and Gaming Rooms (234 - 236), and Video Room (266) open. ²
- 7:00 PM Opening Ceremonies – Patio Room
- 11:00 PM Registration closes. Late registration in the Barn Room

¹ The Barn Room, the stairwell, and the hallways are NO SMOKING areas. Smoking is permitted in the Patio Room.

² The opening times for these functions are approximate, and depend on the speed of setup. Volunteers are always welcome. The closing times for these functions are not set and will be determined by the people running them.

☞ NOTE There will be room parties! Look for announcements.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 10:00 AM Registration, Art Show, Huxter Room, and Gaming reopen.
- 12:30 PM Registration closes. Late registration in the Barn Room.
- 1:00 PM Banquet and Guest of Honor speeches – Hotel Restaurant
- 6:00 PM Art Show closes for bidding
- 8:00 PM Art auction – Barn Room

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 10:00 AM Art Show Checkout: no sales after 11:00 AM
- 11:00 AM Business and site selection meeting – Room 266
- NOON Hotel checkout. Gaming closes
Taking reservations for Concave 18 – Room 266
- ??:?? PM Huxter Room closes. Dead Dog party for the survivors.
Volunteers working on teardown get a pizza supper on Concave's tab.

AN INTRODUCTION TO OUR GUEST OF HONOR: BOB ROEHM

By Joel D. Zakem

Even though others may receive more credit and notoriety, Louisville Fandom and especially Rivercon, would be much different without the presence of Bob Roehm, Concave 18's Guest of Honor. Furthermore, if Bob were not around, I'd probably spend less time at Carmichael's Books and be less knowledgeable about the history and current state of science fiction.

A lifelong aficionado of the field, Bob has been involved with science fiction and fandom, to some extent, for a large part of his 48 years. IN the sixties, Bob published six issues of *Iceni*, a well respected fanzine. He also became involved with the fledgling science fiction club which evolved into F.O.S.F.A. (the Falls of the Ohio Science Fiction Association) during the club's formative years. While he is no longer active in F.O.S.F.A, Bob previously served as the club's Vice President and President of the club. He also edited the club's fanzine *Fosfax* in less right-wing times.

Bob has been Rivercon's Vice-Chairman since its inception, and his most visible contribution is probably in the area of publications. Under Bob's hand, the Rivercon program book has evolved from a simple black-and-white brochure to its present full-color glossy form. In addition to producing, almost entirely by himself, one of the finest program books for any regional convention, Bob also creates all of Rivercon's promotional fliers and advertisements. During the convention, he provides the attendees with a daily newsletter.

Other conventions have relied on Bob's editing skills. He was in charge of publications for the 1979 NASFIC (where he also ran programming), and the 1993 Deep South Con. [Bob also taught me how to work with color separations, watermarks, and glossy paper as I designed the 1987 DSC fliers and program book.-GRR]

Publications, however, only comprise a small part of Bob's contributions to Rivercon. The convention would not be the same without his presence. He provides invaluable help in a multitude of areas , from registration to programming. Bob is also a major



Figure 1: Photo by Jay Kay Kline

organizer of Rivercon's Charity Auction which, in the past three years, has raised over \$2,500 for Community Health Trust, which provides housing and other services for individuals with HIV and AIDS.

While Bob's fannish activities, outside of Rivercon, have diminished somewhat, his interest in SF remains. In the early eighties, he opened Odyssey Books (along with Ken Amos, Donna Amos, and Keith Hufford), which specialized in the literature of Science Fiction. While Odyssey only lasted a few short years, his part-time

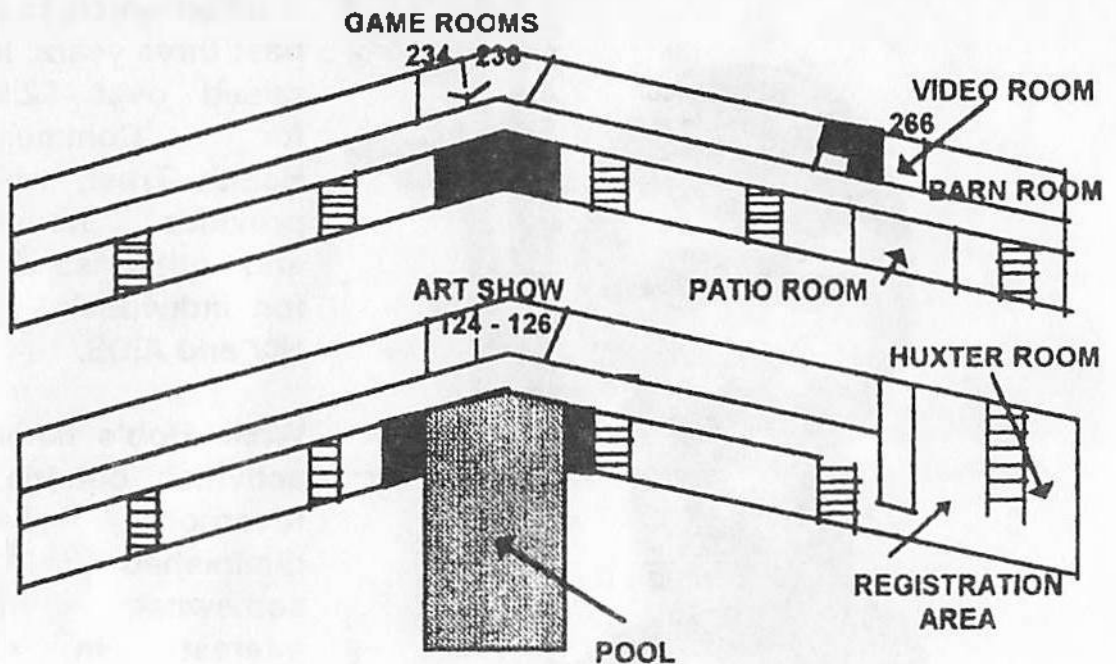
job with Carmichael's allows him to keep up with the field, and Bob is a regular Hugo voter who is not shy about sharing his views with many of Carmichael's regulars.

(He does, however, have the habit of starting more books than he finishes. Therefore, when Bob actually finished and praises a book, you know that it is definitely worth reading.)

Bob was once a regular at several conventions, including this one, but he has cut back on his congoing in recent years. Still, it is great to see Concave providing Bob with some long overdue recognition.

(The author would like to thank Sue and Steve Francis for their assistance.)

PARK MAMMOTH RESORT LAYOUT



BANQUET MENU:

Baked Chicken with Dressing
Barbecue Ribs
Au Gratin Potatoes
Broccoli Casserole
Salad Bar
Peach Cobbler
Blackberry Cobbler
Choice of Drink

Price: \$ 10.00 per person

In Memorandum:

To those friends lost in the last year:

Rick Dunning, January 1996
Keith Hudson, December, 1995
We'll miss you.

A FAN'S GUIDE TO THE CAVE AREA

FOOD: The Park Mammoth Resort (PMR) restaurant is a perennial fannish favorite with excellent home-style cooking and their justly famous cinnamon rolls. If you want to explore, turn left on US-31W (the main road running in front of the hotel), and drive 6 miles to KY 90 in Cave City. Turn left, and you are in fast food nirvana. If you are looking for something fancier, Bowling Green offers several choices with a 30 minute drive. Ask the con staff for recommendations and directions.

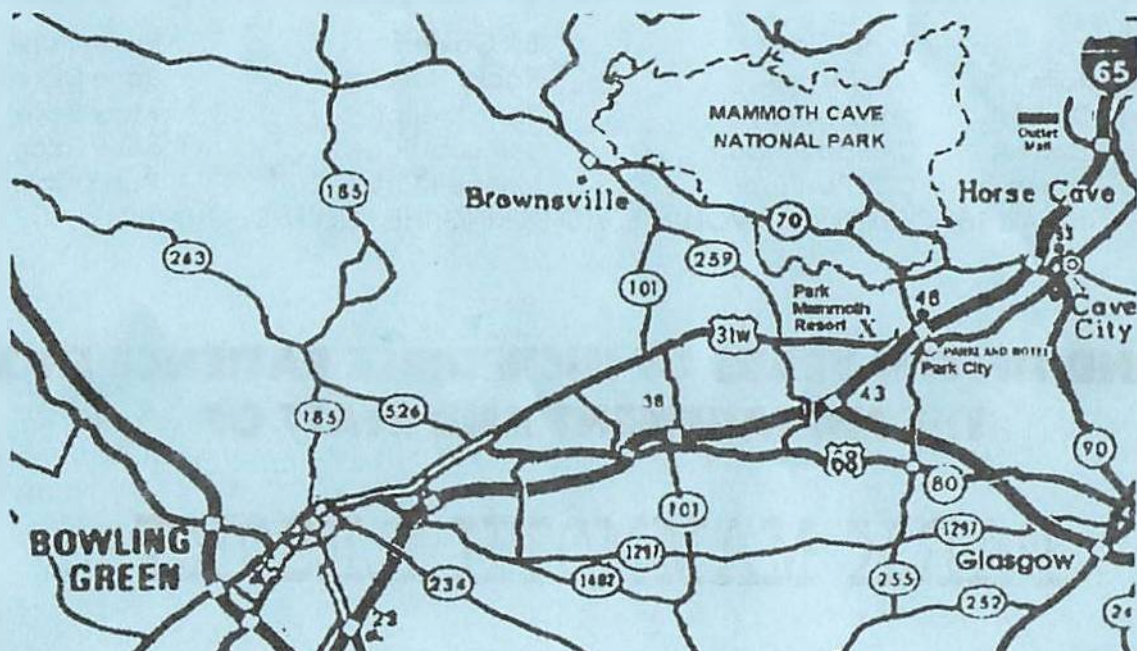
DHRINK: If you need something that's not in the consuite, you'll discover you are in a desert, and the nearest oasis is Bowling Green. Just get on I-65 and drive to either Exit 28 for the basics, or Exit 22 for a larger selection. Since Bowling Green is the only wet area in a 50 mike radius, there are liquor stores within sight of the exits.

SHOPPING: There is an outlet mall in Horse Cave just 10 miles to the north of I-65. Bargains are mixed with rip-offs, so caveat emptor! There is also an ATM located inside one of the restaurants in the center of the mall. This is the closest cash machine to the PMR. If this machine is not your flavor, and for directions to Bowling Green or Glasgow.

GASOLINE: There are two gas stations on KY 255 in Park City. There are other flavors, including a 24 hour Super America in Cave City.

CAVE TOURS: Mammoth Cave National Park should be open this weekend since the current temporary government operation deal lasts until mid-March. The park is located about 8 miles from the PMR on KY 255. The way is well marked. The PMR front desk has a tour schedule. The tours often sell out, so make reservations as soon as possible. Advance tickets are available. Plan to get to the Visitor's Center two hours before departure.

THE RESORT: The PMR is a big part of Concave's success. It has many features that are unusual for a SF con hotel. The front desk can equip you for the saunas or miniature golf. Pool cues can be checked out in the consuite. The riding stables may be open if weather permits. Follow your nose to find them! The mini-train is not running, but walking the 1.5 mile track is a Concave tradition in good weather. Other favorite outdoor activities include a walk to Lookout Point and the Tilt House, plus the tennis courts, playground, and 18 hole golf course.



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

THE CONCAVE 17 COMMITTEE:

ANNETTE CARRICO -- *Consuite Coordinator*

STEVE FRANCIS -- *Huxter Room Honcho*

CORLIS ROBE -- *Registrar Royale*

GARY ROBE -- *The Likely Suspect*

DAN CALDWELL -- *The Dawn Patrol*

THANKS THESE FRIENDS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS:

SUE FRANCIS - Consuite 1st Officer

JOHN HANS - Game Room

PATTY TEAGUE - Game Room

PAT MOLLOY - Art Show

GARY M. WILLIAMS - Flier/Program Artwork

MACK HUMPHREYS - Ghod of Bheer

JOEL ZAKEM - GoH Introduction

JOHN YOUNG - Video Room

MIKE NUNN - Video Room

NAOMI FISCHER - Art Show

LIZ WILLIAMS - Con Chair's Wardrobe

AND THE EVER-ESSENTIAL MEMBERS OF THE ELEVATOR COMMITTEE

AND SOME OF THE FEN WHO ~~WERE DRAINED~~ VOLUNTEERED:

Pat Sims

John Hollis

Scott Dennis

Jenni Daniels

Mark Linneman

Roger Sims

Ken Moore

Jim Woosley

Dick Spelman

Carl Pearson

Bill Cavin

Rocky Halleron

Jann Melton

Jeff Lockridge

Vance Martin

Bryan Porter

Jane Dennis

Mary Baker

Mike Lalar

Bob Embler

AND ALL THE OTHERS WHO VOLUNTEERED DURING THE WEEKEND -- THANKS!

AND FIFTEEN YEARS OF INCREDIBLE PATIENCE FROM THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF

PARK MAMMOTH RESORT