

CONCAVE 619

UPPERSOUTHCLAVE XXVIII

FEB. 27 - MARCH 1, 1998 PARK CITY, KY





RIVERCON

July 31 - Aug. 2, 1998 Louisville, Kentucky

Guest of Honor
Harry Turtledove

Artist Guest
Kevin Ward

Julia Anderson

Also serving as a panelist are:
Dr. Billingsley, Ron
Collins, Juanita
Coulson, Larry, Stephen
Leigh, R. Neube,
Jack Nicotrich, Mike Resnick, Pat
Robinson, Lisa Silverthorn,
Diann

programming! Art Show!
Water Room! Masquerade!
Games! Gaming! Videos!
Fun! And Much More!

RiverCon XXXII membership is still \$25 until
July 15, 1998, then \$35 afterwards and a
door. Hotel is only \$60 for single room.
quad occupancy. Reservation cards will be
sent to all members.
Executive Director: 1-800-628-2345
memberships to the address below
along with a question about specific
department to attend one of the
region's most enjoyable conventions!

Worldcon XXXIII will end just 72 hours before the
ceremonies of Buccaneer, the 56th
Science Fiction Convention. Baltimore is
a one-day drive from Louisville, or
an expensive flight. Why not plan to make an
extended week of sf conventioning
by going to RiverCon and then traveling on
to Baltimore for the 1998 Worldcon? For those
of us who fly, the Louisville International Airport
is just across the expressway from our
hotel. We are currently negotiating to allow
convention members who fly to Baltimore from
Louisville to have free parking at the hotel while
in town. Other arrangements are pending.

RiverCon XXXII P.O. Box 58009 Louisville, KY 40268-0009
rivercon@aol.com & http://members.roehm.com/raroehm/rivercon.html

GRUMBLES FROM THE CAVE

**PLEASE STAND BY FOR A
STATEMENT FROM THE CHIEF
DIRECTOR OF THE CONCAVE
RELIEF AUTHORITY.**

Welcome to **Concave 19**. I appreciate all of the compliments I have heard over the years as to how different and enjoyable our convention is. There will be a lot of people working hard this weekend to make **Concave** a success. Take time to thank them, or better yet, sign up for a shift as a helper in the consuite! **WE LOVE VOLUNTEERS!** Helpers in the consuite, art show, art auction, and 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.

I realize that everyone who wanted a room in the Resort did not get one. The room lottery is the best way I have been able to come up with to distribute rooms. There are room lottery forms for **Concave 20** at the registration table and in the consuite. Be sure that you fill out one of these forms to be included in next year's drawing.

If this is your first **Concave**, we are glad you could make it. We pride ourselves on carrying on the traditions 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 isn't 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 personnel **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 anyone staying outside the Park Mammoth Resort, we will provide transportation on request.

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. There always seems to be something that makes **Concave** memorable--the weather, the people, or the place. We have adapted to the changes and, I hope, have continued to make **Concave** a better convention for all of us. Just expect the unexpected, and in case the power goes again, we are passing out **Concave** matchbooks at the registration table. Go and enjoy!

Gary R. Robe



CONCAVE 19 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday February 27, 1998

12:00	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) & Video Room Open (2.
7:00 pm	Opening Ceremonies - Patio Room
11:00 pm	Registration Closes. Late Registration in Barn Room

Saturday February 28, 1998

10:00 am	Registration, Art Show, Huxter Room and Gaming Reopen
12:30 pm	Registration Closes. Late Registration in Barn Room
1:00 pm	Banquet & Guest of Honor Speeches - Hotel Restaurant
6:00 pm	Art Show Closes to Bidding
8:00 pm	Art Auction - Barn Room

Sunday March 1, 1998

10:00 am	Art Show Checkout - No Sales After 11:00 am
11:00 am	Business & Site Selection Meeting - Room 266
12:00	Hotel Checkout. Gaming Room Closes. Taking Reservations for Concave 20 - Room 266
TBA	Huxter Room Closes when the Huxters have made enough money to pay for the weekend. Dead Dog Party for survivors. Volunteers working on teardown will get a pizza dinner on Concave's tab.

(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 depending
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.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be Room Parties!
Look for announcements.

CONGAVE IS GUEST OF HONOR BILL CAVIN

CAVIN

by Mike Resnick

The last time I was asked to write a program book biography of Bill Cavin was for ConFusion back in 1983. I had help. Bill Bowers and I divided the task right down (well, right across) the middle. Bowers wrote about Cavin from the waist up and I wrote about him from the waist



down. That was a lot of books and Hugos ago, and having proven myself to be the next Wells (Basil, if not H.G.) I've been entrusted with the task of writing about him all by myself, which can be pretty daunting, for as anyone who knows him will tell you, Cavin is a lot of Bill. (I bought that pun from Roger Sims. At a deep discount.) Many of you may not be aware of it, but an entire city owes its existence solely to Bill Cavin. The city, not to keep you in suspense, is Las Vegas, and the last time he missed his monthly trip there, a Delta executive and three casino owners slit their wrists. Cavin is also the God Emperor of the CFG. (And how, I hear you ask, does one become God Emperor of Cincinnati fandom? Well, a bunch of us were sitting around one day, trying to figure out who was dumb enough to set up Midwestcon's party suite and haul ice and clean up afterward, and then someone -- I think it was Joel Zakem -- said, "Well, if we call the position God Emperor instead of Mindless Drone, maybe someone will

volunteer.") Still also, Cavin is a h u c k s t e r . Personally, I love hucksters -- at least those with enough class to display all their Resnick books rather than burying them beneath lightweights like Heinlein and Asimov and that whole crowd. Bill is a huckster to the core. He sells books all day so that he'll have money to play

poker at night -- and I remember one Sunday morning, after he tried to draw to an inside straight while holding a 3, 4, 5, and 8, he offered to sell me Cokie at a deep discount. You all know Cokie, of course. His better half. (Well, his better quarter, anyway.) She's always trying to get him to go on a diet, blissfully unaware of the fact that Cavin and I have already lost 2,103 pounds on various diets, surely a record for peacetime tonnage. What else can I tell you about Cavin? His favorite hobby is snoring. His favorite food is whatever's on your plate (and if you look away for even a nanosecond, he'll prove it.) His favorite place is the biggest, softest chair in the con suite. He has one virtue that still mystifies me: he has been in fandom for three decades, and has yet to make a single enemy. Everyone finds him a fascinating conversationalist. Everyone thinks that he -is- CFG. Hell, let's be honest: everyone loves him. Someday, when I get him alone in the lab, I must cut him open and find out why.

PARTHECON 26



XXVI

(the Convention formerly known as Kubla)

APRIL 24-26 1998

Guest of Honor: Joe Haldeman

Master of Ceremonies: Andrew J. Offutt

Artist Guest of Honor: Mark Maxwell

For up to the minute Details

Check out our web page at

<http://posiedon.tnstate.edu/parthecon/>

Hotel: Days Inn Nashville Airport

Memberships \$25.00 til March 15

Thereafter and at the door, \$30

(Children under 6 free)

(Ages 7-11 Half Price)

Send Pre-registrations to:

Barbara Harmon

PO Box 90962

Nashville, TN 37209

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 within a 30 minute drive. Ask the con staff for recommendations, and directions.



DRINK:

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 mile radius, there are liquor stores within sight of these exits.



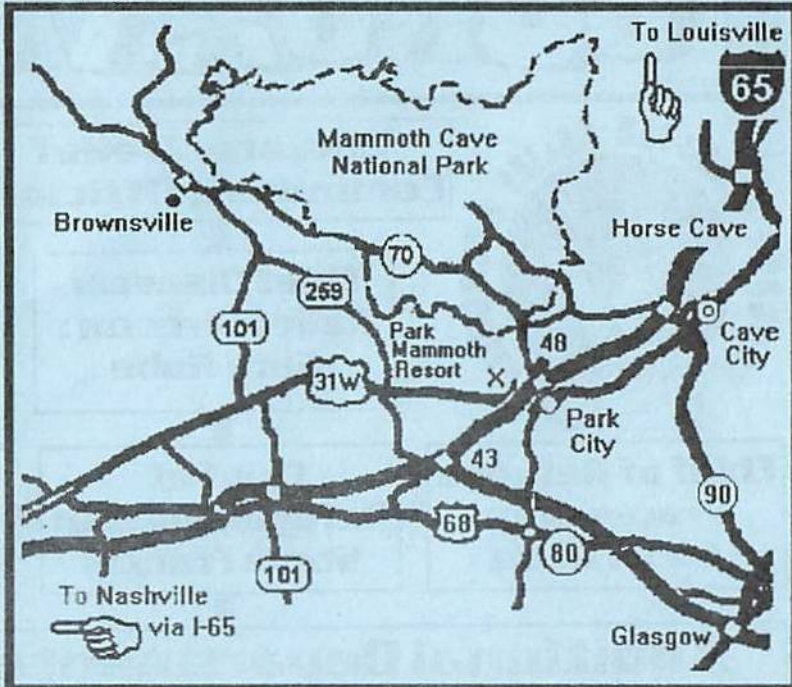
SHOPPING:

There is an outlet mall in Horse Cave just 10 miles to the north on I-65. Bargains are mixed with the rip-offs, so caveat emptor! There is also an ATM machine 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 in line with your current banking system, Bowling Green or Glasgow are your second and third options.



GASOLINE:

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



CAVE TOURS:

Mammoth Cave National Park is located about 8 miles from PMR on KY 255, and is well marked. The PMR front desk has tour schedules available. Tours often sell out, so make reservations as soon as possible. Advance tickets are available at the National Park site. Plan to get to the Visitor's Center at the Park at least two hours before departure to decide which tour you wish to take and beat the crowds.



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 sauna or miniature golf. Pool cues can be checked out in the consuite. The riding stables may be open if the 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 the 18 hole golf course.

CONGAVE 19



Disaster Relief Committee Officials

Chief Disaster Relief Director:
Gary Robe



Chief of Refugee Processing:
Corlis Robe

Chief of Refugee Supply:
Steve Francis

Chief of Comfort & Aid:
Annette Carrico

Additional Departmental Officials

Sue Francis - Consults First Officer

Naomi Fisher - Art Show

John Hans - Game Room

Liz Williams - Con Chair's Wardrobe

Patty Teague - Game Room

Gary M. Williams - Head Allen Wrangler

Pat Molloy - Art Show

Dan Caldwell - The Night Patrol

And The Ever Present Elevator Committee

Thanks to the Disaster Relief Volunteers

Pat Sims

Sherry Norris

Jann Melton

USS Barren

Roger Sims

John Hollis

Mike Nunn

Dick Spelman

Bill Cavin

Ken Moore

Jenni Daniels

Jeff Lockridge

Bryan Porter

Rocky Halleron

John Young

Mike Lalor

Pat Minogue

Jane Dennis

Bio-Hazzard

Mack Humphreys

Judy Bemis

Scott Dennis

Mary Beth

Vance Martin

Tony Parker

Jim Woosley

Siddens

Bob Embler

And To All The Others Who Volunteered This Weekend, Our Thanks.

And Special Recognition to the Staff and Management of

Park Mammoth Resorts

For The Use Of Their Outstanding Facilities By All Evacuees.