

HALFAUCON



**The 1981 Halfacon**  
**Dec. 4-6 at**  
**Park City, Kentucky**

# Welcome to ConCave 2.5

On behalf of the ConCave 2.5 committee, let me welcome you to the third science fiction convention held by the Bowling Green fan. We hope to make this an enjoyable and memorable weekend for you.

The main function rooms are all located on one end of the resort. The Barn Room and Patio Room, which will be the main programming room and gaming room, respectively, are located on the second floor. The Red (Blue?) Room, which will serve as Huckster room, Art Show, and registration area, is on the first floor. The hospitality suite will also be located on the first floor, near the swimming pool.

We ask that you be sure to wear your name badge at all times, as it is your ticket to all convention activities - including the con suite.

Please feel free to call on any of us if you have any problems or questions. ConCommittee members will be wearing blue stickers on their badges, non-Concommittee department heads will have silver stickers. Staff members will have orange stickers. Red stickers denote hucksters and con security will have black stickers. In addition, ConCommittee, department heads and security will have special buttons denoting their position.

Please take a moment to note the following items: The legal drinking age in Kentucky is 21. We are in a "dry" county, so please, if you have beer, etc., put it in a cup before going into the hallways or meeting rooms. Cups will be provided in the hospitality suite. Also, the hotel has requested us to state that no more than 4 people may stay in a room.

Have Fun!

G. Patrick Molloy

## ConCave 2.5 Schedule of events

The Game Room, located in the Patio Room, will be open at various times. There will be a Hearts Tournament, as well as other games. Check posted schedules.

Friday, December 4, 1981

12:00	Registration opens	Red Room
	Hospitality Suite opens	
12:00 - 3:00	Huckster Room setup	Red Room
12:00 - 3:00	Art Show setup	Red Room

3:00	Art Show, Huckster Room opens	Red Room
7:00	Opening Ceremonies (at a HalfaCon?)	Barn Room
7:30	Movies Begin (Check posted schedule for times)	Barn Room

Partial list of movies:

The Hobbit  
Hardware Wars  
Squire of Gothos (Star Trek)  
Catspaw (Star Trek)  
Magical Mystery Tour (The Beatles)  
Fail Safe  
Young & Crippen review the maiden voyage of STS-1 Columbia  
Ferdinand the Bull  
The World of Comic Books  
A Farewell to Arms (1931)  
The Sorcerer's Apprentice  
The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari  
The Art of Hollywood Vol. XII - "Vintage Hitchcock"  
Plus an assortment of trailers, shorts, etc.

10:00 - 12:00 Huckster Room closes (or when the Hucksters feel like it)

Saturday, December 5, 1981

	Anyone interested in the 100 Domes Cave tour please sign up at registration.	
10:00	Registration opens	Red Room
	Art Show, Huckster Room opens	Red Room
2:00	Movies	Barn Room
6:00	Registration, Huckster Room, Art Show close. Movies stop for banquet.	
7:00	Halfabanquet (Please sign up in advance at registration)	Restaurant
8:30(approx.)	Huckster room reopens	Barn Room
9:00	Movies resume	Barn Room
10:00 - 12:00	Huckster Room closes (or when the Hucksters feel like it)	

Sunday, December 6, 1981

10:00	Huckster room opens	Red Room
	Art Show opens for pickup	Red Room
11:00	Awards presentations	Barn Room
11:30	Kentucky Fandom meeting	Barn Room
12:00	Bowling Green SF club meeting	Barn Room
1:00	Art Show, Huckster room close	
1:00 - ????	Dead Dog party	Con Suite

Irvin Koch

HalfaCon was founded by the Atlanta Anarchists to be a gathering of Georgia fen in winter or late fall with none of the usual hassles of convention operations. The idea was basically the same as the original MidWestCon founded by the late Lou Tabakow. I could probably add/correct this by looking through ancient files of SFC Bulletins -- if I could find them. The extremely hazy memories I got of them over the phones in Atlanta is more in the spirit of the thing though. No one remembers details. They just remember they had a good time.

Now that I've started this project though, anyone with hard information should send it to me c/o 835 Chattanooga Bank Building, Chattanooga, TN 37402.

#1. Nov., probably near Thanksgiving, or maybe Dec. 1973. Blame Allen Greenfield & John Ulrich at the Roadway Inn across from Lenox Square Atlanta, GA. Approximately 50 showed up including Kieth Laumer and myself.

#2. Weekend before Thanksgiving 1974. Gary Steele, chief conspirator indicted Cliff & Susan Biggers at what was the Rome, GA Ramada (now Roman) Inn. Kieth Laumer and Michael Bishop both showed up as did between 75 & 100 others. There were films and a trivia contest -- heavy programming for this con.

#3. Sometime in late 1975, somewhere in New Orleans, Guy Lillian and what/whoever the usual New Orleans fen, roasted Hank Rienhardt. Although there was much of this in SFPA, both before and after the con, "The Hank" has apparently obliterated the records with his usual sharp edged weapons/tactics. Somewhere short of 100 witnesses are missing.

#4. My flakey sources, not the ones thanked below, think this was held at either a Holiday or Quality Inn in downtown Nashville. The hotel, as is usual with Nashville conventions, was switched at the last minute. About 50-75 people showed up to play hearts and start rumors (sic). This, reportedly, was the year Tuscaloosa spent talking about doing a HalfaCon but didn't. It was probably the 1st weekend, Dec. 1976, or maybe it was in October.

#5. Stven Carlberg thinks the 2nd Stven & Don's Con in Memphis was a Halfacon in mid-Oct of 1977. It had to be at the Overton Square Holiday Inn. PL Caruthers did half the work or more.

#6. Rumor has it Don Markstein scheduled Allen Greenfield to be GoH at a Halfacon in Bizby (not Benson), Arizona. Allen lived out there then.

The ConCave Committee --

G. Patrick Molloy (Chairman)            D. Patric Shaw (Art Show & Game Room)  
Rickey Sheppard (Vice Chairman)        Gary Suiter (Program Book)

Wishes to thank the followings!

The Department Heads --

Annette Carrico (Con Suite Chief)    Becky Testerman (Registrar)  
Randy Fox (Head Gofer)                Jann Tidwell (Hearts Tourney Director)  
Leslie Houk (Head Projectionist)     Jim Woosley (Security Chief)  
Howard James (Staff Room Head)

The Gofers --

Janet Clark	Charles Priest
Matt Gore	Debra Robe
Joseph T Major	Gary Robe
Ed Natcher	Scott Yates
Melody Natcher	Tim Young
Emily Powell	

A very special thanks to Annette Carrico for allowing use of her house for meetinss.

A very special thanks to the W.K.U. Speculative Fiction Society and S.T.A.C.K.

Thanks to all who helped.

Plus all the staff of Park Mammoth Resort.

Rumor further has it neither Allen nor Don showed up but they held it anyway in Scottsdale, AZ, in late 1978 or early 1979 despite having just had (or just before) the notorious Worldcon held in the same metro area.

#7. Sometime in late 1979, Jim Gilpatrick ran one at the now defunct Birmingham, AL Hilton. Funny how HalfaCon hotels seem to fall on hard times before and after. There were about 100 people there including Hank Rienhardt. Numerous SFPAns and Myriad members produced a "disgusting oneshot," the details of which are not printable. It may have had something to do with the concom having a "program."

#8. About Dec. 5-7, the weekend before John Lennon was killed, Ken Moore did another KookaKhan HalfaCon in Nashville. About the usual 50-100 people showed up to play hearts and watch dirty movies -- Larry Wolfe's sleazycon operation.

#9. Will be attempted by Pat Holloy, Rickey Sheppard, & Co. as ConCave 2.5, Dec. 4-6, 1981, in Park Mammoth Resort, KY.

#10. But 12-14 Feb. '82, Iris Brown & Randy Satterfield will do one in the Roman Inn, Rome, GA.

Ghu knows where/when it will go next. Everyone now denies a committee ever existed for determining where it would go. The claims the founder controlled it or the use of the name (as in "it shalt not go to the same city twice in a row") have been denied. Most people agree it goes to whoever yells for it first and scares off other comers -- and if there are two in the same year -- fine and dandy. A lot of people now use the term halfacon generically to mean any southern relaxacon or similar. Ignore the history -- have a party.

"Thanks for help" on this to Allen Greenfield, Cliff Biggers, Mike Weber, Sue Phillips, Gary Steele, & Stven Carlberg. They'll deny every word.

## THE FAN'S GUIDE TO THE CAVE AREA

By Matt Gore

Unless you plan to spend every second of the Con in the hotel, you are going to need some basic information about the Cave area such as where to find food, gas, video games, etc. For this purpose, this brief guide has been compiled.

- 1: FAST FOOD - The I-65 interchange at Cave City has a great number of fast food franchises. Included are Wendy's, Long John Silver's, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Pizza Hut, and Jerry's. Directions: take 31-W to highway 90 at Cave City. Turn left on highway 90 and drive about a mile. You will see them. Everywhere.
- 2: SLOW FOOD - There are two good full service restaurants in Cave City. They are The Sahara and Ruggerio's. Ruggerio's features Italian food and The Sahara is a steak house. Directions: To get the Ruggerio's follow the same directions as for Fast Food. To get to the Sahara take 31-W to highway 90 and turn right. The restaurant is about 1 block down on the left.
- 3: CAVES - There are many caves within a short distance of the Con hotel. Pamphlets can be found in the hotel telling how to get to these. There are also two caves on the Park Mammoth Resort. Mammoth Cave is the primary tourist draw in the area. To get to Mammoth Cave National Park take 31-W to Park City and then follow the signs.
- 4: VIDEO GAMES - There are two video arcades in Cave City. Games Unlimited can be found by following the Fast Food directions. The Fun Factory is by far the better of the two and can be found by following 31-W North to the highway 70 intersection in Cave City. The arcade is on the right.
- 5: GAS - The closest gas stations are about one mile from the hotel at the Park City intersection.

If there is anything that cannot find please ask any Con Staff member.





